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C of E NEWS

REGISTRATION TIME

The time is drawing nearer for the October 14-16 “Red White & You 2020+2” reunion. The registration form is in this issue. You certainly don’t want to miss this outstanding event. Because of the COVID postponements, an unprecedented planning period, beginning in 2020, has led up to this event. Moreover, there is pent up demand from alumni who have been waiting for an extra two years for this event.

There will be new venues. The golfers will play on a course different from previous Emporia reunions. They will play at the excellent Emporia Country Club course. Send in your checks for the very reasonable \$40 per person golf fee (\$25 per person for those energetic enough to walk the course) now to **Norm Tice, X61**. His address can be found on the registration form.

Everyone, especially golfers, are urged to arrive on Thursday. Thursday evening there will be a welcome event at the home of **Jim and Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**. This event for alumni in the Emporia area and early arrivals, as noted elsewhere in this newsletter, will require an RSVP.

Then, on Friday, registration will open in the Anderson Memorial Library. **Carolyn (Cruikshank) Day, A60**, will also be at the registration area, with an entirely new array of C of E apparel. In addition, quilt raffle tickets will be sold, and refreshments will be served in the registration area. Also, while you are at the library, you will have an opportunity to climb the stairs to the dome to inspect the signatures of C of E graduates. Many of the names signed are still legible.

Friday evening will find everyone gathered at the new Lyon County History Center. The history center has an extensive collection of C of E items, many of them never before exhibited. Now in their extraordinary new facility, they can present the grand opening of the center’s largest C of E exhibit ever. Included will be some rare items, never before displayed. In addition to catching up with classmates, you will want to take the time to peruse this fascinating display.

The E-Club will meet on Saturday morning. This gathering will feature former coach **Tom Stromgren, A58, FF**, and Elaine Schnebel, wife of the late football coach **Bill Schnebel, FF**. The BBQ at Lake Kahola, described elsewhere in this newsletter takes place at mid-day. Note that the Class of 1959 will be having their own Saturday luncheon at The Orchard owned by **Bob Karr, A59**. Choir rehearsal is scheduled

President's Column

"Happiness never decreases by being shared." This quote from Gautama Buddha makes sense in our everyday lives. It also, of course, applies to our October reunion. You are invited to share your happiness with classmates and other friends, both old and new. Come to the reunion and jump in with both feet. Wear your red and white. Find a classmate that you haven't seen for more than forty years. Make plans to get together with a friend after the reunion.

OK, that's my pep talk. I hope that you will take it to heart. Since, after reading the above, I know that you are coming to the reunion, allow me to make some suggestions. First of all, plan to extend your stay. If you are driving, you should note that three Presidential libraries can be found on or near your driving routes. A visit to the Eisenhower, Truman or Hoover libraries can easily be incorporated into your trip. All three are fascinating and can easily take up a full day.

This reunion will mark the 50th for the Class of 1972. We didn't originally plan it this way, but all of you Class of '72 folks should get in touch with your classmates and urge their attendance. As for those of you from the classes of 1970 and 1971, we're sorry that COVID spoiled your opportunity for a 50th, but never fear. Just go ahead and proclaim this as your 50th anyway.

While we are talking about numbers and

celebration, let's not overlook the fact that this year marks the 140th anniversary of the founding of the College of Emporia. That should be another reason to make this year's gathering special.

While discussing the reunion, let me tell you about my visit to Lake Kahola. At our July alumni association board meeting, I decided to check out the drive to Jim Rasinsky's lake home where we will have our Saturday midday BBQ. For an urban guy who has lived virtually all of his life east of the Mississippi, driving on gravel roads was unique. Traffic was virtually nonexistent. In fact, at one point I stopped my car, got out and helped a turtle (tortoise?) cross the road.

You will need the directions that you will get from Jim when you RSVP. You will drive through some interesting countryside before coming upon this gem of a lake. I drove past Jim's home. One thing that I noticed is his beautiful lawn leading down to the lake. Some of our older alumni have reason to be concerned about uneven, rough terrain. You will not find those conditions at this BBQ.

Finally, in promotional material about Emporia there is a reference to "hundreds of miles of gravel roads to ride and explore." These lightly traveled roads are deemed perfect for cycling. So, if you are so inclined, bring your bicycles to the reunion and plan on an extra day or two of cycling.

Worship and Choir

There will be a worship service at the October reunion. It will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Sauder Center, 1500 Highland Avenue on the E-State campus. We are fortunate to once again have Joe and Selena Keesecker conducting our service.

Joe and Selena extend a warm invitation to singing attendees to join the choir for the service. Singing spouses and partners are also invited to participate. If you plan to sing, please let Joe and Selena joeselena@yahoo.com know. When you notify them, please indicate whether you sing Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Baritone/Bass.

There will be a Saturday afternoon rehearsal from 1:30 to 3:30. If you have not participated before, you will find a new set of very good C of E musical memories will be created at this reunion.

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 Survey

Our first-ever member survey was published in the previous newsletter. We believe that your alumni association, in order to be effective, needs to listen to its members from time to time. We have also put the survey on our website www.c-of-e.org.

Now we are taking another step and sending it out to those of you who have e-mail addresses on file with us. This will show up as a "Shout-Out" from Presby Pete. If you have recently changed your e-mail address or if you have never given

us your address, please share it with us. You can send your e-mail address to our VP/Membership, Cynthia Huisman, at mrsdavidh@gmail.com.

If you have not as yet already done so, please fill out and send in a survey. We want to hear from you. We need to plan forward beyond this reunion. You will learn the survey results in the next newsletter, which will come out after the reunion. There will also be some discussion of the survey results at the reunion.

Turn Left at the Big Anthill A Book Review

Turn Left at the Big Anthill is a new book written by **Rosemary (Ingold) Manchester, A49**. It details her life as the young wife of a Methodist missionary in the Congo.

Rosemary's book has a clear-eyed view of the life of a missionary family in the 1950's in the midst of the juxtaposition of old-line values and attitudes with a rapidly and dramatically changing world. We can actually see the last vestiges of colonialism and the emergence of a new independent Africa. This book gives us insight without pushing a point of view, and it holds the reader in from start to finish.

Independence when it came to the Congo wasn't a single moment. It was, in fact, messy, at times brutal and often lacking in a common vision. Through all of this a missionary family that

ultimately included four young children worked to bring Christianity into this turmoil.

Changes in government weren't the only changes detailed in the book. The reader gets to watch Rosemary's push for an equal partnership in her marriage and to follow her battle for what is best for her family as she struggles with entrenched attitudes in both the church's governing board in New York and in her missionary husband. She gets to know individuals, both white and black, who find themselves in a rapidly changing, sometimes difficult to understand world.

This engrossing book works on many levels. It is available in both paperback and Kindle from Amazon and other fine booksellers. I highly recommend it.

RSVP

Two optional events at our October reunion will require a RSVP. The first is the Thursday evening open house at the home of **Jim and Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**. Local alumni and early reunion arrivals will be welcome at 1127 Rural Street in the heart of Emporia.

The second one is the Saturday BBQ at the lake home of **Jim Rasinsky, A71**, on Lake Kahola. Jim tells us that he is "planning on smoking 2 briskets (Texas and KC style), grilled chicken and grilled pork tenderloins." As you would expect, various side dishes, desserts and beverages will also be available. This promises to be special.

Both of these events are available to reunion attendees at no charge. We thank both Jim and

Mary Jayne for their above and beyond hospitality. However, in order to make this work, attendees must RSVP. That is the only way that the hosts can be sure to have enough food and beverage.

To RSVP for the Thursday night event, you may e-mail Mary Jayne at emjayegee70@gmail.com or call her at (973) 615-3766. For the BBQ, you may e-mail Jim at Lhandstrat@sbcglobal.net or call him at (816) 645-3524. Jim will, in turn, e-mail directions to reach his lake residence. Note also, that we will have signs posted at strategic points along the route. We can also informally organize carpools and/or caravans from Emporia to the BBQ. (It's about a half hour drive.) It will most certainly be worth the effort.

Betty J. (Browning) Fulton, X48, of Troy, AL passed away July 2022 at age 95. After taking a break from her career to raise her children, she worked as secretary to a patent attorney and then as advanced engineering secretary until her retirement. She is survived by a daughter, **Gwen (Hill) Threadgill, A71**. She is also survived by a son, 2 stepsons, 5 grandchildren and 5 step grandchildren. She had eight great-grandchildren.

Dr. Perry U. Hunsley, A51 & N50, of Salina, KS passed away April 2022 at age 93. After leaving C of E with both a nursing degree from the Newman School of Nursing and a BS from C of E, he went on to graduate from the University of Kansas Medical School. He then practiced family medicine in Kansas before moving to Ohio to complete his surgical residency at Akron General Medical Center. Later he moved to Branson, MO, where he served as Chief of Surgery at Skaggs Community Health Center until his retirement. Four children, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him. His wife, **Phyllis (Hamme) Hunsley, N50**, and a son predeceased him.

George Akahane, A51, of Waipahu, HI passed away March 2019 at age 89. His wife preceded him in death. He was survived by 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Yolanda (Greco) Deal, X52, of Urbana, IL passed away September 2019 at age 88. She completed her education at Washburn University, earning a teaching certificate. As an innovative public school Spanish teacher, she developed a pioneering culture-based curriculum to teach Spanish to children using music and folklore. She also co-directed an inaugural study abroad program with the University of Costa Rica, which has become the longest-running continuous exchange of its kind. Three sons, four grandchildren and her sister, **Geneve (Greco) Owensby, X54**, survive her. Her husband predeceased her.

William "Bill" Danenhauer, A56, of Bella Vista, AK passed away July 2021 at age 87. At C of E Bill was an NAIA Football All-American

in both 1953 and 1955. He has been inducted into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame. He was drafted by the Baltimore Colts and later played for the Denver Broncos and the New England Patriots. In Denver his brother **Eldon Danenhauer, X57**, was his teammate. After his playing career, Bill moved on into coaching, eventually becoming head coach at University of Nebraska Omaha. He then moved on to scouting positions for the NFL. His wife, 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren survive him. His sister, both brothers and an infant son predeceased him.

Elena (Miro) Dyche, A57, of Topeka passed away December 2021 at age 85. Elena married **Jerry Dyche, A60**. They later divorced. Elena grew up in Cuba and became an American citizen in 1961. Her entire thirty-year elementary school teaching career was in Topeka schools. Three grandsons survive her. She was preceded in death by her brother and her son.

Dennis A. Vaughan, X60, of Chanute, KS passed away December 2021 at age 82. His career was in pipelining. He was a certified pipeline welder and pipefitter. His career took him across the entire United States plus work on the Alaskan Pipeline and in Saudi Arabia. He is survived by his wife, 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Samuel J. Zeakes, A66, of Radford, VA passed away June 2022 at age 77. After C of E Bill received a graduate teaching fellowship at Kansas State where he received both his M.S. and Ph.D. in Parasitology. This, in turn, led him to his teaching career. He taught at the collegiate level for over 40 years in three states. He received "Excellence in Teaching" awards at both Marymount College in Salina, KS and Radford University in Virginia. In 1994 he was named a "Virginia Master Teacher" by the state of Virginia. His wife, two children and four granddaughters survive him.

Dr. Jesse R. Wood, FF, of Topeka, KS passed away July 2022 at age 89. After earning his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Michigan he came to Kansas and taught

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.org

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

Send checks to:

Norm Tice

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 #KV64J5 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: \$ _____

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"C of E Reunion 2022"

c/o Jim Brooks

425 Sundowner Ridge Ct.

Wildwood, MO 63011

COVER: Registration Time

for 1:30 p.m. in the Sauder Center.

Also at the Sauder Center will be the alumni banquet. Three outstanding alumni will be honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards. The evening will, of course, include excellent

food, music and dancing.

Sunday morning will begin with a 9:30 a.m. worship service conducted by **Joe & Selena Keesecker, A65**. This will be followed by a very special Farewell Brunch, which will be held at the beautifully renovated Granada Theatre.

Another Man's Shoes

A Book Review

David C. Page, A71, has written a book about a series of reconstructed conversations with his friend Gordon, who spends most of his life in a wheelchair following a serious automobile accident. The book is honest. It portrays real events in the lives of the two friends.

We live with both friends through selected moments of their lives. In fact, there is a chapter entitled *The College of Emporia* where David met his future wife, **Therese "Terry" (Nyce) Page, A74**.

The reader learns a lot about David in the book, including his version of why he asked Terry to marry him. The conversations with Gordon reflect

how a bond of brotherhood develops between two bright individuals, one bound to a wheelchair and the other widely traveled. Don't assume that this book is about pathos. Plenty of humor and real-world stories can be found in these pages. In fact, there may be moments in this book that cause you to laugh out loud.

At the end of the book, the reader will be rooting for the two principal characters and will feel that these two individuals are known personally. It's a difficult book to put down. I read it in two days. It's recommended. You will find it at Amazon and other fine booksellers.

Chemistry at both C of E and E-State in the 1960's. He then went to work as a Pesticide Residue Chemist in the Kansas Department of Agriculture. His wife and a younger sister preceded him in death.

Karen (Godden) Straus, A66, of Atco, NJ passed away April 2022 at age 78. She worked for Kelly Maiello Architects in Philadelphia for many years. She was married to **Lawrence Straus, A68**. They subsequently divorced, and Karen then married Garrett Anderson who survives her.

Allan M. Dabrow, A67, of Delray Beach, FL and Philadelphia, PA passed away April 2019. Allan was an attorney who co-chaired his large law firm's Labor/Employment Law Department. He was also active in addressing some of his community's most pressing issues. In 2000 he was appointed to the Presidential Commission on Drug-Free Communities. His wife, two

children and four grandchildren survive him.

Edward J. Nusser, A67, of East Brady, PA passed away July 2020 at age 75. He thoroughly enjoyed retirement, which included a Florida winter address. Two children, seven grandchildren and a great-grandson survive him.

Patricia "Pat" (Medina) Swensen, A67, of Medford, OR passed away June 2022. As a senior at C of E, she was named to Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges. She married **Paul Kupp, A68**. They subsequently divorced.

Oneta Beth Lane, Former Staff, of Lebo, KS passed away May 2022 at age 97. She worked at C of E in the late 1960's and early 1970's. She is **the mother of Cecil Lane, A71**. She is survived by two children, seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Her husband predeceased her.

Hotels

A list of the hotels with special rates and reservation telephone numbers can be found on the registration form elsewhere in this newsletter. These rates are for a block of rooms held for our reunion attendees. These rooms will only be held until September 13. After that date, the price may go up and all of the remaining rooms rented. There evidently will be other events going on in Emporia during our reunion weekend. To be certain of getting your special rate, please be sure to use the hotel telephone number listed on the registration form.

There are, of course, other accommodations in Emporia without special rates. You can rent a house through VRBO Emporia Kansas www.vrbo.com. Possibly you may wish to share your rented house with classmates. Note also the possibility of staying a bit longer and visiting nearby attractions like the National Park Service's Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

If you prefer a bed & breakfast, you might want to try the Guffler Mansion Bed & Breakfast www.gufflermansion.com.

No Need To Be Present

Last year's C of E quilt raffle was held even though the reunion was postponed. It was successful. So, this year another quilt raffle will be held. Keep in mind that this raffle is open to the entire C of E family. The winner does not need to be present. If the winner is not present, the quilt will be mailed. This spectacular quilt is C of E themed. All proceeds from the raffle will go to our alumni association's scholarship fund.

The quilt is being made by Marcia Craft, the very talented wife of **Kent Craft, A68**. Tickets are now on sale for \$5.00 apiece or five tickets for \$25.00. You may purchase today by mailing your request for tickets along with your check in the appropriate amount to Kent Craft, 3752 S. Brummett, Wichita, KS 67215. It's a great prize and a fine cause.

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

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

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Ballot

The following have agreed to serve on the C of E Alumni Association Board of Directors. Please vote for no more than five (5) for the three-year term ending in 2025. You may write in your name or the name of another C of E Alumni Association member who would be interested and able to fulfill the duties of a board member, which include attendance at two meetings per year, held in Emporia in January and July.

Kent Craft, A68

Earl McGinn, A71

Megan (Isaac) Evans, A70

Earl Visser, X61

Barbara (Brenner) Mathis, X63

Write in _____

Mail ballots postmarked no later than September 26, 2022, 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 the ballot. Another option is to e-mail your ballot to John Acomb, jacomb2@mac.com. Also, as has been done previously, easy-to-use e-mail ballots will be sent to our "Shout Out" e-mail list. Deadline of all e-mail ballots will be September 30, 2022.

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