



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

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During the Fourth Annual Meeting, Arthur Kurtz, National FFA Alumni Council Member, gives a committee report to the 125 official delegates.

OVER-CAPACITY

Representatives from 49 states and a nearly over-capacity crowd of more than 1,000 attended the Fourth Annual Convention of the National FFA Alumni Association in Kansas City. The positive contributions of the FFA Alumni and the enthusiasm of Alumni members present reaffirmed the rapid growth and development of the FFA Alumni Association.

Dr. James Clouse, National FFA Alumni Chairman, presented State FFA Alumni Association Charters to: Rhode Island, Colorado, and Utah, which completes the chartering of the continental 48 states.

The featured speaker of the Alumni Meeting was country-humorist Jerry Clower. Jerry, a former agricultural education graduate, commended FFA Alumni members for coming together to share common goals and interests and praised the objectives of aiding our future agriculturists.

Much of the business was hammered out in working committee meetings and at a special state briefing session. Each committee made excellent reports to the general assembly.

The 1976 Alumni theme was announced, " '76. . . A Year of Commitment."

NEW NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Richard Waybright has been elected National Chairman of the FFA Alumni Association. Waybright owns and operates Mason-Dixon Farms near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The new chairman brings experienced leadership to the top post, having served as National Vice-Chairman the past year and previously having served as State President in Pennsylvania.

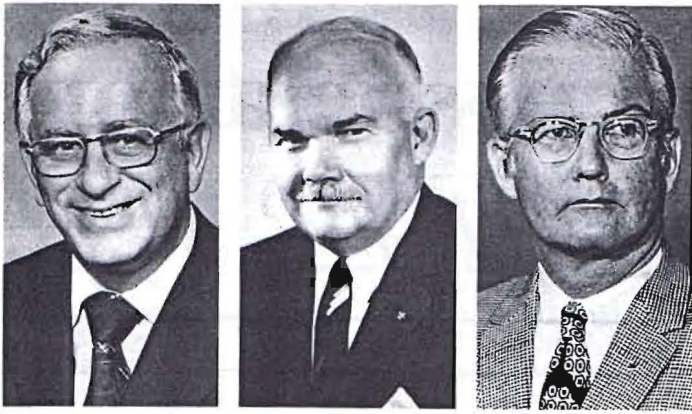
Elected as National Vice-Chairman was David Thomas of Columbia, Missouri. Thomas, the first FFA Alumni Association President in Missouri, is director of Member Relations for Midcontinent Farmers Association.

Elected as member-at-large on the National FFA Alumni Council was Arthur Kurtz of Madison, Wisconsin, currently the Acting Secretary of Agriculture in Wisconsin. Kurtz is one of the founders of the FFA Alumni Association having served as the first President of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association.

The newly elected officers started their terms in office following the National FFA Alumni Convention.



Richard Waybright, former National FFA Officer, was elected the National Chairman of the FFA Alumni.



Phillip Alampi Dana Bennett O. W. Randolph

HIGHEST AWARDS PRESENTED

Phillip Alampi, Dana Bennett, and O. W. Randolph have been named the 1975 "FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award" winners. The presentation came as part of the National FFA Alumni Association Meeting.

This prestigious award recognizes FFA Alumni members for outstanding leadership and accomplishments in service to agriculture. The "FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award" is the highest award presented by the National FFA Alumni Association and can be presented on the national level to not more than three persons annually.

Phillip Alampi is currently serving as New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture. He has distinguished himself by his agricultural leadership having served as president of 34 organizations. Mr. Alampi became nationally known with his radio and television programs on WABC and WNBC. He was an American Farmer in the FFA and has received the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

C. Dana Bennett is founder and president of the Farm Film Foundation. He has had an illustrious career of service. Mr. Bennett has been editor of Washington Farm Reporter, public relations director for the National Grange, and a member of the War Production Board. He holds the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

O. W. Randolph is Manager of Public Relations for the Moorman's Manufacturing Company. He holds the Honorary State and American Farmer Degrees. Mr. Randolph has been Co-chairman of the Illinois Task Force of Agricultural Education, past State FFA Foundation Chairman, and a member of the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

The achievements of these distinguished men exemplify the ideals and reflect honor upon the FFA and provide inspiration to current members.

" '76... A YEAR OF COMMITMENT"

This year's National FFA Alumni slogan is " '76... A Year of Commitment!" The goal of this campaign is to have at least one "Legion of Merit Citation" recipient or to charter a local FFA Alumni Affiliate in every FFA Chapter. Our nation's greatest investment is our young people. The FFA Alumni is helping insure the future of this great investment. Start now to reach our goal. Make 1976 A YEAR OF COMMITMENT.

FINEST YEAR

Nineteen seventy-five was the FFA Alumni's finest year. Membership growth has reached 18,400 members which is over 50% larger than one year earlier. Current paid members have increased over 80% this past year. The Alumni Association has 601 lifetime members.

States were recognized in several categories at the National Meeting:

Most total FFA Alumni members--Illinois (2082)

Most active FFA Alumni members--Wisconsin (1251+)

Most increase in members past year--Wisconsin (654+)

Highest percent of increase past year--Florida (158.2%)

Highest percent of Alumni members for FFA members--Wyoming (26%)

Most lifetime members--Oklahoma (117)

Most local FFA Alumni Affiliates--Ohio (40)

Highest percent Alumni Affiliates for FFA Chapters--Wyoming (42%)

The future of the Alumni Association is bright. All are challenged with this year's theme, " '76... A Year of Commitment."

FFA ALUMNI SUPPLIES

Official FFA Alumni items displaying the FFA Alumni emblem are available to members including -- FFA Alumni Lapel Pins -- Tie Tacs -- Decals -- Badges -- Windbreakers -- Blazer Crests -- Cuff Links -- Tie Clasps -- Plaques -- Stationery, etc. FFA Alumni supplies are sold through the National FFA Supply Service. Write for a pamphlet of FFA Alumni Supplies to: FFA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

Thank You

The excellent response to the "Special Focus on Local Activities Issue" of the FFA Alumni Newsletter is greatly appreciated. We invite your suggestions at all times and solicit news of events for future issues.

If you have questions about the FFA Alumni or have a change of address, please write to: FFA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

ACTIVE LEADERS HONORED

One of the highlights of the National FFA Alumni Convention was the presentation of the "Legion of Merit Citations." Two hundred and forty-seven individuals from 43 states were presented this active leadership award. The "Legion of Merit Citation" recognizes the personal efforts and initiative of those actively involved in building the FFA Alumni Association. Special recognition is given for persons repeating this award.

To earn the "Legion of Merit Citation," one must enroll 10 or more new FFA Alumni members. Join this group of persons showing their interest in the FFA Alumni. Applications and information are available from the Alumni office.

The 1975 "Legion of Merit Citation" recipients are:

Alabama

Lamar Mullinax

Arizona

Paula Ludwig
Ron Mehrer

Arkansas

Kenneth W. Lambeth
James B. Ray

Connecticut

Judith D. Lipton*

Delaware

Paul L. Collins, Jr.

Florida

Ricky Bezanilla
Eugene Doss
Randy Hanna
Jim Knight
Ronnie G. Lowe
Jimmy Ray Roland
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Chris Sheffield
Ron Smoak
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Georgia

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Reggie Stowers

Hawaii

Steve McPeck

Idaho

Bob Holloway
Don Norris
Mike Quesnell
Ken Tverdy
Kevan Varin
David Wells

Illinois

Calvin Bisping
Beth Boicken

Illinois, cont'd.

Patrice Clayton
Robert DePauw
Larry Firkins*
Kevin Geiger
Jim Heidenreich
Vernon Hoffer, Jr.
Doug Lindgren*
Dee Jay Martin
Dennis Radtke
Jon Scholl
Kelli Seten
Vicki Shaw*

Indiana

Richard Allen
James Arnold
Robert Butler
Melvin Clodfelter
James Dugan
Danny Laughner
Jerald L. Oehler
Gerald Runyon
Michael Schuhmacher
David Sheets
Gary Smallwood
Mike Veenhuizen

Iowa

Matt Heitz
Jim Sonius
Brian Tally

Kansas

Duane Flaherty
Charles Hatch
Richard Schmid
Darrel Suderman

Kentucky

Joe B. Bertram
Vanda Brittain
Stan Colley
Kenneth Galloway
Jerry W. Greer
Sam Lawson
Randy Payne

Kentucky, cont'd.

Ed Pugh
Joe Roberts*
James P. Rousey
David L. Russell

Louisiana

Elvis J. Cavalier
Ronald C. Galland
Dickie Hollier
James J. Hubbell

Maryland

Robert DeLauder
Duane Harper
Raymond Warfield

Michigan

Roger Baumeister
Velarie Ellenwood
Robert Galer
Greg Pehrson
Norma Spencley

Minnesota

Gerald Dicke
Marlin Dressen
Verlyn Fick
Michael Mainz
Dan Terbeest

James Theis
Garth Turner

Mississippi

Phyllis Criswell
Terry Farris
Richard Griffin

Missouri

John Berger
Chester Johnson
Carol Key
David Thomas**
George E. Thomas
Eric Thompson
Wesley Thorn
Terry Traxler*
Gail Ulmer
Robert Witten

Montana

Melana Falcon
Roger Holt
Austin Sorenson
Steve Wilcox
Robert Wylie

Nebraska

Mark R. Holoubek
Kenneth A. Smedra

Nevada

Tammy Chiles
Lynn Smith

New Mexico

Merridee Clayton
Ronald L. Clayton
Roxanne Clayton
Rockie Dustin
Norman Watson

New York

James Bittner
John H. Ross

North Carolina

Emmett Beard

North Carolina, cont'd.

W. S. Boyd
B. W. Campbell
Robert E. Cooper
Steve D. Corriher
Donald Davis
Glennwood Davis
Tim Etheridge
Roy A. Eubanks*
Edward S. Howard, Jr.
M. W. Mangum
Bruce L. Miller
Bruce Patterson, Jr.
Butch Plyler
Lareo R. Reddick
William H. Teague**
Neal Wilkinson

North Dakota

Jay Brown
Richard Vannett

Ohio

Bill Archer
Dempsey Bailey
Mary Lou Domer
Mike George
Stan Hicks
Larry Lokai
Sandy Lott
Scott Miller
Brad Moffitt
John Rausch
Mark H. Sanborn
Marianne Thomas
Cheryl Watson

Oklahoma

E. D. Allen
Zora Beck
Skip Blakely
Bruce DeMuth
Thomas R. House
Sam Idleman
Tony Kennedy
Leon McDonald
Buster McNatt*
David S. Oliphant
Donald R. Partain
Edward Singleton
Earnest Sinor
Dee Sokolosky
Fred Stanley*
Dirk Webb
James D. White
Julie Whitworth

Oregon

Gary R. Horn

Pennsylvania

Sven Bomberger
Martin R. Brasted

Rhode Island

Kenneth Hammond
Norman Hammond*

South Carolina

Tommy Gladden

South Dakota

Chuck Sutton

The 1975 "Legion of Merit Citation" recipients continued:

Tennessee

Jeff Brantley
Eddie Perry
Teddy Rains
Lafayette Williams

Texas

Benny Clark
Clint House
Earl Sargent
Donald R. Spell
Joe Tom White

Utah

Loren J. Phillips

Vermont

Wendall K. Austin
Marilyn Fuller

Virginia

Malcolm Boothe
Dr. James P. Clouse
Martin B. Graham
Herbert Hall
Kevin Leonard
Darryl Morehead
Lee Smallwood
Alpha Trivette
David B. Washburn

Washington

Wally Caldwell

West Virginia

Ray Hays

Wisconsin

Ruben Albers
Andy Bensed
Steven Brooks
Ronald Buchmann
Robert Collins
Galen DeBruin
Gerrit DeBruin
Jeff Eibergen
Clifford Fisher
Paul George

Wisconsin, cont'd.

Donald W. Hart
Ferron Havens
Shane Havens
Duane Horkan
John Joestgen*
Mike Kawleski
Rudolph J. Kolarik*
Clifton Kuehl, Jr.
Donald G. Kuehn*
Don Lawinger
James Marcks
Keith Mueller
Priscilla Mullen
Larry Remer
Gilbert Rose
Bonnie Schindler
Gene Schindler
Kenneth G. Seering*
Pat Shemak
Francis Steiner
Kevin Steiner
Harold C. Tech
Duke Thurs
Don Triebensee
Donn W. West
Bob Witt

Wyoming

Kelly Burch**
Troy W. Freeburg
Gary Lewis
Homer Lisenby
Joe D. Simmons
Clarence Smith
Jim Talbott

*Second year recipients

**Third year recipients

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members continues to grow. Life members receive a special gold life membership card, life membership certificate, lifetime subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER magazine and provides a Memorial Scholarship Fund to be presented to an FFA member in the name of the Life member upon his death. Why not join this list of over 600 Life members and send your one-time, lifetime fee of only \$100.

James Putman
Ronald James Wilson
Victor Allen Bekkum
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Morris Elmer Gould
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Dee Sokolosky
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John A. Schneider
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Amarillo, Texas
Paxton, Illinois
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Owasso, Oklahoma
Owasso, Oklahoma
Collinsville, Oklahoma
Owasso, Oklahoma
Hitchcock, Oklahoma
LeMars, Iowa
Brattleboro, Vermont
Vancouver, Washington
Corrales, New Mexico
Skiatook, Oklahoma
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