

PBAA REUNION 2013

PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

35 YEARS CELEBRATING THE LEGACY AND HISTORY OF PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL AND BRICKS



Greetings to graduates, attendees, teachers and friends of Phillips High School and Bricks School. This last year has been one of many successes in our ongoing mission to remember, promote and celebrate the valuable history and legacy of our great Phillips High School and Bricks School. We recognize the legacy of our former schools through our activities, annual scholarships and programs of service to Phillips Middle School and the Edgecombe County community.



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FASHION SHOW.

We welcome you in advance to what will be a fun-filled, enjoyable weekend of celebrations, remembrances and fellowship with fellow "Bulldogs", family and friends. We look forward to seeing each of you at our **35th** school reunion.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary, the Class of 1963 will be our host class and have taken the lead in planning our weekend events. The class of 1953 will be celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Highlighting a few of our activities over the past year, we report that we were successful in purchasing a badly needed large flat-screen color TV and speakers for Phillips Middle School in September 2012. During the start of the school year, we also voted overwhelmingly to provide funding for the four grading periods for honor roll recognition for Phillips Middle students who qualified. The students would be awarded small gifts and refreshments planned and coordinated by the school principal, Mr. Donnell Brown. During school open house and registration in August 2012, several members came out, brought refreshments, flowers for the entrance and greeted students and parents to offer our organization's support for their academic success for the new year. We also gathered information for the Food Lion School Rewards Program which will allow Phillips Middle to participate in receiving funds for MVP members tied to the school as they shop at Food Lion. If you shop at Food Lion, please help by linking your MVP card with Phillips Middle at <http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com>.

In December 2012, we held a Christmas Breakfast for fellowship and to raise money for our scholarship fund with the goal of increasing the number of scholarships to five this year. Dr. Evelyn Johnson, Edgecombe County school board member, was our guest speaker. The event included a fashion show and a wonderful breakfast prepared and donated by Willie Harris and his family. Several members including Frances Hart, Alma Williams and Brenda Asbury donated beverages and several door prizes.

We continued with our adopt-a-highway project as another form of remembrance for Phillips/Bricks. For the privilege of having a commemorative sign along Battleboro-Leggette Highway, our association agreed to clean up litter four times a year as a group. This year the weather has not been too kind and we are trying to meet our requirements this spring and fall. We welcome anyone that could help with this project. The next cleanup dates are scheduled for March 16 and April 20, 2013.

As this is an election year, we want to take this opportunity to thank our current officers for their dedication and hard work over the last four years. They provided the association with outstanding leadership and service in carrying on our great legacy. See the list of officers on page 2. Thank you! Thank you!

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**SCENES FROM 2012
PHILLIPS/BRICKS REUNION**



**PLEASE JOIN THE
PBAA**

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION !!

PLEASE HELP US SECURE OUR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GROWTH BY JOINING THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND PAYING YOUR ANNUAL DUES OF JUST \$25. ALL DUES ARE USED TO FUND OUR SCHOLARSHIPS. HELP PBAA SEND A CHILD TO COLLEGE OR PAY FOR TEXT BOOKS.

If JUST 200 MEMBERS COMMIT TO JOINING AND RENEWING EACH YEAR, WE CAN RAISE \$5000 EACH YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. THIS WOULD INCREASE OUR AMOUNTS AND AWARD NUMBERS GREATLY BY ADDING TO THE MONEY RAISED FROM REGULAR REUNION ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE JOIN!!

**Newsletter Committee:
Brenda Asbury '69
Frances Hart '68**



NECROLOGY

We remember with love those who have passed away since our last reunion 2012

- Nannie Lyons Boyd '59
- Ruby Douglas Howard '59
- Ella Lloyd Braswell '61
- Helen Forsyth Douglas '63
- Annie Rose Knight Johnson '64
- Nettie Daniels '64
- Ella Whitehead '65
- Carol Pittman Morgan '65
- Donald Morris '66
- Alphonso Dickens '66
- Carolyn Hilliard '66
- William Braswell '67
- Paul Lucus '68
- Annie Bryant '68
- Shirley Daniels Alston '71

- Charles Quinichette, '65
- Erma Silver
- Moses Daniel
- Mrs. Minnie Campbell—Teacher

PBAA GIVES A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MRS. NELLIE HUNTER, PHILLIPS TEACHER AND SUPPORTER OF PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI FOR MANY YEARS.

WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU MRS.

HUNTER. YOU BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY, LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL OF US FOR SO MANY YEARS. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.



CLASS NOTES



CONGRATULATIONS GOLDEN
BULLDOGS!!
50
Years
CLASS OF 1963

In 1963, the class of 1963 graduated from the then segregated Phillips High School. In that same year John F. Kennedy began the third and final year of his presidency. He was assassinated in November 1963. Median household income was \$6200; a gallon of gas cost 29¢ and the price of a postage stamp was a nickel. In May 1963, the class of 1963 graduated from Phillips High School on their way to colleges, jobs, marriages and starting families. They left with big dreams. On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. echoed some of the same dreams in his speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as he challenged the nation for racial equality and end to discrimination.

As the Class of '63 come together to celebrate 50 years since they all graduated, they will be looking back over those years and thanking God for all he has done.

Class of 1963

50th Class Reunion Celebration Activities

- 1. 50th class reunion luncheon celebration at Hunter Hill Café in Rocky Mount, N. C. at 12:00 noon, Friday, May 24th
- 2. Tidbits from the class of 1963
- 3. Pictures of the classmates THEN AND NOW. (What a blast!!)
- 4. Look Back to the way things were in 1963, dances, foods, movies, cars, clothing fads, etc.
- 5. Speaker ---Rev. Frances Shelley Davis
- 6. Memorial Service for deceased classmates
- 7. Door prizes, fun and games.
- 8. Plan to attend the school-wide events on Friday evening's Meet and Greet and Saturday's Banquet at Gateway.
- 9. Scholarship to be presented
- Contact Solomon Douglas or Gloria Pittman Mallory to pay assessment. For additional information, contact Helen Hines Hunter at 252-904-8276 or email at hhh972@suddenlink.net.

"If You Have Knowledge, Let Others Light Their Candles by It" -Class of 1963 Motto

What's up with the Class of 1968?

The Phillips High School Class of 1968 celebrated its 40th Class Reunion on October 25, 2008. It was a momentous occasion as all 60 of us reunited to fellowship with one another under the theme "DÉJÀ VU". The evening opened with everyone singing our Phillips School Song. After a grand welcome to all who came, class mates and special guest were introduced. A special time was set aside for a memorial tribute to remember those class mates that

have departed this life on earth and united with their heavenly family. Our scholarship recipient, Malcolm Armwood (nephew of Constance Mack Hymes), blessed us with a song of tribute entitled, "You Raised Me Up" that shook the house just before we enjoyed the scrumptious dinner. After dinner we were entertained by Mother Spirit for a great time of laughter. Now, when the Class of 1968 starts to reminisce about the past in the midst of it all there were songs provided by our original "Shonuffs" and "Superbs" song birds. What a treat! We also enjoyed a custom made Family Feud Game using reflections from our Class of 1968 memories. The evening closed with door prizes, acknowledgements, closing remarks from the planning committee chairperson, Thomas Ricks, and the group singing of our Class of 1968 Class

CLASS OF 1967

Reunion
Cookout
May
25, 2012



Photo submitted by Class member Lloyd McArthur Slade

Class of 1969

REUNION
CRUISE TO
BERMUDA
APRIL 4,
2012

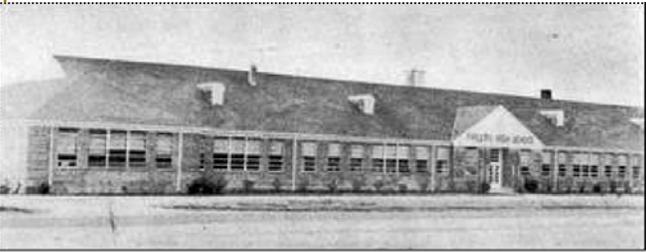


CLASS NOTES cont'd



Members of the class of 1969 enjoyed a 7 day cruise to Bermuda aboard Royal Caribbean's, *Enchantment of the Seas* during April 2012.

We remember a great friend of the class of '69, Brenda Taylor, wife of our classmate Willie Taylor, who joined us on the cruise (pictured second from the left). Brenda passed away suddenly in the fall of 2012. Brenda was very supportive of all our class reunion events, PBAA school reunions and attended regularly. She holds a special place in our hearts and we will surely miss seeing her. — Class of 1969



PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL 1949- 1972

SHARING THE HISTORY OF PHILLIPS IN THE HALLS OF PHILLIPS MIDDLE AND HISTORY ROOMS OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY LIBRARIES

During our 2010 school reunion, PBAA dedicated a permanent historic marker at the front entrance of Phillips Middle School, inscribed with the dates of the school's existence (1949-1972), names of principals (J.E. Batts and C.M. Carroway) and our motto. (*B-Somebody*).



At the suggest of our *Christmas Breakfast* guest speaker, Dr. Evelyn Johnson, Edgecombe County School board member, the Association will be taking our history a step further and making arrangements with the school board and middle school principal, Mr. Brown, to dedicate a framed picture of Phillips High School, Mr. Batts and Mr. Carroway to display along a designate wall of the middle school. What a fitting tribute to the history of the building and our alumni. At this time a pencil sketch of the school and photos/drawings of the principals are being prepared for presentation. More information about this project will be given during the reunion weekend.

In addition, at the 2012 reunion, a DVD titled *PBAA, Phillips and Brick-Sharing a Legacy*, compiled by Brenda Asbury '69 included many old photos from the days of Phillips High School from year-books, *The Student's Pen* newspaper and other sources. Private photos from past reunion were also included. The DVD was played during the meet and greet on Friday night and was received quite well. A copy of that DVD will be donated to the Edgecombe County Memorial Library in Tarboro and the Braswell Library in Rocky Mount to remain in their history room for the community. Below is a cover from the DVD.



We Remember Our Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association Chaplain

Annie Marie Bryant, '68

For many years Annie Marie Bryant was a faithful member and Chaplain of the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association, even serving during her years of illness. She departed this life on May 28, 2012. We take this moment to remember Marie for all her dedication and faithfulness to PBAA. She loved Phillips High School, her class of 1968 and the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association.



Romans 14:7-8a None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;