

The 66<sup>th</sup> annual Blairstown High School reunion was held September 6, 2025 at Belvidere Manor where forty three alumni and their guests enjoyed an hour of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. All were welcomed by President Robert Sydrock. A moment of silence was observed for deceased alumni: Marjorie Hendershot Cook '40, Lillian Linaberry Sydrock '42, Patricia Gordon Ringelben '43, Ruth Olschewsky Jones '50, Jean Lambert Belcher '56, Roger Whitford '58, Josephine (Jay) Shuster Labar '60, Barbara Stoffels '60, Carla Maines Vitale '65, Robert L. DePuy '70. A delicious buffet was enjoyed following the invocation by Jerry Labar.

President Sydrock opened the meeting and introduced the other officers: Sal Simonetti, Vice President and Nancy VanSyckle, Secretary/ Treasurer and trustees: Barbara Quinn and Clarinda Stoffels. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting in 2024. The treasurer reported we had generous donations and can continue to fund a scholarship. This year's scholarship was awarded to Melissa Dorfman, granddaughter of Anita Heins Krauth '60. She will be attending Mercer County Community College in the field of nursing.

Vice President Simonetti read the roll call of attending alumni: Adonis Cooke Dean '53, Alice Frutchey Lockburner '54, Salvatore Simonetti '54, Seren (Jack) Skow '54, Harold Swisher '56, Rosemary McMullen Wilson '59, Fred Gouger '60, Anita Heins Krauth '60, Joanne Grandin Oleszek '60, Gerald Labar '61, Sharon Davitt Cook '62, John Whipple '63, Carol Cook '64, Marjorie Murphy '65, Lynn McConachy Peachey '65, Irene Gramberg Skow '65, Sharon Rusweiler Valentine '65, James Haney '66, Barbara Stankowitz Quinn '66, Clarinda Gouger Stoffels '67, Robert Specht '67, Robert Sydrock '67, Roberta Soave Brightman '68, Jerry Stoddart '68, Karen Kise Koehler '69, Richard Lambert '69, Mildred Castonguay Rice '69, Patricia Guiler Shaffer '69, Sharon VanSyckle Kise '70, William Kise '70, Nancy VanSyckle '70, Gary Washburn '70, James

Erd '71, Gail Keogh-Dwyer '71, Faye Maring '71, Joyce Bennett Newport '71, Eloise Jones Raymond '71, Kenneth Shaffer '71, Roger Volpe '71, Donna Meshach Reade '73, Donna Siple Stoddart '73, Paul Christine '74, Roddy Kise '74. Adonis Dean '53 received a gift bag for being the oldest graduate. Roddy Kise and Paul Christine each received a bottle of wine as the youngest alumni.

Anita Krauth expressed her appreciation to the alumni association for the scholarship and for their efforts to organize the reunion each year. Bob Sydrock shared how he found the letter and invitation he received when he graduated in '67 inviting him to join the alumni association along with his membership card. Dues of only \$1.00.

The 67<sup>th</sup> annual reunion date, time and place have yet to be determined. Barbara Quinn led the alumni in singing the alma mater, the meeting was adjourned and alumni continued to reminisce.

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