

CONANT GENERATIONS SCRIPT

To accompany the slide show

1. Title slide
2. LRSH In the 1800s, 13 one-room school houses, no public high school, only for privileged, private schools for tuition. Farming or industry.
3. John Conant 1870 donated \$7000 for free high school
4. Opening 1870 fall term, Conant Free as institution.
5. Melville Acad. For one term only
6. Meetinghouse 2nd term, 1st floor, 2nd floor town hall; door
7. Union Hall Alternating terms, 1 room, 2nd fl open room.
8. Wooden School St. 1893, 1 or 2 rms, 1908 addition.
9. Conant HS 1916
10. Addition 1955, Pratt Gym
11. Current HS 1973, incredible 50 years
12. Current HS
13. Disclaimers Read
14. First half Read
15. Peter Lambert 1976
16. Peter Lambert Peter Lambert, not going to give time to read
17. Peter Lambert President of senior class
18. Peter Lambert Entrant in Granite State Challenge
19. Peter Lambert Most yearbooks class wills, well behaved

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20. Peter Lambert Yearbooks frequently have superlatives; here we see that Peter was the most unorganized, conservative, and most studious.
21. Peter Lambert Peter would have to explain this one.
22. Lyn Vanni Who is this?
23. Lyn Vanni Peter Lambert's mother – Madeline Vanni 1966
24. Lyn Vanni She was a Conant Senator
25. Lyn Vanni Yearbooks have senior gifts. Hmm, something about a “mouse trap”.
26. Lyn Vanni She was a very versatile vocalist
27. Lyn Vanni Sang in the select Madrigal Choir; 2nd row 4th from right;
28. Lyn Vanni Look at this, she wrote the class song; who knew she wrote songs for Peter, Paul, & Mary!
29. Rick Lambert And lets not forget the other side of the family
30. Rick Lambert Rick Lambert, Peter's dad, class of 1965
31. Rick Lambert He was a good athlete
32. Rick Lambert It says it right here, and most loveable
33. Rick Lambert His class gift, we see “mouse trap”
34. Rick Lambert Yearbooks sometimes show prophesies, and we see “mouse trap” again.
35. Romolo Vanni Who do you think this is?
36. Romolo Vanni Lyn's father, Peter's grandfather Romolo Vanni, class of 1936. 3 generations
37. Romolo Vanni His nickname was Dade

38. Racheal Girouard Secretary Vicki Arceci and her husband Gary did not go to Conant but his mother Racheal Girouard did, graduating in 1943
39. Gail Arceci And his sister Gail Arceci did – 1965
40. Lindsey Arceci And his daughter did – 2009. 3 generations
41. Pete Davis Do you recognize him?
42. Pete Davis Same guy, different pose
43. Pete Davis Now you know its Peter Davis, our Treasurer, class of 1956
44. Dave Davis And his brother attended here just to his freshman year. Dave's real name is Harold.
45. Dave Davis Sorry it's a poor quality picture Dave.
46. Mary Brown Their mother Mary Brown was in the class of 1922
47. Mary Brown She wrote the class poem
48. Jackie Davis Peter has a daughter Jackie graduated 1984
49. Ben Davis and a son Ben who graduated in 1986
50. Derek Shea Do you know who this was in 2010?
51. Derek Shea Derek Shea, his father is
52. Mike Shea Mike Shea, class of 1979
53. Betty Belletete Now I bet you can figure out who this is?
54. Betty Belletete That's right, Betty Belletete Shea, Mike's mother, class of 1955
55. Betty Belletete She worked hard playing basket ball
56. Betty Belletete

57. Betty Belletete She had perfect legs
58. Betty Belletete Her ambition was to become a phys ed teacher
59. Betty Belletete And she did just that. So Derek, Mike, Betty are 3 generations.
60. Homer Belletete Homer was Betty's father. He attended CHS in the early 1920's
61. skip
62. skip
63. Reynold We know his brother Reynold graduated in 1939
64. Reynold That gives them 4 generations.
65. Reynold His nickname was "Tun"
66. Archie Coll Sr. Do you have an idea who this is?
67. Archie Coll Sr. Archie Coll Senior graduated in 1930
68. Archie Coll Sr. He was on the basketball team
69. Archie Coll Sr. Like his son Archie Junior, who we knew, he evidently was a shy person
70. Betty Coll He had a daughter who grad in 1958, anyone?
71. Betty Coll Betty Coll Royce
72. Betty Coll Look at this – she had the best personality, was the most popular, and the class clown
73. Pam Royce Betty and Kent have a daughter Pam Royce 1980
74. Cody Gordon Pam has a son Cody Gordon 2009. So 4 generations

75. Dick Boutwell I know you are wondering who this graduate from 1950 is?
76. Dick Boutwell Our own Chief Archivist Dick Boutwell
77. Dick Boutwell He was not only the best singer, he was the class wolf
78. Dick Boutwell And he bequeathed his “flirtatious ways”
79. Levida Pelletier Dick’s mother Levida Pelletier graduated in the class of 1924
80. Levida Pelletier
81. Levida Pelletier Here is her graduation program
82. Mary Desmarais Now, see if you can follow this one. Pay close attention. Mary Desmarais graduated in 1945. She married a Given.
83. Cathy Given She had a daughter who was in the class of 1974. Any idea?
84. Cathy Given We know her as Cathy Proulx who has kindly provided refreshments tonight. Cathy has 8 siblings who attended Conant High School, one of which is
85. Aylmer Given Aylmer Given, 1976, who has a son
86. Joshua Given Joshua, 2011
87. Joel Proulx Cathy married Joel Proulx, class of 1973
88. Dorothy Sawtelle whose mother Dorothy Sawtelle graduated in 1946
89. Jeffrey Proulx who had another son Jeffrey, 1965
90. Jessica Proulx and he had 2 kids, Jessica 1995

91. Jeffrey Proulx Jr. and Jeffrey Jr., 1998

Whew! Did you get all that?

92. Roscoe Sawyer Now lets go back to 1911 when Roscoe Sawyer finished Conant High School. That was before yearbooks but his name is listed as an alum.

93. Alfred Sawyer He had this son who graduated in 1937.

94. Alfred Sawyer Do you recognize the milkman Alfred?

95. Harvey Sawyer Alfred's son Harvey hasn't changed much since 1961

96. Harvey Sawyer He even signed my yearbook that year.

97. Kent Sawyer Harvey has a son Kent who graduated in 1990. That's 4 generations. And guess what...

98. Jacob Sawyer Kent has a son Jacob who graduated LAST YEAR, MAKING IT 5 GENERATIONS! The only family of 5 generations that I have found, so far. There may be more.

99. Nancy Sawyer Back to Roscoe, he also had a daughter Nancy, class of 1934

100. Nancy Sawyer Here she is 2nd row middle

101. Judith Moore Now who do you think Nancy's daughter is?

102. Judith Moore Our own Judith Moore Goff who graduated in 1961

103. Judith Moore And was recognized as the most adroit manipulator of a moving vehicle, and most versatile.

104. Judith Moore She was class vice president, but what she is most fondly remembered for is

105. Judith Moore her cheerleader pose

106. Judith Moore Judith, care to strike that pose tonight?

107. Interlude OK, I've done all the Historical Society board members I think, who have a Conant legacy. Now, if you can endure some more, we have water and cookies to sustain you through the rest of the program. I'll go quickly. I have a lightening round which is just a game of "guess who", no generations. They probably have some, but this is an interlude before I have a few more families to go through. So please stay in your seats, we will bring you water and cookies, and run right through this next batch. Call out a name if you recognize them, and everyone say their name when I show who it is.

108. Ray Record

109. Ray Record

110. Caroline Krause

111. Caroline Krause Hollister

112. Marilyn Simons

113. Marilyn Simons

114. Phil Cournoyer

115. Phil Cournoyer

- 116. Claire Marrotte
- 117. Claire Marrotte
- 118. Jack Belletete
- 119. Jack Belletete
- 120. Jake Jalbert
- 121. Jake Jalbert
- 122. John Peard Jr.
- 123. John Peard Jr.
- 124. Kevin Sterling
- 125. Kevin Sterling
- 126. Peanut Pelletier
- 127. Peanut & Sam
- 128. Wilfred Peanut Pelletier
- 129. Bob Lambert
- 130. Bob Lambert
- 131. Elmo Ouellette
- 132. Elmo Ouellette
- 133. Cush Moore
- 134. Cush Moore
- 135. End of the Lightning Round

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136. Tim Gordon Tim Gordon who lives at 3 Chimneys, next door to the Yateman place graduated in '77
137. Donald Gordon His father, in 1949
138. Donald Gordon He seems to have misplaced his licence
139. Patricia Jennings And Tim's mother in 1951
140. Patricia Jennings She was recognized as an actress.
141. Chastity Dupuis Look at all the Dupuis that graduated from Conant. Chastity in 2013
142. Timothy Dupuis Timothy in 2014
143. Tobias Dupuis Tobias in 2016
144. Maria Dupuis Maria in 2020
145. Elicia Dupuis Elicia in 2022
146. Leah Ketola Their mother Leah in 1989
147. Keith Dupuis Their Dad Keith in 1994
148. Debra Sands Their grandmother Debra in 1969
149. David Dupuis And their grandfather in 1970
150. Cynthia Eaves Do you recognize this lady?
151. Cynthia Eaves Cynthia Eaves Hamilton, class of 1949
152. Cynthia Eaves Look at the superlatives, best actress, best singer, most popular, one with the biggest line, and tallest.
153. Georgia Lynch I'm going to show Cynthia's mother, Georgia Lynch from the class of 1915. But I want to show you where to look in the picture first. She is in the front row on the left.

154. Georgia Lynch
155. Don Eaves And we know that Cynthia's father Don Eaves attended Conant in 1911.
156. Adam Sesia Do you know Adam Sesia who graduated in 2008, and his sister
157. Nicole Sesia who graduated in 2010
158. Maurice Sesia Their father Maurice graduated in 1984
159. Phyllis Cramb And Maurice's mother Phyllis Cramb in 1961, 3 generations
160. Anna Jo Butler Do you recognize Anna Jo Butler from 1973?
161. Anna Jo Butler We know her as Anna Jo Geraci. Is that a bass guitar Anna?
162. Adlena Geraci Her daughter Adlena graduated in 2004 and her son
163. Dominic Geraci Dominic in 2006
164. Lucy Carpenter Here is Lucy Carpenter who graduated in 1952 and was Dr. Wozmack's secretary before working for the Hill Insurance Agency.
165. Ellen Niskala Are you familiar with the Niskala family? This is 3rd generation Conant graduate Ellen from 1996.
166. Bruce Niskala Her father Bruce, '68
167. Patty Stockdale and her mother Patty Stockdale '67 are 2nd generation.

168. Gwen Antilla So who do you think the 1st generation is?
169. Gwen Antilla That's right, Gwen Antilla Niskala, class of 1946. She is 95 and a half, and she is here with us tonight!
170. Lorraine Parent So Gwen was the class of 1946. Now here is someone from the class of 1945.
171. Lorraine Parent Lorraine Theresa Parent. I thought her middle name was Toot.
172. Lorraine Parent Here is her graduation program held in Union Hall
173. Lorraine Parent
174. Elsie Beauvais Now I could be wrong about this, but this lady could be the oldest living Conant graduate.
175. Elsie Beauvais Elsie Beauvais Elliott graduated in 1944!
176. Elsie Beauvais She was the best dancer, and the class flirt.
177. Just 2 more families. This is going to be a fun one.
178. Waino Hautanen Who is this?
179. Waino Hautanen Here is another shot.
180. Walter Hautanen Here is his son. See a family resemblance?
181. Waino Hautanen The father is Waino Hautanen from 1931
182. Walter Hautanen and his son is our own Walt Hautanen, class of 1957.

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183. Walt Hautanen He played basketball in his Junior year with Peter Davis, number 8. Take note of Walt's number.
184. Walt Hautanen This is his senior year.
185. Walt Hautanen
186. Walt Hautanen And he played baseball
187. Walt Hautanen and they won the state championship
188. Walt Hautanen
189. Walt Hautanen He was a Conant student leader. But not just in sports.
190. Walt Hautanen From his yearbook, look at this... most popular, happiest, best dressed, dependable, artist, athlete, and most perfect senior! A real renaissance man!
191. Walt Hautanen He was in the Chorus, called the Glee Club in those days. Look for the sweater.
192. Walt Hautanen On the student council
193. Walt Hautanen In the Sophomore play.
194. Walt Hautanen In the Junior play...got a lot of milage out of that sweater.
195. Elaine Blais But lets not forget who he married.
196. Elaine Blais Elaine Blais, class of 1964. Walt and Elaine just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last Saturday!
197. Emily Hautanen Their daughter Emily graduated in 1995.

198. Cody Hautanen And their grandson graduated in 2013. So there you have 4 generations.

199. That just leaves the Hill Family

200. Bruce Hill Me in 1964

201. Bruce Hill and I can explain everything except forging library passes (I would never do that) and the speedometer, the '53 Chevy wouldn't go that fast.

But I'm going to take our family back through my brother's line which has 4 generations, and in 2 years will equal Harvey's 5 generations.

202. Liza Sprague First we have Liza who graduated in 2005

203. Abby Derosier Then there's Abby in 2000

204. Sam Hill Then Sam in 1997

205. Nick Hill And Nick in 1996

206. Nick Hill who willed his position on the basketball team to his brother.

207. Nick Hill

208. Nick Hill Notice his number – same as Walt Hautanen's.

209. Dick Hill The same as Nick's father – Dick Hill, my brother.

210. Dick Hill You can imagine what treasure trove I could possibly share about him. But I'll save that for another time.

211. Dick Hill He actually wrote his autobiography in 1964
212. Dick Hill But we'll save that for another time.
213. Dick Hill Anyway, he graduated in 1970,
214. Katherine and married his classmate Katherine Pilewicz
215. Kathleen Her twin sister is Kathleen Pilewicz Walker, who had 3 girls also graduate from Conant.
216. Lorraine But anyway, our mother was Lorraine Clark
217. Lorraine in the class of 1935
218. Lorraine
219. Lorraine
220. Lorraine And here is her graduation program
221. Lorraine She graduated magna cum laude. I wanna tell you THAT tradition didn't continue in my case, I don't know about Dick.
222. Stella Her mother, our grandmother, Stella Clark graduated from Conant in 1905.
223. Stella
224. Stella In 1930 our grandmother spoke at her 25 year
225. Letter reunion on the future of Conant High School. I have transcribed this 4 page speech and made
226. Letter copies for you on the table in the hall. I'll just leave you with one thought that she expressed
227. Letter in 1930 to which my brother and I subscribe and is even more important now in 2024.

228. Letter

She said the future of the school depends not only on the teachers, the administration, the community; but also on the alumni. She said the least we can do for the school is to show our loyalty.

229. Walt

May the spirit of Conant High School live on.

230. Check out the exhibit in the hall, there are a few surplus yearbooks free for the taking,

We need donations of yearbooks from 1967 on.

Join the Historical Society

Good night.