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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

As many of you may already know, the VHS Alumni Association was formed in October of 1993. At that time the class of 1968 set the stage for establishing an organization that can foster the growth of fellowship of all the graduates from the 73 classes of Victoria High School. The first graduating class sent two eager young women into a world ready for their knowledge accumulated at our school of higher education. The year was 1922 and this initiated a yearly ceremony which has prepared approximately 2250 graduates for college, marriage, careers, and more.

During the initial meeting in September of 1993, the officers were elected and related committees to maintain the organization were selected. Taking the role of President is Kathy Kuhn ('68).

Assisting as Vice-President is Eugene Wellbrock ('56). Sandy Goetz ('82) is treasurer and Marjorie Rome ('58) is secretary. These four alumni plus Allen Dreiling ('55), Diane Pfeifer ('73), Tom Schmidtberger ('78), Colleen Kuhn ('84), and Susie Windholz ('69) comprise the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Committees organized by this Board are Membership, Entertainment, Newsletter, and Scholarship. These committees have been working enthusiastically to compose lists of members of all 73 classes, have sent membership forms and information sheets, have established the scholarship criteria and qualifications, have selected the first scholarship winner, have scheduled a Homecoming banquet and dance, and have written the first edition of THE NEXT PAGE.

With your help we can achieve the goal of this organization which is to provide activities for the alumni of Victoria High School. All suggestions and input are encouraged and welcomed.

1922 Graduates Will Be 1994 Grand Marshalls

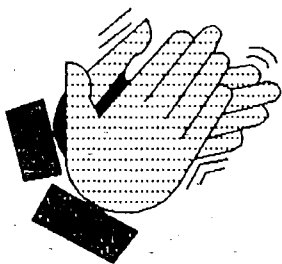
Seventy-two years ago, two young women were honored by the Victoria community as they received their diplomas and became the first graduates of Victoria High School.

Once again we call upon these ladies to represent their community in a united effort to form a new organization consisting of their sibling alumni.

These women have volunteered to serve as grand marshalls of the 1994 VHS Homecoming Parade.

We applaud their support for our school.

See Page 3 to read more about the life of these ladies.



Class Reunions...

...1944

Fifty year class reunion.

Saturday, Oct 1: gathering of graduates in the afternoon, attend 5:00 pm mass, followed by a dinner.

...1964

Thirty year class reunion.

Saturday, Sept. 3: gathering of graduates, parents & Teachers from 3:00-4:30 p.m.. Followed by 5:00 memorial mass for their deceased parents and classmates: Elsie Huser, Ron Lang, Leo Francis Billinger, & Joe Billinger. The evening will be filled with a dinner and a dance played by Vertin Schmidberger's Band. A luncheon will be served during the dance.

*Kol C Hall
20 Overly, Kansas*

...1969

Twenty-five year class reunion.

Hello, Class of '69,

After visiting with members of the '69 Class Reunion Committee, the general consensus was that the informal gathering of the members of the Alumni Association at the K of C Hall on Homecoming Night, plus the Banquet on Sat., Oct. 1, would be more than sufficient for our 25th year reunion activities.

If anyone feels more extensive plans should be made, write or call anyone from our class who lives in the Victoria area; or contact me, and I will relay your thoughts to the members of our reunion committee.

Sincerely,

Susie Windholz, Box 386, Victoria, Ks. 67671
- 913-735-2663.

...1974

Twenty year class reunion.

Friday, Sept. 30: attend homecoming activities followed by gathering at Gail (Lodovick) Stanley's country home.

Saturday, Oct. 1: attend Alumni Association's banquet and dance.

Sunday, Oct. 2: family picnic at Victoria's W.J. "Honey" Braun park.

...1984

Ten year class reunion.

Friday, Sept. 30: attend homecoming activities followed by a gathering at "The Library".

Saturday, Oct 1: attend Alumni Association banquet and dance.

Sunday, Oct 2: family picnic at Colleen & Leon Kuhn's farmstead.

Homecoming Events

Homecoming 1994 is set for Friday, Sept. 30. The Alumni Association has made plans to celebrate in conjunction with the High School's activities.

Once again a parade will march down Main Street at 2:00 p.m. If you want to enter a float in the parade, call the High School for more details.

Later that day, at 6:00, the school's doors will be open to alumni and tours of the old classrooms will be given.

The V.I.P. Club will sponsor a tailgate party before the football game which starts at 7:00. They will serve hamburgers and more.

After the game in which the Victoria Knights will demonstrate their skills against the EM's Railroaders, alumni are invited to join their peers for a social at the Victoria K. of C. Hall. Beer, pop, and popcorn will be available.

Then comes Saturday, Oct. 1. The Entertainment Committee has organized a dress up social, banquet, and dance at the Hays V.F.W. Hall. The social gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the banquet being served at 6:00. During this banquet, Alumni Association officers for the 1994-95 year will be elected. Ballots will list the names of those alumni selected earlier by the Nominating Committee.

The Dance Doctor (D.J. Kenny Billinger) will provide the music for the dance which will start at 9:00 p.m.

See Page 6 for details on the cost of these events.

All VHS alumni are invited to attend these Homecoming festivities and help make our first alumni gathering a success.

Membership

Membership is the backbone of any organization and this area has proven to be a major undertaking for the VHS Alumni Association. The current Membership Committee consists of Pat Schmidberger ('82), chairman, Det Younger ('58), and Shirley Pfeiffer ('68) assisted by Marge Rome ('58), Mary Rome ('65), Rita Gross ('47), Colleen Kuhn ('84), Millie Goetz ('48), and many other informants. This committee was responsible for compiling all graduate addresses and completing the membership mailing. They have also maintained all the individual graduate profiles.

Currently, this committee has completed the membership mailing to 69 of the 73 graduating classes representing 2085 individuals of the approximate 2250 total possible. They hope to complete the remaining four classes of 1970, '85, '87 and '90 by August 31, 1994. At this point, the membership has grown to approximately 350 classmates. Remember, if you have not received a membership form and wish to become a member, please complete the form or the last page of this newsletter and return it with your dues to the alumni association address.

All membership dues paid in 1993 and 1994 will expire on September 30, 1995. Membership will then run on an annual basis of October 1 through September 30.

THE LIFE & TIMES OF.....

Barbara (Sander) Knoll

"I taught in a one room school house for one year and four months and I taught for approximately 9 1/2 years with the highest weekly salary of \$110.00," explained Barbara Knoll.

Looking back over the past 90 years, Mrs. Knoll remembers many changes in her life time including changing from the old Victoria elementary school to the current elementary building. At this time she was a substitute teacher for the school district. Prior to substitute teaching, however, Barbara met Adam Knoll and was married on November 14, 1932. This marriage brought nine children into their lives: Wayne, Omer, Lester, Carol, Devon, Iris, Terrence, Jane Theresa, & Larry Eugene.

The years to come brought joy for Barbara with her husband and children. But she also occupied her time as a member of the Christian Mothers, Daughters of Isabella, and the Altar Society. Barbara also enjoyed her free time with sewing, crocheting, cooking and baking.

Now at the age of 90, Mrs. Knoll relaxes at her home in Victoria with a new found enjoyment....that being her 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Loretta (Robben) Wasinger

Mrs. Wasinger was born to John W. & Mary Robben in 1904 and she was one of five children in this family. Later, her family adopted another girl from the orphan train.

As in many farm families, each child had to work to keep all aspects of the farm working. However, Loretta's responsibilities were much greater since she cared for her younger brothers and sisters after her mother passed away when Loretta was seventeen.

In 1925, her father remarried and brought 4 step brothers and 4 step sisters to their family of six. Likewise, this year brought the joyfull union of Loretta and Isador J. Wasinger. Isadore was a teacher and at the time of his death in 1963, he was teaching in Kansas City at a mechanical school for the government.

After her husbands death, Loretta moved backed to Kansas to be closer to her family. At this time, she began working for whom she phrased was "a very nice person"...Fr. Joseph Sheetz. She worked for twenty-two years completing housekeeping and rectory work for Fr. Sheetz.

Now, Loretta is retired and resided at St. John's Rest Home in Victoria.

....THE GRADUATES OF 1922.

Notes

The goal of this newsletter is to inform our fellow alumni of Alumni Association events and business. We also hope to be a resource for all alumni to publish personal occurances of interest to the membership of the VHS Alumni Association, such as marriages, deaths, births, career accomplishments, etc.

We will use this newsletter as an outlet for stories concerning our alma mater.

We appreciate any information that refers to graduates of Victoria High School and encourage you to contact us.

Newsletter Committee

Pat Schmidberger ('82)

Colleen Kuhn ('84)

Gennie Windholz ('74)

Call or send your information to Box 268, Victoria, Kansas 67671. We reserve the right to edit any articles.

Any suggestions for Alumni Association activities or business should be sent to P.O. Box 386, Victoria, Kansas 67671.

Membership means ownership.

Have pride in your Association.

CHATTER BOX

Peter P. O'Brien retires as superintendent of schools....Bruce Ward signs on as new super....'74 graduate and husband, Theresa and David Brantley, open Main Street Cafe....Elementary school carpeted....School nurse treats teacher rug burns... Vernon Giebler , Leona Schulte, Vernon Berens and Coach Tony "Red" Pfeifer retire after many years service....Former students send Pfeifer lemon drops to calm his nerves while he drives....School district purchases seminary and elementary school from St. Fidelis Parish....District office moves to Junior High....Golden Belt Lumber closes doors, owner Hubert Sanders ('46) enjoys retirement...Old standby Farmers Coop Store burns down, 80 degree temperature drops overnight to freezing....(continued in THE NEXT PAGE).

SCHOLARSHIP TO BENEFIT FROM CRAFT FAIR

The Victoria Alumni Association is sponsoring their first annual craft fair. This craft fair will be held October 9, 1994 at the Victoria Elementary Gym from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Each exhibitor is allowed a 10' x 10' space for \$15.00.

The reason we decided to go with a craft fair is that it is not hard work and a way to make money for the alumni association. The profit received from the craft fair will be used to increase the scholarship fund. We hope that this will be a great success.

The Victoria PTA has been asked to provide concessions. However, if they are unable to another organization will provide this.

If anyone is interested in having a space at the craft fair, you may contact one of the following by August 15: Colleen Kuhn (913)-735-2498; Kathy Kuhn (913)-735-9359; Marlene Dinkel (913)-735-2501.

FIRST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

BRANDON SCHMIDTBERGER

The 1993-94 school year brought many new things to Victoria High School including the first annual alumni association scholarship. The scholarship was open to current VHS graduating seniors with a minimum High School GPA of 2.5.

The scholarship committee analyzed candidates based upon their involvement in extra curricular activities, special academic, and extra curricular awards, work/job experience, church or community activities, and individual need as stated on the application.

The first scholarship of \$200 was awarded to Brandon Schmidtberger during the 1994 graduation ceremony. Brandon is the son of Gerald R. and Louise A. Schmidtberger. He was the Stuco president for the 1993-94 school year and Brandon was active in sports as well as many other organizations.

Brandon will be attending Kansas State University starting this fall and his major course of study will be accounting. Good luck to Brandon and we hope to see many more Alumni Association scholarship recipients in the future.



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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM FOR OUR RECORDS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN OUR DATA FILES FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

YEAR GRADUATED _____

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

MAIDEN NAME _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

OCCUPATION _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

Membership is \$5.00 per year.

____ Yes, I wish to be a member. Attached is my \$5.00 membership fee.

____ No, I do not wish to become a member this year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to: VHS Alumni Association
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HOMECOMING MENU

Casual Friday

2:00 p.m. - Homecoming Parade

6:00 p.m. - Tours at High School

Before game - V.I.P. Tailgate Party

7:00 p.m. - Football Game Knights vs
Railroaders

After game - Social at Victoria K of C Hall
Beer, pop, popcorn provided but
the hat will be passed

Dress Up Saturday

5:00 p.m. - Social Hour

6:00 p.m. - Dinner with Program

9:00 p.m. - Dance to the Dance Doctor

All events will be at the Hays V.F.W. Hall
for members and guests

Social, Dinner, and Dance - \$15.00 per person

Honoring Classes of 1964, 1969, and 1944

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED!

	Graduating Class
Name of Member _____	19 _____
Name of Spouse/Guest _____	19 _____
Is Spouse/Guest also a member? Yes _____ No _____	
Address _____	
City/St/Zip _____	
Phone # _____	Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please return this form or copy to: **VHS Alumni Association (\$15.00 per person)**
Box 386
Victoria, Kansas 67671

If you have not paid your membership fee, complete the reverse side and return to the above address.