

PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI
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REUNION NEWLETTER
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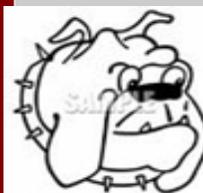
DECEMBER 19, 2009 (TENTATIVE) - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

MAY 22-24, 2009 ANNUAL SCHOOL REUNION

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **PHS CLASS 1958** is celebrating their 50th Year Golden Anniversary this reunion weekend 2008. In celebration, they have planned a reunion breakfast on Saturday morning, May 24, 2008. Maurieta Cozart is heading the event and is anticipating great participation from her classmates. Congratulation CLASS of 1958!

The **PHS CLASS OF 1968** will be celebrating their 40-year reunion in October of this year. Constance Mack Hymes and other committee members are planning a special banquet celebration for the even.



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NEWSLETTER 2008

2008 Phillips/Bricks Alumni Reunion Newsletter

May 23-25, 2008

Greetings to all alumni, family, graduates and friends of Phillips High and Bricks Schools. We have been truly blessed by God to be able to join once again in celebration of our schools' history and the friendships of fellow schoolmates and classmates at our annual reunion this weekend, May 23-25, 2008. We look forward to the festivities beginning on Friday night at 6:00 pm with a "pig picking" on the campus of Phillips Middle School (formerly Phillips High School). The celebration continues on Saturday, May 24 at the Holiday Inn Ballroom with a banquet, program, scholarship presentations, door prizes, raffles and dancing to those old tunes we all remember so well. On Sunday, May 26, we have been invited to join in worship at, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilson, NC, with alumni member from PHS Class of 1956, Avant Coleman. Avant, will provide directions to the Church on Friday and Saturday during the reunion event. We will have lunch together at Sylvia's restaurant after church.



Many **Thanks** to those dedicated members who have given their time and resources during the past months to make this another memorable, enjoyable, and fun filled event for all. During the past twelve months members and elected officers of the Alumni Association met each month to discuss, plan, and execute a multitude of necessary tasks that have evolved into our 30th reunion weekend. Their hard work, dedication and commitment to the legacy of Phillips High and Bricks Schools is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to those who donated door prizes, books, money, food, time, and a great deal of energy to make this event a success.

This **Past Year** has brought many new members to meetings and events, indicating that the names of Phillips High School and Bricks School still hold dear, proud and strong in the hearts of their alumni. The annual Christmas breakfast was held in December 2007 at the Golden Coral in Rocky Mount, NC was well attended. Funds raised from the sale of tickets were used to benefit the annual Scholarship fund. Members enjoyed breakfast, fellowship, reflections on true Christmas meaning, and singing carols.

To aid in keeping the history and legacy of our schools alive, The Alumni Association is proud to announce that it established a school webpage and an email address to assist in keeping the network and connections strong among its alumni members near and far. The webpage can be found at: <http://www.phillipsbricksalumni.myevent.com> and the email address is phillipsbricksalumni@yahoo.com. You are urged to visit the webpage to view the many articles, memorabilia, pictures, and to submit your ideas, pictures, and comments. Thank you all for supporting the history and legacy of our schools by attending the reunions, staying connected with your class members and other schoolmates, supporting our scholarships and projects for the young people of the area, and by being a member of the alumni association.

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2008 \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulation to our 2008 scholarship winners this year!!

The Alumni Association received two applications for the 2008 Scholarship Awards prior to the deadline of April 30, 2008. At the May 17 meeting, the members unanimously voted to award the scholarships to the following two students:

Jalisa Yvonne Haynes is the granddaughter of Cephus and Bertha Haynes (PHS Class of 1958) of Rocky Mount, NC and the daughter of Nacretia Haynes of New York. She moved to Rocky Mount when she was seven years old. Jalisa is a senior at Northern Nash High School and plans to attend either St. Augustine's College or Shaw University, both in Raleigh, N.C. She plans to pursue clinical psychology as a field of study. She is an active member of Mount Zion Baptist Church and is a member of the youth choir, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and various other activities. She has attended piano camp at UNC-Greensboro for four summers and has played the flute since elementary school. She is a member of the Northern Nash High School Band, the track team, and the softball team.

Malcolm Armwood is the son of Alvin and Mary Armwood of Rocky Mount, NC. He is a senior at Rocky Mount Senior High School and maintains a 4.0 GPA. He plans to attend East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. Malcolm is active in the community by assisting the elderly, participating in community cleanup projects and volunteering time at the elementary school. He is president of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Drama Club. He is vice-president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Student Council Association and the American Field Service.

PHILLIPS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SAVINGS BOND RECIPIENT

This year's recipient of the \$100 savings bond,

Tyrell Hinton, was unanimously selected by the Principal, Joe Etheridge, and faculty of Phillips Middle School, Tyrell was selected based on his excellent character, high academic achievement and his demonstration of perseverance through the tragic loss of his mother this year. According the Principal and Staff, Tyrell is an "all round good student". In spite of such a great loss, this young man has remained diligent in his studies and never wavered in maintaining determination and good character. He is being reared by his grandmother and is a member of Zion Cross Baptist Church. The Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association members would like to offer their prayers, support and encouragement for his continued success through middle school, high school and college.



Have You Moved or Have a New E-mail Address?

Every year we send out the reunion information and a newsletter, and every year many come back with "No Forwarding Address", "Moved" or 'Undeliverable' on the label. That means previously "Found" classmates become "Lost", unless someone is able to track the individuals down. This takes time and resources—and isn't always successful. It is costly with wasted stamps and information that goes undelivered. Please keep this from happening to you. Make sure you get all of the latest on our reunion activities each year by adding us to your list of folks to notify when you change physical and/or e-mail addresses. Email would be a very cost effective way to send information in the future. Please add your email address along with your address to the cards provided at the reunion on your tables. Place your cards in the box provided at the registration table or leave them on your tables where you sit for Friday and/or Saturday events. Those with access to a computer can also visit the webpage at [www:http://phillipsbricksalumni.myevent.com](http://phillipsbricksalumni.myevent.com), where you can also send us your new address.



BOOKS FOR PHILLIPS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

THANK YOU to all those who donated books, money and good wishes for this project for PHILLIPS MIDDLE SCHOOL. We are happy to report that we received approximately 20 to 30 books and a \$50 donation as of May 17, 2008. We will be collecting donations all during the reunion weekend. Alumni members will deliver the books and checks from donors to the Principal and Librarian at

Phillips Middle School after the reunion. A book plate that say: *"2008 Donation by the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association to Remember the History and Legacy of Phillips High School and Bricks School."*

Should you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Phillip Middle School Library.

Any donation would be appreciated!

THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE BACK TO SOME OF THE CHILDREN OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY AND TO REMEMBER THE HISTORY OF PHILLIPS AND BRICKS SCHOOL.

UPDATE ON PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2007 Recipients

James U. Hart, son of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Ray Hart successfully completed his freshman year at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is a business major and a member of the Black business Student Association (BBSA) where he currently serves as co-char of the Social Committee. James is a rising sophomore.

Kierra Ni'chael Thorne, daughter of Katrina Thorne and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lillian Thorne is on the "Dean's List" at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is a rising sophomore

FALLEN PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI in 2008



Class of 1971

Carolyn Deloris-Ann Whitehead Ransome, 55, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008. Carolyn was a member of the Class of 1971.

Class of 1965

Louis "Dink" Lawrence, age 60, of Tarboro, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008. Lewis was a Phillips graduate from the Class of 1965. Those of you who remember Lewis might remember his bright smile and positive attitude even as student who was physically challenged. Having had polio as a child, Lewis was admired by many for his determination. He rode the bus that traveled along highway 44 from Tarboro through Leggett. Lewis was so cheerful and positive and brought many smiles to his fellow students.

Class of 1958

We remember and celebrate the lives of fellow alumni from the Class of 1958 who went home to be with the Lord this year:

- Isaac "Butch" Rogers
- Shirley Pierce Miller
- Marjorie Graham

Class of 1969

Wallace "Doc" Beaufort, Phillips High School Class of 1969, passed away on November 29, 2007.

"Gone, But Not Forgotten, Remaining Fondly in Our Memories and Hearts"