

2023 Thedford Alumni Association Banquet Minutes

Date: June 17, 2023

“Theme this year is **“Small Town Nights Under Stadium Lights”**”

Officers

President Connie (Edelman) Elliott (1961)

Vice President – Alee (Ewoldt)Tucker (1963) and Cathy (Kenton) Williams (1972)

Secretary/Treasurer Willis (Bill) Hardy (1962)

Doors opened at 4 pm with registration and social hour, with snacks and drinks provided.

There were 64 reservations.

There were 13 registries at the door.

Total attending 77

Alumni from Honor Class attending are:

None from the Class of 1923, 1933, 1943, 1953

One from the Class of 1953 Allen Jameson

Five from the Class of 1963 Carol (Coble) Brito, Alee (Ewoldt) Tucker, Reta (Teahon), Jack Johnston, Larry Moran and Jessica (Paxton) Warren

Nine from the Class of 1973 Teresa (David) Sorensen, Jack Edelman, Sam Edelman, Mike Hodges, Rusty Malchow, Ann (Manning) Warren, Marian (Pearson) Eicher, Keith Mercer and Rodney Warren

Three from the Class of 1983 Janet (Drinkwalter) Farmer, Deanna (Moench) Vavak and Edward Scranton

None from the Class of 1993

None from the Class of 2003

None from of the Class of 2013

None from the Class of 2023

Other Classes attending

One from the Class of 1947 Doris (Hickman) Myers

One from the Class of 1951 Dee Hickman

Two from the Class of 1954 Carol (Bryant) Spurlock, Jim Barker

Three from the Class of 1955 Rosalyne (Ewoldt) Condos, Winifred (Micheel) Cooley and Gladith (Capellen) Maire

One from the Class of 1957 Allen Jameson

Two from the Class of 1958 Neal Brewer and Garnett (Curtis) Jameson

Two from the Class of 1959 Bernard Ewoldt and Bill Elliott

Two from the Class of 1960 Carla (Simonson) Crawford and Barb (Hanna) Stichka

Three from the Class of 1961 Connie (Edelman) Elliott, Margy (Daniels) and Gene Weber

Five from the Class of 1962 Joe Buechler, Una Mae (Jameson) Clausen, Linda Rae (Mercer) Galusha, Bill Hardy, and John Warren

One from the Class of 1965 Gail (Lowry) Johnston

One from the Class of 1970 Mary Alice (Dugger) Curtis

One from the Class of 1979 Stuart Scranton

One from the Class of 1987 Sylvia Mintle

One from the Class of 1992 Jamie (Ray) Taylor

Article from Newspaper Thomas County Herald August 3, 2023, by Connie Elliott

The 67th annual Thedford Alumni reunion was held June 17, 2023, in the west gym at Thedford High School. The 2023 committee included Alice Ewoldt Tucker, 1963; Bill Hardy, 1962; Cathy Kenton Williams, 1972; Connie Edelman Elliott, 1961; and Sylvia Mintle, 1987 an addition to our committee who is willing to always help with the music and other activities.

The gym was decorated with the theme "Small Town Nights, Under Stadium Lights." A miniature stadium was set up with fans of the 10 honor class pictures cheering in the stadium. A miniature football field with players and referees was displayed in front of the stadium. Along with a game you need a concession stand so there was one with a red and white theme with Sandhills and flavored water along with many treats for the taking. The tables were red, white, and green with silhouettes of cheerleaders, football players, basketball, volleyball, track and cross country and various balls.

Connie Edelman Elliott welcomed all Alumni. Sylvia Mintle led in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Following a prayer, Reta Hardy Teahon, 1963 graduate and her helpers, Kimmy and son Ethan and Marilyn and Reta's sons served a delicious dinner of prime rib, baked potatoes, corn, green beans, dinner rolls and cakes.

The students of FCCLA consisting of Chandler Pettit, Katen Licking and Dom Rowse served, helping people to their tables. They will be attending a Conference in Denver and served to help pay expenses.

Connor Cooksley was the recipient of the \$250 Scholarship for 2023 from the Alumni for the college of his choice.

There was a drawing for five special tickets (each for four people) to attend the "Nebraska Volleyball Day" which were given anonymously. Those tickets were put back in the raffle for one ticket. An excited Mary Alice Dugger Curtis, 1970 graduate, was the recipient of this ticket which was for four people to enjoy the day. The historical day will be held at the University of Nebraska Stadium on August 30, 2023. Raffle tickets were sold throughout the year and some of the proceeds will be added to the \$250 Senior Scholarship.

Door prizes were given throughout the evening. Thanks to the merchants of Thedford who contributed. Donations were given by Sandhills Oil, Sandhills Corral, Thedford Lumber & Supply, Call's Garage, Crossroads Auto Supply, Ewoldt's Grocery, Anthem Coffee, Hirschfeld's in North Platte, Jim and Cathy Williams and Bridger Chytka.

Jamie Taylor and Shalee Scranton gave a presentation on the collecting of all graduate's pictures that are displayed in the high school. These will be put out on a slide show. Rose Gift has been assisting with this project.

A basketball skit was presented by the members of the committee and the servers. Bouncer Bill Hardy wore a stunning 1959 basketball uniform and Big Jumping John Warren, called up from the crowd. They were two of the 'Big Three' in 1962. Dave Rama, the other big three player, was not in attendance. They showed their skills in dunking the ball, in a child's basketball hoop, and defending the other player, Cathy Kenton Williams played Classy Cathy as a football player interfering in the basketball game. Referee, Dom Luis Rowse, caught their fouls, such as offsides, traveling and roughing a player. The cheerleaders were Classy Chandler Pettit, wearing a pink tutu and Katen Critter Licking in an ancient uniform. Dom Luis Rowse with a

beautiful black, red and purple wig and Alee Oops Tucker. Sylvia Mintle (Sylvia Slide) acted as their sponsor and took part in a tower they built. They cheered the game, both with basketball and football cheers. Two rowdy fans, Jimmy Williams and Dee Dee Hickman put on a good show of disagreeing with the referee.

All the names of the Honor Classes were read by a member of the Class. The oldest graduate attending was Doris Hickman Myers from the class of 1947. She is from Comstock.

The Alumni business meeting was led by secretary/treasurer, Bill Hardy (1962). He gave the reading of the minutes from the 2022 banquet and the financial report. The committee was able to purchase four banquet tables to donate to Thedford High School and a U.S. flag for the high school to display for activities. Bill also thanked the many graduates who have sent donations to the Alumni which makes it possible to continue.

Nominations were opened, but none were received for new officers so the committee will remain the same. Thank you from President Connie Elliott for all the wonderful help to organize and set up the banquet. We continue to strive to get the younger graduates to attend and renew relationships.

The 50-year class of 1973 was honored with leather key chains made by Jim Williams placed by their plates. Attending were Ann Manning Warren, Mike Hodges, Teresa David Sorenson, Marian Pearson Eicher, Rod Warren, Jack Edelman, Sam Edelman, and Rusty Malchow. The committee plans to honor the 50-year graduates every banquet and maybe instead of honoring every 10 years will go to every five years.

The evening closed with the veterans called up front and honored. Bill Hardy, Dee Hickman, Carl Olson, Bernard Ewoldt, Neal Brewer, Jim Barker, and Allen Robinson were recognized, and we would not have our freedom if it wasn't for those who were willing to serve.

A moving rendition of "Taps" was played by High School Junior Tyson Hickman.

Sylvia Mintle led the traditional song "God Bless America."

The students who served and were in the skit, Chandler, Dom and Katen, also helped in cleaning up the gym and of putting everything away. We appreciated their help.

The Alumni' is always the third Saturday of June, so see you then!

Treasurer Report

This year 160 newsletters were sent out, 8 were returned.

The Association has received several donations with their due payment, thanks to all who donated and renewed their dues.

Financial report for 2022 banquet.	\$2,342.87
Deposits	\$4,641.06
Expenses	\$3,306.49
Ending Balance	\$3,677.44
Ended with increase of	\$1,334.57

For this year I will give the just the income as it is before the banquet and the expense is after the banquet. The income is broken down in 4 categories for banquet, dues, donations and for scholarship. Does not include what was paid at the door this evening. So far this is what has been received.

Received for banquet	\$980.00
Received for dues	\$560.00
Donations receive	\$465.00
Donation for scholarship	\$20.00
Total income	\$1,960.00

Bills to be paid are Double T for meal, Banquet workers \$200, Reimburse Connie for her expenses, and Scholarship of \$250.

Alumni and Teachers Deaths Since 2022 Banquet

Class	First	Maiden	Present Name	Death date
TEACHER	BILL		HOLIDAY	02/20/2023
1945	MAX		MAX HICKMAN	05/25/2023
1954	JAMES		JAMES WEBER	01/26/2023
1958	TED		TED WEBER	05/13/2023
1958	DON		HARDY	04/29/2023
1959	SEVERT		BLAUVELT	04/13/2023
1961	GARY		GARY MASON	04/12/2022
1962	MARY	PRICE	MARY KROGH	01/23/2023
1962	RONALD		ELLIOTT	02/03/2023
1962	JOSEPHINE	BARNES	JOSEPHINE MORRIS	02/08/2023
1973	DANNY		DANNY WHITAKER	02/16/2023
1984	DAVID		DAVID HOWARD	03/12/2023
1968	RONALD		RONALD LOUDON	06/23/2022
2013	EUGENE 'EJ'		EUGENE BAILEY	05/11/2022

Notes:

Minutes submitted by
Secretary/Treasurer
Willis (Bill) Hardy