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President's Message

NEW VISION TODAY PROVIDES FOR A VIBRANT ASSOCIATION TOMORROW

Greetings fellow Siuslaw alumni!

During the past year your officers and board members endeavored to take the necessary action needed for growth of our organization while operating in an orderly manner and to expand our giving to the students of Siuslaw High School. Through the hard work of our committees we accomplished the following:

- The 2008 reunion was held at the Three Rivers Casino. This location proved ideal. It allowed the space needed for the 128 alumni and guests attending to move about freely and comfortably. This location will also provide room for the class of 1959 to join us in September 2009 for their 50th year reunion.
- Our Bylaws committee spent many hours revising and refining the bylaws to meet our present needs. The final change will be presented at the 2009 All-Class Reunion for your approval.
- Scholarship guidelines were revised and approved by the Board. Thanks to your generous donations we are now able to give two \$1,000.00 scholarships per year to worthy and needy Siuslaw students.

My sincerest thanks and appreciation to everyone for the dedication and support given to our organization during the past year.

See you in September!

Len Tabor, President

Change

Were you wondering why you hadn't received this newsletter as before in March or April? Like everyone else, the Alumni Association is trying to keep expenses under control. Consequently, it was voted to combine the mailing of the newsletter and the annual reunion invitation into one mailing.

The 2009 All-Class Reunion registration is included in this publication.. Come on.....fill out the form and join us this September for a lot of fun! **Special note to the Class of '59**— we're looking forward to helping you celebrate and enjoy your 50-year reunion.

Knowing that economic conditions of our times may affect your decision to attend the reunion, we hope you will all be able to come to Florence in September.

SAA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

September 12, 2009 11:30 AM
Three Rivers Casino
Florence, OR

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Process: subject to editing,
omissions, revisions.**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 1
AND 2 OF THE BYLAWS**

The board of directors took action at their meeting in Florence on May 1, 2009 to approve the concept of changes in both sections 1 and 2 of the Siuslaw Alumni Association bylaws. The changes are shown in italics and bold print. The changes will again be reviewed by the board at their September meeting and then submitted to the membership for ratification.

Proposed amendment to Section 1 of Bylaws:

The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve duly elected board members (*plus two appointed to fill the vacancy created by election of president and vice president, each of the two officers elected at the annual board meeting for two year terms*), and two at large members plus the immediate past president. *Officers are members of the board; however, election to their post for a series of years allows expansion of the number that can serve on the board of directors subject to annual review at the board of directors meeting.* Three directors shall be elected each year for a four year term. In addition, two at-large directors will be elected each year for a one year term. The chair of each standing committee shall also serve on the board. The number of directors may be increased at a regularly called meeting of the board of directors subject to approval by a majority of the members present at the annual meeting. Not more than five persons shall be elected from the same graduating class to serve concurrently on the elected board of directors unless there are not enough candidates available from other classes to fill the board positions. The number of at-large board members may be increased by two if nominations are from the floor at the annual meeting.

Proposed amendment to Section 2 of Bylaws:

A nominating committee shall *consist of the president, vice president, plus the chair and other members appointed each year by the president.* The nominating committee shall consist of not more than four persons from the board of directors. They will be responsible for presenting the slate of officers and directors at the annual board meeting. The slate of directors shall be presented to the members for ratification at the annual meeting.

Submitted by:

Ivan Olson, Chair

Ad Hoc Committee

Memories of Earlier Times

By Neva Severy Levinson (Class of '43)

I was so proud when things started happening in the Alumni Association. To think that a small school's alumni can come up with scholarships is amazing to me. And, yes, I want the newsletter to continue and am willing to do my share of the contributing. The following are some of my memories of earlier times at Siuslaw High School.

As a member of the class of '43 we had 24 graduates. Did you know that within one week of graduation 7 of the 12 boys (60%) were in the Services of our country?

Do you know we had one of the first "hot lunch programs" in the country? The government provided commodities to use and our moms (volunteers) did the cooking, serving and clean-up. We got a bowl of very good homemade soup, a half pint of milk, and a fruit.

How many of you remember car pooling to Eugene to donate at the blood bank? My dad's '37 Packard would hold about 7 or 8 of us. After our donation we had lunch in a restaurant, then drove home knowing we were doing an important part for the War effort.

Do you know that my class set the standards for the G.E.D. (General Education Diploma), that made it possible for veterans when they returned from the wars to go on to Higher Education? Later this was extended to many others.

WHOSE JOB IS IT?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done so Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

—Author Unknown

IN MEMORIAM

It was learned too late for last years publication of the following death: Joyce Lougheed Campbell ('52)

The following are classmates we have lost during 2008-2009:

- Donna Marie Kreick ('70 or '71)
- Gene Martin ('47)
- Bob Barrett ('48)
- Ruth McCoy Brock ('48)
- Lonnie Dunn ('51)
- Bud Miles ('52)
- Cleone "Candy" Ann Baker Milam ('68)
- Don Bowman ('49)
- Charley Meink ('56)
- Ben Mobley ('56)
- Jo Cecelia Schollenberger Kau ('66 or '67)
- Henry Luick ('51)
- Zane Ziemer ('46)

A "JACKPOT" WINNER!!!

All the bells and whistles...it was an all-class reunion to remember. Held at the Three Rivers Casino in the events room there was reconections of friends and classmates for the September 2008 reunion.

There was a short business meeting to accept the current Board members and changes made to the Association By-Laws.

A tasty buffet was served for the attendees. Much of the enjoyment of the evening was the raffle. The raffle items were provided by local businesses and also by alumni. Items were awarded as follows: \$100 certificate from Les Schwab—Bill Snyder; Lighthouse statuary from Periwinkle Station—Dick Jones; Mug and 1 pound coffee offered by Mary Stone at Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters (2)—Marika Terpsma and Beth Sandberg; certificate from Mother May I—Simone

Campbell; \$50 certificate from Waterfront Depot—Ardith Hammon; \$25 certificate from Crab Kettle—Mona Slocum; certificate and jewelry from Splash (3)—Annette Jones, Ardice Mick and Zilpha Smith; Two rounds of golf at Ocean Dunes Golf—Herb Bowman; \$100 certificate from Roby's Western Lane Furniture—Carl Forsell; Arland Johnson provided a \$40 gift certificate to the Bistrot—Marika Terpsma; Tony's Garage gift certificate—Mary Dodson; 4 rhododendron plants furnished by Mike Bones—Sharon Strahm; Bling Flip-Flop Fashions by Annette (2)—Rosalie Johnson and Jeanne Doty. A silent auction featuring a Wine Basket Extraordinaire, provided by Richard & Carolyn Nordahl, was given to high bidder Mona Slocum. All proceeds from the raffle and the silent auction go to the Scholarship Fund. Georgine Herring was recognized as the oldest alumni at 87 and Bob & Willie Reindl were the longest married alumni.

Musicians Mike & Merle provided music for dancing.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

By Sharon Strahm

The Siuslaw Alumni Scholarship Fund awarded two \$1000.00 scholarships for 2009.

One of the \$1000.00 scholarships went to Randall Holton for continuing education at Portland Community College. He is enrolled in the General Motors Automotive Service Excellence Program. Randall is in his second and final year of the program and will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Automotive Training.

The second \$1000.00 went to Jessica Dodson for continuing education at Oregon State University. She is a sophomore majoring in Human and Exercise Sciences.

These scholarships are made possible through your donations to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. In the fall at the All-Class Reunion & Banquet, raffle tickets are sold on donated items and the proceeds go directly into the scholarship fund along with annual donations we receive from you. It is the goal of the Siuslaw Alumni Board to be able to increase our scholarships and/or the amount of the scholarships.

Thank you for all your past and continuing support!

Randall Cooper Holton

Parents: Harry and Joni Holton

Favorite High School Memory: Winning a state championship in Football

Best Advice Received: Sometimes you're the bug, and sometimes you're the windshield

Plans After Graduation: I am going to Portland Community College for the GM ASEP program to become a certified GM Mechanic

Hopes, Dreams & Aspirations: After I graduate and work for a while, I want to own my own Classic Muscle Car Garage

Advice to Underclassmen: Just have fun

Honors Received: Mechanic award, 2nd team all League Defensive back for football, honor roll

Clubs, Sports Participated in: Vocational Auto, Football, Golf, Basketball in 9th Grade and baseball in 9th and 10th grade. Kronies



Jessica Dodson

Parents: Tim & Mary Dodson

Favorite High School Memory: Junior year Mr. Haberly's English class, Native American Speeches

Best Advice Received: Do it right the first time

Plans After Graduation: Attend Oregon State University & major in Human & Exercise science

Hopes, Dreams & Aspirations: To become a teacher back here in Florence....if not live somewhere HOT!

Advice to Underclassmen: Organization is the key to success

Honors Received: Too many to list hate to bore you.

Clubs, Sports Participated in: Volleyball, Basketball, track & field, Piano and voice lessons, Boys and girls club, basketball.



A Bit of History—The Native Americans of the Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua Valleys

The Siuslaw and Kuitsh (often called Lower Umpqua) peoples were two closely related American Indian tribes who lived along the Central Oregon Coast, around the modern cities of Reedsport and Florence. The Siuslaw lived mainly around the estuary of the Siuslaw River, leaving during summer to travel upriver and into the hills of the Coast Range.

The Kuitsh had their winter villages around Winchester Bay, at the mouth of the Umpqua River. The whole coast held by the two peoples was about 50 miles in length, from Cape Perpetua in the north to the Tenmile Lakes in the south. In summer, both peoples wandered probably as far as the Willamette Valley, and there is a tradition of a Siuslaw village in the Lorane Valley, southwest of Eugene. Kuitsh fishing camps were common up the Umpqua River as far as the modern town of Scottsburg.

The Siuslaw and Kuitsh spoke dialects of the same language, called Siuslawan. It is certainly a rich and complex language, but it is now extinct, and records are very sketchy. The last speakers of Siuslawan were the Barrett family and Billy Dick of Florence, who were interviewed in the 1950s;

Little is known of Siuslawan religion, but it probably closely followed neighboring Coosan forms. There were shamans, probably of two types—doctors who trained intensively to cure illness through magic, and priestly shamans who elaborated various tribal rituals.

Gambling, as in all of Western Oregon, was a serious pastime, using beaver-teeth dice; and shinny (a ball game similar to hockey) was probably played.

Note: This article is an extract of a work by Don Macnaughtan, LCC Library, 4000 East 30th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405. This extract was prepared by Jim McCain (Class of '54)

Siuslaw River Pioneers

By Andy Nordahl

My claim to fame is that I was born on an island eight miles east of Florence on the banks of the Siuslaw River.

My parents, Helmar and Bella Nordahl, were immigrants from Norway in 1910 and settled on a homestead in North Dakota given to them by the U.S. Government near the Canadian border. After 14 years they sold all of their belongings and small cabin at an auction. They purchased a 1923 Elgin touring car and left North Dakota in the spring of 1924, heading for Oregon with their seven children (5 girls and 2 boys). After reaching Oregon my brother Harry was born in Beck, now known as Tiernan, in 1924. I was born three years later in 1927 across the Siuslaw River on Duncan Island.

The house we rented was sturdily built. There was no inside electricity or plumbing and there was running water on the back porch with a wooden sink. The outhouse was out back. We used kerosene lamps for lights and wood stoves for cooking and heating.

In 1933 our dad bought two houses in Glenada just east of where the Pier Point Inn

is now located. Our mom, Bella, fed us well. We always had cows, chickens and a garden and ate well during the depression years.

My two brothers, Lester and Harry, graduated from Siuslaw Union High School in 1943 and I graduated in 1946.

Bridge Traffic

This interesting information comes from Clyde Kelley (class of '57). After reading last years article about the Siuslaw River Bridge he passed along the following:

In a conversation he had with Bill Karnowski who, as you may remember, owned the outboard motor repair shop under the bridge, went something like this:

On the day of the bridge opening in 1936, Bill tried to be the first one to go over the bridge but someone showed up before he did and was first in line with Bill second. When the the grand opening arrived, the fellow who was

first in line couldn't get his car started and Bill pulled around him to take the honors of being first to use the bridge! The Register Guard ran the same story, so the story should be accurate.

Years later Bill took up flying and, as a young daredevil, flew his plane UNDER the main span of the bridge!!

Does anyone else have an interesting story regarding the Siuslaw River Bridge or other features in the Florence area?