

# Sweetland/Swetland Lore #55

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#### SWEETLAND/SWETLAND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

## President's Message Jamie R. Swetland

As our gardens deliver the bounty of our hard work, it is also the time of year for those late summer fairs and children and teens preparing to return to school and college. I have enjoyed a pleasant summer of working in the garden and playing with my children. However, we have had to do the back-to-school shopping for clothes and supplies.

For those older students of academia, many will be preparing for their first time or maybe their return trip to a college or university. As many of you may know, the cost of tuition, books, housing, and necessities never gets any cheaper. Many students struggle to achieve good grades while maintaining a job during college to keep up with the expenses. It is for this reason that many scholarship programs have been started: to aid our future generation and leaders as they take on the challenges of extending their education and maintaining their grades as a means to excel their knowledge and skills for a better career.

The Swetland Family Association has for many years offered a scholarship to the children of Swe(e)/(a)tland lineage. It is not a large amount, yet it does offer some relief for the purchase of books and necessary supplies. In this newsletter, hear from some of the past recipients and learn where they are now. Additionally, we will take a look at the scholarship program administered by the Swetland Family Association and headed up by our own R. David Kryder.

My wishes for a safe, wonderful, colorful, and pleasant autumn.

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#### **Mystery Painting**

Can you help identify this painting? Perhaps you have a painter in your heritage and recognize the style or signature. The painting's owner, Walt Tynan, writes: "This is a Sweetland painting that belonged to my grandparents, who might have known the artist. I do not know the artist's first name, but would like to find out about him/her. It is signed simply 'Sweetland' in the lower right corner. If

you have any info, please contact Walt Tynan, 5504 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208 or email: roulien @gol.com."



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### **New School Year Brings Scholarship Application Time**



R. David Kryder

The Sweetland/Swetland Scholarship of \$350 will go to a deserving Sweetland or Swetland descendent in 2011. High school seniors or others who currently attend any post-high school educational program are invited to apply by March 1, 2011.

Scholarship Committee Chairman R. David Kryder notes that with higher education costing as much as Stanford University at an annual cost of \$49,227 or even a community college such as Pima County (AZ) at \$3,256 for in-district students, some college-bound students may wonder if it is even

worth the hassle to apply for the modest S/S Scholarship. However, he writes, "In the whole mix of things, a \$350 scholarship may be a mere token. But, it speaks of the love and commitment of our family to the applicants. In the spirit of building and maintaining our 'family community', every eligible family member should apply." Please turn to page 4 for the application process.

#### **Previous Scholarship Winners Represent Our Family Well**

#### 1996 Recipient Ruth (Kirby) Ingebrigtsen



I had a wonderful college experience by first attending Ricks College where I received my associate degree in Fashion Merchandising and then transferring to Oregon State University to obtain my Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Sciences. My education has benefited me in numerous ways. I was able to gain a wide breadth of knowledge in many areas, while doing prerequisites and really enjoyed focusing on a major that suited my interests as I worked

toward my degrees. Now, as I look upon those experiences, I realize that I am grateful not only for the for the knowledge I obtained, but for the skills I learned which are relevant to my life now. Thanks to my education, I am able to communicate and work with people on a daily basis. I am not afraid to speak to a large audience because of some speech classes I took in college.

While my husband was still in school I was able to use my education to get a great job in the fashion industry. Now, as a mother of three young children and also employed where I work with children, I often use my human development knowledge. The scholarship I received was a great help to fund my books for school for several semesters. I am grateful that I was the recipient of this scholarship. While attending those first semesters of my college education, I remember feeling motivated to do well in school because I knew that my relatives were helping me financially to obtain my educational goals.

# 1998 Recipient Katy (Bradley) Ford



I am the proud winner of the Sweetland scholarship from 1998. I put the scholarship money to use toward tuition, and although the amount didn't compare to the thousands that tuition cost - every little bit helps! I was very appreciative of the generosity of the scholarship. I graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Computer Science and Engineering. I also minored in Management Information Systems and Engineering Leadership Development, as my goal was to be-

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come an engineering manager at a large corporation. I have successfully achieved that goal, having been named a Software Engineering Manager at Lockheed Martin, as well as having many other opportunities afforded me by the fantastic college education. I am still working with Lockheed Martin, and am currently on International Assignment living in Portsmouth, England.

#### 2005 Recipient Karen Swetland

My college education has benefited me tremendously and I am very grateful for the Sweetland/Swetland Association scholarship. I used the money for books my freshman year.

I graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering.

I am now studying at Cornell University to get a PhD in Environmental Engineering. My PhD research focuses on developing small scale municipal water treatment technologies for developing countries, basically water treatment plants that run without electricity or expensive machinery that can be locally built and operated in resource poor countries. The AguaClara program, of which I am a small part, has successfully designed five water treatment plants across Honduras. After receiving my degree I hope to work as an engineer designing water treatment systems for an international development organization.



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## Ernest J. Sweetland Wrote Letter 111 Years Ago Encouraging Education

In the following letter, future inventor Ernest wrote to his younger sister, Sarah (Sade), insisting she add typing to her studies. It must have helped because the picture below shows her working in his gold assaying office in Goldfield, Nevada eight years later, in 1907. Photo courtesy of Sarah's granddaughter, Carolyn Hartman.

San Francisco Oct. 10, 1899

Dear Sister,

I thought I would write you a line to impress upon you the importance of taking typewriting in addition to your other studies.

Even with the accomplishment of bookkeeping it would be very hard to get a position here unless you also was good in typewriting. How do you like the work. Pay good attention to the nooks & crooks of bookkeeping & keep up in mathematics.

Write to tell me how you are getting along. I insist on taking typewriting. Bed Time.

Write Soon, E.J. Sweetland



Sarah said she always kept her pistol handy in the drawer or strapped to her waist.



# 2011 Award Process for



# THE SW(E)E(A)TLAND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The 1993 Scholarship Committee established these conditions which, as amended and written below, continue in effect.

- 1. The Scholarship recipient must be a Sw(e)e(a)tland descendant.
- 2. Preference will be given to high school seniors or to Applicants who are currently enrolled in any post-high school educational program.
- 3. Scholarship Award winners are ineligible to re-apply in subsequent years.
- 4. Applications must include a letter of recommendation from a family member.
- 5. Applications must be filed electronically to: <u>David.Kryder@GMail.Com</u> with a hard copy to follow by the US Postal Service or by an express mail service, to:

R. David Kryder, Chairman Swetland Family Scholarship Committee 1036 North Paseo Iris Green Valley, AZ 85614 (520) 393-1783

- 6. All application materials must be received by the Committee by 1 March 2011.
- 7. Applicant Reunion attendance is not required. However, Applicants and their families are encouraged to attend.
- 8. There is no specific Application Form. Rather each Applicant is free to submit those materials that they believe will present their achievements and their potential in the best light.
- 9. The Scholarship award decision will be based on the Committee's understanding of each Applicant's scholastic achievements, athletic and related endeavors, interest in family genealogy, and exhibited leadership qualities. Applicants are free to submit whatever indicators they believe will show them best.
- 10. The Committee's decision is final and the Scholarship Winner will be announced before 1 April 2011

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