

# The Phoenix



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## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2008: OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The Children of God Reunion Gospel Choir was the highlight of Alumni Weekend 2008. Many of our BSA alums returned to Tarkio from around the country to honor Dr. James A. Barnes '77 as one of our Outstanding Alums and to once again raise their voices in praise of the Lord. Many thanks go to Board Member Marla Tollett-Ross '80 for her dedication and hard work in organizing the group and getting so many to return. The choir sang at the Alumni Banquet and made the evening a great success. We hope to see you all back soon! Jeanne George Wheatley '58 was also honored as the Outstanding Alum from the 50-year class that evening. Special thanks go to board member Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58 for organizing the 50-year class reunions.

Other highlights of the weekend were the induction of the new members of the Hall of Fame: Dennis Howard '70 and Marv Schlatter '71 at our annual Friday night event. Saturday was a busy day with tours of the campus, luncheon, and a special memorial service organized by the Class of 1958 at the Presbyterian Church. Board member Sheridan Staples Mires '87 was in charge of the very successful luncheon.

Added to this year's agenda was a luncheon after services on Sunday at the Tarkio Presbyterian Church for members of the Doughty Memorial Choir and other alumni who stayed over. We thank the ladies of the church for this gracious gesture. Everyone really enjoyed this extra time for fellowship before heading home.

Pictures of all events may be seen on our website at [www.tarkoalumni.org](http://www.tarkoalumni.org).



## — ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009 —

Come join us for Alumni Weekend 2009, June 19-21. We will have a good weekend planned for all of you. Honor classes are: 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, and 1989. ALL alumni from all years are welcome! If you are a member of one of the honor classes and would like to help us contact your classmates, please contact us at our email address [tcaa@asde.net](mailto:tcaa@asde.net). We welcome your help!



Please see our website at [www.tarkioalumni.org](http://www.tarkioalumni.org) for making nominations for all of our awards:  
Outstanding Alumni, Hall of Fame, and Faculty/Staff,  
in addition to the application process for our scholarship award. All of the information for these awards must be into our office at P.O. Box 111, Tarkio, MO 64491 by February 15, 2009. Please do not delay.

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*Pictured on page 1...* The Children of God Reunion Gospel Choir

**Back Row:** Isaac Davis '81, Cynthia Whitfield-Johnson '78, Francine Ashby-Evans '78, Linda Brown '77, Pamela Battle-King '78, Rochelle Wallace-Hooks '77, Benjamin McClain III, '79, Tanya Pitts-Thomas '78, Marla K. Tollett-Ross '80, Sylvia Davenport-Letridge, Randy Crudup '79, and Billy Evans '76

**Seated:** Cosetta McKay-McQueen '79, Pamela McConnell '79, James Barnes '77, Cynthia McMillion-Greene '78, and Toni Wells-Clark '77

# CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President—Roger Claypool '74 • Vice-President—Marla Tollett-Ross '80**  
**Secretary—Sheridan Mires '88 • Treasurer—Mary McAdams '86**  
**Representative to the Board—Willie Mier '50**

*Kingsley Sutch '82* term expired in June 2008, and he is not returning to the board. We thank him for his time and service to the Association.

*Cosetta McKay McQueen '79* was elected to the Board at the annual meeting in June—Class of 2011. We welcome her to the board.

We are looking for a few good men (and women) to help with board service. Are you that person? We meet by telephone except for Alumni Weekend. You are expected at that meeting. You also need to be current with your dues. We would love to have some of you '90's alums involved. Please consider joining us. If you are interested, please contact us at our email address, [tcaa@asde.net](mailto:tcaa@asde.net), and our nomination chair will return your call (email).

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## TODAY'S HISTORY LESSON

One of the joys of spending hours surfing the net for articles for the *Phoenix*, is running into articles about our history. Your editor will try to send a few out from time-to-time in our broadcast mails and will include one I especially enjoyed here.

This is from the March 17, 1957 diary of a Ms. Kitty May Ellis. (I know nothing about this person, but if any of you do, please let us know.)

*I am wondering if Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri had 500 inhabitants when we left Tarkio as Tarkio was only about 3 1/2 years old when we left fine Tarkio to come west in the spring of 1883. For a little piece in the now fine large newspaper, the Tarkio Avalanche of Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri, Friday, March 8, 1957, attracted my special attention: 1500 students expected here for T.C. Festival. 45 schools entered Speech/Music event. Tarkio can expect an estimated 1500 students, most of them contestants, to be here next week for the 3-day Tarkio College Speech and Music Festival, which will start Thursday Morning, March 14, 1957. Forty-five high schools in Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa will be represented in the annual event which crowds restaurants with students, streets with cars, and sidewalks with brightly uniformed musicians. Directors of the Festival are: The music division of the festival will be under the direction of Professor Gavin L. Doughty, head of the college Music Department. Speech events will be in charge of Miss Lois Cheney, head of the Dramatics and Speech Department.*

*The Festival will open Thursday morning with one-act play presentations by six schools. Tarkio's HAPPY JOURNEY directed by Henry Prather '41 will open the program at 10:15 in the College Chapel.*

This finding was very sentimental for your editor as I well remember these wonderful festivals that we had in Tarkio when I was young. I have special fond remembrances of Drs. Doughty and Cheney also and Mr. Prather was my favorite high school teacher. How blessed was I that these three people graced my youth. Do any of our readers remember these wonderful times too? If you do, share your memories with us.

— ANNIVERSARIES —

We are pleased to honor all of these wonderful couples as they celebrate their anniversaries. Please send us your news of weddings, births and anniversaries in order that we might share with others.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

**70 YEARS**

Kathryn Dobbs '36 and Harold Brackett—Actual Date Unknown  
Cards may be sent to: 185 Pheasant Hollow Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

**66 YEARS**

Lloyd and Mary Poynter Martin '41, '43—June 15, 1942. You may send greetings and well wishes to: 779 Brook Village Ct, Holland, MI 49423.

**65 YEARS**

Stan '41 and Ruth Irvine—October 23, 1943.  
Cards may be sent to: 1202 Heartland Rd, St. Joseph, MO 64506.

**60 YEARS**

Rachel McGowan and Harold Crawford '48,'50—June 5, 1948.  
You may send cards to: 2319 Timberland Rd, Ames, IA 50014.

**50 YEARS**

Floyd and Gloria Loy Hall '56—July 8, 1958. Greetings may be sent to them at: 47405 SE 160<sup>th</sup> St, North Bend, WA 98045.

— BIRTHS —



Maxine Mehaffey Arneal '47 writes us with the news of her two new great-grandchildren:

Kaden Timothy Johns, who is also the grandchild of Tim and Janet Arneal Johns '75

Clara Giggee, who is also the grandchild of Steve '70 and Mary Le Arneal.

Best wishes to all of our little owls and their TC grandparents!

**Congratulations to all on these life milestones!**  
We would love to publish news of the happy events in your family, too. Just send the news to us by email or snail mail to our post office box.

— MEMORIALS —

Thank to all who made special contributions or memorials this past year. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the Association and by the families remembered by the memorials.

**In Memory Of**

*Zelma Proffitt Gustafson '39*  
*Irene Proffitt Hackman '35*  
*Olga Proffitt Sons '34*  
*Weyman George '57*  
*Jim Cook*  
*George Fiel '65*  
*Rick Arnold '84*  
*Jack Yates '50*  
*Carl Humphrey '49*

**By Whom**

Thurber Proffitt  
Thurber Proffitt  
Thurber Proffitt  
Bill and Norma Dunlap Barr '58, '57  
Linda Brunk Smith '65  
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— SPECIAL GIFTS —

**50-YEAR CLASS GIFTS**

*Pat Hartman Paniccia*  
*Dottie King Carlson*  
*Mary Case Swenson*  
*Don Nelson*  
*Jeanne George Wheatley*

**OTHER SPECIAL GIFTS**

*Ruth Bunn Seim '61*  
*Millie Maxwell Goodrich '41*  
*Lee Heifer '70*

**CAMPUS MAINTENANCE GIFTS**

*Tim Powers '86*  
*Millie Maxwell Goodrich '41*  
*Loretta Turnbull '40*  
*Marv and Patty Amaya Schlatter '71, x72*  
*Jamie and Biff Collins Hogue '56,'54*  
*Lowell and Rosemary Kyle Morrill '50,'54*

Please note a number of alumni made gifts directly to the Tarkio Chamber of Commerce for campus maintenance that did not go through the Alumni Association. A special thank you to all who continue to care about the upkeep of our campus.

## — SCHUTZ SCHOOL ICON PASSES —



George Meloy, an icon at the Schutz American School, Alexandria, Egypt, passed away on November 15, 2008. Meloy was a former principal/headmaster of the school from 1956 to 1990. Dedicated in 1991, Meloy Hall now bears his name in remembrance. Among his survivors is daughter, Jane '73.

—Marina Moriatis '74  
Reporter

## — OBITUARIES —

We begin this article with a sincere apology to the George family. In listing the survivors of Wink in the last *Phoenix*, we failed to list his sister, Joyce George Evans '52. We regret the error.

We do our best to be current here, but we often receive notices of death that are quite old or we find ones on the Internet that have not been timely reported to us. We publish them when we receive them and make every attempt to coordinate this information with our office.

William Morrow '48, Kidder, MO, died in 1998. We did not receive an exact date. We have no further information.

Lois Graham Dill '35, Topeka, KS died on February 27, 2005. She was a retired teacher.

Betty Carson Johnson '41, Fremont, NE, passed away September 10, 2006. Betty was a cheerleader for the 1940 championship basketball team, and her sweater may be seen in our museum. She was a Kappa, and was always an active supporter of Tarkio College. She was also active in the Presbyterian Church and was a championship golfer.

Marian Farquhar '41, Washington, IA, passed away November 10, 2006. Marian was a missionary in the Sudan, Hong Kong, and Ethiopia. She also has worked for the Wycliffe Bible Translators in this country and in Kenya. Survivors include her sister, Virginia Burch '43.

Esther Martin Tome '41, Frederick, MD, died March 14, 2007. Her father

was Dr. Albert Martin of the faculty. She was a chemist who did research on penicillin at Pennsylvania State University. Survivors include her brother, Dr. G. Lloyd Martin '41.

Jennifer L. Newhouse '85 died November 16, 2007. We have no further information.

Lewis E. "Lou" Schollian, Board Member, Bolivar, MO, died January 2, 2008. Lou was a WWII veteran in the US Navy and had worked at the First National Bank of Tarkio for many years.

A. Pauline Whitlow, Board Member, Tarkio, MO died on January 16, 2008. She was a loyal benefactor of Tarkio College and was granted the Order of the Owls on February 1, 1973. She was also an active member of the Mule Barn Theatre Guild.

Calvin Niemann '49, Munroe Falls, OH, passed away February 26, 2008. He was a retired senior process engineer.

Richard Arnold '84, Belleville IL, died March 6, 2008. He had a great gift for words and had served as editor of the *Phoenix* for a brief time. At the time of death he was working in marketing and publications for Maryville College, St. Louis. A memorial has been established with TCAA.

Ruth Breight Dawson '41, Albany, OR, passed away March 12, 2008. She was a retired elementary school teacher.

M. Virginia Irvine 'x42, Shawnee, KS, died March 18, 2008. Virginia had been a successful financial planner. She had received an honorary Doctor of

Humane Letters from Tarkio College. Survivors include her brother, Stan Irvine '41.

Col. Charles Crider '41, Alden, NY, passed away April 16, 2008. Charles was a WWII veteran and survivor of Pearl Harbor. He had worked for John Deere, Motorola and Farm Land Services.

Harriet Wilcox, age 91, Tarkio, MO, died June 26, 2008. Harriet was an active member of the Tarkio Community, volunteering for Young at Hearts, OATS, Merry Widows, and the Tarkio Methodist Church. Her son, John Wilcox '60, survives.

Jim Cook, age 62, passed away July 4, 2008. Although not an alum, Jim was more than loyal to TCAA attending and hosting alumni functions for which we will always be grateful. Jim owned Cook Restoration and Remodeling. He enjoyed cruising, hiking, fishing and biking. His wife, Janet Marti Cook '69, survives him.

Dr. Theodore Paul Jr. '37, Mankato, MN, died July 14, 2008. He served in the Merchant Marines and had been the Assistant Professor of Speech and Director of Theatre at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

Mary E. Irvine '49, Waterloo, IA, died August 13, 2008. She was a retired schoolteacher and was active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church there.

Dr. Warren Frahm '52, Ames, IA, passed away August 31, 2008. He had been a Presbyterian minister and had served on the Tarkio College board. Survivors include his wife, Mary Dyer Frahm '54 and brother, Ross Frahm '59.

George Fiel '65, Cedarburg, WI, died September 2, 2008. George had owned a very successful printing company, but was retired. George loved life and cruising. Your editor is grateful that two of our classmates were able to attend his services: Phil Burke and Bill Dickey. A memorial has been established in George's memory with TCAA.

Jon. H. Boles '61, Glenwood, IA, passed away on September 29, 2008. He

had worked for Glenwood Transit for a number of years as well as three different golf courses. He had been past-president of the Glenwood Booster Club, a volunteer fireman, and had served in the National Guard.

William O. "Jack" Yates '50, Tarkio, MO, passed away October 1, 2008. Jack was a WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps. He worked at Tarkio College as the registrar and was a pastor at a number of churches in the local area. A memorial for Jack has been established with TCAA.

Paul Egan '57, Cherokee, IA, died October 11, 2008. He had been a teacher and coach.

Walter "Butch" Brown III '77, Newport News, VA, died October 26, 2008. He was a star football player in high school and college.

Louis H. Evans Jr., Los Angeles, CA, died October 30, 2008. He had received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Tarkio College. He had co-authored the book, My Lover, My Friend.

Carl Humphrey '49, Pella, IA died on October 31, 2008. Carl was a loyal alumnus who served on both the Tarkio College board as well as the alumni board. He was a WWII veteran and had served as vice-president of Central College in Pella. We will miss him at alumni activities. His wife, Muriel Ross Humphrey '47, survives him. A memorial has been established with TCAA.

Olin Kettelkamp '50, Red Bud, IL, died November 7, 2008. He was a veteran of WWII. He had founded the newspaper in his hometown as well as owned a photography studio. He was a longtime member of the Red Bud Library Board.

We have received notice of the death of Robert Paul Wilson '71, but we have no further information.

We have also been informed of the death of Jim Agnew '59, Marshalltown, IA, but have no further details.

We also have learned of Elaine Esposito's '66 passing, but we know nothing further.

## IN THE NEWS

The following comes from newspaper articles we have clipped or received throughout the year. If you have news to share, please send it along to our post office box: 111 Tarkio, MO 64491. We would love to hear from you!



### 1930's

The Harry Broermann '37 family was featured in the local Tarkio paper as a five-generation family in July of this year.

### 1960's

G. Gray McVicker '61 had his picture in the West Des Moines Register in December 2007 showing him with his new novel for Paint Horse Books, "Niobrara Crossing."

The Tarkio sports community honored Dave Palmeiro '66 on September 7, 2007, with the renaming of the football stadium in his honor. The field remains Kyle field. An athletic scholarship is planned in Dave's honor also.

### 1970's

Dr. Eldon Breazier and daughter, Liz, '72 were in town on June 27, 2008 and presented a painting of the original Mule Barn to the museum. Roya Breazier, who is now in poor health, did the painting. The Board greatly appreciates the gift and thanks the Breaziers for their thoughtfulness. You are invited to come to the museum and see this new addition.

### 1980's

The Kansas City Star featured an extensive article about our own Joe Fox III '85 this past year. Joe has been the vice-president in charge of production at the New Theatre Restaurant for the last

22 years and just recently directed his first show, "Out of Order."

Board Member and Treasurer Extraordinaire, Mary McAdams '86 was appointed the new manager of Northwest Missouri Industries of Rock Port in March. MWMI is a not-for-profit workshop that provides work for the disabled. TCAA has used their services in stuffing envelopes etc. They also have seven green houses and provide beautiful cemetery boxes for Memorial Day. Congratulations, Mary, on your promotion and thanks for all you do for TCAA.

John L. Williams '87 was recently named as vice-president of Children's Hospital in Omaha. Best wishes to John.

Terry Walkup '88 was named the new manager of the Pizza Hut in Tarkio on June 2, 2008. Congratulations to Terry too.



### 1990's

Stephanie McIntosh '90 starred in the musical, "Always...Patsy Cline" in September. The play was performed in Shenandoah and was a fundraiser for the

Shenandoah High School choir that Stephanie directs.

The Rev Nelson "Fuzzy" Thompson of Kansas City was granted the 2008 Evelyn Wasserstrom Award for his work in civil rights. The annual award, named for a founder of the annual interfaith services in Kansas City, recognizes work on behalf of minorities and oppressed people in the metropolitan area. We are unable to locate Fuzzy's year of expected graduation so if anyone can help us out here, we would appreciate it. Your editor remembers him from the '60's when she was in school.



## SURFIN' THE 'NET

The following is information your editor found on the Internet that referred to our alums. If this is not current, please forgive and send us your updated information. If you would keep us informed, we wouldn't have to scour the Internet for news about YOU! We love hearing from you and welcome getting up-to-date information.

### 1940's

Charles E. Bybee '47 is Professor Emeritus of Science at Berkshire Community College.

### 1950's

Joe Farquhar '56 is on the Board of Directors—Atchison, Holt Electric Cooperative. He faithfully attends Alumni Weekend.

Ray Graves '57 is from Peru, NE and has written a nice article about life in that college town and how it influenced his life. Ray played football for TC and was a track star. He continues to run track and has been national champ in the long jump for his age group several times.

Dr. Robert L. La May '59 has a writing ministry, writing the weekly Bible studies for the Christian Observer, Manassas, VA.

### 1960's

Our good friend and former board member, Al Reynolds '60, was featured in two different articles we found. The first was an article called Armchair GM which is apparently some type of game only football fans would understand, but the best thing was a wonderful article in the KC Chiefs Bulletin about Al and his grandson. His grandson is blind, but plays football anyway. There was a great picture of the two of them visiting the Chiefs practice facility. Congratulations to you both.

Thomas D. Gipe '61 is professor emeritus of the Graduate Faculty, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

Duane Ridnour '61 was inducted into the Sydney IA High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. He had served as athletic director and principal for the high school for many years.



Larry Tift '63 teaches sociology at Central Michigan University.

Frank Gold '63 is Adjunct Professor, Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand. Are we up-to-date here, Frank?

James R. McQueen '64 is a physician at St. Anthony's Hospital in Des Moines.

We would love to get the info straight on Phil Creighton '66. What we found was that he was a professor of biology at Pacific University, but we aren't sure this is right. Can anyone help us out here?

Russell D. Clark III '66 is Professor of Psychology, University of North Texas.

Del Stites '66 is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Bellevue University.

Elaine Esposito '66 worked at Craftsman Farms, Morris Plains, NJ, as the volunteer coordinator before her recent death.

Stephen E. Morse '67 is a Doctor of Optometry at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Ronald C. Kent '67 is a successful realtor in the Mexico, MO area.

James M Bracy '68 is Professor of Pan-American Studies, University of CA, Northridge.

James Bedford '68 is Director of Operations, Telluride, CO Film Festival.

Kenneth D. McEwan '68 is Chairman, Vermont Economic Development Authority.

Ed Donovan '69 is a charter life underwriter.

Sherry M. Hopkins '69 works in computer technologies at Anne Arundel Community College.

Russ Appleton '69 is the program director of the Marine Civilian Development Program. He is a retired colonel in the Marines.

Jane Strobino '69 is Professor of Social Work, Marywood University.

Richard Stratton '69 is Associate Professor, Program Area Leader Education at Virginia Tech.

### 1970's

Jaquita Robinson Willis '70 recently won Oberlin College's Award for Distinguished Service to the Community.

Bruce Kizzier '70 is the Operations Director for Purchasing for Alegent Health in Nebraska.

Robert Marshall '70 is retired after spending 35 years with the Boston Public School System and is active in local politics.

John Hill '70 is assistant basketball coach at Claremont McKenna College.

Angel W. Broadnaux '70 is the director of strategic initiatives for Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Jamala (Terry Massey) Rogers '71 was an active leader of BSA when she was on campus and remains an activist today in her home community of St. Louis.

Bill de Jonge '71 is a real estate consultant with RE/MAX in LaGrange, IL.

Timothy Pratt '71 is executive vice-president, secretary, and general counsel for Boston Scientific Corporation.

Don Rizzo '71 is the vice-president for institutional advancement for the University of Hartford.

Lynn Brownfield '72 was inducted into the Sydney IA High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. He played football at Tarkio College.

Richard Bangston '72 works at D.A. Davidson & CO, Great Falls, MT, in institutional sales.

Tom Pensabene '72 serves as the Dean of Computer and Visual Arts at the Metropolitan College in Omaha, NE.

Karin Pantel '74 is an instructor at Sullivan County Community College.

Alan J. Naughton '74 is assistant

professor of business at Midland Lutheran College.

Dan Peterson '75 is Director of Financial Assistance and Outreach, Missouri Department of Higher Education.

The Muscogee Nation News recently interviewed Hall of Famer Dwight Pickering '75 about Native American athletes. He recalls in the article his induction into our Hall of Fame. Dwight was a track and cross-country star for Tarkio College.

Michael Macrander '75 is an ecologist with Shell Oil. He has been working with protecting marine animals offshore Alaska.

Keith Hackett '76 remains active in the life of his fraternity, Theta Chi.

Steve Subracko '76 (St. Louis) is currently an advisor to the Board of Directors, Family Shield Ministries in St. Louis.

Ann Beatty '76 heads Touchstone Counseling in Ozark, MO.

Deborah Todd '76 has moved to inactive status with the Openstage Theatre Company in NY.

Garfield W. Boon JR '77 (Mid-Continent) is the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command at several contracting offices throughout the country.

Virginia (Ginny) L. Illich '77 is director of youth ministries, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, IL. She also does professional photography.

Charles J. Harris JR '78 of Kansas City joined the law firm of Seyferth, Knitting and Blumenthal LLC in March of 2008 and the firm's name was changed to Seyferth, Blumenthal, and Harris LLC. In 2008 he was also the recipient of the NAACP Diversity Advocate in Law Award.

Tom Vance '78 is a middle school science teacher at the Wesley School, North Hollywood, CA.

### 1980's

Rachael Kolb '80 is active in the women's basketball scene in Gallup,

NM and is a physical education teacher as well as track and basketball coach.

Rhonda Ross '81 (St. Louis) is working and attending classes at Central Northwest Community College.

Wendell Campbell '81 is an associate professor at Southeastern University.

Mike Ringen '81 is the Superintendent of Schools, Holden, MO.

Mary Ann Walk '82 (St. Louis) is founder and president of Walk and Associates, a consulting group with expertise in three primary areas: executive coaching, corporate strategy design, and alignment of people with business goals.

Elizabeth Gold '82 is assistant professor of psychology at Central Methodist College, Fayette.

Bishop Dubourg High School in St. Louis awarded Pat Mueth Smith '83 its 2008 Outstanding Alumnus Award. She serves at the Director of the Program Management Office at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Sherrill M. Jackson '83 (St. Louis) is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner.

Warren Walls (St. Louis) is the director of security and parking at University of Washington Medical Center.

In an article from the Iowa State High School Athletic Association regarding tennis prospects, Stuart Dusenberry '84, was cited for his successful program at Atlantic, IA.

Gregg Ricono '86 is assistant football coach at Arkansas Tech University.

In one of his "lighter" moments, John Baskerville '86 has published his own obituary. He notes he was a charter member of the TKE's at TC.

Ron Egan '86 (St. Louis) is on the staff at The Miriam School in St. Louis.

Gregory S. Carr '87 was Man of the Year in his senior year and is an instructor in theatre at Harris-Stowe State University, St. Louis.

Mark Clynes '87 is assistant director of admissions at McKendree College.

Sgt Alan H. Walton '87 (St. Louis)

retired from the Missouri Highway Patrol on August 1, 2008.

Joel Delaney '87 is a personal trainer.

Gerald D. Perkins '87 (Lake St. Louis) is a journeyman toolmaker.

Brenda Ewart Foster '88 teaches piano and serves as accompanist and adjunct piano instructor at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph.

Hugh Dehnert '88 is a football coach in the Tampa Bay area.

Perry Golden '88 (St. Louis) works as a personnel/labor relation's representative at the Pontiac Processing Center, MI.

Joseph Michael McClain '88 is a thoracic surgeon at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA. We also found him listed at Central Maine Heart Associates in Lewiston. Can someone bring us up-to-date here?

Charles Leader '88 is professor of theatre, Kansas City KS Community College.

Thomas J. Walenski '89 is the First Director of the National Native American Purchasing Association.

William (Bill) Vickery '89 (St. Louis) is Director of Entrepreneurial Training, Southeast Missouri State University.

Scott Kane '89 is a mechanic for the Big River Racing Team, O'Fallon, MO.

John Conway '89 is the softball coach at St. Louis University.

Toni L. Spears '89 provides government and commercial contract management for the Newberry Group Inc of St. Louis.

Samson Pretrick '89 is the Federated States of Micronesia's ambassador to the Republic of Fiji.

## 1990's

Janet A. Nylin '90 is the 2008 recording secretary for the St. Charles Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

Joseph Powe '90 works with foster children at Neighbor to Family in Augusta, GA.

Robert Robinson '90 (Lake St. Louis) was recently promoted to sergeant in the St. Louis County Police Department.

Cheryl Probst '90 is an instructor at Linn State Technical School.

Former board member, Steve Bertani '90 is managing director at the Arrow Rock (MO) Lyceum Theatre.

Jim Stover '90 (McDonald-Douglas) is Chief of Police the Village of Shiloh, IL.

Rebecca Stevenson '91 is chief meteorologist at KIROTV in Seattle.

Lezlee Hinesmon-Matthews '91 is assistant professor of Afro-ethnic studies at the University of CA, Fullerton.

Jeff Bricker '91 is the trainer for the Arizona Arsenal Soccer Team.

Steve Young '91 is founder of Steve Young Financial Planning in Springfield, MO.

Lacy Altwine '92 teaches stage combat at the American Music and Dramatic Academy in Los Angeles.

Ray Martinez '92 is a member of the Ft. Worth United Soccer Team. He also teaches and coaches.

## YEARS UNKNOWN

We are unable to locate the years for any of the following. If you can help us out, please contact the office at [tcaa@asde.net](mailto:tcaa@asde.net). We would greatly appreciate any information you can give us.

Joe Russell formulates and implements the sales strategies of Mobil Callback in the Security Guard Industry.

Madeline Knott teaches music in NJ.

Tarilynn Hall is a dance instructor at Micki Pospisil's Dance Studio in Omaha.



Barbara Young works in the office of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport IA.

Russell Thompson is the defensive line coach for the Broncbuster Football Team, Garden City, KS

DaeDae is a jazz drummer and teacher.

Scott Melies (St. Louis) is detail commander St. Louis County Police.

Carlos Lopez is active in theatre in Tucson, AZ.

John Areson is a police officer in Jamestown, RI.

Mike Dalsing is the Fire Chief in St. Joseph, MO.

Ann Ritter (St. Louis) is a nurse involved in health care for the last 25 years.

John Henry Milne is a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

Dan Frahm is a communication executive with Bank of America.

Laura Frenzer teaches at Stages of Learning in the NYC area.

Marilyn Delmont is vice-president for Technology and Chief Information Officer at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The Missouri Community College Association recently honored Vicky Weaver.

## FACULTY

David Grapes and Todd Olson '84 have produced a stage tribute to Frank Sinatra called "My Way."

Dr. Terry Dixon and LaVona Stalcup Reid '70 have published a book of poetry called "Poems from the Heart."

## NON-ALUM

In an online biographical interview, Margaret Woods of Shenandoah recalls taking organ lessons from "Dr. Dowdy," whom she says was a taskmaster. Although we know she meant Dr. Doughty, we also know she got the best lessons ever. Margaret has been a church organist for over 50 years.

## LETTERS AND EMAILS BRIGHTEN OUR DAYS!

A note from Willmetta Sloan Clausen '38 tells us that she is living in a retirement home in Grand Island, NE. She wasn't able to attend Alumni Weekend 2008, but sent greetings to all.

Her classmate, Rebecca McMullen Jackson '38, also sent us a note saying she couldn't attend either, but would have liked to have been with us also.

Robert Croskey '43 also sent his regrets. We remember him attending Alumni Weekend several years ago. He misses many of his classmates who have gone to the Lord.

Gail Bay Piper '45 had planned to be with us on Alumni Weekend, but didn't make it until October. Check out our website for a picture of Gail and her daughter taken while visiting the museum. Thanks for coming!

Maxine Mehaffey Arneal '47 writes that she has moved off the farm and into town, North Bend, NE. Her grandson, Nathan, who was our scholarship winner one year, has moved to the farm where Maxine and Jim lived.

We had a brief note from Eleanor Scott York '47 also.

Duane Bay '48 emails that he couldn't attend the reunion this year either. He has been a teacher and coach. Re reports that he was planning on visiting with Bob Johnson '47 and Al Sunderwirth



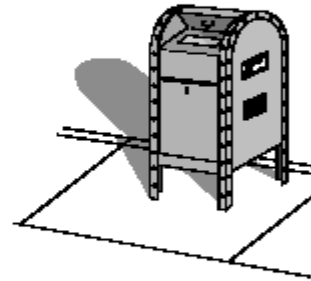
'49 this past summer. Duane is a brother to Gail above.

Shirley Martin McClaren '53 emailed that she couldn't attend the reunion this year also. She is an elder in her church and president of the Dauphin County (PA) Association of Retired Public Employees.

Biff Collins '54 and Jamie Hogue '56 wrote that they were working the

park season this year in Bar Harbor, ME.

Larry and Lavina McKee Patee '57 wrote a long letter describing their travels with their children and grandchildren back to their old haunts of Egypt and the Schutz School. We would be happy to share copies of the letter if you would like to see. Send us a self-addressed and stamped envelope.



We received a number of letters from members of the Class of 1958: Marjorie Martens Freitag, Nancy Klem Marrow, Dottie King Carlson, Pat Hartmann Paniccia, and Mary Case Swenson.

Ruth Bunn Seim '61 sent her regrets for not attending Alumni Weekend also, but she was playing with the Southeast Iowa Symphony that weekend.

Jean Clayton Gardner '61 wrote that despite the Iowa floods this spring, she was high and dry. She is active in her church and is retired.

A brief note from Bill and Dawn Bouvais Kraft '64, '65 informs us that they are retired also, but busy.

Barry Stark '66 emails us that he is in his final year as principal of Norris Middle School in Firth, NE. He was selected as the Nebraska Middle Level Principal of the Year in 2002 and has served as the Nebraska State President for Secondary School Principals. Jeanne (Hoheisel) retired in 2007 after teaching Spanish for 28 years.

David L. Peters '69 is principal of the John F. Kennedy Middle School in Cheektowaga, NY. He asks that we print his address: 305 Cayuga Creek Road,

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## — SNOWBIRD REUNION —

Jeanne George Wheatley '58 and Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58 are planning a Snowbird Reunion in the Phoenix area for this winter. A final date will be established based on what is the best date for the group. If you are in the area and are interested in attending, please contact Pat at: 354 Benevente Dr, Oceanside, CA 92057; Phone: 619-997-6856 or email: ckellenbarger@cox.net.

Jeanne's winter address is: 650 N. Hawes Rd. #4736, Mesa, AZ 85207; Phone: 480-373-4736 or email: Sjwheat5@aol.com.

The gathering is open to all. Permanent residents are welcome to join the snowbirders.

We are also in the process of organizing a meeting in the Denver area. Stay tuned for further updates.

If you are interested in hosting a meeting in your area, please contact our office by snail or email.



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Cheektowaga, NY 14227. 716 897 7301.  
If you know David, give him a shout!

Julia Mazur Phillips '73 also could not attend the reunion this year, but writes that she is a retired Christian schoolteacher.

Dawn Leslie Paluch '76 writes that she misses the beautiful maple trees in the fall in Tarkio. She is a learning disability specialist with the Denver Public Schools.

Tonya Pitts Thomas '78 sent a special, personal note of thanks to your editor, which touched my heart. Yes, indeed, it was the "the best school ever."

Former board member, Randy Wade '78 sent his greetings to all of the Class of 1978 who were attending Alumni Weekend. He recalls his days at the

Pond with his young family and thinks often of Rankin Hall, the Owl, and the Tarkio College Seal that graced his college ring.

A letter from Dayle Bruhn '82 reveals that he is a senior manager for Costco. He remembers the beautiful autumn days in Tarkio also.

An email for Cathy Slayton '87 to your editor tells us that Doyle retired over a year ago and she is an assistant principal.

Finally, we always hear from ever-faithful non-alum, Thurber Proffitt. Along with his good wishes, he always sends his dues and memorials for his sisters. We thank him for his continued loyalty and wish him and his wife good health.

**TCAA Statement of Financial Position**  
**(Includes unrealized losses of \$2732)**  
**At 6/30/2008**

	<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
	Cash and Bank Accounts	\$11,913
	Inventory	1,759
	Memorabilia	\$ 15,773
	Printer, Computer, Fax	7,408
	Accumulated Dpr	(22,469)
	<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 713</b>
	Investments	\$15,500
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$29,885</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
	Unrestricted Funds	\$29,885
	<b>TOTAL Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$29,885</b>

**TCAA Statement of Activities**  
**7/1/2007 Through 6/30/2008**

<b>INFLOWS</b>		
	Contributions Gifts Grants	\$ 5,600
	Dues	12,756
	Net Sales	390
	Interest, Dividends and Realized Gains	1,441
	<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$20,187</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		
	Depreciation	\$ 393
	Scholarship/Donation to Autism Soc. & Campus Main.	1,950
	Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	4,309
	Bank, License and Office fees	632
	Printing, Publications, Postage	6,329
	Professional fees, Independent Contractors	1,408
	<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$15,021</b>
	<b>OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 5,166</b>
	Change in UnrlzdGain	(\$ 3,405)
	<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,761</b>

*10/09/08 Unaudited reports prepared by Grace Huettner '78*

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all of you who paid your 2009 dues. You are the only ones receiving hard copies of The Phoenix. You are what keeps the Spirit of Tarkio alive!

**REMEMBER:** The dues you pay each year are what keeps this organization up and operating. We appreciate everyone who faithfully supports TCAA. All gifts are tax deductible. We thank you for your loyalty and support.