

## **Penquis Valley High School Alumni Association 2007 Newsletter**

Greetings Alumnus:

It is time once again to get together for our annual alumni meeting. I hope you will join me in encouraging former classmates to come and be a part of our alumni association.

This is an excellent way to keep in touch with old friends, make new friends, and provide scholarship money to young people. If nothing else, it's a good excuse to get together once a year and have a little fun. At last year's meeting, we gathered 128 names and addresses for our Association roster. Not all were able to attend the meeting, but did express an interest in being a part of this endeavor.

At our organizational meeting last year we voted to have our annual meeting the same week as Brownville Days. This year we will meet at the "Old CP Railroad Station" in Brownville Junction (currently used by the ATV Club) on August 18, 2007 at 1 p.m. Please come and help us keep this project on track.

One of the items we need to discuss at our meeting is an offer from the BJHS Alumni Association to have our group join/merge with theirs. We need to give this careful consideration and determine if we could make it work. On the positive side; they are well established and own an Alumni Hall.

The challenge for us would be to find a way to be a part of their group but not lose our identity. Below is a quote from their 2007 Newsletter:

"At our last yearly meeting we voted to extend an invitation to Penquis Valley Alumni. As they are our successors we thought that having them join us, it would help us now as younger members are sorely needed, and help us later, when we are too old to keep up the hall. At our meeting last night we had a representative, Seth Barden, join us. We extended an invitation to him to have his Alumni Association join us at our August meeting and banquet."

I have included their newsletter and a reservation form for the BJHS Alumni Banquet. You must RSVP if you plan on joining me in attending.

Another item for us to consider is a way to preserve the memory of our fellow classmates that are no longer with us. I lost a dear friend and classmate this past winter and personally know of 4 others that have passed on since we graduated; and I'm sure there are many more. I think we should keep an "In Memory Of" roster along with our association directory. If you know of someone that should be added to this list, please email me with their name (include maiden name) and their class, and I will bring the list with me to the meeting.

We also need to look at ways to raise and distribute scholarship money. We have also received a letter concerning an after school program for MSAD 41. We will talk about these more in August. Please come to our meeting at 1 p.m. on August 18th to decide the future of our association.

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