

## 2019 Reunion

**Honored Classes: 1969, 1994, 2009, 2019**

**Honorary Mention to all years ending with 4's & 9's!**

Sat., May 25, 2019

At Whitesville Central School

Social Hour 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Business meeting to follow dinner

- **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY , MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**
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### ***Highlights from the 2018 Dinner & Meeting:***

- *50 WCS Alumni attended with 20 guests, 8 from the Senior Class and 2 special guests, Mr. and Mrs. David Palmiter. Mr. Palmiter is still servicing WCS after 51 years.*
- *6 attended from the 50-year Class of 1968; 3 attended from the 25-year Class of 1993; 3 attended from the 10-year Class of 2008 and 8 from the graduating Class of 2018.*
- *A moment of silence was held for 13 deceased alumni lost in the past year.*
- *Oldest Alumni attending was Phyllis (Hurlburt) Rigby, Class of 1943 --- 75 years!*
- *Farthest Traveling Alumni was Vaughn Ransom of North Carolina, Class of 1979*
- *Door Prize winner was Patricia Cook*
- *Scholarship Winners were: Kendra Baumer, \$1,000, Jacob Erdmann, Carson Grover, Rachel Hoffer, Amber Lewis, and Daniel Lewis*
- *Treasurer's report by Yvonne Simmons:*
  - *50/50 collection: \$601*
  - *Scholarship collection to date: \$3,356*
  - *Yearbook donations collected: \$786*
  - *Project donations collected: \$2,179 (Whitesville Rural Cemetery)*
  - *Dues collected: \$324*

- *Checking balance to date: \$13,851.62 (dinner bill & scholarships to be paid)*
- *50/50 winners were: Christa Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> place \$174.50; JoAnn Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$104.70; Leah Potter, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$69.80.*

The Alumni Committee has decided on 2 projects this year:

**Project 1:** STEAM Camp and Lego Robotics: In 2016 the very first STEAM Camp at Whitesville Central School was offered. The idea of having middle school students stay for an additional four days in June gave us an opportunity to teach **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM)** skills in a fun, camp-like atmosphere. We wanted students to leave for the summer, excited about their year and their learning. Middle school teachers with interests and expertise in special areas of STEAM, planned hands-on activities that helped students explore and create. They were given group challenges that promoted cooperation with a little bit of competition thrown in. Some of the offered mini-sessions over the years have been: robotics, movie-making, water music, hot air balloon making, rocketry, recycled race cars, etc. All in all, STEAM Camp has been a huge success. We are going into our fourth year and due to our capital project, space for the program will be a problem. This problem created an opportunity and drove us to look at other ways to offer the camp. We will be partnering with Andover and Bolivar-Richburg and we will offer STEAM Camp at the Alfred Tech campus in Wellsville. This will create a whole host of new challenges and costs but will also give our students new opportunities to get out of their comfort zone and work with students they are unfamiliar with. We are excited to see all of the new learning that takes place this year.

**Lego Robotics:** Some of the important new skills of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century include computer programming, design, creativity and teamwork. The F.I.R.S.T. Lego League is an international, hands-on program for students ages 9-15 that enables students to research a real-world problem and challenges them to find a solution. They must also design, build and program a robot using Lego Mindstorms technology and compete on a tabletop playing field. Team members learn to apply STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts to create, problem-solve and work together. Our WCS team members have doubled over the past two years of having the program here at Whitesville Central School. This

school year, 20 middle school students participated. We are looking at expanding next year into the VEX Robotics program for older students as well. The robots and supplies are very costly but the learning opportunities for our students who participate are well worth the challenges. For the past two years, WCS teams have come in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the regional competition. They went on to compete at the University of Rochester in the championship tournament.

***Project 2:*** We will continue to collect donations for the annual **Yearbook** to keep the publication expenses and price to the public down. This year, as has been advertised in the Bluejay By-Lines, there will be an elementary yearbook as well. Our annual donations are very much appreciated!

**Annual Dues of \$2.00** per alumni are important to the continued success of the operation of the Alumni Committee. If your dues are not received for 3 consecutive years, your name will be removed from the annual mailing list.

Please use the enclosed form for dinner reservations, donations & dues.

We are looking forward to seeing many old friends & classmates at this year's dinner. We hope you will join us!

2019 WCS Alumni Committee

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- ❖ *Visit the school website:* [www.whitesvillesd.org](http://www.whitesvillesd.org)
- ❖ *WCS is Drug Free/Tobacco Free zone*