

Test Your Knowledge

by Denise Moore, Ellenville High School Librarian

This year, a very talented group of high school students met in the Ellenville High School library every Wednesday evening to participate in an *Academic Challenge Competition*. In May, our final tournament was televised and aired on *Channel 23* thanks to Dennis Warner and his dedicated crew.

Below is a sampling of ten questions that were used during the course of the year. Test your knowledge by seeing how many correct answers you can get. If you get stumped, ask an Ellenville High School student. They are bright, polite, and they know their stuff. Good luck!

1) The United States has only declared war four times in its history. Name those times.

2) Which author published his pamphlet *Common Sense* on January 10, 1776?

3) What's the cube of $\frac{1}{2}$ decreased by the square of $\frac{1}{2}$?

4) Name Irving Berlin's famous patriotic song first sung by Kate Smith on the radio on November 11, 1939.

5) What is the name given to the layer of hot gas that surrounds the photosphere of the sun?

6) In which novel does one character protect another whose dimwittedness is evidenced when furry creatures die from his mishandling? After the dimwitted one accidentally kills a woman, his protector, George, shoots him to save him from an angry mob.


7) What is the name given to a region of a circle bounded by two radii and an arc of the circle?

8) I am the poet who said I wanted to write "a few poems it will be hard to get rid of." I helped Ezra Pound get released from a mental hospital, and I am the only poet to have won the Pulitzer Prize 4 times.

9) Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified on February 3, 1913, grants Congress the power to levy taxes on income?

10) Washington, DC's Holocaust Memorial Museum is slated to exhibit parts of Anne Frank's diary not previously displayed outside the Netherlands. What name, usually designating an animal, did Anne give to this diary?

Please email your answers to Test@Wawarsing.Net.

The first person to submit all ten correct answers will receive a one-gallon container of windshield wiper fluid from *Marv's Service Station*. 

EHS Class of 1963 Reunion

by Lillian Green


The *Ellenville High School Class of 1963* held its 40th year class reunion at the *Hudson Valley Resort & Spa* on **July 26th**. Thirty-one of the ninety-nine graduates attended. Including spouses, the group numbered fifty. People came from as far away as Taiwan, California, and Arizona. This was the fourth reunion held by the *Class of '63*. To the music of a DJ, many in the group danced to music from the past and present and showed they still had the beat. A couple of last-minute attendees were happy that they decided to come.

Classmate Paul Westbrook and his wife, Terry, held a Friday night BBQ at their home. This was where everyone who hadn't seen classmates for years reconnected to the long lost friend, and memories abounded. John Vidor, who grew up on Bartlett Street, next to the school, was a first-time attendee, as was Mark Altman, who moved to Monticello in his sophomore year. Some classmates who were not attending the Saturday night event came to the BBQ.

On Sunday afternoon, Lee and Rene Augustine of Wawarsing hosted a pool party and invited two former teachers, Bill Kesselman (Social Studies) and John Phillips (Biology). About twenty classmates attended and enjoyed the company and stories of their former teachers. To top this afternoon off, John Stanger of Cragmoor arrived in his 1963 Chevy convertible and took classmates and Mr. Phillips for a spin around the Village of Ellenville and the school. For a short time, it was 1963 again!

Growing up in Ellenville and attending *Ellenville Central School* was a wonderful experience for this writer. I stayed here, as did many classmates, and now teach in the Ellenville school system. Some classmates, though, have seen different parts of the world. One of these is Dr. Terry Waters, who for the last fifteen years has been Superintendent of Schools for American School abroad. Terry and his wife, Carol, have lived in Brasilia, Katmandu, and Taiwan. He retired in May and will teach English in Italy for a year before settling back in the United States. One classmate, Barbara Boxer, is an artist who lives in Conway, New Hampshire. Barbara crafts beautiful American Indian whistles and jewelry. Most of those attending are still in the work force, some as lawyers, teachers, corrections officers, secretaries, and self-employed, but several have just retired or are planning to retire in the near future. Where does the time go?

This reunion was organized by Sue (Hyatt) Harris, Fern (Schor) Gimpel, and Lillian (Houck) Green. The help of Paul Westbrook and Lee Augustine is also acknowledged. Reunions are a wonderful way of reconnecting with who you were and how you came to be the person you are today.

The *Class of 1963* is looking forward to a 45th Class Reunion in 2008. 

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