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Please let the SAA know of any changes as we mail our newsletter out as second class and it may not be forwarded to you. You can also choose to get the emailed PDF only.

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Celebrate with Siuslaw

Meeting up with classmates, reconnecting with old friends, laughing with cousins, meeting your friend's kids and grandkids. There are so many fantastic reasons to attend the **Siuslaw Alumni Association (SAA) Board Meeting and All-Class Reunion and Scholarship Banquet**. "It's a time to return and reconnect with fellow Siuslaw graduates. We also want to give back to our school, to help the adults of the future," said Board President Mike Bones.

The most important reason we get together is to raise scholarship funds for Siuslaw students. Everything you donate and every raffle ticket you buy increases the amount of money we can offer these promising young people. When SAA first started, we gave a single \$500 scholarship. This year, we are able to donate three **\$3,500 scholarships**, thanks to our generous alumni.

Call the **Three Rivers Casino & Hotel** at **877-374-8377** by September 1 to make your room reservation. The block and the hotel will sell out so don't delay. It's so convenient to be able to walk down the hall to your room after dinner. Tell them you are with the Siuslaw Reunion to get the \$94 (+ tax) rate. You can also dry camp in the RV parking lot.

On **Saturday, September 12** meet us in the ballroom for no-host happy hour starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be three entry doors. Two are for pre-paid guests with two lines to pick up dinner tickets and name tags by last names A-L and M-Z. The third door is for pay-at-the-door, although it will cost you extra. There will be *This Seat Reserved* tickets you can place on your table and then you are free to mingle with friends and spend your raffle tickets. We encourage you to **RSVP by September 1st** so we have accurate counts for seating and the chef. Don't forget to sign up for the no-host Sunday brunch.

Bring your cash! Strolling ticket sellers will have **raffle tickets** for \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 13 for \$10 and 30 for \$20. Put your tickets into the bowl in front of the prizes you want to win. There is plenty of memorabilia on display (contact Curene to bring yours).

Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the board takes care of a little business. We will recognize milestone class reunions. If your class wants to reserve tables, please contact Beth Meadows Sandberg. The grand finale is the **raffle prize drawings**.

Please mail in your reservation form (included in this newsletter) today! ***We'll see you on September 12!***

2015 Scholarship Recipients

Siuslaw Alumni Association Scholarships are given each year to graduating seniors who plan to attend a college and/or trade school. These scholarships are solely supported by donations to the Scholarship Fund and by all proceeds from the All-Class Reunion Banquet Raffle. The goal of the SAA is to increase the number of scholarships each year and/or increase the amount to each recipient. For the year of 2015, we are pleased to announce three scholarships in the amount of **\$3,500** each.

Kennedy Roylance, 2015 Queen Rhododendra, has been accepted to Brigham Young University-Idaho. She plans to become a high school counselor. She would like to teach and facilitate youth, in high school and her community, so they can make physical and emotional healthy decisions that will enable them to develop into empowered adults. While at SHS she has been on the honor roll every semester from 2011-15 and a member of the National Honor Society 2012-15. During her senior year she was cheerleading captain, senior class secretary and treasurer, library aide and instructional aide for special needs students. Other activities included yearbook, choir, editing SHS website, Homecoming committee and Nouvell Lune Ballet all while attending LDS seminary each weekday morning. Community involvement was Walk for Domestic Violence, Relay for Life, helped make blankets for men and women in the military, participated in making Christmas baskets for families in need.

Natalie Madden has been accepted to Lane Community College in Eugene. She plans to attend LCC for two years and then transfer to George Fox University in Newberg. Natalie has a goal as a physical therapist of contributing to her community by healing and caring for people. During high school, she was involved in cheerleading, fitness and the arts. She is also an honor roll student. Natalie is a part-time summer worker and volunteer at Coastal Fitness since January 2014. She helped teach gymnastics and swim lessons. She recently earned a Personal Trainer endorsement. Natalie has also been interested in ballet/modern dance for a long time and she taught pre-ballet classes to little girls. She was involved in local theater as an actress, costume designer/maker and makeup artist. A first place prize was awarded Natalie during a local art show for pottery.

Elizabeth (Beth) Wartnik has been accepted to George Fox University to study music composition with instruments/voice plus the visual arts with a minor in history and honors level literature. Her short-term plan is to become a music composer by earning a Bachelor of Science degree, then later a PhD at the University of Oregon so she can teach composition and voice at the college level. Her long-range goal is to develop a musical theater company as a medium to inspire excellence. Beth is a member of the National Honor Society and earned a 4.0 GPA, with the exception of one B, during high school. At SHS she participated in Cross Country, Chamber Choir, Acappellicans, wrestling statistician and Link Crew. She has sold her paintings and won several art awards, been involved in theater and has studied piano since 2003. A 10-day trip to Costa Rica with Beth's Spanish class found her planning and helping to raise funds for that trip.

We thank everyone for their continued support that makes the scholarships possible. We can all be very proud that our Alumni Scholarships are one of the largest to be awarded at Siuslaw.

Catching Up

Megan Connor, traveling worldwide for social change

Megan Connor received the Siuslaw Alumni Association's scholarship in 2011. Connor has attended the University of Oregon since Fall 2011 and will graduate on June 15, 2015. She double-majored at UO's School of Journalism and Communication and will graduate with Bachelor's degrees in Public Relations and Media Studies. She maintained a 3.6 GPA while working at the Oregon Humanities Center as an office assistant and interning at the UO Law School as a communications associate.

In summer 2014, Connor traveled

to the West African country of Ghana as a member of the Media in Ghana program. She lived there for six weeks as she worked as a journalist for the Public Agenda Newspaper. This was Connor's first international experience and she enjoyed it immensely and believes it has shaped her decision to work for social impact organizations.

She was chosen as a member of the 2015 UO PRSSA Bateman competition team. In collaboration with four other UO students, Connor worked with Eugene's Cornerstone

Community Housing to raise awareness of affordable housing's benefits. She plans to move to the Portland or Seattle area to work for a public relations agency, preferably one with a focus on social impact and corporate responsibility.

Connor is thankful to the SAA for its generous support of her educational endeavors, "Knowing that I had the support of the SHS alumni allowed me to take advantage of everything UO has to offer. I'm an Oregon Duck now but I'll always be a Siuslaw Viking at heart."

A Big Siuslaw Thank You

Because of all the raffle tickets you bought and auction bids you made at the All-Class Reunion we were able to give two \$3,000 scholarships to deserving Siuslaw students. We'd like to thank those who donated in 2014.

Abby's Pizza, Ace Johnson Auto Sales, Badger Mountain Farms, Bones Nursery, Charisma Creations, Chrystal's Nail Salon, Coast Insurance Services, Inc., Coastal Fitness, Dave Huntington Charters, Cathy Drozdenko, Dunes Café, Curene Emery, Family Tyes, Art and Sheila German, Glo Spa, Grocery Outlet, Kitchen Klutter, Krab Kettle, Lane Interiors, Les Schwab, Maple Street Grille, Ken McClellan Wildlife Artist, Mo's, William Murphy, Carolyn Nordahl, Old Cedar Tree, On Your Feet With a Splash, Oregon Coast Magazine, R&R King Logging, Recycled Rustic Fencing, Roby's Furniture, Sandpines Golf Links, Sears, Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters, Siuslaw Signs & Graphics, The Shippin' Shack, The Siuslaw News, Three Rivers Casino, Thrivent Financial, Tony's Garage, True Value and Waterfront Depot.

If you would like to make a raffle donation for this year's event, please contact Raffle Co-Chairs Mary Stone Carlisle, 541-997-2984, mrymyr@g.com or Judy Worthylake McClellan, 541-997-2975, rusticwholesale@yahoo.com. Your business or service doesn't have to be located in Florence. Our Vikings are spread far and wide and will travel for a good deal and to support their school. You can also make a monetary donation on the banquet reservation form or in-person at the dinner.



1961 Rhododendron Court

Carmy Beck, Mary Middleton, Mary Stone Carlisle, Marcia Mans, Leilani Galo.



- Jerry Beal, Class of 1956**
- James Andrew Boughal, Class of 1989**
- Don Burger, Class of 1955**
- Della Snow Bouchet, Class of 1963**
- Monte Bouchet, Class of 1959**
- Lois Skinner Collins, Class of 1963**
- Kevin Dollinger, Class of 1990**
- Janice Radke Durbin, Class of 1955**
- Michael Earl, Class of 1975**
- Jim Elliott, Class of 1963**
- Alice Oline Larsen, Class of 1938**
- Gene Large, Class of 1948**
- Mike Lettkeman, Class of 1972**
- Florence Crump Lewis, Class of 1961**
- Randy Lindsay, Class of 1979**
- John Libby, Class of 1955**
- Barbara Barnum Miller, Class of 1966**
- Mahlon R. Snidow, Class of 1939**
- Gayle Weber Stroud, Class of 1962**
- Dean Trotter, Class of 1967**
- Donald Wood, Class of 1955**

Siuslaw School System Educators

- Cleo Austin**
- Glen Butler**
- John Waite**
- Janet Waite**

Viking Love

It must be something in the salty sea air that fuels love in Florence. Many couples that were high school sweethearts are celebrating long-time anniversaries. Wes '53 and Sharon Gwynn Strahm '54 met in grade school and have been married 60 years in June 2015. Richard '54 and Carolyn Lockwood Nordahl '59 had their 55th wedding anniversary in July 2014. She was friends with his sister and they were introduced when he got out of the Army. Carolyn's brother Lynn '58 and his wife Charlotte Houghton Lockwood '64 hit their 50th in June 2014. Don '54 and Betty Jackson Larson '54 have been married since 1956 and are leaving Lane County for the first time to move near family in Canby.

Judy Worthylake McClellan's '61 brother was friends with Harold '58 and they got together and celebrated their 54th anniversary this year. Melissa Goodrich Phillips '78 had a

crush on Tony '79 since middle school but they didn't date until after graduation and have been married since September 1981. Chris '72 and DeAnne LeBoeuf Ruede '74 recently celebrated 42 years of marriage and are still going strong.

Social media has made it easier than ever to reconnect with classmates and that has led to romance. Theresa Neitzel '87 and Quint Barnaby '86 reconnected and got hitched on February 2015 in Las Vegas. Robyn Hine and Sean Barrett, both '85, got married December 2014. Randy Holton '08 and Brandy Rowden '06 tied the knot August 2014.

Michelle Williams '88 and Patrick Jones '86 were each other's first love, dated for almost three years and even shared a locker one year for which Pat got a lot of flack from other upperclassmen. They reconnected via Facebook in May of 2012 and are planning to get married.



Patrick & Michelle, Homecoming 1985

Trisha Anne Vacura Holden '92 never spoke to Jon Holden '92 in school although they had friends in common. Eighteen years and a lot of life later, they were registering their kids for Siuslaw Elementary and finally talked, kept chatting on Facebook, started dating and got married in June 2012, the same summer as their 20th class reunion.

Come for the Reunion, Stay for a Vacation

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 before or after the All-Class Reunion?

Outdoor activities abound – fishing, hiking, boating, sandboarding, horseback riding, ATV riding, golfing. But there are also hidden gems that are worth your time.

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum is such a place. Open daily during the summer, it features displays of historic events, locations and the loggers and fishermen who worked the land and waters. You are probably related to many of the families featured!

Right off Hwy 101 on Mercer Lake Road you'll find Darlingtonia State Natural Site. A short paved hike through shore pines and rhododendrons takes you to a bog of rare carnivorous pitcher plants.

If you haven't visited the Siuslaw Public Library since it was a single room next to City Hall, you should drop in. Local newspapers, art displays and the Frank Herbert "Dune" Collection will keep you occupied for hours.

The dream of the Oregon Coast Military Museum has been realized and they are scheduled to hold their grand opening on July 4th. Learn about the role local residents played in America's military history.

Cheer on the Siuslaw Viking football team as they take on the Pleasant Hill Billies on Friday, September 11, at 7 p.m. at the "new" football stadium next to the high school.

If you're a classic car buff, be sure to head to Bay Street September 11-13 to see the Rods n' Rhodies display.

You won't leave home empty handed when you explore Florence during the City-Wide Garage Sale.

There are so many fun things to do in Florence you'll want to spend a week every year in September! Stop by the visitor information center at the Florence Chamber of Commerce for more details.

<http://www.florencechamber.com>

Alumni Spotlight

Deanna Badgley '87 finished her training in 2014 and became a train engineer with Union Pacific Railroad. She helps Build America from Hermiston, Oregon. There are only a handful of women doing this job right now and she is honored to be a part of that group of ladies.

Tristan Hartzell '96 is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon practicing in Nebraska, where his wife is a cardiologist. During his hand surgery fellowship at UCLA he was involved with the first-ever hand transplant in the western United States.

If you've watched the reality show "Rocky Mountain Bounty Hunters" on Animal Planet you might have thought that one cowboy looked familiar.



Dayson (Moore) Goetz '86 has been in the service, worked as a hunting guide, farrier, fireman and now, a bounty hunter. He and his partner Clint catch fugitives near Durango, Colorado.

Also in show business is Daphne Storm with her big red hair and fabulous sequined gowns performing at the Damsels, Divas and Dames drag show put on by the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire in Eugene. You may remember him as Bill Sullivan '77. He has organized the annual show for the past 10 years. You can enter for a chance to win tickets to the show at the All-Class Reunion Raffle.

Connect With Your Class

This year's milestone reunions

Class of 2005, 10th reunion, Sat, June 27.

Contact: Erin Holbert-Honseler

<http://www.gofundme.com/siuslawreunion>

Class of 1995, 20th reunion, July 31-Aug 1. Fri, Abby's, 6 p.m., Sat, BBQ potluck Woahink Lake, 11 a.m.

Contact: Kaye Passenger Wheeler

Class of 1990, 25th reunion was Rhody Weekend, May 16 at Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters.

Contact: Jennifer King Waggoner.

Class of 1985, 30th reunion, Sat, Aug 8, dinner at Pier Point Inn, 5 p.m. Hotel room block available, book by July 1.

Contact: Gina Castro Brandt, 541-999-8443.

Class of 1975, 40th reunion, Sat, August 15, potluck at Woahink, noon, dinner at Pier Point Inn, 7:30 p.m.

Contacts: Colleen Coyne Cunningham, 541-454-2265, iammrsc@gmail.com or Bill Libby or Kelli Mason.

Class of 1970, 45th reunion, Sat, Sept 11-13. Fri dinner. Sat dinner at casino with All-Class Reunion. Sun brunch.

Contact: Deborah Gray Peterson, 541-999-0034, deb52_3@yahoo.com or

Brenda Daughtery Allen, gmaallen@gmail.com.

Class of 1964, Fri, Sept 11, no-host pizza gathering at Abby's, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Beth Meadows Sandberg,

541-637-0679.

Class of 1954, Fri, Sept 11. Contact: Arland Johnson.

Class of 1955, 60th reunion, Sun, Sept 13, no-host luncheon at Tavolo, Sandpines Golf Links. Contact: Rita Boyce Snyder.

Events subjects to change.

Please contact your reunion organizer for complete details.

If you would like to have a reserved table with your class year at the All-Class Reunion please contact Beth Meadows Sandberg, 541-637-0679. She would also like to hear about multi-generation alumni families attending the reunion.

Class of 1964 50-Year Reunion



Kneeling: Sharon Wilson Souza, Charlotte Houghton Lockwood, Virginia Davis Leaton, Beth Meadows Sandberg, Dianne Libby Stevens, Carmen Tviet Akins, Betty Simpson Scott.
Back Row: Dave Jensen, Lynne Mattice Karkanen, Larry Knudsen, Mike Sherrer, Lynn Gronnel McGrath, Beverly Plaep Estep, Larry Buss, Nancy Kelley Presley, Lois Ak-erley Casto, John Brown, Donna Bruce Barnes, Bob Tone, Mike Willson, Janet Bevier Plummer, Ed Skinner, Danna Carlisle Marble, Lynn Bonneau, Jim Abrahamson.

You're Never Too Old To Go Back to School

Denise A Barrett (DeeDee Dryden) '88 graduated from Northwest Christian University Magna Cum Laude in May 2015 with a double degree in psychology and communications. She starts grad school in August.

William Foust '86 received his Associates Degree in Computer Systems Analysis and Repair in 1995 after medically retiring from the US Army.

Marsha Thornton '65 finished her CNA and took her State License Test. She is loving her new career.

Beverly Gust '69 will graduate this year from Chemeketa Community College with a certificate in accounting.

Mirena Denney Weber '77 got her BA in early childhood education in January 2015.

Write On Siuslaw: Viking Authors

Ned Hickson '84 is an award-winning humor columnist at The Siuslaw News and runs a blog and has published a book called "Humor at the Speed of Life."

Brenda Bonham Howe '69 published "The Gerontology Nurse's Guide to the Community-Based Health Network."

Richard Nordahl '54 has written a book based on a story that he dreamed repeatedly for nearly eight years, "A Man's Dream and A Hero Dog." He will be donating a copy to the scholarship raffle in September and will have some available for sale at the reunion.

T.C. Williams (Cassie Hundtoft Stokes '92), just published her first novel, set in Florence, on Kindle along with her writing partner Tanya Niles Williams called "Murder and the Glass House."

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Get Involved with Your Alumni Association

More and more Siuslaw Alumni are joining the Siuslaw Alumni Association and for a good reason. We have a connection that is unique. Many of us attended all 12 years in the Siuslaw school system, some, the last four years, while others, just a few years, but we still have that bond! We were influenced by not only our families but by our classmates. That's what helped us get to where we are today. It's a time to return and reconnect with fellow Siuslaw graduates. We also want to give back to our school, to help the adults of the future, we will be giving three scholarships to outstanding students from Siuslaw High School.

You have a great board that meets three times a year. They work hard to make this scholarship banquet happen. Join us on September 12, 2015, for fun, food and friendship. Bring that school spirit that you had when you attended good ol' Siuslaw. Oh, and bring your checkbooks, too. This is your reunion and scholarship banquet.

Membership dues are \$10 per year per household. All of the funds raised from the raffle go straight to the scholarship fund so these dues pay for items such as banquet room rental and postage.

by Mike Bones, Class of 66, Siuslaw Alumni Association President.

SAA Objectives

The Siuslaw 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. Our objectives are:

1. To maintain and renew contact with past, present, and future student body members of SHS.
2. To arrange an annual meeting for past graduates, attendees, teachers and associates of SHS.
3. Maintain a historical record of SHS.
4. Collect donations to a scholarship fund for annual distribution to SHS graduates.
5. Maintain a contact list, for non-commercial use only, of known graduates.

Vote! There will be a short business meeting with a vote at the annual meeting to ratify the board's new nominees.

Viking Sports

The Siuslaw High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee would love to have *all* Siuslaw Sports Athlete's contact information on hand. Please email your name (maiden if applicable), contact information, varsity sport(s) and class year to:
SiuslawHOF@gmail.com.

The 4th Annual SHS Hall of Fame – Induction Ceremony will be held at the Florence Event Center on July 31, 2015 at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Email: SiuslawHOF@gmail.com.

The Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club – Athletic Booster Dinner Auction will be held at FEC on August 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Join the "Tailgating Viking Style" by showing your Viking Spirit and wearing Blue & Gold! Email questions to SABC_1972@hotmail.com or call Tammy Butler at 541-999-0926.

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2015 Siuslaw Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Scholarship Banquet Reservation

Saturday, September 12 No-Host Social Hour – 5:30 p.m. Dinner – 7:00 p.m.	AND	Sunday, September 13 No-Host Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. Sign up for breakfast at the banquet
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Location: 5647 Highway 126, Florence, Oregon 97439

Hotel Phone: 877-374-8377
Casino Phone: 541-997-7529



Lodging: Three Rivers Hotel has reserved **3** rooms on Sept 10, **18** rooms on Sept 11, **50** rooms on Sept 12 and **2** rooms on Sept 13 for Siuslaw Alumni Association at **\$94** plus tax per night. All reservations for these reduced room rates must be made by **September 1**, directly to **Three Rivers Hotel**. Call the toll free number above and ask for one of the Siuslaw Alumni Association Reunion rooms. Free valet service provided.

For information: Call Phyllis Wells, 541-997-2529 or e-mail Rita Snyder, rsnyder14@msn.com

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Reunion Reservation Membership Application Scholarship Donation	}	MAIL THIS SECTION AND CHECK TO:	}	SHS Alumni Association PO Box 1924 Florence, Oregon 97439	RSVP with payment by September 1, 2015
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	<u>Maiden/Other Name</u>	<u>SHS Class of</u>
Name _____	_____	_____
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<u>Dinner:</u> Pre-paid registration (gratuity included)\$30	\$ _____	Total dinner reservations _____
(If you don't RSVP and pay at door, cost is \$35)		
<u>Member Dues:</u> \$10 per household (10/01/2015 to 09/30/2016)	** \$ _____	
<u>Scholarship Donation:</u>	** \$ _____	
Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____	



Siuslaw Alumni Association decal: blue & gold, 3 in. size, \$1 sold at door
 ** This form may be used for membership and/or scholarship donation even if you are unable to attend the reunion.

Please add on reverse side, names of additional guests and your suggestions for our reunion and how we may increase our membership.