

# FFA Alumni Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### NEW ALUMNI PRESIDENT SAYS, "ALL SAIL AND NO ANCHOR"

*I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand*

*As in what direction we are moving...*

*We must sometimes sail with the wind and sometimes against it,*

*But we must sail, and not drift, nor lie in anchor*

In this statement by Oliver Wendell Holmes lies my theme for the year "ALL SAIL AND NO ANCHOR". In the National FFA Alumni Association and its state



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affiliated organizations we must sail and not drift nor lie in anchor. It is true that as National President I encourage full speed ahead and smooth sailing but I know we must have some anchors; some anchors in our basic fundamental beliefs, our support of vocational agriculture, our concept of individualized instruction, our concept for the world of work, the dignity of work; the American Way of Life.

As an organization I believe we must have an anchor in the officer structure of our organization, local, state and national. We must select and elect officers that have served as conscientious members, dedicated to the organization, willing to keep their members informed, and when necessary to use their time to further the advancement of vocational agriculture, vocational education and the FFA. Another anchor must be in the development of informed members who are willing to serve on committees, to share their knowledge and abilities for the development of their organization and organizational goals. I believe another anchor should be development of a workable communication system that reaches from the grassroots to the pinnacle—from local to state to national and back to the grassroots. Knowledge in the hands of a few will not develop an effective organization.

We cannot forget the Alumni's birthright is concern for the welfare of students enrolled in vocational agriculture. Not just for the males, the farmers and the winners but for all students. We cannot trade that birthright for better salaries, personal gain or prejudicial satisfaction. Education is a partnership affair—a partnership between student, teacher, parent, and the community. Unity is a characteristic of great partnerships. The Alumni can be a major partner in education representing the community; but the Alumni unity is not holding just one or possibly two meetings a year, it's not just a party to welcome a new agriculture teacher or a banquet honoring a retiree of long tenure. It's not a meet, eat, and retreat society. It's not organized solely for the purpose of sending bodies to fill chairs at state and national meetings.

The Alumni, like any other professional organization, must be worthy of its existence and functional to its purposes. It must maintain a dignified place in the community and spur young people into achieving. As local association members, the crown responsibility rests heavily and squarely in your hands. The goal itself is well worth your efforts; the job is difficult—but attainable. Let us then be about our business and let's be ALL SAIL AND NO ANCHOR.

### DENMARK AWARDED OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AFFILIATE



**Receiving the award was Gordon Mleziva**

The Denmark, Wisconsin FFA Alumni Affiliate was selected as the 1983 Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate. This prestigious national winning award recognizes the Denmark FFA Alumni for their outstanding accomplishments in supporting and serving the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The FFA Alumni president, at time of entry in this national contest, was David Stencil, and the FFA advisor was Kevin Keith.

The Denmark FFA Alumni has been very active in support of vocational agriculture-FFA. Some of its activities included a holstein heifer and swine gilt chain, sponsorship of SOE awards at the FFA banquet, and provided a van bus to the FFA Chapter. They conducted a corn and oats field day at school test plots, held a farm safety forum, and served as substitute teachers and resource personnel at the school. They cooperated with the FFA in sponsoring an FFA and Alumni picnic. The Alumni conducted three spring citrus fruit sales and helped the FFA with the before Christmas sale. They sponsored a pizza sale, an Ace bolt and nut sale, several raffles, and a softball tournament.

### ALASKA RECEIVES STATE CHARTER



Past President Ken Seering presented Dr. Carla Kirts of Alaska with the 49th State Charter in the FFA Alumni Association during the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

### LARGEST AFFILIATES HONORED

Ozark, Missouri was awarded the plaque for the largest FFA Alumni Affiliate for 1983 with 558 members. Mr. Tom Stine (left) received the award on behalf of Ozark. The second largest was Denmark, Wisconsin with 501. Mr. Hub Hermans received their award.



## OUTSTANDING FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE AWARDS

The Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate awards were presented at the National FFA Alumni Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 9, 1983. The twenty-seven national award winners are as follows:

(List does not indicate order of ranking.)

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
LeRoy, IL	Pickens County, GA	Westwood, AZ
Bushnell-Prairie City, IL	Delta, IN	Barren County, KY
Washington, KS	Walkersville, MD	North Branch, MN
Buckeye Valley, OH	Cassopolis, MI	Sun Valley, NC
New Lexington, OH	Milan, MO	Warren County, TN
Yelm-Rainier, WA	West Point, NE	Mission, TX
Blackhawk, WI	South Rowan, NC	
Denmark, WI	Flandreau, SD	
East Butler, NE	Blair, WI	
Harlan, IA	Verona, WI	
Osceola, MO.		

These prestigious awards recognize the FFA Alumni affiliates for their outstanding accomplishments in supporting and serving Vocational Agriculture-FFA. All of the affiliates were previously selected as exemplifying outstanding qualities which merit national recognition by their State Associations.

## OKLAHOMA RECEIVES AWARDS FOR LIFE MEMBERS



Oklahoma received awards during the National Convention for the state with the most Life members (851) and the most Life affiliates (23). Owasso, Oklahoma received an award for the local affiliates having the most Life members (108). Pictured receiving the awards Mrs. Shirley Davis and Mrs. Phyllis Sokolosky of Oklahoma and Robert W. Cox, Alumni Executive Director.

## 1984 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The FFA Alumni will be presenting scholarships valued at \$12,980 to FFA members in 1984. You will be providing a \$295 scholarship (full registration) to 44 FFA members to attend the Washington FFA Leadership Conference. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of one per 500 active Alumni members in a state, one per 250 active members in an affiliate, or 100 Life members in an affiliate. The 1984 scholarships were given to the following states and affiliates for their selection of FFA members to attend the conference next summer.

### STATES

Georgia	1	North Carolina	1
Illinois	2	Ohio	3
Iowa	1	Oklahoma	7
Kansas	1	Tennessee	1
Minnesota	1	Texas	1
Missouri	3	Virginia	1
Nebraska	2	Wisconsin	13

### LOCAL AFFILIATES

		New Lexington, OH	
Ozark, MO	2	Kingfisher, OK	1
Denmark, WI	2	Owasso, OK	1

## NEW ALUMNI OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED



The 1984 Alumni President (pictured on right) is Eldon Witt from Roanoke, Illinois and Vice President (pictured on left) is Jay Householder from New Lexington, Ohio. The Western Region Council Representative elected by the ballot included with the fall newsletter is Shirley Davis from Guthrie, Oklahoma and the Central Region Representative is Gary Maricle from Brainard, Nebraska.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT WINNERS



Pictured (left to right) Odell Miller of Marysville, Ohio, Ozzie Gilbertson of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Floyd Doering of Madison, Wisconsin have been named the 1983 FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award recipients. This award is the highest presented by the FFA Alumni Association and is presented on the national level to not more than three individuals annually. The achievements of these distinguished individuals for the support of young people preparing for careers in the agriculture industry have been great. They exemplify the high ideals, reflect honor upon the FFA, and provide inspiration to current FFA members.

## FFA ALUMNI VOICES SUPPORT OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TO CONGRESS

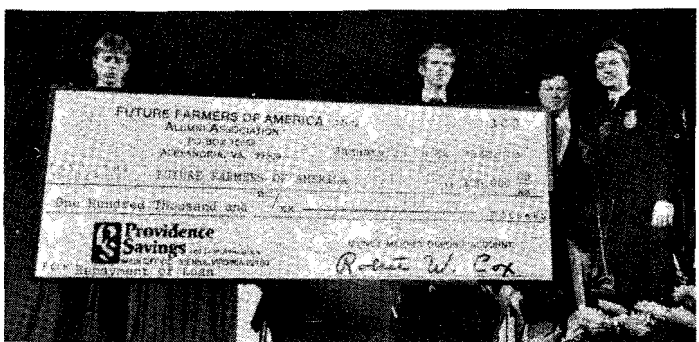
Dr. James Clouse of Blacksburg, Virginia, our second National Alumni President, presented testimony on behalf of the FFA Alumni and National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities. Copies of this testimony in support of vocational agriculture education in our reauthorization of vocational education legislation can be obtained from the National Alumni Office.

The FFA Alumni, in cooperation with the NVATA and the Agriculture Division of the American Vocational Association, will host a congressional staff on a visit to two vocational agriculture departments in January. This will give the staff of your Representatives and Senators working on vocational agriculture legislation an opportunity to visit students, teachers, administrators, and Alumni during their tour of a vocational agriculture program.

## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 4,558. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon your death, the \$100 lifetime dues be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state of your choice, or as a permanent trust for the FFA Alumni. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter. We salute the 263 new Life Members.

Charlene R. Eberly	Fallbrook, CA	Alma Ball	Alex, OK	Sue Carter Robinson	Hollis, OK	Robert Aschenbrenner	DePere, WI
Jon H. Eberly	Fallbrook, CA	Clifford Ball	Alex, OK	Carl Robinson	Hollis, OK	Jeanette Aschenbrenner	DePere, WI
Howard F. Eberly	Fallbrook, CA	Don Morris	Bennington, OK	Emory S. Crow	Hollis, OK	David Ewald	Denmark, WI
Lisa Plaisted	New Lexington, OH	Darlene Kitt	Catoosa, OK	Georgia Reeves Crow	Hollis, OK	Janet Hermans	Green Bay, WI
Terrie Shriner	Junction City, OH	Jamie McDaris	Broken Arrow, OK	Charles H. Hill Jr.	Hollis, OK	Clem Kafka	Denmark, WI
L Underwood	New Lexington, OH	Detta Nail	Broken Arrow, OK	Florence C. Hill	Hollis, OK	Carol Keith	Denmark, WI
Jack S. Lancelot	Thomas, OK	Ken Nail	Broken Arrow, OK	Lee Roy Hudson	Hollis, OK	John Leiterman	Denmark, WI
John L. Thell	Willmar, MN	Mike Voss	Checotah, OK	Dayle Pennington	Hollis, OK	LeRoy Meles	Denmark, WI
Steven R. Koziolk	Wells, MN	Larry Miller	Covington, OK	D.J. Shelby Jr.	Hollis, OK	John Miller	Green Bay, WI
Audrey L. Westergren	St. Cloud, MN	Mike E. Murphy	Marshall, OK	Reta Kastner Shelby	Hollis, OK	Delores Mleziva	Denmark, WI
Kevin Krieger	Blue Earth, MN	Dwayne Beeby	Marshall, OK	Lavon Kirby	Hollis, OK	Ann Olsen	Denmark, WI
Carolyn M. McNamara	Goodhue, MN	Robert M. Bland	Cushing, OK	Jolea Kirby	Hollis, OK	John Olsen	Denmark, WI
David C. Starch	Nerstrand, MN	Paulette Kressin	Bloomer, WI	Joe Shelby	Hollis, OK	Ted Otto	Denmark, WI
Raymond J. Pliscott	Forest Lake, MN	Diane Erwin	Drumright, OK	Rodney Meyerdirk	Kingfisher, OK	Ron Paider	Denmark, WI
Floyd J. Lark (Dr.)	Goodwell, OK	Artie Grim	Cushing, OK	Danny Grellner	Kingfisher, OK	Brenda Petersen	Denmark, WI
E. N. VanEaton (Dr.)	Stillwater, OK	Loyd Cottrell	Ft. Gibson, OK	Sharon Voskuhl	Kingfisher, OK	James Renier	Denmark, WI
Richard G. Muncie	Park Ridge, IL	Steve Cottrell	Ft. Gibson, OK	Leo Voskuhl (Dr.)	Kingfisher, OK	David Schlies	Denmark, WI
Byrle Killian	Stillwater, OK	Arlie Perry	Ft. Gibson, OK	Eric Hooker	Kingfisher, OK	Lester Schlies	Denmark, WI
David Jenkins	Stillwater, OK	Bud Perry	Ft. Gibson, OK	Marjorie Harrison	Kingfisher, OK	Art Schweiner	Denmark, WI
Glenn Sonnen	Richland, PA	Walter H. Stubbs, Jr.	Ft. Gibson, OK	Mike Moeller	Kingfisher, OK	Kevin Schweiner	Denmark, WI
Paul M. Sonnen	Richland, PA	Jeff Perry	Ft. Gibson, OK	Kenheth Markus	Kingfisher, OK	Sandy Schweiner	Denmark, WI
Malcolm Sonnen	Richland, PA	Frank Delmedico	Tahlequah, OK	Doug Fisher	Kingfisher, OK	Sandy Sipiorski	Green Bay, WI
*Russell Hitz	Lebanon, PA	Sandra Dennis	Granite, OK	Shorty Hill	Kingfisher, OK	Laurie Steinhorst	Denmark, WI
Jodi E. Dawson	Belt, MT	Raymond Gelnar	Granite, OK	Paul Nelson	Kingfisher, OK	Dwaine W. Dickinson	Verona, WI
Maurice Henry	Robertson, WY	Leonard Graumann	Granite, OK	Judy Grellner	Kingfisher, OK	Nelson S. Garner	Bridgewater, VA
Allen L. Eck	Stitzer, WI	Mike Moses	Willow, OK	George I. Martin	Sylvester, GA	Gerald Garber	Weyers Cave, VA
Odis A. Lowe	Rockwall, TX	Lori Petzold	Granite, OK	Harry L. Davis	Colquitt, GA	Alicia D. Mohler	Mt. Solon, VA
Bo Linnartz	Carizzo Springs, TX	Tim Looper	Granite, OK	Fred C. Kight	Cobb, GA	Harry N. Arey	Bridgewater, VA
Joe Dawson	Dickens, TX	Charles Moad	Guthrie, OK	William L. Eubanks	Tifton, GA	Martin Auville	Dayton, VA
Stacy Stephens	Lacoste, TX	Evie McCalmont	Guthrie, OK	Edna B. Branch	Tifton, GA	G. L. Strickler	Newmanstown, PA
Kevin Dyes	Nacogdoches, TX	Ralph McCalmont	Guthrie, OK	Thomas A. Beaty	Blakely, GA	Margaret I. Wenger	Myerstown, PA
Ralph Reeder	Buckhannon, WV	Scott Peck	Stillwater, OK	Hal Haddock	Damascus, GA	Gary L. Catlin	White City, KS
Stephan Cronin	Jane Lew, WV	Mike Stephens	Guthrie, OK	W.H. Haddock, Jr.	Blakely, GA	Don Coder	Bee, NE
Marion D. Handly	Smithville, MO	Kenny Beams	Hennessey, OK	Charles W. Bridges III	Damascus, GA	Lawrence Olsen	Lyons, NE
Mrs. H. R. Wright	Weatherford, TX	Samuel Dorsch	Hooker, OK	Doris M. Balkcom	Blakely, GA	Jim Carlson	Scottsbluff, NE
Don W. Smith	Baggs, WY	Allan Fischer	Hooker, OK	Olin W. Ginn	Atlanta, GA	Larry Rose	Scottsbluff, NE
Robert Uphoff	Madison, WI	Carolyn Fischer	Hooker, OK	John Joyner	Cummings, GA	James Ray Powell	Reeds, MO
James R. Lofton	Patoka, IN	Don Ramsey	Jones, OK	Jack Barnes	Talking Rock, GA	Dan E. Walton	Mantachie, MS
Robert L. Sanders	Springfield, OH	James Bengs	Kingfisher, OK	Jerry Barnes	Jasper, GA	A. Floyd Sylte	Benson, MN
William A. Conklin	Ostrander, OH	Mrs. Everett Stock	Kingfisher, OK	James Haynes	Jasper, GA	Vera Marn Sylte	Benson, MN
Stuart Muck	Shawano, WI	Lucille Walta	Kingfisher, OK	Jim Haynes	Jasper, GA	Carroll Plager	Austin, MN
William John Dull	Thorntown, IN	Ralph Kookken	Kingfisher, OK	John Tatum	Talking Rock, GA	Sheldon Sayles	Austin, MN
Dan Kubiak	Rockdale, TX	James Quigley	Kingfisher, OK	Sue Barnes	Jasper, GA	Gary Anderson	Sun Prairie, WI
Robert L. Timmerman	Austin, TX	Bonnie Ruhl	Kingfisher, OK	Hugh Tatum	Tate, GA	Carolyn L. Pennington	Palmer, AK
Terry E. Arledge	Rockdale, TX	Kathern Smalley	Ft. Pierre, SD	Fred W. Greer, Jr.	Mansfield, GA	Lloyd E. Robertson	Pine Hall, NC
Cathy Hively	Broadway, VA	Sharlene Themer	Kingfisher, OK	Richard Williams	Richlands, NC	James C. Hafer, Jr.	Guthrie, OK
Dan Lohr	Broadway, VA	Kermit Selzer	Lexington, OK	Bruce Pleasant	Prospect Hill, NC	James C. Hafer	Guthrie, OK
John Schuelke	Greenwood, NE	Odell Parker	Lindsay, OK	Kendall Smith	Marshville, NC	Mike Kastl	Edmond, OK
Scott Russell	Fullerton, NE	Bill Wilhoit	Lindsay, OK	Eddie Thompson	Princeton, NC	Melvin Rupe	Edmond, OK
Marilyn M. McIntyre	Fullerton, NE	Bill Wheat	Marlow, OK	Bill Draughon	Fayetteville, NC	Patricia Rupe	Edmond, OK
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Keith Sandall	Bassett, NE	Frederick Dupy	Perry, OK	Kit Worley	Thorndale, TX	Wayne Stevenson	Moccasin, MT
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## ALUMNI PRESENTS \$100,000 TO FFA

Pictured at left is a 6-foot by 2 1/2-foot (large) \$100,000 check which was given on behalf of all FFA Alumni members to the FFA on January 26. This payment makes a total of \$150,000 given to the FFA as repayment of a \$180,000 loan extended during the FFA Alumni Association's first five years of existence. Past President Ken Seering showed the check to the FFA and FFA Alumni Conventions in preparation for the January presentation. Past national FFA Alumni presidents joined the Alumni Council for the January 26 presentation to the National FFA Officers and FFA Board of Directors.

# FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE 1983 EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed \$100 or more since our July, 1983, newsletter as an investment towards the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsors' funds directly support the prestigious Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, and Star Agribusinessman Award programs and the FFA Alumni Association. The number of years of contributions are listed in parentheses. We encourage each FFA Alumni to either become an Executive Sponsor or support by finding someone to become an Executive Sponsor.

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## FFA ENDOWMENT SUPPORT GROWS

Two major bequests have been made recently naming the National FFA Foundation as a beneficiary. According to Steve Greene, Assistant Executive Director in charge of individual giving, these two gifts represent the first major commitment of support from individuals for the FFA Foundation's Endowment Fund. The donors of these gifts wish to remain unidentified until the funds are actually received by the Foundation.

Total planned gifts designated for the Endowment Fund now are estimated at about \$1.8 million with the addition of these two bequests. The Endowment Fund provides a "permanent" source of income to the Foundation for FFA programs.

If you or someone you know has a "possible interest" in providing long-term support to FFA through an Endowment gift, you are urged to contact Steve Greene at the National FFA Foundation, P.O. Box 5117, Madison, Wisconsin 53705 (phone 608-238-4222).

## MINNESOTA FFA HISTORY

Mr. W.J. Kortesmaki has authored a 320-page history with over 1,000 photographs. This chronological history of the Minnesota FFA can be purchased by sending \$9.95 (includes postage and handling) to the Minnesota FFA Alumni, Capital Square Bldg., 550 Cedar, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

## TWO GOOD IDEAS FOR ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Local FFA Alumni affiliates are supporting vocational agriculture in many ways. Two proven ideas you may wish to start in your affiliate are:

1. Select a vocational agriculture student-of-the-month and present with a certificate from the Alumni.
2. Send letters to all incoming freshmen next summer congratulating them on becoming a vocational agriculture student. At this time, invite parents and students to a reception or open house of the vocational agriculture department sponsored by the Alumni.



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