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C of E NEWS

2012 REUNION

Plans for the October 5 – 7, 2012, Reunion are moving at a rapid pace. The site is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel – Valley Forge, just outside of Philadelphia. (It's only 30 minutes west of the Philadelphia International Airport.) Note that this excellent hotel has recently been purchased by DoubleTree. The new owners are now at work upgrading this already fine facility.

The **reunion theme is "Now and Then."**

The all-inclusive registration package includes Friday evening reception, Saturday evening banquet and dinner dance, Memorabilia Room with many new items, Saturday morning business meeting and more. **Frank Resola, A72**, and the Sidewalk Serenade Band will supply the music at the Saturday dance. A reunion registration form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

There will be a golf outing available at an extra cost. Those interested are asked to contact **Andy Sabol, A65**, for information at avs222bway@gmail.com or (914) 248-7151. Green fees are \$60.00 per person, which includes golf cart rental. To reserve a tee time, send your check, made out to Andy Sabol, 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 all tee times are reserved, advance payment is required by June 1, 2012.



Here are some of the 2012 Reunion Committee members at a meeting held September, 2011. Left to right: **Roger Sager, A71**, **Barry Yelenik, A65**, **Dennis Pecoraro, A66**, **Otto Ormosi, A70**, **Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**, **Barbara Bonsangue, A70** and **Larry Kincus, A70**. Photo taken by **Ray Sager, A65**.

Sterling Scholarships

By: Jean (Johnson) Gilmore, A59

In March of 1977, just 3 years and 3 months after C of E closed, **Dr. William Keesecker, A40** (graduate of the College of Emporia, McCormick Seminary, and a frequent C of E chapel speaker and campus visitor) met with a representative of Sterling College to discuss the establishment of a College of Emporia Endowed Scholarship Fund at Sterling. This

was considered important and was an appropriate way to inform the alumni that the Way College was not a continuation of the College of Emporia. The fund at Sterling started in January of 1981, and was endowed as of January of 2004 when the \$2,000 annual payment from the Alumni Association was terminated with the fund valued at approximately \$30,000. At that time (2005), **Clarence "Clancy" Howland, A58**, our scholarship committee chairman, outlined revised award criteria,

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DON'T LOSE TOUCH

Don Schroeder, Alumni Board President

Being part of the C of E family started for me in 1953 when I first arrived on campus. Since then, I do not remember being out of touch with C of E activities and friends. How about you? Have you stayed in touch with your old school? Better yet, have you kept the C of E friends you have made? I recently read a list of the top five things people regret as they have reached an older age – and one of those is that they regret not keeping up with their earlier friends.

I came to Salina, Kansas three times for work in churches here. This last time I arrived was in 1995, and I am still here. Also arriving in 1995 was a retired Doctor and his wife who moved into Presbyterian Manor. Dr. Perry Hunsley and his wife Phyllis moved here as she was beginning to develop dementia. Then retired, they looked for a location that would give them support. They came to Sunrise Presbyterian Church, where I had just arrived to be pastor, and it was not long before the discovery was made that Dr. Perry was also a C of E graduate...not only that but he also had an RN through Newman School of Nursing. He graduated from C of E in the class of 1951. He went on to be a

physician in Ohio, Kansas, and Missouri. In 1976 he moved to Branson, Missouri about the time that town was beginning to make its mark in the arts industry. On his arrival he discovered that the medical system there was at ground zero – and did not even have a certified hospital. Dr. Perry accomplished not only that but the development of a full clinic system and a new hospital while he was there.

Sadly, I officiated at Phyllis' funeral. But, our friendship has grown over the years. We often do things together and when I have a medical question I know that Dr. Perry can help me decipher the medical lingo. I want to attest that his being honored at the last reunion as one who was deceased was grossly misleading – he is alive and well and I am thrilled to have him as a good friend. We never knew each other in school but I am convinced that C of E connections have had much to do with the creation of our relationship. It's a real treasure. Who has crossed your path that keeps the college alive for you? Have you called a classmate recently that you haven't talked to in a long while? Give it a try – don't lose touch!

Restoration Under Way

The long awaited Kenyon Hall restoration is now under way. Thanks to federal housing tax credits through the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation work has begun to transform the former focal point of the C of E campus into affordable senior housing.

The building has been vacant since 2006. During that time it has been subjected to repeated vandalism as well as further deterioration related to age and weather. No

significant maintenance or repair work had been done on the building since the late 1970's.

The building's owners, Mitchell-Markowitz, LLC, now have subcontractors cleaning out the building. When completed, the building will be known as Kenyon Heights. Owner Rick Mitchell predicted, "It's going to be one of those landmark properties that will really be an asset to Emporia."

2013 Kansas City Reunion

Planning continues for the July 5, 6 & 7, 2013 reunion in Kansas City. This event will again be held at the Marriott in Overland Park, Kansas. Registration fees and room rates will be roughly comparable to those at the 2010 reunion. New elements already planned include a C of E trivia game and some unique talent from within the ranks of C of E alumni. Also new will be a memory book and the introduction of the Lifetime Achievement Awards, both of which are detailed elsewhere in this issue.

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: Sterling Scholarships

which match our general scholarship application guidelines. As of December 2010, the C of E Memorial Endowment Fund at Sterling College had a balance of \$46,223. Sterling awarded 3 scholarships in each of the most recent 3 school years, and on October 5, 2011, they held their First Annual Scholarship Luncheon, honoring all of their scholarship recipients and donors. **Jack Gilmore, A59**, and **Jean Gilmore, A59**, attended the morning chapel service and the luncheon as representatives of the C of E Alumni Association.

The 2010/2011 C of E Memorial Scholarship recipients are: Fay Carey, senior, granddaughter of **Essie Carey, X25**, majoring in History and Education. Emily Konrade, junior, granddaughter of **Hazel (Rethorst) Herron, A47**, majoring

in Christian Ministries/Missions. Jessica Schooley, senior, granddaughter of Maretta Ruth (Kagarice) Schooley (early 1930's), majoring in Psychology.



Jack Gilmore, A59, Sterling Scholarship Recipient Jessica Schooley and **Jean (Johnson) Gilmore, A59**

Balcony Seats

Your alumni association has acquired a limited number of balcony seats from the Kenyon Hall auditorium. The building's owners, Mitchell-Markowitz, donated them to us. The seats are in pairs and are available to alumni. The seats are formed plywood and cast iron. The seat bottom folds up.

A few single seats are also available to tie pairs together to create rows of five, seven or more seats. Individuals wishing seats are asked to consider making a donation of at least \$10.00 to the C of E Alumni Association's Memorabilia Preservation Fund. The seats may be disassembled for ease of transport.

Individuals interested in obtaining chairs may pick up their chairs at the alumni association's summer meeting on July 21 in Emporia. (Details on the meeting are

elsewhere in this issue.) To reserve your chairs, please call (620) 341-3533.



Balcony seats from Kenyon Hall Auditorium

Rev. Roscoe, A40, and **Imogene (Rees), A41**, Wolvington are living at the Heritage Club Mountain View, a senior center in Denver, CO. Last August 27 they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a family gathering.

Word has been received of the untimely death of Kristi Lynn Karr-Morgan of Emporia at age 51. She is the daughter of **Elaine and Bob Karr, A59**. Bob owns The Orchard, a fruit and produce market outside of Emporia.

Ken Miller, A60, has taken up wood carving after retirement. Typically he carves birds and Christmas figurines that he sells at craft shows. His customers praise his carvings stating, "It's incredible how lifelike they are and the detail on them."

Larry Taylor, A60, was named as one of the top five all-time Kansas high school football coaches in a poll done by The Topeka Capital-Journal in 2011 in connection with the 150th anniversary of Kansas' statehood. Larry coached for many years at Shawnee Mission North High School where he won several state championships.

Paul James, A61, and his wife, Nadine, were featured in a recent Emporia Gazette article about "The Grey Gourmets," a cooking (and eating) club connected with St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Paul's role was characterized as "keeping the group organized." Nadine brings a Swedish sausage made of beef, pork and potatoes.

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Robert Duphorne, A31, of Albuquerque, NM, passed away on May 21, 2011, at age 98. His entire career was in banking. He retired as Senior Vice-President of the First National Bank of Albuquerque. A daughter, three grandchildren and a great granddaughter survive him.

Marjorie (Davis) Davidson, A38, of Overland Park, KS, died on September 2, 2011, at age 94. She lived most of her life in Parsons, KS, where her many community activities included service on the Library Board, the Community Concert Board and the YWCA Board. Two children and two great-grandchildren survive her.

Rev. William M. Pfautz, A38, of Huron, South Dakota, passed away on May 17, 2011, at the age of 93. Rev. Pfautz served as a minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for seventy years. He served pastorates in Kansas, Iowa and Illinois. He served as a chaplain in the United States Army during World War II. He was discharged with the rank of Captain. Beginning in 1973 he was employed as Supervisory Staff Chaplain in Clinical Pastoral Education at the National Institute of Health in Washington, D. C. He was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the College of Emporia. He moved to Huron in 1984 where he was an interim minister for a number of churches, was active in Presbytery and served as Chair of the Board of the Violet Tschetter Memorial Home where he died. His daughter, a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Gibbon) Coffin, X42, of Enid, OK, passed away on November 15, 2011, at age 92.

Maxine M. (Davidson) Booker, X45, of Mission, KS, passed away on August 23, 2009, at age 86. She completed her bachelor's degree in Journalism at the University of Denver and obtained a master's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She and her husband owned a retail home decorating center and wholesale wallpaper distributorship. She also taught evening literature courses at a local community college. Maxine's husband, three children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren survive her.

Gwendolyn (Smith) Zimmerman, FF, of Overland Park, KS, passed away on January 20, 2012, at age 94. She lived most of her life in Emporia where she taught freshman English at both C of E and Emporia State. She was a published author and civic leader. Two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive her.

Alan B. Lehmann, X53, of Granger, IN, died on June 5, 2006, at age 79. His wife, a daughter, three stepdaughters, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive him.

Max E. Beninga, A54, of Auburn, WA, died on September 19, 2011, at the age of 79. After graduating from C of E, he served in the U. S. Navy Seabees, earned a Master's Degree from Kansas University and embarked on a lifelong career as a teacher and school administrator. Max's first wife, Letha Margaret (Gooden) Gardner, X56, survives him. His wife, Vicki, two daughters, a stepdaughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Donald Ray "Yogi" Yoakem, X60, of Cottonwood Falls, KS, died July 1, 2011, at age 74. His twin brother **Ronald Dean Yoakem, X60**, of Benton, KS, who died at age 73 on February 2, 2011, predeceased him. Ron's wife and two children survive him.

Norman Kent Johnson, A62, of Junction City, KS, died on August 4, 2005, at age 65. His career was entirely with the family owned Johnson Bros. Furniture in Junction City. He is survived by his wife **Jane (Kinsey) Johnson, X66**, two children and two grandsons.

Gary Dean Bollinger, X64, of Brighton, CO, died on November 23, 2011, at age 69. He was a highly respected builder and remodeler of homes and commercial properties in the Denver area. He had served as a member of the Broomfield, CO, City Council. His daughter and three grandchildren survive him.

Ira Waller, A66, of Delray Beach, FL, passed away on August 24, 2011, at age 68. His wife, three sons and five grandchildren survive him.

Walter Bahniuk, A71, of Alexandria, VA, died August 3, 2011, at age 62. In addition to his degree from C of E, Walter earned an MS degree from Emporia State. He worked in education for 33 years in Lamoni, Iowa. After retirement he moved to Alexandria and worked for the Prince George's County, MD, school district. His wife, mother and four children and stepchildren survive him.

Hans A. Strasser, A71, of St. Augustine, FL, died in October 2011. Hans lived in Emporia for many years where he owned and ran the popular Olde Heidelberg Inn.

New Officers

Don Schroeder, A57, officially took over as President of your alumni association at the January 21 board meeting. He succeeds **Jean Gilmore, A59**. **Roger Sager, A71**, was named as President Elect. Others who will continue in their roles this year are: **Nancy (Thomson) Ebberts, A59**, and

Larry Thompson, A61, serving jointly as Vice President Membership, **Ken Miller, A60**, and **Beth (Kirby) Miller, X60**, serving jointly as Secretary and **Cecil Lane, A71**, as Treasurer.

Another Type of Book for Reunion 2013

Jean (Johnson) Gilmore, A59, and **Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62**, are working on another book for the 2013 reunion, with some similarities to the 2007 MEMORIES OF COLLEGE LIFE.

ANECDOTES: We are asking for anecdotes about life at C of E, especially from anyone who did not submit a story in 2007. Since this book will not contain just stories, please limit your contribution to 150 words or less. Include your name, class year, alum or former student, e-mail address, and home address. Editors reserve the right to condense if necessary.

IN MEMORY OF: One section of the book will be devoted to honoring or remembering deceased. These tributes are to be limited to 1 or 2 lines. Below you will

see two examples. **William Allen White, X88**, was a real person. Miss Polly Presby is fictitious.

William Allen White: student, Emporia Gazette owner, staunch C of E supporter. Many aspiring journalists were hired by him, and achieved success reporting the news. Jean Gilmore or JLG (You may use your name or initials)

Miss Polly Presby: paid attention to detail; had a wicked sense of humor; never stood in the spotlight but always strove for successful completion; never forgot my birthday; friend to all. Pete Presby

Send your responses soon to gilmore38jean@gmail.com or Jean Gilmore, 5360 E. 189th St, Overbrook, KS 66524. The deadline is March 15, 2013.

Photo Collection

The 2012 Reunion Committee has issued a call for photos taken at C of E. These can be candid shots, group pictures, photos of buildings or whatever. These photos will be displayed in various creative ways at the reunion. It's important to note that only photos sent on-line will

be accepted. Please scan your photos and send via e-mail to **Dave Braymer, A65**, at mjb1@zoominternet.net. Please include any information about the pictures that you can provide including the names of those pictured, the occasion and the approximate date of the photo.

Jerry Goodson, X62, met Brock Schnebel, son of C of E coach Bill Schnebel, at an Oklahoma University basketball game. Country music star Toby Keith is Jerry's cousin and a major O.U. booster. Jerry was visiting from his home in Colorado and went to a basketball game where Toby asked Brock to come over to meet someone who played football for his father. They then had an opportunity to visit at the game.

John Beard, X63, graduated from UCLA and remained in California where he had a forty-year career in human resources management. In his last position before retirement, he was a consultant to and representative of management as the senior labor-relations specialist at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.

Rev. James P. Russell, A67, is retired but busy. He is vice-chair of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and has recently assisted a church during a transition to a new pastor. In November he had bladder cancer surgery. He reports, "By the grace of God, the doctor feels that the prognosis is very good."

Conley Pierce, A67, recently re-connected with his C of E roots on a cross-country motorcycling journey which included a stop in Emporia and also a visit with **Chuck Graham, A69**, in Great Bend, Kansas. Conley spent 3 years in the Army and then settled in Massachusetts where he still operates part-time a small business, which he founded in 1983. Conley is married, has two children and enjoys both traveling and singing in the local community chorus. He has fond memories of C of E Chorale Tours as well as singing with the Toppers. Conley is planning to attend the Reunion in Philadelphia in 2012. He can be contacted at c.pierce@comcast.net and would enjoy hearing from former classmates.

Allen Gill, A69, has retired from his position as City Manager of Carbondale, Illinois. He and his wife, Suzanne, are relocating to Lake St. Louis, Missouri.

Anton Zouplna, A71, is the senior member of Z x 3, a guitar trio, based in Emporia, consisting of three generations of Zouplnas. The other members are Anton's son, Tony, and his grandson, Anton Zouplna III.

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

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 \$ _____

Mail to:

The College of Emporia Alumni Association, Inc., P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City, MO 64152-9998

E-Mail Alerts

Your alumni association is making a determined effort to gather e-mail addresses from every alumnus who actually has such an address. This will be used for "alerts" to remind alumni of coming functions or other items of immediate interest. Also there is the possibility that at some point in the future, this newsletter will be sent electronically to those asking for this mode of delivery.

The association will respect your privacy and not share the list

with any other organization. Moreover, we promise to send a very small number of e-mails each year. It is not our intent to flood anyone's in-box.

If you believe that we do not as yet have your e-mail address, please use the membership application form above to send it to us, or, if you prefer, you may e-mail your address to Larry Thompson at larthomp@sbcglobal.net.

Scholarships

At the January Board meeting of the C of E Alumni Association, board members decided to again award six scholarships of \$2,000 each for the 2012 – 2013 academic year. Eligible recipients are students who are the descendants of someone who attended or worked for the College of Emporia.

Those interested in applying for next year's scholarships are urged to visit the alumni association's website at www.c-of-e.org, click on scholarship, study the guidelines

and download the application form. The form must be completed and postmarked by April 1, 2012.

Those wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund are urged to do so by utilizing the membership form above. You can use this form to contribute even if your dues are currently paid. Ninety alumni contributed in 2011. This year the hope will be for even greater participation in this extremely worthwhile program.

Summer Pot Luck

All alumni and their guests are invited to the summer potluck and meeting of the C of E Alumni Association's Board on Saturday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Emporia at the First Baptist Church, 807 Constitution Avenue. The meeting will

be followed by the potluck at noon. Plan to attend. Visit with old friends. There is always an abundance of wonderful food at this event.



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Dues Increase

The Board of your alumni association has decided that the longtime \$10.00 per year dues structure is not sufficient to cover current operating expenses. Consequently, dues will be raised to \$15.00 per year effective January 1, 2013. Note, however, that dues paid this year, including those paid in advance, will be “grandfathered” under the \$10.00 annual rate.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The committee which set out to create an “Achievement Hall of Fame” has decided on presenting ‘Lifetime Achievement Awards.’ The committee is soliciting suggestions regarding the selection process. Any suggestions can be e-mailed to committee chair **Ron Roberts, A56**, at rroberts@advertisnet.com. Application forms are now being designed. The first awards will be presented at the Kansas City Reunion in 2013.

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