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# The Phoenix

*“Therefore, send not to know  
For whom the bell tolls,  
It tolls for thee.”*

Official Publication of the Tarkio College Alumni Association



## Letter From the President of the Tarkio College Alumni Association

Dear TCAA fellow alumni:

It has been a bit over a year since I accepted the role as your Alumni Association President. When I assumed the role of president back in the fall of 2021, I had to reacquaint myself with all the activities that our TCAA had going on and had accomplished since I had left active board duty in 2015.

We have a college now. Tarkio College, d/b/a Tarkio Technical Institute is now an active entity pushing to become a focal point for vocational trade learning and hopefully a fully accredited academic institution.

The TCAA is actively involved with the new institution. Although it has an independent board, the bylaws allow that 2 representatives from the TCAA may attend the board meetings, and likewise, we amended our bylaws to allow representation from the Tarkio Tech institution.

As we move forward the TCAA is actively working to preserve and promote the wonderful history of Tarkio College and also promote and assist as we can the new Tarkio College d/b/a Tarkio Technical Institute as it's staff and board work to set roots and grow its curriculum.

Nothing is easy these days. Financial concerns are always paramount with any entity or business endeavor. The TCAA operates primarily on dues for members such as you. As you all know, father time doesn't have much patience and so our alumni base, which is rather finite at this time, doesn't get a lot of graduates anymore. However, we are allowing Tarkio Tech graduates to join our association, which I feel is good for both the new entity and our association.

If we can continue to cultivate our dues culture and the Tarkio Tech grows and increases the number of graduates, that is a very positive thing for both entities.

My goal as president of the TCAA is to work to find common ground between the old and the new. Tarkio Tech can use the heritage of Tarkio College to lean on for a fund raising pool and support. The TCAA will gladly accept new graduates as members of our association and we hope to work with the new Tarkio Tech as it strives for success.

Recent economic challenges have hit us all pretty hard. The Association will certainly appreciate your dues in the coming year. We have more projects to do and assist with. So, be a wise Owl and send a dues check in! Help retain the legacy of a great institution that in one way or another, shaped our lives forever! I am a Tarkio native but I still believe the "Tarkio Experience" was real. What a college! Thank you and happy holidays to all.

Set Fire!!

F. Joe Farley, President  
TC '81



*EDITOR'S NOTE: We asked for letter from the president of TC for this publication, but did not receive it in time for this publication.*



## Letter From Your Editor



Dear alums and friends:

The bell is tolling for me. Not that I plan on dying right away, but I do plan to retire as your editor of the Phoenix, following this issue.

I will continue to manage the alumni Facebook page and help with keeping our website going.

As I leave, I have several things to say. SURPRISE!

As you know, I have tried to keep the Association and TC going WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS for the last 30 years, both as the president of the TC Board itself and later as president of TCAA. I am tired.

I also feel I owe you an apology for things not done. When I was president of the TC Board, and we were raising funds to get TC started again, we promised you BOTH a tech school and an academic program for remedials leading to an AAS degree for those who needed extra help. As you are probably aware, this has not happened so far. I keep hoping and praying it will be, but I apologize that it has not happened as quickly as I promised. This makes me sad.

I ask for your continued support of TCAA, its officers and board members. In another article, you will see the report I gave, in Joe's stead, at the annual meeting of the corporation in September. Your Association is alive and well and doing good things.

Please continue to: SET FIRE!!

**Linda Brunk Smith '65**

Chair, Publication Committee

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Additional photos by **Muriel Suger Tosh '71**

## Report to the Corporation September 18, 2022

Before we present the special award tonight, I want to say a little about your alumni association before I ride off into the sunset.

Too often we have failed to brag on ourselves or to credit ourselves for what we have done the last thirty years since the original closing of TC. I would like to rectify some of that tonight by recalling what the Alumni Association has done.

TCAA waited patiently for the legal process to wind down in the early nineties, and then she took the next step to revitalize the Tarkio College Corporation, form new by-laws and elect a separate board of directors and hire a new president, Bob Hughes, who served faithfully with little compensation for a number of years. In the process, TCAA became the owner of the campus when it was deeded over to us by Heartland. Bob and Mary helped raise the initial \$300,000 that allowed to get the doors reopened with what we promised would be a gateway to a combined tech and academic program.

TCAA is responsible for the major restoration of Rankin Hall. Without TCAA, this building would have crumbled. Our alumni began working on Work Weekends years ago to restore this beloved building when we inherited it. The midnight riders come from PA, driving all night, and then working all weekend, driving back to regular jobs on Sunday. Thank you, Bob and Wayne. Locals such as Snake, Dan and Don restored wood work and painted here, there and everywhere sometimes to the detriment of their health. Muriel came all the way from Washington State to help. I cooked all weekend with the help of Gloria and Sheridan. I am sure I am leaving others out, but these were your faithful leaders, and we owe ALL who worked so hard to make the restoration possible. The gardens have also been restored by alumni and friends. Another alum sent money for the restoration of the library. Let us also not forget that the alums helped restore Thompson with the same type of elbow grease and funding.

Not only did TCAA contribute physical labor to the restoration of the campus, she and our alums helped with financial contributions for the restoration also. We paid for the restoration of the stained glass windows in the Chapel. We paid over \$40,000 for the Lexan for the outside window protection, and we paid almost \$45,000 for the restoration of the slate roof. We understand that the flat roof problems are being addressed for which we are grateful. One of our board members paid for the new curtain in the Chapel. The new organ was a gift through the family of a board member.

TCAA deeded over the campus to TC at no cost to them. All TCAA asked in return was the use of the museum, offices, and meeting rooms on second floor Rankin. TC now has control of the campus.

Once again, thank you to ALL who have worked so hard over these past years. You might now ask "what have you done for us lately?" Here's this year's report of activities:

- 1) TCAA pays a monthly stipend to TC to help with expenses
- 2) TCAA bought a window in Rankin recently to help with that project
- 3) TCAA representatives have attended several graduation ceremonies and presented certificate graduates with a TCAA tee shirt and pen and a welcome to the Association packet.
- 4) TCAA continues to award a scholarship each year to the child or grandchild of alum.
- 5) TCAA sponsors and prepares Homecoming Weekend. This is a major task and neither Muriel nor I will be returning to this project so it would be great if some of you here would volunteer to help.
- 6) TCAA maintains an active Facebook page and sends out the Phoenix to dues payers. I will no longer be doing the Phoenix, so again; we need someone to step up to the plate if you wish this to continue.
- 7) Last, but not least, our two intrepid souls, Gloria and Elaine, are working diligently to organize the museum and archive thousands of documents. We especially thank Gloria for getting this rolling and installing our detection cameras.

*~ Linda Brunk Smith '65 Past President in lieu of Joe Farley '81 President*



## Officers and Directors

**President**  
Joe Farley

**Vice-President**  
Myrna Montgomery Vardeman '74

**Secretary**  
Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58

**Treasurer**  
Mary McAdams '86



## Changes in the Board

David Womack '85 has resigned from the Board. We appreciate his years of service and dedication as well as his wisdom. He continues to serve the Lord as an officer in the Salvation Army.

The Board has reinstated Bob Hull '91 to the Board.

We appreciate his willingness to take on the Athletic Hall of Fame responsibilities.

## What's Up in Our Alumni World?

*We love hearing from you. Please keep us informed of important events in your lives or just give us a shout out!*

Barbara Hills Long '51 sent a lovely letter bringing us up to date with what she and Bob '51 (deceased) had done since leaving TC. Their combined musical talents have shown through for all of the years

Marcia Goodrich Volker '82 and her sister have closed down Skateland in Shenandoah. Some of you may remember going on dates there. Skateland was founded for their parents, Gabby and board member Millie Maxwell Goodrich '41 in 1950.

Albert Sparks '90 sent us an update. He has obtained his Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner licensure and is now an independent fully licensed therapist.

On September 13, 2022, Richard Rosa '74 was recognized with the Spirit of Hospitality Award from My Place Hotels. His hotel, Meridian, ID, took home four of the top company awards at the company's convention.

Tara Catogge '9? was hired for a new position as Chief Operating Officer for Insight Editions and Weldon Owens.



## Thank You's Received

Board member Gloria Gibler '88 has sent thank you's for the support your board gave her on the loss of her three sons, Steve, Chris, and Tim '91. Your continued prayers of support are appreciated.

Christine Ferry '70 sent a thank you along with her dues.

## How to Use PayPal or Credit Card for Dues/Donations

1. Go to our website, [www.tarkioalumni.org](http://www.tarkioalumni.org)
2. On the left side of your screen, click on "company matching gifts." This option is also open to smaller individual donations and transactions.
3. Enter the desired amount and choose PayPal or credit card – you also have the option below the amount donated for any special instructions, for example a memorial, etc.
4. If you have a PayPal account follow that procedure – for a credit card/debit card enter your information
5. You have the option of sharing your address information with TCAA
6. After you have entered all the required information – click "donate now"
7. The system will then tell you that you have donation \$\_\_ to TCAA.

For matching gifts our EIN is 43-1617012

WE ALSO CAN  
NOW USE  
**VENMO.**

## Memorials

Ray McIntosh '51 by Linda Brunk Smith '65  
Evva Hughes by Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58  
Irene Hagan Sweet '57 by Joyce Pogue '57

## Scholarship Donations

Rayma Brown '60  
Nancy Daugherty '84  
Patty Rolofson '72  
Elaine Stoll '86  
David Beale '58

## Archiving Donations

Rayma Brown '60  
William Curry '71  
Bill Kenneweg '61  
Mary Jane Laughlin '74  
Cheryl McEwan '69  
Lawrence Shear '67  
Elaine Stoll '86  
Ollie Young '70  
David Beale '58

## Donations for Homecoming Weekend

Mike Needleman '72  
Dan Cox '72  
Wayne Gelston '71  
Muriel Sugar Tosh '71  
Linda Brunk Smith '65  
Roger Claypool '76

## Donations for Athletic Hall of Fame

Jim & Carole Smith Taylor '64 and '65

## Unspecified Donations

Jim '64 and Carole Smith '65, Taylor  
Emmet Carty '79  
Linda Brunk Smith '65  
Kurt Winkler '70  
O'Dell Anderson '75  
Gordon Collins '57  
Dan Cox '72  
Connie Ferguson  
Lavinia Pattee '57  
Diane Reynolds '60  
Marla Tollett-Ross '80  
Cosetta McQueen '79  
Mary McAdams '86  
Jo Watkins '74  
Robert McCoy '65



**Bricks**



*Below are gifts of bricks for 2021-2022. Please note that because brick prices and engraving are going up, bricks will be \$125 beginning January 1, 2023. We are also expanding the brick Memory Garden to near the sundial. We thank all who have given.*

John D'Amato '65 given by Linda Brunk Smith '65  
Vincent Else '58 given by Sue Else  
Daniel J. "Cisco" Cox '72 given by Dan  
S. Michael "Snake" Perry '73 given by Dan Cox '72

Gary and Sid Cooper '62 given by Sid  
O'Dell Anderson '75 given by O'Dell  
Pat Hamilton Loudon '65 given by Linda Brunk Smith '65

## Honorary Alumnus Status Given to Tim Turnbull

During a 2016 Work Party, I found myself along with Wayne Gelston, Don Jagger and another man walking on top of the Student Center. No one introduced me. He was always at the Work Parties. Eventually I learned his name: Tim Turnbull.

Tonight I have the privilege of awarding Tim Turnbull an Honorary TC Alum status. Here is a list of the many duties Tim has performed for us throughout the years:

- Hauled off yard wastes after work parties.
- Planted and maintains the rose bushes and flowers around The Bell.
- Planted and maintains Linda's Gardens.
- Maintains the Alumni Bricks in the Memorial Garden.
- Mopped the stage floor, dusted the pews and vacuumed Leitch Chapel.
- Mopped Rankin hallways.
- Put up tables and chairs.
- Hangs the Welcome sign in front of Rankin for HC weekends.
- Set off fireworks on HC weekends and cleaned up afterwards.
- Hangs the Christmas wreath in front of Rankin.



Unfortunately Tim cannot be present tonight. He will be presented with a baseball cap that reads Honorary Tarkio College Alum. For those of you who see him about Tarkio, give him a thank you.

~ Muriel Sugar Tosh '71, 2022 Homecoming Chair



“ For those of you who see Tim about Tarkio, give him a thank you. ”

## What Made Tarkio College Different From Other Colleges?

Its faculty and administrators were devoted followers of Jesus Christ and lived the Golden rule.

The college offered financial aid to worthy students in the form of no interest student loans — many who would be the first in their families to receive a college education and degree. This totally changes a family's dynamics. I have had several friends who experienced this, and I am part of an organization that helps this happen today. Each of these first-generation college students has an awesome story to tell about the effect of their advanced education on their outlook on life, their family's outlook on the value of education, raising the student's self esteem, and, in many cases striking a path for younger siblings to follow.

As a student, I worked part-time to pay my tuition in Jim Shaum's business office and sent "duns" to students who were not paying back these student loans.

As the daughter of a pastor, I was given a ministerial discount on my tuition, which aided me in getting my degree. Pastors were very poorly paid in those days. A state school would not have offered this discount to pastor's and missionary's kids.

Tarkio College's graduating teachers were well-trained. As such, several major school districts in the nation would almost automatically hire a first-year teacher with a degree from Tarkio and an accompanying recommendation from the Department of Education. Districts that were noted for hiring TC grads in the 1950's included large cities such as Denver, CO and Milwaukee, WI; others included Beaver, PA, and many near-by towns and districts in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

Tarkio College sent more than its fair share of students to the ministry and to the mission field. The majority of these ministerial students became ordained Presbyterian pastors. Many of these pastors and missionaries met their future wives at Tarkio College — adding to the number of kingdom workers. A search of the archive records of the PCUSA would give some statistics about the number of pastors who received their undergrad degrees from TC.

*~ This is from an article written in 2009, by board member, Patricia Anderson Kellenbarger '58. It is worth repeating.*

## Anniversaries

*I have picked these up from Facebook. Sometimes I have trouble finding the exact date, your class year, and spouse's names, but we wish you well no matter our limitations. Many more!!*

- Mary '89 and Terry Robison '90: January 3, 18 years.  
Lowell Willhite '72 and spouse: February 17, 37 years.  
Victoria Wong '89 and Mike Burton: March 26, 17 years.  
Dede Gross Singleton '92 and Mike: March 26, 17 years.  
Dan Romolo '76 and spouse: March 28, 33 years.  
Mary Ann Vaccaro '67 and Paul Saluga: April 28, 54 years.  
Skip '80 and Angela McIntosh Sherman '80: June 1, Years Unknown.  
Gina Borgmeyer '89 and Tim Keppler: June 10, 33 years.  
Leah Pennington '88 and George Nixon: June 11, 28 years.  
Dan Cox '72 and Eleanor Shirley: June 11, 7 years.  
Carol Costello '89 and Rod Baker: June 15, 30 years.  
Holly Stevenson '79 and Paul Hankins: July 29, 49 years.  
Barbara Frost '68 and Alfred Hemphill: August 13, 35 years.  
David Berg '80 and spouse: August 24, 36 years.  
Nancy Hinchman '65 and Charles Gay: August 26, 55 years. Also Charles' 80th birthday.  
Suzanne Bartenhagen McCleary '85 and spouse: August 29, Unknown years.  
Laree Bintz Lager '89 and spouse: September 24, 33 years.  
Randy '79 and Penny Crudup: September 30, 27 years.  
Beverly Nelson '91 and Dave Womack '90: October 17, 28 years.  
The Ed Donnellsons '83: October 31, 30 years.  
Miriam Climenhaga '92 and spouse: November 13, 22 years.  
John ? and Beth Catanzoro: November 13, 29 years.  
Valorie Phillips '?' and spouse: November 15, 11 years.  
Scott '?' and Diane Pini: November 16, 36 years.  
Dan Burton '87 and spouse: November 17, years unknown.



## TCAA Statement of Financial Position

(Includes unrealized gain of \$1633)  
6/30/2022

### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts		\$41,995
* Inventory (physical inventory not taken)		\$1,383
Memorabilia	\$15,774	
Printer, Computer, fax	\$7,756	
zAccumulated Dpr	<u>-\$23,530</u>	
TOTAL Other Assets		\$0
Investments		\$30,969
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Total Assets		<u><u>\$74,347</u></u>
Fund Balance		
TCAA Fund Balance		\$74,347

### TCAA Statement of Activities 7/1/2021 Through 6/30/2022

Inflows		
Contributions Gifts Grants	\$21,993	
Dues	\$10,518	
Rental Income	\$0	
Net Sales	\$441	
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gain	\$2,121	
Total Inflows		\$35,073
Outflows		
Bank, License, Officers Ins. and Office fees	\$4,703	
Depreciation	\$0	
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$4,208	
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$2,753	
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$1,846	
Student Scholarships	\$0	
Donation To Tarkio Tech \$1650, Fire Dept \$100	\$1,750	
Total Outflows		\$15,260
OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS		<u><u>\$19,813</u></u>
Change in UnrlzdGain		(\$5,879)
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NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		<u><u>\$13,934</u></u>

11/10/21 Unaudited reports prepared by Grace (Schoenemann) Huettner TC '78

## Obituaries

**Nancy Klem Morrow** '58, Santa Ana, CA, passed away August 16, 2020. She was a retired nurse and a lover of cats.

**John Eskew** '52, Atlantic, IA, Died January 15, 2021. He was a veteran and educator serving as the Director of Guidance at Woodbury Central High School.

**Beth Ann Croskey Bassien**, PhD '47, Colorado Springs, CO, passed away November 16, 2021. She was a retired college professor.

**Beverly Joyce Myers** '61, Mound City, MO, passed away November 18, 2021. She was a teacher and had been named Teacher of the Year by the Hutchison, KS schools.

**Dave Rasmussen** '71, Edmond, OK, died November 20, 2021. He was a noted photographer and owned Rasmussen Video-Photo. He is survived by his wife, **Patti Anne Park Rasmussen** '72.

**Timothy Gibler** '91, Tarkio, MO died December 13, 2021. Tim was a talented musician, and lead vocalist for bands Westwind and Midnight Express. He is survived by his mother, board member, **Gloria Gibler** '88. Gloria lost three of her sons in one year. We ask for your special prayers of support.

**James Ripley** '62, College Springs, IA died January 29, 2022. He owned a trucking company and an insurance agency.

**William E. Erdman** '59, Kansas City, MO, died February 10, 2022. He was a successful farmer in the Tarkio area. He had qualified for the Boston Marathon.

**Mark Buck** '72, The Woodland, TX, died March 6, 2022. He had worked in the oil industry.

**Gerald "Gabe" Shineman** '62, Stanberry, MO, died April 12, 2022. He had been Superintendent of the Stanberry schools as well as a teacher and coach. He was a member of the Tarkio College Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Scott Hunt** '74,?, died April 28, 2022. He had been a Theta Chi. We have no further information.

**Keith Watt** '62, Lincoln, NE, died April 30, 2022. He had been a teacher and active in scouting.

**Franklin "Hank" '64**, Chesapeake, VA, died May 14, 2022. He had worked for Quest Diagnostics. He was a coach, a Cub Scout leader, a baseball, wrestling, and choral supporter and sometimes chaperone.

Editor's note: Somehow I have misplaced the surname here.

Can someone please help me out, and we will correct in the next Phoenix?

**JoAnn Runyan** '67, Villisca, IA, passed away in June 2022. She had been a language arts teacher and active in educational organizations and her church.

**Jimmie D. Riley** '58, Springfield, MO died in June, 2022. He was retired from the military and was also an LPN.

**Edward Perry** '67, W. Des Moines, IA, died June 1, 2022. He was also a graduate of the Dubuque Theological Seminary. He worked for Broadlawns and Mercy Hospitals.

**Paul L. Doughty** '82, Albany, MO died June 4, 2022. He was a licensed practical nurse and an Eagle Scout.

**Margaret "Peggy" McAdams Keenan** '88, passed away July 18, 2022. She was an Air Force Veteran and had worked for NORAD. She was also a talented musician and had played in Air Force bands.

**Duane Ridnour** '62, Sidney, IA, died July 13, 2022. He was an educator serving as a high school principal.

**Paul M. Luedde** '89, St. Charles, MO, died August 10, 2022. He was a chemist.

**JoAnn Smith Hummel** '52, Woodbine, IA, passed away October 7, 2022. She had taught Business Education for many years.

**Shafqat Rahman** '75, Monroe, NC, died November 25, 2022. We have no further information at this time.

We have been informed of the death of **Carolyn Schmidt** of Laredo, MO but we have no further information.

**HOMECOMING**  
**2023**  
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