

Milestones

It Is Time to Say Goodbye...

by Dianne Turner, Wags

Due to unrecoverable economic circumstances, **WAGS Pet Store**, also known as **Wayside Animal & Garden Store**, is now closed. It is with a great deal of sorrow and anguish that I have had to face this decision, but it must be.

The 10½-year odyssey of this store has been awesome in many aspects. I have made many friends and acquaintances, both human and animal, along the journey. I have had the privilege of helping many of these friends and acquaintances in a myriad of circumstances both large and small – and they have helped me in mine. Be it a kind word, a moment just to listen, a piece of information, simple advice, a hug in troubled times, a ray of “sunshine” on a “cloudy” day – all of it remains unforgotten. I have often said that **WAGS** was put there for more reasons than selling pet food. I will always believe that.

I also believe that when one door closes another door opens. There are reasons unknown to me right now as to why this closing is happening, but I have learned to trust.

I thank you for your kindnesses and patronage over the many years of doing business as **WAGS**.

God Bless,

Dianne E. Turner

Kisses, Ginnie, and Mandy, too!



EHS Class of '49 Celebrates 55th

In early October, fifty or so Class of 1949 classmates, spouses, and friends gathered together in Grahamsville, Ellenville, and the *Ukrainian National Association Estate* in Kerhonkson to celebrate life, old friendships, and survival. Mrs. Phyllis Gillette, Bruce and Mary Clancy Patterson, and Phelene and Marty Lonstein hosted events over the weekend (*photo, Lonstein backyard, Oct 3*).

A formal dinner was held on Saturday night, October 2nd at the *Ukrainian Estate*. After introductions, Paul Blumenauer (Florida) recited a list of deceased classmates remembering the individuals and honoring their lives. Speakers included Estelle Fuller Blumenauer (Florida), John Cross (Accord), Mary Clancy Patterson (Dunkirk, NY) Dr. Vincent P. Gillen (former Superintendent of Schools in Ellenville), Dr. Norman Schwartz (former Acting Superintendent of Schools in Ellenville), and Hadley S. DePuy (Class President).

Attendees included New Yorkers (31), Floridians (9), and from “foreign lands” – New Jersey (3), California (2), Connecticut (1), Arizona (1), Vermont (1), and Virginia (2).

The Class will continue to hold reunions. Next year’s gathering will take place in the Ellenville area. September 23rd through 25th, 2005.

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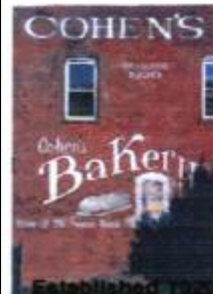
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