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C of E NEWS

NARROWING THE CHOICES

Your alumni association is seriously considering the possibility of an alumni gathering in Florida. This will be a purely relaxing social event with classmates and friends. It will not be an official reunion in the sense that there will not be any “seed money” from your alumni association, and no official alumni association business will be conducted at this gathering.

We are at the stage where we are narrowing the choices for our “Florida Frolics.” Before a date and a venue can be established, some questions need to be answered, and we need you, our members, to help us to find the answers.

The first question has to do with whether you would prefer a cruise or a land-based reunion at a hotel/resort. If you don’t have any real preference among the two, let us know about that too. We are asking you if you would possibly be interested in attending such a venture, assuming that the yet to be selected dates would work for you. Please send your feedback to **Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**, at mjgamble70@outlook.com.

The cruise or hotel gathering will, like all of our reunions, be relatively short. We are thinking three or four days, but there are obvious opportunities to extend your stay in the Sunshine State. This idea is, of course, expected to be appealing to alumni who live in the southeastern part of the United States who may not have previously attended one of our reunions.

When you e-mail Mary Jayne to weigh in on the above question, you are encouraged to add your thoughts on such topics as cruise ports, if any, and on amenities and activities on board.

If you are at all interested in this unique opportunity, please e-mail Mary Jayne. We’ll take it from there.

Managing the Fund

The College of Emporia Alumni Association’s scholarship fund is being managed in a new way. Your alumni association has finalized its partnership with the Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) to handle our scholarship fund out into a future that will extend beyond the lifespan of our association. We have signed an agreement with the foundation and transferred \$65,396.21 to the newly established C of E Scholarship account at ECF.

At present, the alumni association will continue to

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Past President's Column

On April 13, I turned the office of President over to Earl McGinn, a fellow classmate from the class of 1971. As I complete my one-year term, I am quite excited about the C of E Alumni Board's activity on a few items. First, the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Jim Brooks, has spent a considerable amount of time turning the Scholarship Funds over to the Emporia Community Foundation. This group will manage our scholarship money and eventually will select the candidates using the criteria that will be compiled by this committee. This is a work in progress.

Secondly, the Reunion Committee, chaired by Mary Jayne Gamble, is planning a "Get Together" in Florida, either a short cruise or a land based get together. She is looking for input from the Alumni as to where and when. It will be a great time to meet and/or visit

with fellow C of E Alumni.

As of this writing, the Alumni Board is still looking for someone to chair the Memorabilia committee, as well as a secretary. Since several people join the meetings by Zoom, the secretary would be able to join us online. PLEASE consider each of these positions. Also, Norm Tice is the chair of the Nominating Committee and is always looking for board members each year.

Lastly, continue to support our Alumni Association with your dues, which is only \$15.00 per year and to give to the Scholarship Fund to keep the C of E legacy going. Check the website at c-of-e.org for more information or to leave a comment, ask a question, etc. Our association needs you!

Joanna Brooks, A71

Lost alumni

From time to time, we have published in the newsletter a list of alumni who we have lost track of over the years. Typically, they have moved, and we were unable to get a forwarding address. If you have any information about any of these individuals, please let us know about it so that we can reconnect. Here is a current list.

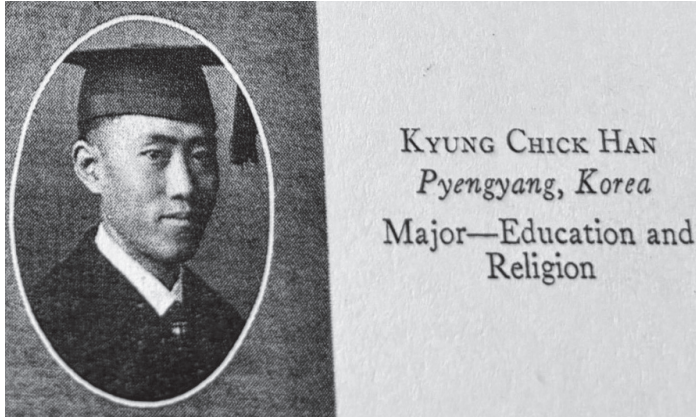
Maria Acosta, A50
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Pasquale J. Bartolone, A71
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Sidney Marie (Yerkes) Hughes, A60
Ruth (Knott) Janssen, X59
Phyllis J. (Landon) Johnson, X50
Tong Jin Kim, A58
Robert M. Krieger, X71
Sharon Y. (Kahn) Lafferty, X57
Louise (Davis) Lawrence, A56
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Marc. N. Leitner, X73
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Ardis (Taylor) Manschreck, A42
John E. Markert, A70
John Micklos, A68
Donna L. (Lazorchak) Nigro, X74
Mike Olshan, A70
Floyd N. Osborn, A63
Moo-Sung Pak, A55

Alice D. Perry, A44
Donna (Silven) Perry, A51
Sophia F. (Strand) Porter, A60
Donna (Watkins) Sheridan, X56
Pauline (Sjogren) Sluder, X53
Billie L. Smith, X49
Stephen P. Smrek, A70
Randal E. St. Louis, X75
Luke C. Stofega, A70
Louis Stolco, A63
Richard G. Studer, A56
Ralph Weinland, A62
Curtis A. Wenz, A75
Dr. George R. White, A62
Kay (Adams) Winter, X61
Robert J. Zarrilli, A73
Sharan (Young Sil Kahn) Yang, A57

World's Largest

Recognized in 1992 as the largest Presbyterian Church in the world with over 60,000 members, the Young Nak Presbyterian Church in Seoul, South Korea had fostered 500 sister churches worldwide. The principal person responsible for the founding in 1945 and subsequent growth of this church was **Pastor Kyung-Chik Han, A26.**



Kyung-Chik Han, pictured in the 1926 Alla Rah.

While ministering to all people, the church was noted for its ministry to defectors from North Korea. Notably, Rev. Han was originally from Pyongyang, which is noted as his home in the 1926 Alla Rah. Today this city is the capital of North Korea. After the division of Korea by the 38th parallel and the ensuing communist crackdown on Christianity, Rev. Han left the north, moved to Seoul and months later founded Young Nak Presbyterian Church.

It is almost incomprehensible to think of starting a church from scratch and having it grow to 60,000 members. Noted also as a philosopher and theologian, Rev. Han's writings continue to be studied

today. On the occasion of his being awarded the 1992 Templeton Prize, Rev. Han's biographer Samantha Cocove wrote, "At the heart of Han's work was the concept of 'spiritual humanism.' He argued that spirituality, rooted in an individual's inner self, could serve as a unifying force that transcends religious boundaries." The Templeton Prize awarded by the John Templeton Foundation awards a substantial amount of money to a living person who "has made an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery or practical works." Rev. Han donated his prize money to charity.

The first Templeton Prize was awarded in 1973 to Mother Teresa. Rev. Han's 1992 prize recognized his building a mega-church from the ground up, his philosophical writings and his key role in building one of the world's largest charities, World Vision, whose money supports impoverished children, families and communities worldwide. Today this charity is, according to a 2020 Christianity Today article, "the recipient of multimillion-dollar grants from the US government and millions of small donations from individuals. The American arm records annual revenues of more than \$1 billion; combined revenues for World Visions International, the global umbrella organization, are \$2.75 billion."

After his graduation from C of E, Rev. Han went to Princeton Theological Seminary. After completing his studies there, he returned to Korea. Rev. Han passed away April 19, 2000, at age 97.

Meeting Dates

Your board meets twice a year on the E-State

campus in the Sauder Alumni Center, 1500 Highland Street, Emporia. This year marks a new configuration wherein we have decided to meet in April and October. As usual, all of our meetings will occur at 10:00 a.m. on the designated Saturday mornings. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 19. As always, alumni are welcome to come and sit in at our board meetings.

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.



Laurie May (Lunsford) Schlobohm, A41, of Stillwater, OK passed away March 7, 2024, just a few months shy of her 105th birthday at age 104. At C of E she was active in many organizations, notably serving two years as C of E's first female College Life Editor. Laurie, the daughter of C of E icon **Janey May Lunsford, FS**, went on to a distinguished teaching career, touching lives in Reading, Osage City and beyond until retiring in 1981. After retirement, her commitment continued through two decades of service with Kansas Women's Prison Ministries. She was a recipient of the C of E Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. A former president of the Kansas Speech Teachers Association and an inductee into both the Kansas State Activities Association Hall of Fame and the Kansas State Teachers Hall of Fame, Laurie was survived by 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Maxine Ruth (McFerrin) Haggerty, A55, of Salt Lake City, UT passed away on May 19, 2023, at age 90. After graduation from C of E, Maxine, daughter of C of E Chemistry and Physics teacher **William V. McFerrin, FF**, earned an M.S. in Library Science from Emporia State. After living in a variety of locations around the country, her family settled in Utah where Maxine worked as a reference librarian at the University of Utah's Marriott Library for 23 years. Her husband, a brother and 2 sisters, **Lois Jean (McFerrin) Athon, A46**, and **Mary Beth (McFerrin) Starke, A48**, predeceased her. She is survived by 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Rev. Ann (Lauenberg) Richards, A57, of Seattle, WA passed away on February 16, 2024, at age 88. After she graduated from C of E, Ann earned an M.A. in Christian Education from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Subsequently, she served churches in various capacities in California, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, Washington and Oregon. Three children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive her.

James E. "Jim" Burch, A58, of Grand Junction, CO passed away on February 12, 2024, at age 88. After graduation from C of E, he served

in the U. S. Marine Corps, including an assignment in Okinawa, after which he taught history, coached and was athletic director at Emporia High. He joined the sales force of Parke-Davis pharmaceuticals in 1966, retiring as regional manager for Warner-Lambert in 1996. His wife, two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Michael Earl "Mickey" Karr, X61, of Americus, KS passed away on July 11, 2021, at age 82. He was a successful life-long farmer whose passion was Red Angus cattle. His wife, **Karen J. (Allen) Karr, X61**, his brother, **Robert Karr, A59**, sister-in-law, **Sharon Kay (Studer) Karr, X59**, two other brothers, two sisters, four sons, nine grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four step-great-grandchildren survive him. Another brother, **Gerald "Jerry" Karr, X58**, predeceased him.

Vaughn E. Jones, A63, of Kansas City, MO died on August 23, 2023, at age 80. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a Communication Electronic Technician. This start in the Air Force became his life's work as he spent his career as a Communications Technician, first working for AT&T and then for the railroad. His wife, four children, two stepchildren and six grandchildren survive him.

Anne-Leigh (Foxall) Sampson, A63, of Yuma, AZ passed away on January 28, 2024, at age 83. After she graduated from C of E, Ann utilized her majors in Biology and Chemistry to embark on a 20-year career, working in Kansas and Montana as a Medical Technologist. She then went back to school at Northwest College and Montana State University to realize her life-long dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. She then worked in a long-term care facility in Wyoming, until moving to Alaska to be near her daughter. There she found her true calling, working as a nurse in the Seward Correctional Center in the Alaska prison system, where she worked until retirement. Two children, three grandchildren and her ex-husband survive her.

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COVER: Managing the Fund

accept donations to the scholarship fund, which we will, in turn, forward to the ECF. Donation checks will continue to be made out to the C of E Alumni Association. It is also important to note that we will continue to receive the scholarship applications, and, as has been our practice, our scholarship committee will continue to determine recipients. The deadlines and the applications found on our www.c-of-e.org website are unchanged. Eventually, at some yet-to-be-determined time, the entire package will be turned over to ECF.

Actual payment of the scholarship money to the colleges and universities that recipients will attend will now be handled by the ECF. Management of the fund has gone to ECF, which has an excellent record of growing its investment funds. The scholarship fund is our legacy, and we can be comfortable in knowing that our fund's long-term future has been secured.



John Sparks, A73, recently found one of his former C of E football jerseys (possibly a practice jersey).

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Interesting Job

In addition to the vacant Secretary job outlined elsewhere in this issue, the job of Memorabilia Chair is currently available. This position does require a minimum of one in-person attendance per year at an alumni association board meeting in Emporia. The memorabilia Chair will annually update the displays in the C of E exhibits in Kenyon Heights (the former Kenyon Hall). This important chair will also oversee receipt, inventory and storage of donations made to the impressive alumni association memorabilia collection. This person will also be your alumni association's liaison to the Lyon County History Association. Because of the nature of this job, this has to be one of the most interesting jobs in our alumni association.

The retiring incumbent in this position is **Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62**, who has told us, "Giving up this role as Memorabilia Chair after so many years was

not easy. **Jack Mitchell, A59, FF**, had been handling it for several years, and I worked with him for one reunion in Kansas City. When **Dr. John Spencer, A70**, took it over, I helped him for one time to go through it all, trying to organize it somewhat. Then I got the call from Jack that John had passed away. I thought long and hard about it, and then said, 'Yes, of course.'

Fifteen years later, I faced the fact that I needed to turn it over to another alum, younger than I. I served on our board as President (twice) and as a board member for a number of years. I loved seeing everyone at the meetings, and I truly hated having to make the decision to let it go. Currently, our collection is stored and fully inventoried. Anyone who is interested in the position who has any questions should know that I am very happy to talk about it."

Daniel Vadney, A66, of Tacoma, WA died on June 10, 2023, at age 78. After C of E, Dan served in both the Peace Corps and the U.S. Army. Subsequently, he owned two successful businesses, one growing prize-winning dahlias and the other importing Koi from Japan. His wife survives him.

Allan Linder, A67, of Dearborn Heights, MI passed away in November 2021, at age 78. His career was with the Ford Motor Company, where he worked for 35 years. He particularly enjoyed his latter years at Ford coordinating fleet vehicle production from police cars to race cars. His wife and a son survive him.

William Ermolowich, X70, of Bloomfield, NJ died March 28, 2023, at age 74. After leaving C of E, he earned a bachelor's degree from St. Peter's College and an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University. His 30-year career was at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, NJ where he was Vice President of Human Resources. His wife, two children and four grandchildren survive him.

James F. "Jim" King, A70, of Lakewood, NJ passed away on January 18, 2024, at age 75. Jim

started his career at Nabisco Foods as a quality control manager. He then went to work in his stepfather's business, F&S Distributors, a supplier of rubber products such as O-rings, gaskets and rubber seals. Eventually, he and his stepbrother took over the business. He was extremely active in his community, serving on the Board of Education and the town council. In addition, he served as police and fire commissioner and had two terms as Mayor. His wife, **Patty (Wagner) King, X70**, two children and five grandchildren survive him.

Ronald P. "Ron" Trebing, A70, of Washington Township, NJ passed away on June 8, 2023, at age 74. He retired as CFO Administrator for Buena Vista Township, NJ. His wife predeceased him. He is survived by two stepdaughters and three grandchildren.

John J. Mirota, X72, of Flemington, NJ passed away on October 19, 2021, at age 71. His work career, all in New Jersey, began as an expeditor for Unisys Corporation. Subsequently, he worked in logistics for Foster Wheeler Corporation until retirement. Two children and a grandchild survive him.

A Very Big Game

By: Jim Mathis

The 1928 season marked the first time the Kansas colleges split off into two different conferences. C of E joined the new Central Conference with schools Southwestern, Washburn, Ft. Hays State, Pittsburg, Wichita Univ. and Emporia KSTC (Emporia State). Under the leadership of Gwinn Henry and Harold Grant the Presbies had the greatest ten years in the school history winning 65 games, losing only 8 and 5 ties. The 1928 team under coach Rosy Harr would add the frosting to the cake. He took the Presbies to an 8-0 season winning the new CIC championship. The closest call the Presbies had that year was a 13-0 victory over Westminster (MO). All other games were won by at least three touchdown margin as the Presbies rolled up 175 points in winning the conference championship again.

The last game of the season was one of the biggest ever in the history of C of E football. This game was against Emporia State and played on Thanksgiving Day.

Emporia State was undefeated but had been tied by Southwestern and had a 6-0-1 record playing for the championship against College of Emporia. Both teams were undefeated, and C of E's goal line had not been crossed. The C of E front line was especially powerful. The team's strength was centered in the guards and tack-

les. Halfback Bud Selves was the leading scorer. The Hornets and Presbies the year before had played to 0 to 0 tie before 10,000 people at E-State.

This year cold, rain and mud cut the Thanksgiving Day crowd down, but over 5,000 were on hand to see the game. For the first time the radio gave a play-by-play description for those listening at home. The playing field was a quagmire. The slippery field afforded only poor traction, and the players were covered from head to feet with mud. The C of E line play proved too much for the Hornets. The C of E team splashed and pushed to three touchdowns and clinched the victory 18 to 0.

No team ever crossed C of E's goal line the entire season, and President D. C. Schaffner declared the 1928 team to be the greatest in the football history of the school. Later the C of E football field would be named for President Schaffner. The game date and gate had been insured against bad weather. Each school received a check for \$4,055.56 for playing in this Thanksgiving game. It was the greatest revenue ever realized for one game by either school. Eight of the 11 Presby starters won places on every all-conference team chosen in the state with Munday, Selves and McCartney winning berths on the all first teams.

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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*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.

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New Leaders

New leaders have taken office in your alumni association. Class of 2026 directors elected on the recent ballot are **Joanna Brooks, A71**, **Tom Hughes, A73**, **Jim Mathis, A61**, **Sue Nispel, A59**, and **Norm Tice, X61**. Our new president is **Earl McGinn, A71**. **Tom Hughes, A73**, is President-Elect. **Cynthia Huisman, X73**, continues to serve as our VP/Membership, and **Cecil Lane, A71**, continues in his long-time role as Treasurer.

There is, however, an important vacancy. We have no one at this moment for the office of Secretary. The primary duties of the person holding this position are to e-mail meeting notices and materials to board members prior to meetings, to take minutes of board meetings and to serve as custodian of some of our alumni records.

A major barrier to finding a secretary has been the requirement that the person holding this office always needed to attend the twice-yearly board meetings in Emporia. This was necessary in order to take minutes. Now, however, all board meetings are on Zoom. Consequently, the secretary can attend via Zoom from anywhere in the United States and take minutes. This opens up an opportunity for you to help your alumni association.

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