

Carlisle Alumni Association Newsletter

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Where Do We Go From Here???

Hello to all of our Bison Alums! The warmth and beauty of Spring reminds us that 2007 is pushing full steam ahead. Soon we'll hear the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" as the Class of '07 takes their place as the newest alumni of Carlisle High School. Another year, another group of students with a lifetime of memories from dear old CHS. In the early part of the 20th century, those same memories caused a group of CHS alums to organize the Carlisle Alumni Association. Following in the footsteps of those early pioneers, another group of alumni re-organized the group in 2000. What has happened since then? A lot! What can happen from here on? Who knows??

Let's review some of the accomplishments of our association up to this point:

Carlisle Scholarship Foundation - the creation of this corporation has allowed our scholarship funds to be protected in a tax-exempt environment and allows tax deductions for contributions to our scholarship fund.

Tax-Exempt Status - the association has been granted tax-exempt status by the I.R.S. for contributions toward the historical efforts of the association.

Homecoming Weekend - in general terms, sponsoring the events of homecoming weekend

has been the primary focus of the association.

Class Reunions - as the popularity of homecoming weekend has grown, more and more classes have planned their reunions during this time.

Queen's Luncheon - this is the kickoff event for homecoming weekend and has grown each year.

Honorary Alumni Program - this program has helped CHS alumni honor some very important and respected individuals in our community.

Economic Development - it is certain that the activities of the association are economically beneficial to the City of Carlisle.

Historical Efforts - so much effort has been put toward maintaining the history of our school, town, and surrounding area.

There has undoubtedly been a lot going on the last eight years. However, the question remains, "Where Do We Go From Here?"

The association is at a point where it would be very convenient to sit back and rest on the laurels of what has been accomplished. Is that what we want to do? Do we have the resources, desire and capacity to move on to the next level? Those are questions that must be addressed. To keep our organization from becoming stagnant and mediocre, we should consider the following:

Scholarship - since the reorganization in 2000, there has been a strong emphasis on providing scholarship assistance. The scholarship funds in our current endowment allow us to give a single \$500.00 award each year. This is not satisfactory. We must make it a priority to build our endowment to a level where larger, multiple scholarships can be given each year. Who can help with fundraising? Who can write a check? Who can help build our endowment to \$50,000 or \$75,000 or even \$100,000?

History - the association has made a strong commitment to preserve the history of our community. Through the efforts of our Carlisle Historian, Olivia Kegley, we have a significant collection of items and artifacts in our possession. Through grant opportunities from First Electric and Entergy, we have begun the restoration and preservation process of the most fragile items in our collection. Should this collection remain hidden away to be brought out once a year during homecoming weekend? Who is willing to work hard to find a permanent home for the Museum of Carlisle History? Who has the resources to provide that permanent home? Where do funds come from to purchase display cases and museum-grade storage devices?

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Chamber of Commerce Honors Alumni Officers

The Carlisle Chamber of Commerce recently honored two alumni association members at the annual Chamber Awards Reception. Board member Olivia Amaden Kegley, '58, was named Carlisle Citizen of the Year and was additionally honored with a Pride of the Prairie award. Olivia was previously named Historian of Carlisle by resolution of

the city council and has been named Citizen of the Year by the Carlisle Lion's Club. She has worked tirelessly in her efforts to help secure and preserve history relating to the Carlisle Schools and City of Carlisle.

Association President Mike Calvert, '84, was also honored by the Chamber of Commerce with a Pride of the Prairie Award. Calvert's award stated, "In appreciation for contributing to the economic success of our community in your role as President of the CHS Alumni Association." Calvert has served as president of the alumni association since 2002.



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Membership - our membership campaign never ends. Each year we have a different spin on our membership goal, and we have had some success. However, there are times when, unfortunately, we lose as many members as we take in. The new Class Representative Committee will be the leading force in building our membership base. There are still a LOT of alumni out there who are not members of our association. There are many spouses, community leaders, and citizens who could be associate members of our organization. Who will help recruit them? Your association really is at a crossroads. The question "Where Do We Go From Here?" is legitimate. Without your help in answering this question, all too soon we will be remembering the "good old days" when the alumni association really had something going.

Homecoming 2007: Continuing to Focus on Activities and Organizations

In the continuing effort to integrate history into our homecoming weekend activities, we will be focusing on three new activities this year. In past years, effort has been spent gathering and displaying history in the area of band, football, and basketball. This year, the focus will continue on these activities, but will expand to other student organizations including journalism, FHA/Home Ec., FFA, student council, spanish club, cheerleading, etc.

Cecily Faye Coffelt Bullard has volunteered to help gather information and memorabilia relating to the journalism

program. Volunteers are needed for all other student activities and organizations. If you are interested in volunteering or have memorabilia that you would like to donate, please contact Olivia Kegley at 870-552-7070.



Is your class planning a reunion this year? Use the web site to let the Alumni Association know your plans!!

Honorary Alumni Nominations Being Accepted

Nominations for the 2007 Honorary Alumni Award are now being accepted. The Honorary Alumni program was started as a means to recognize individuals who had not attended CHS but had made a significant and lasting impact on our students, school, and community.

Nominations will only be accepted from members of the alumni association. This award is not given posthumously. Nominations should be sent to Mike Calvert, 13 Edgewood Dr., Arkadelphia, AR 71923 or via

emailatmcalvert@carlislealumni.org. Each nomination should include the name of the nominee, address and phone number (if possible) of the nominee, and a short narrative describing why this person is being nominated and listing the contributions made to our school, students, and community. Nominations will be accepted until July 31, 2007 and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the August meeting of the association. Award winners will be recognized during homecoming weekend activities.

Class Representative Committee Formed

The Alumni Association has organized a Class Representative Committee. Members of this committee will have the responsibility of acting as a liaison between the alumni association and members of their respective classes. In addition, the committee members have responsibility for helping maintain the database information for their class on the alumni association website and encouraging members of their class to join the alumni association. They will be working to help update information on the alumni website between now and their next scheduled meeting in August. Current members of this committee include: Darrel Way '44, Marilyn Hill Oakley '45, Ruth Smith Woods '46, Harold Hutson '49, Bill & Dorothy Parker Elmore '50, Barbara Gunn Felts '51, Margaret Sims Zimmer-

man '52, Charlotte Tait Bennett '53, Bobbie Jean Milligan Pryor '54, Charlene Snider Lewis '55, Nell Shelton Schafer '56, Robert Sonny Moery '57, Martha Cartwright Moery '58, Peggy Bolls Bailey '60, Sharon Smith Mathis '61, Carolyn Partain McCallie '62, Mary Lou Jackson Miles '63, Patsy Munnerylyn Calvert '64, Debbye Schroeder Harrison '66, Patricia Elder McCallie '70, Vicky Kilgore Glover '72, James Ronnie Lott '73, Gail Perry '75, Pam Snider Walter '76, Hal Hillman '77, Betty Measels Conner '78, Pam Matthews Lott '80, Monique Medford Pifer '81, Wade Perry '82, Lora Lee Brandt Butler '83, Amy Measels Adams '84, Steve Bowlan '85, Carla Isbell Underwood '86, Ramona Moran Staton '87, Jill Miles Cunningham '88, Sheila Treadway Lea '90, Ginger Stuart Schafer '96,

The next general meeting of the alumni association will be held on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the community room of BancorpSouth in Carlisle. All members of the association are invited and encouraged to attend. Agenda items for this meeting will primarily involve preparations for homecoming weekend October 12-13.



Derek Ingle '02, and Kyle Ingle, '04.

The following classes are still in need of representatives for this committee: '41, '42, '43, '47, '48, '59, '65, '67, '68, '69, '71, '74, '79, '89, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '03, '05 and '06. For more information about this committee or to volunteer to serve for your class, please contact Mike Calvert at mcalvert@carlislealumni.org or 501-519-1202.

*Did You Know.....
The Carlisle Scholarship Foundation, Inc. manages scholarship funds for the alumni association but can also manage scholarship funds for your family, civic organization or church in a safe, tax-exempt environment. Contact Janet Pasley at BancorpSouth for more information on establishing a scholarship or using the services of the Carlisle Scholarship Foundation.*



Check the website for continued updates on class reunions, special events, and homecoming information.



Save the Date

Homecoming 2007
October 12-13



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