

COCALICO ALUMNI



A twice yearly newsletter brought to you by the Cocalico Alumni Association

SPRING 2023

Hello fellow Alumni. We know, it's been a long time, but we're still here. We've been working, planning some events, raising funds for our scholarship and other wonderful organizations, and we're having fun doing it! Not going to lie, we'd love your help. Are you looking to meet up with some old friends or maybe make a few new ones? The Cocalico Alumni Association is always looking for people to help keep things running and to share ideas for new events. We rely on our volunteers! You can help as little as gathering information for our newsletter to planning an event. Reach out if you'd like to help. We appreciate all of you!

One of the fun things we did last year was to bring back the Alumni Bus Trip. On May 14, 2022, Cocalico Alumni and non-alumni headed off to Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles and Reppert's Candy. After a boxed lunch provided by the Brakeman's Café of Boyertown, the day continued with a wine tasting at Maple Springs Vineyard, and dinner and champagne on a two-hour expedition on the Colebrookdale Railroad. Thank you to all who joined us, and another trip is in the planning stages!



With the proceeds from the Alumni BBQ (see page 2) the Cocalico Alumni was able to donate \$2,000 to the Stockings for Soldiers program. Thank you to those who donated to the fundraiser: Ruth Kramer, Class of 1975, Spring-Side Golf Course - Shirley Enck, Class of 1987, Mitch Fasnacht - Green Lawn Garage, Jason & Kent Ensinger Printing Service, Sundae Lausch, Class of 1961, Brenda Mack, Class of 1965, Linda Steely Heck, Class

of 1965, Tess Freeman, Class of 1978, Randy Trostle, Class of 1965, Steffy Concrete - Darrel Steffy, Class of 1977, Connie Youndt, Class of 1969, Patrick Sensenig, Class of 1967, Dennis & Betty Fisher, Class of 1968, Tammy Ruth, Cocalico School District Employee, Rodney Gockley - Rodney Gockley Plumbing, Class of 1982, Douglas Shober, Class of 1979, Stacy Fasnacht Shober, Class of 1983, Sherri Stull, Cocalico School District Employee, Todd Goshert, Heck Construction, Class of 1993, Melissa Blatt VanZant - Kountry Korner, Class of 1999, Mission BBQ, Goods Potato Chips, Pepperidge Farms, Weaver Markets, Cushion Peak Rod & Gun Club, Mike Goodall, Class of 1981, Rob & Tara HeagySalon Intuitions LLC - Tara Heagy, Lloyd Hertzog Inc - Hertzog Garage.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023



Help support our troops!

Proceeds benefit the Stocking for Soldiers program.

Purchase take-out tickets and enjoy your choice of chicken or pork, baked potato, coleslaw and dinner roll with butter for **\$12.00**. Pick-up at the Reinholds VFW from 11:00-1:00 PM.

BBQ Fundraiser event at the Reinholds VFW pavilion starting at 11:00 am - 5:00pm. BBQ chicken & pork with many sides and non-alcoholic drink. **\$15.00** per ticket if bought ahead of time **\$20.00** per ticket at the door.

BYOB (responsibly) (Rain or Shine)

Fun Corn Hole Tournament has a \$15 entry fee. Cash prizes. Registration opens at 11:00am and bags fly at 12:00 pm. (weather permitting)

Raffle prizes 50/50 Music

Contact alumni@cocalico.org or visit the Reinholds VFW to purchase your tickets.

Bring your own chair and your own alcoholic beverages.



All are welcome!
You don't have to
be alumni to
participate!

A background image of a golf course with a white golf ball on a red tee, a golf club, and a blurred green field.

COCALICO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 16
2023

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Cocalico Alumni Association provides scholarships for graduating Seniors and supports educational and cultural opportunities for all people in the Cocalico Community
Thank you for your support

The Cocalico Alumni Association

Applications can be found online at:

<http://cocalicoalumni.org/GolfTournaments/2023/Cocalico-Golf-Registration-2023.pdf>

ALUMNI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

James Gee - Class of 1994

Article by Hanna Weller



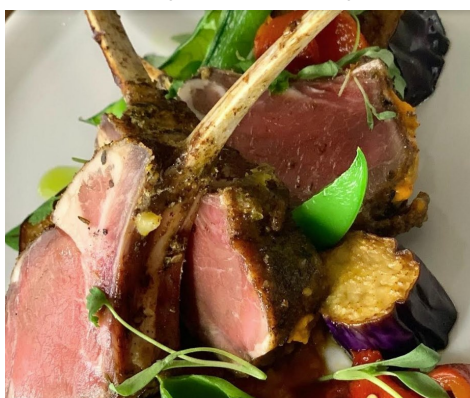
James Gee started his journey in the Cocalico High School halls, and the surrounding community. Being a graduate of 1994, James could often be found, “in the music room or art room.” He also found comfort in two notable teachers, Mrs. Van Zant and Mr. Marino. James explained how Cocalico supported him by showing him how to navigate through real life, but he also touched on how the school assisted him at the start of his college process. However, he stressed to future culinary students that they do not need to attend a university to be successful chefs. James verbalized that students shouldn’t just, “go into student loan debt just to sit in class and listen to some chef tell you what a mother sauce is.” James has participated in the hiring process of restaurants he has worked in for 20 years and he doesn’t look at the school the applicants attended.

He also shared the beginning of his career. While he was still a student, he first worked at what was then called Zinn’s Diner. Shortly after that, he was hired at Foxchase Golf Club where he had the opportunity to start being creative with food at the discretion of the Graybill family and the chef. They made the agreement that as long as he worked hard, he could stem out and be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

He advised students that this is an important aspect of the culinary world and they “have to show up, on time, every time, and do everything the chef asks for.” James suggests that they should also, “Express your desire to learn and grow. Be prepared for a different lifestyle, and embrace it.”

His guidance has worked out well in his favor. James has had the opportunity to work alongside remarkable chefs like Wolfgang Puck, José Andrés, Bobby Flay, and many more. He currently is employed at the restaurant, Dovetail, in the Viceroy Hotel Group. He speaks highly of the people he works alongside saying they have, “like-minded goals and like to have fun.” Some of his proudest moments have come from seeing these people succeed and being able to “produce great food and experiences for our guests.”

James has had a very successful career from a lot of hard work, and time invested. He proposes to all young individuals that they can flourish with hard-working behavior, and encourages them to not replace face-to-face communication with social media. He remarks that they should, “measure your own value and importance by the promises you make to yourself and then fulfill those promises.”



As we're getting ready for this year's golf tournament, let's share some of the winners from last year's tournament. Information will be coming regarding this year's tournament. Interested in being a sponsor?? Please reach out to Istricker@cocalico.org.

2022 Golf Tournament Results



Open Division

1st: Chad Sweigart, Jamie Sweigart, Gill Fritz, & Dan Heisey



2nd: Paul Stetter, Peyton Stetter, John Lowder, & Randy Grim



Alumni Division

Trevor Fichthorn, Devon Fichthorn, John Landis & Ben Graybill



Mixed Division

Steph Fassnacht, John Merkert, Lori Sauder & Dave Sauder



CTTP 2nd shot #1: Andy Wood

CTTP #3: Monty

Longest Drive Mens (54 & under) #7: Jason Weaver

Longest Drive Mens (55-64) #7: Dave Sauder

Longest Drive Mens (65+) #7: Dave Heisey

CTTP #8: Bob Orwig

Straightest Drive #10: Dave Sauder

CTTP #13: Randy Grim

CTTP 2nd Shot #15: Tom Henly

Longest Putt Made #16: Mike Messner

Long Drive Women #18: Pat Hertzog

50-50 Drawing: Carl Unruh

6 x 6 Winners: Tucker Lescoe, Austin Harven, Marc Lescoe, Matt Forney



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The first event will be January 19th. Please RSVP by January 12th.
For more information or to RSVP call 717-336-7797
or visit our website at REALLCS.ORG.

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Recent Obituary Notices

Dawn Sweigart - Class of 1974 April 15, 2023
 Nancy A Kulp - Class of 1982 April 12, 2023
 William Lauris - Science Teacher Cocalico - April 12, 2023
 Marian L Paul - Class of 1948 E Cocalico April 8, 2023
 Melissa Swift - Class of 1987 - March 10, 2023
 Eugene Fromm - Class of 1959 - February 21, 2023
 Jim Lutz, Age 79. - January 12, 2023
 David Gray - Attended Cocalico HS - January 5, 2023
 David Wassmer, aged 43, January 2, 2023
 Frederick Fritz - Class of 1967 - December 23, 2022
 Drew Gensemer - Class of 1975 - December 19, 2022
 Leroy Martin - Class of 1950 - December 15, 2022

50th Anniversaries that were celebrated this past fall.



Pat (Class of 67) & Nancy McQuate (Class of 71)



Ray & Judi Weidman

Cocalico Union High School Class of 1962 60th Year Class Reunion



Row 1, L-R: Ruth (Matz) Buhler, Virginia (Pannebecker) Weitzel, Ruth (Brubaker) Weaver, Marjorie (Zimmerman) Berkins, Gloria (Fry) Rutt, Linda (Troupe) Ruhl, Pearl (Hellinger) Zimmerman

Row 2, L-R: Susan (Showalter) Huie, Mary Jane (Fassnacht) Sahm, Janet Himeisen, Sandra (Groff) Mowrey, Linda (Wealand) Netzley, Dianna (Hehny) Shade, Donna (Scheetz) Gerhart, Martha (Wingenroth) Petery

Row 3, L-R: James Martin, Sam McQuate, Ronald Petery, Gerald Harding, James Lutz, Lavern Gehman, John Reich, William Kauffman, David Sloat