

# Alumni Association

by **Dr. Richard Craft**, *President, EWAA*

Like many others with a sentimental streak, I began to wonder whatever became of former classmates and residents of Ellenville. Almost four years ago, with the help of several others, we decided to try and put together a list of names and addresses, and create a mailing list and database where long-lost classmates could communicate with one another, and we could communicate with them. Thus, the **Ellenville/Wawarsing Alumni Association** started its mission: "to inform, to promote and to instill pride in Ellenville, our Alma Mater."

At the same time, we would provide articles and pictures highlighting our community, as it was and is today. As time went on, we developed a web site, created a Scholarship fund, published a newsletter three times a year, and served liquid refreshments at the yearly High School commencement exercise.

As former classmates write in, a synopsis is

printed in the newsletter along with the sender's name, address, email, etc. In addition, class reunions are announced and articles printed, when information is provided. We also sell a small pocketknife made by *Schrade* with the title "Nestled in a Valley" engraved on the side and your own "E" stamped on the blade.

These knives are \$20 each and are being used as a fundraiser for our mailing expenses (all officers serve pro-bono). We also sell "Ellenville" hats and blue and gold T-shirts with a drawing of the old Ellenville School on the front.

We invite current residents and former attendees of the Ellenville School to join. Annual **EWAA** membership is \$5. Our membership reaches all over USA, into Canada, Israel, South America, Europe, and the Far East. Many onetime close friendships have been re-forged, and former classmates and residents look forward to each newsletter for news from "home," a place many have not seen for decades.

Those interested in joining are asked to send \$5 to **EWAA, PO Box 731, Napanoch, New York 12458**. Former classmates and residents are asked to send photos, letters, and articles to the above address and visit the site at <http://virtualife.com/ewaa> 

**Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**  
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### Membership Application/Renewal

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person, or Individual Membership Name:  
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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Brief Description of Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Membership Fee Structure, Annual Dues

All Business Memberships: \$50, January – December  
Personal Memberships (no business affiliation): \$25  
Not-for-Profit Memberships: \$25

New Membership  Renewal

Large Business  Small Business

Non-Profit  Personal

Please return this form to the Chamber with a check.  
Not-for-Profits must include tax-exemption certificate.  
Membership is for Calendar Year (Jan – Dec only).

Please check committees that best reflect your interests and on which you'd be willing to serve:

- Membership  Holiday Decorations  Brochures
- Publicity/Public Relations  Ellenville Day
- Finance  New Business Advisory  Tourism
- Business District Beautification  Wawarsing.Net

Other Interests/Talents: \_\_\_\_\_