

## RANGER SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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# WINTER NEWSLETTER 2015-2016

### RSAA letter from the president :

Greetings fellow alumni!

I am extremely honored to serve our extraordinary organization. Like all of you I am passionate about the Ranger School and offer my full support. I would like to thank Gail Simmons, Noah Herne, and all of the RSAA board members for handing over to me a well-greased association. These people are dedicated, hard working and downright fun, which keeps us, coming back. I would like to welcome to the board **Mike Bushey '94** and my daughter **Chrissy Macholl '12**. We are glad to have some young folks among us as they offer a diverse board.

The board committees can always use help. If you would like to serve, please contact any board member. It's a great way to get involved, have fun, and give back to the Ranger School. Some of our goals this year are to get PayPal set up for reunion weekend, make improvements to the Alumni Campsites and give a fresh look to the Alumni house by adding new curtains and a wooden dining room table. Monetary donations are always welcome for these improvements. Another easy way to get involved and to stay up to date with the association is to "like" us on Facebook @Ranger School Alumni Association, Inc. (RSAA) or follow us on Twitter @RS\_alumni.

Thank you all for your support, whether it's by coming to the reunions, sending in donations, or reaching out to other alumni. Remember to keep in touch!

-- Joan Macholl '83

### From the Director:

The Ranger School Class of 2016 is off and running, and is doing quite well. We started off with 62 students, and they are all still with us. It's quite wonderful to see such a crowded student parking lot.

This class, the largest in thirty years, is composed of three programs (forest technology, land surveying technology, and ENRC- environmental and natural resources conservation). Women comprise 25% of the class. There are students from Pennsylvania and Virginia, as well as across the state of New York.

Our students are excited to be here, they are engaged, and dedicated to the pursuit of their careers. They have developed a strong camaraderie, and are very supportive of each other's efforts. There's an excellent cohort of alumni preparing to join the RSAA! Our faculty and teaching staff continue to do great work, encouraging the students to be better and learn more.

We've had a busy semester, including a Family Day weekend in September, followed by a conference of the New York Chapter of the Wildlife Society on campus for the first time. In October, the student cabin, built in 1960, was moved from the end of Cabin Road closer to campus (we need a new name for Cabin Road). Also in October, a meeting of the our forest technology advisory committee was held. November was the month for an etiquette dinner, during which many professional folks from as far away as Maryland joined our students for a formal-type dinner. It was a lot of fun, and our students received rave reviews from our guests. All of this in addition to a challenging academic schedule.

We're gearing up for a few last weeks following Thanksgiving break, and looking forward to the challenges of Winter/Spring semester.

If you'd like to follow events at the School, may I suggest you follow the School's Facebook page. Search for SUNY-ESF Ranger School. We also enjoy hearing news from the outside world. Please consider posting job opportunities to us via email. Thank you for your continued support of our students and the School.

— Mike

Dr. Michael R. Bridgen,  
Professor and Director

### RSAA Board of Directors:

**President:** Joan Macholl '83

**1st VP:** Ariane Tanski '2005

**2nd VP:** Bob Brower '78

**Secretary:** Jeff Speich '90

**Treasurer:** Bruce Williams '76

### Past President:

Noah Herne '96

### ESF Alumni Director:

Debbie Caviness

### Ranger School Director:

Michael Bridgen

### Office Manager:

Gail Simmons

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Lee Berry '68

Michael Bushey '94

Robert Davis '83

Christina Macholl '2012

John O'Donnell '97

Lawrence Rathman '72

Michael Rozeski '90

Charles Sherman '2002

Bernard Siskavich '71

Greg Vaverchak '2002

Michael Webb '74

Edwin White '59

### **From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: - Ariane Tanski '2009**

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

Just a few quick items for your attention.

1. The Board was recently contacted by the Amazon Smile Foundation about setting up an account for the RSAA. We have since registered to accept donations from Amazon Smile. Every time you make a qualifying purchase from Amazon, they will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the RSAA. There are a few steps you need to take for this to happen.

When making purchases from Amazon access the site by going to **smile.amazon.com** and sign in using your Amazon account username and password.

Search for New York State Ranger School Alumni Assn Inc and select it in the results window.

In order for the Association to receive your donation you must sign in, and make your purchases from, **smile.amazon.com**.

2. We have also been looking into ways to increase our dues paying membership, especially among our newer classes. With the trend towards people using debit/credit cards for bill payments, we feel that offering online payments will make it more convenient for many graduates to become new members. We have been working with main campus to set up a system to accept online payments, and hope to have one in place by next fall. This is not meant to replace the current system, but to be used in addition to it. We'll be sure to get more details out to the membership as soon as they become available.

I wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!  
—Ariane Tanski '09

### **Treasurer's Report — Bruce Williams '76**

Another year is done. They sure do go fast and add up quick. My maternal grandmother warned us this would happen, a very wise woman. Everything is going so fast I almost forgot to prepare an article for this newsletter, but Gail gently prompted me (my ears are still ringing).

GOOD news! RSAA still has funds in the various bank accounts, the Legacy Scholarship is almost at the original goal of \$25k, the BOD has approved a budget guideline for '16, and the Treasurer still has checks in the checkbook even after paying bills received to date.

BAD news? RSAA accounts balances are getting low (as usual for this time of year), still have to gather the Legacy funds into one account, the approved budget had a minor shortfall, and Gail still needs to continue being paid in order to support Bob in the manner to which he is accustomed.

As usual I know the Alumni and friends will respond in a generous and consistently amazing manner. Keep up the good work. Most importantly stay healthy, enjoy the holidays, and "Keep In Touch". Sincerely, BEW

### **From the 2nd VP: Alumni Property Update:**

Fall greetings to the Ranger School Alumni. My name is **Bob Brower, Class of 78**, and I am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Alumni Association and therefore, head of the committee in charge of special projects and alumni property. The Alumni Board had it's first meeting at the Alumni House (or so I have been told) just a few weeks ago in early October and we ended up closing up the place for the winter. The water is turned off, the pipes are drained, the campground is cleaned up and we even had some snow. The House was used extensively this summer and we hope that all the Alumni and families had a great time utilizing this valuable asset of the Association. As we go into winter, there are many ideas for what the next improvements should be to the house and grounds. In an effort to get the input of our 'customers' (those that utilize the facilities), we will be mailing out a survey to those who have used the house in the past few years as well as those who put their name into the lottery but didn't get chosen. We want to hear from you! It is a simple 1-page questionnaire asking for you to rate the importance of various projects ranging from updated kitchen or bathrooms or even new or updated furniture. Or maybe you have an idea that we didn't list – we want to hear it.

This past year, we got rid of the old couch (which had life forms of its own) and got a new futon and Adirondack style cover which not only gives us a new couch but additional sleeping capacity. Alumni and Board member Bernie Siskavich (Class of 73) and family volunteered to buy all new matching curtains for the downstairs that match the futon cover (Big thanks to Bernie and Family!). We also power washed the outside of the house, cut down a few trees within the campground that were either dead or danger trees and we have a contractor who is going to bring down 3 or 4 large trees adjacent to the Ranger School Road and on our property. We hope to utilize the wood for campfires in the campground area. We currently have some firewood courtesy of the Ranger School and Board Member /Instructor Greg Vaverchak who got students in his Utilization Class to cut and split a bunch of thinnings.

All in all, we had a great year, the house is in decent shape and we look forward to any input all Alumni have on improvements to 'our house' and campgrounds. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me via email at [bobbrower@verizon.net](mailto:bobbrower@verizon.net). We are also looking forward to the Annual Work Weekend in April where we will get plenty of work done and some great food and Ranger camaraderie! Hope to see lots of you there. Bob B.

### **Ranger School Hockey Club** —Greg Vaverchak '02 RSHC Commissioner

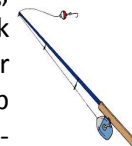


It seems like every year I am reporting a record number of participants for the hockey club. Well this year is no exception. It is no wonder why. Enrollment overall is up, so it makes sense that we have exhausted our equipment supply. Even five weeks in, we are still going and purchasing more equipment for individuals who want to play because they are hearing the rumors of how much fun Ranger School hockey really is and that all skill levels are encouraged. The club is currently building their skills in Canton once a week and will be playing twice a week here in Star Lake in the spring semester. The goal is to beat the alumni at our annual alumni game in Syracuse. **The game is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Tenny Ice Skating Pavilion.** Any alumni with equipment can play and of course all are welcome to come and cheer on your team. Email [gmvaverc@esf.edu](mailto:gmvaverc@esf.edu) with questions.

### **Ranger School Sportsmen's Club** —Greg Vaverchak '02 RSSC Advisor



When a new class shows up here at the Ranger School many want to hit the ground running, before the workload becomes overwhelming, with the outdoor pursuits they are used to back home. Many like to get out on the lake to go fishing. A few want to hone their bow skills for archery season. Others yet want to gig frogs on the setback. The goal of the Sportsmen's Club is to provide access to these opportunities. So far this year we have taken a bow hunter safety course, canoed/fished Flat Rock reservoir and continue to shoot bows regularly. Of course



we look forward to the upcoming ice fishing season. Our most significant accomplishment so far has been to team up with the Clifton Fine Rifle and Pistol Club to help us pursue the shooting sports while remaining compliant with current college policy and state laws. With the help of the club president we have established a silhouette shooting league that meets twice a month. It is a fun and safe time for the students but is heavily dependent upon the help and generosity of the local residents. However, we look forward to building these partnerships and opportunities. Many off-campus fishing trips are planned for the spring as well.

### **New York Safe Act Update** -- Bernie Siskavich 71'

Since the previous newsletter and the Alumni Reunion, the RSAA Board of Directors had their fall meeting and passed a resolution stating the RSAA position on the current bill in the NYS legislature.

#### Resolved by the Ranger School Alumni Association Board of Directors at its October 17, 2015 meeting:

The Board is encouraging the advancement of bill A1126-2015 in the NYS Legislature. The support is unrestricted in its effort to remove any barriers to the use of firearms on properties held in trust by ESF. Further is support of the recreational values, economic support and recruiting support for the Ranger School. Hunting is an integral part of the culture of the Ranger School and the surrounding communities. The Ranger School curriculum includes wildlife management, forest recreation and forest management and other disciplines [that are] related to and support hunting. It is contrary to the mission of the Ranger School to not allow the carrying of firearms on the Ranger School Forest. The Board of Directors are in full support of the passage of the above mentioned bill and we encourage the changes needed to the Safe Act to accomplish this.

At present, the bill A1126-2015 is in the Codes Committee in the Assembly and Senate. The chairperson of the Assembly Codes Committee is the Honorable Joseph Lentol. His e-mail address is [LentolJ@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:LentolJ@assembly.state.ny.us). The chairperson for the Senate Codes Committee is the Honorable Michael Nozzolio. His e-mail address is [nozzolio@nysenate.gov](mailto:nozzolio@nysenate.gov).

This bill must be approved to be moved from the Codes Committee to the floor of both houses for a vote of passage. There are 2300+ alumni with many living in NY. The board is encouraging contact with their local legislator as well as the Codes Committee Chairs. However, even those no longer in NY can help get this bill passed so firearms may again be a part of the total Ranger School experience by contacting the Codes Committee Chairs.

There are many alumni who have gone on to become a member of the law enforcement ranks as Forest Rangers, Environmental Conservation Officers, Park Police and State Police. Just a bit of information, that may help convince a representative that this bill is important to the institution and its alumni.

Any alumni belonging to a sportsman organization, or shooting club is encouraged to get their support for the passage of this bill. The more groups involved will show that there is a wide range of support for the bill's passage. If you are not sure of your local state representative please go to the web and research the NYS Legislature. This is the second and final year for this bill. If it does not pass the process has to start over again. It has been 3 years since the passage of the Safe Act and let's make this the last year for this portion of the law. The new legislative session begins the first week of January 2016.



**Blue Ox News** - Robert T. Fleming '96

Practices began on 22 September 2015 in preparation for the first competition at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, New York on 3 October 2015. The teams (one Men's and a Jack & Jill) camped at a nearby KOA in Farmington, New York, the night before, reminiscent of when the meet was held at Cumming Nature Center. Prior to the event, on 26 September 2015, Chris Cicora ('96) provided a day of training to the students. Despite being injury plagued the day was an overall success. Chris also donated several pieces of equipment to include: a sawing station, a set chain mail and a Chainsaw, specifically for disc stack. On 17 October 2015 the two teams headed to Paul Smiths, New York for their second competition and a mixed bag of weather. The final outing for 2015 was ESF's home meet in Tully, New York, on 24 October 2015. Looking forward to next semester and two competitions in Cobleskill, New York and Alfred is hosting Spring Meet, no official dates yet. Special thanks go out to Ariane Tanski (Class of 2009) for her steadfastness, which does not go unnoticed. Whether its hot coffee and doughnuts on a cold morning at a completion or the axe in which she donated this year at ESF's meet.

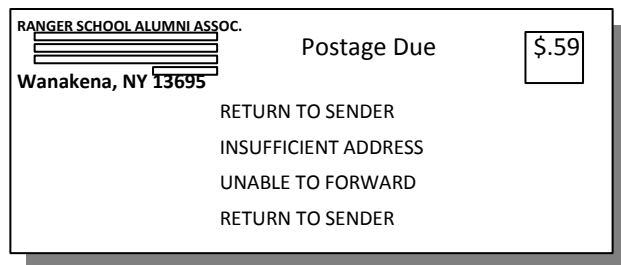
**Recruitment: Alumni Ambassadors**

While the College Admission Officers attend as many high school and college nights throughout the country, as possible, they can not attend all. Thus the Alumni Ambassador Network can play an important role in recruitment. The Alumni Ambassadors assist Admissions in reaching as many potential students as possible by filling the gaps that the Admission team is unable to. As an Alumni representative for the College/Ranger School you would participate in a "training session" (done on-campus, over the phone or on-line) with an Admissions Officer. These sessions would provide you with current information about the College and the Ranger School so that you are comfortable in your new role, while ensuring that the message we are sending to potential students is consistent and concise.

Our Alumni are one of the College's/Ranger School's greatest assets. It would be great to have you share that experience with future generations of ESF/Ranger School students. If you are interested in becoming an Alumni Ambassador please contact the ESF Alumni Association, 219 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210, phone: 315 470-6632 or [alumni@esf.edu](mailto:alumni@esf.edu). for the appropriate Volunteer Form. In addition please let our Ranger School Alumni secretary, Gail Simmons know of your interest.

— Ed White '59,  
Recruitment Committee Chair.

*Please keep current with address changes.  
We have to pay for each piece of mail that is returned. If you have a different winter/summer address, let us know.*



**REUNION:**

The 2015 Reunion seemed a little smaller than the previous year. Attendance was a bit less, meals consumed, and raffle/auction proceeds were much less.

If you have ideas for events, displays, or possible donors for the raffle/auction, we would love to add to our usual schedule.

Please contact the Reunion committee at the alumni office if you do. Your input is appreciated.

**82nd Annual  
NYS Ranger School  
Alumni Association  
2016 REUNION  
FRIDAY, AUG. 5th  
&  
SATURDAY, AUG. 6th**

Please take a minute to fill in your nominations and reasons for choices for both these awards on the back of the information sheet.

### **Philip J. Haddock Award for Excellence**

“The person selected does not have to be (or have been) an officer of the RSAA or a member of the Executive Committee, but neither should such persons be excluded. The person selected should be one who has made an outstanding contribution of some kind (not monetary). This contribution may be in the nature of a single, noteworthy act or a lower-keyed, but long-term commitment to the School and/or the RSAA or for alumni in general.”

#### **Previous P. J. HADDOCK AWARD WINNERS:**

1980 Clyde Powell '16	1992 Francis M. LaDuc '47	2004 Dick Thomas '54
1981 Lucian Plumley '31	1993 James E. Coufal '57	2005 Ken Myers '52
1982 C. Eugene Farnsworth	1994 Kermit E. Remele '43	2006 Lawrence Hill '50
1983 J. Wayne Morrow '33	1995 Gordon T. Hughes '56	2007 Charles Hartnett '51
1984 F.B. "Dinty" Moore '32	1996 Richard W. Miller '53	2008 Lee Berry '68
1985 Orrin L. Latham	1997 Hal Bush '27	2009 Bruce Williams '76
1986 Barry D. Nehr '60	1998 John Peck '43	2010 Gerald L. Kniskern '50
1987 Arthur E. Kopp '31	1999 Lawrence Rathman '72	2011 Wayne G. Allen '79
1988 Michael Salato '29	2000 Gail Simmons	2012 Bob Simmons
1989 Daniel Castagnozzi '50	2001 Thomas D. Martin '76	2013 Jerry Holbrook '56
1990 Mary Ann Remele '53	2002 Chris Westbrook '73	2014 Tom Hodges '53
1991 David G. Anderson '50	2003 Stephen Coulthart '53	2015 Pete Zubal '59

#### **KERMIT E. REMELE AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

This award is presented by the Ranger School Alumni Association in honor of Kermit E. Remele '43.

One of his greatest strengths was his ability to mobilize and motivate people to work for the betterment of the Ranger School.

The intent of this award is therefore to recognize groups of people whose combined efforts have gone beyond the norm to have a positive lasting influence on the Ranger School.

#### **2016 ALUMNI NEWS BOOK**

This is the beginning of the 2016 ALUMNI NEWS. **Please feel free to contribute articles, stories, artwork, photos, poetry, news etc.** that are informative, entertaining and interesting to other alumni. These articles may not necessarily be the views or opinions of the RSAA Board of Directors, or the editor, but this is YOUR book.

The cost of publishing the book is over \$6000. Boosters are again available. This helps defray the costs of publishing and it is a good place to advertise. Wouldn't you or your company like to be included?

If interested fill out the order form below and send it back with your donation.

Attach how you would like your ad listed and enclose the check payable to: "RSAA"

The rates are:

\_\_\_\_\_ Whole page @ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page @\$40 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ one line listing @ \$15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**From the Archives: In J. Otto Hamele's Words**  
**Kathy Greenwald '79**

A lot has been written about J. Otto Hamele – the man from East Otto, New York who first came to Wanakena in 1901 to work as a millwright for the Rich Lumber Company and chose to stay and make it his permanent home when the company moved on to Vermont in 1912. He was entrusted with liquidating all of the Rich Lumber Company's Wanakena properties and assets and helped to secure the 1,800 acre land donation from Herbert Rich used to establish the Ranger School. Hamele became an honorary Ranger School Alumni Association (RSAA) member when the RSAA was formed in 1928. As described in an essay by Wayne Allen '79 in ESF's 2012 book, The Ranger School, A Century in the Forest, Hamele was a well-respected community leader and a visionary who served in many public positions and civic organizations to promote local improvements as well as preserve the history of the area. His following article appeared in the January 1941 issue of The Lumber Camp News and in the RSAA's 1940 issue of The Alumni News. In J. Otto Hamele's own words:

**WANAKENA MAN NOTES LUMBERING CHANGES**

*Each month I read with interest, in the Lumber Camp News, of the progress of lumber operations in the Adirondacks. These jobs are the hangover of great lumbering operations that once prevailed throughout the North Country. It has been a long time since extensive lumbering was done in this vicinity, but a small pulp job carried on in Wanakena this past summer by the New York State Ranger School, should be noted, not for its size but for its significance.*

*In 1904, the writer stood on the tracks of a newly built logging railroad, looked down its long lane through balsams, tamaracks and cedars, and up at a hillside covered with the typical mixed forest of the Adirondacks, the product of ages of growth on the rocks and thin soil. Soon choppers and skidders began to remove the "good" softwood and the "best" hardwood trees and they were carted away on the railroad to the saw mill. From there they quickly passed on to the industrial world as lumber. The hillside stood ragged and decrepit, yet still with what time would have transformed into another forest.*

*In 1910, I again stood and watched great billows of flame sweep the valley and over the hillside. When they were gone there were only blackened stubs and logs. In 1912, I stood on top of this same hillside. It was still a scene of desolation. Covered with fire reddened rocks and the ghosts of a dead forest. This was at the beginning of the State Ranger School. In 1915, the students of the school planted the hillside to red pine. The trees grew rapidly and have now become a lusty forest.*

*Silvicultural practice, this year, removed a considerable number of these trees for the benefit of the forest (18 chords of 4-foot wood removed from 9 acres). These were peeled and cut into pulpwood length with a power saw. The old logging railroad grade and other tote roads have been converted into fine graveled truck trails, so that motor trucks can reach all parts of the new forest at any time of year.*

*The wood was loaded on trucks and transported to Syracuse to be converted into paper, in the paper making plant of the College of Forestry. The paper has already been used to print a number of issues of the Daily Orange, the student paper of Syracuse University.*

*Thus in one generation an old forest has gone and a new one come into being, and an educational institution has raised, from the tiny seed, the wood to make its own paper for its own newspaper.*

**Widows and Family**

At the October BOD meeting, the topic of widows and families of deceased Alumni was brought up. Question was asked, how does the RSAA stay in contact with the family and spouses? So far it seems to have been an informal side list kept by the Office Manager. Some discussion ensued as to whether a more formal process should be instituted. It was decided to table further action until the Winter BOD meeting when more info could be reviewed and time taken to make a better determine a proper course of action.

Any input from the Alumni regarding this topic would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Williams '76

**HAROLD L. SPAULDING MEMORIAL ALUMNI HOUSE**

It was another successful year at the alumni house. The house was booked almost all season, especially busy from the time school is out in June through October. We thank all who help make the house so comfortable and well-maintained.

Some of the furniture has seen better days, and were castoffs. A fund has been started to buy new furniture for the downstairs. Feel free to send donations to help defray costs. Don't forget the Spring cleanup April 29 & 30th. We have a good time and get a lot done! If you are interested in the lottery for the 2016 season, you will find the form below.

Reservations for the Spaulding Alumni House 2016 season can be made beginning Sunday February 1 through Saturday February 29 in writing.

**Donation Schedule: \$60.00/person/night \$80.00/family\*/night**

*\*Family is defined as immediate family only.*

*\*Extended families qualify as a group- groups of 4 or more get group rate \$250/Group rate\*/night*

**Guidelines for Reservations**

Maximum 1 Weekend per stay Additional days may be added to any weekend for a maximum of 7 night stay

Arrival time is after noon on first night of stay Departure time is 11:00 AM following last night stay

- 1) Reservations for the lottery shall be made in writing using the bottom of this page. When making reservation requests please include a self addressed stamped envelope for notification of lottery results. No E-mail or Phone Calls for Alumni House Lottery Reservations.
- 2) Return reservation forms between February 1, 2016 and February 29, 2016. Lottery Drawing will be held on March 10, 2016. Reservation notifications will be mailed out between March 13 and March 19, 2016. You may contact the Alumni Office after March 20, 2016 for any remaining dates available.

**Reservation Types:**

**(WK)** Week Stay: check in on Friday at noon through checkout the following Friday at 11:00am

**(WD)** Weekend Stay: check in on Friday at noon through check out on Sunday at 11:00am

**(AD)** Additional day (s), if available

**(HD)** Holiday Weekend Stay: Check in at noon Friday through check out Tuesday at 11:00am

**During the 2016 Alumni Reunion, Thurs. August 4 - Sunday Aug. 7, 2016, the Alumni House is unavailable.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ **Are your 2016 dues paid?** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people staying? \_\_\_\_\_ Which rate? Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_

**1st. Choice** Reservation type: WK ( ) WD ( ) HD ( ) AD ( )

Dates Requested: Arrive after noon: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd. Choice** Reservation type: WK ( ) WD ( ) HD ( ) AD ( )

Dates Requested: Arrive after noon: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd. Choice** Reservation type: WK ( ) WD ( ) HD ( ) AD ( )

Dates Requested: Arrive after noon: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form before February 29, 2016 to: RSAA, PO Box 48, Wanakena, NY 13695**

# 2016 Calendar

**January 20-22, 2016**  
NYSAPLS Surveying Conference  
at Turning Stone, Oneida, NY  
**Wednesday, Jan. 20th**  
Alumni Reception 7—9 PM  
Marble Hill Inn  
4482 Marble Hill Road  
Oneida, NY

**Jan 27-29, 2016**  
NYS SAF Conference  
Doubletree Hotel,  
Carrier Circle  
Syracuse, NY  
**Thurs. Jan. 28—6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
Alumni/SAF Reception  
Michigan/Ontario Room

**February 13 & 14, 2016**  
WOW, Winter weekend

**February ??, 2016**  
RSAA Winter Board meeting  
in Wanakena. TBD

**March 5, 2016**  
RS Student—Alumni Annual  
Hockey Tournament  
1—3 pm  
Tennity Ice Pavilion,  
Syracuse, NY

**Spring 2016**  
NYS Wildlife Society Meeting  
Place & time TBD

**April 23, 2016**  
RS Spring Open House  
Wanakena  
9:30—3:00

**April 29, 2016**  
RSAA Spring Board meeting

**April 29-30, 2016**  
Alumni House Work Weekend

**May 21, 2016**  
Class of 2016 Graduation

**May 29, - June 24, 2016**  
FNRM Summer Program  
at Wanakena.

**July 10, 2016**  
Ranger School  
Summer Bridge Program begins

**August 5 & 6, 2016**  
82nd Annual Alumni Reunion

**August 14, 2016**  
Class of 2017 Arrive

**October ??, 2016**  
RSAA Fall Bd. meeting  
Close the Alumni House.

~ ~ ~ *Sad News:* ~ ~ ~

**Barry Nehr, Class of 1960,**

passed away Sept. 25, 2015.

Barry's art was displayed on the covers of  
the ALUMNI NEWS for many years.

He is shown here, painting the mural on  
the back wall of the lecture hall at the Ranger  
School, his legacy; a very generous donation to  
celebrate the Ranger School's Centennial.



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