

From the

Eagle's Nest



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FLASHBACK!

Hey! Who's at the Canteen? Let us know the classmates you recognize from BCHS '64.



THE DELMAR CANTEEN has become the center of pleasant, wholesome life for teenagers

Bob Lenseth was the first in the class to place photos from our good old days in Drop Box. Check out "Some other Photos" to see more; then drop in your own any time.

Classmate Bios and Updates

Ellen Campbell Carter was recently in touch with the daughter of Mrs. Mahoney, 5th grade teacher for many of us who attended Delmar Grade School. Mrs. Mahoney is alive and well at 106 years old! Not as nimble as she used to be, she has a clear mind and can remember many of the students she used to teach. If you'd like to drop a note, the address is: Mrs. Mary Mahoney, The Palms at Park Place, 221 Park Place Blvd - Rm 420B, Kissimmee FL 34741

Jim Cooper wrote to let us know about his busy life. He graduated from Hartwick College, where he was president of his fraternity and then went on to Albany Law School, graduating in 1972. Jim has practiced law in the southeastern Adirondacks since then, starting in a general practice -- "murder defense to mundane." Most of his career accomplishments involved appeals -- Jim has "lost exact count" but must have filed briefs in and/or argued over 175 appeals! Jim recalled that his first argument in the State's highest court, The Court of Appeals, occurred two years after he was admitted to the bar -- he was "scared *@&%." In his community, Jim has served as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for over 20 years. In 2009, he was given the David Allee Award by the New York State Planning Federation.

Over the years, Jim has been involved in the Adirondack Mountain Club and the Adirondack 46rs. He has climbed 96 of the 100 highest Adirondack peaks, forty or so by map and compass. Jim also served as Trails Committee Chairman. In 2002, his now 90-year-old mother moved to nearby Saratoga Springs, so his outdoor activities (hiking, in-line skating, telemark skiing) have slowed down somewhat, as he helps her out. Nonetheless, he's made the time to build a Japanese Tea Garden and has edited forty-two issues of the Denman Family Quarterly.

Jim and his wife Vicky, a respiratory therapist, have been married 44 years. They have two children and two grandchildren. Both are still working and now are being "trained" by their West Highland White Terrier, Bodie, a/k/a "Bodeman." Jim added: "My health is good, but I had quadruple by-pass surgery in Albany Med. in 2008. My Dad died at forty of an infarct, so I feel pretty good about where I'm at, although my wife is killing me with healthy food."

Jim has stayed in touch with Barry Gainor and Richard Drake (whose birthday is one week after Jim's). Jim concluded: "In retrospect I remember some of you, all young. I regret that I was so shy that I wouldn't risk rejection and wished that I had asked a lot of you gals out for a date, but then, to be fair to an 18 year old kid, I was scared* @%& then too."

One memory of high school years that **Peter Crandall** shared was his "split life" spent in Delmar during school and at Lake Champlain (Plattsburgh, NY) during the summer months. Eleanor Krackeler, Bill Nuzzo and others visited his family there. How different life is now, wrote Pete, at age 65, when his Medicare Card serves as his ID for the early bird specials at the local restaurants!

Pete filled in some details about his life since high school. After attending Leicester Junior College in Massachusetts and University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, he served in the Coast Guard from 1968-72. "I want to salute all my classmates who are veterans and especially those who served in combat in Vietnam."

Pete returned to college to receive a degree in Industrial Relations or, as we know it today, Human Resources and worked in HR for Becton-Dickinson, Bristol-Myers-Squibb, and International Flavors and Fragrances (IFF). After retirement, he consulted for a few years. Now he works part-time teaching swimming lessons.

While in the Coast Guard, Pete married his college sweetheart Eileen. This October they will celebrate their 43rd Anniversary. They have one son, but no grandkids yet! They have begun the transition of rebuilding their summer home at Ortle Beach (Ortle Beach is next to Seaside

Heights, which is now infamous for the TV show *Jersey Shore!*) and selling their North Jersey home. The summerhouse is close to the ocean, so Pete can swim in the ocean from May to September. Pete has found that New Jersey is a tough place to build a home. They will pay over 30k in fees to local and state governments to complete the process! The modular home is scheduled to be placed on their lot by March, and they hope to move in by June.

Dominic DeCecco has enjoyed the many class newsletters. He taught Ned Kiley and had this to say about Ned's article in our last issue: "My God, Ned Kiley does look exactly like he did while in HS. Minus a little hair! I also have a signed Coke tray from Ruth Kirkman, but now need to remember where it is! Good to hear from all of you. I'm enjoying retirement in Englewood, FL."

Dick Kavanaugh, a musician and a semi-retired electrician, is looking forward to giving up the electrical work and just doing music. He has been performing roots music under the name Cavanaugh and Kavanaugh (www.cavandkav.com) for some time now. His life partner of 18 years, Deb Cavanaugh, is a professional musician who loves Southern Old Time roots music as well. Dick also plays with a traditional bluegrass trio called "The Bald Mountain Rounders." He adds: "(It's) a bundle of fun. I love the men I play with. A nice female voice would be nifty, if she could stand us!" For four years, Dick studied guitar building, which he loves to do. He has a small shop and occasionally does repair work at home.

Dick has 4 children, a grandson, and a grandchild "in the oven." He and Deb live in Princetown, NY, which is just east of Duaneburg, NY. Dick wrote: "So, since I can't afford to retire completely, I will go to my grave with the guitar in my hands . . . smile! It's actually a blast."

Dee (Diana Miller) Conover, BCHS '63, is delighted with her new "authentic-looking" kitchen cabinets, which **Jim Kleinhans** built in the style appropriate for the age of the house. Dee commented: "He did a fabulous job! I'm very picky, and Jim is a perfectionist (has been since 6th grade) so it was a match made in heaven."

Dick Lang (the New Hampshire Richard H Lang) sent a short note: "Thanks for all of the emails and newsletters. It's really great to keep track of what people are doing."

Ed Lange continues to write a monthly column, "inaccurately" called "Guy Stuff," which is published in *Capital Region Living Magazine*. If you would like to read some of his previous columns, visit <http://www.crlmag.com/search.cfm>. If that link doesn't work, interested people may go to <http://www.crlmag.com/> and simply type -- guy stuff -- into the search box.

Jim Linnan became a grandfather for the first time on March 6, 2012 when his daughter Brigid gave birth to Trent James Wescott. Jim wrote: " This is really wonderful stuff." Jim's family has now decided that his name is "Pops." *Congratulations, Buzz!*

Jim Longley found **BCHS '64** on Facebook, and now has "re-connected" with friends from his elementary school days. Jim attended Slingerlands Grade School and was with the class of '64 thru 8th grade. Then, his parents decided to send him to Hoosick School, where he had a poor experience. He returned to BCHS a year later and graduated in 1965. Sadly, Jim's first wife passed away in 1993, but he has remarried, this time to his high school sweetheart, Paris (who graduated from Albany High '65). Jim has enjoyed reading about old friends and classmates in the newsletter.

John Scott and his wife Mary have been busy with the kids and grandkids. They enjoy living in the Skaneateles area with their daughter Keri and family living nearby. They travel regularly to visit their older daughter and her family in Saratoga. Their son lives in Omaha, Nebraska, so those visits are only 2 or 3 times a year. In April, their son is getting married in Vermont so they are involved with preparations for that event. John notes: "It will be fun to have everyone together (at the wedding)." Like many who are retired, John finds life so busy that "it is a wonder that we ever had time to work." John and Mary took some time off in Florida for a winter respite.

Linda Camp Strebel still lives in Rochester, NY. She visits her Mom in Delmar often.

Dawn Flansburg Summerlin is a cruise enthusiast. She and her husband recently enjoyed a cruise, which took them to Dubai, India, Oman, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Singapore. "We travel a lot and love it!"

Sharon Thwing Facteau has re-connected with her classmates at the monthly dinners. She hadn't been in touch for many years, but now she enjoys both the dinners and the class newsletter.

Rudy Zwicklbauer, BCHS '63, reminisced after reading comments inspired by the Bethlehem book (see previous issues). "The mention of Frank's Meat Market reminded me that was Frank Marcus and he lived a few doors away from me on Cherry Ave. His son Dick and I were good friends when we attended Slingerlands Grade School together. He had an older brother, Frankie, who was in my brother's class ('58). I can remember watching 'color' TV at the Marcus'--it was a multi-colored sheet of plastic secured over the black and white television!! I think we watched "Howdy Doody" and "Kukla Fran and Ollie." Probably a HALLICRAFTERS TV sold by the appliance store in the gas station on Delaware Avenue in town before the RR bridge (the name escapes me)...right near Alice Colburn Distell's house (Alice's Dad worked at the men's store in town). Jim Hamlin ('62) was also a neighbor of the Marcus'."

**Paste this link into your browser
to see the Senior Class photos of the classmates mentioned above.**

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Passages

Bob Zautner, the owner of the famous Toll Gate passed away at the age of 81 on February 22, 2012. Mr. Zautner was **Harding Hallenbeck's** stepfather. Although the Toll Gate has looked the same as it did in 1960--the same ceiling fans, same booths, same wall paper, same everything except the prices!--with Zautner's passing, another chapter ends in our school years and in our past. Visit <http://www.tollgateicecream.com> to view "our" Toll Gate!

The Photo Gallery
A New Feature!

We know a picture is worth a thousand words! Please send photos —or simply drop them in your Drop Box! We will publish as many of your photos as space and size permits.



Tim Moore and his wife Lynn keep busy in their retirement. Tim continues his tennis and golf; Lynn stays busy with bridge, golf, and volunteering. In 2011, Tim's 65+ softball team won the NC State Senior Games Championship!

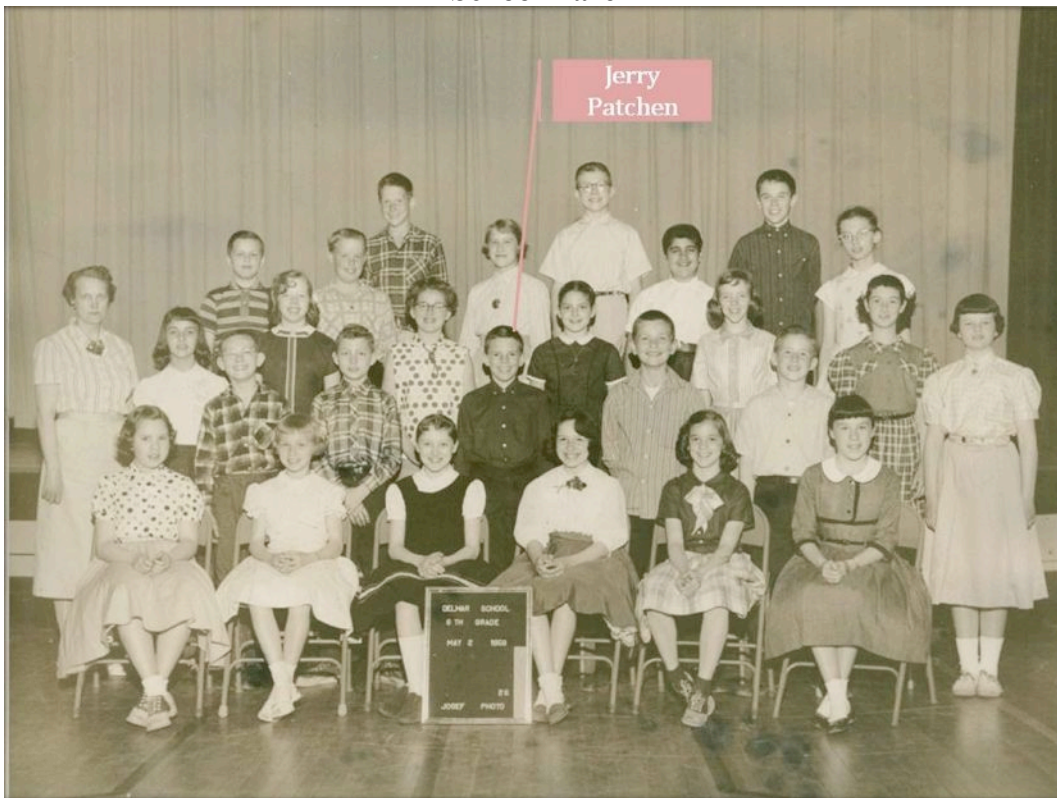


Janet McCormick Sharron and her husband Mark spent an evening “just reminiscing and catching up on 40+ years” over dinner at Lucio's, a popular restaurant in Santa Cruz, CA, with Bob Korn (BCHS '63) and his wife. From left to right: Mark, Lucio (the owner of the restaurant), Janet, Lin Korn, and Bob.



Barb Kebbon Veal and her girlfriends are becoming experts on “Cruises to the Caribbean.” They set sail again this winter for 10 days of “warm air, sunshine and fun.” They sailed to San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Johns (Antigua), St. Maarten (where the attached photo was taken), & Tortola (British V.I.).

School Daze



**Mrs. McNitt's Sixth Grade Class
Delmar Grade School 1958**

Front to Back--

Row 1: Carolyn (Lindy) Alexander, Merelyn Billsma, Linda Whan, Sue Smith, Diane Balluff, Laura Kramer

Row 2: Mrs. McNitt, Ellen Campbell, Peter Stevens, Peter Applebee, Jerry Patchen, Ron Steeves, Wayne??, Rose Ann Hannan

Row 3: Donna Yeomans, Mary? Susan Bachelder, Diane Benedict, ?? ??

Row 4: Brent Histed, Tom Bromley, Suzanne Watson, Rosemary Marotta, Nancy Benedict

Row 5: Terry Thornton, Rich Young, Michael Hickok

*Contributed by **Jerry Patchen**—thanks, Jerry!*

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A Very Small Request

We hope the newsletter is getting to all classmates with emails! Please send a short note to let us know that **YOU** are receiving the newsletter. We only know for sure when we get your responses. (If you'd like, include an update or a bio with your note—or even suggestions for what you like in the newsletter and/or what you'd like to see added.) **Thanks!**

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