



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

WINTER - 1983

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ken Seering, Denmark, Wisconsin

I personally want to extend a wish for a successful year of support of vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America. "Think Big" and "Move On" were themes selected by past National FFA Alumni presidents. I have selected "Attitude Adjustment" as the theme for 1983. For eleven years we have been in the business of "Attitude Adjustment" with FFA Alumni members across this nation and many more whom we have not been able to convince to join our ranks. ATTITUDE means showing one's feeling, action, opinion, or commitment to a cause, while ADJUSTMENT means to alter so as to make fit, become suited, or to bring into proper relationship. In other words, you must get into the right frame of mind for the FFA Alumni.

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT will be a huge factor in whether or not the local, state, and national FFA Alumni grow to greater heights in the future. We have such potential all around us, it's like two golf balls, one has FFA written on it. Many of us, like myself, have gone through this positive learning experience program, whether it was raising livestock show animals, being an officer, or being a local delegate to the National FFA Convention. The other ball has agribusiness written on it. Just think of all the individuals who possess knowledge, abilities, and expertise in the area of agriculture. These two groups of individuals will hold onto their talents unless someone can ADJUST their ATTITUDE.

I hunted a lot of ducks this fall. While sitting in the blind at sun-up, ducks started circling the pond. As I watched them, it reminded me of the FFA Alumni. Some of the ducks circled once and in they came. They had the proper attitude if you're a hunter. Some circled several times and then landed, while others circled several times and never did. We have some new Alumni members who join immediately when asked, others need to see the benefits before joining, and some community people just never take that extra step to join, and drift away. But let's not give up on them! Like hunting ducks, there'll be opportunities tomorrow or even a year later. The thing to remember is that once that new member has joined, get them involved. Involvement is the KEY, and now you have their ATTITUDE ADJUSTED for the betterment of the FFA.

We must set our sights high in 1983. FIRST, membership must be a top priority item. The retention of the members we already have must receive our attention. I know that all of us would be shocked by how fast our membership would go up yearly if we didn't lose any members from the prior year. Presently, we only retain 65 percent of our yearly membership. SECOND, the backbone of any vo-ag program is the Supervised Occupational Experience Program. This past summer a tremendous SOE workshop was held in Washington, D.C., with 45 states participating. It is felt that this program, somehow, should be brought back to each



(Left to Right) Harold Lineberry, 1982 National President, congratulates 1983 President Kenneth Seering.

local school. Your National FFA Alumni Council will pursue ways of accomplishing this. THIRD, is a challenge to the individual FFA Alumni member, entitled "SUPPOSE . . ."

"SUPPOSE membership in your affiliate was limited to three less than you presently have. Would you be "in" or "out"?

SUPPOSE you had to run for membership in the affiliate as candidates run for public office. Would you "win" or "lose"?

SUPPOSE that membership was good for one year only and reelection depended on YOUR SERVICE during the preceding year. Would YOU be re-elected?

SUPPOSE every member in your affiliate did exactly as You have done during the past year. WHAT KIND OF AN AFFILIATE WOULD YOU HAVE?"

FOURTH, is an area for expansion by all Alumni members, called "Planned Giving Program." This program, through the National FFA Foundation, was created to give "individuals" like you and me an opportunity to further their support to the FFA. Also, we cannot forget to mention the need for additional promotion of the great Executive Sponsor program which benefits the FFA and the Alumni.

There's a three-letter phrase we all refer to as "FFA". The FFA is truly a builder of people. The FFA motto is really a series of three-word phrases, "Learning To Do, Doing To Learn, Earning To Live, Living To Serve". As we consider the FFA program, isn't this why each of us is involved in the FFA Alumni? Each of us doing our thing. We have another three-word phrase, "Supporting Vocational Agriculture", as our FFA Alumni central theme. I am confident that the world will be better because we as FFA Alumni members will continue our support of vocational agriculture and the FFA. We have a big job to do. It's up to each of us in '83 to ADJUST some ATTITUDES for the FFA Alumni!

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Mr. Eldon Witt from Roanoke, Illinois, was elected as the 1983 National FFA Alumni Vice President. He represents the State FFA Executive Secretaries on the Council. The Eastern Region representative elected for a three-year term is Mr. Jay Householder from New Lexington, Ohio. Mr. J. Lamar Branch of Tifton, Georgia, will serve a three-year term representing the Southern Region. The American Association of Teacher Educators appointed Dr. L. H. Newcomb from The Ohio State University to represent the Teacher Educators. Mr. Craig Wiget from Mount Blanchard, Ohio, is the National Vocational Agriculture Teacher Association representative. We also welcome Miss Jan Eberly of Fallbrook, California, as the National FFA President to the Council. The next meeting will be held in February in Denmark, Wisconsin.

OUTSTANDING FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATES

The 1982 Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Awards were presented at the National Convention in November. The top 22 FFA Alumni Affiliates recognized by the National had previously been selected as exemplifying outstanding qualities of support and service by their State FFA Alumni Associations.

NATIONAL WINNER - EAST BUTLER, NEBRASKA
SECOND PLACE - WASHINGTON, KANSAS



(Above) Gold Emblem Affiliate Representatives pictured with Harold Lineberry, 1982 National President.

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Forrest-Strawn-Wing, Illinois
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 Washington, Kansas
 Sisseton, South Dakota
 Delta, Indiana
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 Harlan, Iowa
 Buckeye Valley, Ohio
 South Rowan, North Carolina

BRONZE

Edinburg, Mississippi
 Barren County, Kentucky
 Lamar/Terry, Texas
 Milan, Missouri

1982 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



DAVID L. THORNTON - Raymond, Ohio
 ELEANOR G. MAYFIELD - Caney, Kansas
 Not Pictured -
 RAYMOND W. BERNHARDT - Columbia, Missouri

1982 MEMBERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

National Membership 23,676
 New Life Members 923 (Total Life 3,783)
 State With Most Members Wisconsin - 6,224
 State With Most Life Members Oklahoma - 730

SUPERINTENDENT SAYS "THANKS"

Mr. Harold D. Gehrke, Algoma School District in Wisconsin, says thanks to the Algoma FFA Alumni. I have just returned from my first national convention and one of the most uplifting conferences I have ever attended any time or any place. The invitation extended by them for me to attend the 55th National FFA Convention in Kansas City was most appreciated. The fact that they also provided my transportation was "frosting on the cake."

The theme of this year's convention "VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE EDUCATING THROUGH EXPERIENCE" was most appropriate for all of us, but especially for me. Having been brought up in town, I did not become involved in vocational agriculture. While teaching I did not become involved in vocational agriculture other than filling in as a substitute teacher for one period in Reedsburg High School. This is the first school district in which I have served as administrator that offers a vocational agriculture program. The convention provided me with a most intensive cram course on the total FFA program and concept.

Prior to the convention, I had what I considered to be an adequate understanding of the FFA. I now feel that I have gained much knowledge of the Future Farmers of America, but more importantly to me at least, I have gained a tremendous respect for the program and its participants. It is a TOTAL program covering every aspect of the life of a future farmer. In fact, it is life itself!

YOUNGEST LIFE MEMBER

Wesley Adam Hooker, born July 17, 1980, became one of our youngest Life members. Wesley is a member of the Kingfisher, Oklahoma Affiliate which was chartered in October 1982 with 73 Life members, 44 prorated Life members, and 36 annual members.



FFA OFFICERS BECOME LIFE



The 1981-82 North Carolina FFA Officers became Life members. Pictured from left are Marty Coates, Chris Sigmon, Jean White, Mrs. Donna French - State FFA Alumni President, Dr. Joe Clary - FFA Alumni Administrative Secretary, Tyres Tatum, Scott Kitchens, and Marshall Stewart.

ALUMNI INVITED ON TRAVEL SEMINAR TO CHINA

The FFA Alumni have been invited to participate in an FFA Travel Seminar to the Peoples' Republic of China. The 15-day trip will depart on June 15 and will include visits to Beijing, the Great Wall, Harbin, Shanghai, Hangchow, and Canton in China. Stops in Tokyo and Hong Kong have also been planned. Total costs including hotels, most meals (all in China), and transportation from Los Angeles will be approximately \$3,750. For information, contact the International Department, FFA Center, Box 15160, Alexandria, VA 22309.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Billy F. Irick	Stephenville, TX	Billy Prater	McMinnville, TN	Scott Kitchens	Whiteville, NC	Larry Scott	Marlow, OK
Lyle E. Landkammer	Clarkston, WA	Stanley Word	Lebanon, TN	Roland Burroughs	Underhill Ctr., VT	Kim Burton	Marlow, OK
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Alvin L. Landkammer	Pomeroy, WA	Archie Nelson	Clinton, TN	Charles E. Bush	Blakely, GA	Darwin Campbell	Shannon City, IA
John Evanson	Spokane, WA	Larry Cunningham	Dayton, TN	Eddie Kinnard	Dawsonville, GA	Foster Mason	Iowa Falls, IA
Robert O'Neal	Scottsbluff, NE	Alvin Gravett	Dayton, TN	Gary Ralston	Thomas, OK	Charles Howlett	Minot, ND
Greg Krieser	Eagle, NE	Francis M. Maddux II	Spring City, TN	Omar Glessing	Howard Lake, MN	Gary Kregel	Guttenberg, IA
Lloyd C. Bell	Waverly, NE	William Alley Benson	Dayton, TN	Billy F. Hendrickson	Adair, OK	Paul G. Holzer	Stanford, MT
Ronald Geis	Seward, NE	James Cunningham	Dayton, TN	Olean Bowen	Alex, OK	Scott Nemecek	Noble, OK
Tim L. Deboodt	Colorado Spgs., CO	Jimmy Cunningham	Dayton, TN	Bob Brand	Alex, OK	Charles Shroyer	Oklahoma City, OK
Kenneth Mossberg	Kimball, NE	Roger Dale Harris	Dayton, TN	David Hladik	Alex, OK	Ron Trummel	Oologah, OK
Sandy Elrod	Kimball, NE	Howard Hauger	Dayton, TN	Page Thurston	Alex, OK	Bobby D. Bates	Owasso, OK
Walt Thummel	Kimball, NE	John Lee Houston	Spring City, TN	Peggy Thurston	Alex, OK	Alfredo Herrera	Owasso, OK
Mildred Vowers	Kimball, NE	Jim Jackson	Spring City, TN	Shawn Niles	Alex, OK	Lenney Hickman	Owasso, OK
Charles Donnell	Azle, TX	Glenn Manning	Dayton, TN	Tom Barnes	Boise City, OK	Dr. Joe M. Howell	Oklahoma City, OK
Sandra Simmans	Azle, TX	Bill Owensby	Dayton, TN	J. Larry Every	Checotah, OK	Dale Johnson	Owasso, OK
T. L. Wrinkle	Azle, TX	A. M. Pitman	Spring City, TN	Jack Green	Checotah, OK	Helen E. Mills	Owasso, OK
Sandy Scott	Richmond, TX	Mary Nell Shaver	Dayton, TN	Gary Nichols	Checotah, OK	Hollis Weatherl	Owasso, OK
Tom Klimowski	Phillips, WI	Nelson Shipley	Dayton, TN	Irla Turner	Moore, OK	Wayne F. Spears	Pawnee, OK
John E. Cooper	Ozark, MO	Homer Simpson	Dayton, TN	Eddie Tom Lakey	Cheyenne, OK	Dr. R. J. Fanning	Perry, OK
Eric J. Olsen	Fallon, NV	Tim Stanley	Spring City, TN	Pat Cannon	Cheyenne, OK	Dr. Robert Barnard	Shawnee, OK
David M. Noel	Unionville, MO	Gary Stephens	Maryville, TN	Charles Turner	Cheyenne, OK	B. L. Borden	Shawnee, OK
Michael R. Noel	Unionville, MO	Kym Swanks	Ten Mile, TN	K. C. Perryman	Cheyenne, OK	Raymond Knight	Shawnee, OK
Edgar V. Russell	Blacksburg, VA	David Tallent	Spring City, TN	Mary Gates	Cheyenne, OK	Robert Knight	Tecumseh, OK
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ALUMNI INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIP TO FRANCE AND GERMANY

The French-American Foundation and the Carl Duisberg Society in cooperation with the FFA Alumni Association, announce a 14-day study tour of farms, cooperatives, agribusinesses and historic sites in France and West Germany between July 25-August 5. American farmers, professionals and students in agricultural fields will meet and discuss mutual concerns with their European counterparts.

Total cost of the trip will be covered by grants from the FAF and the CDS and a participant's fee of about \$850 each. This will in-

clude a one-day orientation program in New York City, airfare from New York/France and West Germany/New York, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, three meals per day, tour guide and interpreters.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from Denise M. Hetorilla, French-American Foundation, 680 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, telephone (212) 682-7237. Applications must be postmarked by May 15.



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