Dear Choir Alumni,

What do you say about the loss of someone who had such a long-lasting affect on so many of us? Mr. C. had a huge part in starting out our adult lives. It is because of him and Concert Choir that we have our friends of 20 or 30 or 40 years and more. Sometimes our choir friends are closer to us than some of our families.

I am so thankful to Mr. C. for bringing us together and helping us to learn about and love music. Music is really with you all the time. It does not need batteries or an outlet, just your brain and your voice. How many of you sing to the music in the grocery store like I do (and harmonize if you were not a soprano)? Just think of how many of us know the correct way to say Hallelujah and never say the “t” at the end of a word!

There is a big hole in our hearts and lives. We know it will get smaller eventually but it hurts a lot right now. Thank goodness we have each other to help get through this time.

Let us use the upcoming Alumni Weekend to celebrate our dear director and “fearless leader” with his music and renew our friendships and “family” ties. Hope to see you all there.

Annie

Alumni Weekend 2014 – April 26 – April 27

Please note…Alumni weekend is the same weekend as Hot Dog Day. So, you’ll want to make your reservations soon.

Yes, there will be an Alumni Weekend this year. We will have a very special concert, honoring Mr. C by singing some of the songs he has arranged throughout the years. So, we hope we’ll see many of you on the risers, raising our voices in love to the director that we will remember and be thankful to forever.

Our Saturday evening event will once again be held at the American Legion in Hornell.

It will be catered, so you can breathe easily that we will not be commandeering volunteers to set up, serve and wash dishes.

The price is the same as it has been for several years, thanks very much to the generous donations of some special members and all those who have paid their dues (which also have not been raised in many years.)

Our favorite DJ will join us and dancing and socializing will commence immediately following dinner.

Reservations

Be sure to let us know if you are coming by the deadline so we know how to plan.
Pix and Tunes
To view the photos of the fun from last year’s Alumni Weekend, click here – https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7xdeubpygrh4yyv/5P4b9wckKi
To listen to the recorded concert, click here– https://www.dropbox.com/sh/83xs82kcb62wp1c/8MUDQKP6Wd
You can just listen or download what you like to your computer and writing to a CD for future enjoyment.

Archive CDs
To order CDs of old concerts, go our website at http://web.alfredstate.edu/asac/
Then use “CLICK HERE TO OPEN THE CATALOG” and “CLICK HERE TO OPEN THE FORM.” Follow instructions on the order form.

Alumni Attic
And a new folder has been created that we will continue to add items to. It’s called “Alumni Attic.” It will have the concert recordings as well as photos from the events. You can save this link and visit it periodically for a walk down choir memory lane.
Click this link: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ijsj9uoiwblpdx/CfV3BHqcKh

Electronic Newsletter
The newsletter transitioned to fully electronic delivery last fall. All paper mailings of the newsletter were discontinued to anyone who did not provide us with an email ID. If you know of someone who would like to continue to hear from us, ask them to contact any one of the officers listed below.

When writing us a check…
Gentle reminder – when making out checks for CDs or dues or Alumni Weekend dinners, please be sure to make them out to M.L. McKeever, noting the purpose for the check in the Subject line. We are not able to cash checks made out to Alfred State Alumni Choir. Thank you.

PEOPLE NEWS
Kevin Carney, 2002
We are blessed and excited to be celebrating our first Christmas as a family of four. Luke Patrick joined the party on October 8th … The days and weeks pass faster than ever before. We are thankful for our time together–growing, learning and loving… Kevin, Tina, Brennan and Luke

If you have some personal information to share, we would love to hear from you. Please contact any of the officers at the addresses listed below.
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**ALUMNI WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

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**Hotels/Motels**

- Comfort Inn, Hornell - 607–824–4300  
- Econo Lodge, Hornell - 607–824–0800  
- Saxon Inn Hotel, Alfred - 607–871–2600  
- Days Inn, Hornell - 607–324–6222  
- Economy Inn, Alfred Station - 607–587–8107  
- Days Inn, Bath - 607–776–7644  
- Super 8, Bath - 607–776–2187

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RESERVATION FORM
ALFRED CHOIR ALUMNI WEEKEND
APRIL 26-APRIL 27, 2014

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☐ Check here if this information includes a change.

*RETURN NO LATER THAN APRIL 14, 2014*

**RESERVATION INFORMATION:**

☐ Yes, I / we plan to attend the gathering Saturday night.

# Adults ______ x $25 ea = $__________
# Children ______ x $12 ea = $__________ (children 5-12)
# Children ______ x free = $__________ (children under 5)
  $__________ Total $ for dinner

☐ Yes, I/ we will be singing with the Alumni choir on Sunday ( S / A / T / B)

☐ Enclosed is 2014 dues ($7 single; $10 choir couple)

$__________ Total $ for dues
$__________ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Make checks payable to M.L. McKeever (in the Memo area, write: Alfred Choir Alumni) and mail it, along with this form, to:

Merri-Lou McKeever
189 Barrington St.
Rochester, NY 14607
February, 2014

Dear Alumni:

It’s very hard to start a letter like this. I was hoping I wouldn’t have to write this one, at least for awhile….but now that the time has come, I have an emptiness inside and those words aren’t flowing as they normally would. But I’ll give it a try.

“C” was getting more confused over the past year, but still was a happy guy. I would take him to his favorite restaurant where he used to flirt like crazy with the waitresses, and they always smiled when he walked in the door...that made him happy...Getting out of the house, even for a short drive to Wegmans made him happy....He would greet everyone with his friendly hello and a smile...and when he saw little children, he would always say hello to them and tell the parent how beautiful their child was....When he spent time with any of his children or grandchildren, he was so happy....when I came home from work, he was so happy to see me...when he came in contact with anyone, he always put on that smile, and never wanted anyone to think he didn’t remember them...He would call everyone “brother” and always extended his hand to say hello. Even after he fell and the female doctor was checking him over in the wheelchair, he smiled and asked her where she lived....he would ask the same questions over and over again and wanted desperately to be involved in conversations, but sadly, it was always too difficult for him to understand for very long. But he was always happy to be with his family and friends, even strangers around him. He celebrated his life on a daily basis, even when those of us around him would feel stressed and anxious.

I am so thankful for the many blessings in my life because of C....I was blessed to have a wonderful marriage that truly stood the test of time – 37 years on March 5: blessed to have the beautiful children, stepchildren and grandchildren that I have;....and blessed for the many wonderful and special friends and extended family that I have through “C”.

I would like to thank all of the alumni who have so graciously provided “support” to me and the family at this difficult time. There are just no words that can accurately express our gratitude to you... so I want you to know that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done to help me and the family through this very sad time in our lives.

C (Cappy) was a strong, sensitive, and extremely gifted man. In a time in our college lives where we were on our own for the first time, insecure, foolish, irresponsible, etc. “C” brought us the gift of music, friendship, support, teamwork, and a joy that cannot be duplicated. Thank you “C” for all you taught us, all you did to help us grow and for the love of music and lifelong friendships that have continued over the years. We will always be grateful.
So – in celebration of C’s beautiful and long life, our Alumni Weekend will go on this year as a dedication to “C”. We will sing selections that he has arranged over the years, as well as some of his favorite tunes. If you have attended Alumni Weekend in the past, please continue to come. If you have not been able to attend, please try to make it this year to rekindle old friendships, sing some of C’s tunes, and enjoy singing together again; the gift that keeps on giving because of “C”. I hope you will join us on April 26 & 27, 2014 for a concert in memory of our leader.

Hope to see you in April. Love to all...

Bebe