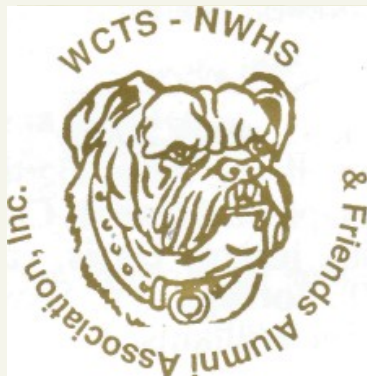


THE AGGIE SPIRIT

2011 Spring Newsletter

WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.

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The National Board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Aggies and Friends!

As winter gives way to spring, we are gearing up for our annual class reunion weekend. Friday afternoon, May 27, at 4:00 PM, we start with our Registration and Meet and Greet, followed by our Fish Fry & Bar-B-Q. Come on by; chances are you will see someone you haven't seen in a while. It is a pleasure to see people I haven't seen in years, or since the last reunion.

During the business meeting, Saturday morning, May 28, election of officers will be held and all positions will be open.

Saturday night, May 28, at 6:30 PM, we will have our annual dinner and dance. This year's event will be held at the newly renovated and renamed Warren County Armory Civic Center in Warrenton.

The Alumni facilities were broken into on three occasions, so in addition to the ADT security systems installed last year, we recently installed security surveillance cameras in both buildings. A special thank you to the chapters who made a donation toward the cost of this project.

Due to health reasons and a lack of member participation, Mrs. Mertis Baskerville is having the Palmers Spring Chapter's affiliation with the Alumni Association rescinded. Palmers Spring Chapter members and friends are invited to join the Warren County Chapter. As always, feel free to contact me with your comments and questions.

Yours in Unity,

Thomas A. Harris
National President

CLASS REUNION WEEKEND

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- **FISH FRY:** Our annual Fish Fry fellowship is Friday May 27. Registration starts at 4:00 PM. Dinner will be 5:00–7:00 PM. Tickets will be sold prior to the event and will be available the day of event also. Once you submit your ticket for entrance, your ticket will be stamped with a color to ensure you will be served in a quick and orderly manner. Once you receive the color code on your ticket stub, please listen for the call for your color. We want to eliminate complaints about people coming in last and jumping ahead of people who have been waiting longer.
- **TICKETS:** Tickets for the Fish Fry will be \$15.00. Gala Dinner/Dance tickets are \$50.00. All lifetime members will receive a 10% discount on tickets.
- **NATIONAL MEETING:** The annual National Meeting will be Saturday morning May 28, starting at 9:00 AM. The meeting will kick off with a breakfast. All are welcomed.
- **GALA DINNER/DANCE:** The Dinner/Dance will be at the Warren County Armory Civic Center in Warrenton. The affair will start at 6:30 PM. When you send in your Registration Form, please reserve your table for your group. Seating will be 8 or 10 seats per table. Persons desiring to sit with a specific group should indicate on their registration form the group desired. Hosts and hostesses will assist in finding your table.
- **CATERING:** Our caterer for 2011 will be Mrs. Mahalia Johnson. Her contact information is 252-456-3439 if you are in need of her services.

DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR SOUVENIR BOOKLET ADS

The Souvenir Booklet advertisements **deadline has been extended to April 8, 2011**. We are soliciting ads from businesses, classes, churches, families, friends, clubs or organizations. These ads may feature your business, memorials, tributes, acknowledgements, or special accomplishments. The ad may be “camera ready” (typed exactly the way you want it to appear in the Booklet) or you can provide us the information and we will prepare the ad for the Booklet. Below are the costs for advertisements:

Full Page.....	\$ 100.00
½ Page.....	\$ 60.00
¼ Page.....	\$ 40.00
Business Card.....	\$ 25.00
Patron List.....	\$ 10.00

Please submit your ad by the deadline indicated above. If you include a picture with your ad, please make sure that the picture is clear.

We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraising project.

The Booklets will be ready for distribution during the Annual Reunion Weekend

2011 REUNION TICKETS

Tickets for the Annual Fish Fry/BBQ are \$15.00 and tickets for the Gala Dinner/Dance are \$50.00 .

Contacts for tickets:

Esther Mayfield	(252) 456-2848
Carrie Hill	(919) 544-3284
Reginald Hinton	(252) 432-2684
Henry Durham, Jr.	(252) 257-6777
Alumni Office (Mable Slade)	(252) 456-0076

Chapter Presidents:

Samuel Parham (MD,DC,NVA)	(410) 367-3966
Vivian Lynch (NY,NJ,CT)	(212) 529-3698
Eddie Hinton (Rich, Ptsbg)	(804) 550-3203
Douglas Hanks (Phila)	(610) 497-3274
Paul Plummer, Jr.	(252) 456-2789

SOUVENIR BOOKLET

The committee want to thank everyone who purchased space for personal messages, ads, recognitions and names as patrons.

We are in the process of compiling this historic document to have it available by the Class Reunion weekend (Memorial Day) May 27-28, 2011.

Along with the booklet, we are creating a CD of pictures representing classes from 1927 thru 1977 and other events such as our annual Fish Fry and Gala.

There will be three options to purchase these historic documents. Below is a list of the costs:

- Souvenir Booklet and CD = \$35.00
- Souvenir Booklet only = \$25.00
- CD only = \$15.00

Entries have been added to the Reunion Application Form so you may order your Souvenir Booklet along with other reunion activities and donations.

We pray that we will do a great job documenting our high school and alumni legacy. We are thankful to the many people who were visionaries and made such an impact on our lives as former students. We thank you in advance for your support.

Committee Members:

Dennis Gayles, Class '66

Carrie Hill, Class '64

Esther Mayfield, Class '63

Mildred J. Person, Class '58

Benjamin Stewart, Class '65

Mable H. Slade, Chairperson, Class '64

TEN (10) Reasons You Should Purchase a Souvenir Booklet

10. **The Price Is Right.** In this age of escalating prices, \$35.00 won't get you a full tank of gas. However, it will get you a booklet and a CD that will provide you a lifetime of enjoyment.
9. **It's for a Worthy Cause.** The proceeds from this fundraiser will assist in the continued renovation of the high school campus. This would enable the expansion of the mentoring program and other community activities which take place on the campus.
8. **Reminisce About Former Teachers.** Who were some of your favorite teachers? Who were some that gave you a "hard time?"
7. **Recall Former Classmates.** There are some classmates you may not have seen or thought about since graduation. Recalling them and their deeds might make you smile.
6. **Learn What Happened on January 5, 1931.** To quote FDR, this is "a date which will live in infamy." Do you know why?
5. **Review a List of Early Graduates.** Do you know the year your parents, or aunts, or uncles graduated? Who were their classmates?
4. **What Was the Significance of Being Named a Training School?** There was a big advantage to being a "training school." Do you know what that was?
3. **The Original Price Tag to Build a Six Room Schoolhouse in 1922 was \$8,500.** Where did the money come from?
2. **Who was Professor William H. Hayes of Wise, NC?** Why was he writing a letter to the State Agent of Rural Schools on August 29, 1920?
1. **Booker T. Washington was the President of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.** What is his connection to Warren County Training School?

Truth is that which does not contaminate you, but empowers you.
Therefore, there are degrees of truth, but, generically,
truth is that which can do no harm.
It cannot harm.

LETTER To The EDITOR

If covenant is the love commitment and participation is the underlying atmosphere of acceptance, then empowering is the action of the Class of '67 lives. This class by commitment to each other creates a family perspective of the halls from which they graduated. By their commitment to each other, they display the commitment to the programs at NWHS and the Alumni Association. A pastor once told me "that pastors don't make sheep, but sheep make sheep." The burden of growth lies with the graduates' classes and not the Alumni Association.

It is said that when people start working at love, their relationship will be characterized by giving, caring, responsibility, respect, and knowledge. The class of '67 best exemplifies this principle by continuous communication with each other. The idea is that when one knows, then we all shall know. The components that empower us are motivation, commitment, friendship, drive, togetherness, self-giving and a desire to represent the class of '67 well. The resolution of the class is to be faithful and self-giving to the Alumni Association, which we feel should be a desire of everyone who graduated or attended these hallowed halls.

The class of '67 is based on a covenant and the ability to communicate and express themselves that they genuinely know and are known by one another. We make a concerted effort to listen and understand, and want to be there for each other. Not only have our differences been accepted, but we value, respect, and embrace the uniqueness of each person. We have an encouraging behavior that prompts each other to have a desire to participate in as many activities as possible.

In the end, we are making a conscious effort in growing our class support. So let other classes consider our concept and develop a covenant with each other and commit to participating more in the Alumni Association. Let's build on the quote that "sheep make sheep."

McCoy S. Hendricks
Class of '67

Administration/IT Technical Support

This is a reminder that the alumni office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM to carry out our day-to-day operations. The office telephone number is 252-456-0076.

The Administration Building is serving a dual purpose. The Saturday Academy continues to use several of the offices as classrooms for their sessions.

A special thank you to the two persons who responded to our Skills Inventory Survey that went out with our fall Newsletter. Remember you have expertise and skills this organization can use to bridge the gap between generations.

The maintenance for our local wireless networks, computers, printers, security systems, telephone systems, website and anything technical are being updated and upgraded as needed.

A special thank you to Dr. Doris Terry Williams for her editing support.

To add your email address or update your information in the database, please call us at the above number or forward your information to us via email:

wctsnwhsalumni@embarqmail.com.

Mable H. Slade
Executive Secretary/IT Support

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for a WCTS-NWHS Alumni Scholarship will be available March 1, 2011, in the Warren County High School's Counsel's office. Applications should be filled out with all requirements and returned to Mr. Paul Plummer, Jr., by April 15, 2011. All high school seniors in Warren County may apply.

If you need assistance or have questions, contact Paul Plummer at (252) 456-2789 or Mrs. Anna Bullock at (252) 456-3053.

Parents of the applicants, we invite you again to become an active part of this wonderful organization. Contact the Alumni Office at (252) 456-0076 to get an application. Membership is \$30.00 yearly. Thank you in advance.

Anna P. Bullock
Chairperson

EDUCATION PROGRAM

We thank you for your continued support of the Education Program. The contributions from alumni, friends, businesses, churches, organizations and families are welcomed and sincerely appreciated. This support helps us provide additional academic assistance to students during the school year and summer. The Saturday Academy and the Summer Enrichment Programs have been very successful and have benefitted the students in their academic achievement and character development.

The Saturday Academy Program, located on the campus of the WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, is currently serving students in grades K-6 on the 2nd Saturday each month from 9 AM- 1 PM. The program supports students in reading, writing, and math skills in a small group setting with one-on-one instruction as needed. Certified staff members, with several years of experience in working with students, teach the sessions.

Please inform and encourage students who are in your community, church, and family in grades K-6 to take advantage of this unique opportunity to increase their academic skills and also receive additional support in areas of need by participating in the WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association Inc., Education Program.

Carrie H. Hill, Coordinator
 Esther Mayfield, Assistant Coordinator

HOST/HOSTESSES

Needed From

Classes of 1961, 1966, and 1971

If you are planning to attend the Reunion Gala Dinner/Dance this year and would like to serve as a host or hostess for your class, please contact the office by May 20 at 252-456-0076, or contact the person designated for your class and have him or her notify us of your intent to serve. We would like about 6 people from each class. We thank you in advance for your participation.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Class of 1951—Celebrating 60 years**
- Class of 1961—Celebrating 50 years**
- Class of 1966—Celebrating 45 years**
- Class of 1971—Celebrating 40 years**

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

We now have 102 lifetime members. Our goal is 150. With your help, we can make it. This has been one of our best fundraisers to-date and it has helped tremendously in our general expenses as we are steadily growing and need more financial support to achieve our goals of restoration of the campus.

As of this date we have raised \$40,000.00. When all members are paid in full we will have raised \$51,000.00. The below break-down indicates the options for making your membership payment.

- Pay in full \$500.00
- \$250.00 first payment
- \$125.00 the next two years to pay the full amount.

All payments are due prior to May 1 the year of payment.

The plaque has been placed on the Cafeteria Wall. It is not complete without your name. Please make checks payable to WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc, and mail to:

Henry Durham, Jr.
 484 Baltimore Church Road
 Warrenton, NC 27589-8765

To obtain an application, go online at: <http://wcts-nwhs.org> under "Your Contribution", Life-time Membership. You also may call Henry Durham at 252-257-6777, or the Alumni Office at 252-456-0076. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Henry Durham, Jr.
 Lifetime Membership Chairman

The man who views the world at fifty,
 the same as he did at twenty,
 has wasted thirty years of his life.

~ *Muhammed Ali* ~

TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

The committee has been very busy with the assistance of our consultant Mrs. Deborah Warren. With her help we have refocused our training direction for the use of the Ag Building to green energy training. In addition to our partnership with the Warren Family Institute, we have partnered with the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Institute of Minority Economic Development, Warren County Government, Vance-Granville Community College, Synergy Development & Training Group, and the Sheercom organization from Charlotte, NC, who are the developers and administrators of the training.

The hope is to develop a pilot program of 15 students to start, here at the WCTS-NWHS campus in collaboration with our partners. The training will be a 4 to 6 week course where students will get certification in Weatherization, Building Science, BPI AAALCI Training, Green Building (LEED) Awareness, HVAC EPA Universal 608 training, Audit Overview, Field Training. A Greenfolio will be provided to each student who completes the course. The certification is transportable to where the students live. A survey was distributed to the local areas to obtain feedback as to persons interested in further developing their skills in this new green technology. We will keep you informed as we progress with this very important task.

Paul Kearney,
Chairman

MD/DC/N VA Chapter

This chapter would like to take a moment to remember one of our most fateful and dedicated members, Mrs. Emma Jerman Jeffries, who passed away February 17, 2011. She may be gone, but is not forgotten. She was a blessing to all she met. We love you and miss you. We thank God and her family for sharing her with us for a little while.

Samuel Parham,
President

WARREN COUNTY CHAPTER

The Warren County Chapter participated again this year in the Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket giveaway to senior citizens ages 90 and above. On December 21, 2010, we had our first annual Christmas dinner at the 2010 Buffet Restaurant. Door prizes were given out and the meal was delicious. Our membership has steadily increased due to the hard work and dedication of our members.

We celebrated our second annual Valentines Affair/Ball on February 12 at the school's cafeteria. If you were not there you missed a treat—good fellowship and good food. This will be an annual event on Valentines weekend, so plan for next year.

On March 13 at 2:30 PM, we will host a Youth Empowerment Day. The youth from different churches in the local area will be showcasing their talents. I pray for much success for the Warren County Chapter during the upcoming year.

Monthly meetings are every 3rd Tuesday.

Paul Plummer, Jr.
President

Richmond/Petersburg Chapter

Our theme for 2011 is 100% participation. I challenge you to make a good showing at the class reunion this year. I want to encourage our active members, motivate our inactive members, and add new members. To become a member, contact me at (804) 550-3203.

The Oldie but Goodies Dance will be held in Richmond this year on December 3, 2011.

Eddie Hinton, Jr.
President

**Tri-State Chapter
NJ/NY/CT**

Attention Tri-State members! our goal in 2011 is to increase our membership and reactivate any former members who have become inactive. Let's work together to get it done. If you are interested in membership, please call me at (212) 529-3698. Thank you.

Vivian D. Lynch
President

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Our heartfelt sympathy and thoughts are with the families and friends of our dearly departed Aggies. We apologize for the oversight of any names, please contact the office:

- Ms. Leatha Hargrove, class of '56
- Mrs. Sophia Dunston Johnson, wife of Oscar Johnson, mother of Linda & Elizabeth
- Mr. Eli Florence, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Seward Florence, class of '50
- Mr. James P. Russell, son of Moses & Ethel Harper Russell, brother of Lillian Russell Williams
- Mrs. Joan Faye Jones Donovan, class of '56
- Mrs. Faye Davis Ball, class of '67
- Mr. Armistead O. Johnson, brother of Alice and Betty Johnson
- Mrs. Eliza Boyd Henderson
- Mrs. Ruth Hobbs Alexander
- Mrs. Emma Jerman Jeffries, Class of '42, wife of Robert Jeffries

MEMORIAL FUND

A memorial fund has been established for anyone who would like to donate monies to our projects in the name of a family member or friend. All donations are tax deductible.

HOTEL ACCOMENDATIONS

Henderson, NC Area:

- Hampton Inn (Exit 212) 252-492-3007
- The Sleep Inn (Exit 212) 252-433-9449
- Ambassador Inn & Suites 252-492-1126
- Jameson 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—(434) 447-2600 (Exit 12B)
- Holiday Inn Express—(434) 955-2777
- Days Inn—(434) 447-3123
- Fairfield Inn—(434) 447-6800
- Best Value Inn—(434) 447-7116

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee contacted current chapter presidents and several prior presidents, current officers, and other members of the organization for nominations for officers. Some of the current officers are willing to serve another term. The positions that need to be filled are Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian. The officers in these positions stated conflict with schedules and other obligations as reasons for no longer being able to serve. The slate of officers to date includes:

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| • President | Thomas A. Harris |
| • Vice President | Paul Plummer, Jr. |
| • Exec. Secretary | Mable H. Slade |
| • Treasurer | Carrie H. Hill |
| • Fin. Secretary | Esther Mayfield |
| • Recording Sec. | Vacant |
| • Chaplain | Rev. Richard Henderson |
| • Auditor | Reginald Hinton |
| • Parliamentarian | Vacant |

Five positions on the Board of Directors are also up for reelection. The positions that are up for reelection are currently held by Paul Kearney; Henry Durham, Chairman; Arvella Scott; Charles Cheek; and Maggie Kiah.

The remaining board members are chapter presidents and past national presidents whose terms are not up for reelection.

If anyone would like to occupy some of these positions and you are eligible, please contact:

- Reginald Hinton, Chairman—252-432-2684
- Esther Mayfield—252-456-2848
- Alumni Office—252-456-0076

GRANT COMMITTEE

The Grant Committee continues to search out funding for our renovation, educational programs, administrative services and utilities.

Our consultant recently submitted a grant application to the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for operational expenses, the North Carolina Crime Commissions for our youth programs and the Covington Foundations for renovations. If you are aware of funds that we can submit an application to, please call the office (252) 456-0076 and let us know.

Reginald Hinton, Chairman

Office Hours

Alumni Office hours are **9 AM—1 PM** Monday-Wednesday.
The office telephone number is (252) 456-0076
Cafeteria telephone number is (252) 456-2031
FAX : 678-626-8029
Email: wctsnwhsalumni@embarqmail.com
Website: <http://www.wcts-nwhs.org>

National Officers

President	Thomas A. Harris 252-586-3564
Vice President	Paul Plummer, Jr. 252-456-2789
Exec. Secretary	Mable Slade 252-257-5121
Secretary	Shirley B. Brown 252-701-0090
Financial Sec.	Esther Mayfield 252-456-2848
Treasurer	Carrie H. Hill 919-544-3284
Chaplain	Dr. R. Henderson 252-456-3137
President Emeritus	Frank Hendrick 757-826-0835

Don't believe what your eyes are
telling you.

All they show is limitation.
Look with your understanding,
find out what you already know,
and you'll see the way to fly.

~ Richard Bach
(from 'Johnathan Livingstone Seagull') ~



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