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C of E NEWS

**REGISTER
NOW!**

It's on! We have a reunion coming October 14-16 in Emporia. Everything is in place, and the fact that we had two postponements has served to heighten our anticipation.

Register right now. A registration form can be found in this newsletter. Note that there are 15 individuals who chose not to get refunds on last year's registration. Those individuals are registered. If you registered last year and are unsure if you got a refund, you could check with Jim Brooks jkbrooks2006@gmail.com.

Consider an early arrival on Thursday, October 13, and attend the evening open house at the home of **Jim and Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**. Local alumni and early arrivals will be welcome at 1127 Rural Street in the heart of Emporia.

Early arrivals will also be ready for golf on Friday on an exciting new course. More information about the golf outing can be found elsewhere in this issue. Also, registration opens on Friday in the Anderson Carnegie Library. While at the library, check out special C of E merchandise that will be for sale and climb the stairs to the dome. Dinner that evening will be at the brand-new Lyon County History Center, which will premiere a major exhibit of C of E history at this evening event. Some of these items have not previously been publicly exhibited.

Saturday morning will include the Scandalous Emporia Tour, E-club meeting and choir rehearsal. The BBQ at Lake Kahola or various class luncheon gatherings come at mid-day and are expected to last well into the afternoon. Dinner that evening will be held at the Sauder Alumni Center on the Emporia State campus.

Note that for those who have not previously been to the Sauder Center, this evening event will provide an opportunity to visit the "C of E Room" with a brass plaque listing our alumni whose contributions made this room possible. There is also a glass-fronted memorabilia exhibit in the C of E room. Immediately outside of the room where we will gather for dinner will be a terrace with bricks engraved with the names of other contributing C of E alumni.

Sunday will feature a worship service, complete with the C of E alumni choir, which will also be held at the Sauder Center. Following the service, we will all go to the beautifully restored Granada Theatre for our farewell brunch.

After two postponements, our personal and collective pent-up need to get together with friends and classmates will be met at what promises to be one of the best reunions of all time. You don't want to miss it.

President's Column

First off, I want to officially welcome **Cynthia (Allen) Huisman, X73**, as our alumni association's new VP/Membership. She is approaching her new duties with enthusiasm. The importance of this position cannot be overstated, as it manages the database that is, in essence, the repository of our membership.

A membership initiative debuting in this issue is our member survey. We feel that there is much to be learned by listening to our members. Please look at it and share your thoughtful opinions. Make a copy (2 copies if your spouse went to C of E) and send it in. We hope also to have a means of responding electronically as an available alternative.

Switching subjects, I want to share my recent visit to Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, where Joanne and I attended our grandson's graduation. This school, founded by a Presbyterian minister, opened in 1885.

It's a small, midwestern liberal arts college (2,206 students) which remains a part of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities. Today it is a vibrant, financially well-off school with a beautiful campus and an excellent national academic reputation. While at this commencement, I couldn't help reflecting on the fact that this could have been C of E's future. I believe that all of us regret the C of E closing and wonder if a different path could have been taken.

Moving to a happier note, I want all of you to know that it looks like this year we are really going to have an October reunion, centered in part on the former C of E campus. There is a lot of information in this issue about the reunion. Make your plans now. It's been too long since we have all been together.

John Acomb, X64

Contact Information for Reunion Volunteers

Registration - Jim Brooks jkbrooks2006@gmail.com

There will be a need for volunteers during registration (help register alumni and help pass out ID Badges) at Anderson Friday afternoon and LCHC in the evening for late arrivals.

Decorating - Joanna Brooks joannabrooks2000@gmail.com Barbara Mathis bemathis41@gmail.com

Volunteers to help with setting up table and decoration at LCHC for Friday's Fiesta and clean up on Saturday.

Photography - cofereunion@outlook.com

Looking for a C of E Alumni to photograph candid reunion weekend shots!

Toppers and Choir - Barry and Jeanette Roberts barryroberts14@gmail.com

Volunteers for Worship Service Sunday

Reunion Information Desk - Norm Tice ticenrman166@gmail.com Mary Jayne Barnes Gamble emjayegee70@gmail.com

Volunteers to help Pass out gift bags, maps, and answer questions/directions

Friday and/or Saturday evening Greeters - cofereunion@outlook.com

Make our Alumni feel welcome

Merchandise Sales - cdayfl@gmail.com

Friday and Saturday we are looking for alumni to

help with our merchandise sales

Host/Hostess-Meet/Greet/Coffee "PETE'S PARLOR" at Anderson - coferunion@outlook.com
Anderson Clean Up - Sunday afternoon
cofereunion@outlook.com

We are very fortunate to be given access to our beautiful library for the entire weekend, and we want to be able to return it as it was when our weekend began.

Alumni Volunteers will help make this much-anticipated reunion a great weekend. Please note, no volunteer needs to be doing this alone. Feel free to contact a friend; enjoy the weekend together with other alumni. Your 2020+2 "Red White and You" committee has been working on this for you for over two years and will be over the moon with whatever time you may give during our weekend.

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.



Member Feedback

Please complete and return

1.) Are you planning to attend your alumni association's October reunion in Emporia?

2.) Why will/won't you attend?

3.) Would you be interested in attending a future East Coast reunion, possibly in 2024?

4.) Would you be interested in attending a future Emporia reunion, possibly in 2025 or 2026?

5.) Your alumni association maintains a C of E website, publishes a newsletter, maintains a significant collection of C of E historical artifacts and memorabilia, funds and distributes scholarships for descendants of faculty, alumni and staff and holds reunions. Which of these functions is most important to you? Why?

6.) Would you be interested in serving on committees related to any of these functions. If so, which one(s)?

7.) Would you participate in an effort to locate classmates through the internet and social media in order to invite them to join our alumni association and attend our reunions?

8.) Would you be interested in obtaining an alumni directory with addresses and telephone numbers of living alumni in our database? Would an e-mail directory be preferable? Do you believe that there might be privacy concerns with the publication of this directory?

9.) How can your alumni association be improved?

Please mail completed survey(s) to: C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801.

New VP/Membership

Cynthia (Allen) Huisman, X73, is the new C of E Alumni Association's new VP/Membership. Her qualifications are excellent. She tells us that she served as "City Clerk for the City of Larkspur (CA) for 16 years. (Her) position included records management." During her tenure, she moved the city from paper to Laserfiche records keeping. She also had extensive responsibilities in website management.

In her new position, Cynthia has, to some extent, the responsibility for holding our alumni association together. She keeps each alumnus in

our database. She is the one responsible for address changes, without which you may not receive your newsletter. Please give Cynthia your e-mail address as well as your postal address. You may reach her at mrsdavidh@gmail.com.

Another way to update Cynthia is to go ahead and use the form on page 7 of this newsletter to renew or extend your membership. Even if you have another year or two left on your membership period, extension at a mere \$15.00 a year gives you an opportunity to be assured that we have your up-to-date e-mail address and telephone number.

Nancy (Colburn) Seed, A48, of Santa Barbara, CA passed away in January 2022 at age 95. Two children, three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive her.

Bob Bodenheimer, A57, of Topeka, KS passed away in May 2022 at age 86. After graduating from C of E, Bob earned a master's degree in Mathematics from Kansas State. He then embarked on a teaching and coaching career. As a high school basketball coach, he won two state championships as head coach and two other state championships as assistant coach. In 1976 he was the only Grand State Championship coach in Kansas history. His coaching honors earned post-graduate recognition in the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Marjorie (Roberts) McDaniel, A57, of Eugene, OR died in December 2020 at age 85. After graduating from C of E, she moved to California and earned her master's degree at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. Subsequently, she relocated to Oregon where she married, raised two children and worked for many years as secretary at the First Congregational Church. Her children, sister and 5 grandchildren survive her.

Floyd Reichardt, A57, of Augusta, KS passed away in March 2022 at age 87. At C of E Floyd had an outstanding athletic career. He started every basketball game but one in his four-year career. He was named to the KCAC All-Conference Basketball team his junior and senior years. He has been inducted into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame for his abilities in both basketball and baseball. After graduation, Floyd earned a master's degree at Emporia State and went on to a full career teaching and coaching. Two children and two grandchildren survive him.

Gary Loveland, X60, of Glendale, AZ passed away in January 2022 at age 83. After leaving C of E, Gary earned a BS from Pittsburg State (KS) and an MS from US Naval Postgraduate School. He was a career US Marine, retiring in

1987 as a Colonel. After retiring from military service, he established his own company which earned top securities sales awards in Arizona. Four children, three grandchildren and three stepchildren survive him.

Elizabeth "Beth" (Kirby) Miller, X60, of Salina, KS passed away in February 2022 at age 83. Beth served for a number of years as secretary of the C of E Alumni Association. **Husband Ken Miller, A60**, three children five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and brother **Dallas Kirby, X64**, survive her.

Daniel Hans, A62, of Inverness, FL passed away in April 2021 at age 81. He was an Army veteran.

Raymond "Ray" Sager, A65, of Shawnee, KS passed away in April 2022 at age 79. After graduating from C of E, Ray was drafted into the US Army, ultimately serving in Vietnam with the rank of Lieutenant. He earned a Bronze Star. Subsequently, living in Kansas and then in Pennsylvania he earned two master's degrees. He returned to military service, ultimately retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. While in the service, he was honored with the prestigious Samuel Sharpe Award. Notably, he designed and implemented readiness and modernization programs for reserve soldiers and advised Pennsylvania Senators and Congressmen on a variety of related issues. Ray was active in the C of E Alumni Association, serving a number of years on the board. He chaired two east coast reunions. He was a recipient of the association's highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award. He is survived by his wife **Susan (Wells) Sager, A66**, 2 sons, 5 grandchildren, brother **Roger Sager, A71**, and two other siblings.

Jeanette Kay Sommer, A70, of Savannah, MO died in December 2020 at age 72. She taught elementary and high school music in four different Kansas communities. She also played the organ and piano for many different churches in the towns where she lived. Her husband, Calvin Hair, and two stepchildren survive her.

**COLLEGE OF EMPORIA REUNION "Red White & You 2020+2" REGISTRATION
October 14th - 16th, 2022**

**ALL-INCLUSIVE REUNION PACKAGE:
\$180/Person**

*Friday Registration "Welcome Package"
Anderson Library C of E Drive
Friday Evening - LCHC Fiesta Buffet/Cash
bar*

Saturday

E-CLUB

Choir Rehearsal

*Saturday Evening - Historic Newman
Building **

Dinner/Dance and Cash Bar

Sunday

Worship Service w Choir

Morning Brunch - The Granada Theatre

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

c-of-e@cpe.edu

Alumni Ass. Website

QUESTIONS?

cofereunion@outlook.com

Presby Pete's Email

Registrations **MUST** be Received **NO LATER** than -

September 15, 2022

REGISTRATION & NAME TAG INFORMATION:

(Please PRINT Clearly or Type)

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Maiden Name _____

Alum (yr.) _____ FS(yr.) _____ Faculty/Staff(yr.) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip Code: _____

Cell# _____ Email _____

Home Phone#: _____

Spouse: _____

Maiden Name _____

Alum (yr.) _____ FS(yr.) _____ Faculty/Staff(yr.) _____

**Please Indicate the latest Yearbook Picture appeared _____ or
send a picture from that year**

Friday Morning Golf Outing Emporia Country

Club. Make \$40 pp. Checks Payable to:

"C of E Reunion Golf"

1801 Rural Street

"C of E Golf"

Send checks to:

Room 1102

6020 E 8th Street N

Wichita, Kansas 67208

HOTELS with C of E Reunion Room Blocks

Available for Reservations: 10.13-10.17, 2022

Confirm before September 13th, 2022

Best Western (620) 342.9700 \$89

Comfort Inn (620) 412.2535 \$86 single/\$92 double bed rooms

(Use Group #K964/5 when making reservations for C of E Reunion @

The Comfort Inn)

Hampton Inn (620) 412.9040 \$115

La Quinta (620) 412.2763 \$101

Super 8 (620) 342.7567 \$75.99 single/\$84 double bed room(s)

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee \$180pp for _____ Attendee(s) \$ _____ Guest's Name _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Alumni Assoc. Dues for _____ yr(s) @ \$15/yr: \$ _____ (Includes Newsletter 3 Times per Yr.)

C of E Alumni Association Donation: \$ _____

Total Amount of Check: \$ _____

Checks Payable to:

"C of E Reunion 2022"

c/o Jim Brooks

425 Sundowner Ridge Ct.

Wildwood, MO 63011

Congratulations to Jean & Jack Gilmore

By: Kent Craft, A68

Congratulations to **Jean and Jack Gilmore, A59**, for being the winners of the beautiful 2021 C of E Quilt and to **Roger Sager, A71**, who won a C of E table runner. Yes, Marcia is busy right now putting together the 2022 C of E raffle quilt so it, and maybe some other quilted items, will be ready for the 2022 Reunion drawing October 15, during the banquet.

Raffle tickets go on sale immediately. The cost is the same, \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Since all the money goes to your alumni association's scholarship fund, please make your checks or money order payable

to the College of Emporia Scholarship Fund. If you are making your contribution to the Scholarship Fund through your registration fee and would like that money to be used to purchase raffle tickets, please indicate so on the registration form.

You may purchase raffle tickets in your registration fee, during the reunion or through me. Just mail your check to me at: Kent Craft, 3752 S. Brummett, Wichita, Ks, 67315. Questions: call 316-522-8359. See you all at the Reunion!

New Golf Opportunity

Norm Tice, X61, is in charge of the golf outing for this October's alumni reunion in Emporia. Golfers will have a new course to enjoy as alumni will be teeing off at the Emporia Country Club on Friday, October 14. Exact starting times are still to be determined. Norm suggests arriving in Emporia a day early as an option to consider.

Green fees will be \$40.00 if you want to ride. Those who feel energetic and want to walk will have a modest

fee of only \$25.00. This is an opportunity to enjoy an outing on a crisp October day while reconnecting with friends and classmates. Significant others who wish to play, are welcome.

Signing up for golf is separate from the registration form found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please send your green fees directly to: Norman tice, 6020 E 8th Street, N, Wichita, KS 67208.

Pat Henry, grandson of legendary C of E coach **Gwinn Henry, FF**, was inducted into the Texas Track and Field Hall of Fame in January. Pat continues the Henry family's extraordinary coaching heritage. He is currently serving his 18th season as track & field coach at Texas A & M, where his teams have won 9 NCAA titles. Thus far in Pat's career his athletes have won an amazing 62 NCAA title events.

The Council Grove Area Foundation has renamed a scholarship awarded annually to a Council Grove High School senior. Now known as the **Paul and Janis Bosch, both A52**, scholarship, it is awarded to a senior pursuing a degree. Paul, who passed away in 2012, was a successful, many-faceted businessman who was deeply involved in his community. Janis, who passed away earlier this year, was an educator,

teaching at the high school for almost 20 years. She also was deeply involved in community affairs. She served on the board of the C of E Alumni Association.

David Evans, X56, writes a blog for Psychology Today titled "Can't We All Just Get Along?" The basic message is one that is vital to our world today. To reach the blog, go to the PsychologyToday.com website and type in the name of the blog. It's free, and access doesn't require a subscription to the magazine.

Jack Mouse, A69, a highly regarded jazz drummer, was joined by vocalist Janice Borla, four other well-known musicians and an enthusiastic live audience last October in Emporia in the beautiful Granada Theatre.

The Mad Dog Connection – A Book Review

William G. Tolliver, FF, came to C of E to teach in the Speech and Drama Department in the fall of 1970. He remained on the faculty until the school closed in 1974. During this period, he was the person in charge of all of the school's drama productions.

Long after his tenure at C of E and a second career as a police officer, Tolliver devoted himself seriously to writing. He has written at least five books, the first of which is *The Mad Dog Connection*, a work of fiction published in 2005. Apparently all of these books are out of print, but I succeeded in purchasing a used paperback in excellent condition from Amazon.com for \$5.99. Copies of Tolliver's other books might now have a higher price.

The protagonist of *The Mad Dog Connection* is a

professor in the speech and drama department of a small liberal arts college in Kansas. (Sound familiar?) Professor Rhod Evans investigates the supposed suicide of his best friend in desolate settings in Texas and New Mexico. It turns out that his friend was murdered, and the story takes off.

This book is an action-packed page turner with a different twist as it contains ties to hidden treasures from the time of King Arthur, Merlin and Mordred. Complexity grows as the possibility slowly emerges that one or more of these characters may still be alive. The reader might consider this book to be a reverse-engineered Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court or a fantasy novel. However, you see it, this book is genuine adventure and a fun read. I recommend it.

Take Ownership

It's your reunion in October. Take personal ownership of this exciting gathering and volunteer to be a part of the proceedings. Increasing direct involvement in your reunion pays dividends in fun, new friends and a new set of shared

experiences to enjoy with friends and classmates. Utilize the volunteer contact list found elsewhere in this issue and initiate your contribution to the reunion's success.

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
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Spouse's Info	Spouse's First Name	Middle Initial	Maiden Name	*C. of E. Class
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Street/Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP + 4
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Phone #	E-mail
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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.

Membership dues (\$15 per year per member): Number of memberships: _____ For Years _____

Total for Membership \$ _____ Scholarship Fund (Voluntary) \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to:

C of E Alumni Association, P.O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405



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P.O. Box 405
Emporia, KS 66801-0405

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Memorials

We have several instances of C of E alumni wishing to request memorial donations be made to our alumni association's Scholarship Fund. This can be accomplished by including wording in the obituary asking that memorial donations be made to The College of Emporia Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801. This will allow those who attend the visitation to donate at the funeral home in the envelopes provided. It will also allow those who were unable to attend the visitation to utilize mail for their memorial. In this instance, a check, along with a note containing the donor's name and address, will be sent directly to your alumni association. We will deposit the check and communicate information about the donation to the family of the deceased.

c-of-e.org

