



# Seaman High School Alumni Association, Inc. ALUMNI NEWS

## SPRING GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Top 10 Ways to Make the Most of Being a Seaman Viking!

10. **Celebrate you and your classmates.** Find out when your next class reunion is and make plans to go. Let us know the details so we can let other classmates know where and when to meet up with you.

9. **Learn about the Kansas Horizon Awards** since we've had several teachers over the years win this award. This year you can ask Seaman High School Social Studies teacher, William Wehrs, about the award since he received 1 of 32 awards just given in January.

8. **Cheer on current Vikings** – Our teams in Softball, Baseball, Golf, Tennis, and Track all have competitive events all the way into May for all of us to go enjoy and cheer for our students and all the hard work they put into learning and practicing their sport.

7. **Help future Vikings** – Donate to the Alumni Association's operating fund or the scholarship fund. Form to donate on page 10.

6. **Send a message of support to a current teacher.** My suggestion would be Kristine Becker, a 4<sup>TH</sup> grade teacher at Logan Elementary. She received the Milken Educator Award for her excellence in the classroom. It comes with \$25,000 and a great network of other educators throughout the United States. Congrats to Kristine.

5. **Get to know our new superintendent,** Mr. Brad Willson. You can drop him an email welcoming him to our district this year or you can make plans to attend the annual Alumni Association Banquet in June. He'll be attending and has graciously accepted our invitation to speak to our group that evening.

4. **Show your Viking pride wherever you go!** You can do this with one of our Alumni T-Shirts that we have for sale. Order form is on page 9. You can also go to the

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Seaman Education Center @ 901 NW Lyman Rd and purchase an alumni t-shirt. They also have old yearbooks for sale.

3. **Support Viking owned businesses.** Check out the alumni owned businesses in this edition that have helped sponsor this year's newsletters and let us know if you would like to advertise your business as well.

2. **Stay informed.** Attend a Board of Education meeting, learn about the Seaman Education Advantage Foundation, visit an Alumni Assn meeting, surf [www.seamanschools.org](http://www.seamanschools.org) to find out all the amazing things going on in the district.

1. **Join your fellow alumni** at the Annual Alumni Association Banquet. Great food served by yet another great alum, The Viking Bar & Grille. Door prizes, *celebration of the Class of 1973*, and a few hours with your former classmates. Reservation form on page 11.



### *Messages from Alumni*

**1945 – Vera Basye Brantingham:** It has been many years since I graduated from Seaman (my deceased husband also). I enjoy hearing from you. Other couples in our class married also; like Edna & Dean Rinner and Betty and Albert Sester. I am 95 now and am living in an “assisted living” place. I’m still very healthy but not able to walk on my own so I wheel around in my wheelchair. I went to the old Seaman High School!

**1955 – Carol Nieman Portanova** – Thanks for the newsletter. Enjoy reading all the messages from other years. I love my t-shirt!! Thanks again!

**1960 – Robert “Bob” D. Carter** – Hello Class of 1960! We are still living on the farm 5 miles west of Valley Falls. My wife (Sue Ann) and I have been married for 61 ½ years. We have 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. “Go Vikings!”

**1961 – Joe Maxwell** – COVID-19 did not prevent the Class of 1961 from celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion back in August 2021. And because we had so much fun at the Viking Grille, we decided to get together again in June of 2022. Our excuse: Class of '61 celebrating our 61<sup>st</sup> reunion! That worked out so well we are going to get together again in 2023 to celebrate almost all of celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays. And yes, that event will also be held at the Viking Grille. Trust us to come up with another good reason to celebrate 2024, God willing!

**1961 – David & Barbara Charles McDougal:** We enjoy reading the Alumni News. Thanks for all your efforts to publish it.

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**1973 – John “Alan” Meier:** Many thanks to all those who contribute their time and efforts to the Alumni Association and newsletter. I’m grateful!!!

### *In Memory of.....*

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1940	Klein Brady	Amarillo, TX	9/25/17
1942	Dorothy E. Cochran Mulligan	Falls Church, VA	7/6/22
1943	Winifred L. "Winnie" Reust Kingman	Topeka, KS	10/17/22
1948	Donald Eugene "Don" Finson	Topeka, KS	9/28/22
1949	Beth Anita Shields Martin	Topeka, KS	9/14/22
1949	Marlene Ruth Falley Putnam	Hoyt, KS	12/17/22
1949	Roberta June Morris Wright Sporrer	Prairie Village, KS	2/26/22
1952	Kenneth "Ken" Lee Burres	Sequim, WA	9/5/22
1952	Donald "Don" Eugene Peterson	Topeka, KS	10/6/22
1953	Duane Allison Broadbent	Ballantine, MT	12/10/22
1953	Marilyn L. Kendall Martin Mickey - long term Treasurer for the Alumni Association	Topeka, KS	3/16/23
1955	Edith Jeanette MacArthur Bronson	Overland Park, KS	9/22/22
1955	Donald "Don" Lee Schwanke	LaFeria, TX	8/4/22
1956	Bobby Lee Simpson	Topeka, KS	2/24/23
1957	Berneice Faye Smith Albright	Live Oak, TX	1/28/23
1957	Barbara Lou DeGraff Smith (attended)	Rossville, KS	12/8/22
1958	Laurel "Lynn" Strobel Bunker Bowen	Lenexa, KS	8/31/22
1958	Burle Ray Shelby	Topeka, KS	12/31/22
1958	Gary Rudolph Smutny	Topeka, KS	1/7/23
1960	William LeRoy "Bill" Lesser	Topeka, KS	9/16/22
1960	Barbara Lee Davis Trickel	Ottawa, KS	11/25/21
1961	Jerry Joe "Ace" Boyd (attended)	Lawrence, KS	1/4/23
1961	Gerald Melvin Carder	Leavenworth, KS	7/31/22
1962	Merle Edward White	Topeka, KS	3/7/23
1963	Janet Harriet Shove Blanchard - also worked in Food Service for the Seaman District	Topeka, KS	12/8/22
1963	Dr. Ernest Louis "Doc" Katrina, Jr.	Delia, KS	1/27/23
1963	Mary Jane "MJ" Stadler	Pine Top, AZ	8/23/22
1964	Kelly Dean Johnson	Tecumseh, KS	9/8/22
1966	Joyce Lee Ginder Markham	Topeka, KS	3/3/23
1968	Lucretia Dianne Smith Johnson	Topeka, KS	3/5/23
1970	Leo T. Cummings	Topeka, KS	1/18/23
1970	Sandra Gayle Kampschroeder	Topeka, KS	3/2/23
1971	Janice Marie Chappell Howe	Topeka, KS	12/5/19

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1971	Rodney Lee Turpin	Girard, KS	2/10/23
1972	Mark A. Appelhanz	Topeka, KS	11/23/22
1972	Rex L. Lane	Atchison, KS	1/16/23
1973	William "Karl" Greeson	Topeka, KS	11/12/22
1974	Theresa Ann "Terry" Stewart Greeson	Topeka, KS	10/26/22
1976	Steven Craig Alexander	Fitzhugh, OK	12/25/22
1977	Brenda Kay Stanley Lister	Topeka, KS	12/28/22
1977	Mark Alan Murren (attended thru TARC)	Topeka, KS	12/13/22
1978	Gregory "Gregg" James Cobler	Gepp, AR	2/12/23
1979	Jeffrey Scott Horton	Topeka, KS	1/14/23
1979	Patti Ann Moody Wilson	Topeka, KS	12/7/22
1981	John Paul Masters (attended)	Burlingame, KS	9/29/22
1984	Curtis M. Brown	Topeka, KS	11/6/22
1988	Thomas P "Turk" Chapman	Topeka, KS	12/18/22
1988	Derrick Shane Reed	Topeka, KS	11/8/22
1989	Kimberly Jo Vink Loring	Prior Lake, MN	12/30/22
1989	Rod Mathew "Rowdy" Smith	Waverly, KS	12/16/22
1990	Amy Lynne Rettig Ewing	Topeka, KS	2/15/23
1992	Shannon Lynn Slover	Topeka, KS	11/27/22
1994	Paul E. Parkhurst	Topeka, KS	12/2/22
1995	Clint Mentzer	Topeka, KS	11/13/22
1998	Justin Brett Yingling	Topeka, KS	12/4/22
2001/02	Shawnta Louise Martin (attended)	Topeka, KS	9/5/22
2005	Douglas Hammer	Topeka, KS	1/19/23
2006	Jared Calvin Ransone	Silver Lake, KS	10/5/22
2015	Madison "Maddie" Raye Laird	Topeka, KS	10/30/22
2018	Alexis Brianna Ward	Topeka, KS	11/20/22
2026	Pikeston Evan "Pike" Laaser	Topeka, KS	2/3/23

Lois D. Peterson - volunteered at Elmont Grade School, reading and assisting students with their reading skills	Topeka, KS	7/15/22
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Leona Faye "Lois" Whaley - former Food Service at Logan Jr. High	Topeka, KS	9/6/22
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Le Ann Renner - taught at Northern Hills Jr. High, Seaman Middle and Seaman High for 24 yrs.	Topeka, KS	9/11/22
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Richard Martinez - former bus driver	Topeka, KS	9/19/22
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Charlotte Ann Troth - former Food Service for 24 years for the Seaman District	Topeka, KS	11/2/22
Susan "Kim" Crooks - Taught math at SHS, Northern Hills and Logan. Sponsored cheerleaders, drill team & coached track @ Logan Jr. High. Vice Principal & Athletic Director @ Northern Hills Jr. High. Principal @ Indian Creek, East Indianola and Logan Elementary. Also substituted for the Seaman District after retiring in 2011.	Silver Lake, KS	11/11/22
Donna L. Johnson - secretary at Pleasant Hill Elementary for 17 years	Topeka, KS	11/14/22
Cynthia Stang - worked for the District	Topeka, KS	12/3/22
JoAnn Benteman - taught Home Economics for the district	Topeka, KS	1/5/23
Anna Jean "Ann" Minihan - 32 year member of the Seaman School Board (1977-2009). The Board meeting room was named in her honor when she retired from the Board and remains to this day.	Topeka, KS	2/22/23

### CORRECTIONS TO THE 2022 FALL NEWSLETTER:

Memorial List: Correct year of the graduating class for Linda Kay Kingman Cassidy should have been 1969 and not 1959.

In the pictures of the banquet, the caterer, Johnny Jackson was in the Class of 1981 and not 1967 as listed.

Sorry for the errors!

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### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING BUILD OUR SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

1959 – Jillann Mosher  
Mahoney-Dawdy

1960 – Cheryl R. Koch  
In memory of Bill Lesser  
Class of 1960

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1961 – Joe Maxwell

1969 – Connie Runkle Arbogast

1975 – Greg DeBacker

1967 – Larry Ross

1973 – John “Alan” Meier

1980 – Tamara (Tammy) Coder Mikinski  
In memory of Rev. Art Donnelly and  
Rev. Jim Coder

### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

1952 – Gerald R. Newell

1958 – Morris Jenkins

1960 – Robert “Bob” D. Carter

1964 – Harold Michael

1967 – Larry Ross

1973 – John “Alan” Meier

1981 – Linda M. Burrell Gallaway

1955 – Carol Nieman Portanova

1959 – Patsy Hammond Dodds

1961 – David & Barbara Charles  
McDougal  
Joe Maxwell

1966 – Ted Appelhanz

1971 – Michael & Diana

Woodall Bates

1975 – Greg DeBacker

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The Seaman High School Alumni Association is looking for sponsors for our bi-yearly newsletter. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is rising and our donations are becoming fewer by the year.

If you have a business and would like to help us out and promote your business, we would love to have you sponsor our newsletter. Cost for 2 newsletter printings, a post on Facebook thanking you and a post on Twitter will be \$100. We would need a PDF of your business card. We usually print and mail the newsletter the first of April and first of October.

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## KAW VALLEY BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>09/01/22</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE WITH BANK</b>		<b>\$ 4,790.43</b>
<b>DEPOSITS AND INTEREST</b>			
09/01/22-02/28/23	Donations and Reservations	\$ 1,238.84	
09/01/22-02/28/23	Interest	\$ 2.12	
09/01/22-02/28/23	T-shirt Sales	\$ 1,565.00	
09/01/22-02/28/23	<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS AND INTEREST</b>		<b>\$ 2,805.96</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
09/06/22	WestSide Stamp & Awards Inc. – T-shirts	\$ (466.51)	
09/29/22	Hall Printing - Newletters	\$ (1,524.83)	
09/29/22	Lineage - Newsletters	\$ (1,000.78)	
10/03/22	WestSide Stamp & Awards – T-shirts	\$ (328.11)	
11/07/22	WestSide Stamp & Awards – T-shirts	\$ (519.55)	
11/21/22	Kathy Johnson – T-shirts	\$ (79.35)	
11/55/22	WestSide Stamp & Awards – T-shirts	\$ (509.08)	
12/22/22	Kathy Johnson – T-shirts	\$ (58.65)	
09/01/22-02/28/23	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ (4,486.86)</b>
<b>02/28/23</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE WITH BANK</b>		<b>\$ 3,109.53</b>

## SILVER LAKE BANK ENDOWMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>09/01/22</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE WITH BANK</b>		<b>\$ 22,634.44</b>
<b>DEPOSITS AND INTEREST</b>			
09/01/22-02/28/23	Endowments	\$ 670.00	
09/01/22-02/28/23	Interest	\$ 46.37	
09/01/22-02/28/23	<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS AND INTEREST</b>		<b>\$ 716.37</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
09/01/22-02/28/23	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>02/28/23</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE WITH BANK</b>		<b>\$ 23,350.81</b>

## PETTY CASH TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>09/01/22</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b>51.50</b>
<b>02/28/23</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 51.50</b>

## ALL ACCOUNT SUMMARY

02/28/23	Kaw Valley Operating Account Balance	\$ 3,109.53
02/28/23	Silver Lake Bank Endowment Account Balance	\$ 23,350.81
02/28/23	Petty Cash Balance	\$ 51.50
<b>02/28/23</b>	<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 26,511.84</b>

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### REUNION INFORMATION

**CLASS OF 1963:** Informal reunion on Saturday, June 3, 2023. We will be at the Viking Grille, 4731 NW Hunters Ridge Circle, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**CLASS of 1971:** **SAVE THE DATE!** The Class of 1971 turns 70 Reunion!  
**FRIDAY - Sept. 8, 2023 - 5:00 pm to ?** This is an informal get together at Viking Grille & Sports Bar, 4731 NW Hunters Ridge Circle. Food & drinks on your own.

**SATURDAY - Sept. 9, 2023 - 6:00 pm to 10:00** at the Sunrise Optimist Club Building, 720 N W 50th St. We will have a dinner at 6:30. Dinner includes 2 Entrees, drinks are pop, tea and beer. BYOB if you prefer something else. Cost - \$25.00 per person.

If you have any information on other classmates, please send an email to: Rick Woolsey - [rlwmaw@gmail.com](mailto:rlwmaw@gmail.com) or Diana Bates - [Dianabates3@gmail.com](mailto:Dianabates3@gmail.com). There will be no letter sent out. Price per person is \$25.00 and due before August 1, 2023. Please include name(s) of attendee(s) along with cell phone # and email address. Make checks payable to: Seaman Class of 1971  
Mail to: Diana Bates 225 N. W. 58th St Topeka, KS 66617 Or Venmo Payment: Seaman-Class-of-1971

**Class of 1973:** **50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion – September 23, 2023** at Hotel City Center, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. There is a block of rooms reserved or you can call ahead and reserve your own (785-431-7200). Rooms booked outside of the reserved block are a little cheaper but if you cancel, there is no refund. More information will follow. If you have changed addresses or you know of anyone who has, please contact us to update new information. Debbie Day Webster 785-357-5054 or [websterdebbie@yahoo.com](mailto:websterdebbie@yahoo.com) or Debi White Meinholdt 785-640-4988 or [mynholt@cox.net](mailto:mynholt@cox.net).

**CLASS OF 1988:** **SAVE THE DATE!** July 22, 2023 @ the Viking Grille & Sports Bar, 4731 NW Hunters Ridge Circle. We have reserved the private party room. See you there!

We need your help in updating our class listings of alumni. The Alumni Association needs updated addresses, last names (if married, divorced, etc), email addresses and any deaths of alumni. This helps us with Classes ask for lists for reunions. PLEASE SEND TO: [kajohnson172@gmail.com](mailto:kajohnson172@gmail.com) or to any other Alumni Board member.





# Seaman High School Alumni T-Shirt Order Form Proceeds to benefit SHSAA Scholarship Fund

Short Sleeve T-Shirt -- \$20 (Please indicate the quantity of each size)

x-small \_\_\_ small \_\_\_ medium \_\_\_ large \_\_\_ x-large \_\_\_

2x large (+\$2) \_\_\_ 3x large(+ \$2) \_\_\_ 4x large(+ \$2) \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY WILL TAKE LONGER FOR LARGER SIZES**

Long Sleeve T-Shirt -- \$25 (Please indicate the quantity of each size)

x-small \_\_\_ small \_\_\_ medium \_\_\_ large \_\_\_ x-large \_\_\_

2x large (+\$2) \_\_\_ 3x large(+ \$2) \_\_\_ 4x large(+ \$2) \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY WILL TAKE LONGER FOR THESE AND LARGER SIZES**

Sweatshirt -- \$30 (Please indicate the quantity of each size)

x-small \_\_\_ small \_\_\_ medium \_\_\_ large \_\_\_ x-large \_\_\_

2x large (+\$2) \_\_\_ 3x large(+ \$2) \_\_\_ 4x large(+ \$2) \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY WILL TAKE LONGER FOR THESE AND LARGER SIZES**

Shipping method (Please circle) Pickup +FREE

Mail (Add \$7 for 1 shirt, \$12 for 2) Shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to: (If different from address above)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: SHS Alumni Association and submit order form and payment to:

Kathy Johnson 17215 Bowser Dr. Hoyt, Ks. 66440

Thank you for supporting your Seaman High School Alumni Association!

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.  
TOPEKA, KANSAS**

**CONTRIBUTION FORM**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include maiden name)

**STREET ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, state, zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class of** \_\_\_\_\_

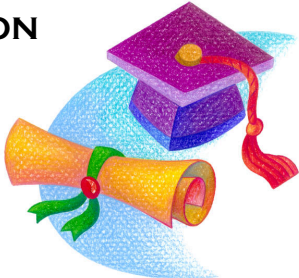
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**SUBMIT ONE FORM FOR EACH ALUMNI  
PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE CHECKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS  
AND ENDOWMENT  
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**RETURN TO:**      **SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**Attn: Kathy Johnson**  
**17215 Bowser Dr.**  
**Hoyt, KS. 66440**





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Seaman High School Alumni Association  
Kathy Johnson, Secretary  
17215 BOWSER DR.  
HOYT, KS 66440

Reunion Info: Class of 1963, 1971, 1973, 1988  
**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President	'88 Paula Kelly Frey	1401 Nichols, Manhattan, KS 66503	785-341-6750
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Asst. Secretary	'88 Amy Jean Stone Harrison	5507 SW 13 <sup>TH</sup> , Topeka, KS 66604	785-250-3345
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Board Associate	'70 Karlin Banning Price	1224 NW Eugene St., Topeka, KS. 66608-1411	785-817-7581
Board Associate	'61 Robert Taylor	4813 SW Commanche Rd., Topeka, KS 66614	520-444-0664

If you have information you would like to have in the next Seaman Alumni Newsletter, please send the information to one of the officers listed above or email to these addresses:

Kathy Johnson – [kajohnson172@gmail.com](mailto:kajohnson172@gmail.com)

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WEBSITE @ [www.usd345.com/alumni](http://www.usd345.com/alumni)