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DUES! DUES! DUES!

The membership year is January through December. Two problems arose earlier this year to cause our membership to drop to approximately one-half of normal. First, many alums paid their dues at the reunion the year before and thought they were paid-up till the following reunion. Second, we had a computer problem that prevented sending dues notices. We do not solicit funds and rely on dues for the huge majority of our income. The combination of these two factors will result in a tremendous budget shortfall by the end of the year. So, anyone who has not paid dues this year is urged to do so as quickly as possible.

Currently, dues are \$35 for an individual, and \$50 for a couple. Mail a check payable to PUAFA to PO Box 331, Enid, OK 73702.



SAVE THE DATES

**June 10 - 11, 2016 at the
Phillips University campus**

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Alums and Friends:

Thank you for your patience as the Board of Directors waded through the impact of a catastrophic failure of our computer. Not only did it hamper severely our ability to stay in touch, our record-keeping was reduced to pen and paper. Hopefully, all that is history and we are ready to get moving again.

Unfortunately, the first order of business must be a reminder to pay dues - \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a couple. Because of the computer problems, we were unable to send reminders last year. As a result, the number of alums who paid dues dropped by over two-thirds. But for generous donations from a couple of Board members, the association would have been in serious trouble. While we gladly accept donations, we do not solicit them. So, the huge majority of our income is from dues.

On a more pleasant topic, the reunion is shaping-up into a fun weekend. NOC has done a wonderful job in maintaining our campus, including a beautiful renovation of the Marshall Building. Thanks to the efforts of the Visit Enid, it is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I hope you will attend, enjoy the campus, listen to some great music, renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

I'll see you in June. GOOOOOO HAYMAKERS!

Tom Walker
Class of 1968
Alumni and Friends Association President

ALUMNI NEWS

PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY INTERVIEW- Jean & Dr. Jim Beddow

Why/how did you come to Phillips?

"At the conclusion of Jim's Ph.D. studies in History at the University of Oklahoma, he had a military commitment to fulfill. He was discharged in January 1971 midyear for academic institutions. His major professor at OU had ties to Phillips and connected us with the opportunity. His first contract was for \$9,600. Amazing!"

What dates were you there?

"January 1971 through May 1976."

What did you teach?

"Jim was part of a two person History Department. Bill Snodgrass, the other professor, taught almost all the American History courses. As a result, even though the majority of Jim's graduate work was in American history, he had to teach a lot of non-US courses. In his first three years he had 14 different course preparations. Most of the time, he was about a day ahead of his students. It was pretty stressful for a new prof!"

What fun/funny experiences did you have?

"One of the first events we attended was a basketball game. We remember sitting in the stands when the PU mascot came out. It was a skunk! What in the world?! We couldn't figure out how the Haymakers became a skunk? Well, the folks around us clued us in! Jean also remembers many wonderful times as a Comet sponsor and working with Phillips University women, even planning and selling a great cookbook with them."

What was a big learning experience?

"Becoming part of the Phillips University campus was our first experience with private, church-related higher education. It was a profound and formative experience for us. We grew to understand what a special mission and purpose private colleges hold. Our Phillips experience shaped our future. After leaving Phillips, we spent the rest of our careers serving on private college campuses. Serving as faculty at a small private college was an invaluable experience - a necessity before moving on to administration."

Anything you were sad about?

"Our last couple years were a difficult time at Phillips with clashes between administration and other campus constituencies. The vitality and viability of small colleges is directly tied to the depth of constituent relationships - faculty & staff, community, church, alumni. Phillips had such a strong and credible history, and it was very sad to see that diminished because of lack of vision for the future."

What challenges did you have?

"Teaching at a small, private college is a lot of work. But we look back with deep appreciation for the learning and growth we experienced there."

Why did you leave? What did you do after you left?

"Our departure was really a combination of push and pull. The administration and faculty was deeply divided. There was a change in Academic Dean, and Jim was appointed interim Dean. At the same time, an opportunity surfaced in our home state of South Dakota. In the summer of 1976, Jim was named President of Colleges of Mid-America, a consortium of 10 private colleges in South Dakota and Iowa. Following this position, he was a Vice President for Institutional Advancement and later served 14 years as President of Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. We are United Methodist, and Dakota Wesleyan is our United Methodist college in the Dakotas. They were 14 immensely challenging but fulfilling years. Succeeding years included presidency of a healthcare foundation and a consultancy focused on community and rural development in South Dakota. He is still working with his own small business and moving all over South Dakota and the Midwest working on education and community development issues."

"Jean spent many years raising our children and working nearly full-time as a private college president's wife. We loved the students

and alumni and are still closely connected to friends and mission of Dakota Wesleyan. She spent 6 years in the South Dakota legislature and found it to be a life-changing experience. She has worked for 18 years as an advocate for children who are abused and neglected and has found a real mission there. Today travel, volunteering, and grandchildren top the list."

Any connections you've continued that stemmed from PU?

"The most special legacy of our time at Phillips was developing a wonderful, enduring friendship with Tom and Nancy Sanders."

What have Jay and Jana done with their lives?

"Our son Jay was one year old when we arrived at Phillips, and our daughter Jana was born in Enid. We remember fondly that Forrest and Kathy Redding took care of Jay when we went to the hospital to have Jana! Jay has spent most of his professional career as an international banker. While he has worked across the Far East and in London, he has lived primarily in Japan for over 20 years and now lives in Tokyo. Jana is a graduate of Mayo Medical School and Harvard University and is currently a physician (dermatologist) in Sioux Falls, SD. The best part of our lives is having our four grandchildren live so close to us!"

-NANCY SANDERS

ALUMNI NEWS

ZONTA MAIDENS

The Eyes of Zonta will be upon Enid June 10-13
Zonta maidens will be arriving in Enid on June 10
to celebrate 90 years of Zonta.

I hope all maidens received the save the date card
with information about the reunion. Also please
register to join the alumni association and sign up
to attend the activities provided by our alumni
association.

All forms are included in this newsletter. If you
did not receive a registration form, please email
me

At ckelman@bigplanet.com and I will mail or
email you one.

Plan on registering at the Marshall building when
you arrive, attending Vespers in Bivins Chapel,
Sunset on the Terrace at Zollars, then return to
Home Away Suite for snacks and fellowship with
other Zonta Maidens and anyone else who would
like to attend.

Zonta Maidens can participate in a progressive
Breakfast at the hotel on Saturday morning, attend
the Alumni annual meeting, have lunch, take tours
of the campus then have High Tea at the Chero-
kee Strip museum.

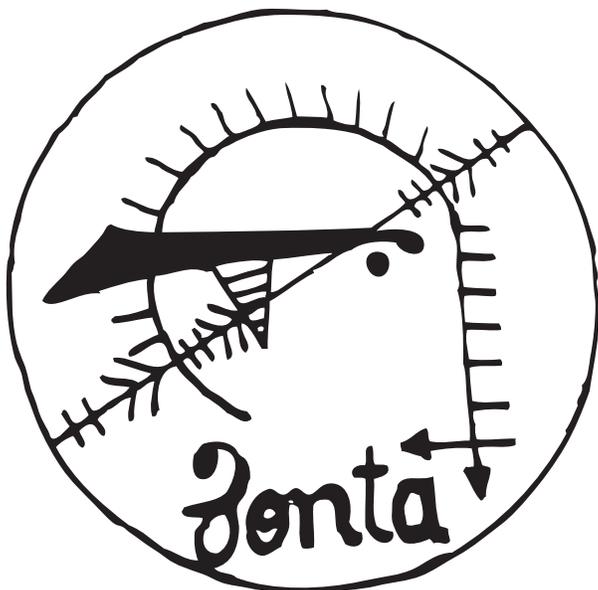
Make your reservation to have dinner with other
Zonta maidens on Saturday night.

Come, bring your friends and share your Zonta
and Phillips memories.



CALLING THE LOYAL AND THE BLUE!

We are making plans for a Comet/Varsity
Social/After Party which will take place after all
the reunion activities are over. The plan is to go
to Dan and Lori (Smith) Hunter's home, 3508
Northlake Lane, Enid. There will be heavy hors
d'oeuvres, soft drinks, tea, and lemonade will be
provided, and you may bring any other adult
beverages that you like. It is rumored that some
homemade mead will also be provided. This
after party is on Saturday, June 11th, and the time
is TBA. Come join the alumni of Comets and
Varsity Social Service groups, guests of course
are invited, and let us fellowship around the pool
out on the terrace and spend some time with
each other before returning home. Sheri Smith
Lashley and Leslie Putnam Klamm will be host-
ing this party along with the Hunters. Contact
any of them for more information.



PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Calling the Loyal and True

Reunion 2016 – June 10th & 11th

Name(s)	Years Attended:

Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

PU Alum 2016 Reunion <i>(includes all activities for the weekend)</i> \$ 35 individual \$ 50 couple	\$ _____
PU Alum 2016 Membership Dues \$ 35 per person/due annually \$ 50 per couple <i>(Membership dues cover the 2016 calendar year)</i>	\$ _____
Support your Alumni Association - Your gifts allow us to send newsletters, plan reunions and other PU alumni events.	\$ _____
PAYMENT OPTIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> American Express	Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Friday:
 6:30 – 7:30 Vespers in Marshall Building
 7:30 – 9:00 Sunset on the Terrace reception
 Visit with friends and enjoy the sunset on the Zollars terrace. Light appetizers and entertainment provided.

Reunion
Schedule of
Events
(Subject to change)

Saturday:
 10:00 – PU Alumni annual meeting
 Briggs Auditorium
 11:30 – 12:30 PU Alum luncheon
 1:00 – 3:00 Campus Tours (TBA)
 Observatory/Planetarium

ZONTA SOCIAL CLUB REUNION REGISTRATION



Reunion 2016 June 10th & 11th

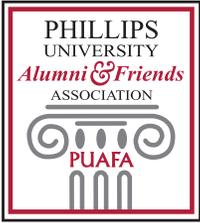
Name:	Years Attended:
Indian Name:	

Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

ZONTA Alum 2016 Reunion <i>(includes Zonta activities for the weekend)</i>	\$ _____
\$50 per person PLEASE MARK WHAT EVENTS YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:	
Friday, 5-8pm Meet, Greet & Check-In at the Marshal Building on Campus	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Friday, 9pm - ??-- Home Away Suites Cocktails and Conversation – BYOB, time to just talk until the wee- hours	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Saturday brunch 9-11am-- Home Away Suites (Bring special dish to share!—store bought or homemade)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Saturday High Tea 2-4pm -- Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center (Zonta memorabilia will be on display!)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Saturday Dinner – 6pm – 9pm – Restaurant TBD Join Zonta maidens for dinner, Place to be determined by Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Would you like to order a shirt? If yes please mark your size:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> LG <input type="checkbox"/> XL
PAYMENT BY Check # _____	Total Amount Enclosed:
<u>MAIL CHECK WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO:</u>	\$ _____
Cindy Sims, 12319 Farley, Overland Park KS 66213	

Events with Phillips Reunion, please register for both –Zonta Events are separate:

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