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**SAA BOARD
MEETING
SCHEDULE**

March 10, 2007 11:30 am

Izzy's

950 Seneca Rd

Eugene, OR 97402

September 8, 2007 11:30 am

Bliss' Hot Rod Grill

1179 Hwy 101

Florence, OR 97439

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President's Message

Rewarding Year

I believe it is safe to say, the Siuslaw Alumni Association had one of the most successful years this past 2006. Each year it is important to promote activities that may attract former Alumni students and teachers of the Siuslaw High School to our Annual Reunion and Banquet. It is held at the Florence Elks Lodge the second Saturday in September of each year.

Last year our mailing of over 440 invitations to former students and

teachers, promotion in several newspapers and the local radio station KCST gave us excellent exposure.

We promoted our All Class Reunion for the first time last year. Lou Anne Wood Patterson was instrumental in creating and organizing the program. She invited other Class Reunions to our Annual Reunion and Banquet and it was a huge success.

Mary Jacobson of the Sea Lion Caves and Moe's Restaurant each donated two sets of family tickets that were given away in Free



drawings. We thank them very much.

A similar plan this year is to promote Free Door Prizes and other Activities, for our Annual All Class Reunion and Banquet.

We hope to see many of you again this year.

Andy Nordahl

Scholarship Fund

Marta M. Goldstein, Thanks to the Scholarship Committee:

was the recipient, of our 2006 Scholarship Award. Ramona Slocum

We were pleased to have Ramona award Zane Ziemer

Marta a Scholarship of Dick Whitmore

\$1000. at last years Annual Awards Ceremony held at Siuslaw High School.

The Board thanks all the donors to the Scholarship Fund!



Marta Goldstein

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2006 All-Class Reunion In Review

WOW!! What a great crowd turned out for the 2006 All-Class Reunion. There were 155 for the Saturday evening dinner and festivities; followed by 52 people for the Sunday breakfast. Both functions were held at the Florence Elks Club. This was the best attended reunion to date.

This reunion included some new, fun items i.e. door prizes, a raffle and a silent auction.

The door prizes included tickets to Sea Lion Caves, dinners at Moe's Restaurant and a Wine Gift Basket prepared by Richard & Carolyn Nordahl.

The raffle was for a painting by Joline Beeman Hazelett. The silent auction was for a 2-night stay at The Inn at Otter Crest on the Central Oregon coast.

Some of the recipients are as follows:
Wine Gift Basket; Rita Boyce Snyder (class of '55)

Painting by Hazelett; Sheila German Wife of Art German, class of '55) Silent Auction; Arland Johnson (Class of '54) & his wife Rosalie

The Board Officers for 2006-07 were announced as follows: Zane Ziemer, Chairman; Andy Nordahl, President; Len Tabor, Vice-President; Ramona Meink Slocum, Secretary; and Phyllis Bennett Wells, Treasurer.

In recognition of their services to the Siuslaw Alumni Association, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Past-Presidents Ray Circle, Zane Ziemer, and Ivan Olson.

Certificates were also presented to Board members Mimi Cooper Smith, Wander Ziemer Hoberg, Ramona Meink Slocum, Betty Ryder Olson and Darlene Strahm Rinard.

Music was provided for the evening by the Jukebox Kings.
Lou Anne



*Siuslaw Pioneer Museum,
Association, Inc.
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Museum Hours

Tues. through Sun.
12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Phone (541) 997-7884
E-mail—museum@winfinity.com
Closed January

FLORENCE GRADE SCHOOL 1905

LEST WE FORGET!!

One of the last reminders of the Past, is the former FLORENCE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, that is located on 278 Maple Street in Florence, built in 1905.

The SIUSLAW PIONEER MUSEUM, now occupies the property opening there in February 2006. The people of the Siuslaw Valley can be proud they have saved a large part of their History. The building artifacts are all in excellent condition and are on display and waiting for — you.

Attention Siuslaw Classmates:

The Museum traditionally has on display Siuslaw lettermen and girls sweaters and jackets on display during our Annual Class Reunions the second week in September.

They also do special displays during Rhododendron Days and other special events.

We hope to see you at the Museum any afternoon, except Mondays and in January.

EDITORIAL

Andy Nordahl * Editor

3 RIVERS CASINO

The 3 Rivers Casino in Florence has been in operation since the Summer of 2004, after several years of controversial issues in land use, native ownership and religious opposition.

The Kenneth Hatch tract of 99 acres near the North Fork bridge has been in Native ownership, for decades. Their Tribal cemetery is still in existence nearby.

The Casino employs over 200 people and some part-time employees. Due to the decline of the wood industry and the fishing industry, it is a welcome employer to the area. They are in the process of expanding their operations and it may be completed in 2007.

In my opinion, the good out weighs the bad. People do get addicted to gambling. However, it is known some people that want to game will go where there is gaming. Also, when you compare addictions to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, gaming hardly registers in comparison.

The 3 Rivers Casino is a Tourist destination attrac-

tion in the Florence Area. Since the Casino has been in operation there are more people shopping in the area in the slow winter months. The Casino also supports many of the local organizations.

Many of us do not game. However, it is a choice of recreation to many people. Good luck.

SIUSLAW SCHOOLS Textbook Fund

The Siuslaw School Textbook Fund is a fund to raise money to purchase textbooks, for every grade, every classroom and every student in the Siuslaw School District. The fund raisers are proposing to raise \$150,000 over three years.

There are several organizations participating in this Fund Drive.

Individual and organization donations are needed to insure success!

We may want to ask our Board of Directors to consider SAA participation in this endeavor.

Our contact person is Caroline Estill,
Grant Team Coordinator:

Phone 991-6656,

Email to TextBookFund@Gmail.com,

Mail to, P.O. Box 1258, Florence, OR. 97439.

SIUSLAW UNION HIGH SCHOOL 1945



Sharing Memories

By John Adams Class of '54

Not only was the SHS Class of '54 serenaded with great music, as were the 1950s overall, but we came of age in the years of great cars, the 1929 and 1930s (Mo Weathers in there somewhere), the 1940 Ford, the 1941 Chevrolet coup (as in my case), the fabulous 49-50 Mercury (James Dean movie version?), Arland Johnson's red and white Chevrolet convertible, and many others. Sure, there also were some who had new or newer cars. Arland's might have been one of those.

Our high school years featured great times, not referring to my bone-jarring tackles of Vern Elliott during football practice, or Don Moullet's helmet smashing into my mouth during one scrimmage that later cost me a front tooth during my junior year. (No, if you're looking, I didn't letter in Coach Richardson's football).

I have to acknowledge Mrs. Green, I recall she was my senior English teacher, for encouraging me to write, including poetry, as I went on to college, majored in journalism and worked more than 36 years as a reporter, feature writer, page editor and columnist before retiring. I often think of how I owe so much to Mrs. Green.

Weren't we (1954) the first class to graduate from the New High School?

Beyond school, I think of the time Mo Weathers and I twisted and spun around the old, unpaved back country logging roads. With Mo driving, we flipped his jeep onto its side in a deeply rutted road at one point and laughed as we managed to turn it back upright. I think that's right, Mo. As for unpaved roads, heck half or more of Florence was unpaved in the 50s.

As a life-long fisherman, I remember night fishing on the Siuslaw River with one or more of the McGuire brothers and the others alongside a fire. We caught trout, catfish, sand dabs, and other fish. And, yet, I didn't realize then that the Siuslaw was home to big Salmon and Steelhead.

A number of us in Florence enjoyed trekking the sand dunes and driving on Heceta Beach. If we got stuck in the beach sand, Old Bob would come along with horse and wagon and pull us out. I really liked Old Bob. How many remember that my first car, a

1939 Buick, was taken by the surf one night north of Heceta? With my brother driving, we splashed into a mini-lake on the beach and flooded the engine. By the time we got back with help, the car was floating in the surf. For a long time, I heard that pieces of the Buick could be found on the beach. In fact, I also heard that a commercial fisherman out on the ocean well south of Florence, pulled an inflated tire from the water that was identified as from an older Buick, possibly mine.

Some of us held drag races on Highway 101 north. My 1941 Chevrolet had a three-quarter racing cam installed by its first owner. I quickly discovered I could take many of the cars I challenged. However, before I had my Chevy, I drove my step-dad's 47 Frazer. One night, with two of my buddies, I hit some loose gravel during a race and rolled that car into the ditch right in front of Carol Fithian's house. Remember, her dad was the local State patrol cop. My step-dad managed to get a tow truck and get the car home before Carol's dad got home. Needless to say, I wasn't very popular with my step-dad for awhile. Anyway, either Roy or Mike McGuire (one of those), Floyd Bumby and I luckily were not hurt. Embarrassed we were.

If you're really looking for nostalgia, when my wife, Maryanne, and I arrived in Florence for the reunion, I was astonished to see the old Drive-In where I bought so many milkshakes after school, still standing and even for sale near the old elementary school on the Highway 101.

Ah, those high school memories. How about some more from classmates in the future issues?



1927 Model T Ford

Andy Nordahl 1946

STAY IN TOUCH

Through the years we've been adding more and more names to the Siuslaw Alumni Association membership mailing list. One goal is to reach as many alumni as possible to receive the annual SAA newsletter *The Sands of Time*; another goal is to invite alumni to the annual All-Class Reunion.

The success of increasing the mailing list is because of **YOU!** Do you know of someone who would like to receive the annual

newsletter or the invitation to the annual reunion? If so, please contact Lou Anne Wood Patterson by phone at **360-435-1531** or e-mail:

lapatterson3@verizon.net.

Those classes planning reunions this year can also contact Lou Anne to help locate people and to share your contact list. This has proved very helpful the past few years for reunion gatherings. The 2006 All-Class Reunion was the largest we've ex-

perienced to date. Let's keep it growing!!

If your address changes please let us know so we can keep the mailing list up-to-date. **Stay in touch.....**

Lou Anne Patterson

FUN REUNION

We would like to share some of our thoughts of the Reunion 2006: The September 9th Alumni Reunion was a great success with a large crowd in attendance. Memories were in great abundance and fun was had by all. It was a special day to visit with many of our former classmates.

Traveling the farthest was Susan Buckley Harris (class of 1940). The couple attending who

had been married the longest for 59 years were Harry and Deane Nordahl. Harry graduated with the Class of 1943 and Deane the Class of 1947.

Wes and Sharon Strahm

50 YEAR BARBECUE

Lonnie and Louise Woosley, hosted a great barbecue and picnic for the Siuslaw High School Class of 1956. They received a large money donation from their guests in appreciation of the Barbecue and Picnic. However, they donated the fund to the Siuslaw Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, in their behalf.

We thank Lonnie and Louise, for hosting our 56 Class reunion and the donation to the Scholarship Fund was appreciated by the Alumni Assoc. Class of 1956



**THE JUKEBOX KINGS L TO R
DAVE CRADDOCK KEYBOARDS
KEN MACE BASS PLAYER
DENNIS DUERST ON DRUMS**

REUNION 2007

Siuslaw Alumni Association
All Class Reunion.

Recognizing Classes of:
1957 50 years and 1982 25 Years

ALL CLASSES ARE INVITED

PLACE : FLORENCE ELKS LODGE
DATE: SATURDAY SEPT. 8, 2007
TIME: 5:00 pm -6:00 pm COCTAILS
6:00 pm DINNER

MUSIC: THE JUKEBOX KINGS