

Osawatomie Alumni Newsletter



113th Annual Alumni Banquet

May 2008

Welcome Alumni and Guests



The OHS Alumni Board wishes to extend a warm welcome to all members and their spouses, members of the School Board and all OHS teachers who are in attendance. We wish to pay special recognition to our honored classmates, the Class of 1958, who are celebrating their 50th reunion. We also pay special tribute to our newest members, the Class of 2008, and look forward to their active participation in future reunions. We are very proud to say we are one of the very few schools across the country who can boast of holding an all-school reunion every year since 1894.

While we look to our new members to keep our organization alive and well, we are forever amazed when we hear from someone at a distance, who is seeking information about one of our graduates. Like Dixie Buce Buchanan, whose mother, Marcella Crowley Buce graduated with the Class of 1925, or Sue Tegler Peterson, whose mother graduated with the Class of 1930. They found the website and yearbooks on line along with a treasure of photos they had never seen. Sue's mother, Dorothy Riley Tegler, who at 97 years of age, looks forward to reading the Graphic at her home in Spokane, WA at alumni time

and is so pleased that the organization is thriving.

Did you know that we have over 2,400 graduates living within a 60-mile radius of Osawatomie, with over 1,200 living in Osawatomie alone? Why not contact a classmate who has not attended a reunion in recent years, and ask them to join you?

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We have made major changes in how members are notified about upcoming reunions. Class secretaries are no longer responsible for mailing the annual notices. However, you have the choice of receiving future notices either by mail or by Internet. You will need to register to receive notices by mail. Or, information will be available at our website, www.osawatomiealumni.com no later than April 15th of each year, where you can print out the registration form. In either case, we ask that you complete the address form at your place setting so our Corresponding Secretary can be sure we have your correct information on file.

This information will be shared with the Class Secretaries so that they can continue to make special reunion plans.

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Here's majorette Mickey Duncan Thomas, Class of '47, participating in last year's alumni parade. It obviously shows she still has what it takes! Just look at her photo below from the '47 yearbook



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The Board wishes as always to thank everyone who helped with this year's reunion. Special recognition goes to Hanes Florist for the use and donation of their candelabra and candles for the memorial services. Also to the Locker Room who allows us to set up shop for selling tickets for a couple of weeks before the banquet. Special thanks to the Graphic for sharing photos and other information for our website and to the Osawatomie State Hospital for the printing of our letters. Diana Wilson Neal, Class of 1979, earns high marks for her continued efforts to "Help Keep Alumni Alive" and we also thank the school district for allowing us the use of the school for our activities and providing a custodian.

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One hundred years ago this month, the following received their diplomas and joined the Osawatomie

Alumni Association:

Tribute to the Class of 1908

Richard Beeson - Mabel Eby

Veda Harker - Emma Kolbohm

Maybell McEnrue - Ethel Michaels

Laomi Pinkerton - Bernice Ruhland

Gilbert Sellers - Verlie Snyder

Thomas J. Sommers - Clara Warren - Sadie Warren

One of the treasures of our high school legacy is our school song. It was copyrighted in 1913 by the J. A. Parks Company. Words were written by Cora F. Conaway, with music by J. A. Parks. Full music score is available at the website.

"Our Old High"

Once again here as schoolmates assembled,
 We fain would lift our hearts in song
 To our High School, our dear Alma Mater
 Let gladness the moments prolong,
 We are proud of her lads and her lasses
 Of honors won in days gone by
 So here's a cheer for our old high school
 For our old high school, our dear old high,
 Here's to our classes; Here's to our lasses;
 Here's to the lads they adore,
 Here's to the seniors so mighty;
 Juniors so flightly;
 Freshies and Sophomores.
 Let mirth and gladness banish all sadness
 And as the days go by,
 you'll find us ready and steady
 Boosting for our Old High!

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The singing of the following song began in 1897, when at closing, everyone stood, joined hands, and sang:

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again,
 By His counsels guide, uphold you,
 With His sheep securely fold you,
 God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
 Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
 Till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again

*Donna Darner
 Board President
 Class of 1962*