



# ALUMNI WARWHOOP

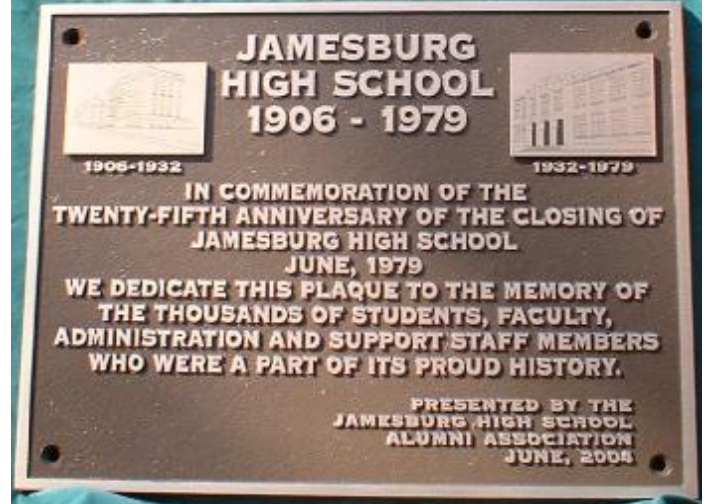
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## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> was a day of memories as over one hundred Jamesburg High School Alumni, faculty members and administrators gathered together in the Forsgate Commons building to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the closing of Jamesburg High School.

The commemorative program was modeled after a typical JHS assembly. After the flag salute and opening prayer (a can't do in later years), the JHS pledge was recited. It was amazing to see how many alumni did recited the pledge from memory.

After a history of Jamesburg High School by Ron Becker '63, the principal address was delivered by Mr. Michael Gaeta, former JHS principal and Jamesburg Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Gaeta's presentation included his fond



memories of his JHS years as teacher, principal and superintendent, a few "now it can be told stories," and a reflection on the uniqueness of Jamesburg High School — a uniqueness that the mega high schools of today are seeking to have but we once had — where the school was small enough for teachers and administrators to know every student, where every student knew every teacher, and everyone worked together as one for the good of the school.

Following Mr. Gaeta's presentation, Mr. Tom Bodall, a member of the Jamesburg Board of Education thanked the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association for the fine work it was doing in preserving the memory of Jamesburg High School and that the plaque would be a reminder that Jamesburg once had a high school. Mrs. Shirley Ann Bzdeuka, the current Jamesburg Superintendent of Schools, told the assembly that although the high school had already been closed for a number of years by the time she came to the Jamesburg school system, she still hears people talking about "their" high school, and, taking note on Mr. Gaeta's comment on the uniqueness of Jamesburg High, that uniqueness continues today in the Jamesburg school system, where every teacher knows every student, every student knows every teacher and all work together for the good of the school.

As the *Alma Mater* was sung, Mr. Gaeta and Coach Matteo unveiled the plaque, appropriately covered in a JHS varsity basketball uniform. The program closed with a recording of the Jamesburg High School Alumni Choir singing the benediction, *The Lord Bless and Keep You*.

Following the program, one of Jamesburg High School's long-time math teachers, Miss Barbara Wells, who came down from Dennis, Massachusetts, remarked that the ceremony "finally brought closure to the closing of Jamesburg High School. It took twenty-five years to do so, but today we were able to say 'good-bye.'"

Prior to the program, thirty-five alumni and faculty members took the opportunity to visit *Lakeview*, this historic Buckelew mansion, and the Jamesburg High School Room. Following the program, thirty-two gathered at *Fiddleheads* (the former Col-lur's) for three and a half hours of reminiscing, renewing old friendships and making new.

Copies of the commemorative program are available upon request. Send a stamped, self-addressed #10 (business-sized) envelope to the JHSAA, c/o Auto King Parts, 67 East Railroad Avenue, Jamesburg, NJ 08831-1467. Pictures and links to newspaper articles related to the event are available on our website: [www.jamesburghighalumni.org](http://www.jamesburghighalumni.org).

### RENOVATION FUND AT \$7,020.00



Thanks to the generosity of 104 Jamesburg High Alumni, faculty members and friends, the JHS Room Renovation Fund now stands at \$7,020.00. There is still time to make a donation. You will find a donation form on page 3 of this newsletter.

### WE'RE READY TO GO!

At its July meeting, the JHSAA appointed Joe Donnelly '66 as chairman of the JHS Room Renovation Committee. That same month, the Jamesburg Historical Association approved the transfer of the Jamesburg High School Room to a larger room.

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*JHS Room, continued*

Joe recently met with Joe Sciliari, the Historic Association's historical architectural adviser, to determine what work needs to be done in the room before the contents of the present JHS Room are transferred to the new room.

If you would like to be a member of this Committee, please contact Joe Donnelly at [autokingparts@aol.com](mailto:autokingparts@aol.com) or at 732-521-0474. We are especially seeking members of the building trades to serve on the committee.

## TESTING TWO TOWNS

Last fall two Freshman from Monroe Township High School came to a JHSAA meeting to interview JHS alumni for a paper on they were writing for a school project. Danielle Dougherty and Julianna Lopez, both Jamesburg residents, chose to write their paper on Jamesburg High School. Their reflection on their project follows.

### "Testing Two Towns"

#### The Exchange of Students Between

#### Monroe Township and Jamesburg 1846 – 2004

By: Danielle Dougherty and Julianna Lopez

Most people would think that two teenagers that worked on a project for an entire year and all through spring break must have been getting a grade for it. For us, however, that wasn't the case. We were doing our project for as a part of Social Studies TAG, an extra-curricular activity run at MTHS and Applegarth Middle School. Every year the members of Social Studies TAG participate in New Jersey History Day, a statewide competition whose winners go on to National History Day. For this competition, participants must pick a subtopic to go along with the theme and then create a project to go with it. These projects are later presented and judged at William Paterson University during the last week of April. This year we choose to do an exhibit regarding the exchange of high school students entitled "Testing Two Towns" The Exchange of Students Between Monroe Township and Jamesburg 1846-2004.

In September, we began researching via the public library, microfiche machines, the Internet, and the library at

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## IN MEMORIAM

Francis Hoffman '53  
Helen Ash Kulpa '33  
Peter Lindstrom '55  
Carolyn Mancuso Shulas '63  
Chester Damecki '65  
Elizabeth Platt Lingard '66

*Our condolences to their families*

If you learn of the death of one of your classmates or a JHS alumnus/a, please notify the JHSAA at [AlumniWarwhoop@aol.com](mailto:AlumniWarwhoop@aol.com).

# CLASS REUNIONS

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 1954

Plans for your **50<sup>th</sup>** are progressing. The Reunion kicks off on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and concludes with a dinner at Pierre's, South Brunswick on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. A visit to Lakeview and the Jamesburg High School Room are part of the planned activities. If you haven't already responded to your invitation, please do so soon. Contact Barbara Kuehne Ohmott (856-769-1466 or [Ohmott1@comcast.net](mailto:Ohmott1@comcast.net)).

## IS YOUR CLASS PLANNING A REUNION?

The Jamesburg High School Alumni Association is available to assist any class planning a class reunion. If your planned Reunion is in the Jamesburg area, the Association can also arrange for Lakeview and the Jamesburg High School Room to be open so that interested persons may tour both. Contact the Association for more information.



The Jamesburg High School Alumni Association would like to extend its thanks to the following alumni who recently contributed items to the JHSAA for inclusion in the Jamesburg High

School Room: Don and Rolinda Oliver Brackbill '64, Dianne Becker Hermanski '65, Mrs. Barbara Doxey and Miss Barbara Wells, JHS faculty members.

If you're interested in donating your JHS items to the Association, please contact us at [AlumniWarwhoop@aol.com](mailto:AlumniWarwhoop@aol.com) or at the address below to make arrangements. Please do not send any items without first contacting us. We're especially interested in play programs, prom programs, issues of the *Warhoop*, *Reporter* and *Shadow*, report cards (if you're willing to expose your grades) and the like.



## ALUMNI WARWHOOOP

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Two Towns, continued

Rutgers. Once we had some background knowledge, we began talking to old students, Board of Education officers, superintendents, teachers, and the JHS Alumni Association. We learned a lot about the history of JHS and MTHS. We learned when they opened, what they taught, who attended, and why JHS was forced to close. We learned why they were necessary and the effects they had on our two towns.

We also learned how much people loved the two schools and how much they meant to them. Everyone was so enthusiastic about our project, and they all had stories to tell. It was evident to us how much everyone enjoyed their experience at JHS or MTHS, and we just hope that one day we can say the same about our high school years.



**THIRD  
ALL-CLASS REUNION  
Saturday, April 30, 2005  
Holiday Inn  
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Complete information will be  
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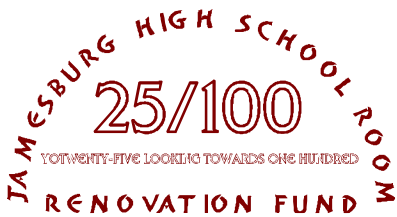


Clifford Errickson '66  
Lynn Panettiori  
Errickson '69

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