Greetings Fellow Alumni and Friends!

When I look back over the last two years, I see some tremendous accomplishments of the WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc. Here are a few that we can all take pride in.

- The “Green Jobs Training” that started under Thomas Harris’ administration was successfully completed and as a result we were able to do some major renovations to the Agriculture Building. These renovations plus a donation of furniture from International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation makes this facility usable as a classroom and a meeting place. I think Mr. Ward, our former Ag teacher, is smiling.

- The R. M. Taylor Players and the C. W. Coachman Ensemble came into being. Thanks to the direction and leadership of Mable Hopkins Slade, two very successful performances have been given. Not only were these fundraising opportunities for The Alumni Association, but they also provided our organization some face time in the community we serve. I think Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Coachman, our former drama guild teacher and music director, respectively, are happy.

- The Century Club was founded. You have been fantastic financial supporters of the WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association through the Century Club. In each of the last two years, we have sent letters to you asking for a $100.00 contribution to support The Alumni Association’s programs and activities. You responded wonderfully. Each year, the membership has grown. (For those who have not responded yet, there is still the opportunity to do so. Please send in your contribution today.) These funds along with those from Reunion Weekend, our various Chapters, and our fundraising activities are the primary sources of funds for sustaining the organization.

- The Summer Enrichment Camp has consistently received outside funding which has enabled it to become more financially stable. Thanks to grants from IBM, Warren County, churches, and Heritage Quilters the monetary burden for the operations of the summer program has been lessened on The Alumni Association. Although we have a host of dedicated and committed volunteers, in order to attract the caliber of teacher needed for our program, we must provide some amount of compensation. This could be a significant drain on the coffers of our organization without the assistance of these sponsors.

- We were able to add to our campus by acquiring the elementary school building. Thanks to leadership and direction from Henry Durham and Roberta Scott, The Alumni Association was able to fulfill a long awaited dream – our campus, as we knew it, is pretty much back intact.

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Despite these enormous successes, the renovation of our high school building continues to be just beyond our grasp. There are times when I can almost reach out and touch it. There are times when I can take a deep breath and almost smell it. There are times when I can close my eyes and see it. We are so close, yet so far away. (That sounds like the title of a song that maybe we could get Brook Benton to sing if he were alive. I will see if I can get McCoy SIMMs Hendricks – the Mac Man - to work on making this happen.)

We have been pursuing the option of using the high school and elementary school buildings for independent housing units. The primary market for these one and two bedroom units would be seniors and teachers. The market analysis study that we had done confirmed our belief that there is a market for this type of housing within Warren County. When we attempt to pull all the pieces together and get a deal done, we have encountered some challenges.

When it comes to funding senior housing, USDA has requirements that the complex be within a certain distance of a grocery store (Pay Jay’s in Wise does not qualify as a grocery store for USDA.) and a pharmacy. When it comes to funding teacher housing we are competing with the bright lights of Henderson, NC for the hearts and minds of the young women and men who come from various places to teach in the public school system.

We view these challenges as temporary setbacks. They are issues that will bind us closer together as an organization and make our celebration that much more joyful when we have overcome them. A fitting close to this message might be the first stanza of “Invictus” by William Ernest Henley:

“Out of the night that covers me [us],
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my [our] unconquerable soul[s] .”
( Words in brackets are added by me.)

I hope to see you during Reunion Weekend!!!

Yours in unity

Ben H. Stewart, Jr.
National President

WARREN COUNTY CHAPTER

The chapter was very busy during the winter months. One of the things we do each year is distribute fruit baskets to the elderly within our community. Our Chapter members were asked to identify eligible persons. Then we bought and prepared baskets of fruit. This year, we distributed 2 fruit baskets to seniors citizens 100 years old and up during the Thanksgiving holiday and 17 fruit baskets during the Christmas holiday for seniors 90 to 100 years.

We hosted the dinner for local pastors in December. The dinner was an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for our pastors and the local churches who support us. Twelve pastors were in attendance. Ministers in attendance were: Rev. Dr. Richard Henderson, Minister Delores Dozier, Rev. John E. Alston, Rev. Maggie Stinnett, Rev. Timothy Edwards, Rev. Dr. Tony Cozart, Rev. Preston Williams, Rev. Dr. Deloris Jerman, Rev. Dr. Willie Ramey, III, Rev. Dr. Alan Rice, Rev. Kenneth Alexander, and Rev. Milton Solomon.

We had a wonderful Valentine celebration in spite of the bad weather. Thank you everyone who supported us with your presence and finances.

The Youth Explosion in March was outstanding featuring young talent from many of local churches. Minister Dentis Shaw was the speaker.

We look forward to participating in the July 4th Parade in Wise. Along with entering two boats, we will also sale Fish and Chicken sandwiches.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for a WCTS-NWHS Alumni Scholarship are available in the Warren County High School’s counselor’s office. Applications should be filled out with all requirements and returned to Mr. Paul Plummer, Jr., by April 15, 2015. All high school seniors in Warren County may apply.

If you need assistance or have questions, contact Mr. Paul Plummer at (252) 456-2789.

We invite parents to become an active part of our wonderful organization. Contact the Alumni Office at (252) 456-0076 to get an application. Membership is $30.00 per year. Thank you in advance.

Paul Plummer, Jr.
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Our heartfelt sympathy and thoughts are with the families and friends of our dearly departed Aggies. We apologize and ask that you contact the office if we have omitted any names.

Passing's prior to October 2014 Publication:
- Mr. James Jerman (2013), class of 1949, brother of Mrs. Velma Jerman Gatling.
- Mr. Julius Shaw (2014), husband of Mrs. Eva Hall Shaw, class of 1950.
- Mr. Samuel Patillo (2012), class of 1965

Passing's since last Publication:
- Mrs. Lucy Belle Walker Dunson, class of 1936, sister-in-law of Elizabeth, Maggie, Thelma Emma, Hazel and Louise.
- Mr. Elvert Somerville, class of 1965.
- Mrs. Sarah Edwards, mother of Elnora, Dorothea, Shawn and Franklin Edwards.
- Mrs. Louise Moss, mother of Gloria Moss Sledge.
- Mr. James Boyd, class of 1967, brother of Jeannette and Theresa.
- Mr. Johnnie M. Boyd, class of 1968, brother of Leon-tyne, Afreda, Emma, Mary, Rosa, Geri, James, Jerome, Walter, Frank and Charles.
- Mrs. Mamie Eva Bell-Baskett, class of 1941.
- Mr. Eddie Lee Howell, class of 1952.
- Mrs. Annie C. Shearin, class of 1964, sister of Casandra.
- Ms. Harriet Talley, class of 1958, sister of Melvin, Mary, Josephine and Charles Talley.
- Mr. James (brother) Howard, class of 1956, brother of Walter and Clinton Howard.
- Mr. John Nicholas, class of 1971 Norlina High, brother of Rosetta and Rachael.
- Samuel Downey, class of 1966, brother of Alice, Arvel-la, Ann, Ruby & Phillip, and uncle or Rev. Stinnett.
- Mrs. B. Lucille Mayfield Algood, class of 1955, Sister of Helen, Esther and Carolyn.
- Mrs. Bernice Washington, former teacher.
- Mr. Robert Jeffries, faculty member.
- Mrs. Mary Eliza Patillo Russell, class of 1945, sister of Robert, Charlie, John, Grace, Bernice and Shirley.
- Mrs. Helen Barnes Milam Johnson, class of 1947, sister of Claiborne, Angelo and Jessie.
- Mr. John Wilbur Jackson, class of 1964.
- Mr. Darry L. Boyd, class of 1967, brother of Calvin and Willie Boyd.

Summer Enrichment Program

If you hear pots and pans rattling in the kitchen of the cafeteria, that is Esther Mayfield getting ready for the Summer Enrichment Program. This program originated in 2006 and has been serving an average of 35 to 60 students in Grades K-6 each year since. Last year was the first time we had a three week program and we will continue that format this year.

The goal of the Summer Enrichment Program is to stem summer learning loss and accelerate academic year learning with hands-on-activities in reading/writing, mathematics, technology, healthy living, logical thinking, and character development skills. Guest speakers and educational field trips are an integral part of the program. Every attempt is made to incorporate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) content into the curriculum. Our student have to have a strong foundation in the natural sciences to be competitive in the job market. This is the area of the job market that is growing and is projected to continue to grow over the next decade.

The students are grouped in grades K-2, 3-4, and 5-6. There is a designated teacher for each grade level and volunteers assist the teachers. Each day begins with breakfast at 9:00 AM and ends after lunch at 1:00 PM. In between we provide a challenging learning environment. We would love to have you as a volunteer in this year’s program. You may want to share an art or a craft. You may want to share a life experience. You may want to share a bit of history (not that you are ancient or anything) or a favorite story. If you do have a learning experience that would benefit our students, we would love to hear from you. Contact Ben Stewart 919-782-6692 or Carrie Hill 919-544-3262.

CLASS OF 1950

The class of 1950 will be celebrating their 65th Class Reunion. Members are asked to call Eva Shaw.

(252) 456-4549
CENTURY CLUB III

The WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association recognizes and thank the following individuals for their contribution to Century Club III as of 3/17/15. We are half way to our goal of $10,000. Our goal is to double this list of names by Reunion Weekend. Your support is needed in attaining this milestone. Please make your donation to: WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association and mail to: P. O. Box 122, Wise, NC 27594.

1. Charles L. Alexander – Class of ‘52
2. Joyce Alexander – Class of ‘57
3. Charles Cheek – Class of ‘46
4. Theotice Henderson Cheek – Class of ‘57
5. Sallie Durham Claibourn – Class of ‘65
6. Carolyn Mayfield Davis – Class of ‘66
7. Marinda Thrower Davis – Class of ‘60
8. Henry Durham, Jr. – Class of ‘67
9. Henry H. Greene – Class of ‘47
10. Geraldine Hargrove – Class of ‘56
11. John Hargrove – Class of ‘56
12. Thomas Harris – Class of ‘56
13. Charlie Henderson – Class of ‘64
14. Clara Boyd Henderson – Class of ‘54
15. John Henderson – Class of ‘67
16. Rev. Richard Henderson – Class of ‘54
17. Carrie Hendrick Hill – Class of ‘64
18. Clinton Howard – Class of ‘59
19. Sallie Green Howell – Class of ‘53
20. Sadie Dunson Jerman – Class of ‘50
21. Jamesanna Shearin Johnson - Class of ‘46
22. Faulkner Jones – Class of ‘52
23. Maggie Kiah – Class of ‘40
24. Esther Mayfield – Class of ‘63
25. Lindell Palmer – Class of ‘67
26. Samuel M. Parham – Class of ‘48
27. Hattie Plummer Perry – Class of ‘62
28. Juanita Person – Class of ‘59
29. Paul Plummer – Norlina HS ‘73
30. Vergie Pope – Class of ‘50
32. Juanita Howell Russell – Class of ‘49
33. Eva Hall Shaw – Class of ‘50
34. Mable Hopkins Slade – Class of ‘64
35. Janet Long Sledge – Class of ‘65
36. Leonard Sledge, Jr – Class of ‘65
37. Alice Jordan Stewart – Class of ‘67
38. Benjamin Stewart, Jr. – Class of ‘65
39. Norval Stewart – Class of ‘54
40. Rev. Mary H. Stinnett—Norlina HS ‘78
41. Eva Johnson Taylor – Class of ‘65
42. Joseph H. Taylor – Class of ‘63
43. Emmitt Thomas – Class of ‘63
44. Onia Mae Talley Vaughan – Class of ‘63
45. Joseph Washington – Teacher
46. Doris Terry Williams – Class of ‘69
47. Lillian Russell Williams – Class of ‘47
48. Luke Williams – Class of ‘47
49. Cynthia Hawkins Woods - Class of ‘66
50. Alice Holloway Young—Class of ‘40

Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.

Robert A. Heinlein

Class of 1955

The class of 1955 will be celebrating their 60th class reunion this year. Contact Molly Terry Bullock.

(252) 456-2224
BARN THEATRE TRIP
Dinner and a Play

When you start listing the attractions of New York City, high upon that list would be the Theatre District. Commonly referred to as Broadway, this area of Time Square is a mega tourist attraction. People flock there for an evening of entertainment consisting of dinner and a play. Your plans may not include a visit to New York City in the near future, but that does not prevent you from sharing a “Broadway experience” right here in North Carolina.

The WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association are making available to you such an experience. If you like fine dining, this is your chance to take in foods very pleasing to the palate. If you have an appreciation for the finer things in life, this is your opportunity for cultural enrichment. If you enjoy the adrenaline rush of live, on-stage performances, this is an occasion for you to quench your thirst.

On April 25, 2015 you are invited to be a part of an evening of entertainment at The Barn Dinner Theatre in Greensboro, NC. For $75.00 per person, you get transportation, dinner, and a play. A bus will depart from Rose’s parking lot in Henderson, NC at 4:00 pm on April 25th. If you drive yourself, the cost is $52.00. The address is: 120 Stage Coach Trail in Greensboro. A delicious traditional buffet that includes a roast beef carving station serves as the meal.

The Broadway style play is entitled, “First Baptist Church of Ivy Gap”. Taking place during World War II, this play follows the story of six very different women whose lives become intertwined in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Ivy Gap in Tennessee. You will laugh and you will cry as you share the ups and downs of life with the characters.

For tickets and additional information contact Clara Henderson at 252-456-3137.
Reunion Weekend 2015

Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner. The excitement is starting to build. The Reunion Weekend Committee is looking forward to hosting you. We want to make this special weekend the very best that it can be. We are very glad to have you back on the campus and we enjoy sharing memories and visions about the things that are important to us Aggies. Here is a look at what we have planned:

- **Business Session** – On Friday, May 22nd at 1:00 PM in the Agriculture Building we will discuss the business of The Alumni Association. You will hear reports coming from various officers. There will also be an election of officers. (Be sure you have paid your National membership dues so that you are eligible to vote in this election. Membership dues are $30.00 a year.) This is your opportunity to acquire an in-depth understanding of what is happening with your National organization.

- **Fish Fry** – The doors of the cafeteria building will open at 4:00 PM. The serving line will open at 5:00 PM. Once again, Ben Stewart will serve as the Ticket Police. He will be assisting you through the serving line in the most efficient manner. Please be respectful of this elderly gentleman. After all, he is getting on up there in age. The price for a fish plate is $20.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the door. However, for your convenience, we encourage you to purchase your tickets beforehand. To be fair to late arriving guests, there will be no “seconds” until after 7:00 PM.

- **Gala Dinner** – The Gala Dinner will be held at the Civic Center on the campus of Vance Granville Community College in Henderson, NC. A ticket for this dinner/dance event is priced at $55.00 per person. The Civic Center will open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner will consist of baked or fried chicken, ham, two vegetables, a salad, assorted desserts, bread, and a non-alcoholic drink.
  - The entertainment this year is “The Glory Train”. This is a comedy production that will be performed by the R. M. Taylor Players and the C. W. Coachman Ensemble. It’s about nine church going people who are killed in a bus accident on their way to a meeting. Now they are heading for their eternal home.
  - The Master/Mistress of Ceremony will be from the Class of ’65. This class will be celebrating their 50th reunion year.
  - All classes will be recognized at this affair. During this time of recognition, each class is expected to make a contribution to the school. Contribution amounts will be recorded and announced. The class with the largest donation will be recognized.
  - Class pictures will be taken. Thanks to Paulette Durham, there will be the opportunity to take individual and class pictures. These pictures will be available for purchase at a later date.
  - The dance is expected to commence around 9:00 PM. Dancers will have the floor until midnight, when the facility will shutdown.
2015 SCHOOL REUNION WEEKEND
May 22nd & May 23rd

Change in Day and Time for National Meeting

This is a reminder of the format change for the National Meeting during Reunion Weekend. The meeting will no longer take place on Saturday morning. This business meeting will commence at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 22nd. It will be held in the classroom of the Agriculture Building. Those attending the National Meeting will have the opportunity to receive “line passes” that will enable them to be among the first in line for the fish-fry dinner that afternoon.

Administration/Technical Support

Thank you to the team of people who assist the Admin office with getting out the bulk mailing process and whatever you do to assist the operation of this organization. Your volunteering spirit is greatly appreciated.

We are grateful for all items donated for our computer lab and offices. We are hoping to have another Adult Computer Literacy session in August 2015.

Mable H. Slade Executive Secretary/Tech Support

2015 REUNION TICKETS

Tickets for our Annual Reunion Events will be available in April.
Contact the office or designated person below:

Cost of tickets are:

- Fish Fry/BBQ $20.00
- Lifetime Members: $18.00
- Gala Dinner/Dance $55.00
- Lifetime Members: $50.00

All payments made after May 15 will incur a late fee of $10.00

Contact: Alumni Office (252) 456-0076

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 1950—Celebrating 65 years
Class of 1955—Celebrating 60 years
Class of 1965—Celebrating 50 years
Class of 1970—Celebrating 45 years
Class of 1975—Celebrating 40 years

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Henderson, NC Area:
- Hampton Inn (252) 492-3007
- The Sleep Inn (252) 433-9499
- Quality Inn (formerly Ambassador Inn) (252) 492-1126
- Baymont Inn (252) 430-0247
- Holiday Inn Express (252) 438-6300
- Days Inn (252) 492-4041

South Hill, VA Area: (Exit 12A)
- Hampton Inn (434) 447-4600
- Comfort Inn (434) 447-2200
- Quality Inn (Exit 12B) (434) 447-2600
- Holiday Inn Express (434) 955-2777
- Days Inn (434) 447-3123
- Fairfield Inn (434) 447-6800
- Best Value Inn (434) 447-7116
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IF YOU DO GOOD, PEOPLE WILL ACCUSE YOU OF SELFISH ULTERIOR MOTIVES. DO GOOD ANYWAY.

KENT M. KEITH

The Aggie Spirit

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