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C of E NEWS

REGISTERED YET?

If you have not as yet registered for the October 19-21 fall color reunion in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, please do so. We understand that hotel rooms are going fast. The registration form is in this issue. Cost for a reunion registration is \$165.

The site of the reunion is the historic Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort in Shawnee on Delaware, PA. Evoking an atmosphere of old world charm, the Inn's guest rooms balance comfort, convenience and history. All offer views of their famous golf course, the Delaware River or the expansive resort grounds. Because the property was built in 1911, no two rooms are alike. Each differs in size and configuration, yet all share a commitment to environmentally friendly and sustainable practices.

Hotel reservations are to be made using the hotel's toll-free telephone number 800-742-9633. Reunion attendees will receive a very special \$165 per night room rate. This rate will be available Friday and Saturday nights. Those who wish to arrive earlier or to extend their stay should ask about special weekly or daily rates. Be sure to mention that you will be attending the C of E Reunion.

At the reunion there will be many opportunities to renew college friendships. A Friday night mixer with a "Pete's Parlor" theme will include a buffet. There will also be a Saturday evening banquet and dance. Both evenings will have a cash bar. Breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday mornings is included in the registration. The Saturday morning breakfast will be in conjunction with your alumni association's business meeting.

Also you will want to discover new or previously overlooked items in the Memorabilia Room. You can share your discoveries with classmates or use your phone to photo items of interest for either your own use or for sending to C of E friends who could not attend the reunion.

The resort offers a multitude of activities. You may wish to consider staying an extra day for an opportunity to go cruising down the river on a Sunday afternoon. River trips offer the best way to experience the wild and scenic Delaware River. Whether you slip away for a few hours or set off on a full day adventure, a trip along the Delaware will be a memorable time. Rates include canoes, kayaks or rafts as well as paddles, required life jackets, orientation, shuttle transportation and parking. Alternatives to a river trip include numerous hiking trails, some easy and others more challenging. The resort has information about all of these trails. Remember that we will be visiting at the peak of fall color in one of America's premiere bird watching areas.

As always, many volunteers will be needed to run what promises to be another highly successful reunion. If you would like to help out, please contact **Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**, at Emjayegee70@gmail.com.

C of E SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I am pleased to continue the legacy of the College of Emporia with my pledge to grow and continue the C of E Scholarship Fund. This fund has already paid partial college education expenses for many descendants of C of E Alumni, former C of E students and staff. The goal of this fund drive is to sufficiently grow the fund

to last many years into the future and my contribution will assist a future student to receive funds from the Alumni of the College of Emporia.

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association thanks you for your contribution.

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "C OF E SCHOLARSHIP FUND"
MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 405, EMPORIA, KS 66801-0405**

Preserving the C of E Legacy

John Mallon, an Emporia businessman, entrepreneur and visionary, passed away in October, 2017. John did not attend C of E, but he appreciated the college's legacy and its place in the core of Emporia's history.

John's primary business was as a builder, and C of E alumni will certainly remember and appreciate his restoration of the Anderson Memorial Library. He purchased the building to save it from demolition. Alumni had an opportunity to tour the library at the reunion held on campus in 2016. Restoration was almost completed at that time. It is now being offered as a site for offices.

Alumni might remember Mallon's offer to donate the restored Anderson Library to your alumni association. Serious discussions took place about the offer, and it was

ultimately decided that the association simply did not have the financial resources to maintain the building and meet expected expenses associated with ownership. Nevertheless, John Mallon's generous offer to your alumni association will always be appreciated.

Saving Anderson Library wasn't the only public service that John performed for Emporia. He built an innovative Eagle exhibit at Emporia's zoo and donated all of the labor for the project. He then added a bobcat exhibit at no charge. He performed many repairs at the William Allen White residence in Emporia and was key in the restoration of the Granada Theatre. A number of other buildings, ranging from a former Kresge's Five and Dime Store to a junior high school built in 1925 were restored and repurposed by Mallon during his successful career.

Long Trip to C of E

Ramón A. Mayor, X61, recently had an opportunity to share the story of his journey from his native Placetas, Cuba, to the College of Emporia with previously inaccessible high school classmates and residents of his hometown. The document, written in Spanish, tells of a journey that began with a scholarship offer received in 1957, his senior year in La Progresiva high school in politically restless Cuba.

Invaluable assistance in reassuring Ramón's parents was provided by **Rafael Diaz, X57**, who also outlined a path to success in the US, helping to allay their fear and concerns. It should also be noted that Rev. Martin Anorga, a Presbyterian minister in Placetas and later in Miami, who played a role in arranging the "pipeline" from Cuba that brought 26 students from Cuba to C of E in the 1950's, helped to facilitate the entire scholarship process.

Once the decision was made to accept the scholarship offer, the summer of 1957 was filled with preparations. Ramón tells of neighbors and others who came to his family's home with packages containing coffee or guava candy for a relative who lived in New Jersey. Ramón's explanations that his destination was nowhere near New Jersey were ignored, as it was perceived that all places in the United States were near each other.

Most importantly, a letter arrived from Abilene, Kansas, written by **Loren Tice, A61**. Ramón referred to this letter as "an infinite blessing." Loren "had made the request that I be his roommate in the dormitory." This was indeed a very welcome development.

Ramón arrived in Miami with \$200 in his pocket. He spent \$61 for a one-way Greyhound Bus ticket to Emporia. Today MapQuest tells us that this is a trip of 1,570 miles with an expected driving time of just over 24 hours. Ramón had two traveling companions who flew in with him from Cuba and were also headed for the College of Emporia. They were **Nidia (Rodriguez) Hill, X62**, and **Renaldo**

Manejias, X61. (*Editor's note: An obituary for Nidia Hill appears elsewhere in this issue.*)

Ramón later jokingly told classmates at C of E that all that he had to eat on the bus trip was hamburgers and cokes, as those were the only English words that he knew. The reality recounted in the story tells us that he had discovered buffets and vending machines, although the results from the latter were not happy ones.

Upon arriving in Emporia, Ramón met Loren and his family, and he tells us that Loren's "family accepted me as part of them and practically 'adopted' me." He stayed with them when the campus was closed for holidays. He characterizes their support as "completely unconditional and full of goodwill." Today he continues to consider the Tices as family.

Ramón spent two years at C of E and was joined there by his brother, **Luis E. Mayor, X62**. He then transferred to KU, where he earned his BS and MS in Metallurgical Engineering. He entered the workforce and eventually wound up in Florida working in the field of Materials Science. He passed his oral exams for a PhD in Materials Science at the University of Florida, became an American citizen and started to work the very same day. In Florida, where he continues to live, he married, and he and his wife have three children. Rev. Anorga, who had come to Florida, introduced Ramón to Areli, his future wife. In 2007 he, his brother, **Luis, Jim, X60**, and **Milly (Romo), X59, Morelan, Haydeé Pereira, X59**, and **Roberto Diaz, X60**, attended the C of E Alumni Reunion in Kansas City. After a long and fruitful career, mostly in the Aerospace industry, Ramón, now semi-retired, states, "his C of E experience provided a slow-paced, friendly atmosphere in which he learned the language, made good grades, developed a way of life and was blessed by having good people around him.

The Santa Fe Trail

The Santa Fe Trail was a main route to the American West, beginning in 1821. The shape and size of our nation were significantly influenced by this legendary trail. It extended a distance of approximately 900 miles from Independence, MO to Santa Fe, NM. The preferred transport vehicle was a wagon pulled by a team of oxen.

Over the years, so many wagons used the trail that significant ruts marked the route. So today, how do we document, protect and preserve this 900-mile trail? The answer lies with the Santa Fe Trail Association and its partnership with the National Park Service. Twelve association chapters are spread along the length of the trail.

Bill Bunyan, X61, is in his 10th year as president of

the Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association. The chapter has a variety of programs that emphasize education, preservation, research, mapping, marking and documenting events that occurred along the trail. Bill's chapter has placed 13 storyboards with information about the trail and has restored the Chilton Park Monument, which honors Major Robert Chilton, the officer in charge of the Fort Atkinson Treaty of 1853. Noteworthy is the fact that the longest continuous stretch of clearly defined Santa Fe Trail remains, a two-mile arc 300-400 feet wide in places, is in the Dodge City area.

Bill is a former member of your alumni association's board and currently serves on our Scholarship Committee.

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

ALL-INCLUSIVE REUNION PACKAGE: \$165/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 Dinners/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. Throwing back brews with the E-Club or having lunch with your class and celebrating 50 years!
- Friday Morning Golf Outing \$50 – Make checks payable to: *"C of E" Reunion 2018/Golf*
Send golf 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>

NOTE: YOUR NAME TAG SERVES AS YOUR TICKET(S) & NO ONE CAN BE ADMITTED TO ANY EVENT WITHOUT IT.



Aloha Preston, FF, at the 2006 dedication of the memorial bench placed by your alumni association on the former C of E campus

Supporting College Education

Aloha Preston, FF, and her husband, Bill, were avid supporters of higher education. Before their deaths, Bill in 2008 and Aloha in 2009, they established a trust fund to support Emporia State University (ESU). Bill taught accounting at E-State and Aloha taught physical education there. Prior to her time at ESU, Aloha was for many years Assistant Professor of Physical Education at C of E. Included in her C of E duties was sponsorship of the Women's Recreation Association. In this role she had oversight of women's sports and fitness programs.

Shortly after the Prestons' deaths, the trust acted on the specific instructions that Bill and Aloha had left. A gift of \$1,231,844 was provided to the ESU Foundation. Income from the trust is earmarked for current and future scholars in accounting and women's athletics. The athletics portion rotates between soccer, volleyball, track and field, softball,

cross-country and basketball. This spread is representative of Aloha's interest in the entire range of women's athletics. Today the total awarded from this scholarship fund is \$50,000 annually. The recipients are known as Preston Scholars.

More recently, in 2017 the trust made a gift to renovate the lower level of Cremer Hall, home of the ESU School of Business. The new area has been named the Preston Family Student Complex. It has a modern look and houses the BizHornet center, which provides advising and information on topics including careers, internships and scholarships. Also informal conversation areas and student organizations are housed in this new complex.

Dr. John Rich, associate dean of the School of Business stated that the Prestons, "lived very productive, fruitful lives. They worked hard, played hard, lived well and wasted little."

Remembering Mary Humphreys

By: **Bill Yavornitzki, A67**

Looking back on my college days brings fond memories of the college, its programs and the wonderful staff that had an enormous impact on my professional career. One such person was Professor Mary Humphreys. She taught English and Literature classes.

She had a low key teaching style, and she made the subject matter come alive, whether discussing Frost, Sandburg or Tolstoy. I was fascinated by her knowledge of the subject as well as the way that she sought student input.

Miss Humphreys was always impeccably dressed and was a role model for her students to be the best that they could be. I took every course that she taught. In my opinion, her assignments though challenging were a labor of love. I will always remember her fondly as a teacher, a friend and a wonderful human being. I consider myself fortunate in having her cross my path in life.

Editor's Note: It would be greatly appreciated if alumni would submit their memories of a favorite faculty or staff member for publication in a future newsletter.

Paying Forward

In the article above, we hear how a particular teacher at C of E was a positive influence on a student's life. All of us who attended C of E came away with experiences that we recognize, sometimes years later, as having been positive factors in shaping our lives.

We now have the opportunity to pay our C of E experiences forward by contributing to the C of E Scholarship Fund. This fund is intended to last long

after the demise of our alumni association. Descendants of both students who attended C of E and those who worked for the college are eligible. We continue to get many more applicants each year than we can award. A form which can be used to donate to the scholarship fund is located on page 2 of this newsletter. Please consider this opportunity to pay your C of E experience forward.

Alta (Harries) Rutland, A41, of San Antonio, TX, died June 17, 2011 at age 92. After she graduated from C of E, she briefly taught school in rural Kansas. When World War II began, she went to California and worked as a bomb rack inspector. She later joined the Red Cross, working with wounded veterans. She then married. Her husband practiced law for 37 years, and Alta worked as his legal secretary until his death. A son, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild survive her.

Rev. Joseph Ingraham, A55, of North Greenbush, NY, died April 10, 2017 at age 85. After graduating from C of E, Joe went on to Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1958. While serving parishes in New York, Maine and Maryland, he earned his Masters Degree in Educational Counseling in 1965. He then spent ten years as a Professor of Psychology and Counseling at two community colleges. He then returned to full time ministry in parishes in New York. He retired in 1997 from Christ Methodist Church in Troy, NY, where he was named Pastor Emeritus. His wife,

Mary (Kurtz) Ingraham, A55, four children, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild survive him.

Joan (Koerner) Tice, A59, of Wichita, KS, passed away March 8, 2018 at age 80. After graduation from C of E, she taught music for one year at Peabody High School and one semester at Goddard High School. She continued as a substitute teacher until she decided that her children needed her at home. Joan was a church organist and choir director for many years. Four children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren survive her.

Nidia (Rodriguez) Hill, X62, of Paducah, KY passed away November 13, 2017 at age 77. Nidia came to C of E from Cardenas, Cuba. At C of E she met her husband **Charles G. "Chuck" Hill, A61**, who predeceased her. Three sons, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive her.

James J. "Jim" Cordiano, A72, of Sunrise, FL, passed away August 10, 2017 at age 73. Jim was a US Navy veteran who worked for the New Jersey state government for 34 years in the Department of Community Affairs. His wife, son and grandson survive him.

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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C of E Scholarship Program Has a Bright Future

By: Sue (Roberts) Nispel, A59

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors of your Alumni Association, we heard the annual report on the C of E Scholarships. It is interesting to note that over the years a C of E Scholarship fund has been established at Sterling College, which is presently worth over \$46,000. Sterling College has complete control over this fund now and uses it for scholarships for descendants of C of E grads. We do not have any control over it or any worries about it for the future.

At Emporia State there is an endowed scholarship, which has been established through our Association. The interest from this fund is used to provide scholarships for C of E alumni descendents. E-State handles all aspects of this scholarship fund. This endowment is now over \$81,000.

In our current C of E Scholarship fund we have a little over \$62,000. Over the years we have given out six to eight scholarships every year to descendants of C of E students, faculty and staff. And yet, through good investments and continued donations to this important program, we are still able to carry on our educational tradition. We currently have a solid amount in the scholarship fund and all of you continue to be generous to this special C of E project.

What would happen if we were no longer willing or able to do the work of selecting scholarship

recipients and handling the finances? Well, we have the opportunity to place our funds in the Presbyterian Foundation with complete instructions on how we want the funds distributed, and they will follow our wishes. At the same time, they will invest our funds and continue to help the funds grow. At the July meeting of the Board and Association, we will have a representative from the Presbyterian Foundation come and talk to us about how this can be done and answer any questions about this future possibility.

For the time being, please remind any of your C of E friends with children or grandchildren in college to get their application forms for the 2019 scholarships from our www.c-of-e.org website. The deadline for application isn't until April 1, 2019, but a methodical approach to gathering the required information can begin well before the deadline.

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.





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Important Date Change

The date for your alumni association's July board meeting has changed. It will now be held on Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the C of E Room at the Sauder Alumni Center at 1500 Highland Street on the Emporia State campus. As usual this meeting is open to all alumni and their spouses.

The location of the traditional potluck following the meeting is also changed. New Emporia residents **Mary Jayne Gamble, A70**, and her husband Jim are opening their home in Emporia at 1127 Rural Street (SW corner of Rural and 12th) for the potluck following the meeting. Please bring a dish to pass. Suggestions are salads, sides or desserts as Jim will be grilling and providing beverages. Mary Jayne also mentioned that they have a swimming pool. So those who wish to get wet may do so. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Mary Jayne at emjayegee70@gmail.com.

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