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Announcements

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Join the 2nd Annual Talent Show Alumni Weekend! Contact Karen Weber-Reynolds or Janica Kaltsas-Caster (315.889.7314 or emails on page 2) by September 20 with entry information or specific requests for acts from classmates.

Vendor tables are available during the Alumni Talent Show. If you have something to sell, come raise money for the Alumni Association. Share profits 50/50 or donate 100% to fund Alumni Scholarships for current students. Contact Janica Kaltsas-Caster by September 20 to arrange for a table and further details.

Coming Soon... Alumni 5-Year Pledge Plan!

Association Constitution & Bylaws updates to improve organizational functionality will be available for review and input soon!

September 28-30, 2018
55th Alumni Weekend at Union Springs Academy

Honor Classes & Groups

VIPs - All Classes 1921-1967
All Former Faculty

1933 - 85 years	1978 - 40 years
1938 - 80 years	1983 - 35 years
1943 - 75 years	1988 - 30 years
1948 - 70 years	1993 - 25 years
1953 - 65 years	1998 - 20 years
1958 - 60 years	2003 - 15 years
1963 - 55 years	2008 - 10 years
1968 - 50 years	2013 - 5 years
1973 - 45 years	Focus Era: 55-59

Weekend Schedule

Friday
- 2:00 p.m. Alumni Registration
- 3:30 p.m. Tours to MacKenzie-Childs and the Women's Rights National Historical Park
- 5:30 p.m. Supper in the Cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. Bonfire and Vespers Thought
- 8:30 p.m. Cider and Doughnuts

Saturday
- 8:30 a.m. Alumni Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Sabbath School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:30 p.m. Class Pictures
- 1:00 p.m. Alumni Banquet in gym *(meal ticket req'd)*
- 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Program
- 5:30 p.m. Reception with Refreshments
- 6:30 p.m. Vespers, Talent Show, Supper Concessions, Basketball/Volleyball pick up games

Sunday
- 10:00 a.m. Brunch in the Cafeteria

Meals tickets are available online at unionspringsacademy.org, by mailing a check to USA (include meal breakdown), call the USA business office with credit card payment, or purchase at registration. Pick up prepaid meal tickets at registration.

Meal Costs: Friday Supper & Sunday Brunch - $7 each, Sabbath Banquet - $10

All alumni and friends of USA are welcome to attend!

To better plan for our Sabbath afternoon meal, purchase meal tickets on our school website on the alumni page or email your RSVP to Janica Caster at development@unionspringsacademy.org. For more information, visit the Alumni page at www.unionspringsacademy.org or on the Union Springs Academy Alumni Facebook page. Thank you!

A Visit with Jennie Lee Rice

What a joy to visit with Jennie Lee Rice, Class of 1937. She will be 100 years old in December and, to our knowledge, is the oldest living USA alumna. She shared so many precious memories from her four years at USA, including sledding down Seminary Street across to the lake. Joan King, one of the Maranatha volunteers, joined the visit for a very special reason – her parents taught Jennie!

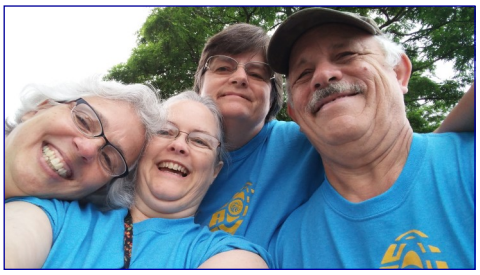
Joan's parents, Willis King '28 and Astrid Wendth-King '29, came back to USA as staff in the 1930s. Jennie showed Joan her yearbook and pictures! How it touched Joan's heart to hear Jennie's memories of Mr. King the history teacher and Mrs. King the wonderful music teacher. Joan never dreamed she would come to USA and meet one of her parents' students from so very long ago.

We look forward to having Jennie as a special guest at Alumni Weekend this September! Be sure to come and visit!

Janica Kaltsas-Caster '90

Janica Kaltsas-Caster '90, Jennie Lee Rice '37, Joan King Maranatha Volunteer & daughter of alumni/staff

Run, Walk, Soar at the 9th Annual USA Eagle Run!



Ruth Ann Ford-Rizzo '79, Jenni Austin-Carr '78, Karen Weber Reynolds '75 , Tom Reynolds Honorary '75

On Sunday, June 24th the 9th Annual USA Eagle Run took place at Union Springs Academy (USA) with nearly 60 runners participating, including many USA alumni, NY Conference camp meeting attendees, and local community runners. This 5K Run/Walk event is certified by the USATF and the money raised goes to support scholarships for students attending Union Springs Academy.

Kelsey Hamm-Hayes '01 coordinates the Eagle Run throughout the year along with a dedicated team of alumni including Nathan Hamm '96, Larry Hayes '99, Joe Foote '92, and Jerry Hamm '70. A kids Fun Run proceeded the 5K race with David Mancebo who had a finish time of 3:35. In first place, overall for the 5K was John Kolh with a great time of 19:46. After the run, the participants enjoyed snacks donated by Chobani and Nutrition Bar Confectioners as well as massages provided by alumnus Lynee Stevens-Hamm '73, from Willow River Therapeutic Massage. Drawing prizes from local businesses in Cayuga County were also awarded to several runners.

The run was sponsored by local community businesses, alumni, and church organizations including Cayuga Lake National Bank, Saxton Electric, Brighton Hill Chiropractic, Kevin's Car Care, SNE Adventist Book Center, and Dr. Beth Cady Burghardt. We thank all the alumni who ran or sponsored the event to help provide $2,000 in scholarships to be awarded this fall.

Janica Kaltsas-Caster '90

Remembering Those Who Await His Coming

Death	Alumnus	Class
9/6/2017	Earnest Arnold "Bud" Roberts	'48
3/6/2018	Elizabeth A. "Libby" Reynolds-Nelson-Guthrie	'38
3/14/2018	Dennis Terry Anderson	'56
3/22/2018	Charlotte Caster Prest	'50
5/1/2018	Gordon Caster	'54
5/1/2018	Dwight Hogancamp	'74
5/19/2018	John N. Crane	'50
5/26/2018	Lynell Berkeley Dickerman	'62
6/4/2018	Donald Eugene Wright	'50
6/7/2018	Leanard Jerome "Jerry" Lastine	'47
6/15/2018	Phyllis Jean Harris-Amos	'58

Reserve Accomodations Now for Alumni Weekend!

Camp Meeting Cabins

- Contact the Academy for Rates & Reservations 315.889.7314

Hotels In Auburn, NY

- Days Inn by Wyndham
  37 Williams Street
  315.370.9004
- Hilton Garden Inn
  74 State Street
  888.690.5247
- Holiday Inn
  75 North Street
  888.305.3366
- Inn at The Fingerlakes
  12 Seminary Avenue
  800.881.1523
- Springside Inn
  6141 West Lake Road
  315.252.7247

Strawberry Shortcake Feed - Take 2!

June 23rd, the first camp meeting weekend, brought the second annual strawberry festival to the USA cafeteria. Many came out and enjoyed reconnecting with friends from years past and new alumni as well. In every corner and at every table people engaged in animated conversation, walking down memory lane and catching up on the latest news. The time shared together was as sweet as the strawberries eaten!

Kelsey Hamm Hayes '01 & Jessica Johnson Travers '01
Lifelong friends since Academy!

Carl and Nancy Ballweber - dedicated former Maintenance Director and Asst Girls' Dean in the '60s and '70s. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year!

Plan now to join us next year when we hope to serve strawberries grown by the students in the Academy greenhouse and enjoy another fun gathering together!

Karen Weber-Reynolds '75

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Class of 2018 Induction Ceremony

On Friday, June 8, 18 students were inducted into the Alumni Association. What an exciting evening as each heard their names called as they went up to receive their certificate. Ten of the inductees graduated as on Sunday, June 9. The other eight were students who attended as part of the class over the past four years. They include: Susan Barahona, Marianny Collado, Donae Gilbert, Shane Linder, Wexler Lopez, Kurt Raymond, Logan Sweet, and Zyaida Wolfe.

This new class of inductees heralds from all over the conference and six were proud to say they attended USA for four years. Each testified that attending USA changed his or her life spiritually and they all grew closer to God as a result of their time at our alma mater.

Wilkin, Brook, Jussy, Ethan, Say Htoo Paw, Hsar Law Hsaw, Melanie, CJ, Isaac, Qaadir

Alumni Scholarships

Angelique Muhoza and Evelyn Elliman, both from the class of 2019, were awarded Alumni Scholarships for $250 each. The Alumni Association is planning on awarding more scholarships in the Fall.

Janica Kaltsas-Caster '90, Karen Weber-Reynolds '75, Angelique Muhoza, Evelyn Elliman, Netta Smith-Blakes '82

Post-Graduation Plans

Each of the new Alumni shared the following plans for the future.

Brook Garlock: Union College, undecided

Ethan Sacchetti-Geurdon: Southwestern University, Theology

Qaadir (Q) Singletary: Summer work, college undecided. Would like to coach basketball

Hsar Law Hsaw: Completed summer Pharmacy Tech program, Mohawk Valley Community College

Melanie Llanto: William Paterson University, Nursing

Say Htoo Paw: Nursing or Cosmetology

Wilkin Beltre-Romero: Completed summer Pharmacy Tech program, Monroe Community College, Physical Therapy and Biology

Jussy Poe: Mohawk Valley Community College, Culinary Arts

Isaac Murwanashyaka: Mohawk Valley Community College, Mechanical Engineering

Christopher (CJ) Thomas-Binns: Andrews University, Biology/Pre-Vet

On behalf of the Union Springs Academy Alumni Executive Committee, I would like to welcome each new inductee and encourage them to stay in touch with each other, become active alumni, and continue to support our USA.

Netta Blakes, '82
Alumni Association President

Renovation Weeks & Maranatha Improvements

2018 USA Renovation Weeks with Maranatha are complete resulting in many updates to our dear school.

Girls' Dorm

The second floor is complete and ready for new flooring, which will be installed before printing of this edition of ReEchoes.

The lobby received a complete overall with wainscoting, fresh paint, new lighting and new flooring.

In the fitness room, removal of carpet and old tile and the addition of fresh paint and new lighting renewed the room. Ceiling repair and floor replacement will complete the makeover.

Power washing, repaired cracks and the first of two applications of concrete provided the base for the front patio facelift. Once the weather cooperates the second coat and sealer will finish the job.

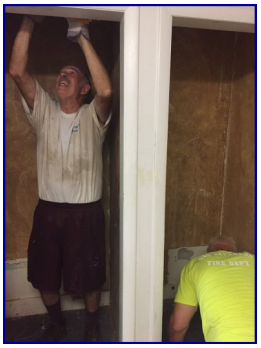
Boys' Dorm

All painting on the second floor was completed when volunteers finished the room doors. Both stairwells have fresh paint and new lighting, awaiting the completion of the handrails.

Repair and replacement of the dean's deck, which started last year, is now fully complete.

Industry Building

In great need of repointing of the block mortar joints, 12 different young people scraped away peeling paint and loose mortar. They mixed new mortar and tuck pointed the block mortar joints so now the building can be freshly painted and sealed!



Landscaping & Containers

Significant strides were made in the flower beds and other areas.

The four storage containers were emptied and removed from campus after a year and a half. New grass seed will be planted and the former storage area reclaimed.

Planning for 2019 Renovation Weeks is already in process. A $25,000 matching donation kicks off the fundraising of the needed $75,000 goal. Projects include the boys' dorm lobby, new flooring, LED lighting and painting for the first floor of both dorms (about 35 rooms total).

Accomplishing all this requires many hands. Ideally, 100 people per week will allow completion of everything. The intent is that the Maranatha volunteers will supplement the Renovation Weeks workforce. Renovation Weeks started as a way for alumni and NY Conference members to support Union Springs Academy with physical improvement. The last two years Maranatha joined us and we have been blessed beyond measure, but we've missed alumni and NYC members.

For the 2019 Renovation Weeks we look forward a workforce filled with representatives from the alumni family. USA needs your help, but more importantly... YOU will be blessed! Please prayerfully consider how God may be asking you to be involved!

John Cardinell '78
Project Coordinator

Financial Update

Alumni from institutions across the world support their associations and schools every day. To meet the goals of our USA Alumni Association mission statement, we need your support. To contribute, please send your donation, clearly marked "Alumni Association" with the specific alumni fund of your choice (as shown below), to PO Box 524 Union Springs, NY 13160.

Donation Fund Options:

- Alumni Weekend Expense
- Communication Expense - ReEchoes, Announcements, etc.
- General Expenses - Chapter meetings, misc. expenses, supplements to other funds as needed
- Buy a Brick - Proceeds supplement scholarships, financial aid, special projects, etc.
- Scholarships -
  - General Alumni: Academic based
  - General Alumni: Financial Aid
  - Student of Alumni Parent/ Grandparent
  - Class of '55
  - Class of '61

With the exception of the General Expenses fund, donations to specific accounts will NOT be moved to any other fund.

A full financial report will be available Alumni weekend.

Accepting Nominations!

Two officer positions are open, Treasurer and Member-at-Large A. Volunteer or submit nominations to Janica Kaltsas-Caster via email at development@unionspringsacademy.org Elections will be held alumni weekend in person and via online voting.

Alumni Basketball Games

Prepare now for the official alumni games in March! Always a fun time to interact with the students and enjoy the excitement of informal competition. Watch for more details as the time gets closer!

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Opportunities to Serve!

A couple of non-voting volunteer positions remain open. If you are willing and able to help, please contact an alumni officer.

- Distribution Manager (for ReEchoes and other communications)
- Fundraiser (for Alumni Association only, not for the Academy)

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