



Seaman High School Alumni Association, Inc. ALUMNI NEWS

FALL GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fall is upon us, my Viking family! A new school year has begun, the sports seasons have changed, and our summer vacations are behind us. Let's catch up on all the news since the last newsletter. In June we had our 48th Annual Meeting and Banquet. After a hiatus since 2019 it was great to be back together again and get to see everyone in person. We were able to celebrate our newest scholarship winner and she has a name that many of you will find familiar – Brinlee Deeter. The granddaughter of former board member and Chaplain, Mark Deeter, she was a delight to meet and will use the money you've so graciously donated as she starts her collegiate career.

As we recognized the 50th reunions of the Classes of '70, '71, and '72 at the banquet, we had a member from each of those classes onstage to reminisce about those years. Each speaker did a wonderful job taking us back to the '70s and there were lots of laughs and fond memories. Class of '73 already needs to be thinking who might want to give a short synopsis of what their class accomplished since we'll recognize them at next June's banquet.

In unbearably sad banquet news, none of us could know that seeing your Alumni Association Vice-President, Cameron Meinholdt, as you re-elected him for a third term would be the last time we would enjoy his presence at the banquet. A short six weeks later Cameron would be in a car accident with three other young Seaman alumni and would lose his life. A devastating loss for his family and all of us that knew him, there are no words or gestures of support from any of us that can ease the pain. But please keep the Meinholdt family and Cameron's best friends who were in the accident with him in your thoughts as their lives have been altered forever.



Looking forward, we've got alumni shirts for sale so check out the order form on page 10 and think about anyone in your family that they would make a great Christmas gift for. Proceeds from the t-shirt sales will help to grow our scholarship fund to help future Seaman students go on to higher education.

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Hall of Fame

Don't wait for someone else to nominate your favorite Viking for our Hall of Fame. Any alum can nominate someone for the Hall of Fame. If you know someone you think would be deserving, please reach out to Brad Broadbent at 785-224-5819 for a nomination form. No deadline, we take nominations all year long. It does take time to verify the information on the nomination form and talk to the nominee or their family so if we don't have all the info to induct them this June at the banquet, we can still start the process and induct them at next year's banquet.



If you shop on Amazon, try Amazon Smile. Once you sign up, do your normal shopping but do it from smile.amazon.com. It will be the same products at the same prices you regularly pay, but you can designate Seaman High School Alumni Association as your charity of choice and Amazon donates .5% of your eligible purchases to us. We receive a check from Amazon every quarter with that .5%. Thanks to those of you who have already started shopping on Amazon!

Messages from Alumni

1954 – Dona Lee Thompson Peterson – So happy we remain The Seaman Viking family. As I've often said – some of the best years of my life were with my Seaman School mates. Sorry I couldn't attend the banquet. I've missed several in a row. The Alumni News – I read from cover to cover as soon as I receive it. Thanks to all the volunteers who keep and make memories for us!

1956 – Jackie Prosser Kramer – I enjoy receiving the Alumni News!

1958 – Ralph M. Easum – Thanks to all of you who have given your years to the Seaman High School and it's Alumni News. My folks, Sam Easum (dad) and Ruth May Cool (mom) both graduated from Seaman, as did my sister, Rita and I. I moved to California for my first year working for The Naval Warfare Center (as a civilian Navy employee). I worked in Norco, CA for over 50 years and after working for a Naval support contractor, I have successfully retired to my home in Las Vegas, NV. Keep up the good work in maintaining the Seaman Name!

1961 – Joe Maxwell – Thanks for all you do! I always look forward to attending the banquet.

1962 & 1963 – Ed & Kay Artzer Grey – We love to get the Seaman News! Thanks for all your hard work!

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1964 & 1966 – David & Annette Sorber Jackson – Thanks for all you do! Annette and I continue to operate Jackson’s Greenhouse, 54 years for me and 51 years for Annette. Our children, Chad, 1989, and Traci, 1991, live nearby as Chad teaches and coaches Varsity Softball at Jefferson West. Traci is a horticulturist for Shawnee County and designs and operates the Ted Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee.

1972 – Connie Nixon Hogan – In memory of her mom, 1946 Faye Woodard Nixon who passed away March 10, 2021.

1975 – Kendra McNorton Stover – in memory of her mom, 1952 Bonnie Jean DeHart McNorton. My mother was proud of Seaman High School, and attended many Alumni banquets with my dad, Wayne McNorton, Class of 1949. They both enjoyed visiting with class mates and reading the newsletters every year. Thank you to the Alumni Board members for their continued service!

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN GETTING CURRENT INFORMATION ON ALUMNI. WE DON'T ALWAYS GET UPDATED NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAILS OR PHONE NUMBERS. THIS HELPS WITH GETTING INFORMATION TO CLASSES FOR REUNIONS AND KEEPING OUR LISTS UP-TO-DATE. ALSO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GETTING INFORMATION ON ALUMNI DEATHS (INCLUDING DATE OF DEATH, PLACE, ETC.) ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE BI-ANNUAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER, LET US KNOW YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS.

KAW VALLEY BANK TREASURER'S REPORT

03/01/22	BEGINNING BALANCE WITH BANK		\$ 5,901.75
DEPOSITS AND INTEREST			
03/01/22-08/31/22	Donations and Reservations	\$ 5,763.02	
03/01/22-08/31/22	Interest	\$ 3.42	
03/01/22-08/31/22	Tshirt Sales	\$ 667.00	
03/01/22-08/31/22	TOTAL DEPOSITS AND INTEREST		\$ 6,433.44
EXPENSES			
04/11/22	Hall Printing - Newsletters	\$ (1,375.29)	
04/12/22	Firestation Dog House - Banquet	\$ (2,000.00)	
04/22/22	Lineage - Newsletters	\$ (984.38)	
06/02/22	Kathleen Johnson - Banquet	\$ (170.25)	
06/05/22	Firestation Dog House - Banquet	\$ (1,333.50)	
06/13/22	Kristine Romine - Banquet	\$ (55.00)	
07/06/22	WestSide Stamp & Awards - Tshirts	\$ (1,626.34)	
03/01/22-08/31/22	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (7,544.76)
08/31/22	ENDING BALANCE WITH BANK		\$ 4,790.43

SILVER LAKE BANK ENDOWMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

03/01/22	BEGINNING BALANCE WITH BANK		\$ 22,186.01
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DEPOSITS AND INTEREST			
03/01/22-08/31/22	Endowments	\$ 928.16	
03/01/22-08/31/22	Interest	\$ 20.27	
03/01/22-08/31/22	TOTAL DEPOSITS AND INTEREST		\$ 948.43

EXPENSES			
05/25/22	Brinlee Deeter - Scholarship	\$ (500.00)	
03/01/22-08/31/22	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (500.00)
08/31/22	ENDING BALANCE WITH BANK		\$ 22,634.44

PETTY CASH TREASURER'S REPORT

03/01/22	BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 51.50
08/31/22	ENDING BALANCE		\$ 51.50

ALL ACCOUNT SUMMARY

08/31/22	Kaw Valley Operating Account Balance	\$ 4,790.43
08/31/22	Silver Lake Bank Endowment Account Balance	\$ 22,634.44
08/31/22	Petty Cash Balance	\$ 51.50
08/31/22	TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 27,476.37

In Memory of.....

CLASS	NAME	CITY	DATE
1946	Harley Douglas Roe	Topeka, KS	8/10/11
1947	Mary Ann Brown Leavering	Topeka, KS	4/3/22
1948	Evelyn Lee Backus McMillan	Topeka, KS	7/25/22
1948	Genevieve A. Carter Woodbury	Topeka, KS	5/7/22
1949	Thelma Jean Griffin Tichenor (attended)	Topeka, KS	3/13/22
1952	Carolyn Marie Browning Gudenkauf	Clarksville, TX	10/1/21
1956	Bill Meacham	LaValle, WI	6/23/22
1956	Garland Dean Talley (attended)	Topeka, KS	5/4/22
1957	Robert "Bob" Rex Hogbin	Branson, MO	9/7/21
1958	Dennis Dean Grey	Topeka, KS	6/27/22
1959	Linda Kay Kingman Cassidy	Wichita, KS	2/28/22
1959	Larry Alan Chilcoat	Topeka, KS	6/28/22
1959	Harriet Kingman Hilemam	Topeka, KS	4/15/21
1960	Bill L. Stevens	Topeka, KS	5/22/22
1962	Sue Towslee Garrett	San Diego, CA	7/16/22
1963	Donna L. Carder Borchardt	Kerrville, TX	6/13/22
1965	Vicki Lynn Hampton Richter	Topeka, KS	4/4/20

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1965	Roy R. Spillman II	Okanogan, WA	8/28/22
1966	Bonnie Mel Hubbell DeVoe	Manhattan, KS	6/28/22
1966	Dennis C. "Papa D" Jackson	Pelahatchie, MS	3/24/22
1968	Rebecca "Becky" Ann Hipsher White	Topeka, KS	5/5/22
1969	Lyn Ruth Dahlstrom Klein	Topeka, KS	5/2/22
1969	Michael E. Worthington	Topeka, KS	5/27/22
1970	Randall Taylor Essman	Topeka, KS	4/8/15
1970	John H. Gatewood	San Diego, CA	6/2/21
1970	Sheila Diana Pruitt Rodgers (attended)	Peculiar, MO	11/71/97
1970	Steven Craig "The Button Man" Smelser	Lawrence, KS	2/14/14
1971	Ernest Eugene "Butch" Ables, Sr.	Hiawatha, KS	7/14/22
1971	Steven Lee DeForest	Camdenton, MO	3/15/22
1971	Terry L. Runnels Stone	Topeka, KS	5/5/22
1973	Diana L. Melvin Bullock	Austin, TX	5/7/22
1976	Kathie Sue Pratt Pierson	Topeka, KS	6/24/22
1977	Cammie Dee Holler Houston	Wichita, KS	3/21/22
1978	Alison "Kay" Collins	Topeka, KS	7/8/22
1978	Greg A. Ketron	Topeka, KS	3/24/22
1980	Sherry Lynn Snook Horton	Topeka, KS	5/5/22
1982	Tracy Jean Attig (attended)	Topeka, KS	3/30/20
1982	Kevin Lee Miller	Topeka, KS	5/23/15
1982	Bradley J. Ott	Topeka, KS	5/5/22
1982	Heidi Jo Metzger Stacer	Topeka, KS	6/24/22
1987	Bruce Alen Weber	Topeka, KS	4/27/22
1990	Joseph William Adams	Bel Aire, KS	4/6/22
2015	Joshua Klein (attended)	Topeka, KS	4/22/22
2018	Cameron Rollie Meinholdt	Topeka, KS	7/17/22

Jacqueline "Jackie" S. Scott - Para in the district and transportation dept.

Topeka, KS 3/29/22

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Dr. D. Kent Hurn - started career at SHS as a teacher/coach in 1972. In 1978 Dr. Hurn became the Asst. Superintendent, Business Manager, Supervisor of Physical & Maintenance and Director of Transportation. He became the Superintendent in 1988 and retired in 2002. June 2003, Dr. Hurn was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame. SHS track is named after him.	Topeka, KS	3/27/22
Margaret I. Shepherd - former elementary teacher	Manhattan, KS	3/31/22
Sharon Rosalene Norris - substitute teacher in the school district	Topeka, KS	5/2/22
Bonnie M. Rouse - employed by Seaman district for 28 years.	Topeka, KS	5/5/22
Gloria Lura Barron - taught at Rochester Elementary for 20 years	Topeka, KS	5/20/22
Cheryl L. Shepard Sayler - taught Art at Northern Hills Jr. High	Topeka, KS	1/28/20
Mary Ellen Huey - worked for the district	Topeka, KS	6/13/22
Marvin E. Smith - Vocational Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor at SHS from 1952-1965. He was elected to the first USD #345 Board of Education and served from 1965-1975.	Topeka, KS	6/23/22
Julie R. Henry - bus driver for the district	Topeka, KS	8/18/22

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

1953 – Daytha D. Witham McNorton
In memory of 1953 Clyde McNorton

1956 – Charles Dean Eustace

1958 & 1960 – Jim & Roberta Andrews

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1961 – Joe Maxwell

1964 & 1966 – David & Annette
Sorber Jackson

1967 – Larry Ross

1981 – Brad Russell

1960 – Cheryl R. Koch

In memory of Dr. Kent Hurn
and in memory of Bill Stevens

1963 – William R. (Bill) Williams

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

1953 – Jim Hahn
Charlann Brotherton Bennett
Daytha D. Witham McNorton

1955 – Wanda Williams Goodnow

1957 – Richard Green
Larry L. Lesser, Sr.
Norma K. Johnson Priddy

1959 – Morris R. Betry
DeAun K. Zeferjahn Goodman
In memory of '60
Melvin L. Zerferjahn

1961 – Paul E. Artzer
Ron Grant
Joe Maxwell

1962 & 1963 – Ed & Kay Artzer Grey

1963 – John S. Swain
William R. (Bill) Williams

1964 & 1966 – David & Annette
Sorber Jackson

1954 – Joan E. Lingberg
Arbogast
Dona Lee Thompson Peterson

1956 – Charles Dean Eustace
Jackie Prosser Kramer

1958 – Fred L. Gilliland

1960 – Russell D. Cropp
Jean Keller Graham
Joyce E. Dodge Hartner
Marilyn Hood Leinacker
Karen K. Givens Lietz
Ramona K. Lesser Miller
Bonnie J. Thomas Warner

1962 – Gary Kauffman
Carol Galligher Marcellus
Larry Miles

1964 – Steve Kirkwood

1967 – Larry Ross

1969 – Connie E. Runkle Arbogast

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1970 – Marilyn S. Burns Bramlage
Danny & Marcia King Sales

1971 & 1972 – Ed & Kathy
DeForest Cowen

1971 – Pamela K. Ashley Kuzanek
Don Mize

1972 – Kevin Grieves

1972 – Connie Nixon Hogan – In memory
of her mom, 1946 Fay Woodard Nixon

1973 & 2010 – Jayne A. Boggs
Varney & Alexandra Varney

1975 – Kendra McNorton Stover
In memory of her mom,
1952 Bonnie Jean DeHart McNorton

1977 – Teresa Allen Bliss

1981 – Brad Russell

REUNION INFORMATION

Viking Class of 1970: Remember back in 2020 when the Class of 1970 was planning it's 50-year class reunion? At that time, it was to be held in conjunction with the Seaman High School Alumni Association's celebration of 100 years of graduating classes! Well, the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic caused cancellations and delays of any reunions and celebrations for two(2) years!

Pass the word to "SAVE THE DATE" as classmates join together on Saturday, October 22, 2022 to celebrate the Seaman Class of '70 turning "70" in 2022! This celebration will take place at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center, 720 NW 50th Street in Topeka from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. The celebration will consist of conversations and reminiscing while enjoying iced tea, water or lemonade along with hors d'oeuvres (fancy word for snack food). We are asking for a small fee of \$10/person or \$20/couple to help with the costs.

To reserve your spot, please forward a check or money order, by Saturday, October 1, 2022, made payable to "Seaman Class of 1970", and mail to: Seaman Class of 1970, c/o Charlie & Roberta Galligher, 6410 NW Church Lane, Topeka, KS 66618. Need more information? Send an email to: seamanvikes70@gmail.com

Let's have a great showing from the Class of 1970!

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2022 SHSAA BANQUET PICTURES



Caterer – 1967 Johnny Jackson, Fire Station Dog House and staff



Marilyn Foree accepting Hall of Fame Induction for Gary Stroud



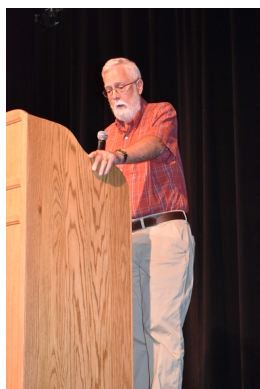
Volunteers: L to R
 2015 – Kayla Hernandez
 1996 – Twyla Hernandez
 2025 – Alyiah Hall
 1993 - Tammy Gockel Ruddy
 2025 – Makayla Johnson



Scholarship Winners:
 2020 – Emma Biggs



2022 – Brinlee Deeter



Class Presentations:
 1970 – Charlie Galligher (left)
 1971 – Ed Cowen (right)
 1972 – Steve Tarwater (far right)



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Seaman High School Alumni T-Shirt Order Form

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!

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 2 or more) Shipping \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Ship to: (If different from address above)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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**SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
TOPEKA, KANSAS**

CONTRIBUTION FORM

NAME _____

(Please include maiden name)

STREET ADDRESS _____

City, state, zip _____

Class of _____

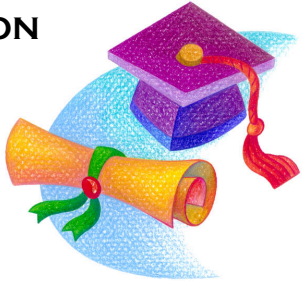
Amount submitted for contribution \$ _____

Amount submitted For SCHOLARSHIP \$ _____

Comments:

**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
c/o 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: 1970
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 TH , Topeka, KS 66604	785-250-3345
Treasurer	'92 Fred Patton	339 NE 46 th St., Topeka, KS 66617	785-969-0096
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Board Associate	'87 Gina Mentzer	Topeka, KS 66618	
Board Associate	'70 Karlin Banning Price	1224 NW Eugene St., Topeka, KS. 66608-1411	785-817-7581
Board Associate	'61 Robert Taylor	10447 SW Hwy K4, Topeka, KS 66614	785-478-9593

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 this address: Kathy Johnson – kajohnson172@gmail.com

If you want to be removed from our mailing list, please notify a SHSAA Board member.

DON'T FORGET!!

THE SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS INFORMATION ON THE SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE @ www.usd345.com GO TO "ABOUT US" then COMMUNITY TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION