

Sands of Time

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Address Changed?

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. Please send your new mailing and email addresses to **Beth Meadows Sandberg** siuslawalumniassn@gmail.com or call **541-733-4377**.

This all-school banquet will have you dancing

Join your classmates, friends, and family to raise scholarship money for our next generation of Siuslaw alumni. The **Siuslaw Alumni Association (SAA) Board Meeting and All-School Reunion and Scholarship Banquet** takes place Saturday, September 21, at the Florence Events Center.

More raffle items mean more scholarship funds raised for deserving Siuslaw students. Everything you donate and every raffle ticket you buy increases the amount of money we can offer to the leaders of tomorrow. Donations are always welcomed and are a wonderful way to support scholarships for Siuslaw students. We appreciate you all for giving!

Everyone will need to pre-pay with their RSVP (see form inside this newsletter). The no-host social hour starts at 5 p.m. Pick up your name tag with dinner ticket, filed by last name, at the tables in the lobby. Place the yellow *This Seat Reserved* ticket at your placesetting and then you are free to mingle with friends and spend your raffle tickets.

Enjoy tasty fare including prime rib and chicken by Pavilion Catering. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase from two bars and there will be a coffee, water, and dessert station.

Bring your cash! Strolling ticket sellers will have raffle tickets for sale. The more you buy, the better your odds to win fantastic prizes. Also for sale will be Siuslaw t-shirts (\$15), ball caps (\$25), and decals (\$1).

Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the board takes care of some business. We will recognize milestone class reunions. The grand finale is the raffle prize drawings. The Siuslaw High School Class of 1969 is bringing back The Intruders to entertain the crowds after the raffle ticket prizes have been handed out. The band will start around 9 p.m. once the tables are moved and the dance floor is set up. If you don't attend dinner, you may come in and listen to the band after 9 p.m. for a suggested \$10 donation. **Please RSVP by September 7** so we have accurate counts for food, tables, and chairs. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

Send in your reservation form (included in this newsletter) today.

On Sunday, join retired minister Gary Winkleman '66 for a church service with music from The Trammels and a pancake breakfast from the Lions Club. It all starts 8 a.m. Sunday at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street.

Out-of-town attendees should book accommodations sooner than later as Florence is still very busy in the fall.

2019 Scholarship Recipients

Siuslaw Alumni Association scholarships are awarded 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-school reunion banquet raffle. For the year of 2019, we are pleased to announce three scholarships in the amount of **\$3,500** each, with a portion of the funds coming from donations in memory of board member Mona Meink Slocum, '49.

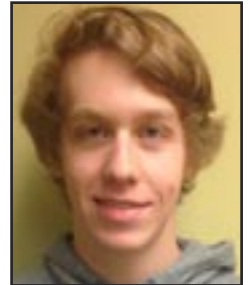


Angela Bartlett plans to attend Western Oregon University and focus on pre-med with the intention of becoming a physical therapist. She has volunteered/interned at a variety of the medical centers in Florence.

Angela is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and serves as student body secretary and treasurer. She also found time to participate in several sports and sing in the choir.

Robert Mans has been accepted to Washington State University and University of Idaho and hopes to work in sports management.

He participated in track and field and cross country all four years. He is president of the National Honor Society, a member of the Rotary Interact club, and is editor of the SHS yearbook. Robert also volunteered with the Oregon Coast Military Museum in Florence.



Samantha Scheer has worked at River Roasters since she was 14 and hopes the experience will aid her goal of being an entrepreneur. She will first get her bachelor's degree in business management, starting at Lane Community College and finishing at Oregon State University or University of Oregon.

She was president of the Rotary Interact club and has done service projects with Soroptimist and the Humane Society.

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 High School. Donations for the SAA scholarships are taken year round.

Visit our website for a complete list of past recipients. <https://www.siuslawalumni.org/scholarships>

Where Are They Now?

Kirby lands at world's second largest semiconductor chip manufacturer

After Jacob Kirby graduated Siuslaw High School in 2014, he attended the University of Portland seeking a degree in engineering but was not quite sure of which specific field. After his freshman year of taking basic engineering courses he decided he wanted to major in electrical engineering with a minor in computer science. He chose this area because he had a strong interest in technology and circuit design. Throughout college

he was able to intern at a variety of companies which helped him better form his knowledge and prepare him for post grad. Jacob graduated college in 2018 and landed a job at Intel as a firmware engineer. He plans to stay for the foreseeable future.

He is extremely grateful for the scholarship opportunities he had in Florence. "This town is very special in the fact that there are a lot of people who care about

the youth and their future education. I am very grateful for the Siuslaw Alumni Association for choosing me as a recipient of their scholarship. This scholarship helped me attend a great school with a strong engineering program. It allowed me to worry less about the cost of school and more on the opportunity to seek out internships which is key to success in the engineering field," Jacob said.

A huge Siuslaw 'thank you'

A million thanks to the following businesses and owners who donated raffle prizes in 2018. All profits from raffle ticket sales go straight into the scholarship fund bank account.

1285 Restobar, Abby's Pizza, Ace Johnson Auto Sales, Sandra Johnson Ambid, Badger Mountain Soap/Merne Entgelmeier Wilson, Big Dog Donuts & Deli, Bonjour, Mike Bones, Mary Middleton Brangan, John Brown, Chicken Coop, City Lights Cinema, Clawson's Wheelhouse, Coast Insurance Services, Coastal Fitness, Crystal's Nails, Cathy Drozdenko, Cindy Dunavan Engstrom, Steve Esterby, Art German, Gail Gohn, Kathy Phillips Grimes, Don Hunt, Jerry's Place, Sandra Sampson Jones, Heceta Lighthouse B&B, Kay Hambrick Kranz, Krab Kettle, Kitchen Klutter/John Wick, Les Schwab, Lynn Lockwood, Judy & Harold McClellan/Recycled Fencing, Mike's Auto Detailing, The Mill Casino, Mo's, Carolyn & Richard Nordahl, Oregon Coast Magazine, Oregon Pacific Bank, R&R King Logging/Jennifer King Waggoner, Sally Ragan, Reedsport Ace Hardware/Nick & Gretchen McNeff, River Roasters/Kathy Johnson Stone, Roby's Furniture, Safeway, Beth Meadows Sandberg, Sea Lion Caves, Sears, Shervin's Tires & Automotive, Shippin' Shack, The Siuslaw News, Carol Smith, Stitch & Sole, Julie, Jerry & Willie Stonelake, Bill Sullivan, Terry & DeeAnn Sullivan, TR Hunter, Taste of Hawaii, Three Rivers Casino, Thrivent Financial, True Value, Mark & Dawn Osburn Tuttle, Carmen Tviet, Vikki VanCurler, Dan Wendling, Waterfront Depot, Waterfront Wine Store & Provisions, Richard Weight, Wildlife Safari.

The following provided financial support toward the scholarship fund: ACR Automotive, Action Realty, Bower Stamp & Coin, Burns Riverside Chapel, Foglio Drop Box, Jim & Linda Gates, Johnston Motor Co., Leisure Excavating, Gretchen McNeff, Roseburg Golf Club, Seabreeze Motors, Lori Wangerin.

To donate for the 2019 raffle, contact Raffle Chairs Mary Stone Carlisle, 541-997-2984, or Judy Worthy-lake McClellan, 541-997-2975, rusticwholesale@yahoo.com by August 15.

Your business or service doesn't have to be located in Florence, in fact, the most popular raffle item was the OSU baseball tickets. Items can also be mailed to PO Box 1924, Florence, or arranged to be picked up.

In Memoriam

Lance Anderson, Class of 1982
Carmen Tviet Akins, Class of 1964
Marjorie Miles Brown, Class of 1957
Nancy Houghton Bullis, Class of 1949 (passed 2012)
Wes Buss, Class of 1939
Marcia Coit, Class of 1964
Kelly Lee Collins, Class of 1979
Ginger Kippes Crittenden, Class of 1956
John "Jack" Dante, Class of 1952
Alan Diffenderfer, Class of 1981
Dick Estep, Class of 1961
Ed Evenson, Class of 1964
Kevin Feely, Class of 1972
Tracy Green, Class of 1980
Fred Jensen, Class of 1947
Sandy Sampson Jones, Class of 1968
Greg Large, Class of 1944
Lillian Faye Norquest Mathers, Class of 1946
Ron McClellan, Class of 1956
Stephen "Skip" Moore, Class of 1970
Tom Nicholson, Class of 1974
Kenneth Parker, Class of 1973
Vern "Skip" Passenger, Class of 1967
Steve "Pete" Peerson, Class of 1973
Lois Pittman, Class of 1965
Sharry Severy Price, Class of 1969
Dwight Reindl, Class of 1972
Willetta Huntington Reindl, Class of 1943
Becky Hambrick Robbins, Class of 1965
Michael "Scott" Robinson II, Class of 1989
Jon Sampson, Class of 1958
Terry Seifert, Class of 1963
Connie Sherrer, Class of 1967
Robert "Bob" Skinner, Class of 1956
Ramona "Mona" Meink Slocum, Class of 1949
Geoff Stewart, Class of 1982
Jim Weber, Class of 1964
Irene Colwell Wittwer, Class of 1956
Virginia Wood, Class of 1962
Wayne Woodworth, Class of 1961
Don Wright, Class of 1982
Jesse York, Class of 1959

Siuslaw School System Educators & Staff

Pat Knipe

Bruce McKibbin

Thayer Nightengale

Penny Saubert Mead

please send any grad date changes or obituaries
to editor

Zimmerman recalls Florence life in the 1940s

Florence was quiet in 1939. The timber industry was waning and the mill had shut down. There was not enough fishing to support the town and the rest of the world had not discovered the beauty of the Oregon Coast. Tourism had not gotten a foothold yet. Highway 101 was relatively new; it had opened in March of 1936.

There was a CCC camp at the south end of Woahink Lake. The Civilian Conservation Corp. was introduced by Franklin Roosevelt along with the WPA. It provided work for jobless young men. Those in our area were from inner cities on the east coast. Some had never before seen a tree or a lake. They left a few nice legacies for us, such as the bathhouse at Cleawox and some of the picnic kitchens at Woahink.

Life during wartime

When World War II hit (December 7, 1941) the CCC camp became an army camp. Arming and patrolling the Oregon Coast was top priority. There were three Coast Guard bases. One camp patrolled the beach and Siltcoos Outlet with guard dogs. The boys doing that were housed at the former Houghstalings's Resort on the west side of Woahink. There was, of course, the life boat station at the north of the Siuslaw River. The army camp at Woahink guarded the Siuslaw River Bridge. The third base was at the Heceta Head Lighthouse; their job was to guard the tunnel. We also occasionally saw blimps fly over from the base at Tillamook. Several of the servicemen married local girls and stayed in Florence.

Our classes got quite small as the boys reached military age. That was

18, but it did seem to affect the senior class each year. The 1943 class had 24 graduates.

The old high school

There were four teachers in the high school. One of them was also



principal; T.S. Thompson was there for several years. He seemed so rigid and scary. We all listened for him to walk down the hall: he had distinguishing footsteps. It must have been hard for him to maintain that demeanor; he was only 23. He married a fellow teacher, Margaret Weiss, and they stayed in the area for quite a while.

Our school was on the site of the current events center. When I started my freshman year the school was a U-shape. It had, if I remember correctly, four regular classrooms, a typing room, a library, and the principal's office. A year or so later a gym was added between the wings. Complete with a stage, basketball court, and dance floor (not that anyone knew how to dance). When I was asked if the school had a basement, I knew there was because when we had the school play the girls missed their cue because they were in the basement. As the hijinks go...the boys were known to smoke on the sand road that was south of the school and then were made to sit

in the principal's office. The previous principal had the pleasure of having the McCormick twins put a mink in his desk drawer for a surprise!

There were no dances but the school had a football and basketball team. We played Waldport, Siletz, and Reedsport. We skated on the second floor of Kyle's store and we played duck bowling (played with small balls) in Bill Karnowsky's building.

I was editor of the school paper, the Sand Doin's, one year. It was typed on stencils and printed on a mimeograph machine.

I think there were two buses. A yellow standard size from the Cushman area and a very small one from the North Fork, driven by Mr. Francisco. There were not many cars; gas was scarce. Cathy Bossford drove a little yellow pickup and Phyllis Martin drove herself, her siblings, and the Merze's in from Canary in her blue Ford.

Making friends

I was considered to have moved from "the outside" in 1937 when I was 12 years old. It did not take long to make friends, however. On my 16th birthday in 1941 Elsie Johnston took a group of us to the lighthouse. Mary Lou Johnson's father was the lighthouse keeper. When we returned my mother had prepared a special dinner for all of us. The whole group included Cleo Chandler, Faye Rice, Berniece Murray, Joyce Johnston, and Juanita Torgerson.

As told by Ellen Spencer Zimmerman, Class of 1943.

Photo: Ken and Ellen.

SHS Hall of Fame

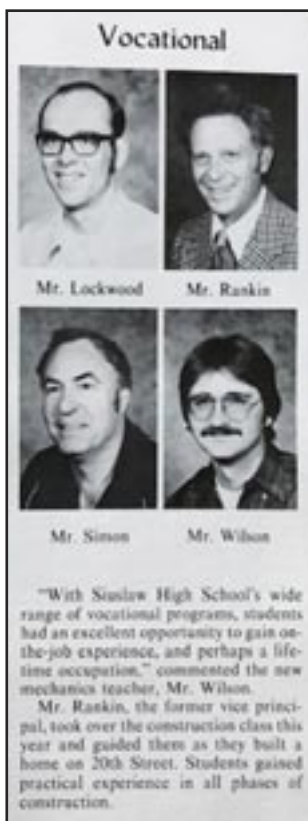
The Siuslaw Athletic Hall of Fame 2019 class will be inducted on August 9 at the Florence Events Center. Tickets are \$25.

Individual inductees are Caley Nordahl '01, Scott Parker '83, Bruce Plaep '72, Raelyn Robinson '11, Andy Rodet '92, Jesse Shutte '06, and Ben Voogd '05.

The state champion girls 4x100 relay teams from 1996 and 1997, the boys 4x100 relay team from 1996, and the boys 4x400 relay team of 1997 were also inducted. Girls relay members both years were Teola Wilkins, Kirsten Daniel, McKenzie McMullen, and Alisa Worley.

The 1996 boys 4x100 team was Jeremy Long, Tristan Hartzell, David Richmond, and Matt Pearson, and the 1997 boys 4x400 team was Jon Jensen, Pearson, Aaron Long, and Richmond.

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Connect With Your Class

This year's milestone reunions

Class of 1956 Reunion, September 22

They are working on all the details and will be sending out a mailing to class members in mid-June.

Contact: Donna Horn Parsons, 503-292-9801.

Class of 1964 55-year Reunion, September 20

West Woahink Lake Meeting Yurt, off Canary Road,
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Contact: Beth Meadows Sandberg, 541-733-4377
or Beverly Plaep Estep, 541-997-7939.

Class of 1969 50-year Reunion, September 21

Dinner and dancing at the All-School Reunion Banquet at the Florence Events Center.

Facebook group: Siuslaw Viking 1969 50 year reunion.

Contact: Allyn Wilson, allyntwilson@gmail.com.

Class of 1979 40-year Reunion, September 20-22

Saturday night dinner at the All-School Reunion Banquet at the Florence Events Center.

Contact: Karla Large McFadden, lvnlarge4u2@q.com or find the group on Facebook.

Class of 1984 35-year Reunion, July 20

Darlings Marina & RV Resort on Siltcoos Lake, 1 p.m.

Contact: Paula Mead Carignan via Facebook.

Class of 1989 30-year Reunion, August 9-11

People from other classes welcome to attend all events except formal dinner on Saturday night.

Tickets can be purchased at

<http://siuslawclassof89.myevent.com/>

Contact: Searainya Bond-Frojen via Facebook.

Class of 1999 20-Year Reunion, July 19-21,

Contact: Tami Bryant to be added to private reunion page.

Events subjects to change. Contact your reunion organizer for complete details.

SAA members are able to reserve tables with their class year or family members at the All-School Reunion. Please indicate this request on the back of the banquet registration form or contact Beth Meadows Sandberg at siuslawalumniassn@gmail.com. Milestone reunion groups listed above should coordinate with their class reunion organizer. Requests must be made no later than September 7, the same day as the banquet deadline.

Siuslaw cheerleaders from now and then



Mary Simpson Ireland, Annette Perry, Marika Terpsma, Patty Krieger, Debra Hoberg, Mary Middleton Branagan, Judy Zehrunge, Kathy Phillips Grimes, Judy Worthylake McClellan, Leslie Erskine Robinson, Sandra West, Janet Rhinevault, Mary Stone Carlisle, Melissa Goodrich Phillips, Kathleen Peterson Johns, Karen Peterson Brewer, Kathryn Akерley Thrall.

The Intruders rock ‘n roll into Siuslaw history

If you remember dancing to “Louie Louie” and “Wipe Out” in the high school gym, you were probably rockin’ to The Intruders. They played songs from Paul Revere & The Raiders, The Wailers, and The Ventures.

The Intruders were formed 57 years ago in 1962 at the Weaver house on Rhododendron Drive. The original group consisted of Tom Trammel, rhythm guitar, Denny Weaver, lead guitar, and Mike Phillips, drums. Rick Schneider played drums for a short time before Mike joined. The band didn't have a bass player so in 1963 Willy Phillips, Mike's brother, started learning bass and playing with the band.

The band played local school dances and put on their own dances, renting various halls around Florence. The band added Gib Randall in 1965 to play electric organ for a bigger sound. In 1966 Tom needed to leave the band and go to work to support his new family with Debby Dunn Trammel so Gary Henry from

Mapleton was added to the band. Gary had a band in Mapleton called The Avengers.

All members have continued to play music since the Intruder days.

Denny joined the popular Northwest band The Wailers in 1967 and when they broke up he played with some of the guys in Sweet Roll. Denny played with various people in Nashville and Daytona Beach. Denny now does a show in Florence at the Homegrown Pub providing the guests with soft background music to dine by.

Tom played bass with a country band before forming a gospel group with wife Debby. They still play gospel music together in a very successful group called The Trammels.

Willy played with various artists around Eugene and did a lot of road work in Alaska, Canada, and the Midwest before settling down at The Embers in Eugene for 20 years with Billy McCoy. Willy passed away in February 2013.

Gary has played around the area over the years in Coos Bay and Flo-



rence with the band KUSH and is currently playing in the Lebanon area with Amos True and the Easy Target at various wineries.

Mike left for LA in 1968 with a Eugene group called The Small Crowd. They played the Troubadour and with the help of Bill McEuen, manager of the Dirt Band, got signed with Liberty Records. The group broke up before the album was finished unfortunately, but Mike worked clubs in LA and Denver and did some studio work before returning to Eugene in 1981 to work lodges and the Embers. He also plays music with KUSH.

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Board member passes

Ramona (Mona) Meink Slocum, Class of 1949, contributed greatly to the creation of the Siuslaw Alumni Association. On September 9, 2000, a vote was taken at a class reunion meeting to begin the SAA.

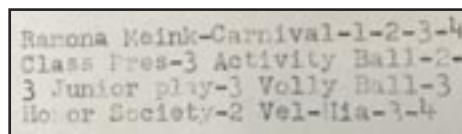


Mona started as Membership Chairman for 2001, was Vice President in 2002, Secretary from 2006 to 2012, and served on the Scholarship Committee from 2002 to 2018.

Mona was born in South Dakota and her sister, Zilpha '54, said the family moved to Florence in the early 1940s.

In high school she was junior class president, a member of the honor society, was in the school play, and played volleyball.

In her professional life she worked for the Corvallis Gazette-



Times newspaper for 35 years.

Mona passed away December 20, 2018, of complications from a car accident. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bud.

The Siuslaw family warmly remembers Mona and appreciates her contributions to the board.

President's message

Fellow Siuslaw alumni, we have come a long way from the first meeting in 2000.

Working together as a team we can accomplish what our past alumni set out to do and make it better. Our first elected leaders did an outstanding job in organizing the association and it is our duty as elected officers and members of the association to fulfill their dreams.

I am sure that they would be proud to see what we are accomplishing today including the number of memberships, the newsletter, and our scholarship students. We have Facebook, something unheard of 19 years ago, and we have our own website, which has our history from birth to present. The history in pictures of our past presidents, pictures of all of our scholarship winners, and our newsletters; it's all at your fingertips so check it out at www.siuslawalumni.org.

Please contact any one of the board members with alumni concerns and comments to help fulfill our goals.

Save the date: the 2020 event will be on September 12.

~ Mike Bones '66

Join the board's raffle committee to help maximize our scholarship fund

The SAA is looking for a few enthusiastic, well-connected raffle committee members, ideally based in Florence. They are responsible for all activities needed to conduct a raffle fundraiser at the SAA Annual Meeting, which includes the all-school reunion and banquet. Activities: 1. Invite alumni and local businesses to contribute items for the raffle. 2. Initiate publicity for the raffle with assistance from publicity and membership chairs. 3. Set up raffle tables at the banquet and recruit event helpers. 4. Keep a list of donors and items donated. 5. Send thank you notes to donors. Training will start this summer to ensure a smooth hand-off of duties.

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