

# Milestones

## Class of '53 holds 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

by Phelene Lonstein

The *Ellenville High School* Class of 1953 held their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary class reunion at the *Ukrainian National Association Estate* in Kerhonkson, and at the home of Phelene and Martin Lonstein of Ellenville. On Friday night, September 12<sup>th</sup>, some classmates got together and had dinner at the *Mount Casino* in Kerhonkson. On Saturday night, a gala evening was spent at the *Ukrainian Estate*, where classmates also spent the weekend. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served, followed by a delicious sit-down meal for 54.

On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Phelene Lonstein hosted a brunch for her classmates. Special guests of the class were former School Superintendent Dr. Vincent and Peg Gillen, former acting Superintendent Dr. Norman and Jean Schwartz, and Mr. William Kesselman, teacher.

From Florida: Philip and Joanne Aaron, Arlene Hockstein and Marvin Goldsmith, David and Leslie Kushner, Sheldon and Ellen Levine, Patricia Creter, and Peter Brown.

New Yorkers included: Sanford and Nancy Bernstein, Wessel and Fran Cross, Jane Data Rotenelli, Guy and Maria Goldsmith, Robert Ingham, Jerry and Clarice Kaplan, Patricia LaCasse and Art Keener, Marcia Levine and Si Weinberg, Phelene (Levine) and Martin Lonstein, David Neff, Josie Lou Phillips Raines, Adelaide Ruggiero Roberts, George and Marylou Schoonmaker, Roger Smith and Joan Manning, Elma Vernoy Sherman and Lorraine Williams Connor. Gail Abramson Kushner of Maryland, Thomas and Elaine Davenport (Maine), John and Maryann Gilleran (Oklahoma), Gail Morrow Harding (Massachusetts), Sarah Peritz Zadanowsky (Arizona), Thomas and Bev Schatzel (California), and Carl Steinhoff (Nevada) were there, too.

This was our fourth reunion. The first one was at the *Homowack Lodge* in Spring Glen, for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a "30<sup>th</sup> + 2" at the *Wawarsing Sportsman's Association* in Napanoch, and the 40<sup>th</sup>, a weekend spent at the *Fallsview Hotel*. 🍷

*Below: The annual get-together of retired Ellenville Central School Teachers & School Related Professionals on the first day of School (while their former colleagues were still working!), held this year at the Rické Len's Country Restaurant in Napanoch, September 4<sup>th</sup>.*



*Shadowland Theatre* was honored as the **Noonday Club's 2002 Citizen of the Year** at the *Hudson Valley Resort* on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Joining *Shadowland* Board President Bill Collier (left) and Board Member Shelley Collier, were current Producing Artistic Director William Morris (right) and Founding Director Ron Marquette (center).



**Ellenville P.T.O. Officers and Board Members for 2003-4:**  
 Top row, left to right: Theresa Rosselli (recording secretary), Jeannie Mesceda (director), Dianne Krulick (director).  
 Bottom row, left to right: Gayle Grogan (treasurer), Hillary Smith (president), Yolanda Osuba (corresponding secretary), Ann Joray (director), Susan Kentop (vice-president).  
 After a successful school pictures program for all grades, events planned for the next few months include dances for grades 5/6 and 7/8, a fundraiser (grades K-8), free book distribution (Reading is Fundamental) for grades K-4, Book Fairs in the Elementary and Middle Schools, a Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (topics: transportation and security) and the annual **Holiday Fair** on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining and/or helping the P.T.O. may contact P.T.O. President Hillary Smith at the **Elementary School, 647-0131**.

