



Plattsmouth Alumni Association

Linking the Past with the Future

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Susan Lynn Ofe Webster Named Alum of the Year!



Susan Lynn Ofe Webster was the daughter of Carl “Pooch”, PHS class of 1950 and Jayne Gorton Ofe. She was born on March 1, 1955 in Fort Benning, Georgia. Susan was the oldest of five children, they all attended grade school and high school in Plattsmouth. Susan was a 1973 graduate, Tom, class of 1976, Missy 1977, D. J. 1981, and Mike 1984. While in high school, Susan was an active member of pep club, ski club, National Honor Society, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, and Job’s Daughters. Susan was a member of the PHS concert band and the high stepping marching band. Susan was the drum major when the Marching Blue Devils marched in the 1972 Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. Susan was lucky enough to work at the infamous Merritt Beach for many summers while her brothers worked for Dad at Ofe Oil Company and Robo car wash.

After graduation from PHS, Susan attended Clarkson School of Nursing in Omaha, where she received her diploma degree in nursing education in 1976. Her first nursing experience was in the CCU (cardiac care unit) at Clarkson Hospital. Susan moved to Fort Collins, Colorado to take a job at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, CO as an ICU and ER nurse from 1977 to 1984. She was with Kaiser Permanente in Denver, CO until 1988 and was a flight nurse for Airlife in Greeley, CO until 1997.

In the fall of 1991, Susan accepted a marriage proposal from Ken Webster on the Airlife landing pad in Rocky Mountain National Park. They were married on August 14, 1992.

Susan’s final career path began in 1988 with Poudre Valley Health Systems-Medical Center of the Rockies/University of Colorado Health. She became the Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator. Susan was instrumental in establishing the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program in 1997.

Susan’s compassionate, professional demeanor and keen assessment skills were recognized by both the Fort Collins Police Services and Investigative Services Departments. Susan’s diligent service to humanity brought rapists, abusers, and murderers to justice. She worked on cases that were in the national headlines, such as the Lydia Tillman case in Fort Collins and the Matthew Shepard murder in Laramie, Wyoming, as well as cases in her own backyard. Every victim and their families were important to her, she believed they all deserved dignity and respect. Her hard work was recognized by her peers as a recipient of several nursing awards and honors, a couple notable worth honors are: She was Employee of the Year and was a Nightingale Award finalist. She was a member of the International Association of Forensic Nursing, Society of Trauma Nurses, and American Trauma Society.

Susan accomplished those professional highlights while keeping up with three children, Sarah, Andy, and Liz, her stepchildren, and grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoyed golfing, knitting, reading, walking, shopping, making beaded jewelry, and riding her scooter. Enjoying fun times with family and friends was the best past time. She was an avid traveler, always planning the next big adventure, especially to warm beachy places.



L to R: Jane, Missy, Carl, Sarah & D.J

Surrounded by loving family members in her home, Susan peacefully passed away on January 17, 2013 following a courageous battle with brain cancer. Although it remains difficult to see beyond the sorrow, Susan’s dedication to the marginalized victim and the preservation of justice is an inspiration to all.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alumni Scholarship - \$750.00
Scholarship awarded to Andrew Eggert,
son of Richard '80 and Leigh Ann
Huebner Eggert '82



Joe York Scholarship – \$700.00 - Taylor
Fink

Class of 1964 Scholarship – Tyler
Thumann

Class of 1954 Scholarship - \$1000.00
each - Marah Null and Taylor Fink.

HAS YOUR CLASS ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE?

Shared by George Ebersole '54 at the 2014 Alumni Banquet

This is cool; it is really cool being in this gym in front of you PHS graduates and friends. Most of you never heard of me and have no idea if I ever lived in Plattsmouth. As my father, I was born in Plattsmouth and attended Plattsmouth schools and graduated from PHS in 1954. That class graduated just 60 years and 2 days ago. That is when gasoline sold for 29 cents a gallon, and one could buy a bag of popcorn for 10 cents at GG Griffin's theatre. Last fall, I attended two PHS football games and setting in that new stadium with the new turf brought back so many good memories that included fun times with my classmates that graduated in 1954.

My 10-year old grandson and his brother spend a week with Beverly and I during the spring and during the summer. But Matthew is a little special because during his visits, he consistently asks his grandmother or me to tell him some stories about when we were growing up. He says –“ I want to know what it was like.”

As we responded with stories of our times at PHS and earlier, Beverly and I relived our memories of fun times, sad times and the stories of how we became adults. From those discussions, we wondered how to assist that generation during their growth years.

We concluded: be good role models and encourage as much education as possible. It is with that same spirit that my close knit classmates who graduated from PHS in May of 1954, decided at our 45th anniversary that we would like to offer a scholarship to a PHS graduate of 2004, our 50th anniversary.

When we presented that scholarship in 2004, we issued a challenge to all classes following us to award a scholarship to commemorate their 50th anniversary, and we continue to issue this challenge. In 2009, our 55th reunion, we presented two \$750 scholarships, and tonight we continue our tradition by presenting two \$1,000 scholarships to two 2014 graduates of PHS.

While these scholarships are presented on behalf of the entire class of 1954, it is Dee Schuetz, Janet Moore, Ella Mary Kerns, and Pat Porter who did the work in selecting the recipients, taking care of the contributions and making these scholarships possible. I thank them for their efforts.

Tonight I have the great privilege to represent the 35 living members of that class of 70 and announce the recipients of the 2014 scholarships. It is much like passing the baton in a relay race. The 2014 recipients are Marah Null and Taylor Fink.

On behalf of the 1954 graduating class of PHS, I thank the Alumni Association for honoring our class on our 60th anniversary along with other classes.

CLASS NOTICES:

Class of 1950 - Next year will be our 65th year from graduation. The tentative plan calls for an informal get together on Friday, May 22, 2015. Attend the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 23rd at the High School. On Sunday we will meet for breakfast at the Eagles Club in Plattsmouth. Further information will be sent out later, thinking ahead to May of 2015. Florene Duda Nickles

Class of 1955 - will be celebrating their 60th class reunion in Plattsmouth at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 23rd. Following the event Don and Janice Freeburg have invited us to their home for a continuation of the evening's get-together. More details will appear in the Spring 2015 Alumni Newsletter.

HONOR CLASSES

The following Classes were honored in May at the Alumni Banquet

1974 ~ 40 years ~ 1964 ~ 50 years ~ 1959 ~ 55 years ~ 1954 ~ 60 years ~ 1949 ~ 65 years ~ 1944 ~ 70 years



Class of 1936
Grace Wiles Simard



Class of 1944
Eileen Aylor Morehead



Class of 1974
Marcia Bryant



Class of 1954 – L to R: Sally Fulton Becker, George Ebersole, Robert Feldhousen, Ella Mary Nielsen Kerns, Alice Haase Pfeiffer, Patricia Bailey Porter, Dee Beins Schuetz, Jon Schuetz, Larry Vallery

HONOR CLASSES CONTINUED



Class of 1964 L to R: Marilyn Vinduska Cahalane, Donna Campbell, Kathleen Lutes Culbertson, Roberta Ramage Hightree, Barb Newsom Noell, Carol Thornton Langan, Sherrill Jose Konfrst, Donna Muehe Tilson, Ruth Ann Cook Vanek



Class of 1949 L to R: Gene Haswell, Mary Jane Harris Beins, Frances Clinkenbeard – Larson, Leland Meisinger



**Class of 1959 L to R:
Jean Marler Wiles , Bud Lewis,
Rita Ramage Vallery**

PHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

On Friday, September 12th PHS will induct three individuals into the Hall of Fame.



Evelyn & Thomas McKnight

Erika Pauly Tucker '95, is inducted for her service to our country through her impressive military career and for being an excellent role model for young women.

Evelyn Vinduska McKnight '73, is inducted for her many and continued efforts in promoting safe medical practice and for her passion for helping people.

Thomas McKnight '71, is inducted for his distinguished medical career as well as his role in the discovery of the source of the Hepatitis C outbreak and for his global humanitarian work.



Erika Pauley

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY: Friday, September 12, 2014 at 1:30pm in the PHS auditorium, Reception for family and friends to follow. Dinner on the Patio (adjacent to the football stadium) at 6:00. Tickets for dinner are available by contacting Shaun Brothers at 402-296-3322 before September 8th. Inductees will be introduced during half-time of the Plattsmouth vs. Bennington football game.



CABIN FEVER LUNCHEON

TO BENEFIT THE PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

LUNCH AT 12:30 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM)
PLATTSMOUTH STATE BANK COMMUNITY ROOM
\$10.00 PER PERSON

RETURN THIS RSVP FORM ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 13, 2015

HOST OF A TABLE FOR 8 _____
(NAME AND PHONE NUMBER)

WE PLAN TO DECORATE A TABLE FOR A CHANGE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE:

(CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED _____ (\$10.00 PER PERSON)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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_____ Enclosed is my **annual membership fee of \$10.00 per person** for the Plattsmouth Alumni Association.

_____ Enclosed is my **LIFETIME Membership fee of \$150.00 per person**.

_____ Please add me to the e-newsletter list (include e-mail address on line below)

Name (maiden name) _____ Graduation Year _____

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E-mail _____

In addition to my annual membership, I would like to make a donation in the amount of: _____

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