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# NEWSLETTER 2015



## TWO NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

The alumni association board of directors elected two new members in September, Winnie Oliver and Michael Louthan. A member of the class of 1968, Winnie enjoys a incredible number of Phillips connections. Both parents, Jennie Mae McCray Oliver and Jack Oliver, graduated in the 1930s. Her brother and sister attended Phillips, as did ten aunts, uncles and cousins. She is a retired education administrator and lives in Lander, Wyoming.

Michael is a member of the class of 1975, earning a BS in geology. His entire working career has been in the field of acoustics and digital audio systems, working for financial, educational and corporate clients. He led several teams that developed acoustic algorithms for video and audio conferencing. He resides in Kingfisher, Oklahoma with his wife, Patricia.

Other members of the Board are Barbara Danforth, Angle, '55, Don Angle, '55, Carrie Guthrie Cobbs, '82, Janet Sears Gingerich, '66, Erik Herring, '81, Dana Herring Higeons, '79, Lori Smith Hunter, '86, Colonel Tom Jaworsky, '68, Carla Gibbs Kelman, '82, Leslie Putnam Klamm, '89, Sheri Smith Lashley, '82, Nancy Nicholson Phillips, '71, Russ Pollock, '86, Nancy Kaufman Sanders, '68, Jenny Schaffer Wade, '69, Chuck Waldrip, '92, Tom Walker, '68, Jason Williams, '98, and Mandy Megrew Williams, '98.

This year's officers are Tom Walker, president of PUAFA and chair of the board, Chuck Waldrip, vice chair, Dana Higeons, secretary, and Leslie Klamm, treasurer.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

"It truly takes a village, and the village came together". Thanks to every board member and alum who helped put together a great reunion. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to all of the alums and faculty members who shared their works of art and literature. It is amazing to see how much talent has come from Phillips University.

To Winnie and Kathi-You are the glue that keeps everything going.

THANK YOU,  
Janet Sears Gingerich,  
Reunion Co-chair, 2015

## 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

### More Info to follow.

Contact the Phillips University Alumni Association to  
volunteer your art, music, or literature talents.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Fellow alums and friends.

Like our beloved Phillips University, we are suffering from the impact of a declining enrollment. The base of our dues-paying membership is shrinking – at both ends of the age spectrum. At one end, more and more alums are passing from this life to the next. At the other, the declining enrollment of the late 80s and the 90s means a much smaller base of potential members. Because our primary source of income is dues, as our membership declines, so does our revenue. So, if you have not already paid your 2015 dues, please do so as quickly as you can.

As most know, the distribution of latest edition of the alumni directory is complete. A few members raised questions about its production. I checked into the most common complaints and found them to result from a misunderstanding. Some questioned why the alumni association did not receive any revenue from directory sales. The answer is sadly simple – lack of capital. Because of the small size of our database of potential buyers, we were faced with a choice – guarantee a share of the production costs and receive that same share of the profits, or pay nothing and receive nothing. Our shoestring budget did not permit us to guarantee anything, so we had to accept the latter option. On the plus side, we did receive two boxes of directories, which we can sell and keep the proceeds.

Mark your calendars for the 2016 reunion – June 10th and 11th. The incredible art show arranged by Karen Scroggins this year will be a really tough act to follow. If anyone has suggestions, please pass them on. Our email address is [info.pualum@gmail.com](mailto:info.pualum@gmail.com), and our postal address is PO Box 331, Enid, OK 73702. I look forward to seeing you there.

Goooooo HAYMAKERS!  
Tom Walker  
Class of '68  
President

## TRI STATE SCHOLARSHIP

Every year Phillips University Alumni and Friends Association awards a scholarship to and an outstanding Enid area high school senior music student and participant in the Tri-State Music Festival. This scholarship is a memorial to Milburn E. Carey, who was a noted Enid Public Schools Music Educator for 47 years, Director of the Music Education Department at Phillips University for a time and the managing director of the Tri-State Music Festival from 1936 to 1982.

Every year, the Tri-State scholarship committee has been very pleased to receive applications from impressive young musicians. This year was no different. The process of choosing our recipient was quite a challenge for all of our judges. But we are pleased to announce that the 2015 Milburn E. Carey Tri-State Music Festival Scholarship recipient is David Toelle from Kremlin Hillsdale High School.

David's list of music accomplishments is quite extensive. At Tri-State alone, he was awarded over 30 Superior ratings and was named Tri-State Outstanding Soloist 4 times. He also received numerous Superior ratings at District and State level solo and ensemble contests. David was selected to play with several honor bands, including Oklahoma Music Educators All-State Jazz and All-State Concert Bands. Additionally, he was named Oklahoma Bandmasters Association Jazz All-Star member in 2014 and 2015 and an Oklahoma Ambassadors of Music European Tour member. His high school accomplishments were not, however, limited to music. David also participated in sports, student leadership, and academic bowls while in high school. Outside of school, David has been active in his church youth group, counselling at Vacation Bible School, Junior High Church Camp and of course playing in the praise team band at church.

David is the son of David and Kaylene Toelle. Kaylene is a class of 1992 graduate of Phillips University. It is such a pleasure to add David Toelle's name to the growing list of outstanding recipients of the Milburn E. Carey Tri-State Music Festival Scholarship.

## PHILLIPIANS RECONNECT AT 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Phillips University was well represented at the 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that was held in Columbus, OH July 18-22. The Phillips University Alumni and Friends Association sponsored a booth in Exhibition Hall and brought memorabilia such as yearbooks and banners for our alumni to look at and reminisce. Approximately sixty alums and other friends stopped by our booth and were able to connect with long lost friends and roommates. Many hours were spent laughing and remembering. The amazing thing about Phillipians is that it does not matter when we graduated but rather the connections we made transcend time.

Fifty-six alums gathered together for a common meal. The laughter and conversation continued in the banquet room well after the allotted time.

There are Phillips Friends and Alumni all over the United States and the world. Whenever we gather we recall the good times and education we received at this wonderful institution. We look forward to seeing all of you in Indianapolis in 2017 as we also mark the 110th anniversary of the founding of Phillips University.

By Jason Williams



In picture from bottom left to right: Lisa Gerardy Whitehill, Mark Whitehill, Chuck Waldrip, Sonya Irwin Waldrip, Michael House, Shawn Riley, Laine James Riley, Melinda Dupree, Jason Dupree, Liz Brookhart, Rich Brookhart, Dana Gerardy Donley



## Calling all Ladies, Lords, Knights, and Friends of Camelot!

The cherished "Camelot Grill" (down by the bridge to Clay Hall) is succumbing to the trials of time, vandalism, or earthquakes. Camelot would like to rebuild the grill. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact [chuck.waldrip@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chuck.waldrip@sbcglobal.net) . Or call Chuck Waldrip at 580-484-0116. Right now the plan is to work on this during the 2017 reunion.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## REVISITING THE PAST



Phillips University has... The al-  
most have weathered wars, de-  
flections, and many graduations.  
As each individual begins to  
finish, keep in mind that the  
the Marshall building have stood  
were not built to hinder people  
to those seeking knowledge.  
Some walls are barriers and  
because they hinder the humans  
are bridges that will stand here  
courage mankind.  
The Marshall Building will al-  
Phillipians whether they are on  
because those walls stand for  
nation available here. It is that  
walls that will give you the strength  
and the courage to face the  
length of the wall not the  
Oklahoma.

## NOC RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIPS TO HONOR PHILLIPS

The Habiby family of Philippians donated a sizeable scholarship to the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation to honor Phillips alums. Speaking for sister Emira and brothers Samir and Emir, Armond Habiby explained how Enid was his family's Ellis Island. As Palestinian Christians who lost their family business and lands with the creation of Israel, Enid was their introduction to the US. They found the citizens of Enid very welcoming, and equally importantly, provided jobs to help pay tuition.

To honor Phillips and repay the Enid community, the family created a needs-based scholarship that will provide books and supplies to ten NOC students from the Enid area. To make an even larger impact, the family committed to matching any donation up to a total of \$10,000. Contributions can be made to Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc., and mailed to PO Box 310, Tonkawa, OK 74653-0310. Any alum who has questions about the nature of the scholarship my call NOC Vice President Sheri Snyder at (580) 628-6208.

## Biography Article:

Everyone has a story to share. Please share yours. Where did your education at Phillips University take you? What doors were opened when you walked across that stage at graduation? Who were your best friends at school? Which classes left a permanent mark in your memory? PUAFA is still collecting personal stories for our Cherokee Strip Museum exhibit.

While we CAN collect your life story from an obituary, we'd rather hear it from in your own words. Email your biographies to the alumni office at [info.pualum@gmail.com](mailto:info.pualum@gmail.com) and we'll make sure your story shared.

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## SIGN OF THE TIMES

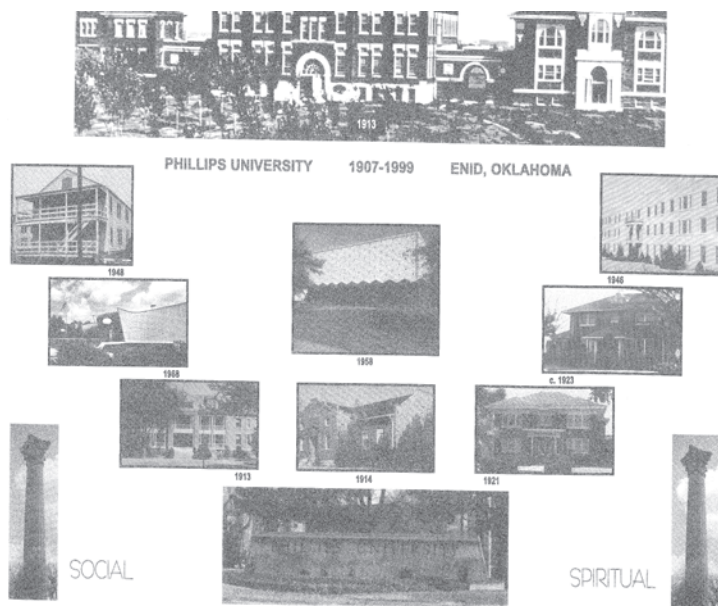
Early in 2015 Northern Oklahoma College (NOC) contacted the Phillips University Alumni and Friends Association (PUAFA) and notified us that the Phillips University sign which stood for many years at Maine St. and University Ave. was being removed. NOC offered the sign to the PUAFA. Now it lays in many pieces. PUAFA would like to offer you an opportunity to own part of this heritage of our beloved Phillips University. For a limited time, with your registration for the 2016 reunion or just for joining PUAFA you can have a piece of the sign (approximately 4"square). We can mail it to you at current postage rates (About \$20.00. It is HEAVY). Or you can pick it up at the 2016 reunion. Or any time you are in Enid, we can arrange for someone to meet you.

By Charles Waldrip



Phillips University Sign Now

Phillips University Sign Then



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

from

Phillips University Alumni Association



May the Spirit of Christmas give you Peace;  
the Miracle of Christmas fill you with hope,  
& the Truth of Christmas bless you with love

## Merry Christmas!

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Phillips University Alumni and Friends Association speaks as the voice of alumni and friends: communicates, preserves, and perpetuates the heritage of Phillips University.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Why I am a member of PUAFA?

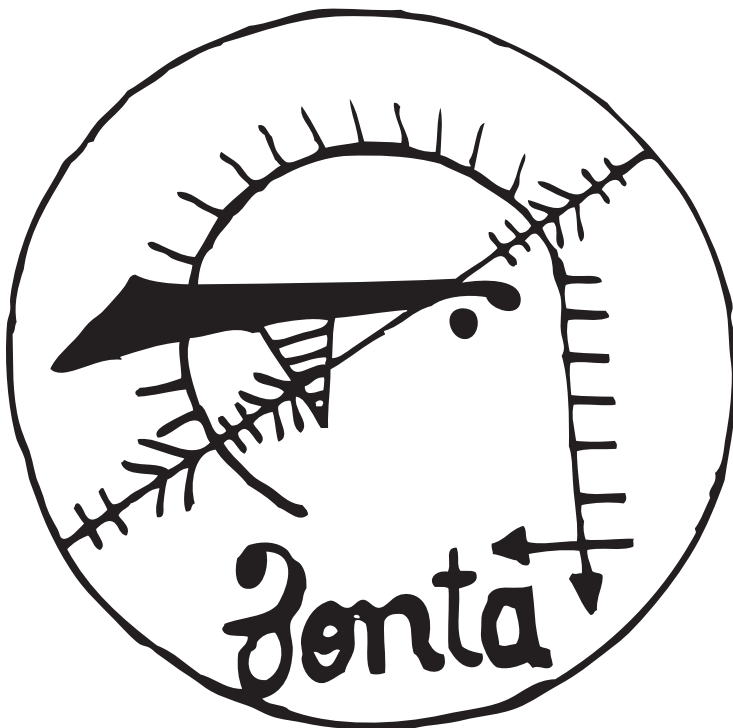
Attending Phillips University shaped the person I am today. People I met at PU are still important to me today. While I was devastated to watch the school close, my memories live on in my heart. One way I can relive my "good old days" at PU is to get together with others and share memories. Through my board membership I help provide opportunities for fellowship with fellow PU alumni. In one small way, every time we assemble, a little part of Phillips lives on. Membership dues help your volunteer alumni board provide opportunities to share such as the reunions, local reunions, and newsletters. Please consider not only paying your membership dues, but also volunteer for our board.

In Reverence,  
Mandy Williams '98  
PUAFA Executive Board Member

Claudette Thomas (Stephenson) Maven



The Bridge to Clay Hall



## ZONTA MAIDENS

90 years of Zonta will be celebrated at the Phillips Reunion on June 10th and 11th 2016.

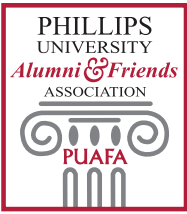
We are having a planning session in Oklahoma City on January 9, 2016. Time and place to be posted soon. If you have any ideas or suggestions about what we can do for this glorious celebration please contact us through face book at Phillips University Zonta Social Service club, call me Carla Kelman at 817 800-9255 or email me at [ckelman@bigplanet.com](mailto:ckelman@bigplanet.com) or Winnie Oliver at [wa.oliver@icloud.com](mailto:wa.oliver@icloud.com). We would love to hear from you with any info regarding your days at a Zonta. Also we would love any pictures for a slide show we are putting together. Send you pictures to [ckelman@bigplanet.com](mailto:ckelman@bigplanet.com) Hope to see you all there.

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Stone, Phyllis Ann (McMahan) – B.S. 1977 11/23/2015  
Henson, Van Davison - 10/2015  
Pereboom, Robert Lee – B.A. 1956 09/07/2015  
Lang, Phillip W. – Class of 1955 07/29/2015  
Hughes, Susan Beatrice (Ferguson) – BSBA 1992 07/16/2015  
Morton, Myra Dean (Rodgers) – B.A. 1967 07/05/2015  
Imhoff, William Jason – B.Th. 1956 06/2015  
Barrick, William Ernest – B.A. 1950 06/24/2015  
DeVaughn, Stephen Brent – B.S. 1971 06/22/2015  
Loesch, Kenneth L. – Class of 66 06/18/2015  
Lindley, Kenneth L. – fs 1969 06/18/2015  
Daniels, Wayne Eugene – B.S. 1962 06/14/2015  
Baker, Annella (Lowell) – fs 05/19/2015  
Jaqua, William Alan – BA 1979 05/05/2015  
Baringer, Margaret Ann (Voris) – B.S. 1950 04/20/2015  
Miller, Rose Marie (Bishop) 04/07/2015  
Butler, Ellen May (Quigley) – fs53 03/25/2015  
Lochner, Maralee Irene (Smith) – fs class of '39 03/14/2015  
Koehn, Darrel L. – 1957 B.S. 03/14/2015  
Murphy, David Alan – B.A. 1955 03/04/2015  
Willbanks, James – class of 1956 02/2015  
Mercer, Elizabeth Jane (Rosenbaum) – Class of 59 02/25/2015  
Truman, Robert Michael – Class of 1970 02/15/2015  
Maik, Eugene M. – 1952 02/08/2015  
Mauk, Eugene M. – B.S. 1952 02/08/2015  
Davenport, Melvin Russell – fs class 1952 02/06/2015  
Kroeker, Lowell James – 1976 BS 01/19/2015  
Russell, Dolores – B.S. 1975, M.Ed.78 01/18/2015  
Payne, Rebecca L. 01/15/2015  
Reinhardt, Irene M. (Frey) – B.S. 1966 01/04/2015  
Sailors, Patricia Ann (Sailors) – B.A. 1963 12/31/2014  
Coatney, James Earl – B.S. 61 12/23/2014  
Hensel, Keith – B.A. 1971 11/2014  
Robinette, Charley Frank – 1972 11/21/2014  
Lamerton, Park William – BA 1958 11/19/2014  
Mehew, Charles Mike – Class of 1967 11/14/2014

For archive list of deceased go to:

<http://pulf.org/puafa/inmemoriam.php?top=3&sub=8&ss=7&action=browse>



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Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

PU SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

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