



**Scotland School
for Veterans' Children
Alumni Association**

*"Dedicated to Preserving
Our Family Forever"*

SSVC Alumni News - Issue No. 137 — Fall 2023

From the Desk of the President



Hello Alumni and Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great summer.

Our 2023 events were a huge success! Everyone had a great time during the reunion in June. The picnic was enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend. We had a great turnout and the weather cooperated for the golf tournament in August. Thank you to everyone who came out to play. A special thank you to all those that helped. We wouldn't be able to do this event without you! Our 2024 events are listed below. I hope you will be able to attend some of them. We are planning to move the picnic to September because of it being so hot in July.

I don't have a lot to report on the museum, except we are still able to keep it. We are holding off doing any major work until we find out if the campus will be sold. Right now we are playing a waiting game. However, we are still in need of donations to help with expenses such as rent for the museum, postage and printing of the newsletter etc. I have been receiving phone calls from the current owners reminding us that the only building we are permitted to be in is the museum. **IMPORTANT— PLEASE DO NOT** go into any other buildings on campus. I would hate to be asked to leave the campus because we didn't respect their request. The museum is kept locked at all times so please contact me or another officer if you would like to visit so we can arrange to meet you there. The officer's contact information is on page 2.

One last note to the class of 1974 (my class). Please consider coming to the 2024 reunion to celebrate our 50th.

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Ken Beck '74

President

SSVC Alumni Association

2024 Events!

March 10: Franklin County Special Olympics/ Scotland School Alumni Bingo—American Legion, 755 Philadelphia Ave. Chambersburg, PA.

June 7-9: Reunion—American Legion, 755 Philadelphia Ave. Chambersburg, PA

September (Date to be determined): Picnic—Greene Township Park, 996 Elevator St, Scotland PA. (across from the pond entrance of the school).

August 24: 21th Annual SSVC Alumni/Friends Golf Tournament—Eagles Crossing Golf Course, 501 Conodoguinet Ave. Carlisle, PA.

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Treasurer's Report, Alumni Dues, Officers, Student Records

Treasurer's Report (as of 9-13-2023)

General:	\$23,075.37
Museum:	<u>\$16,935.45</u>
Total:	\$40,010.82

Alumni Dues

\$25 (covers two years). Make checks payable to: SSVC Alumni Association, mark memo section: Alumni dues. Please send to Vickie Portner Cook '73, 80 Red Rock Avenue, Dover, PA 17315. Phone 717-698-8905.

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Student Records

Alumni and Students with graduating years of 1976-2009 need to contact the DMVA. The contact person at DMVA is Kay Marks, Records Coordinator. Her number is 717-861-7713, and her email address is: kay-marks@pa.gov. Ms. Marks has your records at Ft. Indiantown Gap in Annville, PA and is very helpful and quick to turn around requests. Alumni and Students with graduating years of 1895-1975 need to request records from the PA State Archives. You may ask the State Archives representative to copy everything in your record. To release copies of files to former students and alumni, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Archives will need a written request from the student/alumnus, signed by the student/alumnus. Send the student/alumnus's full name, date of birth and Social Security number. Research and copy fees will apply to mail requests. The Research fee is \$15.00 for requests from Pennsylvania residents; \$25.00 for requests from out of state. The Copy fee for the first 10 pages is free; thereafter it is \$0.50 per page plus shipping and handling for additional pages. Mail your request to State Archives, PA Historical & Museum Commission, 350 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120-0090. If the student/alumnus visits in person, the State Archives representative will need to see current identification such as a driver's license or passport. Copying fees will apply: \$0.50 per page. For inquiries, the State Archives number is: (717) 783-3281.

Alumni News

CORRECTIONS TO NL 136:

Under Alumni News: **George Widdows'** graduating year was listed as 1957 and his 65th anniversary. It should read: **George Widdows '47** – I am the last living member of the class of 1947. 2022 was my 75th anniversary from graduating SSVC.

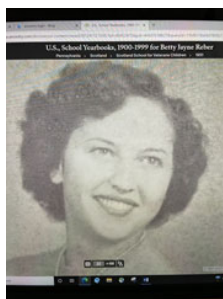
Kathie Deyarmin Hoke '62—retired in 2018, not 2008.

Under TAPS: I have **Ron Eversole '80** as deceased. It is Ron's brother **Robert Eversole '80** who is deceased. Ron's graduation year is 1979.

Rev. Dr. Tony DeMarco '43— Would like to let everyone know he is feeling much better, and thanks everyone for their cards, prayers & love.

William Lawrence '50—grandsons graduated college. Bill along with his grandsons enjoy antique race cars. Sorry have to miss the reunion—but says HELLO to his classmates—thinks of them often. Best Wishes to all!

Betty Reber Elko '51—celebrated her 90th birthday on January 17, 2023. She and John now live in Box Elder, SD. Here are some pictures John shared with us. The first is her SSVC picture. The second is Betty, John and their great grandkids.



Constance Smoker Eells '55—Would love to be able to come to our SSVC events. She sends her love to her SSVC family.

Ruth Singer Myers '58—Taking treatment for breast cancer. Already completed chemo and getting ready to start radiation. *Ruth, you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sylvia Shrawder Mathieu '61—celebrated her 80th birthday on April 1, 2023. Sally Sheaffer '65 & Vickie Portner Cook '73 were thrilled to share her special day with her. *HAPPY BIRTHDAY SYLVIA!*



Tom Shafer '62—celebrated his 80th birthday on May 6, 2023—*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOM!* We hope you had a great day.

Tom would like to thank everyone for all the cards and birthday wishes he received celebrating his 80th. He truly appreciates all of you for sharing his day!

Diane Walsh Freeman '65—Retired as a BS-RN. Enjoying helping take care of grandchildren.

Donna Shaffer Sutton '64—Still doing HAIR. This year (2023) I am celebrating 60 years behind the chair—three days a week. *Thank you SSVC!*

Morris "Tony" Ryan '64—is finally being promoted to Grandpa!! His daughter **Tierra Ryan '2000** welcomed Lea Sabrina on June 30. Tony is so excited & taking his new role seriously. *Congratulations Tierra and Tony!*

Gary Pogue '65—Retired June 2022. Lives in Goose Creek SC with his wife Sue for 41 happy years.

Mary Stopa Willams '67 & Roger Williams '66—Celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2023. *Happy Anniversary Mary & Roger!*

Cheryl Walsh Sherer '68—Retired—loves crafting. Has 4 children and 11 grandchildren and another one on the way.

Carl "Pete" Patterson '69— Carl & his wife Sara welcomed twin great grandsons on August 5, 2023. *Congratulations Carl & Sara!*

Alumni News

Elizabeth “Libby” Robinson Miller ‘69 (from Libby’s post on Facebook) — After graduation I got married & had 3 sons. I went to college when I was 32, getting a degree in computer science. I worked until 2016 as a software analyst, retiring 7 years ago. I’ve had 3 strokes, kidney disease, various other ailments, and I can’t drive anymore, but I can now dress and feed myself (most times) and I walk quite well. My left arm and hand aren’t very useful, but hey -- my depth perception is shot, I can’t comprehend numbers very well. I spend my days outside on the deck or in the swimming pool, and I am always listening to music! I wear hearing aids and can stream my music through my phone so I always have my music. I have 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, including 2 sets of identical twin girls! I live with my son Chris, his wife, and 2 grandkids. I consider myself very fortunate to have such a loving family and friends around me - they all are a great support system for me. I’m safe and secure, I don’t want for anything, and I feel totally blessed Above all, I’m still totally cool !! I would love to hear from all others. I hope you are doing well, also. Waiting to hear from you!! 😊

Please contact Vickie Portner Cook ‘73, alumni secretary for Libby’s contact information.

Sue Conrath Armstrong ‘72—I just want to say thank you for the wonderful cards that I received. Its been a very hard year for me, and the cards mean so much. Thank you! Sue ‘72

Chris Estright ‘78—Chris’s daughter Leah graduated high school with honors. She is attending Penn State University Main Campus. *Congratulations Leah!*

Mary Ann Echelberger ‘78 - welcomed her grandson Alaric on October 12, 2023. He was 20 1/2 inches long and weighted 6 pounds 7 ounces. His big brother Conrad is 9 years old. Alaric is the first grandchild in 9 years and the 7th grandchild. *Congratulations to you and your family Mary Ann!*

Laverne Eckenrod Smith ‘86—Welcomed her granddaughter Winona on 9/17/2023. *Congratulations to Laverne and her family!*

William Peck, Supporter (Mr. Peck’s son) — Enjoying all the memories of growing up around Scotland, especially football in the late 60’s.

Shirley Katusin, Health & PE teacher (1960-1964) - Looking forward to the picnic in July.

Do you remember this?



In The Spotlight

Scotland school alums have done amazing things for many generations! One of the oldest known alumni of Scotland School for Veterans Children, who has a storied history, is **Grayson Savoy Stratton, Class of 1917**. He was known as Sid.

Sid Stratton was born in 1900. He was the last of 8 children. His siblings were Inez, Harold, Joseph, Grace, James, Howard, and Charles. The family stated and has records that some of his other siblings attended Scotland.

His father was Joseph B. Stratton. (1832-1900). He was a Union Navy veteran that served in the Civil War. He services all his children to attend “Scotland School for Orphans of the War. Sid was four months old in 1900 when his father passed away. Sid graduated from Scotland School in 1917!

After graduating from Scotland, he moved to Doylestown and worked for one day for a local newspaper called the Doylestown Democrat. He had to quit this job because of his race being African American, and other white employees had threatened to quit.

He then took a job at John Wanamaker’s in Philadelphia. He worked the elevators. Because he excelled at music in Scotland, he was recruited by a band to play at John Wanamakers.

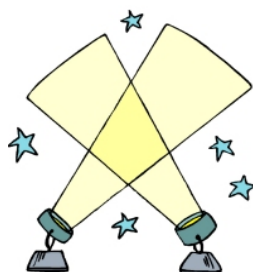
He started his band in 1919 called “Sid Stratton’s Four Horsemen Band.” He played at speakeasies around Philadelphia. His band had a brief scene in the silent black and white movie called “Scar of Shame.” The movie was filed at the Roadside Hotel on Broad Street. “Scar of Shame” was presented in Turner Classic Movies Silent Film Series.

Sid, in his younger years, was able to teach tennis to people in Doylestown.

If you google Grayson Sid Stratton or Sid Stratton Doylestown, more information about him is available. This information in this post is cited from The Bucks Underground Railroad Website.

Robb Avery’s ‘96 post on FB on April 26, 2023

Thank you Robb for sharing this with your Scotland family



In The Spotlight

Robert Marnick '68— Bob was proud to be a Viet Nam Vet from 1968-1972. He was a SP5 in the US Army, receiving a Bronze Star. Bob passed away October 14, 2022. Michelle Boyance Levy '70 shared a few pictures from his time in the Army. The first photo is Bob's senior picture. Bob is on the right in the second picture, the third is just Bob, in the last photo, Bob is sitting on the right side of the Christmas tree.



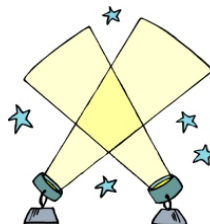
Thank you, Michelle for sharing this tribute to Bob.

Gerald Bruce '74— A company specializing in developing non-addictive products for pain management, post-traumatic stress disorder, central nervous system (CNS) disorders and viral barrier indications, announced today that **Gerald W. Bruce** has been appointed as President and CEO of **Novvae Pharmaceuticals**, Virpax's wholly-owned subsidiary focused solely on advancing the Company's OTC pipeline.



Mr. Bruce has spent over 30 years in the pharmaceutical and medical nutrition industries. Most recently, he served as a Vice President of sales for Danone Specialized Nutrition North America, Danone's medical nutrition division. Prior to this position, he has held roles of increasing responsibility at Nitromed, Inc. and Bristol-Meyers Squibb. Mr. Bruce began his career at Johnson and Johnson and spent 13 years there starting as a sales representative and moving up the ranks to become a Group Marketing Director in Analgesics. He has a BA from Lincoln University and an Executive Master's Degree in Leadership from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

"Gerald, with his background in the pharma and medical nutrition industries, is uniquely positioned to lead Novvae. His experience and knowledge of the OTC market will be beneficial to us as we advance AnQlar™ as well as add new nonprescription product candidates that will utilize our novel delivery technologies," commented **Anthony P. Mack**, Chairman and CEO of Virpax.



In The Spotlight

Ray “Red” McKenzie, Teacher & Coach—Celebrated his 95th birthday on 8/18/2023—*Happy Birthday Mr. McKenzie!*

This is from Julie McKenzie Best (Mr. McKenzie’s daughter) - My dad (Ray McKenzie) is truly overwhelmed with all the cards, notes, calls, gifts that he received for his 95th birthday from his “kids”. He has sooo enjoyed each and every remembrance, and wants to thank you all for thinking of him.

He loves his SSVc family, and is truly humbled. It’s been a wonderful celebration of a wonderful man that I’m so blessed to call my dad. Thank you all so much! 🙏❤️

From **Mr. McKenzie**—to the SSVc Alumni Association and the SSVc students—I would like to thank you for the many, many birthday cards and all the calls. I don’t know why I’ve lasted this long, my best guess would be that my 35 years at Scotland would be a big part of the answer. The student body was unique and I enjoyed the positive overall association with them.

Thank you all!

As ever, That ancient—old science teacher
Ray McKenzie



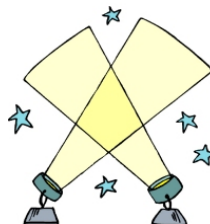
A note from **Rev. Dr. Anthony “Tony” DeMarco ‘43**— It is true that I am with you all in spirit during reunion days. I love to pray for my brothers and sisters who have lived and enjoyed their time at the best “private” school in Pennsylvania. I say that humbly because of the dedication of the school teachers, house mothers, trade teachers and so many others who shaped and molded our lives in preparation for our graduation and for entering the world that was in the midst of World War II. God rest their souls and most of them must be in heaven.

God has been very gracious to me to have lived this long and to be a blessing to others. In my “golden years”, I can still hear the students cry out “*Scotland School Forever!*” Those words are branded in the hearts of everyone of them. It is as natural as breathing God’s free and fresh air.

God Bless America! God bless the precious memories of Scotland School for Veterans Children and God bless you all individually and collectively. Amen

Happy 2023 Scotland School Reunion!!!

Tony DeMarco
Class of 1943



Taps

Names in **BOLD** text represent recipient, names under recipient represent person making donation.
The following alumni, friends, supporters have been reported deceased since Newsletter 134. We carefully reviewed the list for accuracy, but if there are any omissions/corrections please contact Vickie Portner Cook '73.

Harry Duncan '50
January 2023

Gone from us,

Charles Bullock '64
November 26, 2022

Edward DePascale '54
September 3, 2023

*But leaving
memories*

Beverly Hubler '66
April 10, 2021

Harry Hertzler '56
February 13, 2008

Death can never

Anthony "Tony" Croutz '67
July 28, 2023

Darlene Hertzler '57
March 24, 1977

*Take away,
Memories that*

Janet Russell Lacey '69
September 8, 2023

Virginia Stalb Brown '57
April 30, 2023

Will always

Cliff Wells '70
October 14, 2023

Russell Baker '58
August 8, 2023

Upon this earth

Tom Eagle '72
April 16, 2023

Everett Moore '59
April 24, 2023

We stay

Shelia Bradley-Vitruk '77
April 17, 2023

Robert "Bob" Hayden '61
February 9, 2022

Aaron Davis '82
April 12, 2023

Mary Weigel Eister '61
May 5, 2023

Andrew Singleton '01
May 2, 2023

Audrey Hertzler Phillips '62
July 17, 2017

Mrs. Jane Morgan (79)
Elementary Teacher
July 14, 2023

Gloria Robinson Waddell '62
July 25, 2023

Lena Wasson Parson '63
August 19, 2023

Jone Mader (93)
Wife of Mr. Wayne Mader, teacher
September 8, 2023



In Memory Of / In Honor Of

In Loving Memory of those who are always present in our hearts

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IN MEMORY OF

John William Petre Jr. '38
Karen Petre Gordon, daughter

Rose Shrawder Hoke '54
Sylvia Shrawder Mathieu '61

Shirley Kennedy Gochenour '56
Lois Kennedy Rheam '61

Shirley Keirn Trexler '56
Ann (Herold) '55 & Don Trexler '55

William "Bill" Herold '57
Ann (Herold) '55 & Don Trexler '55

Ray Trexler '57
Ann (Herold) '55 & Don Trexler '55

Virginia Shrawder Ferrizzi '57
Sylvia Shrawder Mathieu '61

Clair (Jim) Trexler '58
Ann (Herold) '55 & Don Trexler '55

Carolyn Smith Kennedy '59
Lois Kennedy Rheam '61

Jack Kennedy '59
Lois Kennedy Rheam '61

Esther Patterson Humes '64
Carl Patterson '69

Fred Derow '65
Ken O'Brien '65

John Sheaffer '66
Sally Sheaffer '65

Ethel Pauline Arthur '67
(Love & Memories)
Sherman P. Arthur '68

Jeannie Portner '67
Brothers and Sisters

Jeannie Portner '67
Debbie Keefer Gilbert '67

IN MEMORY OF

Bev Gibbons '67
Deb Keefer Gilbert '67

Bob Marnick '68
Joe Skinner '69

Linda Sheaffer '69
Deb Keefer Gilbert '69

Linda Sheaffer Price '69
Sally Sheaffer '65

Deceased 1973 Classmates
Vickie Portner Cook '73

Jerry & Terry Grove '79
Barb Estep '82

Roy Shields, Math Teacher
Lois Kennedy Rheam '61

Fred Boss, Art Teacher
Lois Kennedy Rheam '61

Fred Boss, Art Teacher
Joan Stephey Morris '61

Fred Boss
Art Teacher & Coach
Gary Pogue '65

Roy Shields
Drafting Teacher & Coach
Gary Pogue '65

Jim Gomez
Teacher/Coach
Deb Keefer Gilbert '67

Helga Kozub
Kitchen staff
Rudy Boyance '67

Ken Katusin
Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Coach
Rudy Boyance '67

Ken "Coach K" Katusin
Mrs. Shirley Katusin, wife & Teacher

IN HONOR OF

Shirley Hendricks Powell '59
Betsy (Beckner) '64 & Robert Hendricks '61

Joseph Beckner '61
Betsy (Beckner) '64 & Robert Hendricks '61

Susanne Beckner Pinsky '63
Betsy (Beckner) '64 & Robert Hendricks '61

Robert Beckner '67
Betsy (Beckner) '64 & Robert Hendricks '61

Dean '62 (brother) & Nancy Kennedy
Lois Kennedy Rheam '61

**SSVC Brothers & Sisters, past & present and
our Alumni Officers**
Lorraine Steele Fochler '61

Scotland School Family
Lois Kennedy Rheam '61

Glenn Keith '62
Larry Shaffer '62

Class of 1963 (our 60th year)
Susanne Beckner Pinsky '63

James Lowe '70
Sally Sheaffer '65

Ray (Red) McKenzie
Science Teacher & Coach
Gary Pogue '65

All SSVC Alumni, Staff & Supporters
Vickie Portner Cook '73

Reunion, Picnic & Secretary's Corner

Reunion

2023 was a huge success. 1954 was the oldest class represented (Peggy Moore Stout) and 1982 was the youngest (Barbara Estep). The 60's had the most attendees (32). Cathy Miles, Lou Polito, Mike Glunt (and his wife Brenda), Ben Mauger & I were there from the class of 1973 to celebrate our 50th. How did 50 years go by so fast??? Ben Mauger '73 and his Mission Impossible band provided excellent music on Saturday night. Elvis Presley (aka Mike Smith '70) even joined us. It definitely was a fun time. I am sorry I don't have any pictures to share.

Looking forward to 2024 (Friday June 7—Sunday June 9). Details will be in the next newsletter. Make your plans now!

Picnic 2023

The Alumni Association scheduled a picnic the last Saturday in July. To say it was well attended is an understatement. More than 60 alumni, guests/family and former staff of Scotland attended. The oldest alum, Dorothy Singer Kelly was in the class of 1956. The youngest alums graduated in the 90's! Add to that Frank and Loretta Frame, Miss Kaye Shearer, Mrs. Shirley Katusin, Ralph and Phyllis Dusman, Mrs. Nancy Wright, Houseparent, Mary Waldt, wife of Granville Waldt '41 (deceased), and Bill Peck, Jr. and we shared a little heaven on earth. Many thanks to the officers of the Alumni Association, Ken Beck '74, President, Jim Lowe '70, Vice President, Vickie Portner Cook '73, Secretary, Darlene Russell Russell '71, Treasurer, Dave Shaw '75 and George "Satch" Croutz '70, Sergeant-at-Arms for their fine planning of the event and to John Klenzing who shared his culinary talents. Thanks, too, to all who brought scrumptious dishes and desserts! Denny Ero '88 won the 50/50 and Sherman Arthur '68 sang a few songs for us. The weather cooperated! Everyone seemed to really enjoy the time together seeing old friends and catching up with one another. About all we could have asked for is a few more Scotland brothers and sisters. Hopefully next time! I am sorry I don't have any pictures to share.

Secretary's Corner



Thank you everyone for keeping our alumni family, friends & supporters in your thoughts & prayers as they go through difficult times. If you know someone who is need of our prayers & well wishes please contact me through IM, email, or phone. Please leave a message if I don't answer. In our world of scammers & telemarketers if I don't recognize the number I don't answer. BUT I will call you back.

If you change your contact information, or you know someone who has a made a change please let me know so I can keep my information up to date.

I am always looking for items for our newsletter. If you have something you would like to share please send to me.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season.

Vickie Portner Cook '73

Secretary

gocadets2015@comcast.net; 717-698-8905

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Maiden Name (Alumni) _____

Address _____
Street/City/State/Zip

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Class of (Alumni): _____

Position & years employed at SSVC/Retired (year): _____

Veteran: Yes ___ No ___ Branch of Service: _____ Retired military: Yes ___ No ___

What's Happening? _____

DONATIONS

Membership Dues (due date on mailing label).....\$25.00 per person (covers 2 years) \$ _____

Museum.....Donation \$ _____

PostageDonation \$ _____

General FundDonation \$ _____

In Honor of: _____ Amount of Gift \$ _____

In Memory of: _____ Amount of Gift \$ _____

Grand Total.....\$ _____

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SSVC Alumni Association Mission Statement

The mission of the Alumni Association of Scotland School for Veterans' Children
Is to promote and keep alive the close companionship and memories made during the days at Scotland;
And to promote acquaintance with persons interested in the welfare of the alumni.

For information, visit www.ssvcalumni.org