The Connecticut Association of Schools will hold its 53rd Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at St. Clements Castle in Portland, CT. Please mark the date on your calendars! We hope that you will join us to review the highlights of 2004-2005 and to help us chart a course for 2005-2006.

As many of you are aware, attendance at the annual meeting has steadily declined in recent years. In an attempt to reverse this trend, we have made several changes to our program this year. First, we have moved the meeting off-site. This year’s event will be held at the picturesque Saint Clements Castle on the scenic Connecticut River in Portland. Secondly, in lieu of an afternoon meeting followed by an awards dinner, we will conduct all of our business within the confines of the school day. Thirdly, we have added a professional development component - that is, we will have a keynote speaker to “kick off” the meeting. Duane Cashin, founder and president of a successful local manufacturing company, will give a short, inspirational speech prior to the beginning of business. Duane knows firsthand about how to embrace change, face adversity and meet the daily pressures of life head-on! And, finally, we have scaled back both the business meeting and the awards ceremony in the hopes of shortening the overall length of the program. We hope that the changes we are implementing this year -- which are in keeping with the suggestions made by all of you in our recent annual meeting survey -- will result in a more engaging program, and one which will be easier to fit into your already very busy schedules.

The Association has had a very active and successful year. The CAS board has made significant progress in its long-term goals to expand its program offerings to student leaders, to provide member schools with assistance in preparing for the NEAS&C accreditation process, to use technology to improve communication with member schools, and to establish an alternative certification program for school administrators. The middle level division is completing work on a new initiative to recognize schools with excellent “school climate.” This exemplary practice initiative will complement the successful “teaming” program put in place last year. The elementary division’s ambitious outreach efforts have resulted in a proliferation of site-based and regional professional development programs as well as a dramatic swell in member school participation in elementary school activities.

The CIAC has had a relatively busy year, enacting several bylaw changes – affecting the out-of-season and cooperative team regulations – which will be submitted to the legislative body for a vote.

There are a number of important issues — affecting both CAS and CIAC members — which will come before you at the May meeting. Their resolution is very important to the future of CAS, to your school, and to you as its administrator. Your input is essential, and, therefore, your presence and contribution as the educational leader of your school are also essential.

Register online at http://www.casciac.org/register

Thanks to the generosity of Lifetouch, our meeting sponsor, the registration fee has been reduced by $20 per participant.

Registration Fee: $55 $35

Additional information — including the proposed revisions to the CAS Constitution and CIAC By-Laws — will be mailed shortly.
RESERVATION FORM
The 53rd Annual Meeting
May 12, 2005

NOTE: On-line registration is available at: http://www.casciac.org/register

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Title: ____________________________________________________________
School/Organization: _____________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
E-mail address: ____________________________________________________
Choice of Meal:
☒ Grilled Petite Filet Mignon with Bearnaise Sauce
☒ Chicken with Shiitake Mushrooms and a Thyme-Infused Red Wine Demi Glaze AND Pan Seared Salmon with a Basil Beurre Blanc

Cost: $55 $35 per reservation (includes continental breakfast, 3-course lunch and conference materials)

Payment: Please check one of the following -
☒ Check enclosed (make check payable to: CAS)  ☐ PO # ____________________________
☒ Visa ☐ Master Card Card Number: ________________________________
Expiration Date: ____________ Signature: ________________________

Mail reservation form to: Karen Packtor, CT Association of Schools, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

Please return this form no later than Monday, May 2, 2005*
* in case of cancellation, no refunds will be issued after April 23, 2005
The Fifty-Third Annual Meeting
May 12, 2005
Saint Clements Castle, Portland

PROGRAM

8:30 — 8:55 a.m. Registration

9:00 — 9:40

Keynote Speaker: Duane Cashin: Duane Cashin’s unique mixture of motivation and humor allows audiences to identify with the challenges of change in a positive proactive fashion. Duane Cashin presents positive ways to embrace change, envision the possibilities and launch into success.

9:45 — 11:25 (estimated) Annual Meeting of CAS & CSC (see agendas to right)

11:30 — 12:00 Individual Membership Meetings – CIAC / Middle Level / Elementary

12:00 — 12:45 Social Time

12:45 — 2:30 Lunch and Awards Presentations

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CSC ANNUAL MEETING
Agenda

I. Call to Order: Donald Gates, CSC President

II. Report of the Nominating Committee: Robert Pitocco, Chair, CSC Nominating Committee

III. Designation of CSC Board Representative: Donald Gates

IV. Budget Report: Janet Garagliano, CSC Treasurer

Adjournment

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