

# PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2010 REUNION NEWSLETTER



## "LINKS"



CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY - 1949-1972

### 2010 GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

MAY, 28-30, 2010

Welcome to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Reunion of the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association. We hope you will enjoy the activities that have been planned for you this year. It has been a busy year and I would like to highlight some of our key activities since May 2009.

We have revised and updated our bylaws. During the month of December 2009, we held our annual Christmas Breakfast and invited five of our former Phillips teachers to be our guests. Starting in September 2010 we will begin the "Adopt a Highway" program and remove trash from the section of the Battleboro-Leggett Road that runs in front of Phillips Middle School, formerly Phillips High School. A sign designating this as a *Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association* project will also be placed in front of Phillips Middle School. Also, during this reunion weekend, we will place a permanent historical marker in front of Phillips Middle School in an unveiling ceremony that will honor our legacy as well as remind current and past students and teachers of our school's rich history. Finally, we are continuing to raise funds for scholarships for college-bound students of our alumni members.

We salute the classes of 1950, 1960 and 1970 and thank them for their participation in planning this year's activities. Thank you for your presence and continued support of the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association.



*President*  
**ALMA S. WILLIAMS**  
*Holding her official meeting gavel received at her installation ceremony 2009.*

Sincerely,  
*Alma S. Williams, President*  
Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association

### 2010 REUNION ISSUE

#### 2010 CLASS ANNIVERSARIES

<i>PHS CLASS OF 1950</i>	<i>60TH</i>
<i>PHS CLASS OF 1960</i>	<i>50TH</i>
<i>PHS CLASS OF 1970</i>	<i>40TH</i>

#### Special points of interest:

- PBAA PLACES A PERMANENT HISTORICAL MARKER FOR PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL
- PBAA DONATES \$1000 TO HAITI RELIEF
- 2010 5 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
- PBAA - ADOPTS HIGHWAY IN FRONT OF PHILLIPS SCHOOL
- TEACHERS HONORED AT CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

### FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS By A.P. Coleman—Class of 1959

We again have raffle tickets for our only fundraiser of the year to benefit annual scholarships which are awarded during our reunion weekend banquet. We have some excellent items for prizes to be

won. Possibly two sets of tires for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes, \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 gift gas cards for 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> prizes. Our main purpose is to raise funds for scholarships. We want to sell as

many tickets as possible to raise a large sum of money for this important cause. Tickets are \$1.00 each. If each person will be responsible for just 20 tickets, we would raise \$5,000.00. I plan to be responsible for 50, what about you?

Please feel free to contact Brenda Asbury with any comments or suggestions regarding this year's newsletter. All comments/suggestions are welcomed.

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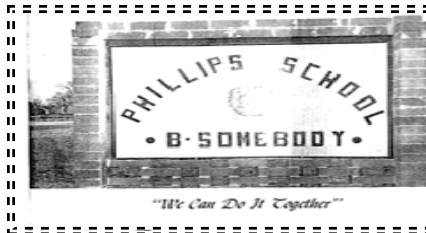
**TEACHERS HONORED AT THE  
PBAA- NC CHAPTER'S 2009  
CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

The North Carolina Chapter of PBAA held its annual Christmas Breakfast on December 4, 2009 at the Double Tree Hotel. Approximated 80 alumni guests joined for breakfast, fellowship, carols and games to usher in the Christmas season. The NC Chapter also took this opportunity to show their appreciation to



some of our former Phillips/Bricks teachers by inviting them as our honored guest to the event. Pictured below are three teachers who joined us including Mrs. Nellie Hunter and Mrs. Bertha Battle. Canned food items were also collected and taken to a local charity by Frances P. Hart.

*APICTURE OF SCHOOL SIGN FROM  
A 1958 YEAR BOOK*



**CLASS OF '63 HOLDS EARLY RE-  
UNION LOOKING TO THEIR 50th**

The class of 1963 wanted to get a head start on their 50th class reunion, therefore they are having a pre-50th class reunion this weekend, Friday, May 28th, at the Doubletree Hotel. All attempts were made to contact classmates and former teachers to be a part of this extraordinary event. More than fifty persons have responded and many have also paid for the Annual Banquet for the National on Saturday evening, May 29th. This will be an emotional evening as we remember those classmates who are no longer with us, and as we greet classmates whom we have not seen since graduation. We praise God from whom all blessings flow. - HELEN HINES HUNTER-' 63



**2010 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS - 5 TO BE AWARDED**

During its many years of existence, the Phillips Bricks Alumni Association has awarded many scholarships and thousands of dollars to students. This year the association will award scholarships to 5 excellent applicants that were chosen by the Scholarship Committee. These recipients will only be revealed at the reunion banquet on Saturday night, May 29. The Committee wanted to add to the suspense

and excitement of our reunion by announcing the recipients only at the banquet.

In an attempt to reach as many potential applicants as possible that might have family connections to Phillips High School, scholarship applications were sent to some of the churches in and around the Battleboro/Leggett area and also to the North Edgecombe High School guidance counselor. The PBAA Scholarship Application form is always available at the PBAA web-

site:[www.phillipsbricksalumni.com](http://www.phillipsbricksalumni.com).

The deadline for the scholarship applications each year is always April 30 by 5:00 pm. The contact persons for PBAA annual scholarship is Helen Hines Hunter ( 252-904-8276) and Maurieta Cozart (252-469-0414). You may also contact any of the current officers at phillips bricks email at: [phillipsbricksalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipsbricksalumni@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

**North Carolina Association of Black High School Alumni**

Phillips Alumni offered their support and involvement with NCABHSA in 2009. NCABHSA (North Association of Black High School Alumni) is an organization that was started by the alumni members from some of our other former black high schools in Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt and Franklinton Counties. The purpose of the organization is serve as a collective organization to work toward programs and activities that will help the community remember and promote

the history and legacy of our former high schools, their teachers and principals and to aid in the educational strength and enrichment of our youth today. The activities of NCABHSA for 2009 included their annual After-Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance which raised money and toys for the Toys-for-Tots drive; participation in the Princeville and Pinetops Christmas Parades, giving a donation to the Braswell Library Homework Program and becoming a friend of the Princeville Library.

You can see more about NCABHSA at their website at [www.ncabhsa.com](http://www.ncabhsa.com). Morris Roberson is the current president. The Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association is one of the Charter Members. The After-Thanksgiving event is being planned this year for November 26, 2010.



## CLASSES OF 1949, 1959 AND 1969

### CELEBRATE, 60, 50 AND 40 YEAR MILESTONES AT THE 2009 PBAA SCHOOL REUNION

The classes of 1949, 1959, and 1969 celebrated their special reunion anniversaries during the school reunion weekend of 2009 with their individual activities as well as participation in the school reunion program.

Three members of the Class of 1949, the first graduating class of Phillips, are shown below with Waldo Powell celebrating at the meet and greet held on Friday



night at Phillips Middle School.

The Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion with a special program at the banquet that highlighted one of their teachers, Mrs. Smith, sharing stories of their times at Phillips. The Class of 1959 made a donation of \$1,000 to the 2009 scholarship fund in Celebration of their Golden Anniversary.

The Class of 1969 celebrated their 40th reunion with a wonderful luncheon and fellowship on Saturday before the banquet and had 42 members who attended. Classmates continued their



celebration at the banquet where they announced their donation of \$2,000 to Phillips Middle School Library to purchase book by and about African Americans. On Sunday they hosted lunch after the alumni's joint worship at Salem Chapel Baptist on Sunday.



### PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL –GETS A PERMANENT HISTORICAL MARKER PLACED AT ORIGINAL LOCATION

Phillips High School will finally have its existence recognized not only with a vibrant and active alumni association but also with a permanent historical monument that will be unveiled on Saturday May 29, 2010 at 1:00 pm at its former location on the front lawn of what is now Phillips Middle School. This ceremony will take place right after the annual business meeting, and will start at 1:00 pm. All alumni and friends are asked

to wear maroon and grey for the event.

The idea of the marker originated at a January 2010 planning meeting of the 2010 Reunion Committee. It was overwhelmingly accepted by the committee as well as the attendees at the February and March monthly meetings. Helen Hines Hunter, our association's President Emeritus led the planning and volunteered to go

before the Edgecombe County School Board to request their approval to place the marker on the grounds of Phillips Middle.

Our many thanks to Maurita Cozart and Helen Hines Hunter for their time, innovation, ideas and research in making this long over-due recognition happen for Phillips High School, its principals and teachers.



### PBAA DONATES \$1,000 TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS

The Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association voted unanimously in the February 2010 meeting to donate \$1,000 to the Haiti earthquake relief fund. As we all know, on January 12, 2010, Haiti was struck by a catastrophic earthquake near the town of Léogâne, approximately 16 miles west of its capital, Port-au-Prince. By 24 January, at least 52 after-

shocks measuring 4.5 or greater had also been recorded. An estimated three million people were affected by the quake; the Haitian Government reported that an estimated 230,000 people had died, 300,000 had been injured and 1,000,000 made homeless. They also estimated that 250,000 residences and 30,000 commercial buildings had collapsed or

were severely damaged. The donation was sent to a local group composed of other churches for distribution.



*"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."*

*1 John 3:17-18*



**PBAA Alumni We  
Lost in Since May  
2009**

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Charliz Spragley—'69

Fern Foreman - '68

James Hill—'67

Margaret Lyons - (?)

Curtis Grant—'63 or '64

Miss Martha Hornø (Phillips  
Elementary Teacher)

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**We ask your forgiveness if we have omitted or overlooked any name, for it is only due to our lack of information. Please contact our Bereavement Committee to notify the PBAA of any illness or death of Phillips and Bricks Alumni that you might learn about.**

Visit PBAA on the web at:

www:

[phillipsbrickalumni.com](http://phillipsbrickalumni.com)

**PHILLIPS/BRICKS BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

PLEASE CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE LISTED BELOW WITH INFORMATION ABOUT A MAJOR ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY PHILLIPS /BRICKS GRADUATE OR ATTENDEE, TEACHERS OR MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY (MOTHER, FATHER, BROTHER, SISTER, SPOUSE OR CHILDREN). THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL SEND FLOWERS FOR ANY ACTIVE, FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. WE WILL SEND A CARD TO EXPRESS OUR CARE AND CONCERN FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF ACTIVE ALUMNI. FOR ALL OTHER INACTIVE, NON-FINANCIAL MEMBERS, WE WILL SEND A CARD TO SHOW WE CARE.

*ESSIE DAVIS MILBURN - '71 - (252-977-0768)*

*BRENDA P. ASBURY - '69 - (919-632-3004)*

*FRANCES P. HART - '68 - (252-903-9727)*

*LILLIAN THORNE - '52 - (252 - 446-3469)*

*MARGARET HUNTER - '59 - (252-442-7658)*

*SHIRLEY CLARK - '68 - (252-442-1449)*

*MAURIETA COZART - '58 - (252-469-0414)*

*HELEN HINES HUNTER - '63 - (252-904-8726)*

*ADDA WHITE - '66 - (252-210-2533)*

*ROY WATSON - '51*

**PBAA ADOPTS THE HIGHWAY IN FRONT OF PHILLIPS SCHOOL**

Members in attendance at the September 2009 voted to apply for the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and selected the 2 mile stretch of Battleboro-Leggett Road that runs in front of the former Phillips High School and the current Phillips Middle School as our project. At the April meeting, the president, notified us that our application was accepted. The requirements for this program is to review a safety video, wear our safety vests, pick up litter along our designated portion of the road at least 4 times a year and to make a report to the North Carolina Department of Transportation on our efforts when completed. With our volunteer efforts with this project, we join thousands of other civic groups,

citizens and families who have adopted portions of highways throughout North Carolina to keep it clean and beautiful. We chose this project as part of our ongoing community service efforts as well as a way to keep the memory and history of our former Phillips High School alive in the Edgecombe County Community with our sign.

A sign will be placed along this stretch somewhere in front of the school that will say: ADOPT A HIGHWAY, PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

All, Phillips graduates and attendees are encouraged to join us in this project when scheduled. Our first cleanup day will be scheduled in

September 2010. A list will be available for signups at the Meet and Greet and the business meeting on Saturday morning. JOIN US!

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY**

Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association



PBAA's adopted highway is 2 miles along Battleboro-Leggett Rd from Seven Bridges to Morning Star Church Road