

# Sands of Time

## Siuslaw Alumni Association Newsletter

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### Siuslaw Alumni Association Board Meeting Schedule

September 14, 2013

Three Rivers Casino  
& Hotel

Florence, Oregon

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### President's Message

How long has it been since you've seen the main street in Old Town? Have you driven across the bridge and ventured out to look at the sand dunes (or climb them)? Is the building where you attended high school still there or is the high school now in a different location? There have been many, many changes in Florence through the years. Some of you have remained or returned to Florence to live; however, for some it has been years since you've been to Florence and it would be a "good feeling" to come back and roam around. The Siuslaw Alumni Association is inviting you to attend the All-Class Reunion on Saturday, September 14th. Come and share some nostalgic memories with friends and former classmates. There is an invitation form enclosed in this newsletter!!

In addition to the All-Class Reunion on Saturday, the SHS will have a home football game on Friday night, September 13, against South Umpqua. Go Vikings, Go! And in case you are planning to make this a vacation trip there will be a Car Show in Old Town the previous weekend. There's plenty to do and see and we'd especially like to see you!

The Siuslaw Alumni Association appreciates and thanks you for your donations to the Scholarship Fund each year. This year we are able to grant two scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each! Read the article about this year's recipients inside this newsletter.

Lou Anne Wood Fore  
SAA President

### 2013 ALL-CLASS REUNION CHECK IN

- 1 - There will be two entries into the dining room.
- 2 - A table will be set up outside the dining area at 3 PM for early pick-up of name tags & dinner tickets.
- 3 - The deadline for pre-paying for the dinner is moved to September 1st. This is to help provide a more accurate count for Three Rivers Casino and facilitate having enough tables set up for everyone.
- 4 - Sign up for Sunday breakfast at the banquet. There will be a table at the door of the Sunday breakfast for payment, casino buffet area.

*See you all on September 14th!*

**Siuslaw  
Alumni Association Board  
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*2013 Scholarship Awards*  
by Sharon Strahm

*Alexandra Dodson*

Siuslaw High School Alumni Association Scholarships are given each year to graduating seniors who plan to attend a college and/or trade school. The scholarships are solely supported by donations to the Scholarship Fund and by the proceeds from the All-Class Reunion & Banquet. Raffle tickets are sold at the fall reunion each year on donated items with all proceeds going directly into the Scholarship Fund. The goal of the SHS Alumni Association is to increase the number of scholarships each year and/or increase the amount to each recipient.

*Annaliese Henry*

For the year of 2013, we are pleased to announce that the Alumni Association was able to award two scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each. We thank everyone who made this our best year!

Alexandra Dodson is a recipient of one of the \$3,000 scholarships. She will attend the University of Oregon in Eugene to study business with a minor in communications/journalism. Her goal is to work in sports marketing with an interest in advertising and broadcasting. She is very proud to be a third generation alumnus of Siuslaw High.

Annaliese Henry is our other recipient of the \$3,000 scholarship. She will attend Corban University in Salem to pursue a degree in education, with an emphasis on language arts. She has always liked school and her goal is to become a high school teacher. Corban University is unique in that it has many internships in teaching and Annaliese is excited about this possibility.

These recipients are both outstanding students with tremendous goals. They will both make great representatives of Siuslaw High School! We thank everyone for their continuing support that makes these scholarships possible. We can all be proud that the Alumni Scholarships are one of the largest to be awarded.

## Updates on SHS Alumni 2012 Scholarship Recipients



**Lindsay Locke** - My first year of college has been packed with learning and new life experiences. I go to Oregon State University where I am pursuing a major in Sociology with a focus on the Middle Eastern Culture. Also at OSU I participate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. In AFROTC, I am a first year (100 Cadet or C/4c). I am very active in the ROTC being a member of the service organization, Arnold Air Society and the exhibition drill team, Silver Talons Drill Team (STDT). STDT competes in a large drill competition in southern California. Here the team won first for Regulation, Exhibition and Overall. This was the first time OSU AFROTC STDT has won first in over 8 years.

I have done well in my classes and have excelled in AFROTC. I am excited to continue my studies to my Bachelors of Arts degree and work towards a pilot slot and commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force.

These are two awesome recipients of our SHS Alumni Scholarships. Thank you to ALL who helped make this a possibility!



**John Johnson** - I am currently studying biology at the University of Oregon. My studies are going very well. I am nearly finished with the general chemistry and math sequences that are prerequisites to the biology program. Because I was able to come to the University of Oregon with college credits from high school, I am technically now a sophomore after about one and half terms of school. This past fall, I was an assistant football coach for the Sheldon High football program in Eugene. This was a special experience and I look forward to being involved in spring practice.

I have had the opportunity this past year to become involved in some organizations on campus. I worked with other student volunteers for an organization called OSPIRG (Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group) and we made over 1000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Food for Lane County. This winter, I became involved in the Scuba Diving Certification. I made great friends and enjoyed the adventure of scuba diving.

Johnson continued on page five

## Board of Directors proposed changes to SHS constitution and bylaws

This is a notification to the members of the Siuslaw High School Alumni Association that the board of directors has proposed several changes to the bylaws and a simplification to Section D of the constitution. Any changes to either the bylaws or constitution must be accepted by the board of directors then approved by members at the annual meeting. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PROPOSED CHANGES ARE IN PARENTHESIS.

•Article II, Section B is to be modified to include guests or graduates. The new wording of Section B. Schedule a meeting annually for past graduates “and their guests” to gather as a group.

•Bylaws Article VII to be changed to allow the appointment of additional At Large Members to fulfill the needs of the board of directors. At Large Members are elected by the board of directors and serve a one-year term subject to reelection at the discretion of the board (four-year board members are approved by the board but require a vote of membership at the annual meeting).

Proposed changes in Article VII of the bylaws relating to At Large Members would read “a minimum of” two At Large members.

\*\*Bylaws Article V to be changed to add that meetings of the board are to be in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and include the appointment of a parliamentarian to oversee board meeting compliance with the bylaws and adherence to Roberts Rules of Order.

\*\*Proposed changes to bylaws Article V, Section 2: all meetings of the board “in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order”. The additional change... the president shall have the power of appointment of members of standing committees and ad hoc committees. “In addition the president shall have the power to appoint a parliamentarian who shall oversee compliance with the bylaws and adherence to Roberts Rules of Order”.

\*\*Bylaws Article VII, Section one now reads “The chair of each standing committee shall also serve on the board of directors... this will change to strike the word “standing”.

\*\*PROPOSE CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE MAY BOARD MEETING FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.



**Robert (Bob) Lawrence Kotike**

Class of 1940

**Carl Foss**

Class of 1942

**Lester Nordahl**

Class of 1943

**William (Bill) Peerson**

Class of 1950

**Micky Johnson Hines**

Class of 1953

**Elizabeth Wood**

Class of 1956

**Harley Meink**

Class of 1957

**Steven Ellis**

Class of 1958

**Norma L. Skinner Gnau**

Class of 1960

**William (Willy) Phillips**

Class of 1962

**Cynthia Gray**

Class of 1965

**Rick Bly**

Class of 1968

**Forest (Frosty) Zeimer**

Class of 1972

**Ronald Jackson**

Class of 1973

**Delbert Reavis**

Class of 1983

**Shirley Wilson Lyons**

Class Unknown

**Eric (Jake) Soard Markle**

Class of 2000

**Jess Young**

Siuslaw School System Educator

# A Class Reunion Vacation in Florence

*By Jennifer Archer*

September is the best time of the year in Florence. The weather is amazing and the summer crowds have thinned out. Why not spend a few extra days in Florence and Lane County before or after the All-Class Reunion?

Take advantage of the pleasant days and find something fun to do at one of the 17 area lakes. If you miss the sand in your toes (and teeth!) you can rent a sandboard or hop on a guided dune buggy ride. Hike up over Heceta Head for a challenging way to reach the Hobbit Trail. Sit at a sidewalk table on Bay Street and wile away the afternoon. Or maybe you want to see it all from a heli-

copter or biplane. Visit the Florence Chamber's website for details.

[www.florencechamber.com](http://www.florencechamber.com)

Have you caught the geocaching bug? Oregon's first GeoTour spans Highway 126 from the McKenzie River to the Pacific Ocean in Florence. You might just find a new favorite picnic spot.

[www.eugencascadescoast.org/geocaching](http://www.eugencascadescoast.org/geocaching). If you fly into Eugene you can finish half of the tour on your way to Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. [www.flyeug.com](http://www.flyeug.com)

There are so many fun things to do in Florence you'll want to spend a week every year in September!

## Florence Area Events for Alumni Reunion Weekend

SHS has a home football game of Friday night, September 13, against South Umpqua.

The Car Show in Old Town is the weekend before...evidently it is always the weekend after Labor Day. Have a wonderful weekend!

## Special Recognitions ~ Fall of 2013 ~

This September the All-Class Reunion will be giving special notice to the classes of 1963 (50 year), and 1968 (45 year). It is our hope that as many of you from all classes will attend to make it a very special event for these classes.

Come and enjoy the evening and find some re-connections to people in your class.

### General History about Florence Schools:

- 1890 First school by Old Hotel
- Second School on Maple St.
- Callisons1905, Gr 1-8
- 1918 2nd Floor of Callison Bldg for high School  
(at this time there were at least 12 outlying schools)
- 1921 Florence HS becomes Siuslaw High School
- 1930 High school is built on west side of Quince St. becomes Siuslaw Union High School Dist. 10
- 1945 Consolidation of SHS and outlying Schools
- 1946 Old Elementary Sch. on 101 completed
- 1951 Primary school on the hill that burned completed
- 1954 SHS on east side of Quince St completed
- 1963 Rhododendron Elem. School on Oak St. Completed
- 1970 SHS on Oak st completed
- 1986 Rhododendron Primary School on Oake completed
- 2001 Siuslaw Middle School on Oak completed.
- After Consolidation it is Siuslaw school District 97J.

This brings you up to date with schools in the Florence, Oregon area.  
Information compliments of Mrs. Marsha Klosterman and the late Dick Whitmore



*Queen Rhododendron XXV  
Karen Peterson*

Overheard in the crowd Sunday, "It was supposed to rain this weekend, that's why nobody showed up."

According to estimates of police, Boosters and just general opinions, the 57th annual Rhododendron Festival attracted in the neighborhood of 25,000 persons as it has for the last few years. Although the weather forecasters predicted dire warnings of sheets of rain, not a drop did fall and the sun reigned over the entire festival.

One of the highlights of the festival came Saturday night with the crowning of Queen Karen Peterson by Grand Marshall Johnny Carpenter. Queen Karen, who was escorted to the Coronation by her father, M. O. Peterson, was a Moose Lodge candidate.

"The coronation was just wonderful" said Eileen Huntington, chairman of the Talent Show held Friday night, speaking of the help she had in putting on the show. "It would take



Vonnie Goehring



Marsha Hunt



Christine Holland



Donna Duncan

## 1964 Rhodie Festival Rated Huge Success

THE SIUSLAW NEWS - FLORENCE, OR, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1964

a whole page in the paper to properly thank everyone," she said. The Talent Show was won by Princess Vonnie Goehring, who played 4 different accordions for presentation of her talent. Princess Donna Duncan presented interpretive modern dancing, Princess Marsha Hunt modeled four outfits that she had sewn. Princess Christine Holland danced and pantomimed the Bossa Nova, and queen Karen Peterson played several selections on the piano and gave a reading. Talent was

judged from the asking of an impromptu question, the modeling of clothes and the talent presented. The talent show made up 60% of the votes in the choosing of the queen. The remaining 40% of the votes were determined by button sales.

Two radio stations, KPIR, Eugene, and KRAF, Reedsport, broadcast the activities of the festival live. KPIR covered two days, Saturday and Sunday, with their mobile units and seven man crews.

### Newsletter by e-mail or regular mail?

For those of you who have computers and receive e-mail...would you prefer to receive the annual *Sands of Time* newsletter by e-mail or continue to receive it via the postal service? If this is something you'd like to start, please contact Carolyn Nordahl, newsletter editor, at [cnordahl41@yahoo.com](mailto:cnordahl41@yahoo.com) and provide her with your e-mail address. If your e-mail changes please contact Carolyn so records can be updated..

### Johnson cont. from page 2

This summer I will be enrolling in a Certified Nursing Assistant program so that I am able to work next year at the hospital in Eugene during the school year. This step I am undertaking to gain work experience in the medical field as I would like to apply to medical school upon my graduation from the U of O. I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to focus upon my studies because of the Siuslaw Alumni Association's very generous scholarship. This is a blessing that not all my peers are able to enjoy and I am very thankful for your group's investment in my education.

### Have you moved? Are you going to change your mailing address?

Please let the Alumni Association know of your changes in address as we mail our newsletter out as second class and it may not be forwarded to you: Please send your new mailing address and email address to  
Lou Anne Fore  
[louanne@woodnichols.net](mailto:louanne@woodnichols.net)  
or phone:  
360-942-5445 (home)  
425-231-2483 (cell)

## - Reuniting with Your Class - *Plans for Special Gatherings*

**SHS Class of 1954 and friends  
Dinner & Social Hour Gathering  
Sandpines Golf Resort  
September 13th • 5:00 p.m.  
RSVP Sharon (Gwynn) Strahm  
541-345-7024**

**Siuslaw Alumni Association**  
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The Siuslaw High School (SHS) Alumni Association is a non-profit organization created to share pride in our alma mater and give forward to enhance the lives of our fellow graduates.

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**Siuslaw High School Alumni Association**  
**2013 Annual Meeting and Banquet**

Please join classmates and other graduates for the annual membership meeting and banquet.

Non-graduates and non-members of the association are also welcome.

*~ Saturday, September 14 ~*

**No Host Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.**

**Dinner - 7:00 p.m.**

*~ Sunday, September 15th ~*

**No Host Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.**

(Sign up for Breakfast at the Banquet)

*~ Location for Events ~*

**Three Rivers Casino & Hotel**

5647 Hwy. 126

Florence, Oregon 97439

Hotel Phone: 877-374-8377

Casino Phone: 541-997-7529

(Make your hotel reservations as early as possible.)

**Lodging:** Three Rivers Hotel has reserved 45 rooms for the SHS Alumni Association at **\$94** per night. All reservations for these reduced room rates must be made by **August 15th** directly to **Three Rivers Hotel**. Call toll free number above and ask for one of the Siuslaw Alumni Association Reunion rooms. Free valet service provided.

**For Information:** Call Phyllis Wells at 541-997-2529 or email Rita Snyder at rsnyder14@msn.com

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**Reservation, Membership Application and Scholarship Fund Donation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **SHS Alumni Association**  
**PO Box 1924, Florence, OR 97439**  
- Please RSVP by September 1, 2013 -

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SHS Grad. Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner: \$30 per person-Includes Gratuity

\*\*\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Member Dues \$10 per household  
(10/1/13 to 09/30/2014)

Please pay in advance  
to ensure a more  
organized event.

\*\*\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Donation

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

**\*\* This form may be used for membership and/or scholarship donation even if you are unable to attend the reunion.**