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C of E NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS

*Editor's Note: Your alumni association is looking to the future in our quest to keep our scholarship program going long after the alumni association's dissolution. To this end, we are partnering with the Emporia Community Foundation who will ultimately administer our scholarship fund. Please note that at present our scholarship committee will continue to receive and evaluate scholarship applications and to award our scholarships. Moreover, your donations to the fund will, for now, continue to come to the alumni association. **Jim Brooks, A72**, as chair of the Scholarship Committee has the lead on this transition and has written the article below to give our members insight into the process of building this important partnership.*

The College of Emporia Alumni Association was established in 1976 to continue the tradition and history of the College of Emporia. The association had several goals, among those was the establishment of a Scholarship fund that would enable the heritage, history, and beliefs of the college to continue by helping young people obtain a college degree.

Initially, there were donations from alumni at that time which helped create a fund, that has survived over the past 30 years. Additional donations came in at each reunion and by other means as the alumni supported the effort over the years.

The process to award these scholarships fell to a committee that reviewed applications and determined the winners. In recent years, that job has become more and more difficult, as the applicants all were excellent students, each of whom was related to a former student or staff member of the College. As the years have rolled by, the ability to staff the committee, and do the necessary follow-up work to make this process a success has taken a toll on those that have been doing it for a long time. It is no surprise that the members of the association are aging, and since there is a desire to continue the scholarship program additional methods of managing it need to be considered.

At the July 2022 Board meeting, Becky Nurnberg of the Emporia Community Foundation made a presentation that was considered. The idea would be to move the entire scholarship process from the Alumni Association to the Emporia Community Foundation (ECF). That would include transferring the financial resources and the selection process to the ECF for a fee. They in turn would assist the association with helping grow the fund and keep it viable. Currently, the association has financial resources of \$63,000 to use for scholarship payments. At a spending rate of \$8,000 per

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Editor's Column

This has been a fun issue of our newsletter to put together. The continuing vitality of our alumni association is reflected in new initiatives that appear throughout. Note our developing partnership with the Emporia Community Foundation, which will allow our scholarship fund to continue into the future. Also note the ambitious goal to fund the program with at least \$200,000.

2023 is drawing to a close. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax deductible organization. Please consider adding our scholarship program to your giving for this year. You can use the form on page 7 of this newsletter to accompany your check.

There are, of course, many other new things in this newsletter. I hope that you are excited about the proposed Florida reunion and interested in the article written by artificial intelligence. I hope that you liked Rosemary Manchester's tribute to C of E as much as I did. This also gives me an opportunity to remind readers about Rosemary's book *Turn Left at the Big Anthill*, which I reviewed in a previous newsletter. I recommend it highly. It's available in paperback and Kindle at Amazon and other fine booksellers.

Thank you for your continuing interest in our alumni association.

John Acomb, X64

Scholarships Awarded

Jim Brooks, A72, has announced the scholarships awarded for the 2023 – '24 school year. The recipients are: Ashley Atkinson, Pittsburg State University, great niece of **Larry Tice, X60**, Matthew Mandel, University of William and Mary, grandson of **Stephen Mandel, A65**, Grace Ann Paolo, University of Central Florida, granddaughter of **Earl McGinn, A71**, and Corinne Schoeni, University of New Mexico, granddaughter of **Ted Garten, X62**, and **Mary (Butterfield) Garten, X61**.

Those with descendants eligible for scholarships

in the 2024 – '25 school year are urged to go now to the www.c-of-e.org website to learn what information is needed for scholarship applications. Note that online applications are now possible and the deadline for applications is April 1. Scholarships are awarded for one year, although an individual can be awarded a maximum of two scholarships for two separate years. Eligible applicants who are currently in college or graduate school and are planning to continue their education next year may apply.

New Meeting Dates

Historically your alumni association has held its board meetings on the third Saturday of January and July. Often the July meeting was scheduled to be held at a reunion on occasions when the reunion occurred in July. Now we are changing that schedule.

Going forward, board meetings will be held on a Saturday morning in April and in October. The

board will determine the actual dates in advance. 2024 meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the C of E Room at the Sauder Center on the Emporia State campus on April 13 and October 19. Please note that these board meetings are open to any alumni who wish to attend. Consider attending to learn more about the direction and accomplishments of your alumni association.

The Way

*Editor's Note: Artificial intelligence (AI) is suddenly becoming a part of our lives. So I decided to have AI do an article for our newsletter. **Jim Brooks, A72**, actually worked with AI to do this article. He tells me that the first draft had some factual errors which he corrected or deleted. I have done no further editing of this story about the cult that purchase the C of E campus after our college closed its doors forever.*

The Way of New Knoxville Ohio was a religious movement founded by Victor Paul Wierwille in 1942. It claimed to teach the true interpretation of the Bible and to restore Christianity to its original form. The Way had a large following in the 1970s and 1980s, reaching over 100,000 members worldwide. Some of the famous members of the Way included actors Joe Penny and Kristy McNichol, singer-songwriter Richie Furay, and football player Tim Rossovich.

In 1975, the Way purchased the College of Emporia Campus in Kansas for \$694,000, which had been closed since 1974 due to financial difficulties. The Way intended to use the campus as a training center for its ministers and students, as well as a headquarters for its operations. The Way also renovated some of the buildings and added new facilities, such as a radio station, a printing press, and a museum.

The leader of the Way at the time of the purchase was Victor Paul Wierwille himself, who died in 1985. He was succeeded by L. Craig Martindale, who led the movement until 2000. Martindale was accused of sexual misconduct and abuse of power by several former members and was eventually removed from his position by a board of trustees. He was replaced by Rosalie

F. Rivenbark, who is still the current president of the Way.

The students of the Way came from various backgrounds and countries, but they all shared a common belief in the teachings of Wierwille and his successors. They followed a strict curriculum that included courses on biblical studies, theology, ethics, and ministry skills. They also participated in outreach programs, such as distributing literature, hosting seminars, and performing musical shows.

The beliefs of the Way were based on a literal interpretation of the Bible, with an emphasis on the Old Testament law and the New Testament grace. The Way rejected the doctrines of the Trinity, the deity of Christ, and the personality of the Holy Spirit. The Way also taught that speaking in tongues was a sign of being filled with the spirit and that prosperity and health were God's promises for his faithful followers.

Some of the leaders of the Way were convicted of crimes related to their involvement in the movement. For example, Chris Geer, who was Wierwille's assistant and a prominent teacher, was convicted of tax evasion and conspiracy in 1990. He had diverted millions of dollars from the Way to offshore accounts and other entities. Another example is John Lynn, who was a director of research and teaching for the Way and was convicted of child molestation in 2004. He had abused several girls who were members of his local fellowship.

The net worth of the Way organization is not publicly known, but it is estimated to be in the millions or billions of dollars. The Way has various sources of income, such as donations, tithes, book sales, royalties, and investments. The Way also owns several properties and assets around the world, including farms, ranches, aircraft, and vehicles. The Way no longer owns property in Emporia, Kansas, and Rome City Indiana, but does own a Camp in Gunnison Colorado where biblical studies are still offered.

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 Cynthia Huisman at mrsdavidh@gmail.com.



Vacancies To Fill

Your alumni association has two positions to fill. We need a Secretary and a Memorabilia Chair. Both positions require the person appointed to come to Emporia for two Saturday meetings per year. These positions are most commonly filled by appointment of individuals who are not elected board members.

The secretary is the custodian of our board meeting records. Most importantly, the person in this position takes minutes of the board meeting and distributes those minutes along with some reports via e-mail to board members.

The Memorabilia Chair will work with our now fully inventoried memorabilia collection currently stored in Emporia. A display case in

Kenyon Heights, formerly Kenyon Hall, needs to be changed out in conjunction with our twice-yearly board meetings. Any items donated to the memorabilia collection can be brought along to the Emporia meetings to be inventoried and stored with other items in our extensive collection. Finally, the appointee in this position needs to arrange for the transport of selected memorabilia to any future reunions for display in a memorabilia room.

These two positions are interesting. They both perform very valuable functions in our alumni association. Please give them your serious consideration.

William E. (Bill) Settle, A61, of Fredonia, KS died April 3, 2017, at age 78. After graduating from C of E, he went to the University of Denver to earn his Juris Doctor (JD) degree. Subsequently, he practiced law for many years before a career change that led him to a position as a sales representative for the Rigid Steel Company. He was survived by 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. His wife predeceased him. His brother, **John Settle, X62**, survived him and passed away in 2021.

Fred D. Prociuous, A63, of Brooksville, FL passed away May 28, 2023, at age 84. Previous to his move to Florida, Fred lived in Sodus Point, NY. He was a 7th and 8th grade math teacher and basketball coach in the Palmyra-Macedon School District for 37 years. He then spent the final 5 years of his career as the school district math coordinator. He is survived by his wife of 58 years **Judith (Osborn) Prociuous, A66**, 2 children and 2 grandsons.

Richard "Rich" Green, X64, of Canon City, CO passed away May 13, 2023, at age 80. He attended C of E on a football scholarship. He completed his college education at Western Colorado University with a degree in Mathematics and Physical Education...Later he earned a master's degree in counseling from

Western Colorado University. Throughout his career in education he taught, coached and counseled students in many different Colorado schools. He was also a rancher who was deeply involved in his community. His wife, 3 children and 3 grandsons survive him.

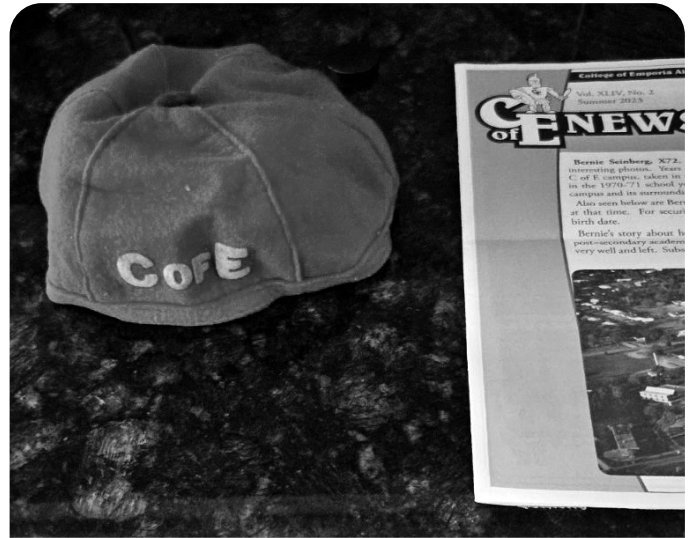
Joseph "Joe" C. Woszczyzna, A67, of East Brunswick, NJ passed away June 13, 2021, at age 78. An Army combat veteran, he served in Vietnam. A lifelong resident of East Brunswick, Joe was very involved in his community.

Robert "Bob" Zambor, X68, of Whiting, NJ passed away July 30, 2023, at age 76. He completed his BS degree and obtained an MS degree from Kansas State University. His career was primarily as a NJ State Trooper, followed by stints as a Wells Fargo armed security guard and as a personal trainer. His wife, son and 3 grandchildren survive him.

Paul John Aimone, A69, of Pompano Beach, FL passed away August 4, 2023, at age 76. After receiving his degree from C of E, Paul earned a master's degree from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. He worked his entire career as a criminal investigator for the state of New Jersey. His wife **Judith (Dezenzo) Aimone, A68**, a son and a grandson survive him.



10 lifelong friends, all of whom graduated from C of E in 1959, have formed a round robin group. They have kept in touch over the years through letters, emails, elder hostels, etc. Recently, some members of this group gathered for lunch. Pictured here, left to right, are **Harriet (Adamson) Wilkins**, **Nancy (Thomson) Ebberts**, **Jack Gilmore**, **Jean (Johnson) Gilmore**, **Merna (Nagely) Roe** and **Jessamine (Ewert) Guislain**.



Dan Bennett, A70, shared this photo of the freshman beanie that he was given shortly after his arrival on the campus in 1964. Dan tells us that he taught ES/MS Art at Queensbury Union Free School District in Queensbury, NY. He retired from teaching in 2004.

Forward

Everyone is urged to renew their membership in their alumni association, using the form found on page 7 of this newsletter. One item of note is that some have been confused about back dues. For example, an individual who hasn't renewed for three years is not required to pay for the missed years along with their current

renewal. Instead, we urge you to renew and add years into the future to your dues payment. Remember, dues are a mere \$15.00 per year.

We urge every newsletter reader to renew, even if your dues are current. Your forward funding will assure the future of your alumni association. Dues are our bedrock.

Arthur "Art" Cunningham, A63, looked back on his days at C of E as a football player and a resident of Emporia Hall, rooming with **Don Henderson, A63**, **Fred Prociuous, A63**, and **Fred Whipple, A64**. After graduating from C of E, Art became head wrestling coach at Junction City, KS, High School. He then "answered the call to be an Episcopalian priest and went to seminary in Evanston, IL." He pastored in California, Oklahoma and Wisconsin before retirement. He now owns, rebuilds and travels in an assortment of Porsche automobiles.

William "Bill" Evans, A66, tells us that his

post-C of E graduate studies led him first to 8 years of teaching Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, which was followed by dental school and 44 years of general dental practice in Tulsa, OK. He had the opportunity to partner with one of his sons and to consult with his other son, an oral surgeon. He isn't retiring but is slowing down as he has sold his practice.

Tall Grass Records has just released a new album titled Artful Dodgers, which features a quartet including **Jack Mouse, A69**, on drums. This freely improvised jazz music is available on Amazon and other outlets.

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year for 4 \$2,000 scholarships, this amount will not last forever.

An active project needs to be established to encourage alumni and other interested people to donate to the College of Emporia Scholarship Fund, to grow it to an amount that would last over the years. The C of E Alumni need to consider how their assets will be distributed in their Wills and Trusts. Hopefully, many will choose to include the Scholarship fund in their last will and testament. Should the fund be able to grow to \$200,000, then it would remain viable forever. The ECF can assist in this effort, as well as take over the mechanics of choosing the scholarship winners and making the payments. All of this was discussed with the committee, and the recommendation was to establish an account with the ECF, while at the same time maintaining the duty of making

scholarship winner selections. This paves the way to slowly move this entire process to the ECF shortly. Should you include this Fund in your last Will, consult an attorney for the correct wording. If you need more information, contact Jim Brooks at jkbrooks2006@gmail.com

The Board of Directors voted to apply for and adopt the ECF proposals and move to the ECF at the October 2023 meeting. Funds will be transferred to the ECF, and they will start managing the accounts and making the payments. By doing this, the history, traditions, and goals of the College of Emporia will continue. The current committee will make selections, for a few more years, and then that duty will move to the ECF as well. All the requirements currently considered to award a scholarship will continue under the ECF.

Legacy

Have you ever thought about your legacy at the College of Emporia? Although our college's doors shut almost fifty years ago, the legacy continues through your alumni association's scholarship program. Donations from alumni support higher education for descendants of C of E students and staff. Your gift to this fund can make a lasting impact, giving scholarship recipients means to live lives helping to solve complex societal problems

and perhaps helping them to positively transform their communities.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Your tax-deductible gift supports our scholarship fund. Please use the form on page 7 to forward your gift today. It is an excellent program, and it is our intention, with your help, to keep it going for a very long time.

Tribute

*Editor's Note: One of our distinguished alumni, **Rosemary (Ingold) Manchester, A49**, wrote this piece which speaks to her devotion to C of E. I believe that it may resonate in some way for many of our alumni.*

I have always been a part of C of E and always will be
C of E was my destiny

I am part of my teachers, Dr. Talbert, Dr. Flournoy, and all the others who encouraged me, and from whom I learned so much
C of E embodied the ethics and moral standards in which I was raised
I met the father of my children there, and lifelong friends

For me, it isn't so much "C of E Fights"
For me, "C of E lives"
For me, she will always Stand upon her Sunny Height

Future Florida Frolics

Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70, is actively exploring totally new concepts in our alumni reunions. Mary Jayne now lives in Florida and is looking at possibilities for Florida as the site for our next reunion. There is not a date or exact location as yet. 2024 will mark the 50th anniversary of our college's closing. That year may not, however, allow sufficient time to prepare for this very unique event.

A possibility under consideration is the Old Colorado Inn www.oldcoloradoinn.com, a boutique hotel in Stuart, Florida. In our ongoing effort to make reunions affordable, we will stay away from expensive destinations like Orlando. A reunion here offers Florida sunshine, excellent restaurants, quaint shops and access to nearby West Palm Beach. All of these sunshine reunion ideas offer alumni opportunities to extend their Florida stay and provide an unprecedented opportunity for our alumni now living in Florida to attend a nearby reunion event.

Another site under consideration is the seaside Hutchinson Shores Resort www.opalcollection.com/hutchinson-shores in Jensen Beach, FL. This particular choice includes private beach access.

An absolutely unique reunion idea is a Margaritaville at Sea Cruise and Stay www.margaritavilleatsea.com. Options include 2 nights on the cruise ship and 2 nights at a resort on Grand Bahama Island. Another possibility is a 3-day cruise without the Bahama stay. All of this would be done in the company of your fellow alumni.

Mary Jayne can negotiate affordable group rates for a reunion. There are other options currently being explored. Are you interested? Schedule permitting, would you be interested in an attractive reunion package like the ones described above? Please share your thoughts through the contact link on www.c-of-e.org or directly with Mary Jayne at mjgamble70@outlook.com.

Membership Information for the College of Emporia Alumni Association, Inc.

Please write legibly. Make checks payable to the C. of E. Alumni Association.

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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 _____

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Joanna (Mutschler) Brooks, A71 **Norm Tice, X61** **Jim Mathis, A61**

Tom Hughes, A73 **Sue (Roberts) Nispel, A59** Write in _____

Mail ballots postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, to: C of E Alumni Association, PO Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405. You are encouraged to include dues and/or a scholarship donation with your ballot, utilizing the form printed on the back of this ballot. Another option is to e-mail your ballot to John Acomb, jacomb2@mac.com. Also, as was done last year, easy-to-use e-mail ballots will be sent to our "Shout-Out" e-mail list. Deadline for all e-mail ballots will be December 31, 2023.

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