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C of E NEWS

**REGISTER
NOW**

The registration form and the hotel reservation information for the October 19 – 21 fall color reunion in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains on the banks of the Delaware River can be found in this issue of your newsletter.

The reunion will be held at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort in Shawnee on Delaware, PA. When you telephone the resort for your room reservations, let them know that you are with the College of Emporia Reunion as a special rate of \$165 per night will be available to C of E alumni. These special rates will be available Thursday through Sunday. Those who wish to extend their stay beyond Sunday can also receive the special rate, but it will not include breakfast. Alumni are urged to make resort reservations soon as the number of rooms available at the special rate is limited.

This reunion marks the 50th and 60th reunions for the classes of 1968 and 1958 respectively. The registration fee of \$165 per person includes two dinners (Friday and Saturday) and two breakfasts (Saturday and Sunday). This resort is noted for excellent food. There will be a golf outing on a course that was once a fixture on the PGA Tour and hosted the PGA Championship in 1938. Also plans are in the works for a Friday evening bonfire and hayride prior to the mixer buffet.

There is much to see and do in the area. This is, of course, the same Delaware River famously crossed in the dead of winter by General George Washington and his troops during the Revolutionary War. The actual crossing site is now a National Historic Landmark, a drive of just over two hours from the resort. It's worth a side-trip.

History that will be more nearby can be found in the C of E Memorabilia Room. As always, new and different items await your discovery.

There are also a number of hiking trails. Some are quite easy, while others are more challenging. You will find yourself in the midst of one of America's premier bird-watching areas.

Another interesting opportunity can be found about an hour's drive away. The Lakota Wolf Preserve offers educational tours with views of packs of British Columbian, Timber and Arctic wolves. There are many opportunities there for photographing wolves and other wildlife.

As always, many volunteers will be needed to run what will surely be a highly successful reunion. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact reunion Chair **Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70** at Emjayegee70@gmail.com.

Register now and call to make your hotel reservation, as the number of available rooms is limited. The telephone number of the hotel is (800) 742-9633 or (570) 424-4000.

Memorable Family

The William Allen White Children's Book Award was established in 1952. It honors nationally famed **William Allen White, X1886**. A set of these award-winning books was recently donated to the William Allen White Community Partnership in memory of **Esther R. Vandervelde, A39**, who had served as head of the cataloging Department at Emporia State University for 36 years. Fourteen of the books are inscribed to Miss Vandervelde by the authors, and many are first editions. The Vandervelde family has a prominent place in C of E history. One of Ruth's brothers, **Dr. Stanley L. Vandervelde, A38**, served for many years on the C of E Board of Trustees. He was chair of the board when a ten-year strategic plan was adopted in 1960 with the stated goal of making C of E "one of the strongest Liberal Arts colleges in the Midwest."

Another brother to Esther was Jacob Vandervelde, who married **Joy (Coverdill) Vandervelde, A27**. Other Vanderveldes who graduated from C of E included **Guy Vandervelde, A20**, **Cornelia (Vandervelde) Fields, A33**, **Ben Vandervelde, A34** and his wife **Frances (Onstad) Vandervelde, A36**.

Perhaps the most notable of the Vanderveldes in C of E history was **Conrad Vandervelde**. Educated at Ripon College, Princeton University, Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago, he came to C

of E in 1911. He served as Professor of Philosophy and Dean. In 1918 he was elected to become President of the College, succeeding President **Wilson Bean**. The college changed direction, however, and in 1919 installed Rev. **Frederick W. Lewis, D. D.** as President of the college. Rev. Lewis had his Bachelor's degree from Princeton and his D. D. from C of E.

Vandervelde stayed at C of E for his entire career, mostly doing double duty as Dean and as a professor. At various times he taught both Philosophy and Psychology. He was popular with students. The 1924 Alla Rah was dedicated to him. The dedication spoke of his "unselfish and untiring devotion to the highest ideals of the College of Emporia, whose friendly interest in all students has won for him the respect, admiration, and love of every member of the college."

The 1934 Alla Rah was again dedicated to Dean Vandervelde. This dedication read in part, "By his wise, untiring, and progressive leadership he has done more than any other person to mould the destinies of the college." After a thirty-year career at C of E, Dean Vandervelde retired in 1941.

In 1956, well after his retirement, the "Conrad Vandervelde Chair of Christian Education" was established at C of E to commemorate Dean Vandervelde's many years of distinguished service to the college.

Distinguished Service Award

In October, 2016, **Dr. Tom Simpson, A69**, was awarded Sterling College's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, for his lifetime of service to the community and the college. The award recognizes exceptional contributions to society, distinguished professional accomplishment, and outstanding leadership and character.

Tom, now retired, spent his entire career in a successful family medical practice in Sterling. In addition to his medical accomplishments and service, he has worked with 17 different community organizations including several roles in Boy Scouts, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department, Habitat for Humanity and Sterling Presbyterian Manor. He was elected to serve on the Sterling City Commission. He has been active in the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians since 1969, serving as president in 1983 and being named Kansas Family Physician of the Year in 1992. He has served on the board of the Kansas Hospital Association.

Tom's relationship with Sterling began when he served

as team doctor for the football program. During this period, he and his wife, Linda, created the foster family program, a relationship between the students at Sterling College and community members that is still running today. Dr. Simpson has served on the Sterling College Board of Trustees since 1988.

In 2015 Tom was awarded the College of Emporia Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

(Editor's Note: This article was written before Tom's recent death. His obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Keep Us Informed

Please send us news about yourself. We want to hear from you. E-mail John Acomb, newsletter editor, at jacomb2@mac.com or Les Palmer at lepalmer@aol.com. If you prefer, please write us at P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405.



By-Laws Revised

Revisions of your alumni association's By-Laws were completed at the recent January board meeting, held January 20 in Emporia. Changes are a decrease in the number of individuals elected to the board from seven per year to five per year and a provision allowing officers who are not elected board members to vote and to be counted

for purposes of establishing a quorum. These are the first By-Laws revisions to occur since 2010.

The recently elected group of seven board members will serve until the end of 2020. With five to be elected beginning next winter, the board will go over a three-year period from 21 members to 15 in 2021.

1946 Alla Rah

The years of World War II were lean ones for the College of Emporia. When the war ended, the 1946 Alla Rah became the first yearbook published in four years. Although information about the Class of 1943 apparently wasn't available to the editors, the classes of 1944 and 1945 were listed in the 1946 edition.

It was not surprising that the three senior classes were small and mostly female. Eleven of the thirteen members of the Class of 1944 and nine of the eleven members of the Class of 1945 were women. The small class of ten who graduated in 1946 was evenly split between the genders as men who left college to go to war returned to complete their degrees.

The 1946 Alla Rah documents the college's transition to a peacetime campus. The music department had five singing groups, all female. Change was, however, becoming evident in athletics. After a three-year absence, basketball returned to C of E. The first semester basketball team in the 1945 - '46 academic year had six players. Coach **Walter Newland, FF**, was at peace with his situation. He stated, "I have fewer worries than most coaches. I don't have to worry about substitutions for one thing."

An influx of returning veterans at the semester break changed the squad radically. The team roster expanded to thirteen players, and with a starting lineup averaging 6' 4" in height, they became known as "The Tallest Team in Kansas." The team went on an eight-game winning streak before a three-point loss in the final game of the season to conference champion, McPherson.

As might be expected on a campus comprised mostly of women, a variety of physical education opportunities were available to women during the war years. There were opportunities for tennis, archery, swimming, horseback riding, bowling, basketball and badminton.

Another manifestation of the women's eagerness to see gender balance return to the campus was the rumored arrival of an imaginary student, named Danny Hogan. He was described as tall, dark, handsome and unmarried. It was alleged that Hogan was, among other things, going to deliver a chapel service and donate money for a new gym. Eventually the hoax was discovered. The principal perpetrator was **Rob Lodle, A48**. Danny turned out to actually be a dog.

Strategic Planning

An afternoon portion of your alumni association's January board meeting was devoted to looking at the organization's future. Prior to the meeting, **Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62**, polled a representative sample of alumni association members to pin down issues to be discussed and to gain those individuals' input. At the meeting, some consensus opinions emerged.

While recognizing the inevitable fact that each year the average age of our membership grows older, there was clear agreement that the association is not yet at the end of the road and we cannot determine at this time when that endpoint will occur. Consensus was that the association is healthy and valuable as long as the scholarship program, reunions and a regular newsletter continue.

Discussion focused on the continuation of our legacy, the scholarship program. There was agreement that this program should continue through the Presbyterian

Foundation after the finale of the alumni association. Previous boards had already begun implementation of this process. An update will take place at the July board meeting, which will include a representative from the Presbyterian Foundation. There was general agreement that this transfer shouldn't take place until the alumni association dissolves or can no longer maintain a volunteer Scholarship Committee. Moreover, it was believed that both the dissolution and/or the transfer of the scholarship funds would require legal counsel.

Other discussion focused on whether to change some portion of the current board meeting format at a not-as-yet determined date in the future. Ideas centered as to whether the January meeting might be done by videoconference or conference call. Another area of interest focused on the importance of recruitment of board and committee members from the classes of 1968 - 1974.

COLLEGE OF EMPORIA REUNION 2018 REGISTRATION
October 19th – October 21st 2018

ALL-INCLUSIVE REUNION PACKAGE: \$160/Person

- Registration "Welcome Package"
- Friday night mixer buffet/cash bar
- Saturday AM breakfast/business meeting
- Saturday evening banquet/dance with DJ/cash bar
- Sunday morning farewell breakfast

(2 Dinner/2 Breakfasts ~ Worth going just for that!)

FEATURED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Friday evening Pete's Parlor Mixer
- C of E Memorabilia Room
- Saturday afternoon is for putting on a sweater, getting outside and taking in the crisp autumn air and enjoying the fall foliage, boating, fishing, OR touring local towns, walking/hiking various close by trails, golfing or just hanging out on the porch with old friends. Other options might include throwing back brews with the E-Club or joining your classmates for a 50th or 60th reunion luncheon!
- Friday Morning Golf Outing \$50 – Make checks payable to: *"C of E" Reunion 2018/Golf* Send checks to:

Dennis Pecoraro

701 Farley Road

White House Station, New Jersey 08889-5030

REGISTRATION & 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#: _____ Cell PH# _____
 Email address: _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE LATEST YEARBOOK IN WHICH YOUR PICTURE APPEARED (for reunion name tag) _____ (If you're not in a yearbook, please send a picture of yourself from that time period)

HOTEL REGISTRATION

100 Shawnee Inn Drive, P.O. Box 67, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

The room rate is **\$165** per night

Reservations: 800-742-9633

Let them know you are with the **College of Emporia Reunion**

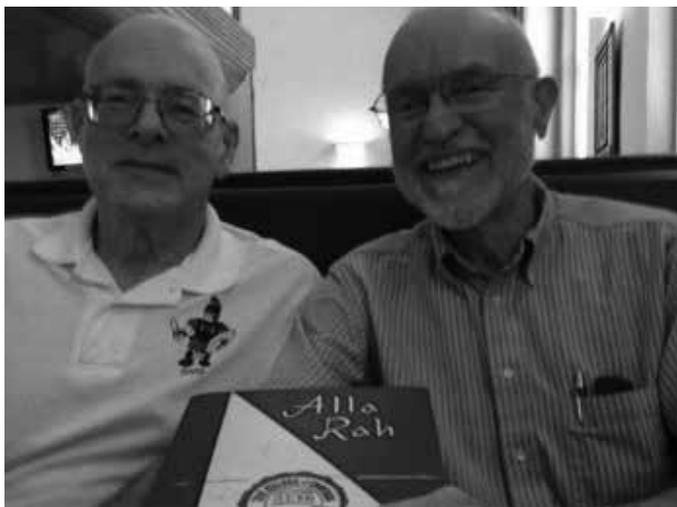
REUNION REGISTRATION

Registration Fee **\$165** for _____ Attendee(s): \$ _____ Guest(s) Name _____
 Donation to Scholarship Fund: \$ _____
 Alumni Assoc. Dues for _____ yr(s) @ \$15/yr: \$ _____ (Includes Newsletter 3 Times per Yr.)
 C of E Association Donation: \$ _____
 Total Amount of Check: \$ _____

Checks Payable To: "C of E Reunion 2018"

Mail To: C of E Reunion 2018 - c/o Roger Sager, 18 Butternut Drive, Vernon, New Jersey 07462-3301

OR - Register on our website: <https://collegeofemporia2015.wixsite.com/cofereunion2018>



Classmates Jim Mathis, A61, (left) and Loren Tice, A61, had an opportunity to catch up in Lexington, KY. They believe that the last time they saw each other was on graduation day in 1961. Jim and his wife **Barbara (Brenner) Mathis, X63** were in Kentucky to visit their grandson who attends Georgetown (KY) College. Loren is celebrating his 40th year as a music professor at Transylvania University in Lexington. Current highlights for Loren include a 40th anniversary recital and ongoing participation in a chamber music series titled Bach to Now.

David Evans, X56, is currently working as a blogger for Psychology Today. The title of his blog is “Can’t We All Just Get Along?” David’s career has been in writing and mediation. He has won a shared EMMY Award for writing on “The Monkees” television show and twice received the “Outstanding Case of the Year Award” for mediations in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. His website is www.HelpUsHealAmerica.com, where you might learn about invisible gorillas or who to invite to join you at lunch.

Bob Karr, A59, FF, taught mathematics and coached at C of E in the late 1960’s. He left Emporia but later returned to teach high school and coach cross-country. He found two neglected apple trees on his property. He brought them back to productivity, planted more apple trees and today, retired from teaching, is the owner of The Orchard, which boasts over 700 apple trees along with a few peach and plum trees. Visitors enjoy miniature golf and fish feeding. The on-site store sells all of the orchard’s 21 varieties of apples as well as hot apple cider and apple cider shushes.

Jerry Dyche, A60, has a song entitled “Come In Mr. Lonely” in the movie *A Crooked Somebody*. This movie is now scheduled for release this spring. Watch for it.

Jim Mathis, A60, has written a book titled *Leavenworth, A Legacy of Tennis* that celebrates the history of tennis in Leavenworth, KS. Jim has been playing and coaching tennis for more than 60 years, including 28 years as tennis coach at Leavenworth High School. The book chronicles the many individuals who have contributed to the area’s rich tennis history.

Dale B. Taylor, PhD, X61, was recently honored with a Legacy Award from the American Music Therapy Association’s Black Music Therapy Network for “achievements and contributions to our field” as a “notable history-maker in Music

Therapy.” Dr. Taylor’s career in music therapy has spanned more than fifty years. He is the founder of the music therapy program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the author of the widely used college textbook *Biomedical Foundations of Music as Therapy*. He is the originator of several widely held theories in his field.

Thomas Yant, C.P.M., X66, is retired from the Oklahoma State University Purchasing Department and lives in Stillwater, OK. After leaving C of E, he attended OSU School of Technical Training, Okmulgee, OK and subsequently OSU, Stillwater. A USN Seabee Vietnam veteran, he spent most of his career in private and public purchasing with brief stints as a flight instructor and Realtor. Being retired allows time to be active in the American Legion, VFW and the Sons of the American Revolution. He is also webmaster for his church and his VFW Post. Additionally he is Facebook administrator for his American Legion Post.

Wayne Peterson, A69, has retired after 46 years in education. After graduation from C of E Wayne received an MS Degree in School Psychology and then an Ed.S. Degree, both from Emporia State. The vast majority of his career as a School Psychologist was spent in the Auburn-Washburn Unified School District in Topeka, KS. His service earned his election to that school district’s high school Hall of Fame. In addition to his service to the school district, he is an instructor in Psychological First Aid for the Medical Reserve Corp of Shawnee County.

This past summer Paige Spencer, X75, and her husband embarked on a three-month road trip. Included was a visit to the former C of E campus, which Paige’s husband had never seen. Another stop on the journey was in Missouri to see college friends **Steve, X74,** and **Debbie (Raup) Betscher, X75.**

Ruea O. (Pendergraft) Thurston, A42, of Cottonwood Falls, KS, passed away January 8, 2018 at age 96. After graduating from C of E with a BS degree and a lifetime teaching certificate, Ruea embarked on a lifetime career of teaching. She taught business in Chase County, KS for 40 years, retiring in May 1989. She was inducted into the Kansas Teacher's Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the R. B. Russell outstanding business teacher award from Delta Phi Epsilon. A daughter, two grandsons and two great-grandsons survive her.

Hazel L. (Rethorst) Herron, A47, of Spearville, KS, passed away November 9, 2017 at age 92. She was a schoolteacher and was active in her church as a Sunday school teacher, Elder and organist. Six children, sixteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren survive her.

Josephine "Jo" (Ross) Dell, X48, of Colorado Springs, CO, died December 11, 2017 at age 91. Jo lived in Emporia for many years, working at Emporia State's Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity as cook, food service director and chapter advisor. Subsequently, she served as site manager for the Emporia Senior Center. After retirement, she and her husband moved to Colorado, where she remained active in her community and church and proudly published her own cookbook. Two children and four grandchildren survive her.

Helen Charlene (Haucke) Huston, X48, of Phoenix, AZ, died October 18, 2017 at age 90. She and her husband of 67 years farmed for many years near Americus, KS. She moved to Phoenix after retirement. Three sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive her.

Calvin Carl Hunter, X49, of Council Grove, KS, passed away February 8, 2018 at age 89. While attending C of E, Cal lettered in four sports. During his many years living in Council Grove, he coached and played for local teams and served his community as Mayor and City Councilman. He worked various jobs, but ultimately he retired from the US Postal Service. Three daughters, nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren survive him.

Mary Anne (Troup) Gorham, A56, of Colorado Springs, CO, passed away November 10, 2017 at age 83. After graduation from C of E, she taught in public school districts in Kansas and Colorado as well as the Get-Set Preschool in Colorado. Her

husband, two sons and three grandchildren survive her. Her parents **J. Lawrence Troup, X27**, and **Helen Louise (Taylor) Troup, A29**, predeceased her.

Dr. Harry B. Herzer, III, A56, of Manteo, NC, passed away September 25, 2017 at age 83. After gaining his doctorate from Oklahoma State University, Harry's career was with NASA in the agency's Aerospace Education Program. He traveled all over the United States, sometimes accompanied by lunar samples. After retirement, Harry and his family moved from the Washington, DC, area to North Carolina's Outer Banks. His wife and two children survive him.

Tommy D. Coleman, X60, of Clayton, NC, died September 9, 2017 at age 80. Tommy was an outstanding athlete at C of E, starring in football, basketball and track. His wife, **Theodora "Teddy" (Jassimides) Coleman, X61**, and a son survive him.

Beverly (Godsey) Gilmore, A60, of Minneola, KS, died October 31, 2017 at age 79. Subsequent to her graduation from C of E, she earned a master's degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and her Title 1 (Reading Specialist) certification from Emporia State University. Her lifelong teaching career included teaching piano and grade school music. Her husband, **Thomas "Tom" Gilmore, A57**, preceded her in death. Three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive her.

J. D. Havenner, X63, of Olathe, KS, passed away September 8, 2017 at age 76. His entire career was spent in the telephone business with Southwestern Bell, AT&T and Lucent. "J. D. never knew a stranger, and people always remembered him." His wife, three children and four grandchildren survive him.

Carl Gelfont, A64, of Ventnor City, NJ, died November 26, 2017. Carl owned a jitney service in Atlantic City for 23 years. Carl's first wife was **Beverly (Fuchs) Jones, X66**. His current wife of thirty years, three children, eight grandchildren and his sister, **Cynthia (Gelfont) Chazanoff, A66**, survive him.

Russell E. Linthicum, Jr., A68, of Ilion, NY, passed away June 5, 2017 at age 73. His wife, three children and a granddaughter survive him.

Dr. Thomas Simpson, A69, of Sterling, KS passed

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 (\$15 per year per member): Number of memberships: _____ For Years _____

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

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away October 30, 2017 at age 70. He was a graduate of Kansas University Medical School and spent his entire career as a Family Physician in Sterling. Tom was active in his community, serving for many years on the Sterling College Board of Trustees. He served as Chief of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department and as a member of the Sterling City Commission. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Kansas State Legislature and a recipient of the C of E Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. An article containing additional information about Tom, written before his death, appears elsewhere in this issue. His wife, four children and thirteen

grandchildren survive him.

Word has been received that **Cynthia "Cinzia" (Vollman) Gilbert, A70**, of Ovada, Italy has passed away. Cinzia and her husband, **David Gilbert, A70**, owned a successful restaurant, the Old Yellowstone Garage, in Jackson Hole, WY. They traveled to Italy periodically to search for "tastes" for their restaurant and fell in love with the Piedmont area. They moved to Ovada ten years ago. Cinzia's husband survives her.

Word has been received that **Raymond C. "Ray" Dilorio, A71**, of Crystal River, FL died May 8, 2015 at age 65.

OBITS CONT.

Deadline

The deadline for applying for a C of E Alumni Association scholarship is April 1, 2018. It takes some time to assemble the requisite information, and applicants are urged to begin now to pull together required items. Current applications will be for the 2018-2019 academic year.

These scholarships are for descendants of former C of E students, faculty or staff. Applications and relevant information can be found on your alumni association's website www.c-of-e.org. Six \$2,000 scholarships were

awarded for the current year.

Each year a scholarship committee, chaired by **Clarence "Clancy" Howland, A58**, diligently evaluates an outstanding group of applicants. Each individual on this committee puts in many hours and takes this work very seriously. Longtime committee member **Dr. Harry Herzer, A56**, passed away recently. (*Editor's Note: Harry's obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.*) His replacement on the committee is **Carolyn (Cruikshank) Day, A60**.



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2018 Officers

At your alumni association's January 20 meeting in Emporia, 2018 officers were elected by unanimous vote. President is **Jim Brooks, A72**. Other officers named were **Allen Gill, A69**, President-Elect; **Les Palmer, A63**, Vice President for Membership; **Sue (Roberts) Nispel, A59**, Secretary and **Cecil Lane, A71**, Treasurer.

Board members, elected by the association's membership to terms ending in 2020 are: **Joanna (Mutchler) Brooks, A71**; **Carolyn (Cruikshank) Day, A60**; **Jim Hoyt, X60**; **Jim Mathis, A61**; **Olivia (Medina) Moore, A64**; **Ray Sager, A65** and **Norman Tice, X61**.

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