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THE TORNOTO CLASS of 1969 held a class reunion Saturday, those in attendance at the alumni banquet were (front, from left) Chickie Chilcott Stinson, Jerri Adams, Christy O'Hare, and (back, from left) Lisa Paste Stockebrand, Steve Adams, Joann Wyckoff Galvine, Janice Kinsey Mixon, and Kip Baker.

Toronto Alumni Banquet

By Kathy Cummings

The 115th Toronto Alumni Association meeting and banquet was held Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Toronto Gym. The doors opened at 11 a.m. for visiting and president Kathy Cummings introduced Larry Hibbard to give the invocation at noon.

After the invocation, Cummings then announced that Stanley Curtis was the eldest member in attendance followed by Ed Sherman and the newest member, Jesse Hodges, of Iola, was introduced to the alumni. Curtis and Sherman were asked to start the food line. Cummings then called out classes in blocks of ten years.

After eating the meal, catered by Silverado's, of Piqua, president Cummings then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Rick Tyner as toastmaster.

Secretary/treasurer Sharri Fuller then read the minutes from last years meeting. Jerry Clark moved to accept the minutes as read and Steve Adams seconded the motion. The body was asked to raise their right hand in favor and it was approved.

President Cummings then called out the years that were significant. The class of 1959 had one member, Bob Cummings, the class of 1969 had a reunion with Lisa Paske Stockebrand, Steve Adams, Joann Wyckoff Dalvine, Janice Kinsey Mixon, Kip Baker, Chickie Chilcott Stinson, Jerri Adams, and Christy O'Hare in attendance. The class of 1979 had two, Brenda Cox and Kathy Cummings and the class of 1984 was represented by Brent Dyer.

In old business, it was noted that a new United States Flag and a State of Kansas Flags had been purchased and put up to replace the old ones. It was also noted that the plaque that Lewis Hydorn presented to the alumni last year had been placed on the framed Trojan that used to grace center court.

In new business, Eric Boone brought up that we needed to raise the price of the meal and



Courtesy Photo

BRENDA COX (from left) and Kathy Cummings were the only members of the Class of 1979 to celebrate 45 years.

request RSVPs from those wanting to attend next year. The worse thing to have happen is to run out of food, which has happened in the past, but on the other hand we don't want a bunch of leftovers either.

A motion was made to raise the price of the meal from \$15 to \$20 and request RSVPs for next year. Clark moved and Tyner seconded and the alumni members voted in favor by raising their right hands.

Dyer brought up the fact that the sound system leaves a lot to be desired and he is going to check into a Bluetooth sound system for the alumni.

Fuller then talked a little about the proposed playground where the school used to be and talked about the memorial for the school bell. Plans for the proposed playground have been drawn up and are available to see at the Toronto Public Library or Toronto Lumber Company.

Ideas are still being kicked around about the memorial bell stand. Anyone who has ideas are encouraged to stop by Toronto Lumber and share your ideas with Fuller. Jessie Hoag, Toronto Public Librarian, is looking into and writing grants for both projects.

Election of officers for 2025 was held with Chari Bauman - president; Rex McVey - vice-president; and Sharri Fuller - sec-

retary/treasurer.

Linda Clark and her son, Lacey Clark led us in singing the alumni song "Sunflower" and the meeting was adjourned.

Following adjournment, president Cummings remembered that there were some items to be auctioned off and called Boone to the front so he could auction off a cap and long sleeve sweatshirt from the 100th alumni. They both had Toronto Alumni 1908-2008 in gold lettering on black.

Marvin Bedigrew won the bid on the hat and his brother, Jim won the bid on the sweatshirt.

The meeting was then adjourned.

There were 43 members and 12 guests for a total of 55 in attendance and that includes the newest member Jesse Hodges.

A quick reminder to anyone, if your parents or grandparents are/were alumni members you are eligible to become a member yourself. If you live in the Toronto area and would have gone to school here had there still been school, you are also eligible to join. Become part of a long standing tradition and join the Toronto Alumni. Contact one of the officers or any member of the alumni and mark your calendar for next years alumni which will be the first Saturday of October at noon.

Toronto City Council

Mayor Randy Schumacher called the Toronto City Council meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officials present were Mayor Schumacher, council members Robert Bucy, Kimberly Shurley, Richard Decou, Richard Scheck, and Barry Gilstrap. Employees present were city clerk Katie Damron, treasurer Vicky Altis, and superintendent Jack Crumrine.

Public present were Jason and Lorra DeGraw, Dee Scheck, Steve Myers, Becky Petty, and others officially recorded on the sign-in sheet.

Council member Bucy made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by council member Scheck, and passed unanimously.

Council member Bucy made a motion to approve the minutes from Aug. 9, 2024, as written. The motion was seconded by council member Scheck and passed unanimously.

Council member Gilstrap asked if the vouchers were bills that were already paid. Clerk Damron stated that they were already paid and the vouchers were for the council members to look over and ask questions if/when they had them.

Council member Gilstrap stated he was not comfortable with that and would like a better understanding of how the financial process works. Treasurer Altis used an invoice and showed council member Gilstrap an example.

Council member Bucy made a motion to accept vouchers #18285-18310, 18312-18318, and 18322. The motion was seconded by Council member Shurley. The motion passed 4-1.

Public/citizen speakers:

The President of the Board of Trustee of Toronto Public Library, Becky Petty, read an opinion on behalf the library director Jessie Hoag. In this opinion, director Hoag objected to the motion that council member Gilstrap passed around at the last council meeting. A full copy of what board president Petty presented to the council is attached to these minutes and can be made available at Toronto City Hall.

Citizen Colette Link voiced her concerns over damage to vegetation in her yard. Council member Bucy asked who would need to come out and do testing on the soil in her yard so that everyone could have answers.

Mayor Schumacher asked superintendent Crumrine to be in communication with the county sanitarian to do testing in her yard. Council member Scheck suggested that when the new water system is implemented everyone should be on the water system and not have a septic system. Council member Bucy stated that again they would get someone out to get testing done and thanked citizen Link.

Citizen Jade Bucy stated the motion council member Gilstrap was presenting was abhorrent and illegal and suggested that he contact the city attorney if he wanted to put together a motion. She stated that other attorneys she had spoken with said it was ridiculous and no other cities do anything like what was being suggested in the motion. Lastly, citizen Bucy stated that if the motion passed, she would sue the City of Toronto and personally sue any council member that voted yea to said motion and would encourage every other citizen to do the same.

Steve Myers passed on speaking.

Treasurer Altis sent out the second notice on the lead survey and there are 127 left to be turned in. Some left can be omitted because they are vacant lots or do not have service. The third mailing will be sent out by the end of September. Mayor Schumacher asked if anyone needed help if they could still

call the city. Treasurer Altis said there are blank surveys available.

Council member Gilstrap stated that he would like to postpone his motion until he could verify with what library board director Petty read and what citizen Bucy had to say.

He said if what they had to say turned out to be true, he would withdraw the motion. Council member Gilstrap went on to explain that the purpose of the motion was not to invade anyone's privacy, he wanted access to the ordinance books in order to weed through the old ordinances, that when he was voted in, he was asked to do so and was previously denied.

Mayor Schumacher told council member Gilstrap that his motion was going to be denied because when council members were not sitting at the table they were just like private citizens and not every citizen has a key to city hall.

Council member Bucy stated what council member Gilstrap was asking for was illegal. Council member Shurley said the mayor has authority over the city personnel as well as city operations.

Council member Decou asked about the council voting on the website that the council had previously approved. He stated the letterhead was never provided for him and council member Gilstrap to get the .gov website.

Clerk Damron told him that the city would need to hire a company to digitize the ordinances. Council member Shurley stated that the council had already approved someone to be hired to do that. Mayor Schumacher said that any citizen can come in during business hours and look at ordinances. Council member Gilstrap stated that people who work cannot.

Mayor Schumacher ended the discussion stating no council member is going to have a key or code to the city hall.

Council member Decou asked the mayor when they could move forward with putting the ordinances online. Mayor Schumacher told him that there are already two websites.

Council member Decou asked if the ordinances could be on those, and citizen Bucy told him that they already voted to go out and hire someone to do it officially.

Council member Decou said he would really like to move forward with that. Mayor Schumacher asked if clerk Damron could get started on doing that and citizen Bucy said the League of Kansas Municipalities offers that at a discounted price. The council agreed to move forward.

Mike Bergeron, on behalf of Bruce Davis Construction, asked the council about using bulk water. Treasurer Altis suggested a limited liability waiver in case something was damaged, and Mr. Bergeron agreed to draft one up. Superintendent Crumrine suggested \$0.01 per gallon of water.

Council member Scheck made a motion to sell bulk water to Bruce Davis Construction for \$0.01 per gallon. Council member Bucy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Accounts 223-03 and 220-01 are operating as a business without a license. Council member Bucy asked if clerk Damron could get on the Airbnb website and see if anyone else was operating without a business license so as not to single out a certain business. Council member Scheck made a motion for clerk Damron to send any business in Toronto operating an Airbnb without a business license and send a certified letter. Council member Bucy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Zoning committee report: council member Shurley asked the council to return the ques-

tionnaires that committee chair Steve Myers passed out at the last meeting back to them.

Council member Scheck said the questions were a little vague but mixed use was fine with him. Chair Myers clarified that the questions were intentionally left vague to get a good idea of what the vision was for the vision of Toronto.

Chair Myers said the Zoning committee met the fourth Thursday of the month and encouraged the council to get those questionnaires back.

Fire committee report: council member Scheck said the fire department continues to work on training. The recent benefit they had for a fellow firefighter was great. Several other fire departments came, including Fall River Fire Department.

Financial committee report: May and June financials submitted.

Superintendent Crumrine report:

Fixed damage from Superior on North Washington so the residents there could get water turned on. Documentation was made for the attorneys.

Announcements: The KWO Grant was submitted. The next regular council meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, following the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. There will be a special meeting with the city attorney Brian Duncan Tuesday Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Tabled discussions: treasurer Altis informed the council she had done some research on the water rates on the surrounding communities. The council agreed to keep the water rates tabled for now.

Council member Bucy made a motion to adjourn, council member Shurley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

I attest that these are the official meeting minutes.

Public Notice

(First published in The Yates Center News on Thursday, October 17, 2024.) 42-3tc IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERIC C. LYNCH, Deceased.

Case No.: WO-2024-PR-000024 **NOTICE OF HEARING** THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 3, 2024, a Petition was filed in this Court by Rachael Ann Morrison, an heir of Beric C. Lynch, deceased, praying that descent be determined of the decedent's interest in the parcels of real estate situated in Woodson County, Kansas and Leavenworth County, Kansas that are described in the Petition filed herein and all personal property described in the Petition and all other personal property and Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death; and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 13, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in this Court, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course on the Petition.

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Northern lights, a comet that hasn't passed this way since the Neanderthals walked the earth (88,000 years ago), sun dogs and cooler temps what craziness! Have you had the opportunity to see the aurora borealis? What about the comet? There were numerous sun dogs spotted recently. I'm sure you have been enjoying the cooler weather.

Question: What is a "sun dog"?

Sunday was a hard hat kinda day! If you have any walnut trees in your yard, as we do, with it being fall and the wind gusting like it was, it was dangerous being out in the yard. When taking Punky and Taco out I had to be careful where I stood!

I can't believe how many are in

the yard and how many are still in the trees. It will be awhile yet, before they all fall. So in the meantime, we all jump regularly when the walnuts hit the roof or the AC unit. If anyone wants to come gather some walnuts, come on by.

We offer our sympathy to the families of Ted Voth, Vergie McCormick and Jim Frye who passed away recently. We offer our sympathy to all others who lost loved ones this past week.

Hello! To all in area nursing and assisted living facilities; Hello, also, to all in area hospitals and rehab centers.

Answer: Sometimes, when ice crystals are present in the atmosphere, the sunlight is refracted to create the optical effect of "two

smaller suns" flanking the sun. Humans decided hundreds of years ago to call this sight "sun dogs", deriving from the verb "dog" as the action of following someone or something closely.

I do hope everyone has had their furnaces checked for the fall and winter. It's time to use them again. The weathermen was predicting 39° for an overnight low one day this week. Which means our first frost.

It's time to prepare all outdoor stuff for winter. Put away lawn furniture and yard toys, transplant shrubs and bulbs. Old Man Winter will be here before we know it, so get prepared.

Quote: "The simple act of paying attention can take you a long way." - Keanu Reeves