

Notes from Sayville Alumni Association Organizational Meeting - December 4, 2013

The formation of an alumni association grew out of the 50th reunion of the Class of 1963. In our meetings with Principal Hoffer of Sayville High School, the lack of an SHS Alumni Association was discussed and the reunion committee expressed interested in pursuing the formation of such a group.

David Stang, Susan Peters Ranghelli, Jane Roe Tierney and Sue Price Pople met at Susan Ranghelli's home to continue the discussion that began theon line regarding the formation of an alumni association for Saville High School. Later in the day Kathy Duggan Smith O'Bannon and Sharon Smith joined the group.

Susan Ranghelli will be submitting a short publicity item to the Sayville Public Library to be included in their monthly newsletter announcing the formation of the SHS Alumni Association.

David Stang has established a website for the SHS Alumni Association which is: www.sayvillealumni.com All alumni, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to register on the website. David has already included many scanned photographs and will continue to fine tune database and update the website so that it will be user friendly. Please be patient with this process as it includes thousands of individuals.

The group worked on a mission statement which reads: *"The mission of the Sayville High School Alumni Association is to facilitate, develop and enhance mutually beneficial relationships among SHS alumni, faculty, staff and students."*

David has done a lot of preliminary work regarding the details of forming such an alumni association. David spent considerable time with the help of Susan R. and Jane to scan yearbooks photos to be included for the website.

Following is a list of proposals the alumni association could consider:

1. Being a news exchanger for alumni to keep up with news in local publications
2. Having one or more reporters of original news and pictures from fellow alumni
3. Sponsoring essay contests with current SHS students on the topic of favorite teacher to include a prize for the winner
4. Sharing of experiences between alumni and current students including but not limited to how your experience in high school contributed your success
5. Offering awards to those who contribute to improve the life of high school students.
6. Using several methods to locate classmates and provide information for alumni to be in touch with each other.

The following actions will be taken in the next few months:

1. David will continue to develop the sayvillealumni.com website.
2. Jane will continue to scan more yearbook photographs.
3. Susan R. will contact class reunion organizers from other graduating classes so we can acquire additional class lists.
4. Kathy and Sharon will compile a list of local organizations to be considered for recognition of their contributions to enhance the student life at SHS.
5. Sue P. will correct and complete the list of contact information from the 1963 50th class reunion and send the list to all who attended the reunion. That communication will also include information about registering on alumni website.
6. Mark Stang will be using electronic media to try to locate SHS attendees.
7. David will continue communicating with Doug Smith of the Sayville student organization so that we can learn what needs there may be and how the alumni association can offer support

Concerns were expressed regarding the security of information that would appear on the website. Individuals who register will have control of what information they wish to have published. All text for the database on the website will be monitored for appropriate content.

The addition of by-laws and articles of incorporation will be considered for the future.

Notes taken by Sue Pople.