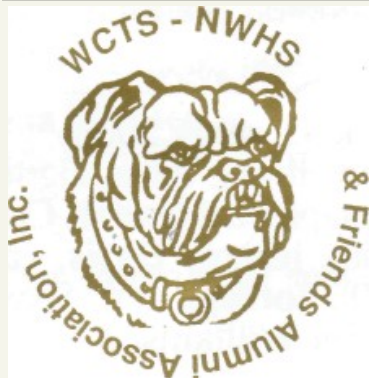


THE AGGIE SPIRIT

Celebrating Twenty-Six Years of Alumni Reunions

WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. Newsletter

February 2009



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 once again fellow Alumni and Friends!

As 2008 gave way to 2009, we witnessed historical changes. Most significant was the first African American becoming President of the United States. Locally, Warren County elected its first female County Commissioner. In February, our own Executive Secretary, Ms. Mable Slade, was ordained as the first female Deacon of her church. What Progress!!!

Contrary to what was announced last year, we will be using tickets for the Reunion Weekend activities. The Spring Gala Dinner/Dance will be held at the Vance-Granville Community College Civic Center, Henderson, N.C. Take I-85 to Exit 209 Popular Creek Road, more details on page 2, "All Class Reunion Schedule."

Hotel arrangements have been made at the following Hotels for those needing a room. (see Page 6)

- The Henderson Hampton Inn
- The Henderson Sleep Inn

At the business meeting in May, election of officers will take place for all positions, except the Executive Secretary, whose term has two more years. Vote for your choice of persons to keep the Association strong and moving forward.

Hopefully, in May, you will be able to visit the Principal's house, and see our new administration facility, which is being retrofitted now.

Once again, we are looking forward to a banner Memorial Day Weekend Reunion in May. Make plans early. Send your fees in early, and be ready to enjoy a great time.

We look forward to seeing your face in the place.

Yours in Unity,

Thomas A. Harris
National President

ALL-CLASS REUNION SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (May 22nd, 23rd, & 24th)

Friday May 22nd (School Cafeteria)

- 4 p.m. Registration, Music and Fellowship
- 5-7 p.m. Dinner
- 7-8 p.m. Social Hour, and Fellowship

To facilitate time, please preregister for the number of tickets you need for Fish Fry/BBQ and Spring Gala by May 1, 2009.

Saturday Morning, May 23rd (School Cafeteria)

- 9:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Annual Reunion Meeting Convenes
- 12:15 p.m. Memorial Services-Heritage Wall

Saturday Afternoon, May 23rd-Free Time

- 12:30-6:30 p.m.—On Your Own

Saturday Evening, May 24th THE SPRING GALA!

- 6:30 p.m.—1:00 a.m.

The Annual Spring Gala will be at the Vance Granville Community College (VGCC) Civic Center, Henderson, N. C.

Directions to VGCC Civic Center: Travel South on I-85, take Exit 209, Popular Creek Road. Make next right onto campus, Community College Road, the Civic Center is Bldg. 9 to your left as you enter the campus.

Lifetime Membership Drive

By Henry Durham, Jr., Chairman

Thanks to everyone that have supported the Lifetime Membership Drive. Your donations have been a tremendous help in the general operating expenses and toward the goal of restoring the WCTS-NWHS Campus. We are making progress and your financial support is still needed to achieve this goal.

We are still awaiting donations of alumni members who pledged to become a Lifetime member. Please submit your donation by May 30, 2009 in order to keep your name on the Lifetime Membership plaque. If you have not joined, you can do so by paying \$500 in full or \$250 the first year, \$125 the 2nd year, and \$125 the 3rd year. All payments are due prior to May 1st of the year of payment. Our Lifetime membership plaque is not complete until your name is added to the plaque.

We urge you to complete your pledge and if you have not pledged **PLEASE** pledge. Make checks payable to WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. and mail to Henry Durham, Jr., at 484 Baltimore Church Road, Warrenton, NC 27589.

To obtain an application go on line at www.wcts-nwhs.org, under Your Contribution, (Lifetime Membership) or you can call me at 252-257-6777 (home), 301-807-6720 (cell). Thank you in advance for your donation.

Technical Support By Mable H. Slade

The Alumni office replaced dial-up access to the internet with DSL, access is much faster, and now we can download large files. A wireless network was also setup so the computers used by the Saturday Academy/Summer Enrichment programs will be able to also access the internet.

We Need Host/Hostesses From Classes of 1959, 1964 & 1969

Congratulations:

Class of 1959 - Celebrating 50 years
Class of 1964 - Celebrating 45 years
Class of 1969 - Celebrating 40 years

If you plan to attend the Reunion Gala Dinner/Dance and can serve as a host/hostess, please contact the office as soon as possible (252) 456-0076, or contact the person designated for your class. We would like to have at least 10 people from each class.

Contacts for Class of 1969:

Doris Terry Williams (336) 312-1670
dtwill@ncol.net
Odessa B. Gatewood (919) 939-3646
odessagatewood@yahoo.com
Bernell Terry (252) 425-1152

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**Travel with WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends in 2009
and Raise Money for the Alumni!****(Trip One)**

The Las Vegas trip as a group is cancelled. However, the prices have dropped, if anyone is still interested, Ann Kersey can still get reservations for you. Please contact her by telephone (919) 782-4985, or email: artladyann@yahoo.com.

(Trip Two)**Come Back to Jamaica Cruise!****December 5-10, 2009**

Depart Miami, FL—Labadee, Haiti—Ocho Rios, Jamaica—Miami, FL (5 days and 4 nights) on **Royal Caribbean's "Navigator of the Seas"**.

Inside Cabins —\$561 per person; Outside Cabins—\$661 per person; Outside Balcony Cabins—\$751 per person. Prices are for cruise only, based on double occupancy and that include taxes, port charges/fees and gratuities. Airfare is additional. **Deposit of \$200 is due 03/15/09 and final payment due 09/01/09. Note: Deposit date, changed from 01/01/09 to 03/15/09.** Monthly payments are acceptable after initial deposit. Please note, a limit amount of cabins are available at these rates.

Note: The Alumni will receive \$25 per cabin for this trip.

You do not have to wait for due dates to send your deposit and reserve your place. Do it today and plan on a great time with friends and family! Let's make this a successful fundraiser for our alumni!

Make your checks payable to WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. Be sure to write your trip choice in the memo line of your check and attach the names of each person you are paying for with their complete address and phone numbers.

All questions or inquiry should be directed to **Ann Kersey, (919) 782-4985** or email her at **artladyann@yahoo.com**.

Send your checks to WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc., Post Office Box 122, Wise, North Carolina 27594, Attention: Esther Mayfield.

Connecting School & Community Project**Dropout Prevention:**

The Alumni Association has received an additional grant from the State of North Carolina for the expansion of its Connecting School and Community Program. With a focus on dropout prevention, strategies will be implemented to engage students in an oral history and cultural enrichment experience. Activities shall consist of writing, leadership training, and computer technology. To enhance exposure to a broader world, students will attend various field trips and apply these experiences with reading, writing, and mathematics disciplines. This program will be designed to serve students in grades 3-8 during a three-week Summer Enrichment camp and the Saturday Academy Program that runs from October-April. More details will be forthcoming.

This project is a partnership venture with the Rural Trust and Capacity Building Program, The Warren County Schools, and the Warren Family Institute.

Photography/Art Class:

A Photography/Art Class will be held at the old North Warren High School campus. Classes will be conducted under the leadership of Mr. J. A. Person, a highly qualified photographer/artist, with the assistance of Mr. Charles Check and Mr. Dennis Gayles. This is a unique opportunity where each child will work with his/her parents in a team-learning experience. Critical thinking, creativity, and social connectedness will be the core themes throughout the class.

Classes will be opened to students (age 8-16) and held every other week on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning March 12, 2009 and ending June 11, 2009. For further information, contact Mr. J. A. Person at (252) 432-3177 or Mrs. Earlean Henderson at (252) 456-3036.

Carrie H. Hill, Site Coordinator; Esther Mayfield, Asst. Coordinator; Frank Hendrick, Advisor

NWHS CLASS OF '69

NWHS '69, P. O. Box 113, Manson, NC 27553-113

The Magic 40...

- **40 years ago**, the most prominent symbol and carrier of the dream of African American freedom and progress, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., made his famous I Have a Dream speech.
- **40 years later**, Barack Hussein Obama won the nomination and was later sworn in as America's first African American president.
- **40 years ago**, we became the last class to graduate from North Warren High School.

When we graced the stage on that July day in 1969, we did so with pride and with the knowledge that we were special. While some were probably not aware at the time that we were the last class in a long legacy of Warren County Training School/North Warren High School bar setters, no one could argue that we had not earned our place among them. And who would have thought that **40 years later**, there would be an African American at the helm of the most powerful nation in the world! President Obama has set the bar for us and our children even higher than we ever imagined. I know that we are up to the challenge.

A lot has happened in **40 years**. Let's get together to mark the momentous occasion of our **40th year** as NWHS alumni. Join us in our **40th Reunion and Alumni Weekend**.

Why Attend the Fortieth Reunion?

- Reflect on the good old days of our Aggie years.
- Warmly remember our teachers, sports events, plays and drama festivals, school pranks, cafeteria meals, sweethearts balls and other occasions.
- Share what has happened in our lives since everyone went their separate ways
- Memorialize those classmates, faculty, and staff members who are no longer with us
- Map out a strategy to keep the legacy alive
- Share in what will undoubtedly be the best reunion yet

So, don't miss it! Let's consider **40** the magic number. **NOW** is the time to bring to reality being the best that we can be. A flyer and Registration form was sent out earlier, below is additional information if you did not receive it. See page (2) for Contact information.

Help make our Reunion Memorable.

Make a special gift to the Association of **\$69.00**.

Reception Cost **\$10.00**.

Attend the Association business meeting.

Support the development of reunion memorabilia and website.

Join a committee to help plan this occasion.

Photography Decorating Equipment Memorial Music
 Steering Committee

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR WCTS-NWHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION, INC
ANNUAL REUNION/GALA ACTIVITIES
MAY 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, 2009**

Please indicate your financial commitment(s) by checking the desired item(s)

| | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Registration Fee—\$15 per person (Fish Fry/BBQ; Repass) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Membership dues—\$30 per person | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lifetime Membership (\$500 or installments of \$250, \$125, \$125 over 3 years) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Main Building Donation | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scholarship Donation | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Heritage Wall Name Plate — \$30 per name (list names _____) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class Donation (Class of _____) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Spring Gala @ \$50 per person | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Donation _____ | \$ _____ |
| | Total Donations | \$ _____ |

*Lifetime Members can receive a 10% Discount with membership number listed.
(Fish Fry is \$13.50 per person, GALA is \$45.00 per person)

Name _____ Membership No. _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email Address: _____

Names of Guests Attending the Fish/Fry/BBQ:

Name of GALA Guests:

Make Check Payable to: WCTS-NWHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Mail to: WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.
Post Office Box 122
Wise, North Carolina 27594**

Attention: Esther Mayfield

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL FUNDS (with CHECK or MONEY ORDER) by May 1, 2009
NO TICKET PURCHASES AT THE DOOR**

Registration Form

Due Date is:

May 1, 2009

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

**H O T E L
A C C O M M O D A T I O N S**

Duke Law Clinic

The Alumni Association has partnered with Mr. Andrew Foster, a law professor at the Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC. Mr. Foster will serve us pro-bono utilizing graduating law students to review our legal documentations. Findings and suggestions will be presented at the end of the semester to insure the Alumni Association's Constitution and Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation are in compliance with legal procedures.

The Hampton Inn

Take **I-85 S** to Exit 212, Ruin Creek Road. Turn right, go through the traffic light, proceed approximately 1/4 mile on your right, in front of the Hospital, you will see the Hotel. Nightly fee is \$85.00 per night. This a group rate. Let them know you are with the Alumni Association. Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to affair to receive credit. To make reservations call: 252-492-3007

Looking for a CPA

The Alumni Association is soliciting the service of a CPA who has some experience with non-profit operations, and is willing to work with our Financial Team to review our financial record keeping. Please contact the office at (252) 456-0076, if no one answers, leave your name and telephone number.

The Sleep Inn

Take **I-85 S** to Exit 212, Ruin Creek Road. Turn right, go to traffic light, turn left and follow road until you come to Inn, approximately 1/4 mile. Nightly group rate fee is \$65.00. Cancellations should be made two weeks prior to affair, to receive credit. To make reservations call: 252-433-9449. The local Italian/Seafood, and George's restaurants offer a 10% discount for guests of Sleep Inn.

**Black History Month
Celebration!**

You are cordially invited to a Black History Celebration Sunday, March 8, 2009, 3:00 p.m. on the WCTS-NWHS Alumni campus. Lunch will be served.

Additional Hotels in the Henderson Area:

2009 REUNION TICKETS

Tickets for the Annual Fish Fry/BBQ (\$15.00) and the Gala Dinner/Dance (\$50.00) are ready for distribution.

Ambassador Inn & Suites (252) 492-1126;
Jameson Inn (252) 430-0247;
Holiday Inn Express (252) 438-6300;
Days Inn (252) 492-4041

Contacts for tickets:

Esther Mayfield (252) 456-2848
Paul Plummer, Jr. (252) 456-2789
Carrie Hill (919) 544-3284
Ann Kersey (919) 782-4985
Reginald Hinton (252) 432-2684
Henry Durham, Jr. (252) 257-6777
Alumni Office (Mable Slade) (252) 456-0076

SPECIAL APPEAL

**To would be Graduates from 1970-1980)
By Reginald Hinton**

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
Mertis Baskerville (PS) (434) 689-4028
Douglas Hanks (Phila) (610) 497-3274

ATTENTION! If you are an Alumni of North Warren High School (NWHS) and you were in grades (1-11) when NWHS closed in 1969, and if NWHS had stayed in operation, your class would have graduated between 1970 & 1980. The Alumni Association would like to invite you to be a part of our 2009 Gala Weekend.

We are in the mist of a very exciting time and need you to be part of it. Alumni members, if you know anyone who fit into this group, please give them a copy of this newsletter, and encourage them to join us as we endeavor to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Warren County through education and community empowerment. Additional newsletters may be obtained from the Alumni office.

In Loving Remembrance

Our heartfelt sympathy and thoughts are with the families and friends of our dearly departed Aggies:

Mr. Samuel Mayfield, ('58) (husband of Joyce Goode Mayfield, brother of Lucille Allgood, Carolyn Davis, Helen and Esther Mayfield); **Mr. Clinton T. Alston,** (husband of Irene Yvonne Jones Alston, brother-in-law of John and Vivian Jones Honor); **Mrs. Rosanna Williams,** (mother of Betty Murrell, Bernadine Hunt, Rosa and Melvin Williams); **Mrs. Mabel Sledge** (mother of Larry Sledge); **Mr. William Goode** (father of Martina Goode Williams, Brenda, Pamela & Myra).

Office Hours

Alumni Office hours are 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. The school telephone number is (252) 456-0076. New Email: wctsnwhsalumni@embarqmail.com. We are on the Web: <http://www.wcts-nwhs.org>

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