



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL FOCUS ON NATIONAL CONVENTION

Fall - 1976

YOUR INVITATION TO THE 5TH NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION by NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, MR. RICHARD WAYBRIGHT

On Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12th, our 5th National Alumni Meeting will be held at the South End on the Main level of the Bartle Arena. An excellent program has been planned, and we are looking forward to having a large, enthusiastic crowd in attendance for this meeting.

Some of the special features this year will be our 3rd FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award Presentation, the Outstanding Alumni Affiliate Presentation, and the presentation of the Legion of Merit Citations. The new Council members will be introduced to the delegate body and the new National FFA Alumni Council officers will be announced.

As in the past years, our Alumni meeting will be coordinated with the National FFA Convention, and Alumni members are encouraged to attend and participate in as much of the Convention as they can.

Don't forget to make your lodging reservations directly with the 1976 Housing Chairman, National FFA Convention, 1221 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

Looking forward to seeing you at our opening session, Thursday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m.

FFA ALUMNI PROGRAM

South End - Main Level Bartle Arena
Thursday, November 11
9:00 AM - Call to Order
Introduction of National FFA Alumni Council
Seating of Official Delegates
Entertainment
Annual FFA Alumni Report
Presentation of the "Legion of Merit" Award
Invitation to National FFA Convention by National FFA President

10:30 - 12:00 - Working Committees Meetings
National Program of Activities
Membership Development
Local and State Program Development
Public Relations
Historical Committee

1:30 - 2:45 PM - Special Briefing Meeting for All Alumni Members

Friday, November 12

7:00 - 8:30 AM - General Motors Breakfast
All Delegates Invited

9:00 AM - Call to Order
Welcome by National FFA Advisor
Working Committee Reports
FFA Entertainment
Business-Delegate Action
Presentation of "FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Awards"
Featured Speaker
Presentation of the "FFA Outstanding Alumni Affiliate Award"
Announcement of New Council Members
Installation of New Council Chairman and Vice Chairman
Adjournment by New Council Chairman

11:00 AM - Adjourn to National FFA Convention Session for Introduction of FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

"LEGION OF MERIT"

Legion of Merit applications must be received by November 1 to be presented at the 1976 National Convention. The Legion of Merit is given to honor persons who have secured 10 or more new FFA Alumni members. A special recognition program, including certification presentation for all 1975-76 Legion of Merit winners will be made during the Alumni Convention.

NEW ROSTER SYSTEM

A computer roster system has been finalized and, all Alumni records are being converted at the present time. The FFA Alumni membership for all members will follow the calendar year. The rosters will be mailed to all states in November. States are asked to develop a system for distributing Affiliate rosters and the billing of members not connected with Affiliates. The National Office will not bill individual members in 1977. All memberships received after October 1, this year will be credited with 1977 membership. More information will be presented at the National Convention.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

The Distinguished Service Citation will be presented by the FFA to the FFA Alumni Association for its significant contributions in service to agriculture and the FFA. The presentation will be made at the FFA Convention on Wednesday evening, November 10. All FFA Alumni Convention delegates are invited to be seated in a reserved section on the main level of the Convention. Please contact an usher for designation of the reserved area for Alumni delegates.

NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD

The metal Life Membership Card will become a purchase item after October 10. A beautiful gold foil card that is stamp lettered and laminated will be issued to all new Life Members after the above date. The metal card will sell for \$4.50 and can be ordered from the FFA Supply Service by any Life Member.

HISTORICAL BOOK ON AGRICULTURE AVAILABLE

A few copies of THE GROWING OF AMERICA, published by Johnson Hill Press and distributed by Nasco of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, are available to FFA Alumni members at a discount. The amazing book containing the course of agriculture for the past 200 years is truly a tribute to the American Farmer. The book retails for \$5.95. As a service to FFA Alumni members, we are able to sell this 144-page volume with over 200 photographs to you for \$5.35 which includes postage and handling. Orders should be mailed to the National FFA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

776 GOAL REACHED

The goal of having 776 life members in 1976 was reached on June 21. Mrs. Emma Lew Graham of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma was the 776th life member.

EVANSVILLE FFA ALUMNI LIFE AFFILIATE



The Evansville FFA Alumni has been chartered as the third Lifetime Alumni Affiliate. With 48 Life Members, at the time of chartering, it has set the record for being the largest. A list of the new Life Members of this new Life Affiliate are listed under Welcome New Life Members. Mr. Ray Weigand was the only Life Member at Evansville when the life membership drive started at their FFA banquet last spring. The night of the FFA banquet, 20 persons joined. Fifteen of these are pictured above. Pictured below are a portion of the remaining 27 that joined during the past few months. Reports are that Evansville will have a lot more Life Members within the next year.



SEVEN LIFE MEMBERS DECEASED

Seven loyal supporters of the FFA and Life Members of the FFA Alumni Association have, upon their death, been added to a memorial list of distinguished FFA supporters. The deceased are: Glenn Childs, Terra Alta, West Virginia; B. Stanley Dowger, Florence, Massachusetts; Elmo Hester, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia; Howard J. Lukassen, Kimball, Nebraska; Stephen C. Murphy, Collinsville, Oklahoma; Terrance J. Ryan, Tonica, Illinois; and Emil Vallager, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

REPORT ON FFA ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

The FFA Alumni Association is proud of the support and service it is providing to the FFA and agriculture. This portion of our newsletter lists a few of the many outstanding Alumni activities. We hope you may be able to use some of the ideas in developing activities for your Affiliate. Please send reports of your Alumni activities so they can be included in future issues.

MIDDLETOWN FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE of Middletown, Maryland presented plaques to past teachers of the FFA Chapter. They were presented during the FFA Parent-Member Banquet.

WESTBY AND VIROQUA AFFILIATES in Vernon County, Wisconsin joined together to help provide the capital to build an auction sale ring to accommodate livestock sales at the County Fairgrounds. Several Alumni members assisted in the building project.

OKLAHOMA'S FFA ALUMNI joined together to sponsor its Fourth Annual Leadership Camp. The five-day camp includes public speaking workshops, farm safety, public relations, group leadership activities, agriculture careers, recreation, and many other activities. For every ten active Alumni members, an Affiliate can send one FFA member to camp free.

OKLAHOMA'S FFA ALUMNI have become donors to the National FFA Foundation. They also presented a \$25 savings bond to each state FFA Officer. This is the second year for the Bond Presentation.

VIRGINIA TECH FFA ALUMNI have prepared an historical exhibit commemorating 50 years of the FFA Vocational Agriculture in Virginia.

KNOX CENTRAL ALUMNI in Barbourville, Kentucky helped raise money to publish a special FFA edition of the Barbourville Mountain Advocate Newspaper. The publication won acclaim on local, region, and state levels.

THE BURLEY FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE of Burley, Oklahoma was very active during 1975-76. Some of their activities included: sponsoring FFA awards, training chapter teams, providing equipment and supplies for a school farm, sponsoring a member to the National Convention, and providing snowmobiles for an FFA snowmobile party.

HOUSATONIC VALLEY ALUMNI of Falls Village, Connecticut projects included: a presentation of a scholarship in memory of Paul Allyn, an FFA Chapter member, an auction to raise money to support calf chains for the FFA Chapter, and the chaperoning of trips and activities.

WALTON FFA ALUMNI of Walton, West Virginia has assisted the FFA Chapter with the BOAC project. The Alumni are also making walnut wood products such as gun cabinets, bookcases, and breadboards to sell at the Community Fair and the State Black Walnut Festival. The lumber was donated by an Alumni member.

DENMARK FFA ALUMNI raised a corn test plot with eight varieties of field corn on 40-acres of rented land. The acreage also includes an alfalfa-gross hay field and a woodlot being developed into a nature trail site for educational purposes by the FFA Chapter as a portion of the BOAC program. The summer outing for the FFA Alumni included a trout boil. Ninety FFA Alumni members attended this event.



CENTRAL LARAMIE COUNTY FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE of Burns, Wyoming sponsored a used equipment auction and a taco-pizza supper in conjunction with the chapter slave sale and a chili supper in conjunction with the District Public Speaking Contest. Alumni members served as substitute teachers and assisted in obtaining a pickup truck for the FFA Chapter. Awards presented at the FFA Parent-Member Banquet were paid for by Alumni members.

MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI sponsored two chartered buses for FFA members to attend Farmfest '76 in Minnesota. Ninety-four FFA members and FFA Alumni chaperones were able to see this agricultural event through this FFA Alumni activity.

EVANSVILLE, WISCONSIN FFA ALUMNI sponsored a float with the FFA in the July 4 parade. The Alumni assisted the FFA with cutting and cording twelve pickup truck loads of firewood for a local nursing home. They have also attended organizational meetings to assist with setting up five other FFA Alumni Affiliates.

TENNESSEE FFA ALUMNI will sponsor the State Star Agribusiness Award for the Tennessee FFA. This will be the first year for the selection of a State Star Agribusiness Winner.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The Life Membership roster has set a record for the most new members. This select group has over 820 members. This is an increase of over 180 new Life Members since our last Newsletter. One can become a member of this group of loyal supporters by sending the one-time tax deductible lifetime fee of \$100. Your \$100 investment will provide great dividends in preparing for a better Future For America. We welcome and are honored to announce the following new Life Members:

R. G. Petty	Newcastle, Oklahoma
Ronnie D. Grover	Newcastle, Oklahoma
Sherrell Griffith	Newcastle, Oklahoma
Denny Wynne	Newcastle, Oklahoma
Roy A. Dunning	Newcastle, Oklahoma
Delbert Holman	Newcastle, Oklahoma
Tom Gilliam	Newcastle, Oklahoma
Frank Griffith	Canal Winchester, Ohio
Donald E. Crump	Henrietta, Texas
Wayne W. Cupp	McGaheysville, Virginia
Brian G. West	Rice Lake, Wisconsin
Joel F. Blessing	Houston, Delaware
Harold W. Wampler	Mt. Sidney, Virginia
Copeland Kell, III	Stockton, New Jersey
Allan S. Green	Fairplay, Maryland
Arthur L. Berkey	Ithaca, New York
Gregory A. Smith	Culpepper, Virginia
Harold I. Lindley	Morton, Illinois
Edwina Wilke	Janesville, Wisconsin
Joey Ward	Janesville, Wisconsin
Jerry Johnson	West Mansfield, Ohio
L. J. Emerson	Alexandria, Virginia
Floyd J. Doering	Madison, Wisconsin
Earl Wildermuth	Canal Winchester, Ohio
Lawrence J. Bischoff	Connersville, Indiana
Steven L. Cox	Long Island, Kansas
Kerlin O. Judy	Arlington, Virginia
George W. Walls	Milford, Delaware
Darryl Walker	Damascus, Maryland
Virgil O. Martinson	Stoughton, Wisconsin
Mary Weigand	Evansville, Wisconsin
Roger Rasmussen	Evansville, Wisconsin
Rich Templeton	Evansville, Wisconsin
Paul George	Evansville, Wisconsin
Danny George	Brooklyn, Wisconsin
Rollie Devlin	Evansville, Wisconsin
Don E. Larson	Evansville, Wisconsin
Mel Shotliff, Jr.	Evansville, Wisconsin
Corvan Neuenschwander	Evansville, Wisconsin
Vince Drendel	Evansville, Wisconsin
Melvin Janes	Evansville, Wisconsin
Maurice Faber	Evansville, Wisconsin
Chris Dickert	Evansville, Wisconsin
Robert McCoy	Evansville, Wisconsin
Richard McCoy	Evansville, Wisconsin
A. McCoy	Evansville, Wisconsin
D. F. Larson	Brooklyn, Wisconsin
Douglas Hull	Evansville, Wisconsin
Robert Lawrenz	Evansville, Wisconsin
Phil Woodworth	Evansville, Wisconsin
Russell Andrew	Evansville, Wisconsin
Frank Leeder	Evansville, Wisconsin

Richard Hatlen
Alan Butts
Ron Phelps
Norman Krumwiede
Dean George, Jr.
Don Johnson
Curt Hartsler
Robert Purkapile
Norman Zee
Elmer K. Pennington
Herman O. Larson
Russell J. Yeaw
Gregory J. Hands
Neil G. Owen
Vernon L. Marshall
Gregory H. Smith
Forest D. Loudenslager
Don F. Loudenslager
Roy A. Loudenslager
Edward A. Bowman
Paul W. Thomas
Porter J. Martin
Peter J. Cachat, II
Lyle J. Rader
S. Lynn Loosli
Roger D. Hueber
James M. Olslund
Milton E. Childress
Howard I. Downer
Dick Bowden
Jack Brian
Mary Brian
Margaret Devin
David A. Swinford
Tom L. Devin
F. R. Baumgarten
John J. Wolfinger
Michael E. Wolfinger
W. Calvin McCutcheon
Henry W. Hopkins
John F. Adams
Robert E. Ensminger
Joann K. Fulcher
Walter J. Kautz
Robert S. DeLauder, Jr.
Clifford L. Nelson
William A. Timmons
C. McCheyene Swortzel
Herbert Roberts, Jr.
Ephraim L. Meadows
Donald Hart
Samuel B. Love
J. Lee Gearhart
Donald F. Elser
Richard L. Cannon, Jr.
Clair E. Brown
John P. Hamill
Steven L. Richardson
Charles Arnold
Herbert Lackey
Lynn Laible
Ron Thompson
IN MEMORY OF
Terrance J. Ryan

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Brooklyn, Wisconsin
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Janesville, Wisconsin
Thomas, Oklahoma
Rolla, North Dakota
Scituate, Rhode Island
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Presque Isle, Maine
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Morral, Ohio
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