

FFA Alumni Association

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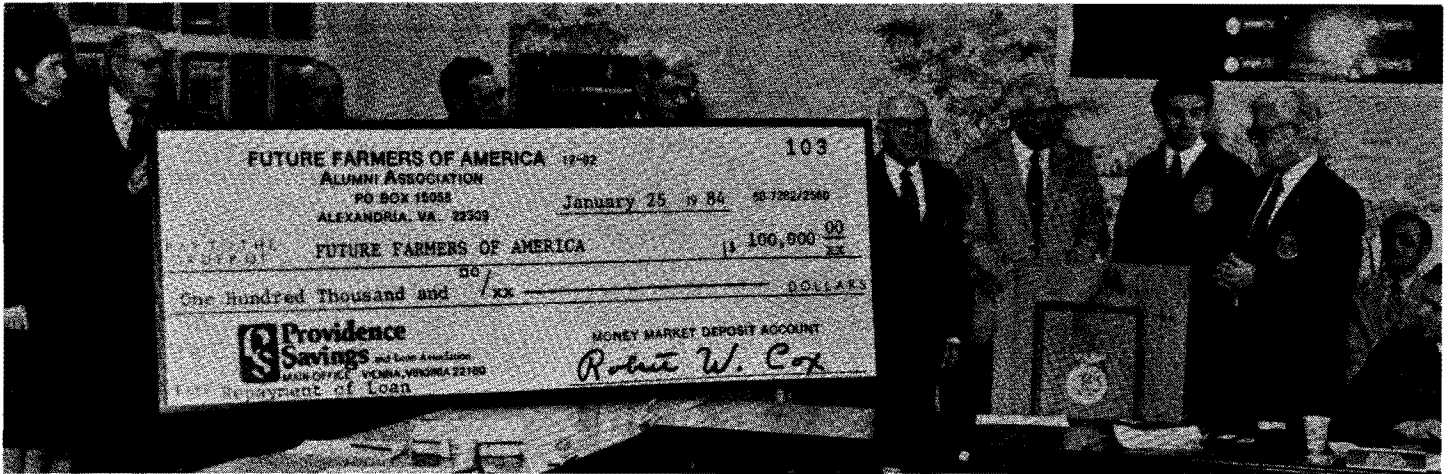
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1983 Membership Record - 25,407

NATIONAL ALUMNI PRESENTED FFA WITH CHECK FOR \$100,000

Each of the 25,000 FFA Alumni members have repaid \$4 to the Future Farmers of America this year. Alumni President Eldon Witt was joined by the National FFA Alumni Council and past National FFA Alumni presidents in presenting a \$100,000 check to the FFA on January 26.

The check was in repayment of a loan made by the FFA to the FFA Alumni in its early years. A total of \$180,000 was loaned and with the repayment the loan has been reduced to \$30,000.



Pictured above are the past National FFA Alumni presidents, (L-R) Phyllis Sokolosky (1980-81), Odell Miller (1978-79), Richard Waybright (1975-76), James Clouse (1974-75), Harold Lineberry (1981-82), Art Kurtz (1977-78), standing around the check as Alumni President Eldon Witt (left of podium in Alumni blazer) presents it to FFA President Ron Wineinger and Acting FFA Advisor Thaine McCormick. The presentation was made as part of the FFA Board of Directors' meeting in a joint session with the FFA Alumni Council.

PRESIDENT ELDON WITT'S THEME "ALL SAIL AND NO ANCHOR"

I have been impressed with the positive support I have received as President since November, 1983. If this enthusiasm continues to build, I anticipate a great growth for the Alumni. I have been equally impressed with the acceptance of my theme "ALL SAIL AND NO ANCHOR". It now has become obvious to me that I have provided you with the sail but have failed to present the ships to fly the sails.

It is a historical fact that Columbus used three ships to voyage across the uncharted waters to discover America. With the success of this venture I intend to use your help in sailing across America to discover new alumni members in every state. I propose sailing in three ships; to be named MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP, and STEWARDSHIP.

The first ship to sail, the lead ship, must be MEMBERSHIP. An organization is born and exists because of members. Without members there is no organization, however the drive for members must occur early in the fiscal year and be finalized with a minimum of effort. A long and tiring drive for members will erode the strength of the affiliate officers and will soon develop an affiliate declining in its effectiveness.

The second ship to sail is LEADERSHIP. An affiliate that is effective in its program of activities has excellent leaders at the helm. Fortunate indeed is the affiliate that has an ample supply of community leaders to assume the officer and committee chairman roles of the organization. If this is not true then it becomes the responsibility of the affiliate to provide in-service programs to properly train prospective leaders. Participation in State and National conventions, attending Regional Alumni Workshops and taking advantage of state alumni development meetings are examples of training.

The final ship to sail from the harbor is STEWARDSHIP. This ship will eventually be the most important of the three ships sailing. This ship is the supply ship loaded with the objectives and goals of the affiliate. Our goal is to be the stewards of agriculture education in all vocational agriculture departments in the nation. We must maintain a strong and viable student youth organization, be supportive of extended contracts for vocational agriculture teachers, insist on a visible and productive state supervisory team, increase our emphasis on the value of quality SOE programs, encourage our teachers to utilize the values of individualized instruction and home visitation and to increase our participation in the valuable programs of adult and continuing education. We must load our STEWARDSHIP carefully and sail her skillfully through the heavy seas of "cut backs" caused by the storms of decreased funding and decreased emphasis on vocational agriculture education. Informed members who are willing to share their expertise will avoid the treacherous waters and will reach the shores of success.

The ships are at the dock. Select your ship, climb aboard, lift the anchor, unfurl the sails and let's sail for Kansas City, arrival time November 1984. I am anticipating a good trip. Are you willing to sail with me?

WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES

We are sometimes asked what the Alumni membership dues provide. This year we can show that a \$5 investment is providing well over \$5 in support. With 25,000 members last year, we have developed the following breakdown of what a member will be supporting.

1. Payment to FFA	\$4.00
2. Scholarships to FFA members	.48
3. State Alumni Grants	.04
4. Supervised Occupational Experience Conference	.04
5. National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association	.03
6. Leadership Workshops as part of FFA Convention	.08
7. Intern Program for Committee on Government	.12
8. Young Farmers Association	.003
9. National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization	.005
10. Student Teachers Support	.002

This totals \$4.80 in cash support expenditures.

Your membership dues also make possible the National Alumni office that is staffed by a director and secretary. Your dues provide a voice in governmental affairs, free promotional and membership materials, an Alumni newsletter with a circulation of 30,000, travel for the National Organization to attend workshops and state meetings, and sponsorship of receptions, etc. in support of vocational agriculture. Where can you pay \$5 national membership dues in 1984 and see so much support being provided from your investment?

ALUMNI COUNCIL



Pictured above, during the January National FFA Alumni council meeting, are the 1983-84 Alumni Council showing a "\$100,000" candy bar. The Council gave these to FFA Board members, FFA Board of Trustee members, FFA staff, and others at the FFA Board's banquet in celebration of the payment of \$100,000 to the FFA. Council members pictured (L-R) are: L.H. Newcomb, Jay Householder, Craig Wiget, Ken Seering, Al Sick, Eldon Witt, Gary Maricle, Larry Case, Shirley Davis, and J. Lamar Branch. Robert Cox, Executive Director of Alumni and Sam Stenzel, Executive Director of NVATA are seated in right corner of room.

ALUMNI SUPPORTS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS

The FFA Alumni Association will provide \$100 to be used in supporting each of the six NVATA (National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association) regional meetings. The six meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Reno, Nevada - April 26-28
- Sturbridge, Massachusetts - May 17-19
- Natchitoches, Louisiana - June 17-20
- Charleston, South Carolina - June 20-22
- La Crosse, Wisconsin - June 25-27
- Lexington, Kentucky - June 28-30

FFA Alumni local affiliates are encouraged to support our teachers during these meetings. If you live in these areas, please volunteer to help with transportation, social events, tours, etc.

LEGISLATIVE STAFF TOUR OF VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENTS



On January 13 the FFA Alumni, NVATA, and AVA Agriculture Division hosted a tour for U.S. Congressional staff members working on vocational education legislation. The one-day tour visited vocational agriculture programs at Frederick Vocational Technical Center and Walkersville High School in Maryland. Only one Congressional participant had ever visited a vocational agriculture program. Pictured above are some of the participants along with MD state FFA officers. Below FFA members are pictured explaining the horticulture program to Ms. Ann Young, Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources and Ms. Jane Adams of Senator Kastin's staff from Wisconsin.



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION

The House of Representatives has passed bill number 4164 which is a reauthorization for vocational education. It includes agriculture as one of the occupational areas of the vocational education definition. Student organizations are defined as integral parts of vocational education and mentioned three times in the bill. This bill will give more control of vocational education to states and locals. We thank all Alumni that have been involved with this legislation in our House of Representatives.

The Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources is amending (at time of writing this newsletter) a bill, number 2341, which was offered by Senator Stafford. We are emphasizing that student organizations must be properly defined and that agriculture is included as a part of this legislation. There are concerns with the set asides included in this bill. The Senate will probably vote on this legislation in April or May. If you wish additional information, contact by phone your national Alumni office (703-360-3600).

Following a Senate vote, the two bills will go to a committee called "Conference". This committee will take the Senate and House bills and develop the reauthorization legislation. This vocational education legislation will probably be for a five-year period.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 4,756. 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 198 new Life Members.

Archie N. Abbot	Menomonie, WI	Frank B. Flanders	Athens, GA	Roscoe Nash	Blakely, GA	Hub Janquet	Luxemburg, WI
Melvin F. Vahle	Warrenton, MO	Robert Smith	Seneca, MO	Shirley Henley	Collinsville, OK	Gary Pinchart	Casco, WI
Therman McKinzie	Decatur, GA	Annette A. Branan	Covington, GA	Mike Henley	Collinsville, OK	Mike Romuald	New Franken, WI
J. Perez	San Sebastian, Puerto Rico	Curtis Corbin, Jr.	Watkinsville, GA	James Hancock	Uvalde, TX	Dennis Zellner	Luxemburg, WI
Don Paxson	Penokee, KS	B.M. Dillard	Fairburn, GA	Clemon Montgomery	Austin, TX	Rick Malir	Wilson, KS
Gerald D. Malcom	Covington, GA	Charles E. Ewing	Covington, GA	Maynard August	Montgomery, MN	C.A. Waits Jr.	McDonough, GA
Richard B. Knotts	Astoria, OR	C.P. McAllister	Covington, GA	Eddie Smith	Stillwater, OK	Jane R. Dickerson	McDonough, GA
Charles R. Snyder	Gower, MO	Curtis C. Kingsley	Marietta, GA	Buel Beece	Sperry, OK	Guy Cain	South Charleston, WV
Mac Hodges	Washington, NC	T.M. Ewing	Covington, GA	Kent Boggs	Cyril, OK	Russel Haslow	Loyal, WI
Randy Dixon	Washington, NC	Marvin P. Argo	Covington, GA	Andrea Leeper	Reydon, OK	John T. Davis	Balm, FL
Frank Cox III	Washington, NC	Whitney L. Myers	Griffin, GA	W.D. Yowell	Reydon, OK	L.A. Bud Lemke	Yuma, AZ
Doyle Karr	Wapella, IL	Denny Dobbs	Covington, GA	Percy Pennington	Reydon, OK	William Wright	Roll, AZ
Shirley Macy	Hennessey, OK	Warren F. Kirkland	Covington, GA	Kevin Whalen	Darlington, WI	Loretta Wright	Roll, AZ
Gina Christian	Kingfisher, OK	George T. Lazenby	Covington, GA	George Rowe	Oregon, WI	L.A. Johnson	Yuma, AZ
Mike Barrackman	Kingfisher, OK	Scott Dee	Covington, GA	James Neff	Bucyrus, OH	Rose Johnson	Yuma, AZ
Ervin Bollenbach	Kingfisher, OK	Sam B. Hay, Jr.	Covington, GA	Mark Korb	Oxford, OH	David Sistler	Sullivan, IL
Dennis Themer	Kingfisher, OK	J.W. Richardson	Covington, GA	Martha Seifert	Middletown, CT	Jim Rush	Raymond, OH
Floyd Duffy	Kingfisher, OK	Roy L. Varner	Covington, GA	Lisa Hoesly	Juda, WI	L.D. Goodwin	Smithville, OH
Tary Helt	Kingfisher, OK	H.W. Childs	Covington, GA	Comer Skinner	Hopkins, MI	Clyde E. Miller	Smithville, OH
Herbert Hansens	Kingfisher, OK	M.T. Daws	Douglasville, GA	Renee Lenard	Dorr, MI	Kathy A. Miller	Smithville, OH
Bret Towne	Kingfisher, OK	C.D. Brannen	Bogart, GA	James R. Shearl	Urbana, IL	Ralph Smucker	Smithville, OH
Mike Combs	Kingfisher, OK	W.D. Ballard	Oxford, GA	Loren Harms	Red Bud, IL	Leslie Doyle	Moscow, ID
Elise Kochenower	Okarche, OK	James E. Robinson	Covington, GA	Charles Howe	Grass Valley, CA	Randall Peterson	Chadwick, IL
Jima Lee Lucas	Kingfisher, OK	Nathan M. Pulliam	Covington, GA	Don Daniels	Grass Valley, CA	Harriet Winkelmann	Chestnut, IL
Clifford D. Eaton	Kingfisher, OK	Michael Pulliam	Covington, GA	Michael G. Sullivan	Cedar Ridge, CA	Willy Michels	Cross Plains, WI
Monroe Kottwitz	Kingfisher, OK	Scott Carey	Bishop, GA	Dale Minyo	Cumberland, OH	Ed Teubel	Fairbury, IL
Butch Kottwitz	Kingfisher, OK	W.C. Johnson Sr.	Americus, GA	Rita Moore	Caldwell, OH	Geoffrey Schrof	Forrest, IL
James Hall	Kingfisher, OK	A.A. Dickerson	McDonough, GA	Pat Laird	Richwood, OH	Brian Bounds	Forrest, IL
Mrs. Fred Turner	Kingfisher, OK	Woody H. Lunsford	Covington, GA	Everett Humble	Marysville, OH	Eric Fugate	Fairbury, IL
Larry Turner	Kingfisher, OK	Robert R. Fowler III	Covington, GA	Jay Eudy	Austin, TX	Willard Lundgren	Scottsbluff, NE
David Struck	Kingfisher, OK	Jerry Prosser	Mansfield, GA	Robert M. Peel	Owasso, OK	Bruce Grant	Meadow Grove, NE
Emeron Dettmann	Kellogg, IA	Lee Mayfield	Covington, GA	Elmer Everson Jr.	Blair, WI	Roger Miller	Battle Creek, NE
Tim Buckley	Oxford, OH	Gary Patrick	Covington, GA	Duane F. Schlewitz	Fall Creek, WI	Chris Hilkemann	Pierce, NE
Dwain N. Freels	Oxford, OH	Reba Johnson	Covington, GA	Don Kolar	Lancaster, WI	Irving Wedeking	Aurora, NE
James Massfeller	Port Orange, FL	Ellis Hite	Calhoun, GA	Paul Scanlon	Fennimore, WI	Norman Vogle	Coleridge, NE
John Winge	Athens, GA	Douglas Hamby	Social Circle, GA	David Szprejda	Green Bay, WI	LeRoy Scheel	Lake Mills, WI
Lynn Miller	Raymond, OH	Leo L. Tetrault	Newport, VT	Wilbur Johnson	Bainbridge, GA	Mark Hankemier	Dale, WI
Wilson Korth	Cornwall Bridge, CT	Rick Dado	Amery, WI	Brown Dean	Martin, GA	James Waldhart	Spencer, WI
Shirley Evers	Forest Grove, OR	Laura Child	Green Bay, WI	George Dean	Martin, GA	Larry Buhrandt	Suring, WI
Mark H. Scott	Forest Grove, OR	Dawn Schepp	Merrill, WI	David Herron	Eastanollee, GA	Harrison Bradley	Blairsville, GA
Rick B. Sheelar	Forest Grove, OR	David Goodrich	New Richmond, WI	William McDougal	Toccoa, GA	Jim Allison	Blairsville, GA
Kenneth J. Knox	Forest Grove, OR	Paula Hintz	Omro, WI	David Mitchell	Martin, GA	William Fitzwater Jr.	Deer Park, MD
John H. Knox	Forest Grove, OR	Darrel Clark	Viola, WI	Roy Neal	Toccoa, GA	David Knott	Frederick, MD
Gordon Barham	Carrizozo, NM	William R. Murray	Jakin, GA	Harry Stancil	Toccoa, GA	Clayton Lenhart	Keymar, MD
Bob D. Boone	Westfield, IN	Bo King	Fort Gaines, GA	Evatt Thomason	Toccoa, GA	Kenneth Miller	Damascus, MD
Marianna Law	Atlanta, IN	Ernest Staebner	Lebanon, CT	James Whiten	Toccoa, GA	Barry Burch	Emmitsburg, MD
Richard Law	Atlanta, IN	Sandra Staebner	Lebanon, CT	David Williams	Eastanollee, GA	Kevin Smith	Jefferson, MD
Wesley Nickelson	Richwood, OH	Edward Bender Jr.	Williamantic, CT	Gary Leske	Fridley, MN	Larry Fitzmaurice	Marshfield, WI
William P. Flatt	Athens, GA	Nathan R. Cushman	Lebanon, CT	Ralph Weisensel	Sun Prairie, WI		
M.D. Jackson	Chatsworth, GA	Edward Weingart	N. Franklin, CT	Richard E. Seidel	Altamont, IL		

SURING, WISCONSIN WINS NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

The first national Scrapbook Contest was held at our convention this past November. The Suring, Wisconsin FFA Alumni Affiliate won this new contest with an outstanding entry. Other FFA Alumni affiliates participating were: West Point, Nebraska; Milan, Missouri; New Lexington, Ohio; Bonduel, Wisconsin; and Denmark, Wisconsin.

The 1984 Scrapbook Contest will be held at the national convention in November. All local affiliates are encouraged to prepare a scrapbook and enter. For more information on the rules, write to the National FFA Alumni office. (Rules are the same as for the 1983 contest.)

NATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The member-at-large position on the National FFA Alumni Council will become vacant at this year's convention when Al Sick, Nebraska, completes his three-year term. The National Council will review state nominations in July to develop a ballot for distribution with the fall newsletter. This council position will be responsible for membership promotion. All interested Alumni should contact their state Alumni president. All applications from states have to be approved and signed by the state president.

ALUMNI SUPPORTS YOUNG FARMERS

The National Young Farmer Educational Association will hold its institute in Casper, Wyoming on December 1-5. We will contribute \$200 for publicity of this great educational institute.

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR CONVENTION

The National FFA Alumni Convention will be held on November 7 in Kansas City, Missouri. The convention will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Special Alumni workshops will be held Thursday, and a delegate reception will be held Wednesday evening. Please note that there will not be a second Alumni convention session. The FFA Convention will be held Thursday through Saturday. The National FFA Alumni Council invites and encourages your attendance. Contact the National FFA Alumni office or your local FFA Advisor for more convention information.

CONVENTION DELEGATION SIZE CHANGED

The state delegate numbers for the 1984 convention will be one delegate for each active, chartered state association and one additional delegate for each active 200 members. For example, a state with 510 members, the delegate number would be three; or a state with 600 members, the number of delegates would be four. This change was recommended by the 1983 convention delegates and approved by the National FFA Alumni Council.

MEMBERSHIP GOALS

The National FFA Alumni Council has set a membership goal of 27,500 for 1984 which is an 8.3 percent increase. The goal for Life memberships is 5,500 which is an increase of 975 or 17.8 percent. The FFA Alumni has grown at a steady rate since its beginning in 1972. Your help in reaching our 1984 membership goals is essential if we are to continue to grow in our support of vocational agriculture-FFA.

