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Thoughts from Our Alumni President...

Dear Fellow Alumni:

How quickly time passes. Before we know it, our school's Centennial Celebration will be upon us - it is happening this year from September 17-19, 2021. We are planning a big event right here on the Academy campus to celebrate this milestone. This is our alma mater, and I hope that many of you will be able to attend. We are working hard to make this a weekend you will truly cherish, including some memorable events and speakers that you won't want to miss. Elder Ted Wilson and Elder John Thomas will be here, along with many others who are coming to help us make this weekend a special, unforgettable event. A USA history museum is being planned with memorabilia from the last 100 years. Class pictures of all the graduating classes will be displayed on the walls in the ad building to view as you stroll down the halls.

It is my hope that each of you will think back fondly to the time that you attended here. Some of my memories include weeks of prayer, jail bands, choir and band trips, along with many other activities here on our campus. I know that the presence of God is here watching out for our school. I see it daily in the kids who are here now, and it makes me reflect on times past and how God has led me through the years to the place where I am now. I hope that as each of you contemplates coming, that you will think about the good things that happened here - the baptisms, the weeks of prayer, the choir that sang, the band that played, basketball games, volleyball games, or whatever it might be that is in your memory that made this place special in your heart. My hope is that each of you will come and make one more memory here at our alma mater.

You won't want to miss securing your own copy of the special Centennial edition yearbook, covering the whole 100 years of our school's existence, bringing memories to life. The books will be available for purchase at the Centennial or you can pre-order now.

My prayer is that you will each continue in health and look forward to the day that we will join our Heavenly Savior when He comes to take us home. As it says in Isaiah 40:31: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

May God be with you until we meet again.

Sincerely,

Karen Weber-Reynolds '75
Alumni President



**CENTENNIAL
ALUMNI WEEKEND**
September 17-19, 2021
Class Honor Years

1935 & 1936 - 85 th	1980 & 1981 - 40 th
1940 & 1941 - 80 th	1985 & 1986 - 35 th
1945 & 1946 - 75 th	1990 & 1991 - 30 th
1950 & 1951 - 70 th	1995 & 1996 - 25 th
1955 & 1956 - 65 th	2000 & 2001 - 20 th
1960 & 1961 - 60 th	2005 & 2006 - 15 th
1965 & 1966 - 55 th	2010 & 2011 - 10 th
1970 & 1971 - 50 th	2015 & 2016 - 5 th
1975 & 1976 - 45 th	All Former Faculty



Announcing...



**4th Annual USA Alumni
Strawberry
Shortcake Feed!**
Saturday, June 26, 2021
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
**Location to be announced
at Camp Meeting.**

Please RSVP to Patty Dunham at dunhamp916@gmail.com
or call USA at 315-889-7314 and ask for the Alumni Office.

**Alumni Weekend Accommodations Guide
September 17-19, 2021**

Area Lodging

(Visit lodging websites for reservations or call the number provided.)

Days Inn by Wyndham 119

37 Williams Street, Auburn
(315) 370-9004 or (855) 470-1611

Finger Lakes Lodging- (4 Star rating)

834 West Genesee, Skaneateles (315) 217-0222

Hampton Inn—Seneca Falls

1950 Balsley Rd, Seneca Falls
(315) 539-3939

Hilton Garden Inn (4 Star Rating)

74 State Street, Auburn
315-252-5511 - Call with Code: **USPA21**
(First come, special rate through 08/03/2021)
Friday night: \$239/Saturday night: \$159

Holiday Inn (4 Star Rating)

75 North Street, Auburn
(315) 253-4531 (**\$149/night - first-come,**
available until 08/17/2021; Code: USA)

Inn at the Finger Lakes

12 Seminary Street, GPS 12 John Street, Auburn
(315) 253-5000 (**\$110-Doubles, \$100-Junior Suites**
until 08/06/2021)

Inns of Aurora

<https://innsofaurora.com/>

Laura Hubbell House B & B

42 Cayuga Street, Seneca Falls - (315) 712-4382

Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham

1966 Route 5 and, US-20, Seneca Falls
(315) 539-8438

Springside Inn

6141 West Lake Road, Auburn—(315) 252-7247

Skaneateles Suites

174 East Genesee St, Skaneateles
(315) 685-7568

Super 8/Auburn Inn

19 McMaster St, Auburn
(315) 253-8886

Van Cleef Homestead Bed & Breakfast

86 Cayuga St, Seneca Falls—(315) 568-2275

Also, many of these accommodations are available for more reasonable rates on these dates through online travel sites such as Priceline, Expedia, Hotels.com, etc.

On-Campus Camping Sites

RV sites and tent sites are available for **\$24 a night**. There is no sewer hookup for the RV's, but there is a dump station over by the **Broom Shop/ Industry Building**. There are electrical hookups available.

The **Bathhouse** will be open and available. The **Maintenance Building Bathrooms** (right behind the girls' dorm) will also be available for the tent and RV campers.

To reserve an RV /Tent Site, please e-mail Patty Dunham at dunhamp916@gmail.com or call 315-889-7314 ext.106.

Pastor's Corner: Devotional

“Encouragement”

By Pastor Rob Randall '70

The situation of Christians in Jerusalem was dire after the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jewish leaders there had joined with the Romans in an outbreak of persecution. To accept the risen Jesus for these early believers in Jerusalem meant being ostracized from society, their families, and their jobs. All visible sources of sustenance and support were denied them if they made the decision to follow Jesus. Yet, they were convicted by the Spirit that had been poured out at Pentecost. Many could not deny their convictions and boldly accepted Christ at the risk of poverty, abandonment by their families, and possible death. It was both a wonderful and terrible time combined. There was a serious danger that the early movement of the Spirit would be quashed thru discouragement.

At this critical time when all was on the line and the early Christians were in danger of being overcome and overwhelmed, God used Joseph of Cyprus, a Levite, not one of the better known names in the New Testament. Joseph saw what was happening, he saw the great needs of the early believers who were being rejected by their families and losing visible means of support. To meet this crisis and change history, Joseph did the unthinkable. He sold a very valuable piece of land that he owned and gave the proceedings to take care of the early Christians who had lost everything to follow Jesus. His generous gift made an incredible difference to the fragile fledgling body of Christ as well as giving an example of brotherly love to them which became contagious, therefore, this early crisis in the burgeoning church was averted.

Joseph of Cypress makes another appearance in the NT when he took Paul under his wing. Saul (later Paul) had engineered much of the persecution in Jerusalem against the early Christians and those traumatized believers wanted nothing to do with him. After his conversion Paul went to Jerusalem to unite with the church there, but the Christian leadership, understandably, were not ready to trust him. Joseph extended grace and friendship to Paul when no one else did, and thereby helped facilitate the process of the church embracing Paul as an apostle of Jesus Christ.

The days we live in are tough times for many of us. The pandemic has ravaged our country, our churches, some of our families. Many of us and our family members and friends have lost their jobs, health, and our children's schools are anything but normal. If that were not enough, divisions in our country have been exacerbated and we, at times, find ourselves to be at war with ourselves, or with our loved ones. We may feel discouraged and possibly lacking in belief and hope for the future.

The end to the above story is fascinating! Read on... Joseph of Cypress is really Barnabas. Barnabas means “Son of Encouragement”! [Read Acts 4:36] It seems Joseph was subsequently re-named Barnabas because of what he did for both the early church and the Apostle Paul. Joseph/Barnabas, through the Holy Spirit, changed history by his acts of encouragement. What a difference. Prayer: “Lord, raise up another Barnabas or hundreds of people like Barnabas to encourage us in this difficult time. Please use us as “SONS and DAUGHTERS of ENCOURAGEMENT!”

Your Alumni Association Needs You!!!

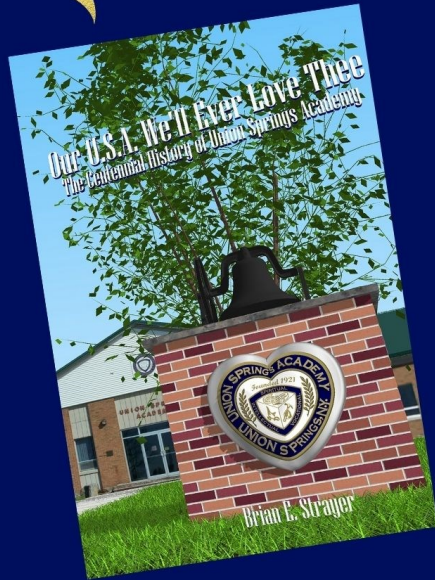
The Following Alumni Officer Positions are available for the upcoming term. Please contact kreynolds@unionspringsacademy.org send in nominations or volunteer to be added to the ballot.

- Vice President
- Membership Secretary
- Communications Director

2021 Calendar of Events

June 4-6	100th Graduation Exercises
June 25-July 3	NY Conference Campmeeting
June 26	Strawberry Shortcake Feed
July 4-14	Renovation Weeks
July 18-23	Skills Week
August 23	School Begins
September 17-19	Centennial Alumni Weekend

Celebrating USA's History!



To partner with Dr. Brian Strayer's upcoming centennial history book, "Our USA We'll Ever Love Thee", the Alumni Association has worked to compile a special edition **Centennial Memoria Yearbook**.

This extraordinary pictorial book will highlight pictures from yearbooks over the past 100 years and will also include many pictures **NEVER-SEEN BEFORE** from over the century.

Reserve your centennial yearbook and history book today by visiting unionspringsacademy.org!



Circle of Friends Brick Campaign



Buy a Brick!

Remember Our Circle of Friends Walkway!

Looking for an unique way to support the USA Alumni Association and Union Springs Academy? Do you have a special memory, class, or individual you'd like to honor? You can do both with one brick purchase! For just \$75 you can have a brick engraved and added to our Circle of Friends walkway.

Your \$75 will be used to help fund several areas: \$18.75 (25%) for Alumni Expenses (ie ReEchoes and Alumni Weekend), \$15.00 (20%) for the Alumni Scholarship fund, \$24.00 (32%) for Special Projects, and \$17.25 (23%) for Campus Beautification. Please consider supporting each of these important funds with one simple purchase.

Ordering and additional details are available by calling the Development Office at USA (315-889-7314) or via the alumni tab on the school website (unionspringsacademy.org).

New Principal at Union Springs Academy!

Union Springs Academy is excited to announce Jeremy Garlock as the new principal! Jeremy has served in education and youth ministries for 20 years both in the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences. He has served in numerous positions in the New York Conference education ministry, most recently as Superintendent of Education. Jeremy is the father of five beautiful daughters. Two of his daughters - Rilla Garlock-Loiselle '16 and Brook '18 have graduated from USA, and their daughter, Marissa, graduates this spring in the 100th year class. He is married to his wife, Joya Weber-Garlock class of 1995, who is also a proud alumna of USA. We look forward to seeing where God is going to lead our 100-year-old school under the experienced leadership of Mr. Garlock and his amazing team at USA.



Janica Kaltsas-Caster '90

ALWAYS REMEMBERED ~ NEVER FORGOTTEN

We remember our beloved USA alumni who have passed away since Alumni Weekend October 2019's report. These alumni and former staff include:

Class of 1965	Gary Rice	November 3, 2019
Class of 1967	Robert Trefz	December 2, 2019
Class of 1943	Roger Dudley	December 21, 2019
Class of 1964	Deane Gilman	January 22, 2020
Class of 1971	David Peters	February 25, 2020
Class of 1962	Barbara Wood-Born	March 5, 2020
Class of 1858	Lois Fleming-Ponte	March 14, 2020
Class of 1940	Barbara Lyness-Stannard	April 12, 2020
Class of 1976	Iris (Gail) Robertson	April 16, 2020
Class of 1953	Margaret Andrews-Burkhardt	May 1, 2020
Class of 1963	Amalia Rodriquez	May 2, 2020
Class of 1966	Terry Allen	May 11, 2020
Class of 1950	Betty Lou Warwick-Heining	May 18, 2020
Class of 1973	Yvonne Burpee	June 1, 2020
Class of 1950	Joan Wensley-Everts	June 6, 2020
Class of 1952	Joanne Keith-Glover	June 20, 2020
Class of 1953	Judson Jamieson	July 25, 2020
Class of 1954	Daniel Tremper	July 25, 2020
Class of 1994	Amy Smith-Hadenburg	August 2, 2020
Former Staff	Ralph Trecartin Sr.	August 3, 2020
Class of 1944	Dennis Nord	August 8, 2020
Class of 1972	Frederick Dean	August 24, 2020
Former Staff	Elder Eugene Thomas	October 22, 2020
Class of 1976	Richard Overslaw	December 5, 2020
Class of 1951	Roger Ferris	December 5, 2020
Class of 1959	Penny Gadway-Dickerman	December 20, 2020
Class of 1971	Bob Hill	January 8, 2021
Class of 1960	Dale Rossier	February 4, 2021
Class of 1966	Joanne Steele-Wagner	February 11, 2021
Class of 1952	Verna Howard-Murphy	March 5, 2021
Class of 1955	Myron Krueger, M.D.	May 17, 2021
Class of 1939	Dewey Steele	In the year 2020
Class of 1945	John "Jack: Bohner	Date Unknown

If there are alumni missing from this list, please let the Alumni Association know by emailing, Patty Dunham at dunhamp916@gmail.com or calling the school at 315-889-7314 and asking for the Development/ Alumni Office. We unfortunately do not hear word for all the deaths that occur. We truly want to remember and honor each person so thank you for helping us in this important matter.

USA Campus Renovation Weeks

July 4-14, 2021

**TO VOLUNTEER: REGISTER AT
MARANATHA.ORG/PROJECTS**

**TO GIVE TO THIS YEAR'S
PROJECT: VISIT
UNIONSPRINGSACADEMY.ORG**



Union Springs Academy is proud to partner with Maranatha Volunteers International on this 7th project together. For more information call the Advancement Office at 315-889-7314

Gather by the River to Pray

As sunlight filtered through the golden autumn leaves, Les Chanteurs (USA's touring choir - composed of 18 students and 2 adults) quietly paused by the rippling pool to pray. This year has promised to be one of the most challenging years in the choir's history, yet at that moment, all was peaceful and serene. Forget rehearsing in the gymnasium with 12-foot apart spacing. Forget not being able to travel to churches. Forget the fear and uncertainty. Right then, all we had to do was "Gather by the River to Pray".

Instead of traveling, Les Chanteurs made their first ever music video, filmed in our favorite gully nearby featuring the piece, "Gather by the River to Pray" (by Pepper Choplin). Because of COVID precautions, each student recorded their voice part separately in Mr. Nicholas Metcalf's (Men's Dean) dorm office studio. He then mixed them all together to produce the audio effect of an entire choir singing. He added his own unique layers, including playing his handcrafted flutes.

Then delay after delay stalled all attempts at filming before the weather turned cold. But finally, we had a perfect day, and all the adults and equipment ready. Our conference President, Elder Miguel Crespo, brought his drone, and our Pastor, Giovanni Esposito, filmed the students singing at the river. Then Pastor Gio transformed all the pieces into a powerful, musical testimony of our faith in a Heavenly future. There will be no more distancing or missed weeks of rehearsal due to quarantine. "Yes, we'll gather at the river"!

To enjoy our performance visit the Union Springs Academy YouTube page or go to this link:

<https://youtu.be/oEHwV1diBQs>

You will be blessed!

Esther Baker, Music Director



The Pathway Home!

Just as the "Roaring Twenties" were about to break over the United States, early Adventists were struggling to provide Christian education for New York's youth. Schools were started earlier in Western and Eastern New York Conferences, but both met difficulties. In his book, "Where the Pine Trees Softly Whisper", Dr. Brian Strayer provides a thorough history of those early challenges. Through providence and hard work these two faithful Adventist entities decided to combine resources and situate a new Adventist school somewhere in between their geographic areas. At the same time these Adventists schools were struggling, a Quaker school in the small village of Union Springs, New York had a fire and closed. A prominent church member was led to discover that this large, three-story brick building in Union Springs was available and could be renovated for the new Adventist school. Thus, in September 1921 Union Springs Academy was born.



I wonder what those church pioneers thought or hoped USA would become for the youth of New York. Did they speculate that USA would exist in 100 years? Probably they would be disappointed, as they hoped Christ would have come long before 2021. But on the other hand, maybe they would be proud that as the decades passed, the school would grow and more seeds of the gospel were planted in young minds.

Now it is 2021, and we are celebrating God's blessing of 100 years for USA. With awe, humble hearts, and maybe some pride, we look back over decades of success and sacrifice. Most of you reading this have attended USA or have family and friends who did. Do you smile as you remember people and events that are linked to this place? Ever wonder how your life would have been different had you gone to some other school? What doors did USA open or close for you? Can we say that we found God's presence at USA among its students, teachers and grounds? These are obviously personal questions, but common to more than 4,000 alumni scattered over the globe. This collection of old buildings located on a hill facing those beautiful sunsets has changed many lives. Please offer a prayer of thanks for the heartfelt sacrifices of those people who bought this place, built it, maintained it, staffed it, and continue to do so. No matter where life has taken you, Union Springs Academy is part of you. So come back and join the USA family in praising God for his blessings at the Centennial Celebration: September 17-19, 2021.

William Boyd, Jr. '80
Centennial Committee, Chair



Union Springs Academy

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

&

57th Alumni Weekend

Coming Soon

September 17-19, 2021



Elder Ted Wilson
President
General Conference



Keynote Speakers:



Bill Knott
Executive Editor
Adventist Review



Pastor Gary Blanchard
World Youth Director
General Conference



Elder Robert Burnette
Assistant to the President
Oklahoma Conference
Class of '72'



Elder John Thomas
Retired Associate Secretary
General Conference



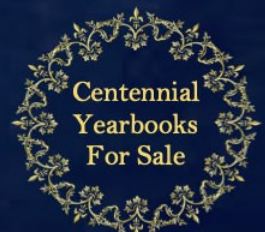
Parade
of
Nations



Centennial
Tribute
Banquet &
Variety Show



USA
Memorabilia
& Artifacts
Museum



Centennial
Yearbooks
For Sale

For more information visit unionspringsacademy.org or call (315) 889-7314

Weekend Overview

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

57th Alumni Homecoming Weekend

“The Pathway Home”

Friday, September 17

- 12:00 - 9:00 pm: Centennial Memorabilia Museum Open
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm: Campus Tours
- 2:00 - 6:30 pm: Alumni Check-In and Registration
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm: Supper in the Cafeteria
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm: *‘Welcome Home’* Alumni Reception
- 7:00 pm: *‘A Century of Service’*, Dr. Brian Strayer, Historical Overview
- 7:45 pm: VESPERS PROGRAM: Elder Bill Knott, Adventist Review, Executive Editor
Bonfire Afterglow immediately following the program.

Sabbath, September 18

- 9:00 am-11:00 am: Guest and Alumni Check-In
- 10:00 am-7:00 pm: Centennial Memorabilia Museum Open
- 9:30 am: Early Advent Hymn Sing
- 10:00 am: SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAM:
“Union Springs Academy, Impacting World Missions”
~Parade of Nations
~Speakers:
Elder John Thomas, Retired General Conference, Assoc. Sec.
Pastor Gary Blanchard, General Conference, Youth Director
- 11:30 am: RECOGNITION CEREMONY:
~Introduction of Honored and Distinguished Guests
~Presentations and Awards
~Roll Call of Honor Classes
- 12:15 pm: DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE:
~Speaker, Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference, President
- 1:00 pm: Sabbath Luncheon
- 2:00-4:00 pm: USA Campus Tours
- 3:00 pm: Q & A Panel Education Discussion
- 4:00 pm: Invitational Sacred Concert
- 6:00 pm: SUNDOWN VESPERS PROGRAM
~Speaker, Elder Robert Burnette '72,
Asst. to the President, Oklahoma Conf.
- 7:00 pm: Centennial Tribute Banquet and Variety Program (limited seating–RSVP today!)
- 10:00 pm: Fireworks Show

Sunday, September 19

- 10:00 am: Community Pancake Brunch
- 10:00-1:00 pm: Centennial Memorabilia Museum Open
- 11:00-1:00 pm: USA Campus Tours
- 11:00 am: Alumni vs. USA Students Soccer and Family Softball Games

USA Alumni Couples - A Century of Love!

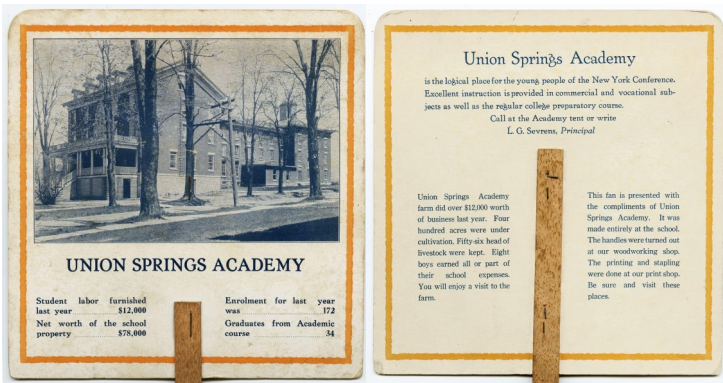
During the month of February, the Alumni Association and the Advancement Department at USA, held a couples challenge and dedication campaign in order to raise student scholarship funds. This was an opportunity for alumni to give a gift in honor of an alumni couple who met while attending USA and later married. There challenge was also for dedications and giving to honor faculty and staff couples who worked at the Academy. Over 25 people participated in the fundraiser raising nearly \$3,000 with alumni giving an average of \$100 towards the challenge. We received many lovely dedications and tributes. We featured many of these couples' pictures in the alumni Facebook group. One alumni married couple we believe would beat all records for 'oldest living couple' would be C. Howard '51 and Marie Hall-Walker '52! They have started dating at USA in 1950, 71 years ago! Robert Rosa '52 and Marilyn Schacksneider-Rosa '53 are a close second, who also dated in Academy and have been married 67 years!

Janica Kaltsas-Caster '90

Remember When...



(left) Junior Class from the year 1931 (right) Cooledge Hall on a cold snowy day.



Staying cool with USA! Check out this vintage fan (two sides) used for recruitment back in the day.

Have memorabilia from your time at Union Springs Academy? Consider donating it to the Memorabilia/Archives Museum.



Robert '52 and Marilyn Schacksneider-Rosa '53 (left) on wedding day, (right) present day.



C. Howard '51 and Marie Hall-Walker '52 present day.

Look At What Is New!



Finishing touches are being done on the new NY Conference Pavilion, just in time for campmeeting.

Casters Make A Joyful Noise

This year three Casters enjoyed working together on the video and participating in Les Chanteurs. Pictures from left to right: From our 100th graduating class, Jonas Caster '21- accompanist for Les Chanteurs- son of Trent '88 and Susan Caster, grandson of Gordon Caster '54 (deceased). Jessica Cordon '24 daughter of Russ and Keryn Cordon-Peck '85, granddaughter of Lawrence (deceased) and Phyllis Caster- Peck both class of 1959. On the right, Darrin Caster '89, USA's Maintenance Director, and "ringer" Les Chanteurs member. (Darrin is the son of Ralph '54 (deceased) and Jackie Fuller-Caster '54.



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