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C of E NEWS

REUNION 2012 PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

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With just four months until the grand celebration of Reunion 2012: 130 Years on the Yellow Brick Road, in Valley Forge, PA, final adjustments are being made to all of the reunion activities and festivities. A registration form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Note that the hotel is filling quickly. Cut off date for hotel registrations is September

1, 2012. Please register for both hotel and reunion before that date.

Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70, and **Barbara Bonsangue, A70**, are fine-tuning table settings and decorations as well as assisting with the registration packets. In addition, to lock in remembrances of Reunion 2012, Mary Jayne has arranged for a photo

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Remember going to chapel when you were at C of E? Do you remember who sat next to you? Do you remember Viet Nam?

Sabol and Sager vividly remember all of the above. **Andy Sabol, A65**, and **Ray Sager, A65**, sat next to each other in chapel from 1961 to 1965, twice a week for 4 years. After graduation it was 3 years until they sat next to each other again. This time it was in a fox hole in Quang Tri Province, Viet Nam. Despite their surroundings, they still had the C of E spirit and posted their little "C of E Fights" sign seen here. This time the order is Sager (left) and Sabol.

That sign is believed to be the farthest one from Kenyon Hall that ever existed, although there is no official confirmation of that. What is official is that Andy and Ray both came home safe and sound. And both will be at the 2012 reunion in Valley Forge and both are looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends and swapping other old stories.

Kenyon Hall Work Continues

The transformation of Kenyon Hall to the Kenyon Heights Apartments is basically a two-part process. The first part is demolition. The building is currently being gutted with metals and wood being recycled and re-sold. Concrete is crushed and put in the basement for new fill. New floors will be poured. The basement floor will come up six feet with new conduit and sewer lines running underneath it.

Restoration is the second part of the process. This process is already underway as the exterior masonries are being worked on. New windows will soon be put in. Many of the original windows were broken as a result of vandalism that occurred while the building was vacant. The entire Kenyon Hall project is expected to cost about \$5.5 million. It is being financed in large part by the sale of tax credits. In November of last year The Kansas Housing Resources Corp. in Topeka approved an \$8,300,570 application for federal housing tax credits. The first phase of construction will be eight one-bedroom and 16 two-bedroom units that are scheduled for completion on January 1, 2013. The second phase

will be 15 one-bedroom and eight two-bedroom units that are scheduled for completion on March 31, 2013. Alumni considering moving into the renovated facility may call (620) 342-8609 for rental information.



The auditorium in Kenyon Hall is being cleaned out in the early stages of Kenyon Hall's restoration.

Sauder Center

After the College of Emporia closed its doors forever, most of the college's artifacts and publications went to the Lyon County Historical Society (LCHS). Some, however, went to Emporia State University, which established an exhibit of C of E memorabilia in a room dubbed the "C of E Room." This room was located in the Sauder Alumni Center on the Emporia State campus. Recently, the university decided that it had other

priorities. Consequently all of the various memorabilia at Emporia State was turned over to the LCHS, and the C of E Room was converted to other uses.

It is important to note that the extensive C of E exhibit at the LCHS Museum at 118 East 6th Avenue in Emporia is still there. Some items have been rotated to put new artifacts into the display. The display is expected to remain in place for several more months, and alumni visiting or passing through the Emporia area are urged to stop in and enjoy the exhibit.

Social Media

The committee already at work planning the 2013 Kansas City Alumni Reunion is looking for someone to give a presentation on social media as a part of the program. The idea is to give alumni the knowledge and skills necessary to utilize the various tools that we characterize as "social media" to stay in touch with old friends. If you are skilled in this area or know of someone in the Kansas City area who makes such presentations, please get in touch with **Les Palmer, A63**, Convention Chair. The Kansas City Reunion will take place in Overland Park July 5 - 7, 2013.

Keep Us Informed

Please send us news about yourself. We want to hear from you. You may e-mail John Acomb, newsletter editor, at jacomb2@mac.com or Larry Thompson, Vice-President for Membership at larthomp@sbcglobal.net. If you prefer, please write to C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City, MO 64152-9998.



COVER: Reunion 2012

booth to take memory pics of you with some of your former classmates. During the Friday night mixer, look for one or two surprises being planned by Barbara. Keep in mind also that the time on Saturday between 11am and 6pm is considered “free time” when reunion attendees can sightsee, shop, hang out with friends or rest.

Andy Sabol, A65, continues to compare golf courses near the Doubletree by Hilton in King of Prussia, PA. Golfers are encouraged to notify Andy as soon as possible to assist him in reserving the required spaces for the Friday afternoon outing. Contact Andy at avs222bway@gmail.com or (914) 248-7151. Greens fees are \$60.00 per person, which includes golf cart rental. To reserve a tee time, make out your check to Andy Sabol and send it to him at 14 Seminary Lane, Granite Springs, NY 10527. If you have a foursome, please include the names of the members with your reservation. Note that in order to ensure that all tee times are reserved, advance payment is required. The deadline for advance payment has been extended to July 1, 2012. FORE!

And what is a reunion without C of E merchandise for sale? **Raoul Nolan, A71**, has arranged for a large collection of C of E t-shirts, sweatshirts, “hoodies,” tote

bags, caps and other items. He has coordinated with alumna **Carolyn Day, A60**, to make this merchandise available at affordable prices.

Dave and Jane Braymer are collecting digital images from our days at C of E. They also have digital photos from recent reunions beginning with Baltimore in 1998. We are encouraging all fellow students to scan their favorite shots from C of E and e-mail them to **Dave Braymer, A65**. Alumni digital images will be available for all future reunions. Dave’s e-mail is mjb1@zoominternet.net.

Class representatives are busy sending out registration forms. Note that there will be a room provided for the class representatives on Saturday afternoon. The room will have yearbooks from the 60’s and 70’s. Attendees are encouraged to drop in just to visit. Also, don’t forget the “must see” memorabilia room will have many new items never before seen at a reunion.

It’s not too late to get involved in reunion planning. A Reunion Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 11 at the home of **Dennis Pecoraro, A66**, at 701 Farley Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889 at 1:00pm. Please contact **Roger Sager, A71**, rpsager@warwick.net or (973) 222-5899 and let him know if you will be attending this workshop. Plans are now being finalized for this 130-year historic reunion. We’re almost there!

C. R. (Bob) Meyer, X39, and **Peggy (Cole) Meyer, X39**, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary last October. Moreover, each observed their 95th birthday in 2012. They live in the independent living section of Aston Gardens, a senior retirement community in Naples, FL.

Don Ek, A50, is the latest recipient of the Emporia Area Chamber of Commerce’s Lifetime Achievement Award. A partial listing of Don’s achievements includes stints as Chair of the Chamber and as board member of the local United Way, Emporia State University Foundation, Emporia Board of Education and Emporia State Bank. Don, a Realtor, is a past President of the Emporia Board of Realtors and past Director of the Kansas Association of Realtors. He is married to **Elaine (White) Ek, X53**.

Stanley Hamilton, X55, has written a book titled *Machine Gun Kelly’s Last Stand*, published by the University Press of Kansas. This book chronicles the crimes and the subsequent manhunt for one of the best-known criminals of the 1920s and 1930s. Hamilton is a former Kansas City Star reporter who has created what one reviewer called a “page-turning rendition” of a gripping saga from a wide-open era in American history.

Word has been received of the death of Stanley Nispel, age 76, of Wichita, KS. Stanley was the husband of **Sue (Roberts) Nispel, A59**. Sue is a longtime active Board member of your alumni association.

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Woman’s Basketball Championship Tournament is played annually in the Bicentennial Center in Salina, KS. Outstanding teams from all over the country compete. Longtime volunteer floor manager **Ken Miller, A60**, ensures a smooth running event. Ken deals with everything from blood spills on the courts to unruly fans in the stands. Ken is actually one of five floor managers whose duties have even extended to removing “a smart-mouthed cheer squad member” from the building at the request of a referee.

John Mah, A61, is living in Seattle, WA. He is retired from Boeing Computer Services. His wife, Helen, is a United Airlines retiree. They have two children and six grandchildren, three of whom are triplets.

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Video

A video tribute to the life of the late **Eldon Moore, A64**, is currently available for viewing on line. It can be accessed at <http://vimeo.com/3374392>. The professionally produced video highlights Eldon's later life and speaks of some of

his values. His classmate and teammate, the late **L. J. Corcoran, A64**, saw the video shortly before he died and called it, "the best presentation of Kansas rural values that I've ever seen."

Scholarships At Sterling

On April 27, 2012, **Dr. Tom Simpson, A69**, a member of the Sterling College Board of Trustees, presented two College of Emporia Scholarships to Sterling students Toby

Hatfield and Emily Konrade. Toby's grandparents are **Elizabeth (Hamler) White, A61** and **Clay Alderson, A61**. Emily's grandmother is **Hazel (Rethorst) Herron, A47**.

Georgia Lee (Francis) Warren, X41, of Austin, TX, died on January 7, 2012, at age 87. Her husband and four children survive her.

Imogene (Rees) Wolvington, A41, of Denver, CO, passed away on March 25, 2012, at age 93. It was noted in the last issue of this newsletter that Imogene and her husband **Rev. Roscoe Wolvington, A40**, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on August 27, 2011. Four children and a sister survive her.

John K. Aitken, A42, of Gypsum, KS, died on November 6, 2011 at age 91. He operated a dental practice for many years and served on the City Council. Nieces, nephews and a cousin survive him.

Kathryn L. (Prosser) Perkins, A44, of Emporia, KS, died on February 5, 2012, at age 88. She was a music teacher, organist and pianist. She served on many boards and was a past-president of the Emporia Board of Education, the United Way of the Flint Hills and the Emporia Arts Council Board. Her husband, former C of E Board of Trustees member, **Elvin D. Perkins, A43**, three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive her.

Allen Leo Loyd, Jr., X45, of Ottawa, KS, passed away on April 2, 2012, at age 88. Allen left C of E in February 1943, to enlist in the Army Air Corps. After the war he worked in the aircraft industry for both Cessna and Beech Aircraft. He then entered the construction business where he owned several companies. He also was deeply involved in his community. He served as mayor of Ottawa, City Commissioner, President of the Chamber of Commerce, President of the Library Board and a member of Ottawa University's Board of Directors. His wife, four children, six grandchildren, five stepchildren, 26 step-grandchildren and two sisters survive him.

Frances (Lyons) Braun, A47, of Topeka, KS, passed away on February 17, 2012, at age 86. She had a lengthy career as a Spanish teacher, mostly in the Topeka Public Schools. While teaching, she obtained a Master's degree in Foreign Language from Emporia State. Three children, five grandchildren and a brother

survive her. Her husband, **Glenn Braun, A47**, passed away in December 2002.

Floyd Paul Bosch, A52, of Council Grove, KS, died on February 16, 2012, at age 81. Paul, a U. S. Navy veteran, owned and operated the Furniture Store in Council Grove for more than 35 years. He also owned coin operated Laundromats and was involved in farming, cattle management, real estate, oil and gas drilling, hardware and numerous other businesses. He served as Chamber of Commerce President and was recipient of his local Rotary Club's Paul Harris Award. He was a member of the School Board and of the Morris County Industrial Development Board. He is survived by his wife **Janis (Irving) Bosch, A52**, four children, nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Malcolm E. Kanady, A63, of Tulsa, OK, died on October 14, 2010, at age 69. After graduating from C of E, Malcolm obtained his masters degree in education from Oklahoma State College. He taught elementary school for many years and subsequently sold insurance. His daughter and grandson, along with his mother, a brother and a sister survive him.

David John Bisoni, A69, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away on April 27, 2012, at age 69. While attending C of E, David, a Music Education major, played trumpet under the direction of band director Frank Malambri, who was also his high school band director. After graduation David taught and subsequently embarked on a career in sales. Ultimately he and his wife were the owners of a Jacksonville landscape business. His wife, two daughters, three stepdaughters, three siblings and 15 grandchildren survive him.

Walter Comstock, A70, of Milford, OH, died on October 3, 2000. No further information is available.

James A. "Jim" Ewert, A72, of Topeka, KS, passed away on February 11, 2012, at age 67. After military service, Jim worked as a Civil and Environmental Engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad Company and subsequently as an environmental consultant. He retired in 2010. Two sons, four grandchildren and a brother survive him.

Share Your Memories

Jean (Johnson) Gilmore, A59, and **Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62**, are working on a new book for the 2013 reunion, with some similarities to the 2007 MEMORIES OF COLLEGE LIFE, and they are asking alumni to get to work right now.

Included in the book will be anecdotes about college life, which can be interesting, humorous, nostalgic or offbeat. Submissions are asked to be limited to 150 words or less. (The editors are reserving the right to condense if necessary.)

The editors would also very much like to see short

(one or two lines) tributes to or memories of deceased students, faculty or staff.

Jean stated, "We realize it's early for some to think about the next reunion, but publication requirements demand that we start work very soon. Please consider sending your anecdote, memory, photos, etc. to us as soon as you can. Your editors will appreciate it.

Send your responses to gilmore38jean@gmail.com or Jean Gilmore, 5360 E. 189th Street, Overbrook, KS 66524. The deadline is March 15, 2013, and that date will arrive sooner than we all realize.

Mini Reunion

Four C of E Class of 1959 graduates met this spring for a mini reunion in Washington, D. C. The four friends and several others of their Dunlap Hall suite mates have been meeting in various cities around the country every year or year and a half to renew friendships from their college years. This year **Jessamine (Ewert) Guislain**, **Nancy (Thomson) Ebberts**, **Evelyn (Axelton) Hamrah** and **Maurine (Dolezal) Pruchnicki** participated in a Road Scholar Tour taking in many of D. C.'s memorials and museums including the Capitol, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, Smithsonian Institute, Air and Space Museum and American Indian Center. The lectures and guided tours included Kennedy Center, the new MLK Memorial, FDR Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Korean, Viet Nam and WWII Memorials and, of course, the Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson Memorials. One evening was spent at the Ford Theater enjoying the

musical "1776." They are looking forward to meeting again next year in Kansas City at the C of E Reunion.



Gathered at the WWII memorial in Washington, D. C. are Nancy Ebberts, Kansas City, MO; Evelyn Hamrah, Flemington, NJ; Maurine Pruchnicki, Flemington, NJ and Jessamine Guislain, Prairie Village, KS.

Unfortunately, an incorrect e-mail address appeared in this newsletter's previous issue for **Conley Pierce, A67**. The correct address is c.pierce1@comcast.net. Classmates are urged to get in touch with Conley at his now-corrected e-mail address.

Loren (Trenck) Hancock, A69, and her husband, John, both retired in 2001 from their jobs in Phoenix. They bought a 5th wheel, put their furniture in storage, sold their home and traveled the perimeter of the United States and Canada. Ultimately, they fell in love with Myrtle Beach and, after 18 months on the road, bought a house there and settled in. Then, after nine years, they decided to return to their roots in Phoenix. They are happy to be back.

Mario A. Salati, A70, has just retired from his position as Administrator of the Boys & Girls Club in Endicott, NY. Prior to his stint at the Boys & Girls Club, Mario had a 35-year career

in education, serving as teacher, elementary school principal and high school principal.

June (McWilliams) Hubert, A71, has been a volunteer with the Payee Program at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Emporia since the program's inception. Federal law requires certain recipients of Federal benefits must, because of a mental or physical disability, have a responsible person manage their finances. Payees provide this service.

Ken Lerman, A72, is currently making an extended visit to Guilin, China. Ken, a business consultant, will lecture and present to three universities and a number of business associations on "Millennial Management" and on marketing strategies that attract, build and secure market share through strategic tourism, commercial development and industrial business establishment while, at the same time, preserving the local area's singular beauty.

COLLEGE OF EMPORIA REUNION 2012 REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 5, 6, and 7, 2012
Doubletree by Hilton Philadelphia - Valley Forge (Formerly Dolce)
301 West Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406

All-inclusive Reunion Package:

Friday night cash bar / reception
 Saturday AM Business Meeting & Coffee Break
 Saturday evening banquet w/ cash bar
 Music by Sidewalk Serenade with Frank Resola (72)

Featured events and activities:

Friday golf outing (priced separately)
 C of E Memorabilia Room
 C of E Items will be available for sale
 C of E Days with Class Reps

\$125.00 PER PERSON

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ANY EVENT

NOTE: NO ONE CAN BE ADMITTED TO ANY FUNCTION WITHOUT A NAME TAG, WHICH SERVES AS THEIR TICKET(S). PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU PRE-REGISTER NOW.

REGISTRATION AND NAME TAG INFORMATION: (Please print clearly.)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
 Maiden name _____ Nickname if preferred _____
 Alum (yr.) _____ Former student (yr.) _____ Faculty/staff (yr.) _____ Other (C of E relationship) _____
 Street/P.O. Box/address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Home PH # _____ Business PH # _____ Email address _____

Spouse/Other-Last name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____
 Maiden name _____ Nickname if preferred _____
 Alum (yr.) _____ Former student (yr.) _____ Faculty/staff (yr.) _____ Guest _____ (did not attend C. of E.)
 Street/P.O. Box/address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Home PH # _____ Business PH # _____ Email address _____

MUST REGISTER AT HOTEL
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 TO RECEIVE GROUP RATE.

Hotel information

Doubletree by Hilton Philadelphia
 Valley Forge, 301
 West Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406.
 The C of E group rate is \$119.00.
 Call Reservations Toll Free 800-445-8667 or
 Local 610-337-1200.
 Please specify "College of Emporia Reunion"
 when registering. Check in time – 3:00 p.m.
 Check out time – 12:00 p.m. Reservations
 must be guaranteed by one night's deposit.
 On-line reservations can be made at:
 philadelphiavalleyforge.doubletreebyhilton.com

Reunion Registration

Registration Fee \$125.00 for ___ Attendees: \$ _____
 Donation to Scholarship Fund: \$ _____
 Alumni Assoc Dues for ___yr(s) @ \$10 a yr: \$ _____
 C of E Association Donation: \$ _____
 Total Amount of Check: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **The C of E Alumni Association**
 Mail to: **The C of E Alumni Association**
c/o Ray Sager
6651 Landview Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-3018

Talented?

Planning is beginning for an alumni talent program at the 2013 Kansas City Reunion. So if you have singing, dancing, magic or comic talents, this will be your place to take the stage. If you are interested in presenting your talent or assisting with

planning this event, please contact **Liz (Hamler) White, A61**, at lwht@aol.com or (817) 296-0223. Liz's mailing address is 216 Wenrick Drive, Roanoke, TX 76262.

Imaginary Students

Your newsletter editor has recently learned of the existence of imaginary student Edna Friddle, created by ingenious C of E students in the mid-1950's. Any readers who remember any of Edna's exploits or who can share any memories of

other imaginary students are urged to e-mail the editor at jacomb2@mac.com with this information. It will be used in a future article.

Reminder

The summer potluck and meeting of your alumni association's board will be held on Saturday, July 21. The meeting is at 10:00am and the potluck is at noon. The

location will be the First Baptist Church, 807 Constitution Avenue, Emporia. This meeting will also be an opportunity to secure balcony seats from the Kenyon Hall auditorium.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of those readers who send us news about alumni, obituaries and personal updates, as well as photos. Your submissions make our newsletter interesting. Please e-mail news to John Acomb, newsletter editor, at

jacomb2@mac.com or to Larry Thompson, Vice-President for Membership, at larthomp@sbcglobal.net. If you prefer, you may write to C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City, MO 64152-9998.

Membership Information for the College of Emporia Alumni Association, Inc.

Please write legibly. Make checks payable to the C. of E. Alumni Association.

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Maiden Name *C. of E. Class

Spouse's Info Spouse's First Name Middle Initial Maiden Name *C. of E. Class

Street/Mailing Address City State ZIP + 4

Phone # E-mail

*C. of E. Class is the graduation year of the class with which students were associated, whether or not they graduated. Please use prefix "A" for alumnus, or "X" for former student or non graduate. "O" here means did not attend.

Membership dues (\$10 per year per member): Number of memberships: _____ For Years _____

Total for Membership \$ _____ Scholarship Fund (Voluntary) \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Ballot

The following have agreed to serve on the C of E Alumni Association Board of Directors. Please vote for no more than seven (7) for the three-year terms ending in 2015. You may write in your name or the name of another C of E Alumni Association member who would be interested and able to fulfill the duties of a board member, which include attendance at two meetings per year held in Emporia in January and July.

___ **Everett F. "Chip" Barger III '74**, Kansas City, MO

___ **Bob Edmiston '62**, Emporia, KS ___ **Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble '70**, Finesville, NJ

___ **Allen D. Gill '69**, Lake St. Louis, MO ___ **Andrew P. Klein '72**, Pittsburgh, PA

___ **Jim Mathis '61**, Leavenworth, KS ___ **James White '70**, Baldwin City, KS

_____ (Write-in Candidate)

Mail ballots, postmarked no later than June 27, to

C of E Alumni Association

P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City, MO 64152-9998

You may include your dues payment. Utilize the form on the back of the ballot.

You may instead e-mail your vote no later than June 30 to Larry Thompson
at larthomp@sbcglobal.net.

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