

*Board Members of the  
Friends and Alumni of Lookeba-Sickles Schools*

**President**

**Ranel Hamilton Lasley**  
(Biography Coming Soon)

**Vice-President**

**Delores Clay VanDeman**

I am the daughter of Harry and Lorene Clay and sister of Don and Dean. We all, in turn, graduated from Sickles and Lookeba-Sickles High School.

After graduation in 1960, I attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, earning a B.S.S.E. with a major in English in 1964.

Teaching in the public school system became both my vocation and my passion. I first taught for one and one-half years at Thomas, OK while my husband, Jim, was enrolled at Southwestern State. We then moved to Oklahoma City, where for thirty years, I taught language arts classes (English II, English III, regular and honors, Creative Writing, Advanced Grammar and Composition, and American Novel) in the Putnam City Schools until my retirement in 1996.

Our son, Brent, lives in Waddell, AZ with his wife, Dana, and our granddaughters, Savanna and Sierra.

Even though Jim and I have lived in Oklahoma City for over fifty years, we are currently in the process of “moving home” to our family farm at Sickles.

**Co-Secretary**

**Carla Hamilton Taylor**  
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**LaQuita Ruckman Dixon**  
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## Treasurer

### **Denise Bailey Hart**

Denise Bailey Hart is a third generation graduate from the Lookeba-Sickles Schools. Her grandmother, Inez Hawkins Bailey, was one of the first graduates of Sickles. Denise began school in 1961, the year of the consolidation between Lookeba and Sickles. She was a 1972 graduate of Lookeba-Sickles.

Denise attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, where she earned her BS ('76) and MS ('80) in Business Education. Denise taught in Boise City, Oklahoma and Liberal, Kansas before returning to her alma mater. She taught in the Lookeba-Sickles School system for seven years.

Denise and LeRoy Hart were married in 1985 and have two daughters, Kyra and Karissa. LeRoy and girls are also graduates of Lookeba-Sickles. Kyra is a neonatal nurse practitioner and her husband, Landin, is a critical care registered nurse. Karissa is working in a hair salon in Oklahoma City.

Denise and LeRoy have made their home in the Sickles community where they are engaged in farming and ranching. They also attend the Sickles Community Church. Along with serving on the L-S Foundation Board, Denise is also actively involved on the Sickles Cemetery Board.

## Members

### **Karen Barthel Klein**

Karen Klein is a 1974 graduate of Lookeba-Sickles High School and now serves as the Director of Information Technology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK. Karen began a 22-year career with 3M/Imation in 1976 during which time she completed a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science in 1993 from SWOSU. She then began working in the information technology field and later joined the Information Technology Services office at SWOSU in 1998 as a Programmer/Analyst, later becoming the Director in 2014.

Klein has lived in Weatherford for 39 years with husband, Jerald. She is a member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years and has served on various committees. The Klein's have two sons, Ryan and Wesley, who reside with their families in the Oklahoma City area, and they have five grandchildren, Jillian, Kaden, Cassie, Madison, and Audrey.

### **Shana Lierle**

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### **Gayla Sissom Johnston**

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**Diana Crain Watson**  
(Biography Coming Soon)

**Ex-Officio Members**

**Mike Davis, L-S Superintendent of Schools**  
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