

Arkport Alumni Association
2020-2021 Secretary Minutes

It has been a crazy year with the Covid-19 virus, the cancellation of schools, closing of businesses and the quarantine of people in their homes. With this virus hitting many states harder than others and with the opening of different stages of restrictions, then the closing down again, it has been a difficult time for everyone.

In trying to keep everyone safe and honoring New York orders, we were forced to cancel the 56th Annual Arkport Alumni Banquet on June 10th, 2020. (Also, the Arkport Summerfest plans were cancelled which is always held the same weekend.) We sent out over 2,300 of the 2020 Alumni newsletters advising we would keep everyone posted if we made the decision to cancel the banquet and we did so by sending out 173 post cards to members from classes 1938 to 1970. We advised members on Face Book and in the Hornell Tribune of the cancellation. It was a sad announcement to make but we have kept digging!

With the cancellation of the banquet, the Annual Alumni Business Meeting was also cancelled and to keep members updated, we posted the Secretary's Minutes from the 55th Banquet and the Treasurer's Report of the 2019-2020 Fiscal year on our website at arkportalumni.org and on Face Book. We encouraged this information be made passed on to family and friends. We also were not able to hold the election of officers and the following changes were made.

This year Marjorie Osborn, Vice President and Heather Clark, Treasurer, stepped down from their positions as officers. Marg has served as Vice President since 2016 and Heather took the treasurer's position last year, for one (1) year. We want to thank both these ladies for all their hard work and dedication to the alumni. As there is usually a nomination and vote at the Annual Banquet Meeting for officers, and with the cancellation of this event, current officers nominated interested people and a vote was taken.

Your 2020-2021 Arkport Alumni Officers are:

President, Linda Wellington Burdett, Class of 1969

Vice President, Brenda Smith Porter, Class of 1987

Secretary, Tracie Hoyt McCarthy, Class of 1997

Treasurer, Cathi Crossett Van Iderstine, Class of 1976

Officers will begin the new year on August 1, 2020. Welcome [Brenda Smith](#) Porter and [Cathi Crossett VanIderstine](#)!

A decision was also made to host 2020 year's honored and recognized guests along with the 2021 guests so they are not forgotten.

Linda has worked on updating our website and published several interesting pages. Check out the Military page of veterans from the WWII era to our fine young men and women of day, who have enlisted and are served or are serving our country. There is a page of alumni business owners with information and location so we can support small businesses and alumni

members. Of course, the obituary pages are kept up to-date along with missing addresses for alumni members page. Please contact Linda for updates to any of these pages.

Scholarships winners for 2020 were announced at ACS graduation and an ad was taken in the Tribune and on Face Book. This following was posted:



Members of the Arkport Alumni Association would like to express our best wishes to the Class of 2020. We are proud to announce the following scholarships:

The Wolfgruber Family Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000
(\$500 a year for two (2) years)

Meghan Patrick

The C. Jack Wraight Memorial Scholarship of \$500
Andrew Hedges

The Canisteo Valley Historical Society Scholarship of \$300
Regan Karr

The Kemp Family Memorial Scholarship of \$400
Joshua Theilen

The Myrtle King Crissey Memorial Scholarship of \$500
Tyler Timothy

Arkport Alumni Scholarships of \$600 each
William Chamberlin
Jonathan Haines
Victoria McDaniel

May you always remember the halls you walked, the fields you played on and the education, support and love you received.

We know you are well prepared as you have shown courage in uncertain times and have endeavored!

The challenges you face in the future should be met with the same determination you have shown in the past!

Congratulations Class of 2020!

The Arkport Alumni Association

*Linda Wellington Burdett, President - Marjorie Osborn Wagner, Vice President
Tracie Hoyt McCarthy, Secretary - Heather Hartwell Clark Treasurer*

Congratulations to all the seniors and their families for endeavoring a tough year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracie Hoyt McCarthy
Arkport Alumni Secretary