

# Inside the Chamber

**Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**  
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It's November already, and there are some changes taking place at the **Chamber**. Beginning Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, we will go on "winter hours." Our volunteers will be leaving us and hopefully they'll return in the spring. Our little office, while very picturesque, is not really winter-ready, and so we are reducing the hours during the heating season.

I would like to thank our three volunteers who keep the office open and answer your questions on a daily basis. They are: Mabel Garritt, Helen Goldsmith, and Elaine Rivenberg. These three ladies volunteer their time through the RSVP program and it is with their help that we are able to maintain full time hours at the **Chamber Office**. Incidentally, the **Chamber** is not the only beneficiary of their time. These three ladies volunteer their time for many organizations in the community and are always willing to help out.

If you have occasion to call the office during the next few months, please be patient. Janet will be working her usual hours, **Monday through Friday from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM** but she does leave the office on occasion to come and visit all of you, do the banking, go to the Post Office, etc. So, if you call and get the dreaded answering machine, be patient and leave a message. We'll call you back as soon as we can.

If anyone would like to volunteer either at the **Chamber** or any of the many organizations in our community, contact the **Chamber** and we'll be glad to put you in touch with RSVP. There are many, many agencies in our community that would welcome even a couple of hours of your time each week, for it is truly the volunteers who are the lifeblood of this and any other community.

*Mary F. Sheeley*

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He left Ellenville in 1949 after graduating *EHS*. His career is dotted with remarkable achievements. His nickname is "Stretch." He's **Dr. Hadley Sheldon DePuy**.

Dr. DePuy, currently a Virginian, who lives across the Potomac from Washington, DC, has enthusiastically offered to write a column for **Wawarsing.Net** beginning next month. The column will be light reading, nostalgic, and will reflect many of Dr. DePuy's thoughts on less than weighty issues. (Ed. note: *Our own Andy Rooney!*)

For eight years, Dr. DePuy wrote over 200 "DePuy's Views" columns for the *Ellenville Press*, which may be why his name is familiar. A man of many interests, he also wrote about local history ("Snapshots of Yesteryear") and local issues ("Guest Editorials").

He returns to Ellenville at least once a year to lead the *Class of 1949 Annual Reunion*. The class has held 11 reunions in eight years, and has named itself the "Class of the Classes," much to the amusement of other *Ellenville High School* alumni.

Born, raised, and educated in Ellenville, Dr. DePuy is the son of the late Cyrus and Jennie DePuy, long-time village residents who lived for 36 years at 10 **Burlison Avenue** until their deaths nine days apart on 1976.

Cyrus DePuy was a leader in the *Ellenville Methodist Church*, a village Trustee, and acting Mayor on occasion.

Dr. DePuy graduated from *Ellenville High School* in 1949. He was Student Council president, captain of the track and cross-country teams, member of the basketball team, (Ed. note: *where the nickname "Stretch" came from?*) and a member of the National Honor Society.

He graduated with a baccalaureate degree from St. Lawrence University, a Master's Degree from Colgate University, and a Doctorate from Cornell University.

A dean at Cornell University, Franklin and Marshall College, and at Hamilton College, Dr. DePuy was the second president of *Fulton-Montgomery Community College (NY)*, a unit of the State University of New York. He was honored by the Chancellor of the University for the college's growth and program development.

In 1977, he was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Higher and Professional Education by the New York State Board of Regents. He was the state's higher education executive officer, responsible for New York's 252 colleges and universities, and for licensing, regulation and discipline of the 500,000 New Yorkers who are members