

2017 Conneaut Valley Alumni Banquet Minutes

The 123rd Conneaut Valley Alumni Banquet was opened with a welcome from President Ann Stepchuck Andrews, Class of 1992. The Banquet was held at the Conneaut Valley Middle School Gymnasium on May 27, 2017. The invocation was offered by Greg Comp, Class of 1972. There was a moment of silence in memory of all our departed classmates which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Karen Stagl Shreve, Class of 1979, led all in the singing of the Conneaut Valley Alma Mater.

The meal, this year, was again prepared by Cocolin's Catering of Meadville. The meal was served by Conneautville Boy Scout Troup 210, Harmonsburg Boy Scout Troup 220, Girl Scout Troup 30745 and other friends of the Alumni Association.

Dinner music was provide by Danielle Bean, Class of 2013. Military recognition was given to the Alumni members who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military. Miss Bean played a portion of each branch of the military, with those members being recognized, respectfully.

Ann Andrews addressed the 2017 graduating class. Ashley Corwin, Vice President of the CASH Class of 2017, gave the response. Suzanne Rauscher Takach and Erin Faust, both from the Class of 2007, handed out keychains to each graduating senior in attendance. Ann then officially welcomed the Class of 2017 as members of the Conneaut Valley Alumni Association.

The following celebrating classes were recognized:

1942 – Kate Kingston	1947 – Jenny Agnew
1952 – Frank Bishop	1957 – Frank Bonura
1962 – Jim Bortnick	1967 – Larry Steider (50 yr class)
1972 – Greg Comp	1977 – Ken Smith
1982 – Steve Steigerwald	1987 – Becky Staudt
1992 – Stacy Lynn	1997 – Dave White
2002 – Chris Sienicki	2007 – Brett Askey
2012 – No member present	

Special awards were given to the oldest member present (Neil McBride) and the member traveling the greatest distance (Harmony Harper).

The Conneaut Valley Alumni Scholarships were presented by Margery Headley Varee, Class of 1964, with assistance from Janice Stagl Skendall, Class of 1970. A total of \$22,100 was awarded to 13 deserving seniors. This money consisted of monies from the Class of 1967, the McArthur Scholarship Fund, Mr. William Allen Scholarship Fund and the Conneaut Valley Alumni Association. The Scholarship Donations Match will continue again this year. Over \$6000.00 was matched this year for a total of 12,400.00! It was announced that over \$215,000.00 in scholarships has been awarded over the years.

Margery Varee was presented with flowers and a gift for all of her hard work and dedication to the Conneaut Valley Alumni Association and the Scholarship Committee over the years.

Ann Andrews then called the Business Meeting to order. The minutes from the previous year and the Treasurer's report had been placed on the tables for all to read. Sheila Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes and Lea Guiney seconded that motion. The motion carried. Stacy Lynn made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mike McBride seconded that motion and that also carried.

There was no old business.

The new slate of officers is as follows:

President - Suzanne Takach

1st Vice President - Erin Faust

2nd Vice President - Cassandra Ball

Treasurer - Debra Stagl

Secretary - Karen Shreve

Mitchell Shreve made a motion to approve the slate as set forth. Bob Leupold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Andrews then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Duda made the motion, Lea Guiney seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Lea Guiney, Class of 1984, then provided the Benediction. The Four J's provided live entertainment until 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Shreve, Secretary