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May her praises never die!



## 125th Annual Alumni Banquet Saturday, June 25, 2022



WCS Cafenadium  
5:00 to 6:15 p.m. Social Hour and School Tours  
Dinner Promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner menu yet to be determined

**Guest Speaker: Helen Konstany Rees and Joan Bobnick**  
Class of 62 Remembers 60 years.

If your address or email address has changed since 2021, please send your new information.  
**Please give us your email address so we can save on postage costs and invite you digitally.**

Please respond by June 15, 2022 to:

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**Please Note:**

The WCS kitchen staff may not be able to accommodate reservations received after June 15th due to potential food supply and cost issues.

Cost for dinner: \$20 per person. Alumni please include annual dues of \$2, for a total of \$22  
Checks payable to WCS Alumni Association

### PLEASE SEND PAYMENT WITH YOUR RESERVATION

I  will  will not be able to attend the 2022 WCS Alumni event.

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

# of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Change of Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ALUMNI BANQUET WEEKEND HAPPENINGS**

The band “Atomic Rewind” will be performing at the East Worcester Fish & Game Club at 8pm on Friday the 24th. The Worcester Wieting Theatre is still host to movies and plays. When in town please be sure to visit. Web site is: [www.wietingtheatre.com](http://www.wietingtheatre.com). A visit to the Worcester Historical Society would also be a nice addition to your schedule while in town.

### **FIRE DEVASTATES WORCESTER**

By Jim Poole and Marilyn Dufresne, published April 7th 2022, Times Journal, excerpt used with permission.

A horrific fire ripped through three storefronts in Worcester early Saturday morning [April 2], leaving an empty hole on Main Street. Worcester, East Worcester, Schenevus, Westford and Oneonta departments responded, and Chief Empie called for the Cobleskill aerial truck and a tanker from Richmondville. Wind whipped the flames, and the fire spread from Hidden Memories [former Worcester Market] to the other two attached storefronts, which were vacant. But the blaze might have destroyed nearby buildings if firefighters hadn't acted quickly and the water supply wasn't sufficient. There were no injuries. The fire could have been worse. The aerial trucks and other hoses were putting out 4,000 gallons per minute, Chief Empie said, and the attack used Worcester's 300,000-gallon water tank. Eventually, firefighters drew water from Caryl's Lake, Worcester's back-up water supply. Even so, buildings in the area—Putnam Insurance, Country Boy Realty, Worcester White House Inn and Worcester Historical Society—suffered heat damage.

### **THE MERGER FAILED- NOW WHAT?**

By Tim Gonzales excerpt from Superintendent's Message December 3, 2021, used with permission.

While merging would have provided definite short-term and long-term advantages, we are not in a financial or academic position where we must merge with another district. Rest assured that our financial position is extremely solid, and I encourage you to review our most recent long range plan presentation and documents provided by WCSD's financial advisor Dr. Rick Timbs. The presentation and documents demonstrate that our current finances are strong and will sustain WCSD into the future. Moving forward, we will continue to provide the highest quality of education. We will continue to look for innovative and creative ways to provide our students with challenging and rewarding educational opportunities and activities. You also may be wondering: what happens now that the vote didn't pass in both school districts? The Commissioner's order of an annexation merger is still valid and since the proposition failed in Schenevus they could have a revote. Worcester would not have to revote because the proposition has already passed. To revote in Schenevus, they would have to wait one year from December 1st of 2021. That vote would also have to be held before December 1st of 2023. (Basically, it would have to be held between December 2, 2022 to December 1, 2023). If the question of annexation is defeated a second time in Schenevus, or if it is not brought to a second vote within the 2 years of the initial vote, the annexation order becomes null and void. However, if the second vote was approved in Schenevus, the annexation would become effective July 1 after the vote.

## **GRADUATION & PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT PICTURES IN MAIN HALL OF WCS**

We are still searching for Graduation Class photos for the following years: 1891, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1897, and 1898, 1901-1906, 1908-1910, 1912, 1915, and 1920.

Principal photos still needed: Calvin T. Northrup (1889-1890); Frank H. Coffran (1891-1892); C. E. Temple (1912); H. L. Cook (1916); H. L. Robinson (1917); D. W. Ingalls (1924-1925); and, J. H. Green (1926-1927).

## **ALUMNI HANDBOOK**

Our Alumni Handbook will be available at the banquet, which will include miscellaneous information about Worcester and East Worcester schools, Alma Mater of both schools, all A. B. Doig and Alumni Award recipients since inception, and a listing of all alumni classes from 1889 to present. We know you will enjoy this handbook. Contact Norma Ralph (see front page) if you would like a copy mailed to you. Donations toward the cost of printing would be appreciated.