



FFA Alumni Association

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BUILDING BRIDGES IN '85

BY JAY HOUSEHOLDER, 1985 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

As we begin a new year of work in the FFA Alumni, I would like to express my sincerest wishes that you and your local Alumni affiliate will have the best year yet. There is much to do to meet our goals. But with the groundwork already laid by many dedicated individuals, I look forward to a tremendous year of growth and accomplishment.

As with any organization, however, we in the Alumni sometimes may become so preoccupied with the daily functions and bureaucratic necessities that we lose sight of the true reasons for our existence. Oh, yes, we can repeat the overall goals of the Alumni, "supporting vocational agriculture and the FFA". But what does that really entail? Do we have a true understanding of our work? Or could it be that we have, to an extent, substituted yearly programs of activity for the real basis of our organization. That basis is, of course, the thousands of young men and women who are enrolled in local vocational agriculture programs throughout our country.

Several years ago I had the opportunity to speak to a local group of adults in regard to starting an Alumni affiliate in their own school district. After the presentation, as I was speaking to several in attendance, I noticed a gentleman walking directly toward me. At first I felt apprehensive believing that perhaps I had said something that had been offensive to him. After introducing himself, however, he related to me his personal dedication to vocational agriculture and the FFA. While talking he pulled from his pocket a pin. This pin was given only to recipients of the American Farmer Degree. His voice was filled with emotion as he told a story that happened in the early fifties of a young farm boy from southeastern Ohio who, having never traveled far from home, was able to go to Kansas City one fall. There he met other young men from all parts of the United States and with them was honored with the American Farmer Degree. Later at a special dinner he had the chance to listen to former President Harry Truman as he addressed the degree recipients. Truly a great experience for a young man, who, before vocational agriculture and the FFA, could only have dreamed of it happening. The young man that the gentleman spoke of to me was, of course, himself.

Whether the people that attended the meeting learned much from me was debatable. But that I learned something is undeniable. What I learned was that the key to the success of the vocational agriculture program was the ability to provide opportunity, and that the role of the FFA Alumni is to see to it that these opportunities continue to exist for the young men and women in the blue and gold jackets. It is our charge to bridge the gap between what is and what can be. To build bridges of opportunity. Let us build bridges in 1985.



Jay Householder (left) is being presented the gavel by 1984 President Eldon Witt. Mr. Witt had a great FFA Alumni year that included a new membership record of 25,948 members and a \$100,000 payment to the FFA of funds loaned to start the Alumni in the early 1970's.

NEW 1985 NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Jay Householder of Junction City, Ohio, was elected National FFA Alumni President. He is chairman and instructor in the social studies department at New Lexington High School. Jay states that during his four years of membership in the FFA during high school he was able to attend state and national conventions, serve on judging teams, chair parliamentary procedure teams, and serve two years as chapter president. Although he has not been involved in agriculture education as a vocation, he states his deep concern for vocational agriculture and the FFA has never waned. He has served as president of both the New Lexington and the Ohio FFA Alumni.

Gary Maricle of Columbus, Nebraska, was elected National Vice President.

Randy Meyer of Loyal, Wisconsin, was elected to serve a three-year term as the Member-at-Large.

The newly appointed Council members are Larry Reese of Florida to represent the State FFA Executive Secretaries and Jim Wells of Tennessee to represent the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

SOUTH DAKOTA FFA ALUMNI SPONSORS FORUMS

The South Dakota FFA Alumni have conducted four regional educational forums. The symposiums featured presentations by school administrators, a teacher educator, a state legislator, members of the Board of Regents and the State Board of Education. The forums have served as a catalyst for a better understanding of the importance of vocational agriculture education and have also succeeded in attracting the news media to further inform the public. This activity has been considered very successful.

ALUMNI CONDUCTS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS



This year the FFA Alumni conducted five leadership workshops and five special interest workshops during the Convention. Attendance totaled about 6,000. Pictured above is one of the leadership workshops which were filled to a capacity of 1,100 persons. The Ace Bolt and Nut Company co-sponsored the workshops with the National FFA Alumni.

FFA ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

The National FFA Alumni has provided five receptions since the fall Newsletter. During the FFA Convention, receptions were conducted for the Honorary American Farmer Degree recipients, the FFA Alumni delegates, and the International FFA guests. The Ace Bolt and Nut Company and the Kansas City Board of Trade assisted with financial contributions for these receptions.

The FFA Alumni provided a reception for the spouses of the agriculture teachers, teacher educators, and state staff attending the Agriculture Education Division of the American Vocational Association Convention. About 100 spouses attended the reception.

The final reception was co-sponsored by the NVATA and National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture and held for the signing ceremony of the National Study on Vocational Agriculture Education. (See separate article.)

1984-85 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS



The FFA elected six new National Officers on November 10 in Kansas City, Missouri, during the 57th National FFA Convention. Pictured are (seated l to r) Steve Meredith (19) of Glendale, KY, National President; Michael Gayaldo (20) of Kelseyville, CA, National Secretary; (standing l to r) Nanci Mason (20) of Collins, MS, National Vice President-Southern Region; Mike Barrett (19) of Mead, NE, National Vice President-Central Region; Brad Bass (20) of Mt. Vernon, TX, National Vice President-Western Region; and Graham Boyd (19) of Pinetown, NC, National Vice President-Eastern Region.

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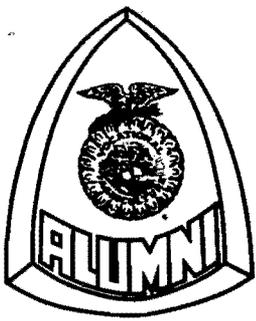
NATIONAL VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE STUDY



December 18 was a historic day for vocational agriculture-FFA. Pictured above (l-r) are Secretary of Education Terrel Bell in his final day of office, Secretary of Agriculture John Block, and President of the National Academy of Sciences Frank Press signing a cooperative agreement to fund and conduct a nationwide study on secondary school agriculture education. Dr. Larry Case, standing, chairman of the National Council on Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture and Head of Vocational Agriculture Education in the Department of Education, publicly thanked the Secretaries and the Academy for this important commitment. About 75 VIP guests were in attendance including past National FFA Alumni President Richard Waybright of Pennsylvania and Robert Cox, National FFA Alumni Director. This study was encouraged by the National Council on Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture. The FFA Alumni is an active member of this Council with Shirley Davis of Oklahoma serving as our official representative.

NEW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION LAW

During recent months FFA Alumni have worked closely to ensure the passage of vocational education legislation. The House and Senate on their final days in session passed the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act. It took a lot of last-minute work to prevent the elimination of funding for the vocational agriculture education program at the ninth and tenth grade levels by those not understanding our value of secondary vocational education. Support for vocational agriculture from several senators and congressmen stopped this growing issue. To show how important our friends are, we quote from the Congressional Record of the Senate floor debate by Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia on October 3, "I am pleased that I was able to go to the Senate-House conferees and obtain their agreement to adopt the House language that continued pre-vocational, industrial arts and vocational agriculture programs." FFA Alumni are encouraged to work in their states to help keep vocational agriculture education strong. The new law places more opportunity for states and locals to determine the use of funds which will require more organized support for vocational agriculture at the state and local levels.



1984 FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

The FFA Alumni Convention proceedings are being published in this format and as part of the FFA Alumni Newsletter for the first time. This change allows all Alumni members the opportunity to receive a copy of the convention proceedings.

This year's Convention was held on November 7 in Kansas City, Missouri. A total of 437 persons registered. Mr. Eldon Witt, 1984 National FFA Alumni President from Roanoke, Illinois, presided over the Convention.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

The number of Convention delegates, as indicated in the Constitution, is determined by one person representing up to 200 active members in each active chartered State Alumni Association. One additional delegate is allowed for every 200 members. This year a total of 116 delegates were allowed with 89 present for the business session.

OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE AWARDS

The Outstanding Affiliate Awards were presented to the top outstanding FFA Alumni affiliates by Dr. L.H. Newcomb, a National Council member from Columbus, Ohio. A total of 27 awards were presented. The winners are as follows:

GOLD

Denmark, Wisconsin
Black Hawk, Wisconsin
Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois
New Lexington, Ohio
Buckeye Valley, Ohio
East Butler, Nebraska

BRONZE

Barren County, Kentucky
Anamosa, Iowa
Cassopolis, Michigan
Gilmer, Texas
Walkersville, Maryland
Sun Valley, North Carolina
Hoven, South Dakota

SILVER

Yelm/Rainier, Washington
Austin, Minnesota
Harlan, Iowa
Appomattox County, Virginia
Blair, Wisconsin
West DePere, Wisconsin
Omro, Wisconsin
Milan, Missouri
Delta, Indiana
Hill City, Kansas
Pickens County, Georgia
West Point, Nebraska
South Rowan, North Carolina
Halls, Tennessee



Pictured are representatives from our National Gold Emblem Affiliates holding their certificates. From l to r are East Butler, Nebraska; Buckeye Valley, Ohio; New Lexington, Ohio; Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois; Black Hawk, Wisconsin; and Denmark, Wisconsin.

DENMARK, WISCONSIN THE 1984 TOP AFFILIATE

Denmark, Wisconsin FFA Alumni Affiliate was selected as the top outstanding affiliate of the National FFA Alumni Association. Denmark previously won this award in 1978 and 1983. At time of submitting application, the Denmark FFA Alumni had 501 members which included 102 Life members. They have been very active in support of vocational agriculture-FFA. Some of the activities include conducting educational field days at corn, oats, and alfalfa test plots, assisted with several local FFA judging and speaking contests, assisted in the recruitment of a new vocational agriculture instructor, and paid half of the cost of new FFA members first FFA jacket. They cooperated with the FFA Chapter for the annual FFA and FFA Alumni picnic which was attended by over 200 persons. Over 2,000 pheasants were raised and released in a cooperative FFA and Alumni activity. They provided assistance in making an exchange trip to another National Gold Emblem Chapter possible and helped sponsor an eighth grade recruitment day. The Denmark Alumni financed their activities by conducting three spring citrus sales, a pizza sale, and a double elimination slo-pitch invitational softball tournament. They also won the bid to sponsor the nine-day I.S.C. state fastpitch softball tournament that netted \$10,000. They sponsored an Ace Bolt and Nut sale, held a heifer calf raffle, and conducted a Las Vegas trip raffle. The Denmark FFA Alumni has also assisted with the chartering of eight local affiliates in Wisconsin and four in other states. The FFA Alumni president, at time of submitting application, was Hub Hermans and the secretary was Steve Olsen. The teachers of agriculture are Kevin Keith and Kenneth Seering.

SECOND PLACE NATIONAL AFFILIATE

Buckeye Valley FFA Alumni Affiliate in Delaware, Ohio, was selected as the runner up in the 1984 Outstanding Affiliate contest. This award recognized the 93 members of the Buckeye Valley FFA Alumni Affiliate for their outstanding accomplishments in supporting and serving vocational agriculture-FFA. The FFA Alumni members were very active in activities such as providing assistance with test plots at the school farm, placement of students, assisting with the fair booth, and providing over 200 Alumni hours in assisting the FFA Chapter with "Operation Christmas Spirit". The group raised money to support their activities by sponsoring a sanctioned horse show and a tool auction, and operating a concession stand. This affiliate under leadership of the president, Leroy B. Billman, and the advisor, Duane Van Sickle, has assisted with reactivating and chartering several new Alumni affiliates. They have prepared 12 newspaper articles and 52 radio-TV programs in their efforts to promote the FFA Alumni, the vocational education program in agriculture, and the FFA.

\$14,260 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The National FFA Alumni presented 46 scholarships, valued at \$310 each, to local and state FFA Alumni to be used by FFA members attending the 1985 Washington Leadership Conference. State FFA Alumni Associations were presented one scholarship for every 500 active Alumni members. Local Alumni affiliates receive a scholarship for every 250 active Alumni members or for 100 Life members. The local and state Alumni groups receiving the scholarships will select the FFA member to receive the full registration fee and a trophy at the 1985 FFA Washington Leadership Conference.

Craig Wiget, National Council member from Ohio, presented the \$14,260 in scholarships to the following:

Georgia.....	1	Ohio.....	3
Illinois.....	2	Oklahoma.....	7
Iowa.....	1	Tennessee.....	1
Kansas.....	1	Virginia.....	1
Michigan.....	1	Wisconsin.....	13
Minnesota.....	1	Ozark, Missouri.....	2
Missouri.....	2	Kingfisher, Oklahoma.....	1
Montana.....	1	Owasso, Oklahoma.....	1
Nebraska.....	3	Pomeroy, Washington.....	1
North Carolina.....	1	Denmark, Wisconsin.....	2

WEA SCHOLARSHIP

The National FFA Alumni presented Wisconsin with a scholarship, valued at \$195.00, to be used by a FFA member participating in the 1985 FFA Work Experience Abroad Program. The scholarship is awarded annually to the state with the most Work Experience Abroad participants. Wisconsin has received this scholarship for the past six years.



1984 ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP SETS RECORD

Gary Maricle announced that the total membership had reached 25,948 on October 31. He both congratulated and challenged the State FFA Alumni for their membership promotion. Following the report, as listed below, Donald Houghton of Minnesota made the motion to accept the membership report. It was seconded and passed by the delegates.

STATE	#	STATE	#
Alabama	9	Nebraska	1,588
Alaska	56	Nevada	8
Arizona	128	New Hampshire	48
Arkansas	95	New Jersey	131
California	107	New Mexico	125
Colorado	7	New York	68
Connecticut	85	North Carolina	602
Delaware	113	North Dakota	50
Florida	305	Ohio	1,754
Georgia	814	Oklahoma	3,723
Hawaii	6	Oregon	76
Idaho	56	Pennsylvania	97
Illinois	1,450	Rhode Island	8
Indiana	98	South Carolina	30
Iowa	513	South Dakota	234
Kansas	683	Tennessee	611
Kentucky	144	Texas	424
Louisiana	105	Utah	8
Maine	18	Vermont	59
Maryland	301	Virginia	543
Massachusetts	13	Washington	411
Michigan	515	West Virginia	62
Minnesota	676	Wisconsin	6,680
Mississippi	240	Wyoming	240
Missouri	1,328	Others	3
Montana	500		

RETIRING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS



The retiring National FFA Alumni Council members were presented plaques for their outstanding service to the FFA Alumni. They are (l to r) Craig Wiget, Ohio, National Vocational Agriculture Teacher Association representative; Alfred Sick, Nebraska, elected Member-at-Large representative; and Kenneth Seering, Wisconsin, past National FFA Alumni President and elected Central Region representative. President Eldon Witt is pictured with the retiring Council members.

1984 LEGION OF MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Legion of Merit Awards were presented to 176 recipients at the Convention. For receiving this award for 10 consecutive years, a plaque was presented to Bruce Miller of North Carolina. Lapel pins were presented to Denzil Luzadder of Ohio and Harold Lineberry of Tennessee for five consecutive years and Tom Wolfe of Ohio and Dewayne Siebrasse of South Dakota for three consecutive years. The recipients are listed below by states:

CALIFORNIA

Steven Foster

FLORIDA

Jimmy Corbett

GEORGIA

R.E. Balkcom (*2nd)

Tommy Bahard

Jerry Barnes

Wayne Bameycastle (*2nd)

Harrison Bradley

J. Lamar Branch (*2nd)

Scott Carey

Marvin D. Carlan

A.A. Dickerson

Gary Farmer (*2nd)

Jon S. Fullerton

Ann Gibson

Mel Johnson

Melvin Johnson

Scott W. Jones

C.P. McAllister

Roscoe Neah

J.W. Richardson

Jimmy Sales

Shane Tapp

J.A. Townaend

William T. Weaver (*2nd)

Steve M. Wells (*2nd)

ILLINOIS

Jon Dietrich

Gary Gittleson

IOWA

Ward Harsin

Roger Johnson

Brad Moeckly

KANSAS

Kaith Bacon

Frank Buchman

Stephen L. Euler

Kevin King

Philip P. Kingston

Sam Knipp

Earl Kuhn

Carlene Smith

Rodney Stewart

Kathy West

Rodney D. Wilson

Della Wood

MARYLAND

David A. Miller

Derryl W. Walker

MINNESOTA

Doug Hartke

Bruce Jehnke

Robert Mulso

Neal Potthoff

Sanford Smith

Den Theobald

Bruce Zeidler

MISSISSIPPI

Doug Wiskus

MISSOURI

Keith Carmichael

Alan Haverland

Deborah Pruett

Joy Salts

MONTANA

Patricia L. Cavey

Tom Phillips

NEBRASKA

Robert Clausen

Dean Dahlkoetter

Becky Doerr

Lawrence Franzen

Berneice Herian

Howard Herian

George Horn

Dave L. Johnson

Stanley Johnson

Bill Kralicek

Belva Krejci

George Krejci

Carol Luchainger

Betty Mapes

Gary L. Maricle

Kevin Marotz

Don Novotny

Darlene Overleese

Sally Roasman

Terrie Runge

Steve Ruzicka

George Scholz

Donna Swim

Mary A. Taylor

Ted D. Ward (*6th)

NORTH CAROLINA

Bruce L. Miller (*10th)

William H. Teague (*12th)

OHIO

Ivan Anderson (*2nd)

Ruth Anderson

Elmer Beard

Rita Hay (*2nd)

Pete Leatherman

Denzil Luzadder (*5th)

John McGaughey

Rick L. Metzger (*4th)

Heidi Kay Miller

Amy O'Neil

Pam Oliver

Eileen K. Perry

Ronnie D. Perry

Alice Rudd

Robert Sommers, II (*4th)

Kent V. Wilson

Christine Wolfe (*2nd)

Tom Wolfe (*3rd)

OKLAHOMA

Mike Branan

Diane Brock

Bret Burns

Wendy Carter

Charles Cockrum

Brian Copeland (*2nd)

Jerry Danna, II

Rick Field

Tre Gordy

Ellen Hemmond

Kari Hart

Rhonda Hartgrave

Angie Henderson

Shari Holloway

Mary Ann Hoy

Mark Jackson

Denise Koch

Robin Krasser

Kevin Marks

OKLAHOMA (cont'd)

Suzanne Martin

Sharon McCalmont

Dustin McDaniel

Brett Miller

Shelly Morgan

Darrel Reynolds

Renee Rupe

Scotter Scarbrough

Randy Shultz

Debbie Sisk

John Smith

Pam Sutton

Calvin Symes

Greg Tontz

Tim Travis

Diana Trogdon

Samantha Turner

Brent Vanlandingham

Greg Westermier

Glen Wheat

Larry N. Wilhelm

OREGON

Shirley Evers

SOUTH DAKOTA

Eudene Gullickson

Dewayne Siebrasse (*3rd)

TENNESSEE

Owen D. Burrough

Pat Burrough

James E. Byrd

Harold D. Lineberry (*5th)

Becky McWilliams (*2nd)

Larry McWilliams

Bill Newsom (*2nd)

Talley Perry

Mike Sumrow

TEXAS

Stormy Mullins

UTAH

Annette Hargett

Robert Land

WISCONSIN

Dale M. Beay

Larry Buhrandt

Floyd J. Doering

Sue Gnetzmacher

Kevin Kaith (*6th)

David Knoke

Virgil O. Martinson (*2nd)

Gary Mumm

Steve Olsen

Kenneth G. Paul

Gerald Peterson (*2nd)

Art Schweiner

Kenneth G. Seering (*11th)

Calvin Snider

Francis Steiner

Glenn Steinhorst (*2nd)

Darrell Verheyen (*2nd)

Don White

*Indicates number of consecutive years

NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

The National Scrapbook Contest, in its second year, received a 75 percent increase according to the contest chairman, Dr. Dewey Stewart. Suring, Wisconsin, the national winner, is pictured below receiving their plaque from President Witt. This was the second year this affiliate received a gold and placed first. Other winners were:

GOLD

Denmark, Wisconsin

New Lexington, Ohio

Milan, Missouri

Bonduel, Wisconsin

Lancaster, Wisconsin

SILVER

Anamosa, Iowa

Gilmer County in

Ellijay, Georgia

Yellowstone in

Billings, Montana



BUSINESS SESSION IN REVIEW

Annual Dues—A motion by Harold Herian of Nebraska that was passed by the delegates establishes annual dues for 1986 at \$5.00. This will be the fourth year for annual dues to remain at \$5.00.

Life Dues—A motion by Rick Metzger of Ohio that was passed by the delegates sets the Life membership dues through 1986 at \$100.00. Life membership dues have not changed since the establishment of this membership category.

Bylaws of Constitution—A motion by Nancy Schmetzer of New Jersey and amended by Duane Van Sickle of Ohio was passed to change Article III, Section A, to read, "The four members of the National FFA Alumni Council to represent the membership in each region shall be elected by the FFA Alumni convention delegates from that region and the member-at-large shall be elected by all convention delegates. The secret ballot submitted to the delegates will include two nominations selected by the National Council from nominations received from FFA Alumni State Associations." A motion by Tom Parslow of Wisconsin and passed by the convention delegates changed Article III, Section D, to read, "Whenever a vacancy occurs on the National FFA Alumni Council, other than from an expired term, the vacancy shall be filled as follows for the various constituent representatives:

1. Vacancies of council members elected by the membership will be filled by a person appointed by the National FFA Alumni Council.
2. In the event of a vacancy from the State FFA Executive Secretary or State FFA Advisor representative, the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education will be asked to name a replacement.
3. If the NVATA representative does not complete his/her term, the NVATA will name a replacement.
4. The AATEA will name a replacement if their representative does not finish his/her term."

HIGHEST FFA ALUMNI AWARD



The highest award presented to an Alumni member is the Outstanding Achievement Award. It is presented on the national level to not more than three individuals annually. The Outstanding Achievement Award recipients are:

Harold D. Lineberry of Nashville, Tennessee, is Manager of Membership and Affiliate Relations of the Tennessee Education Association. Previously, he taught vocational agriculture at Decaturville, McEwen, and Dickson, Tennessee. He is a charter member and Life member of the FFA Alumni Association, and served two years as president of the Tennessee FFA Alumni. Mr. Lineberry served as National FFA Alumni president in 1982 and for two years as the national membership development chairman. He is a former state FFA officer and received the Honorary American Farmer Degree. He helped to organize the Tennessee FFA Foundation.

Ruth Anderson and her husband, Glen, own and operate a 370-acre farm. They have four married children, two of which are State Farmers, and four grandchildren. All ten are life members of New Lexington's FFA Alumni. Glen and Ruth are 20-year 4-H advisors. They started the FFA heifer chain, helped judge and fill out many applications, and driven hundreds of miles distributing hunting and fishing licenses to make money for conservation projects for the Perry County Recreation Association. Ruth has served as treasurer of the local affiliate and chaperoned and driven students to conventions, tours, etc. She has served as a delegate at several state and national FFA Alumni conventions and received the Legion of Merit Award twice. She has served on the Perry County and Area Extension committees and the Perry Soil and Water Conservation District Committee.

Donald D. Dolezal is a charter member of the East Butler FFA Alumni affiliate having served in many leadership roles including president. Being a farmer and County A.S.C.S. Committee Board member, he has served as a resource person for the vocational agriculture classes on various governmental programs. He has been active in starting FFA Alumni affiliates across the entire state of Nebraska. He has served as Nebraska's president and vice president. Mr. Dolezal is a Life member of the FFA Alumni. He has attended the National FFA Alumni Convention as a delegate and represented the FFA Alumni Association in the American Royal Parade.

FFA ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

1. National Membership Increase
1983—25,703 1984—25,948 (increased 245)
2. National Life Membership Increase
November 1983—4,522 November 1984—5,293 (increased 771)
3. State with Largest Percentage of Growth
1st-Delaware—2,260% 5 to 113 members
2nd-Arizona—328% 39 to 128 members
4. State with Most Alumni Members
1st-Wisconsin—6,680 2nd-Oklahoma—3,723
5. State with Largest Increase in Alumni Members
1st-Illinois—301 2nd-Oklahoma—194
6. Most Life Member Affiliates in a State
1st-Oklahoma—25 2nd-Wisconsin—7
7. Most Affiliates in a State
1st-Wisconsin—180 2nd-Oklahoma—126
8. Most Life Members in an Affiliate
1st-Kingfisher, OK—121 2nd-Owasso, OK—114
9. 28 States increased membership over 1983 total.
10. 14 States increased membership by at least 25 more members than in 1983.
11. 5 States increased membership by at least 100 more members than in 1983.

LARGEST AFFILIATE



Pictured is a member of the Ozark, Missouri Affiliate, recognized as the largest FFA Alumni affiliate, receiving their plaque from Gary Maricle, a National Council member. Ozark with 543 members has won this award several times. The second place award was presented to Denmark, Wisconsin with 426 members.

MOST LIFE MEMBERS IN A STATE



The Oklahoma FFA Alumni was presented a plaque for having the most (959) Life members of any state. The second place state was Wisconsin with 814 Life members. Oklahoma was also presented a plaque for having the most Life member affiliates. They presently have 25 affiliates with 10 or more Life members.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 5,341. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon 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 259 new Life Members.

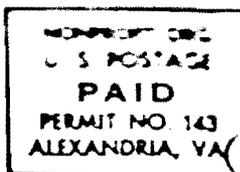
Leslie A. Olsen	Mayetta, KS	Clyde L. Johnson	Aplington, IA	Thomas Weichel	Colony, OK	Jeffrey Pearson	Manhattan, KS
Shaun Doering	Rockwell City, IA	David E. Wampler	Mt. Sidney, VA	Eldridge Gray	Maysville, OK	Joe Harris	Erie, KS
Larry Melhouse	Avon, IL	Bob Capelle	Racine, MN	Mark Elwell	Yukon, OK	David Bauer	Erie, KS
Lloyd Fransweg	Eik Mound, WI	Charles Parker	Spring Valley, MN	Darla Anderson	Roseville, OH	Jim Schmid	New Plymouth, ID
Gary Coleman	Paragould, AR	Harold Biel	Spring Valley, MN	Polly Anderson	Roseville, OH	Glenn J. Mattingly	Rineyville, KY
Weldon Chesser	Paragould, AR	Fred Troendle	St. Paul, MN	Robert Johnson	New Lexington, OH	Scott L. Erickson	Kalona, IA
L.L. Newberry	Paragould, AR	Clarice Horsager	Vermdale, MN	Betty Johnson	New Lexington, OH	Douglas Strein	California, MO
Pam Tankersley	Jonesboro, AR	Thomas Pierson	Woodstock, MN	Bryan R. Smith	Newark, OH	Bradley Mason	Omaha, NE
Everett Rogers	Paragould, AR	Terri Nintemann	St. Charles, MN	L.C. Walker, Sr.	Perry, GA	Kenneth Engelmeyer	Beemer, NE
E.K. O'Neal	Paragould, AR	Mark Nelson	Rush City, MN	M.R. Stewart	Pelham, GA	May Ann Bongers	Brainard, NE
Sherman Cutlum	Fisher, AR	Steven H. Olson	St. Paul, MN	C.H. Majeski	Tifton, GA	Jerry Varner	Bristow, OK
Mike Harris	Paragould, AR	Ronold Hayes	Austin, MN	C.P. Hamilton	Waycross, GA	Pam Davis	Guthrie, OK
Cheddy Williamson	Paragould, AR	Les Disher	Whitehouse, OH	Charles Ellington, Jr.	Soperton, GA	E.C. Kelly	Fairmount, GA
Marty Howard	Damascus, GA	Ronnie Perry	Waterville, OH	Jeff Henschel	Clintonville, WI	Garland Thompson	Douglas, GA
John J. Amrich	Blakely, GA	Michelle Stevens	Williamsport, OH	Rodell F. Lea	Fort Atkinson, WI	Gerald Christianson	Montfort, WI
Jim Whitehead	Blakely, GA	Richard R. Rush	Meridian, ID	Franz Weigand	Fort Atkinson, WI	Jeff Thomas	Cobb, WI
A.J. Singletary	Blakely, GA	Wayne Rush	Kendrick, ID	Gary Bolek	Alliance, NE	James Clark	Elmira, NY
R.C. Singletary, Jr.	Blakely, GA	Graham Boyd	Pinetown, NC	Roas Boyer	Alliance, NE	Daryle Foster	Ithaca, NY
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