

Edward Eldred Potter Club Alumni Association

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Welcome Potter Men, Spouses, and Guests:

We thank you for coming to this 2011 Reunion **Commemoration Celebration**, the 80th Anniversary of the Founding of Potter Club, and the 120th Anniversary of Edward Eldred Potter's birth.

In 2010, following the Reunion in Tarrytown, a decision was made to make the 2011 Reunion the last formal Potter Club Alumni Reunion. Time has been taking its toll on our membership, making it harder and harder for many members to attend. And, we have had difficulty finding local committee persons to host annual gatherings. Consequently, this will be the final one. Of course, if interest is expressed and a committee forms for a regional gathering, or some other event for the membership, we may meet again in a different venue.

We have returned to Albany for this historic meeting and hope you will recall the many good times enjoyed as a member of Potter Club, and the many good friends made during those years.

As a tribute to Potter men from across the years we decided to recognize at this celebration those who have brought honor and distinction to the organization while in college and in the years afterward. We also created a special award for an individual who has singularly identified himself above all others in the Club. This banquet honors all of these persons.

You will note the four plaques on display at the banquet, and copies of which appear later in your program. These recognize: Past Potter Club Presidents, Members of Myskania, Award Recipients from the University, Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees, and John Paul Ward, Potter Club Man of the Era.

The plaques will hang in the Edward Potter Memorial Room at the Alumni House.

Also being honored this year is Edward E. Potter on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of his birth. We pause to reflect on what he did for his country so many years ago, how he lived his life, his values and ideals becoming a model for our organization.

We hope you enjoyed the experiences of the reception last night, the field trips today, and will enjoy the walking tour of the downtown campus tomorrow.

In fellowship,

Your committee:

Bob Umholtz, '51 Bob Lanni, '52 Milan Krchniak, '53 Jim Panton, '53 Paul Ward, '53

Jack Higham, `57 Franz Zwicklbauer, `62 Fred Culbert, `65 Gerald Leggieri, `68 Doug Davis, `69