

## President's Letter-Linda Jeffery Branson

As the new President of your Alumni Association, I want to thank everyone who contributes to our continued success: The Board members, volunteers and many PHS grads who pay dues and support us in other ways.

Especially, we give a big thank you to retiring President, Peggy Thompson Haxton '66 who worked tirelessly over the past several years.

In the past year, your Alumni Association has continued our mission of providing scholarships to qualified PHS graduating seniors toward **ANY TYPE** of continuing education be it tech school or college. With your help and support, a total of **\$32,500** in scholarships was awarded to **21** PHS Seniors representing **26%** of the graduating class. Congratulations to all the winners. Since our beginning in 1988, we have awarded **\$433,750** to **356** PHS seniors.

We continued to raise scholarship funds and recognize PHS grads and former teachers at our annual Honor Roll Banquet where almost **\$8,000** was raised in sponsor fees, raffles and scholarship donations.

And a big thank you to every one of you, for supporting our mission, paying your membership dues, donating to our cause and attending our events. I doubt that there is any high school alumni association in Oklahoma or possibly the US, even for large high schools, that can even come close to what we do here in Perry, America!

*Linda Jeffery Branson '71*

## 2019 PHS Alumni Scholarship Winners

Each May, your PHS Alumni Association holds a special ceremony at our office for recipients and their parents to announce and celebrate their selection.

Receiving the Perry High School Alumni scholarships for 2019 were: Bryce Allen, Darcy Baetz, Carter Bocox, Kort Davis, Savannah Dolezal, Blayne Douglass, Khnly Duncan, Jin He, Raegan Layne, Jacee Lewellen, Mackenzie Maly, Brooklyn Mills, Dalton Mitchell, Hadyn Redus, Dominick Resler, Cooper Richards, Jett Smith, Alyssa Tabbert, Cesar Tiscareno, and Breck Uhlman. Receiving the education scholarships in memory of Dr. Linda Waltermire Powers and also the education scholarship in memory of Thelma Knox Brown and Ethel Knox was Kaya Davis.



You may recognize some of the family names because quite a few of the winners' parents & grandparents are also PHS graduates.

Scholarship Committee members for the 2019 selections were Connie LeForce Betchan '68 chairperson, Pat Soulek Novy '65, Ranay Schieffer Roth '71, Rena Clark Wheatley '81, and Peggy Thompson Haxton '66. Thank you for your work!

Application dates for the 2020 scholarships will be announced when school resumes. Watch for details to be posted on our website: <http://perryokalumni.com/>

Take note parents of PHS seniors '20!



## Honor Roll Event & Fundraiser

Our 15th Annual Honor Roll Event and Fundraiser was held on September 13th at the Perry Lower Elementary School.

If you haven't attended this lately, you are missing a great time to reconnect with both Perry and out-of-town alumni including those attending reunions as well as the Celebration. It is held the Friday evening before the parade.

Special tables are reserved for reunion attendees to sit together and be recognized.

Themed **"Honoring Our Past, Investing In Our Future,"** the fun-filled evening recognizes former students, faculty, and staff of Perry High School who demonstrate notable life achievements and contribute to their school, community, or profession



### 2019 HONOR ROLL SELECTION

Congratulations to our newest honorees: Rev. Dell Crockett '51 and Mike Kirk '78 as well as posthumous inductees Harold Jack St.Clair '35, Dwain Kennedy '49, Phillip Bartlett '66, Mickey Ripley '66 and teacher Floyd Pratt (1929-1958) for the Legacy Award. Biographies were posted last fall on our Facebook page: [Perry High School \(OK\) Alumni Association](#).

If you would like to nominate someone to the Honor Roll, you can download a Nomination Form on our



*2019 Honor Roll Recipients: Randy St.Clair '65 on behalf of uncle Harold "Jack" St.Clair '35, Judy Bartlett '69 on behalf of brother Phillip Bartlett '66, Ron Ripley '65 on behalf of brother Mickey Ripley '66, Robert Kennedy '74 on behalf of father Dwain Kennedy '51, Mike Kirk '78, Rev. Dell Crockett '49, and Marvin Jirous '53 on behalf of Floyd Pratt (PHS long-time teacher).*

website, email us or pick up a form at our office during our open hours.

**Nominations are due June 1.**

### RAISING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Through donations, raffles, sponsorships and a silent auction we raised almost \$8,000. Tickets only cost \$20 for an excellent dinner catered by Klein's Catering.

Thank you to our 2019 Fundraising committee Diana Brand Pagel '71 chairperson, Tom Davis '61 and Bob Mildfelt '61, as well as the entire Board who are all members of the Honor Roll Organizing Committee.

If you would like to donate something for the auction or raffle, email us at [PerryOKAlumni@att.net](mailto:PerryOKAlumni@att.net) or leave a message at our office.

### JOIN US THIS SEPTEMBER

Plan now to attend this year's event on September 18, 2020. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude not later than 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be available online at [PerryOkAlumni.com](http://PerryOkAlumni.com), at your alumni office, and at local businesses (Kumback Café & Perry Chamber of Commerce.)



### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

- **Renowned Sponsors:** Kemnitz Oil Company-Laura, Craig '72 and Ruby '74; Vance GMC.
- **Esteemed Sponsors:** Exchange Bank; First Bank & Trust; Ditch Witch of Oklahoma-Gary '70 and Mary Ellen Bridwell.
- **Distinguished Sponsors:** Foster Corner Drug; Kasper Law, PLLC- Kurtis '72 and Kris '76 Kasper; Richard Bartlett '63; Dr. Martin and Ranay Schieffer Roth, both '71.
- **Celebrated Sponsors:** Landrun Realty-Wally Schieffer '72; Milligan Ventures; Johnny P. Davis '73; Jon Alexander '81; Shane Leach, Atty '07.



## More Fun at the Honor Roll Event & Fundraiser



## **SPEAKING OF THE CHEROKEE STRIP CELEBRATION... STOP BY ON PARADE DAY SATURDAY!**

Your alumni office, generously donated by LeRoy Rolling '56 is THE PLACE to "see and be seen" before, during and after the parade: opened from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone pops in to sign in on your class sheet, run into old friends, and see who else is in town. While there you can flip through the class composite photos or old yearbooks. You can view the many old trophies, the class scrapbooks, various letter jackets and uniforms, and other PHS memorabilia in our archives.

Our office is on the south side of the Square at 606 Cedar. See you there!





# Meet Your PHS Alumni 2020 Board Members

BACK ROW: Floyd Kirk '73, Kay Martin McCarthy '69, Pat Soulek Novy '65, Peggy Thompson Haxton '66, Cary Clark '82. MIDDLE ROW: Vicky Ewy Beier '67, Kathy St.Clair Shelton '67, Gloria Tovar Maine '70, Ranay Schieffer Roth '71. FRONT: Kathy Henry '68, Ann Waren Hentges '73, Linda Jeffery Branson '71 and Rena Clark Wheatley '81.



(Not pictured: Bob Mildfelt '61, Gina Clark Bolay '76, Craig Kemnitz '72, Diana Brand Pagel '71, Connie Beier Mendenhall '75, Tom Davis '61, Donna Brand Reiman '70 and Bertha Caine Robinson '73.)

At our annual meeting in January, new Board members were welcomed. Officers elected were President: Linda Branson '71, Vice-President: Kathy Shelton '67, Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Haxton '66, Recording Secretary: Kay McCarthy '69, and Treasurer: Rena Wheatley '81. We thank all of you who dutifully return your proxy statement!



## THANK YOU, CONNIE, FOR YEARS & YEARS OF SERVICE!

Connie LeForce Betchan '68 retired from our Board after untiring service to our Alumni Association. As chair of the Scholarship Committee these years, **306 scholarships have been awarded totaling an amazing \$406,200.00.**

In this role, she made sure scholarship applications were available, chaired the selection committee, and followed up with all the winners after first semester to ensure they met the grade requirements.

Connie arranged scholarship payments to school and university offices, and placed articles and photos of the recipients in the PDJ, this newsletter, and our website.

Additionally, Connie scheduled volunteers to work at our Alumni building on Wednesdays when our office is open.

We appreciate all you have done and will miss you, Connie!

## Speaking of Volunteers...

We are always appreciative of our volunteers. They staff our Wednesday office open days, assist with Honor Roll preparation and activities, file, clean and help on our projects in other ways.

If you would like to volunteer, email us at [PerryOKAlumni@att.net.com](mailto:PerryOKAlumni@att.net.com)

## PLEASE, DON'T JOIN ALUMNICLASS.COM

The website uses our logo and pretends to be the PHS Alumni Association. It charges your credit card renewable dues year after year.

### AND NOTHING GOES TOWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PHS SENIORS.

The company is a fake and fraud. Please do not support it and please tell your friends and classmates.

Thank you!

## Alumni Office Hours

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

1st and 3rd Wed.—May-July

Every Wed.—Aug.-Sept.

1st Wed.—Oct.-Apr.

## STOP BY AND VISIT US!

## STAY CONNECTED WITH US ONLINE

**Q:** Where can you go online to see old friends and learn what's going on with Perry High alumni?

**A:** Two places: the "Perry High School (OK) Alumni Association" Facebook page and our website: [PerryOkAlumni.com](http://PerryOkAlumni.com).



Our great volunteers Patty Ewy Bible '67 and Cheryl Bowers DeJager '69 keep those sites updated and attractive.

On the Facebook page you can stay up to date on the next Honor Roll Banquet and Cherokee Strip 2020 Celebration activities as well as communicate about your reunions. **BE SURE TO "LIKE" US AND FOLLOW US!**

Jeannie Matthews Vance '67 was our 1000th "Like" last month!



On the website you can see the Honor Roll

recipients' names, order a PHS Alumni logo t-shirt and find what you can do to nominate someone for the Honor Roll.

And, check out the **1916 "Peroma"** yearbook, which you can view, page by page! It is a very interesting and historical look at PHS back then.



## RECONNECTING WITH PHS AND YOUR "OLD" CLASSMATES AT REUNIONS!

*Of course, we are ALL young at heart!*

Please include your PHS Alumni Association  
as a part of your reunion planning.  
Be sure to email us your reunion plans so that we  
post them on our Facebook page.

If you need addresses, we can provide what we have for  
your class. This is why we are here, to help you!  
Don't forget to reserve your reunion's table for the banquet.

### 2020 REUNIONS WE KNOW ABOUT SO FAR...

**1970, 50 Years:** September 19 at the Elks Lodge.  
Contact Gloria Tovar Maine for details. [glomaine51@gmail.com](mailto:glomaine51@gmail.com)

**1984, 36 Years:** September 19, Sooner Corner.  
Contact Farah Nichols Gaddis.

**1995, 25 Years:** In planning. Contact Tina Betchan Bowman  
[Tbowman@perry.k12.ok.us](mailto:Tbowman@perry.k12.ok.us) or Crystal Chilcoat Gilbreath.

**2005, 15 Years:** We hear there are plans in the works.  
Watch for details on our Facebook page.





## IN MEMORIAM: Deceased in 2019

**1941:** Regina Lucy Thele Luetkemer  
**1945:** Mary Mildred Chenoweth  
 Goodwin  
 Irene Agnes Dvorak Heppler  
 Phyllis Elaine Tobin Speiser  
**1946:** Donald Wesley Burke  
 Evelyn Pauline Shappell Coe  
 Jack Wilburn Kraemer

**1947:** Doris Mae Hempfling Feken  
 Verl Eugene Hentges  
 Billy Lee Reckert  
 Barbara Lea Casparis St.Clair  
**1948:** Donald Davis Brengle  
 Doris Lee Sheets Heppler  
 Doris Jean Brand Rupp  
**1949:** Teresa Ann Schieffer Rogers  
 Wileeta Claire Paden  
 Treadway  
 Victor Thomas Hvolboll (2018)  
**1950:** Robert Eugene Johndrow  
**1951:** Dwain Kennedy  
 Carol "Lavaughn" Lawson  
 John Edward Andrews (2018)  
 Rev. John Roger Bisagno  
 (2018)  
**1953:** Barbara Jean Avery  
 Joseph Mac Day  
 Donna Faith Kennedy Golliver  
 Gwendolyn Marie McQuirk  
 Harrison  
**1954:** Esther "Jo" Ruby Pricer Bronn  
 Wilbur A. Keith  
 Dr. Eugene Nance Zavodny  
**1955:** Col. Danny Joe Beakey  
 Dr. Grace Ann McCormick  
 Cooper  
 Marilyn Elizabeth Moore Eby  
 Janice Merlene McNeal  
 Franklin  
 Ralph Herman Passow  
 Leon Loyd Hughes (2018)

**1956:** Earl Dean Hicks  
**1959:** Elane June Johnson  
 Larry Dan Mornhinweg  
**1960:** Raymond LeRoy Coker  
 Betty Jean Bower Dailey  
 Delores Ann Couch Smith  
**1961:** Glenda Kay Went Flury  
**1963:** Don Edwin Malzahn  
**1966:** Joe Michael "Mickey" Ripley  
 John Richard Wagner  
**1968:** James Alva Miller, Jr.  
**1969:** Rhonda June Edmondson  
 Meyer  
**1970:** Richard W. Hollander  
 Patrick Frank Kaiser  
 Randy Lee Karcher  
**1971:** Evelyn Merline Gile Bower  
 Earl Michael Vorndran  
**1972:** Leonard Gus Hollander  
 Phyllis Nadine Holder Parli  
 Mark Lewis Self  
**1975:** Janet Elaine Lewis  
**1977:** Daniel Frankin Turner, Jr.  
**1984:** Lawrence Edward Vester  
**1986:** Susan Bernice Perry Heredia  
**1989:** Darin Ray Rucker  
**1990:** Lisa Dionne Swartz Bottoms  
**1992:** Melanie Faye Estes Harader  
**1997:** Nicholas Ryan Dale

***Are you a PHS Alumni  
 Association Member?  
 Have You Renewed? Please  
 Join!***

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:**

More than half of our annual members in 2019 have not renewed yet for 2020. Are you one of them? It is easy to renew and only costs \$20. You can renew online with a credit card at [PerryOKAlumni.com](http://PerryOKAlumni.com) or via snail mail with the convenient form below.

### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

We have 456 Lifetime Members but lost 12 last year.

- Cost is still only \$250.
- However, if you graduated in 1975 or before or 2015 and after, it is **ONLY \$100!**
- All Perry schoolteachers also receive the \$100 special price.

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**Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!**  
**Your Dues Help Support Your Alumni Association and the Scholarships We Award.**

Last name 1	First name	Maiden name, if applicable	Year of graduation

  

Last name 2	First name	Maiden name, if applicable	Year of graduation

  

Street or Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	Email address 1	Email address 2

*I would like to receive my newsletter by email.*

Annual Dues are \$20/person per year.	Annual Dues: \$ _____
Lifetime dues for 5 years or less out of school or 45 years or more are \$100	Lifetime Dues: \$ _____
Otherwise, lifetime dues for the years between 5 and 45 are \$250.	Donations: \$ _____

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