

**FROM THE WANAKENA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:**



Dear Ranger School Alumni,  
The Wanakena Historical Association (WHA) Board of Trustees gratefully thanks the Ranger School alumni for their support through the long process of rebuilding the historic Wanakena footbridge. I bring with great pride and extreme joy, news that the WHA will not have to raise any additional funds to reimburse the Town of Fine for the monumental task of rebuilding the Footbridge.

The Town of Fine & the WHA have been patiently waiting for the last grant money from New York State and had been forewarned of the possibility that the state could reject reimbursing significant costs as not acceptable per terms of the grant.

Below is a summary of the reconciliation of the final costs and outstanding balance owed to the Town of Fine.

- The total cost of rebuilding the footbridge stands at \$448,093.43
- The Town of Fine loaned us funds to cover ongoing costs: \$263,093.43.
- Funds raised by the WHA reimbursed the Town of Fine a total of \$185,673.99
- The outstanding grant money awarded was a whopping \$74,896.17
- After receipt of the Waterfront Revitalization Award, the WHA still owed the Town of Fine \$2,523.27
- This remaining amount has been generously pledged to be paid in full by Bernie & Valerie Carr!!!

Wanakena & the Fine Township are extremely appreciative of this last gift that ends over 4 years of planning and fund raising. We cannot forget the many donors and volunteers that made this happen. The grassroots effort that rebuilt the footbridge could not have occurred without the hundreds of donations, large & small.

The footbridge, as well as the Otto J Hamele historic walking tour has seen a significant uptick in visitors since the dedication of the new bridge July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and will continue to make memories for RS students, families and tourists as they stroll on that so special swinging bridge for many years to come.

Thank you so very much for your support.

Allen Ditch, President, Wanakena Historical Association Po Box 73 Wanakena, NY 13695



Joel Beaudin '62 is seeking names of alumni that were Smokejumpers. If you were a former SmokeJumper, or if you know of alums that were, please contact him:

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Greetings fellow alumni,

This is just a friendly reminder that Ranger School Alumni Association clothing can be purchased at the Pine Cone Trading Post next to the Pine Cone Grill in Wanakena. There are short sleeve t-shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, hoodies, hats and patches. The t-shirts come in a variety of colors including camouflage.

So stop by the Pine Cone Trading post and help support a local business and your Alumni Association.

Thank you.

Mike Bushey '94  
Acting 2nd VP  
& RSAA Clothing Committee.



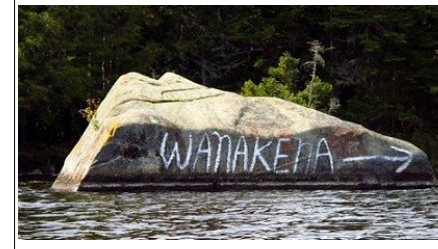
**REUNION 2018:**

**Congratulations to the Class of 1968 on their 50th anniversary of graduation!**

With the construction project going on, this reunion may be a little different than most. At this point we don't even know how many rooms we will have available, what sections of the building will be unavailable, or what parts of the administrative site will be off limits.

**BUT** we are going to be able to have a reunion!

We have more activities lined up, some old and some new. Check out the full schedule of events, but there will still be time to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, go on some tours, and eat good food and relax! Don't forget our exciting raffle, silent and live auctions. All are welcome to donate to this.



**SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018**

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**FROM THE RSAA PRESIDENT:**

Congratulations the Class of 2018! I am honored to welcome you all to the RSAA family! We may not all be related, but we do share a special bond as Ranger School graduates. I think we can all agree that the Ranger School is an experience like no other. As much as I'm grateful for the amazing education I received, I'm just as grateful for the camaraderie and friendship I've experienced through the RSAA. I look forward to having a long and wonderful relationship with you all.

I'd like to welcome new Board member Chris Tcimpidis '93! Mike Bushey '94 has stepped up to 2nd Vice-President and has been doing an amazing job! Christi Barber '10 has taken over as 1st Vice-President. She is also working hard to get a new website setup!

We have some work to do updating our contract with SUNY. We have been working with ESF administration to get plans in place to move forward. I'd like to thank John Adams '82 for taking the time off to attend a meeting in Syracuse. We have a committee in place to work through this process. Work will include updating our By-Laws and internal control measures to come into compliance with the NonProfit Revitalization Act and having an audit of our financials. If anyone is able to help with any of this process, please get in touch! We'd really appreciate the help!

We are always looking for members to participate on any of our committees, help out with reunion, come for clean-up weekends, or just stop by to say "Hi". If you are interested in volunteering in any way, we'll be more than happy to have you! Please let a board member know.

I, once again, would like to sincerely apologize to the classes that were left out of the 2017 Alumni News. By now you should have received a copy of the 2017 Addendum in the mail. I'd like to thank our anonymous donor for their financial support in having the Addendum printed. I am currently looking for submissions for the 2018 Alumni News! If you have any articles, memories, photos, artwork, maps, anything, please send it in! We accept submissions at any time. If it doesn't make it in time for this year's news, it will be included in the next. Please forward submissions to Gail ([rsaagail@esf.edu](mailto:rsaagail@esf.edu)) or myself ([tanskiae@yahoo.com](mailto:tanskiae@yahoo.com)).

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you all at Reunion!

Ariane Tanski '09  
RSAA President

**GREETINGS FROM THE NEW SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR**

I would like to let everyone know that we are in the works of developing a website for the Alumni Association. I am requesting photos from any alumni related events that you may have to use for the website and for display in the alumni house. We have a new email address for you to send them to: [nysrsaa@gmail.com](mailto:nysrsaa@gmail.com) Please include the following with your photos; your name, class, and a description of the photo (year taken, event and people in it if possible)

For those of you who don't have pictures digitally that you'd like to share, reach out to me by phone and we can discuss the best way for you to get them to me. 518-569-7474

I am looking forward to us having an opportunity to display more photos of the times we share!

Christi Barber '10  
Acting 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Social Media Chair.

**84th Annual Ranger School Reunion Friday, August 3rd & Saturday, August 4th, 2018**