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# C of E NEWS

## IT'S REUNION TIME!

It's time to register for this summer's Alumni Reunion to be held in Overland Park, KS, this summer July 2 - 4. It promises to be the best C of E Alumni reunion ever.

196 individuals will comprise the initial group of individual inductees into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame. Members of the Athena Society will be recognized. In addition a variety of "mini-reunions" are planned.

Mini reunions and the contacts for each are: Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, David Young at [dyoung3@neb.rr.com](mailto:dyoung3@neb.rr.com), Mu Phi Epsilon, Ernestine (Largent) Brown at [forbrowne@teacher.com](mailto:forbrowne@teacher.com), Class of 1959, Jack Jones at [loisandjackj@tx.rr.com](mailto:loisandjackj@tx.rr.com) and Evie (Axelton) Hamrah at [evelynhamrah@comcast.net](mailto:evelynhamrah@comcast.net), Class of 1960, 50th Reunion, Larry Taylor, [bltaylor81@kc.rr.com](mailto:bltaylor81@kc.rr.com) and Class of 1965, Ray Sager, [rsager6@verizon.net](mailto:rsager6@verizon.net). Special recognition for members of the Athena Society will be coordinated by Jean (Johnson) Gilmore at [gilmoreje@ksmail.net](mailto:gilmoreje@ksmail.net).

A registration form may be found on page 4 of this newsletter. **Please note that registrants save money by registering before May 1!** In addition a special rate is available from the Overland Park Marriott. You must, however, make your hotel reservation before June 12.

Attendees who plan to fly to Kansas City for the Reunion can book their drive to the Marriott with Quicksilver Airport Shuttle. They require a minimum of 48 hours advance notice. They can be reached at (800) 888-8294 or on line at [www.kcquicksilver.com](http://www.kcquicksilver.com). A 10% discount on the \$35.00 price is available to those who book on line at least 14 days in advance.

*Please turn to page 3 of this newsletter for more information on this "can't miss" event.*

## Beyond the Reunion

As you plan your reunion weekend in Kansas City, consider adding an extra day or two to your visit. There are a multitude of interesting, nationally renowned attractions in the Kansas City area including the following.

**The World War Museum** at Liberty Memorial, ([www.worldwar.org](http://www.worldwar.org)), provides an extraordinary experience. The state-of-the-art Museum gives you the chance to explore and discover the nation's most extensive assembly of artifacts, photography and art and narratives of the Great War ever presented in a single collection. The Museum introduces the war in unprecedented ways – through visual and audio sensory stimulation to mold an unforgettable experience in the minds of all visitors – young and old. This is a must see in Kansas City.

**Arabia Steamboat Museum**, (<http://www.visitkc.com/member-details/index.aspx?id=28981>), is home to a true time capsule of frontier life in the 1800s. The Arabia was headed up the Missouri River in the fall of 1856 when she struck a tree snag and sank just north of Kansas City. Her cargo hold was full of 200 tons of supplies bound for general stores and pioneer settlements. As the years passed, the river changed course and left the Arabia buried beneath a Kansas cornfield. Finally, in 1988 a group of modern-day adventurers uncovered the lost Arabia and her magnificent cargo. They were amazed to find fine dishware, clothing, and even bottled food all preserved in remarkable condition. Their find has been called the King Tut's Tomb of the Missouri River. So, if you're looking for an adventure your whole family will enjoy, discover the treasures of the steamboat Arabia.

**American Jazz Museum**, (<http://www.americanjazzmuseum.com>), focuses on the preservation, exhibition and advancement

## STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Our Association is in good shape financially and filled with a lot of enthusiasm. We are truly blessed to have so many highly charged and enthusiastic volunteers working on our upcoming reunion. After each of the past two reunions, comments made leaned toward, "best one ever". It takes members who care to continually reach that level of appreciation.

In another article, John Acomb mentions that we have 538 paid memberships. At this same time last year, that number stood at 645. In 2003, we had 746. Where are you? Please do as John asks and look at your newsletter label for the year to which you are paid. If behind, please send in your \$10.00 dues now. We need and want you back on our membership roster.

This past year has seen some good changes and some difficult moments. The loss of our beloved Jack Mitchell was a hard blow from which to recover. Even in our sadness, we know he is watching us from above, and smiling when something goes right. Allow me to share one such insight of my own from this past January. One of Jack's major concerns when I took on memorabilia preservation was to locate the college seal, which had finally been returned to us from The Way. After a lot of negotiating and letter writing by many, Lyle Hilbert was able to obtain the seal. In a 1983 letter that I found, he indicated that he had it in his basement. After his death, we were unable to locate any of his personal effects and thought the seal to once again be lost to us.

For the past year, I've included the seal search in my journey through the college's history. In 1983, Price Lewis signed a gift agreement with the Lyon County Historical Society and included in the listing of donations was "one college seal". However, all attempts to locate said seal were in vain. That is until January 14, 2010.

I was in the "bat cave" of the Lyon Co. Museum, (which one must experience to believe), and there, setting on a shelf in front of me, was a seal. When I say I was near speechless, I do not exaggerate. As I cradled the seal in my hands, the curator said "Is that what you've been looking for? It's been on my desk forever, and I didn't know what it was." I handed it to her, asking her to use it on a piece of paper so I could be certain it

was the right seal and, it was. I was so excited and anyone who knows me well can only imagine how my mind was swirling. Back to Jack and his watching us as good things happen to those who wait. I told Maxine about finding the seal when I saw her the next morning, and she laughed and said, "I know Jack is smiling down on you right now". I really believed her at that moment.

Where is this going you might be asking? It is one more absolute joy I've experienced in this project of preserving our history through our memorabilia collections. This past year has been one of the most rewarding of my life, and I am so grateful to our board for granting my request to take it all on. Jan Spencer gave me, with Sharon Spencer Stewart's blessing, Margaret Patton Spencer's vast collection of C of E history, photos, and souvenirs kept from the 1920s to her death. It has been a delight to discover original correspondence and documents from the late 1800s and to learn more history of our college than I ever imagined possible.

There is one other point. Some of us are getting to the time in our lives when we find that we are "downsizing". If you are in that situation and have any items relating to your time at C of E that you are ready to part with, please bring them with you to the reunion and donate them to your alumni association. Someone in the memorabilia room will accept the donation and give you a receipt. Identified photographs will be greatly appreciated.

When I say the Association is in good shape, I truly believe we are and that we will continue to thrive and yes, hopefully, to grow in membership numbers. The day will come when we are all gone; but I know in my heart the college will live on through our scholarships, and our collections.

### *Hoping to see you at reunion in July*

Linda Sadler Myers, '62  
President

### **Important Reminder**

Applications for scholarships to be awarded for the 2010 - '11 school year are due April 1, 2010! To obtain the form click on the scholarship link of the C of E website at [www.c-of-e.org](http://www.c-of-e.org).

### **Get Involved!**

As has been previously noted, Gwen Lorenz will retire after the coming reunion from her position as the C of E Alumni Association's Vice-President for Membership. At its January meeting the Alumni Association Board named Nancy Ebberts and Larry Thompson as her successors.

The Board is always looking for members willing to be involved in continuing the organization's growth and progress. **If you would like to serve on the Board or on a committee, please contact Nominations Chair, Norman Tice, at [Netice1997@cox.net](mailto:Netice1997@cox.net). If you wish to help out at the coming reunion, contact Reunion Chair Les Palmer at [lepalmer@aol.com](mailto:lepalmer@aol.com).**

# College of Emporia Reunion 2010

## REMEMBERING PRESBY PETE

July 2, 3, 4, 2010 in Overland Park, KS

**In July 2010 a reunion will be held to celebrate and honor some of the best years of our lives.** We hope that you will be able to join us at the Hotel Marriott in Overland Park, Kansas to celebrate this event. This, as are all reunions, is about memories and friends. Please encourage your former classmates to attend and celebrate.

*Attendees will check in at the Registration Booth in the hotel lobby where you will pick up event tickets and last minute reunion information. The Registration Booth will be open on Friday, July 2, from 12:00 to 6:30 PM, and on Saturday, July 3 one hour before breakfast and one hour before the banquet.*

### Featuring:

An 18 month calendar from July 2010 through December 2011 will be distributed to each former student registering at the reunion. The calendar will feature pictures from the archives and significant dates throughout C of E history. Additional calendars may be purchased as long as supplies last.

A Memorabilia room will be open during specific hours throughout the weekend. Stop by and see a number of artifacts from our past. Items to be auctioned during the live auction on Saturday will also be on display.

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, July 2

A golf tournament will be held at Heritage Park, 16445 S Lackman Rd., Olathe, KS. Registration is at 8:30 AM with Tee Time for the first foursome at 9:00 AM. Registration fees, payable at Heritage, will include a golf cart. Winners will be announced at the Friday night dinner.

Dinner will be a buffet in the hotel ballroom at 6:30 PM. There will be a short program and plenty of time to renew friendships. Former Cheerleaders and Presby Peppers will have the opportunity to participate. Attire is casual.

#### Saturday, July 3

Hall of Fame Breakfast – will be a buffet honoring former athletes, cheerleaders, and coaches for their outstanding achievement while at the College of Emporia. Family members and all attendees are encouraged to attend.

Alumni Association Meeting – will be held following Breakfast and the Hall of Fame awards presentation. The meeting is open to all registered attendees.

Tennis tournament - will be held at the Overland Park Racquet Club, 91st and Metcalf at 1:30 PM. Tennis players will pay at the Racquet Club. Winners will be announced at the Saturday night dinner.

Mini class/special group reunions will be held during the reunion. Watch for more details from your class rep.

Dinner will be held in the hotel ballroom at 6:30 PM preceded by a social hour beginning at 5:30 PM. A live auction will help to defray reunion expenses. Banquet concludes with live entertainment. Attire is smart casual.

#### Sunday, July 4

Worship Service in the hotel at 8:30 AM. Former Chorale, Toppers, and other ensembles are invited to sing in the Choir. Choir practice will be held on Saturday afternoon

#### Additional information

Please contact Les Palmer at [lepalmer@aol.com](mailto:lepalmer@aol.com)

## REUNION 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

	Friday Night Buffet	\$22	
	Saturday Hall of Fame Breakfast	\$21	
	Saturday Evening Banquet	\$45	
	Directory (only if you want to purchase regardless if attending the reunion or not)	\$10	
	Saturday Luncheon for Class of 59 _____ or 60 _____	\$25	
	Additional cost of registration received after May 1, 2010	\$10	
	<b>Grand Total</b>		

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

Status	Year Graduated Study Years Faculty/Staff Years	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Maiden Name	Preferred Name/Name tag

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

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

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Athena Society member** – year \_\_\_\_ **Mu Phi Epsilon or Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia** – years \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **I/we do want to play** \_\_\_ golf, \_\_\_ tennis (Circle choice(s) and number playing.

\_\_\_ **I/we have items to donate for the “Live Auction” and will bring them to the reunion** (please describe).

**Special Offer** - we are unable to attend the reunion but would like to purchase a 2010-11 Calendar @ \$8.00 each. **Please enclose a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_ calendars made out to C of E Reunion 2010.** Mail request to College of Emporia Alumni Association, P.O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801. Be sure to include your name and address for mailing. Calendars will be mailed the week following the reunion.

*Please mail completed registration form to C of E Reunion 2010, PO Box 782, Shawnee MSN. Main USPS, KS 66201. Checks should be made payable to C of E Reunion 2010. You must have a name tag for admittance to events.*

**Hotel Reservations:** To get the reunion rate of \$99 hotel reservations **must be made before June 12, 2010.**

You can call the Marriott hotel 1-800-810-2759. Be sure to mention C of E Reunion 2010 and the Group Code (empemps). Or you can link to

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mciop?groupCode=empempa&app=resvlink&fromDate=7/1/10&toDate=7/5/10>

# Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Five more individuals have been added as nominees to the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame. Three were cheerleaders: **Hall Hibbard, A25, Barbara (Beeson) Lawrence, A56, and Phyllis (McMillan) Powell, A61.** Another was football player **Ray L. Ebberts, A56.** The fourth new nominee is in the "Post Graduate Honors" category. He is **Wayne Coblentz, A72.**

**Below is the complete list of all of the individuals who will be inducted into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame at the**

## INDUCTEES

ATHLETES, COACHES,  
TEAM MANAGERS,  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
& POST GRADUATE  
HONORS

Addleman, George Russell  
"Rusty"

Allan, Bill  
Ames, Bill  
Ames, Lee "Chig"  
Bailey, Joe  
Baker, Jerry  
Barger, Chip  
Beeson, John  
Benevento, Angelo  
Benevento, Vincenzo  
Bertsch, Carl  
Blide, Keith  
Boban, Phil  
Bodenheimer, Bob  
Bodnarchuk, Steve  
Bond, Barclay  
Bowden, Rick  
Brown, Dennis  
Bruce, Bruce  
Bruno, Robert  
Burkhart, Lyle  
Chai, Willie  
Church, Carol  
Cipra, Ernest "Cip"  
Cline, Eldo  
Coblentz, Wayne  
Coleman, Tom  
Corcoran, L. J.

Cracraft, Jack  
Craft, Kent  
Crane, Neil  
Crane, Rex  
Crawford, Jr., Ron "Rick"  
Danenhauer, Bill  
D'Aries, Gary  
Davis  
Davis, Glenn  
Davison, Gary  
Day, George  
Dehlinger, Charles "Charlie"  
Derritt, Wendell  
DeVilling, F. A. "Skip"  
Dickson, Steve  
Doerig, Francis  
Draska, Steve  
Durand, Don  
Ebberts, Ray L.  
Ebberts, Ron  
Edmiston, Richard "Rich"  
Ek, Donald  
Elm, Lloyd "Chief"  
Franklin, Leroy  
Freeman, Richard "Rich"  
Gaines, Willie  
Gaul, Wayne  
Gibb, Gary  
Gilmore, Thomas "Tom"  
Golson, Charles  
Granger, Wayne "Twisty"  
Grant, Harold "Bud"  
Hargiss, Bill  
Harkey, Lem  
Hart, L. T. "Rosy"  
Hart, John  
Heintzelman, William "Bill"

Henry, Gwinn  
Higgins, Maurice "Lefty"  
Hinkle, Bernie  
Howard, Steve  
Howland, Clarence "Clancy"  
Howland, John "Scat"  
Ikswild, Rick  
Isaacs, Neal  
Johnson, Robert "Bob"  
Jordan, Lew  
Karr, Bob  
Kaysner, Charles "Charlie"  
Kiley, Joseph "Joe"  
Kopelk, Carl  
Krupa, Jim  
Lewis, Price  
Linhart, Bill  
London, David  
Markley, Raymond "Red"  
Martin, Loren  
Mathis, James "Jim"  
Mayo, Ronald "Stub"  
McCarty, Mike  
McClanahan, Royce  
McConnell, Wayne  
Meeck, Gerald "Bub"  
Miller, Kenneth "Ken"  
Mitchell, Jack  
Moody, Carlton  
Moore, Eldon  
Morris, Bill  
Muck, Steve  
Newsom, A. C.  
Nichols, Art  
Nold, Terry  
O'Mara, Ned  
Ormosi, Otto

**July 2 – 4 Alumni Reunion in Overland Park, KS.** As a part of the induction ceremony each inductee will receive a Hall of Fame booklet and an official Induction Certificate. Family members may represent nominees who are deceased or unable to attend the ceremony for any reason. Inductees or their representatives are asked to sign in on the Hall of Fame sheet when they arrive.

Ortiz, Joe  
Palmer, Les  
Panarese, Tony  
Parrington, Vernon Louis  
Parsons, Thomas "Tom"  
Peebler, David  
Perry, Dick  
Phillips, John  
Rathman, Herman "Herm"  
Reichardt, Floyd  
Replogle, Wayne "Rep"  
Rickard, Jack  
Rink, Jimmie  
Rinkel, William "Bill"  
Rock, Clifford  
Rose, Glenn  
Sabol, Andy  
Salazar, Alonzo  
Schablinger, Arthur A. "Schabie"  
Schaffner, D. C.  
Schnebel, William "Bill"  
Schoenlank, Claude  
Schroeder, Don  
Selves, Lester "Bud"  
Sharpe, Steve  
Shields, Terry  
Shupe, Ed  
Simpson, Ray  
Skinner, Terry  
Smith, Gary  
Snider, Tony  
Sparks, John  
Spencer, Harold  
Spinner, Robert  
Stauffer, Bob  
Stauffer, Gene  
Stevens, James Lloyd

Stromgren, Tom  
Studt, Charles  
Swartz, Ronald "Ron"  
Swartz, William "Bill"  
Switzer, Jim  
Switzer, Richard "Dick"  
Taylor, Larry  
Thomas, Howard  
Thomas, Phil "Tomgo"  
Tibbets, Jim  
Tresky, Rich  
Tubbs, Manly  
Upstill, Bruce  
Vernon, Bob  
Wall, Larry  
Watson, Al  
Weng, Pete  
White, Jim  
Widick, Ralph "Bud"  
Wilcox, Jim  
Williamson, Marv  
Young, Jim  
Zecco, Charlie

CHEERLEADERS  
Avellino, Lynda  
Beeson, Barbara (Lawrence)  
Beeson, Irwin  
Burt, Connie (Pryor)  
Burt, Lynda  
Cattani, Betty Jo (Stromgren)  
Cestare, Kathy  
Cheadle, Claudia (Clark)  
Conkling, Barbara (Hanlon)  
Eccles, Bronwyn "Bron"  
(Hutchinson)

Fogg, Chris  
Griggsby, Dinah  
Hardesty, Janice (Lee)  
Hibbard, Hall  
Higgins, Pat (Rankin)  
Hoover, Janice (Keller)  
Isaacs, Janice (Dungan)  
Jones, Jerilyn (Henrikson)  
Love, Jane  
Lunsford, Laura Mae  
(Schlobohm)

Maracson, Casey  
McMillan, Phyllis (Powell)  
Meriwether, Tricia (Bond)  
Newton, Linda  
Novick, Elena "Lee"  
Ober, Nancy (Woodbury)  
Parsons, Kenny  
Plinton Ursula (Weng)  
Pollock, Debbie  
Romero, Louise (Trujillo)  
Rundell, Gayle (Sleznick)  
Skorburg, Russ  
Spencer, Sharon (Stewart)  
Swartz, Diane (Nixon)  
Williams, Zelodius "Chee Chee"

## COVER: Beyond the Reunion cont.

of jazz. It is dedicated to public service and collaborative efforts to expand the influence, awareness and appreciation of jazz within Kansas City and to audiences worldwide

**Negro Leagues Baseball Museum**, (<http://www.nlbm.com>), is dedicated to preserving the rich history of African-American Baseball. Experience a tour of multi-media displays, hundreds of photographs and a variety of artifacts dating from the late 1800s through the 1960's.

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**, <http://www.nelson-atkins.org> The Nelson is especially noted for its Asian art, including Tang dynasty bowls and Ming dynasty furniture; an outdoor sculpture garden with the largest U.S. collection of bronzes by Henry Moore; one of the country's largest collections of American photography; the largest public collection of works by Missouri native Thomas Hart Benton; a collection of 17th- and 18th-century European paintings; Impressionist and post-Impressionist pieces; and American art. The museum includes works by Caravaggio, Titian, Rembrandt, Renoir, Monet, Picasso, Gauguin, van Gogh, Andy Warhol, and Willem de Kooning. Plan on 2 hours or more here.

In 2009 **C. R. "Bob" Meyer, X39, and Peggy (Cole) Meyer, X39**, of Naples, FL, each celebrated a 92nd birthday in 2009. Also, they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and welcomed their second great grandchild.

**Frances (Burford) Price, A40**, is living in a retirement residence in Palo Alto, CA. Recently she directed a successful one-act play. The actors were other residents of her retirement community.

**Joann (Walker) La Certe, A50**, of Olathe, KS, continues to write a regular column for the Johnson County Gazette.

**Betty "Zip" (Zinzer) Mordy, A52**, moved in 2008 from her home on the west coast back to Kansas. She now lives in Fairway, KS. She reports that she has created a water garden in the back yard of her new home.

Former C of E faculty member, **William "Bill" Tolliver**, is a published author who is now completing his fifth book. One of his books, *The Mad Dog Connection*, is under consideration for Oprah Winfrey's Book Club. Tolliver is married to **Linda (Fulks) Tolliver, A73.**

**Cornelia (Vandervelde) Fields, A33**, Lawrence, KS, passed away December 23, 2009, at age 97. A daughter of Conrad Vandervelde, long-time Dean of the College of Emporia, she was born November 17, 1912. She married J. Eldon Fields, who taught many years at University of Kansas. He died earlier. One daughter survives her.

**Irene (Pommerenk) Wildhagen, A33**, Champaign, IL, died March 6, 2009, at age 96. She was born September 25, 1912. She married Arthur Wildhagen, who predeceased her.

**Dr. Richard A. Swenson, X35**, passed away March 12, 2009. He was born September 18, 1915. He was a long-time dentist in Salina, KS.

**Della H. (Clements) Mitchell, A36**, of Estes Park, CO, passed away July 27, 2009, at age 95. Her husband Clarence predeceased her. Two sons survive her.

**Dr. William Meeker Fuson, X36**, of Richmond, IN, died July 16, 2009, at age 93. After leaving C of E, Bill went to the University of Kansas where he received both his A.B. and M.A. degrees. Subsequently he received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin. His career was devoted to being a college sociology professor. Most of his tenure was at Earlham College. His wife, **Helen (Finley) Fuson, A34**, and two brothers, **Ben Fuson, A34**, and **C. Nelson Fuson, A34**, predeceased him. Four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him. Also surviving are cousins **Ben Meeker, A34**, and **Mary (Meeker) Wilson, X35**.

**Genevieve (Stewart) Hall, A39**, of Hamilton, MT, passed away on August 9, 2009, at age 92. Her husband, **Arthur (Art) Hall, A37**, predeceased her. He died March 9, 2003. A daughter, two sons and six grandchildren survive Genevieve.

**Arlie Jean (Pettijohn) Chaney, A41**, of Overland Park, KS, died January 17, 2010, at age 90. At C of E Jean was a music major and a member of Mu Phi Epsilon. In Overland Park she was an active member of Leawood Presbyterian Church, sang in the choir and served as President of the Johnson County Welcome Wagon Club. Her husband, Col. Edward L. (Jack) Chaney, predeceased her. A granddaughter and three great grandchildren survive her.

**Kenneth L. Regenold, X42**, of Osage City, KS, died September 8, 2009, at age 89. Ken played football at C of E. He left college to serve in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After his military service he attended the University of Kansas and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. His entire career was as an electrical engineer with Westinghouse. He retired in 1985 and moved back to his family's farm in 1989. His wife predeceased him. A stepdaughter, a sister and a step grandson survive him.

**Dorothy Edna (Wilson) Slentz, A43**, passed away September 24, 2009, at age 89 in Nashville, TN. While attending C of E, Dorothy was Vice-President

of her junior class and a member of the Quill Club. She and her future husband, **Edwin Lawrence Slentz, M.D., A43**, were King and Queen of Hearts their junior year. Edwin predeceased her in 2006 after 62 years of marriage. Her brother, **David Wilson, X44**, another brother and a daughter also predeceased her. Four children and seven grandchildren survive her.

**Charles Wiedman, X44**, of Kiowa, KS, died on October 24, 2009, at age 87. He was a medic and surgery tech in the Army in World War II. He was captured in the Battle of the Ardennes. He was a prisoner of war until May 1945. He lived most of his life in Kiowa where he worked various jobs. His wife, Nola, a daughter and two sisters survive him.

**Eugene S. Kobylinski, A49**, of Tonawanda, NY, passed away April 27, 2009, at age 84. He married **Barbara Weesner, A50**, who survives, as well as a daughter and a son.

**Francis J. Fuchs, A51**, of Camarillo, CA, died March 3, 2006. He was born August 5, 1926. No further information is available.

**Ray H. Morey, A51**, died a hero at age 79 on February 19, 2009. Ray was a resident of the Leisure World retirement community in Seal Beach, CA, where a fierce fire broke out on February 17, 2009. Six units, including Morey's, were destroyed in a three-alarm blaze that required 65 firefighters to extinguish. Despite his own serious injuries, Ray alerted all of his neighbors to the fire. All got out without injury. Morey, however, did not survive his injuries. Ray came to C of E from California. He was an excellent football player. After college he served as a surveyor in the Army during the Korean War. Subsequently he embarked on a lifelong career of high school teaching and coaching in California. His wife, Pat, predeceased him. Three children and three grandchildren survive him.

**Robert R. "Bob" Swedberg, A53**, of Odessa, TX, passed away in June 2007. He was an accountant who spent his career in the petroleum industry. His wife, **Kathryn Fern "Katy" (Dehlinger) Swedberg, A50**, and a son predeceased him. In a recent letter, Bob's daughter describes her parents as "proud graduates of the College of Emporia." His daughter, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a brother-in-law, **Charles Dehlinger, A55**, and a sister-in-law, **Ernestine (Dehlinger) Nibarger, X53**, survived him. Note: Ernestine Nibarger passed away in August 2009.

**Frederick W. Schmidt, A58**, died August 14, 2009. He was born June 29, 1936, near Junction City, KS. After graduation from C of E, he taught music in Kansas public schools, studied at Indiana University, taught music at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO. He was long-time resident of Abilene where he had taught and played tuba in area bands, including Bethany College Band and Heart of America Teachers Band. He had a great interest in history and helped found the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad and helped restore a Santa Fe 3415 steam engine. His funeral was unique--after

# 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 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405**

a memorial service at the United Methodist Church, his ashes were taken to the town's railroad depot, where they were loaded onto the 90-year-old steam engine for one last ride. A black wreath was placed on the front of the engine. At Enterprise the procession continued by car to the cemetery, where a Dixieland brass band provided a New Orleans-style dirge. His ashes, wrapped in one of his flannel shirts, were buried near his pioneer forbearers. His wife, a daughter, and a sister, **Alice Anne Schmidt, A55**, survive Fred.

**Yong Jun Shin, A58**, of San Francisco, CA, died September 10, 2008. No other information is available.

**Aloha Faye (Kraus) Preston, FF**, of Emporia died at age 91 on December 9, 2009. Mrs. Preston was head of the women's physical education department at the College of Emporia from 1951 through 1972. Upon arriving at C of E, she increased the number of courses offered to women in the physical education department. Among the courses offered in 1951 were archery, square dancing, swimming and basketball. She had a bachelor's and master's degree from Emporia State. After leaving C of E, she and her sister owned and operated the A & J Ceramic Shop in Emporia. Her husband, Bill, predeceased her. A son, two sisters and two grandchildren survive her.

**Donald Ray Edmiston, A59**, died Saturday, January 23, 2010, at his home in Americus, KS, at age 72. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1959 and retired from the Navy in 1982. He lived in Las Vegas, NV, 20 years before returning to his hometown of Americus. He retired (3rd time) in 2008. He is survived by his wife, 3

sons, a sister, three brothers including **Richard (Rich) Edmiston, A67**, of Auburn, KS, 6 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

**John J. "Jack" Mitchell, A59**, of Emporia died November 18, 2009, at age 74. Jack was a former President of the College of Emporia Alumni Association and was a leader in the ongoing effort to keep the Fighting Presby spirit alive. He obtained his master's degree from Emporia State and his doctorate from the University of Kansas. Jack was a mathematics professor, Dean of Men, Dean of Students and Registrar at C of E. His wife, **Maxine (White) Mitchell, A54**, a sister, **Alice "Pat" (Mitchell) Walters, A54**, four children, four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren survive him. Memorial contributions may be made to The College of Emporia Scholarship Fund.

**Jane (McMullen) Reinhart, X63**, of Quilcene, WA, passed away, surrounded by close friends and family, on August 17, 2009, at age 67. Janie came to C of E from Slater, Missouri. She stayed for three years and then transferred to the University of Missouri where she received her degree in education. Jane worked with her husband, Dr. Ronald Reinhart, in his internal medicine and dermatology practice. He survives her along with their three daughters and six grandchildren.

**Lucia Ann (Dunn) Rogerson, X66**, formerly of Hagerstown, MD, passed away September 25, 2009, after a long battle with M.S. She was born May 23, 1944. Her husband, Dr. Edward S. Rogerson, survives her.



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## “Hail Sinfonia, Come Brothers Hail!”

*By: David R. Young, A62*

Do you remember the fun the Brothers of the C. of E. Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia used to have singing this and other pieces? Wouldn't it be fun to gather during the 2010 Reunion in Kansas City and sing?

What was your favorite song from the Sinfonia Song Book? If you are interested in singing again, please send me an email at [dyoung3@neb.rr.com](mailto:dyoung3@neb.rr.com) or call me at (402) 325-0602. If you still have your song book bring it along. I'll make sure to have plenty of copies of a few songs. Would you like to sing a couple selections at the banquet? Would you like to join with the ladies from Mu Phi Epsilon and sing at the Sunday worship service? Please contact me with your ideas.

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