

# Sands of Time

## Siuslaw Alumni Association Newsletter

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### Siuslaw Alumni Association Board Meeting Schedule

September 13, 2014

Three Rivers Casino  
& Hotel

Florence, Oregon

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### President's Message

We, the Alumni of Siuslaw High School, are special. It was a small school compared to many. We were/are close. We knew everyone, even those from a different grade level. It was a good place to grow up, get our education and make lifelong friends. Even though we were from a small town, we had friends from different backgrounds and ethnic groups. These weren't issues for us as we were "Siuslaw High School Classmates."

Everyone supported one another without giving it a second thought. It was who we were and what we did that helped all of us become who we are today. The comradeship that we developed with our classmates are forever.

You have a great selection of officers for the Alumni Association, they have been working hard to come into the 21st century with Facebook and even a Website: <http://siuslawalumni.org>. Thank you to those who have worked so diligently getting them up and running.

We hope to see you and your fellow classmates at our 14th annual Siuslaw Reunion and Scholarship Banquet on September 13, 2014

Mike Bones  
SAA President

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### 2014 ALL-CLASS REUNION CHECK IN

- 1 - There will be three entries into the dining room.
  - A. Two door will be open for the pickup of reserved tickets and name tags.
  - B. One door will be available for pay-at-the-door attendees.
- 3 -The deadline for pre-paying for the dinner is 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 13th!*

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*2014 Scholarship Awards*

by Sharon Strahm - Scholarship Chair



*Katrina Greenlief*

Siuslaw High School 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 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.



*Jacob Kirby*

**For the year of 2014, 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!**

**Katrina Greenlief** is the recipient of one of these scholarships. She will attend the University of Great Falls, Montana to study math. Her goal is to become a high school math teacher after she receives a masters from Willamette University or OSU. She enjoys playing high school volleyball. Katrina is on the Rhododendron Court and does volunteering through their many projects. She has musical talent and plays the oboe.

**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**

**Jacob Kirby** is the other recipient of SHS scholarships. He is planning to attend the University of Portland to study technology engineering. His goal is to use his studies in the field of software and electronics. He does radio broadcasting for the Viking Hour, is one of the first Rhododendron Prince Court, enjoys reading to children, helping with their activities and other school and church volunteer projects.

**Clippings from Our Past**

**– The Siuslaw Oar –  
Consolidation of Grade Schools  
is Approved at Polls**

April 20, 1945 Edition

Consolidation of the Idlewyld, North Fork, Westlake, Cushman and Florence consolidated grade school districts was effected at the elections held Tuesday evening at the various grade school houses, with all districts voting favorably. Florence was unanimous in its decision with 132 favorable votes being cast.

Voting on the necessary bond issue to provide funds for constructing an adequate building to house the approximated 248 pupils will probably be held about May 15.

With consolidation the Siuslaw Union High School District and the grade school district will automatically become one school system, governed by one school board.

Outstanding indebtedness... against the Union High School District remains \$10,400 contrary to earlier reports. Of this sum \$1,500 are bonds against the auditorium and \$8,900 against the original building fund. One bond amounting to \$900 will be called August 1st.

**Name is Selected for  
School District.**

April 27, 1945 Edition

In a meeting of the school directors from the merged school districts held last week the name Siuslaw Consolidated School District No. 97J was chosen to represent the newly formed Western Lane public school system.

Coming before the voters will be the selection of three board members to serve the entire school district and the approval of a \$47,000 bond to finance purchase of an additional school bus and to provide funds for the erection of a suitable building to adequately house the grade school students of the combined district.

**Dedication of New  
High School Held**

May 21, 1954

Dedicated to the youth of the community was the new Siuslaw High School in ceremonies held Wednesday evening in the gymnasium, which were attended by an estimated 1600 people.

Mrs. Lucille Klinge, Lane County superintendent of schools, commended the community for providing its youth with such fine schools, tracing the growth of the district and the extended building program of recent years.

Of special interest is the huge gym, designed with floor large enough for two games to be played simultaneously and balcony ample for girls' athletics.

In the school building innovations include one-way windows in doors, cork topped tables designed for pattern lay-outs and cutting in the home economics room, a stage in the public speaking classroom and especially noted throughout the influence of the Chinese partner, Lei, of the architects, in the color harmony and floor designs of each room.

## 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 changes to the bylaws and a simplification to Article VIII of the bylaws. Any changes to either the bylaws or constitution must be accepted by the board of directors then approved by members at the annual meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### Section 1.

Non-profit: The SHS Alumni Association is not organized for profit, and no part of an income, revenue, or grant of or to the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer or other private person, except as reasonable compensation for services rendered in furtherance of one of more of its purposes, or for necessary expenses actually incurred.

#### Section 2.

Conflict of Interest: The Officers and Board members of the Association have a fiduciary relationship to the Association. Officers of the Board are to reveal to the Board a conflict of interest when business of SHS Alumni Association will provide private gain or other personal advantage either to themselves, their family or another organization or business of their vested interest. Upon a Board member disclosing a conflict of interest and refraining from affirmatively asserting his or her influence in speaking or voting for a prescribed action by the Board, the action can be ratified by a majority of all the remaining directors who are not so interested. The Board must determine in good faith that: (1) such an action is in the best interest of the Association and (2) that such action was not entered into solely because of the position of such interested officer or director with the Association.

#### Section 3.

Dissolution: On dissolution of the Siuslaw High School Alumni Association, all funds remaining after paying outstanding bills will be transferred to Western Lane Community Foundation. The recipient is to facilitate the funds being given as scholarships to graduating Siuslaw High School seniors.



**Chrissy Barrett** - Class of 1948

**Ray Circle** - Class of 1946

**Darryl "DeRay" Coolidge** - Class of 1965

**Ron Ctaliamo** - Class of 2008

**Elizabeth Erlandson de sa e Silva** - Class of 1949

**Allen Earle** - Class of 1943

**Marylou Mills Earle** -Class Unknown

**Debbie Weaver English** - Class of 1972

**Rosalee Swigert Fegles-Cavitt** - Class of 1957

**Carl Foss** - Class of 1942

**Alice Johnson Hancock** - Class of 1951

**Dale Herring** - Class of 1959

**Troy Lewis** - Class of 1983

**Dale "Butch" Libby** - Class of 1961

**Katie MacLaren** - Class of 1994

**Ray Massey** - Class of 1964

**Jim H. Saylor McCain** - Class of 1954

**Pete Metzler** - Class of 1971

**Steve Middleton** - Class of 1965

**Robert Miles** - Class of 1964

**Lester Plaep** - Class of 1966

**Creighton Ramsey** - Class Unknown

**Katrina Van Schoiack** - Class of 1995

**Ron Shelton** - Class of 1964

**Hank Tatom** - Class of 1952

**Jody "Joe" Tatom** - Class of 1954

**Kevin Duane Walter** - Class of 1977

**Mary Bennett Wells** - Class of 1957

**Mike Watts** - Class Unknown

**Dan Armstrong**

**Renae Cottam**

Siuslaw School System Educators

# 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!

## Special Recognitions ~ Fall of 2014 ~

This September the All-Class Reunion will be giving special notice to the classes of 1954 (60 year), 1959 (55 year), and 1964 (50year). It is our hope that as many of you from all classes will attend to make it a very special event for these classes.

### Address Changed?

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

**Beth Meadows Sandberg**  
[sandbergbw@gmail.com](mailto:sandbergbw@gmail.com)  
or phone: 541-637-0679

## 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 Oak 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 Rhododendra 1954  
Sharon Smith*

An estimated crowd of 15,000 were in Florence for Rhododendron Days, May 15 and 16, and at least a third of those wishing to get out airport road for the free clam chowder, air show and carnival had to be waved on by police due to lack of parking facilities.

Festivities began Friday afternoon when Mistress Beckie Strauss, blonde, blue-eyed six-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Strauss was crowned by Mayor E. A. Davidson in ceremonies held in the grade school gym. Members of her court were Darline Corcoran, Gail Jones, Verla Meink and Rita Hudson. The dainty royal court members were gowned in bouffant gowns of dotted swiss, three wearing blue and two pink. They ruled over the junior parade Saturday and again were presented in the Rhododendron parade Sunday.

Winner of the junior parade with his Holiday Harbor boat was Jon Sampson, second place went to Elwyn Arasmith for his spaceship and men from Mars, third to Sally and Jandra Tout, whose sign read "even mice vacation at Florence." Judges were Mrs. E. J. Johnston, Mrs. Marian Niespo and Mrs. Herbert Welshons.

In a surprise announcement Miss Sharon Smith, blonde, willowy daughter of Mrs. Joseph Smith and the late Joseph Smith of Florence became Queen Rhododendra XV, Saturday evening. State Representative Loran Stewart of Cottage Grove presided at the coronation.

Queen Rhododendra XV led the grand march on the arm of Rep. Stewart at the Queen's ball held in the Rainbow ballroom.



### Estimated 15,000 Here on Rhododendron Days

*1954 Royal Court  
pictured with Queen Sharon Smith  
Members of court (not in order):  
Peggy Stitt, Sallyann Poole, Maris Milam,  
Donna Lee Akerley, Meredith Rhodes, and  
Dixie Amack*

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



#### SHS Class of 1954 60-Year Reunion Dinner & Social Hour Gathering Sandpines Golf Resort - Tavolo Restaurant September 12th • 5:00 p.m.

*Please join your attending classmates and plan to attend the  
All-Class Reunion on September 13!*

*Make your reservations now! RSVP by August 20th!*

Information Contact: Bev (Morten) Furlott,  
2477 NE Iris Way, Bend, OR 97701  
bevfurlott@gmail.com • 541-419-9758

-OR- Sharon (Gwynn) Strahm • 541-345-7024

#### SHS Class of 1959 55-Year Reunion This class will be meeting at their own tables at the All Class Reunion on September 13.

Information contact: Carolyn Nordahl at 541-999-9384  
or email cnordahl41@yahoo.com

#### SHS Class of 1964 50-Year Reunion Plans are being made for karaoke, golf (both miniature and regular), potluck lunch, gathering/mixer, and the All Class Reunion dinner. September 11-14th, 2014

Information contact: Beth Meadows Sandberg at 541-637-0679

#### Hotel Reservations:

Three Rivers Casino & Hotel

5647 Hwy. 126, Florence • 541-997-7529

(If making reservations at Three Rivers Casino & Hotel,  
use discount code: Siuslaw High School Alumni Reunion)

Three Rivers Casino & Hotel

5647 Hwy. 126, Florence • 541-997-7529

River House Inn - Under the Bridge  
1202 Bay Street, Florence • 541-997-3933

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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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**Beth Meadows Sandberg**  
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# 2014 Siuslaw High School Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Scholarship Banquet Reservation

<b>Saturday, September 13</b> <b>AND</b>		<b>Sunday, September 14</b>
No Host Social Hour- 5:30 p.m. Dinner – 7:00 p.m.		No Host Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. Sign up for breakfast at the banquet

**Location:**



**5647 Highway 126 - Florence, Oregon 97439**  
**Hotel Phone: 877-374-8377**  
**Casino Phone: 541-997-7529**

**Lodging:** Three Rivers Hotel has reserved **50** rooms for SHS Alumni Assn. 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 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	} } }	<u>MAIL THIS</u> SECTION AND CHECK TO:	SHS Alumni Association P.O. Box 1924 Florence, Oregon 97439	<b>RSVP with payment</b> by September 1, 2014
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAIDEN NAME</u>	<u>SHS Class of:</u>
Yours _____	_____	_____
Spouse/Guest _____	_____	_____
Address _____		
Phone _____ - _____ - _____	Email _____	

<b><u>Dinner</u></b> Pre-paid registration ( gratuity included) .....\$30      \$ _____ ( Pay-at-door \$35)	Total dinner reservations _____
<b><u>Member Dues:</u></b> \$10 per household (10/01/2014 to 09/30/2015) ** \$ _____	
<b><u>Scholarship Donation:</u></b> ..... ** \$ _____	
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> \$ _____	



SHS Alum. Assn. decal : \$1 - blue & gold 3 in. size - 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.**