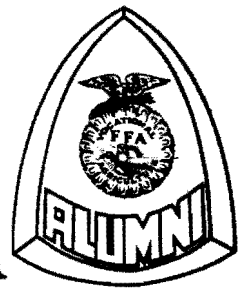




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NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. James Sipiorski, Wisconsin was elected President, Mr. Josiah Phelps, Georgia was elected Vice President, Ms. Roxann Sommers, Ohio was elected as the Eastern Regional Representative and Mr. Mark Williams, Florida was elected as the Southern Regional Representative.

FFA ALUMNI SPONSORS BREAKFAST AT NVATA CONVENTION

A breakfast was sponsored by the FFA Alumni for spouses at the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Convention in St. Louis, Missouri in early December. This breakfast was attended by 86 spouses.

FFA DELEGATES VOTE TO CHANGE NAME

The Future Farmers of America officially became "FFA" in a vote by the FFA delegates at the national convention. The FFA Alumni constitution states that we cannot be in conflict with the FFA constitution. Therefore, we are now the *FFA Alumni Association* instead of the Future Farmers of America Alumni Association.

STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE

The National FFA Alumni will award four state grants worth \$500.00 each to state FFA Alumni associations to be used in initiating programs to benefit agricultural education. All proposals must be postmarked by **February 15, 1989** and should include a description of the project and a budget. Proposals must not be more than two pages in length. A state will be awarded only one grant in 1989 but may submit as many proposals as desired.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FFA MEMBERS GONE?



A CHALLENGE - A REASON - A PURPOSE BY JIM SIPIORSKI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Those who attended the National Alumni Convention in Kansas City listened intently to keynote speaker Mr. Floyd Doering. His address was both humorous and meaningful. However, it left us with a deep message. He spoke of the decline in FFA membership, "*an average of 28 members per day over the past ten years.*" YES, that is correct! Many of us never put it in that perspective.

It will be our goal for Alumni everywhere to continue to fill the needs of FFA members and their programs. National FFA Advisor, Dr. Larry Case refers to the FFA program as a "*product being produced for a market,*" a product valuable to the future of American agriculture. We will be a vital part of this process. The Alumni in communities can help the FFA recruit, retain and grow.

The challenge - the reason - the purpose are all there in front of us to increase our membership. Mr. Darrell Birnschien, an Alumni from Wisconsin recently wrote, "*... if not you then who*" - a very grasping statement! Remember, the words ALUMNI and ASK have a lot in common when speaking of building membership:

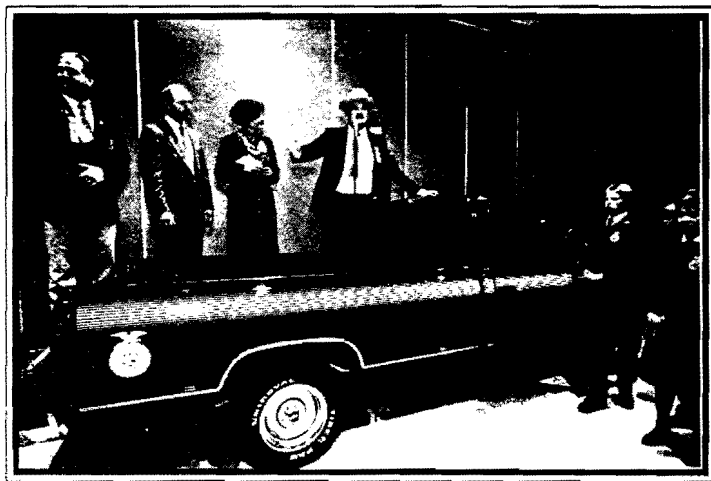
- A. Ask them.
- S. Sign them up.
- K. Keep them involved.

Let's make membership one of our primary goals for 1989. It will help put an FFA member in my other arm.

FFA ALUMNI BANQUET AND AUCTION

The convention banquet was the largest ever with over 300 in attendance. All enjoyed the award presentations and great Alumni fellowship. Mr. Larry Reese, past National Alumni president, served as master of ceremonies.

The annual auction started immediately with the auction attendees growing to over 500. The auctioneers, Morris Fannon of Virginia and Steve Meredith of Kentucky, started selling the over 350 items. The oral and silent auctions brought \$26,198.00. The monies raised from the donated items will be used for FFA scholarships. A special thanks goes out to all contributors and buyers, and to Mr. Dennis Williams and the Michigan Alumni for coordinating the auction.



The featured auction item was this pickup truck donated by Chevrolet Truck Division, General Motors Corporation. The buyer, Mr. Eugene Adler of Rudolph, Ohio, is pictured as he receives the keys from Ms. Dora Nowicki of Chevrolet. The Alumni will contribute \$1,000.00 to agriculture education as designated by Mr. Adler. Mr. Adler, an auctioneer, sold the Yamaha 4-wheeler donated by Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. Mr. Rit Lefrancois, (pictured on left) Product Sales Manager for Yamaha, watches it being sold to Ms. Mildred Moore, Pope, Mississippi.



ALUMNI SALUTES EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

Since our summer 1988 newsletter, the following have contributed \$100.00 or more as Executive Sponsors of the FFA. The number of years of contributions is listed in parentheses. All alumni are encouraged to become an executive sponsor. For information, write the Alumni office.

Arizona	Kentucky	South Carolina
Douglas P. Daley (6)	Martin G. Holahan (2)	J. F. Wyse (1)
Dr. John Salsbury (8)	H. Allen Middleton (3)	Tennessee
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Alfred Kemnitz (18)	Harold H. Howard (9)	Oakley M. Ray (1)
Paul C. Krouse (11)	William Kemper (15)	Dr. Claud Scroggs (18)
Dale Miller (2)	Gary Maricle (5)	McCheyne Swortzel (13)
Westmer Alumni (5)	Sue Rourk (1)	David C. Thomas (4)
Eldon E. Witt (9)	Nebraska	Leslie Thompson (7)
W. V. Wittern (1)	M/M Richard Katt (4)	West Virginia
Indiana	New Hampshire	Stacy A. Gartin (1)
Robert M. Book (9)	Wentworth Hubbard (9)	Wisconsin
Noel E. Callahan (3)	New York	Timothy Bailey (3)
Joseph Downey (7)	Arthur P. Ives (6)	Al Becker (3)
Thomas H. Lake (12)	North Dakota	Blackhawk FFA Alumni (10)
Harry McDaniel (6)	Eugene Dahl (15)	Jeff Brazo (2)
James L. Parker (1)	Ohio	Melanie Burgess (1)
Iowa	M/M Clayton Coffey (11)	Douglas Butler (6)
Bill Kelsey (8)	M/M George Metzger (1)	Arnold Cordes (9)
Richard Severson (2)	Rick L. Metzger (6)	M/M Ferron Havens (2)
Kansas	Odell Miller (5)	Kevin A. Keith (5)
M/M Nelson Galle (12)	Oklahoma	M/M Art Kurtz (13)
William Harsh (15)	Phyllis Sokolosky (11)	Virgil Martinson (11)
William J. Jensen (10)	Ralph L. Thomas (3)	Fred A. Nelson (10)
Ivan D. Knudsen (11)	Pennsylvania	Scott Sherry (4)
John B. Wall (13)	Enos B. Heisey (14)	James Sipiorski (3)
Lu Achilles Wall (13)		WI. FFA Alumni (1)
		Joseph J. Zadra (5)

ALUMNI SUPPORTS YOUNG FARMERS

The FFA Alumni Association supported the National Young Farmer Educational Association with a \$950.00 contribution which helped to cover the cost of printing their annual institute banquet programs. The Alumni has supported the NYFEA Institute for nine consecutive years.



1988 FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 1988

FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

President Rick Metzger, Ohio, presided over the convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 9 with approximately 600 persons attending. An excellent keynote speech was given by Floyd Doering, Wisconsin. The proceedings are published as part of the winter newsletter so that all FFA Alumni members can share in the convention highlights.



OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE AWARDS

The Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate awards were presented to 30 affiliates. States are allowed to enter one or 20% of their contest entries. The national winners are:

GOLD

Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois
Hopkins, Michigan
Bonduel, Wisconsin
Denmark, Wisconsin
Mauston, Wisconsin

SILVER

Gilmer County, Georgia
Clay Center, Kansas
Homer, Michigan
Milan, Missouri
South Rowan, North Carolina
Buckeye Valley, Ohio
New Lexington, Ohio
Yelm/Rainier, Washington
Black Hawk, Wisconsin
Pulaski, Wisconsin

BRONZE

Frostproof, Florida
Hill City, Kansas
Washington, Kansas
Westmoreland, Kansas
Apollo, Kentucky
Walkersville, Maryland
New Ulm, Minnesota
Fairview, Montana
Central City, Nebraska
Norfolk, Nebraska
Scottsbluff, Nebraska
West Holt, Nebraska
Finley-Sharon, North Dakota
Halls, Tennessee
Frederick County, Virginia

ALUMNI SALUTES STUDENT TEACHERS

A continental breakfast was hosted for the agricultural education student teachers attending the National FFA Convention. Our new Alumni president, Jim Sipiorski, brought greetings to this special group and offered our support as they begin their teaching careers.

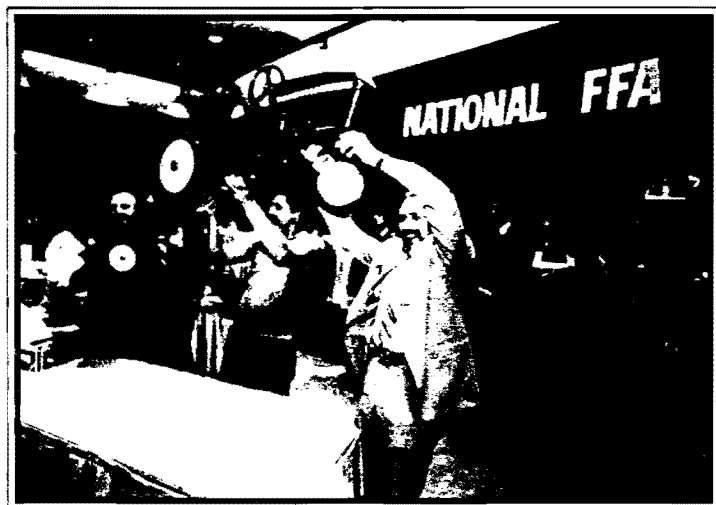
INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

The FFA Alumni sponsored a reception for international guests attending the National FFA Convention. Over 100 students and several FFA members hosting the exchange students attended this special reception.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

The number of convention delegates, as established by the constitution, is determined 30 days prior to the convention by allowing one person to represent up to 200 active members in each chartered State FFA Alumni Association and one additional delegate for every 200 active members. This year 108 delegates were present out of 139. Listed below is the allowed number of state delegates and the number that were present.

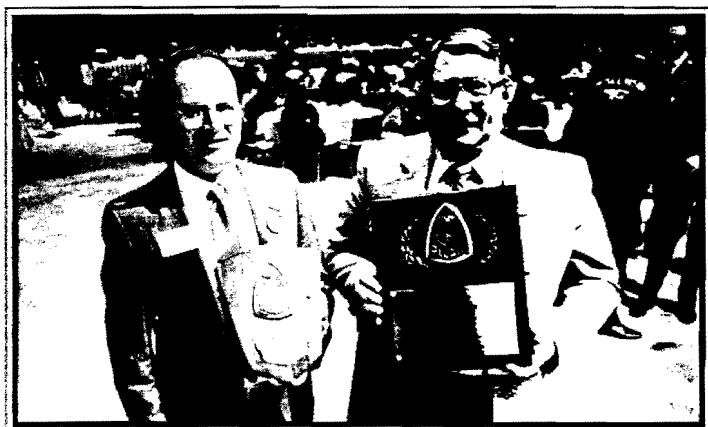
STATE	ALLOWED	PRESENT	STATE	ALLOWED	PRESENT
ALABAMA	0	0	NEBRASKA	6	6
ALASKA	0	0	NEVADA	1	0
ARIZONA	1	1	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	0
ARKANSAS	1	0	NEW JERSEY	1	1
CALIFORNIA	1	0	NEW MEXICO	1	1
COLORADO	1	1	NEW YORK	1	1
CONNECTICUT	1	1	NORTH CAROLINA	3	2
DELAWARE	0	0	NORTH DAKOTA	1	1
FLORIDA	3	3	OHIO	8	8
GEORGIA	3	3	OKLAHOMA	22	11
HAWAII	0	0	OREGON	1	0
IDAHO	1	0	PENNSYLVANIA	1	1
ILLINOIS	7	3	RHODE ISLAND	0	0
INDIANA	1	0	SOUTH CAROLINA	0	0
IOWA	3	1	SOUTH DAKOTA	1	0
KANSAS	3	3	TENNESSEE	3	3
KENTUCKY	2	2	TEXAS	1	0
LOUISIANA	1	0	UTAH	0	0
MAINE	0	0	VERMONT	0	0
MARYLAND	1	0	VIRGINIA	3	3
MASSACHUSETTS	1	0	WASHINGTON	1	1
MICHIGAN	2	2	WEST VIRGINIA	1	0
MINNESOTA	2	1	WISCONSIN	38	38
MISSISSIPPI	1	1	WYOMING	1	1
MISSOURI	5	5			
MONTANA	3	3	TOTAL	139	108



Pictured is a John Deere child's tractor being auctioned. This third convention auction raised over \$26,000.00.

DENMARK, WISCONSIN SELECTED 1988 OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE

This award recognizes the 493 members of the Denmark, Wisconsin Affiliate for their many activities and outstanding support. The FFA Alumni and FFA programs of activities are totally integrated and incorporate over 200 programs or activities to support the 165 students in the agriculture education and FFA program. Examples of support include training judging teams, presenting a one-day farm safety forum, sponsoring many awards, and providing a 12-passenger van and scholarships. They also provided \$1,000.00 for FFA members to participate in the Work Experience Abroad program in Australia and Ireland. The FFA Alumni sponsored a two-week exchange for an FFA member with another gold emblem FFA chapter in Kentucky. The FFA Alumni president, at time entry was submitted, was Alan Mazna and the FFA advisors were Kenneth G. Seering and Brian Kaiser.



Pictured from left are representatives from Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois, receiving the second place Outstanding Affiliate Award and Denmark, Wisconsin, receiving first place. Denmark has won this award five times, the most any affiliate has won this national contest.

BUSHNELL-PRAIRIE CITY, ILLINOIS SECOND PLACE NATIONAL AFFILIATE

This award recognizes the 87 members of the Bushnell-Prairie City Affiliate for their outstanding support. This affiliate assisted the FFA Chapter in locating and renting a new livestock facility for students to use for their supervised occupational experience programs and FFA projects. They also sponsored a supervised experience program contest for FFA members which included interviewing each student. The Alumni sponsored a tour for the top FFA members who showed outstanding leadership and participation in FFA activities. They sponsored a back-to-school steak fry for parents. The FFA Alumni president, at time entry was submitted, was Murrell Hollis, father of Bill Hollis, national FFA vice president, and the FFA advisor was Timothy Soldwish.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS WERE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT



Over 5,000 FFA members and advisors attended the leadership workshops conducted by the FFA Alumni and sponsored by the Land O'Lakes, Inc. Pictured above is Ms. Rhonda Scheulen presenting the first of five workshops. Others were presented by Mr. Kevin Eblen, Mr. Steve Meredith, Mr. Kevin Coffman, and Mr. Kevin Yost. Mr. Odell Miller coordinated the workshops.

FFA ALUMNI HOSTS RECEPTION FOR HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS

The FFA Alumni hosted a reception for the Honorary American Farmer degree recipients. The Kansas City Board of Trade sponsored the activity with the Denmark FFA Alumni Affiliate picking up the food from a Kansas City deli and the Ohio FFA Alumni serving. Over 200 persons were honored at this reception for their great support of the FFA.

NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

The Suring, Wisconsin FFA Alumni Affiliate was selected the national gold winner in the scrapbook contest. Other winners were as follows:

Silver	Bronze	Honorable Mention
Bonduel, Wisconsin	Gilmer County, Georgia	New Ulm, Minnesota
Milan, Missouri	New Lexington, Ohio	Delta, Indiana
Mauston, Wisconsin	Gillett, Wisconsin	
Pulaski, Wisconsin		

WEA SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED

The National FFA Alumni presented the Wisconsin FFA Alumni with a \$250.00 scholarship to be used by an FFA member participating in the 1989 FFA Work Experience Abroad program. This scholarship is awarded annually to the state with the most FFA-WEA participants. The FFA member is placed with a host family and has the opportunity to learn and work with international agriculture. For information on FFA international activities, write to the National Alumni office.

1988 LEGION OF MERIT AWARD

The Legion of Merit Citation was presented to 183 individuals for their efforts in membership promotion. For receiving this award for three and five consecutive years, a lapel pin was awarded, and for ten consecutive years, a plaque was awarded. The number of consecutive years is indicated in parentheses.

FLORIDA	Albert W. Moeller	Nicole Sparks
Renee Stephens	Randy Moeller	Machelle Stevenson
GEORGIA	Kenneth Rath Sr.	John Stottlemire Jr.
Wayne Bameycastle (6th)	Luanne Rieken	Johnny Taylor
Scott Johnson	Sally Rossman (*3rd)	Aundre Turner
Josiah Phelps	Floyd Schaneman	Penny Varnell
Jimmy (2nd) & Rhessa Sales	NEW YORK	Scott Williamson
Thomas Weaver	Robert C. Watson	Tammy Wilson
William T. Weaver	NORTH CAROLINA	Greg Wynn
Steve Wells	Rebecca Moore	VIRGINIA
John Wilkinson (*2nd)	William Teague (*16th)	Mike Armstrong
ILLINOIS	NORTH DAKOTA	Michael Jordan
Jean McEwen (*3rd)	Ron Carlson	Greg Martin
KANSAS	OHIO	Nikki May
Debbie Ellis	Glen Anderson (*4th)	Bonnie Padgett
Les Gauby	Mark Badertscher	WISCONSIN
Dolores Holz	Rita Hay (*6th)	Martin Abley
Phil Kingston	Karen Kolb (*2nd)	Gary Barman (*2nd)
Adelbert Stewart	Rick L. Metzger (*8th)	Bruce Bernard
Rodney Stewart (*5th)	Junior Nehus	Robert E. Bernard
Bill J. & Della Wood	Kristen Newlon	Barbara Betley
Warren B. Wood	Amy Nicol	Janet Bodart
MARYLAND	Lori Phelps	Donald L. Brott
Dale Tressler	Earl Purvis	Robert Cavanaugh
MICHIGAN	Ken Rausch	Melvin Danzinger
James Connors	Heather Shuck	George Delveaux, Jr.
Rod Evans	Roxann Sommers (*3rd)	Randy Hagel
Jay Landis	Andrew Stevens	Glen N. Holman
Clarence L. Miller	Lynn Wells	Jim Jones
Amy Sageman	Tom Wolfe (*7th)	Kevin Keith (*10th)
Dennis Williams (3rd)	OKLAHOMA	Kevin Kirchman
Nancy Williams	Robert Arthur	Deb Knapp
MISSISSIPPI	Justin Boyle	Brian Kudick (*2nd)
Jerry Rakestraw	Kevin Boyle	John Leiterman (*3rd)
Donald Stames (*3rd)	Daryn Brantley	Roger Link
MISSOURI	Amy Cabell	Donald & Lois Loomans
David Aldrich	Gale Caldwell (*2nd)	Jerry Luepke (*3rd)
Chris Chaves	Bobby Cantrell	Alan Mazna (*2nd)
Clarice Gladbach	Machelle Cartmell (3rd)	Paul Moede
Randi Innon (*2nd)	Valerie Chase	Sue Mumm
Scott Kisse (*2nd)	Jean Dye	Joyce (3rd) & Ken Natzke (4th)
Renee Mooney (*2nd)	Jennifer Earls	Ken Neuzil
Michelle Orr	Charlie Faulkner	Vernon Newhouse
Paula Roussell (*3rd)	Justin Fischer	Larry Osterberg (*2nd)
Joyce (4th) & Bill Sayre, Jr.	Jennifer Fisher	Kenneth Passow
Beverly Search	Jerry Freed	Terry C. Petersen (*3rd)
Kristi Stewart	Gary Gentry	Gayheart Piesler
Randy Stewart (*4th)	Andrea Gosney	Delmar H. Plank (*2nd)
Mindy Stutesmun (*2nd)	Karla Hagle	Ila Mae Raymakers (3rd)
Scynthia Thompson	Casey Ingram	Robert Raymakers (4th)
Brenda Trimble	Scott Johnson	Harold Seebecker
Doug Vanvig	Matt Magie	Ken Seering (*15th)
Tina Woods (*2nd)	Jo Dawn Martin	James Sipiorski (*2nd)
MONTANA	Vickie McGuffin	Sandra Staszak (*3rd)
Virginia M. O'Hair	Kenna Montgomery (3rd)	Francis Steiner (*2nd)
Mark Pacovsky	Billy Moon	Todd Stiede
Howard Queen	Cecilia Nave	Steve Swagel
NEBRASKA	Shirley Patterson	James Wacek (*2nd)
Madelyn Black	Travis Peery	Todd Wehler
Dave Creger	Keri Prestridge	John Welke
Virginia Elliott	Jennifer Queen	Jerry Wendt (*4th)
Dave Ference	Sandy Shirley (*2nd)	Fred Westermeyer (3rd)
Darrell Fisher	Cody Sikes	Elaine Wnuk (*3rd)
Harlan Jacobson	Shandee Smith (*2nd)	Julius Wnuk (*3rd)
Gary L. Maricle (*5th)	Reagan Sneed	Rozanne Zemicke (*3rd)

BLAZERS AWARDED FOR MEMBERSHIP



Blazers sponsored by the Ace Bolt and Nut Company, were awarded to states increasing membership by 50 or more members. Pictured from (l to r) Mr. Danny Carter, Georgia, Mrs. June Dean, Oklahoma, Mr. Mark Williams accepting for Mr Douglas Register, Florida, Mr. Gary Staszak, Wisconsin, and Mr. Gerald Barlowe, North Carolina. Not present were Mr. Frank Rodgers, Jr., Idaho, and Mr. John Spencer, New York.

SCHOLARSHIPS VALUED AT \$16,800.00

The FFA Alumni presented 56 scholarships, valued at \$300.00 each, to local and state Alumni to be used by FFA members attending the 1989 Washington Leadership Conference. FFA members also receive a trophy at the conference. The following were presented:

FLORIDA	1	OKLAHOMA	9
GEORGIA	1	TENNESSEE	1
ILLINOIS	2	VIRGINIA	1
IOWA	1	WISCONSIN	15
KANSAS	2	OZARK, MISSOURI	1
KENTUCKY	1	NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO	1
MICHIGAN	1	KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA	1
MINNESOTA	1	OWASSO, OKLAHOMA	1
MISSOURI	2	RHEA CO., TENNESSEE	1
MONTANA	1	POMEROY, WASHINGTON	1
NEBRASKA	3	BONDUEL, WISCONSIN	1
NORTH CAROLINA	1	DENMARK, WISCONSIN	2
OHIO	4		



The retiring National FFA Alumni Council members were presented plaques for their outstanding service. They were (l to r) Mr. Tom Parker, NVATA rep., Wyoming, Dr. John Hillison, AATEA rep., Virginia, Mrs. Mildred Moore, southern region rep., Mississippi, Mr. Larry Reese, past president, Florida, and Mr. Glenn See, state FFA advisor rep., Mississippi.

1988 OUTSTANDING FFA ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS



Pictured above from left are: Mr. Duane A. VanSickle of Cardington, Ohio, Mrs. Robert Schumacher receiving the award for the late Mr. Schumacher of Denmark, Wisconsin, and Mr. Gary W. Bye of Pomeroy, Washington. This award recognizes FFA Alumni members for their outstanding leadership and service to agricultural education and the agricultural industry. It is the highest award presented by the organization and is presented to not more than three individuals annually. They exemplify high ideals, reflect honor upon the FFA, and provide inspiration to FFA members.

Duane Van Sickle has been the FFA advisor at the Buckeye Valley FFA Chapter in Ohio since it was chartered in 1977. He has served at the annual horse show sponsored by the FFA Alumni. He worked closely with the late Lawrence Augenstein (first national FFA vice president) in developing an annual award to the outstanding FFA Alumni member in their affiliate. He has served for thirteen years on the Ohio FFA Alumni Council and as Ohio FFA Alumni president in 1984-85. He has served as a national convention delegate and received the Legion of Merit Award five times.

The late Bob Schumacher served on the Denmark, Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council for four years including as president. His very unexpected death on October 24, 1987, came as a shock to all who knew him. Under his direction, the Denmark FFA Alumni reached a total of 160 life members. He served as chairman of the brat and corn dinner appreciation night, the FFA livestock show, the selection of FFA scholarships, judging FFA awards, and the slowpitch softball tournament refreshment stand. He assisted in the chartering of five other local FFA Alumni affiliates. Bob received four Legion of Merit awards and served as a National Convention delegate.

Gary Bye is a 39 year old farmer living in Pomeroy, Washington. In 1982, Gary and his wife headed a membership drive resulting in Pomeroy becoming the largest chartering FFA Alumni affiliate in the nation with a total of 163 members. He was active in signing up over 100 life members and building a scholarship fund of over \$10,000.00 for FFA members. He served five years as vice president of the Washington FFA Alumni and several years as local president. Before his farming career in 1979, he taught agriculture and served as associate editor of "The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine".

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD SET IN 1988

FFA Alumni membership has grown every year since chartering in 1972. Membership increased 517 members in 1988 giving us another record of 30,081.

1988 STATE AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

1. State with Largest Percentage of Growth
1st - Idaho — 192% (67 to 196) (Increase of 129)
2nd - New York — 107% (53 to 110) (Increase of 57)
2. State with Most Alumni Members
1st - Wisconsin — 7,820 members
2nd - Oklahoma — 4,585 members
3. State with Largest Increase in Alumni Members
1st - Ohio — 149 members
2nd - Wisconsin — 140 members



Denmark, Wisconsin, has the most Alumni members in an affiliate with over 400 members and Bonduel, Wisconsin, second. Bonduel (left) and Denmark (right) representative received the largest affiliate plaques at the Convention.

- 1st with Most Life Members
1st - Wisconsin — 389 life members
2nd - Oklahoma — 245 life members

- 1st Life Member Affiliates in a State
1st - Oklahoma — 8 life affiliates
2nd - Wisconsin — 26 life affiliates

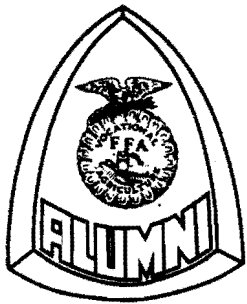
- 1st Affiliates in a State
1st - Wisconsin — 115 affiliates
2nd - Oklahoma — 115 affiliates

- 1st Life Members in an Affiliate
1st - Denmark, Wisconsin — 175 life members
2nd - New Lexington, Ohio — 171 life members

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

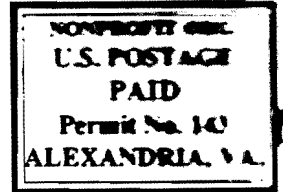
Since the fall newsletter, our prestigious list of Life members has grown by 429 and has reached a total of 8,618. A life member receives the FFA magazine and may designate that upon their death a \$100.00 check be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state, or may be designated to support some area of agriculture and/or agricultural education.

Arizona	Norma Ohlde	Bob Labenz	Don P. Jones	Mrs. Sam Cecil	Raymond F. Taylor	Texas
Jerry Cullison	Steve Ohlde	Joyce Maser	Len Kirian	Eldon R. Cinnamon	Melissa Tyler	Grady C. Davis
Ken Johnson, Sr.	Dr. Pete Sherlock	Gayle Mueller	Kenneth Klingler	Christy Collins	Tennessee	Leslie Hoffman
Tom Stephens	James R. Shetlar	Mark Nelson	David Lapp	Tom Cross	David Bailey	Darla D. Washington
Tom Stephens, Jr.	David Sprigg	Lavonne Novak	Jim Leckrone	Cleatus Davis	Toolie Barnett	Virginia
California	Kentucky	Kevin Ohlman	Linton Lewis	Arthur Dean	Buddy Bell	Alicia W. Bear
Jim G. Orradre	Tim Baker	Dennis Pfeil	Brad Lokai	Ed Elam	Glen Bell	Clifford Bear
Colorado	Brian Eadens	Mark Rossman	Joe Mack	Laurann Farris	Greg Bell	Michael Hilbert
Rich Palkowitsh	Wilbur Frye	Susan Rossman	Kathryn McVey	Troy L. Faulkner	Harold L. Bell	Robert Z. Huffman
Connecticut	Lee C. Greenwell	Jean Ruzicka	Maxine J. Metzger	Dick Fischer	Elva Bledsoe	Bruce Miller
Todd Clark	Greg Hillard	Ed Sabata	Chs. Middaugh, Jr.	Charles Fisher	Paul Booth	Bill Newman
Melissa Staebner	John L. Hurt	Carl Schumacher	Dawn Miller	Judy Fleming	Jerry Bullock	Richard T. Owen
Florida	James K. Roark	Jeanette Williams	Angela Motter	John Frank	Rory Cashon	David Snipes
John A. Ramay	Todd Shewmaker	Jim Williams	Gary Nethers	Steve Fulps	Seldon Cashon	Richard K. VanPelt
Georgia	Regina Swift	Nevada	Karen Newlon	Greg Hartman	Ralph Cooper	Kenny Will
David E. Cantrell	Eric Tarvin	Reese Marshall	Kristen Newlon	Karl Henson	Harold Craig	Sherrill D. Wright
Gerald Chadwick	Wade White	New Jersey	Joseph Ogden	Fred Horinek	Charles Culver	Washington
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