

The 67th annual Blairstown High School reunion was held September 5, 2026 at Belvidere Manor where thirty nine alumni and their guests enjoyed an hour of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

All were welcomed by President Robert Sydrock, noting this would have been our 70th reunion but for the covid pandemic. He expressed a special recognition to the board members and thanked any service member for their service. A moment of silence was observed for deceased alumni: William Beegle '43, Winifred Sipley VanAuken '51, Betty Jane Bender Carpenter '54, Melissa Jane Belet-Kohler '54, Shirlie Shaffran '56, James Sprague '58, Marilyn Jones Christian '59, Arthur Huff '59, William Cortese '61, Ronald Pittenger '63, Martin Ackerman '66, Robert Rohrbaugh '66, Patrick Rudders '70, Deborah Lambert McConachy '71, Donald Stoddart '72, Warren Guiler. A buffet was enjoyed following the invocation by Dolly Ferrari.

Robert Sydrock opened the meeting and introduced the current officers Sal Simonetti, Vice President and Nancy VanSyckle, Secretary/Treasurer, and Trustees: Barbara Quinn and Clarinda Stoffels. There were no nominations for new officers.

Clarinda Stoffels, Trustee read the roll call of attending alumni: Adonis Cooke Dean '53, Alice Frutchey Lockburner '54, Salvatore Simonetti '54, Seren (Jack) Skow '54, Harold Rydell '56, Harold Swisher '56, Rosemary McMullen Wilson '59, Fred Gouger '60, Joanne Grandin Oleszek '60, John Whipple '63, Irene Gramberg Skow '65, Sharon Rusweiler Valentine '65, Gerald Chrusz '66, James Haney '66, Bunny Brown Nolan '66, Barbara Stankowitz Quinn '66, Kathleen Reay '66, Charles (Brud) Simonson '67, Clarinda Gouger Stoffels '67, Robert Sydrock '67, Jeffrey Jones '68, Jerry Stoddart '68, Dolly Sliker Ferrari '69, Jerry Ferrari '69, Karen Kise Kohler '69, Patricia Guiler Shaffer '69, Bruce Smith '69, Sharon VanSyckle Kise '70, William Kise '70, Nancy VanSyckle '70, Gary Washburn '70, James Erd '71, Gail Keogh-Dwyer '71, Joyce Bennett Newport '71, Kenneth Shaffer '71, Barbara Greene Smith '72, Donna Meshach Reade '73, Paul Christine '74, Roddy Kise '74.

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy read the minutes of the September 6, 2025 meeting. The treasurer's report noted we will have funds to continue the scholarships. This year's recipients were Robert Rigby, grandson of Patricia Guiler Shaffer '69, who will be attending Penn State, and Addison Messenger, granddaughter of Anita Heins Krauth '60 who will be attending North Carolina State University.

Tickets were given to each attendee then drawn for door prizes won by Jerry Stoddart, Sharon VanSyckle Kise, Joyce Bennett Newport, John Whipple and Karen Kise Kohler.

New business this year consisted of remarks from President Sydrock and Treasurer VanSyckle concerning continuing the yearly meeting/reunion and the association. While we received suggestions for the future no one volunteered to implement their ideas. There was much discussion and seemed to be no objections to this being our final reunion due to declining membership and attendance plus lack of interest in volunteering. The board will meet at a later date to determine how to dissolve the association.

The meeting was adjourned.

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