

2024 Thedford Alumni Association Banquet Minutes

Date: June 15, 2024

“Theme this year is “**High School Sock Hop**”

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 63 reservations.

There were 8 registries at the door.

Total attending 71, 45 alumni and 18 guest

Alumni from Honor Classes attending are: Every 10 years and after 40 years every 5 years

None from the Class of 1914, 1919, 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939 1944, 1949, 1969, 2004, 2014, 2024

Two from the Class of 1954, Madeline (Bryant) Spurlock, and Carol (Ewoldt) Dubs

Three from the Class of 1959, Bill Elliott, Sam Ogle, Donna (Weil) Blus

Two from the Class of 1964, Wynona (Pound) Bolton

Four from the Class of 1974, Randy Barnes, Janice (Haumann)Hodges, Becky (Ostgren) Manning, Linda (Warren) Eggert

One from the class of 1979, Jeff Stevens

Two from the class of 1984, Marc Rowan, Richard Stevens

Thedford Alumni 2024 , written by Connie Elliott

The 67th Thedford Alumni Banquet was held on June 15th, 2024. The Alumni was started by the Junior Class of 1957.

The doors were open to former graduates and visitors at 4:00 p.m. with registration and a concession stand of treats and “good ole’ Sandhill Water”. This year’s committee members are Cathy Kenton Williams 1972, Bill Hardy 1962, Alee Ewoldt Tucker 1963 and Connie Edelman Elliott 1961

The Welcome was given by Connie Edelman Elliott 1961 graduate, followed by Caitlin Mintle Simmonds (stepping in for her mother, Sylvia Mintle) leading the “Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag”

The theme of the Banquet “High School Sock Hop” was carried out in the decorations with records on the tables with various record covers decorating the area. Two silhouettes of young people doing a sock hop dance were also in the decorations. An antique record player was included. The ‘origin of the Sock Hop’ was printed on the back of the silverware holders and there were roses in Jars centering the tables along with 45 records.

A table honoring those who had passed and held Candles. Copies of various obituaries were viewed by many. A time of silence was given.

Prayer for a blessed evening blessing the dinner and all attending.

The delicious dinner was catered by the “Double T”, owner Reta Hardy Teahon. It consisted of Prime Rib, Baked Potatoes, Green beans, Corn, Lettuce salad, dinner rolls and Cupcakes and bar cookies. Servers were Connor Burns, Aiden Bryant, Gabe Vogt, Abbie and Mary Vogt. They carried plates for those needing help, filled drinks and cleaned up after.

Photos were taken of the 10 yr. honor classes, also honoring those attending from the year 1959 as it was their 65th year. The oldest graduate, Doris Hickman Myers class of 1947 was honored at a special table for other graduates. The pictures will be posted on the Web site Thedfordalumni.com which Meriel Woods Romero keeps the alumni informed. Those honored were years ending in 4 and also 9 after 40 years.

A member of each honor year read the names of all the class members. A gift of a coaster with "Class of 1974" on it for attendants of 50-year class.

Door prizes donated by the merchants of Thedford were presented during the evening. They consisted of Photos, paint supplies, gift certificates, special water cups, a historical book, a dinner.

This year's winner of the \$250 Scholarship was Senior graduate Jayden Dimmitt. This will be sent to the College of her choice when she has completed the 1st semester. There will be additional monies added as the result of selling raffle tickets.

The Raffle this year was for 2 tickets to the Nebraska/Illinois football game on the 20th of September. It was drawn at the close of the Banquet and Mark Teahon of Halsey, Ne. was the winner.

Donna Weil Blus, member of the 1959 honor class had brought to our attention that in October 58-59 Trojan newsletter the T-Club wanted to earn some \$ so had a magazine selling contest. The boys against the girls...the girls won with Barb Hanna and Deanna Curtis selling the most magazines. The boys gave a party for the winning team, and it was a "Sock Hop"

The Alumni Committee members had a "Sock Hop" for all to enjoy...including the dress of that era, a poodle skirt, Can-cans, sunglasses, rolled up jeans and hat that would have been worn/ and of course, dancing to the music of that time. Those taking part were Thelma, Ethel, Louise and J.J. Cash...aka Alee, Connie, Cathy and Bill

Those who have given donations for the scholarship, honoring deceased loved ones and for continuing the Banquet were thanked and encouraged. This has made it possible to buy 4 banquet tables and a US flag for the school. There are plans to have a metal sign designed by the Industrial Arts department with Bridger Chatka as the teacher. This will honor the 1971 track team who won the Class D championship, the 1st ever State track meet for girls. Five TCHS girls participated and won. Three of those members attended the banquet and were honored. They were Diane Rogers McCloud, Beth Baxter, Jane Pound Sherman. Those unable to attend were Kathy David and Teresa David. They told what they participated in at the State meet.

Also, the 2023 Sandhills/Thedford Football Team will be honored on the sign as Class D Champions. The plan is to have it by the Historical Society Building so that all those passing by can view it. We thank the Society for letting us display the sign there.

Vice-President Bill Hardy, class of 1962 and a Veteran, honored the attending Veterans with them coming forward to receive gifts and letters from school kids in Kansas. They told when and where they served. We know without those serving our country, we would not have the safety we enjoy. Tyson Hickman played a beautiful rendition of Taps.

Bill Hardy conducted the Annual Meeting with the reading of the minutes and the financial report. He also asked for nominations for new committee members of which there were none. It was decided that 2025 Banquet will be held on the 3rd Saturday of June. We would welcome any suggestions for growing

our Banquet attendance and how to encourage younger graduates to become involved. We, as a committee, volunteered Sylvia Mintle as our Music Director for which she so graciously leads. Cathy Williams volunteered in the past and Alee Tucker and we could not get along without these 2 and Bill Hardy is the 'glue' that holds us together with all the records, etc.

Catlin Mintle Simmonds led in singing "God Bless America" to honor our beautiful USA and close out our evening renewing friendships with other graduates of Thedford High School.

Treasurer's Report

Date: June 15 2024

Thedford Alumni Association

This is the financial report for 2023

Starting Bank balance was \$3,677.44

Deposits	\$3,714.55
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Expenses	\$4,213.92
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Ending Balance	\$3,528.07
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Ended with decrease of	\$499.37
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The income is broken down in 4 categories for banquet, dues, donations and for scholarship.

Received for banquet \$980.00

Received for dues \$540.00

Donations receive \$410

Donation for scholarship \$20.00

Total income \$1,940.00

Association had extra funds so 4 8' tables and an American Flag with a stand were purchased and donated to the school.

The Association has received several donations with their due's payment, thanks to all who donated and renewed their dues. Also have received money as a memorial for a member who has passed away, if you have a suggestion on how we should recognize that person, let the committee know.

Submitted by

Bill Hardy

Secretary /Treasurer