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# C of E NEWS

## JULY REUNION

The Kansas City Reunion coming on July 5-7 in the Overland Park Marriott promises to be special in many ways. For the first time ever, the C of E Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to several very deserving recipients. This award recognizes extraordinary personal accomplishment in post-collegiate life. Recipients, if living, are expected to attend, and the stories of all of the award winners will be shared. Plan to hear the entire presentation at the Saturday evening banquet. Memorabilia will be another highlight. Items never before displayed will be available to view. The display will be twice as large as ever before with two rooms to browse.

In connection with the Memorabilia Rooms, the video tribute to the life of the late **Eldon Moore, A64**, will be shown continuously. This professionally produced video highlights Eldon's later life and speaks of some of his values.

**Liz (Hamler) White, A61**, reports that the Friday evening program is shaping up quite well. **Hazel (Athlon) Zink, X61**, a great accordion player, has agreed to play with others who have guitars, banjos, mandolins, etc. So bring your instruments. Also, bring your singing voice to join in an oldies and country & western sing along in the "jamming" close of Friday evening's Presby Pete's Playhouse. If you can in any way help with this, give Liz a call at 817-854-0223 or e-mail at Lzwht@aol.com.

The 50th Reunion lunch for the Classes of 1963 and 1964 will be an important, once-in-a-lifetime part of the weekend for those involved. Members of these classes who have not as yet registered for the reunion are urged to come and take advantage of their only opportunity to attend their 50th college class reunion.

Former choir singers and others who participated in C of E's fine vocal music programs will be asked to sing several selections at the Sunday morning worship service. Choir practice, open to all who wish to participate, will be held on Saturday afternoon. Hearing the assembled great voices from C of E's rich musical tradition is always special.

### Expanded Emporia Tour Opportunities

Individuals who are unable to attend the reunion in Kansas City may still be a part of the Emporia tour being offered on Sunday afternoon, July 7. Those who wish to attend only the tour may use the signup form found elsewhere in this issue. The tour is free. The optional box lunch is \$10.00 for each meal.

Note, however, that the deadline

for ordering box lunches is June 1.

Attendees are asked to gather at the ESU Sauder Alumni Center at 1:00 p.m. to start the tour. Sharon (Spencer) Stewart, A65, will give an overview of Emporia then-and-now and give a preview of the tour. Our hour at the Sauder Center will include the box lunches and an opportunity to share Emporia memories.

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# President's Letter

Roger Sager, A71

The 2013 Reunion is almost here. I hope everyone is planning to attend. **Les Palmer, X63**, and the Reunion Committee have worked hard for a long time to prepare this event for the rest of us. I for one want to thank them all for their efforts made on our behalf. This year offers the unique opportunity for a guided tour of the campus, as it exists today. I know all of us will look forward to that! I'm certain that, as usual, this Reunion weekend will be a great success!!

Your Alumni Association is looking for people to serve as Officers and Committee Members for the various activities in the upcoming year. **Sue (Roberts) Nispel, A59**, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, will be available during the Reunion to discuss the available positions. You can also contact her by email [snispel@aol](mailto:snispel@aol).

com. If you cannot find Sue, Les Palmer, the President Elect and I can also assist you if you have any questions. Please consider getting involved with the Association. Not all positions have to be located in the Kansas area. Board members and Officers come from many states and actively participate.

This year **John Acomb, X64**, the editor of this fine Newsletter, and I would like you to consider pledging your financial support for our Scholarship Fund. John and I will be around all weekend to answer questions. As you know, your Alumni Association awards scholarships to students who are descendents of former C of E faculty, staff or students. Please consider supporting this effort with your donation.

## Silent Auction to Benefit New Display

A permanent display of C of E history will be placed in a high quality display case in the completely refurbished Kenyon Hall (now Kenyon Heights). The plan, approved by your Alumni Association Board, calls for the installation of the large, glass, locking display case late this year. Displays, built around alumni association memorabilia, are to be changed twice a year.

Rick Mitchell, of Mitchell-Markowitz in Emporia, the company renovating Kenyon Hall, has been working with **Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62**, toward placement of our collections on display just outside the old entrance to the chapel on the first floor of Kenyon Heights. The board has given Linda permission to proceed with this project. Rick Mitchell will install the case.

A silent auction will be held in the Memorabilia Rooms during the July Reunion with several unique items from our current collections available to the highest bidders. All proceeds will go towards the purchase price of the case.

Some of the many and varied items up for bid are: Alla RaHS from the 1960s and 1970s, some "decorative" pieces of the slate roof off Kenyon Hall complete with easels, one or two frosh beanies, four full-sized Xeroxed copies of "College Life" from 1958, a few table favors and freebies from past reunions and some surprises.

Anyone not wishing to place a bid on any item, is welcome to make a monetary donation by check or cash that will be dedicated to the fund for the display case. Your check should be made out to the C of E Memorabilia Fund. If you wish to contribute by mail, you may send your donation to Cecil Lane, Treasurer, C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405. We need about \$2,000 to purchase a quality selection that will permanently display our memorabilia. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

## P. E. – Back in the Day

By Jean (Johnson) Gilmore, A59

Major Calvin Hood, an Emporia banker, was a financial mainstay of the College of Emporia. He was a member of the board of directors (trustees) when it was founded, and he was a member when he died in 1910. Soon after the school opened, when students wanted a gymnasium, he helped furnish the first gymnasium – in the basement of Stuart Hall.

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# RECAP OF PRESENTATION ON MEMORABILIA AT VALLEY FORGE REUNION

By: Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62

For the business meeting on Saturday morning, Linda Myers was asked to speak on the Association's memorabilia collections and how it all started with formation of the Association in 1979. The presentation was so well-received, she was asked to put it in written form for the newsletter. What follows is a recap.

Good morning. Roger Sager has asked me to talk on our memorabilia. He told me I could have about ten minutes. This is a topic I could speak on for hours as it is very close to my heart. Since taking it on, I have learned more about our college than I ever imagined I, or anyone, could discover.

In 1979, a group of alums got together and formed our present alumni association. Price Lewis became our first Historian, and he worked very hard to accumulate what became the core of our exhibits. When The Way auctioned off everything else, Price, Lyle Hilbert, and Bill Whitehead, our first president, begged, bid on and harassed The Way administration until they finally were able to purchase several other pieces of our past. The majority of those items are currently housed with Lyon County Historical Society.

Price Lewis, Jack and Maxine Mitchell managed our memorabilia and set up the displays. It was divided up and stored at their home, in the Sauder Center, and some was given to the latter for the C. of E. room. John Spencer took it on through the 2007 reunion and he showed me then what he had inherited from his mother, Margaret's, vast collection, accumulated through all her years as a student and board of trustees member. His father, as you may recall, was our team doctor, having also been a student at C. of E. In fact, we have quite a Spencer dynasty from the 1920s through John and his sister, Sharon Spencer Stewart. After John's death in early 2009, I received a call from Jack Mitchell, and he asked me then if I would take on the responsibility of getting our collections together in one spot. With Jack's help, we moved everything out of the Sauder Center and combined those items with what I had managed to find.

My husband and I drove to Fort Scott in May of 2009 and picked up what Jan Spencer had packed up for us. It was not until I got home and started going through it that I realized I had Margaret Spencer's entire collection.

I was astounded at the contents and immediately began cataloguing all the old original documents, letters, and certificates ... some of the earliest, handwritten papers from the very early days of our college. I was hooked and became consumed with learning about who we once were and who we had become.

I've often been asked by some of my peer group, "Why do I care for something that is no longer there. Why live in the past?" That is easily answered, and not by any of my own personal feelings. All anyone needs to do to find answers is to listen to the stories such as those I've heard here in just a couple days. Most have come from people I never knew as they came long after I had gone. One I asked to share: Sissie Gelfont came to me at breakfast this morning and echoed my thoughts exactly when she said "We care about the people and the place(s) that shaped our lives." Whether we were there one year, or as I overheard, "I was there on the five year plan," it was a special time in its own way. The campus may no longer be a college, but most of the buildings we all knew are still there. For me, it will always and forever hold a special place in my heart.

A few examples of discoveries I've made since researching our history include:

- how so many of our professors came before us as students in their own right
- that there was a moat under Kenyon Hall fed by rainwater, used to cool the walls
- that there were many early mascots long before Presby Pete was born in the 1940s. We began with a dog and our last one was a dog. I found that somehow quite fitting.

In conclusion, there was a theme song from a TV show I used to watch called "Providence". The opening line says it all for me whether I am on campus going through the remodel of Kenyon Hall or working in the basement of Vollmer Hall on our collections. "There are places we remember. . ." and there are people who touched our lives in some special way. . .we never forget them. . .the bond remains long after the buildings are gone.

## Opportunity

If you can work it into your schedule, consider a visit to the National WWI Museum while you are in Kansas City for this summer's reunion. In July the museum will already be geared up to observe the Centennial of the Great War.

In connection with this event, some items will be exhibited for the first time ever. The collection of WWI items here is the largest in the country.

Also, two special exhibits will be on display at reunion time. One is titled "Harmonies of the Homefront." Music played an important role in reflecting the national moods and in supporting the soldiers. That role is chronicled here in narrative form and in a large number of exhibits, which include colorful sheet music and

authentic recordings for the visitor to hear.

"Road to War" is the second special exhibit. It chronicles both underlying and apparent causes of the conflict. Remarkable objects, documents and photographs of 1904-1914 colorfully illustrate many of the events, countries and people of the period. The narrative provides glimpses of the origins of some of the geopolitical problems that continue to plague our world today.

The museum, located at 100 West 26th Street, Kansas City, MO, is open during the summer from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day. A two-day pass for seniors is \$12. Admission on Wednesdays is \$7. Even if you have visited this museum before, the new exhibits make a return visit very worthwhile.

## Positions Available

Two highly important positions in your alumni association are currently filled with temporary appointees. We need someone to take over these offices in 2014. Please review the job descriptions below carefully. Thoughtfully consider volunteering your services to fill one of these positions. Note that both positions will require attendance at two meetings in Emporia per year. Both will also require good communication skills and an understanding of and access to Microsoft computer programs such as Access, Excel and Word.

### SECRETARY:

Responsible for: taking minutes for all Board meetings and sending them electronically to all Board members;

assisting President, as needed, in preparing agendas and disseminating them electronically to all Board members prior to meeting; maintaining copies of all reports filed at Board meetings; keeping and distributing to Board members a roster of all elected and appointed Board members.

### VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Responsible for: receiving all mail; depositing of all dues and donations received from members; reporting monies received to the Treasurer; maintaining detailed and accurate records of individual members in the Association's Database; preparing reports for Board of Directors and Executive Officers on an as needed basis.

## OBITS

**Harold John Coleman, A41**, of Bartlesville, OK, died April 24, 2013 at age 93. Harold was employed by the U. S. Bureau of Mines for 34 years. After retiring he started an investment company and embarked on a successful real estate career. He was also quite active in his community, serving on the Bartlesville School Board for 16 years. One of the offices that he held while serving was President. In addition, he served as Associate Director and President of the Oklahoma State School Board. He also served on the Board of the C of E Alumni Association. Harold's first wife, Elsie, a son and his brother, **Leland Coleman, X44**, and his wife **Marguerite (Rowhuff) Coleman, A43**, predeceased him. His second wife, Viola, two children, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren survive him.

**Dayl L. Kaiser, A62**, of Bethany, OK, died April 8, 2013 at age 72. After graduating from C of E, Dayl went on to McCormick Theological Seminary and graduated in 1966. He was then ordained into the ministry and headed to the Philippines on an experimental mission program. Subsequently, he returned to the US and a long career in mission work, serving urban and Native American areas. He is survived by his wife **Mary Lu (Craddock) Kaiser, A63**, two children and four grandchildren.

**William C Wallace, Jr., A64**, of Virginia Beach, VA, passed away April 12, 2011 at age 69. He worked in the wire and cable business for many years and then managed a warehouse in Plum Boro, PA, where he resided for 40 years. His wife **Blanche (Duguid) Wallace, N64**, two sons and two granddaughters survive him.



New material is continually being added to your alumni association's website. Have you visited it lately?

There is a new gallery of photos from the 2012 Valley Forge Reunion. On the website, go to "About Us." Click there, and you will see "Reunion Galleries." Click there and you will find the "2012 Reunion." There are 52 photos in this gallery. Most but not all of the people therein are identified. Our webmasters, **Chuck Ireland, A67** and **Megan (Isaac) Evans, A70**, would very much appreciate it if our members would visit the site and send in names of individuals pictured but not yet identified. Also, you are urged to send in any photos that you might have from past reunions.

Also, photos and newspaper articles from your college

days will be greatly appreciated. Use the "Contact Us" form to suggest other items that you would like to see on the website, and don't forget to "Friend" us on the Facebook page.

While you are there, check out the entire Athletic Hall of Fame, the listing of all of the members of the Athena Society, a history of our college and the virtual tour of the campus. If you have a direct descendent who is in high school, consider downloading a copy of the scholarship application form and calling it to the attention of your future college student.

Finally, click on "About Us." Then open the "Alumni Membership Form" to join or to extend your membership for a few more years.

## Write-In

Your ballot for elections to your alumni association's Board of Directors is on the back cover of this newsletter. You will notice that you are asked to vote for seven individuals although only six names are listed. This occurred because we lost one of our candidates at the last minute, and we have not had time to find a replacement.

So we need your help. Please consider service on the board.

You will be required to attend two meetings per year in Emporia. If you are interested, write yourself in.

If the Board isn't a fit for you at this time, consider others who are members of the alumni association. If you feel one of them might be ideal, call them to seek their interest.

If they are willing to serve, please write them in. Your assistance is appreciated.

Two former C of E Alumni Association Presidents will be inducted into the prestigious Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame on June 1. **Ken Miller, A60**, President in 2009, and **Belle (Gates) Grimsley, X59**, President in 2003, are both retired Kansas teachers.

Ken's Kansas teaching and coaching career included stops in Ransom, Junction City and Salina. Ken's varied volunteer efforts include service in a leadership position for Camp Hope, an American Cancer Society camp for kids, for all of the 30 years that it has been held.

Belle's wide-ranging volunteer efforts include holding office in the Flint Hills Antique Power Association, the Americus Chamber of Commerce and Emporia Area Retired School Personnel. She continues to provide columns to the Emporia Gazette on news from her home in Americus.

Ken and Belle will join fellow C of E alumnus **Tom Gilmore, A57**, a 2001 inductee, in the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame.

**Jerry Baker, A61**, was recently named a "Sunflower Hero" by Topeka television station Channel 27. Jerry is the leader and organizer of a group from Fellowship Bible Church that regularly visits the McCrite Plaza Retirement Community to interact

and spread good cheer and love to the residents. This effort is part of a larger "Love Topeka" initiative.

**Agatha (Robaczynski) Tresky, A65**, has, after a 38-year career, announced her retirement from teaching. Numerous achievements and awards marked her career, as an English teacher, department chair and literacy coach in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Florida. Highlights include recognition of her department by former First Lady Barbara Bush for increasing literacy and being named recipient of the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty award presented by the Connecticut Education Association. As a retiree, Aggie looks forward to having the time to finally read all the books she has been collecting over the years.

Jazz drummer **Jack Mouse, A69**, has received the Aquarian Award of Achievement, presented by Aquarian DrumHeads in acknowledgement of his contributions as a jazz educator and performer. Roy Burns, CEO of Aquarian stated, "Our company has only presented this award three times in our history. In addition to being a highly regarded educator, Jack's new recording 'Range of Motion' demonstrates his prowess as a marvelous player and a true artist."

## College of Emporia Reunion 2013 – Through the Years

**July 5, 6, 7, 2013 in Overland Park, KS**

No.	Event	Price	Total
	Other Fees – To cover cost of handouts, materials, and other reunion expenses	15	
	Friday Night Buffet	20	
	Saturday Buffet Breakfast	22	
	Saturday Luncheon – E-Club ____ or Class of ____	27	
	Saturday Evening Banquet - Life Time Achievement Awards	48	
	For registration received after May 15 – add \$10	10	
	Association Dues add \$15 a year for current or future years	15	
	Scholarships – include an additional amount that you want to go to Scholarships		
	<b>Grand Total</b>		\$

*The Epicure restaurant in the hotel will offer a special luncheon on Saturday, July 6 that is not included in registration.*

Status - Please indicate if you are (A) An Alum, (X) Former Student, (G) Guest, or (F) Faculty

Status	Year Grad/Stud Yrs Faculty/Staff Yrs	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Maiden Name	Preferred Name/Nametag

**Include additional forms for more than two registering**

**Please fill out the form below if you are unable to attend the reunion but want a Reflections Book. Send a check for \$15 and form to the address below. Books will be shipped soon after**

Street/ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed registration form to C of E Reunion 2013, PO Box 424, Mission, KS 66201. Checks should be made payable to C of E Reunion 2013. You must have a name tag for admittance to events.**

Please indicate if you are willing to volunteer at the reunion helping with registration, merchandise, memorabilia room, or other as needed. (Friday: am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_), (Saturday: am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_), or (Sunday am \_\_\_).

**Hotel Reservations:**

To get the reunion rate of \$109 hotel reservations must be made before June 13, 2013. You can call the Marriott hotel 1-800-810-2759. Be sure to mention C of E Reunion 2013. Or you can link to <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mciop-overland-park-Marriott/?toDate=7/9/13&groupCode=ECRECR&fromDate=7/2/13&app=resvlink>

The actual tour will, among many other things, provide an excellent opportunity to see the transformation of Kenyon Hall. The group will be inside of both Kenyon Heights, as it is now known, and the Anderson Memorial Library.

You will be impressed by the restoration, complete with seats from Kenyon Hall, of the Granada Theater. Several

C of E alumni and former faculty, including **George Crocker, FF**, were instrumental in this restoration.

Duane Henrikson, husband of **Jerilynn (Jones)**

**Henrikson, A65**, will lead the Granada tour.

For more information call or e-mail **Olivia (Medina) Moore, A64**, at 785-482-3376 or mooreeld@tctelco.net.

## Emporia Tour – Signup

\_\_\_\_\_ I am planning to go on the Emporia tour: # attending \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would need lunch (optional): # of lunches \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my box lunch check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ at \$10.00 per person.

Note that there is a June 1 deadline for ordering box lunches. You may mail this form with a separate check with the reunion registration. This form is found elsewhere in this newsletter. If you mail this form separately, please send to: C of E Reunion 2013, P.O. Box 424, Mission, KS 66201. All checks should be made out to: C of E Reunion 2013.

## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405



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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 2016. 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.

Art Campbell, '70     Megan (Isaac) Evans, '70

Chuck Ireland, '67     John Keliher, '69     Bill Linhart, '68

Barbara (Brenner) Mathis, '63

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in Candidate)

Mail ballots, postmarked no later than June 27, to  
**C of E Alumni Association**  
P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-9495

You may include your dues payment and/or a scholarship donation. Utilize the form on the back of the ballot. You may instead e-mail your vote no later than June 30 to

Gwen Lorenz at [cofeglorenz@hotmail.com](mailto:cofeglorenz@hotmail.com).

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