



# FFA Alumni Association

## NEWSLETTER

FALL 1979

### PLAN TO ATTEND ALUMNI CONVENTION

The National FFA Alumni Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 7 and 8, in the H. Roe Bartle Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

The FFA Alumni meeting will be coordinated as part of the FFA Convention. The FFA Convention, with an expected attendance of 20,000, will be November 7-9.

This year's FFA Alumni featured speaker will be Kirk Kirkpatrick from Atlanta, Georgia. He is a former president of an international soft drink company and became an international speaker consultant in 1970. He is sponsored by the Ace Bolt and Nut Company.

### CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

FFA Alumni Convention is held in Room 209—H. Roe Bartle Center.

**Wed., Nov. 7—FIRST SESSION**      **Thur. Nov. 8—SECOND SESSION**

9:00 am Seating of Delegates  
Annual Alumni Report  
Presentation of Legion of Merit Awards  
Presentation of Outstanding Affiliate  
Alumni President's Address

10:45—12:00 Rap Session  
Membership Development  
Committee on Government  
Committee on Alumni—  
Foundation Relations

1:30—2:30 pm Rap Session  
Alumni Activities  
Local, State, National  
Publicity and Communication

9:00 Presentation of Outstanding Achievement  
Special Recognition of 1979 American Farmers  
Featured Speaker:  
"Kirk" Kirkpatrick  
Business Session  
Announcement of New Council Members

Leadership Workshops will be held at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

### FFA ACCEPTS THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

"I set before you this extraordinary challenge, asking every FFA chapter in this country to get involved in this basic question of energy conservation . . ." That was President Carter's "unique call" to FFA chapters all across the country.

Carter, a former FFA secretary at Plains, Georgia, was speaking to the 1979 State FFA President's Conference held this July. He stated, "I will give recognition . . . to the one FFA chapter in the nation . . . who does the most outstanding job in carrying out a response to the energy crisis. I'm going to depend upon the FFA to take the lead in energy conservation . . . I know you will do this, and it's a solemn commitment between me and you."

The program will run from August, 1979, through June 15, 1980. Individual FFA chapters and Alumni affiliates are encouraged to accept the President's challenge, and include energy conservation projects in all their ongoing programs such as Building Our American Communities (BOAC), and local Public Speaking Contests. In addition, it is hoped that FFA chapters will aim new thrusts directly at what President Carter called "our war for energy security."

This program will benefit you, the FFA, our nation, and future generations. FFA Alumni involvement is important and will be appreciated.

### WISCONSIN FFA ALUMNI

The Wisconsin FFA Alumni returned to the National FFA Alumni their reimbursement check for Life Members' state dues. This year this check was for \$215. They have challenged other states to consider doing the same.

The Wisconsin FFA Alumni also contributed \$2,000 to the FFA Hall of Achievement project. To date, five FFA Alumni groups have contributed to this project. A special thanks to the Wisconsin and other State FFA Alumni for their outstanding support.

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT

Howard Morrison, past National FFA Secretary from Arizona, has just completed the first FFA Alumni internship. The purpose of this intern program in the area of governmental affairs was to assist the FFA Alumni in developing a better understanding of the legislative process. It also provided additional visibility for vocational agriculture—FFA to those individuals and agencies that influence the status of vocational agriculture at the federal level. Some of the accomplishments included developing a flowchart depicting the process for vocational education legislation, collecting materials on the history of vocational education legislation, compiling studies on teacher shortage and its effect on local agriculture programs, and compiling lists of key state and national leaders who were former students of vocational agriculture—FFA. Major emphasis was placed on making personal contacts with those who write or prepare legislation and those who compile information or conduct research that affects the outcome of legislation for vocational agriculture education.

A detailed report of the accomplishments of our first intern program will be mailed to state FFA Alumni presidents and State Committee on Government chairmen early this Fall.



Dr. Daniel Dunham, Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Occupational and Adult Education, former President of FFA, was presented an Alumni plaque by FFA Alumni President Odell Miller. The plaque, presented on the lawn of the White House following a special meeting in the Rose Garden between President Carter and the State FFA Presidents, was in recognition of Dr. Dunham's recent joining of the FFA Alumni as a Life Member.

## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members continues to grow. Life Members receive a special life membership card, life membership certificate, lifetime subscription to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine, and can designate a Memorial Scholarship to be presented to an FFA member in the name of the Life Member upon his/her death. Why not join this list of over 1,805 Life Members and send your one-time lifetime fee of only \$100.00.

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## EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The FFA Alumni salutes the 1979 Executive Sponsors received after our last Newsletter. The following have contributed \$100 as an investment toward the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsor funds directly support the prestigious Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, and Star Agribusinessman Award Programs and the FFA Alumni Association. We hope you will become an Executive Sponsor during 1979. Your \$100 investment is a personal commitment to FFA, to FFA Alumni, and to the FFA Foundation.

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# Newsletter

PLEASE FORWARD

*we MISS you!*

Dear FFA Supporter:

The FFA Alumni is dependent upon thousands of persons—everyone of them important.

Your membership in the FFA Alumni Association has been most helpful to vocational agriculture—FFA in a variety of ways, and this brief note is to remind you that we miss you!

Won't you rejoin the Association this year and help us in our constant efforts to make the vocational agriculture—FFA program even better tomorrow than it is today? Your support, together with that of fellow supporters, is needed more than ever.

Sincerely,

*Robert W. Cox*

P. S. If your membership was received by the National Office after August 1, it was not processed in time to change this mailing. Please accept our thanks for renewing.

*Just to let you know—*

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

Please renew your membership-----

We are sure you want to continue with us in this great organization. We need your talents, your time, and your support. We urge you to join us in making vocational agriculture—FFA stronger. We know you are interested in helping FFA youth make our community a better place to live. Please forward your dues today so your name can be continued on our membership list and you will be a part of the support for Vocational Agriculture and FFA.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your annual membership renewal for 1979 should include both state and national dues. Listed below are the combined state and national dues. States not listed do not have state dues, and renewal should include only the \$4.00 national dues.

State	Annual State and National Total Dues	State	Annual State and National Total Dues
California	\$ 5	New Jersey	\$ 6
Delaware	5	New Mexico	6
Georgia	5	New York	5
Idaho	5	North Carolina	6
Illinois	6	North Dakota	5
Indiana	5	Ohio	5
Iowa	5	Oklahoma	12
Kansas	5	Oregon	7
Kentucky	5	South Dakota	6
Maryland	5	Tennessee	6
Massachusetts	5	Texas	5
Michigan	6	Virginia	6
Mississippi	5	Washington	6
Missouri	5	West Virginia	5
Montana	6	Wisconsin	5
Nebraska	6	Wyoming	7

**WHY NOT BECOME A LIFE MEMBER? YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO BE CONCERNED WITH PAYING DUES EACH YEAR.**

## FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION — APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name		Age	
(Please print or type)	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Address			City
State	Zip Code	Phone (Area Code)	
Occupation	State of FFA Alumni Affiliation	Local Affiliation	
Type of Membership Desired:		Do you wish to play an active role in the FFA Alumni Association?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Find Annual Membership Dues <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Find 3 Years Membership Dues <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Find 5 Years Membership Dues <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Find Life Membership Dues of \$100		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	