

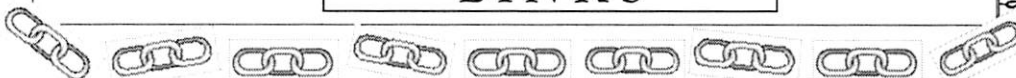
PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL 1949-1972

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

MAY, 27-29, 2011

Greetings to all alumni and friends. This year we will celebrate the 33rd Annual School Reunion for the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association. We are planning an exciting weekend of fellowship, remembrance and celebration. We look forward to all of you joining us this year at a much larger location, the Gateway Center, located right next door to the Double Tree Hotel, our previous location for the past few years. This new location for 2011 will accommodate 500 attendees. Our goal is 500 attendees!! I encourage you to respond by the due dates so that committee members can plan appropriately to make this reunion even better than it was last year. Thank you for the continued support of our activities and especially our scholarship program. Your commitment has allowed the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association to award more and more scholarships each year to deserving high school seniors who are furthering their education.

As you review the list of our past year's activities/accomplishments included in this year's newsletter, please be reminded of just how important each one of you are to the goals and mission of our alumni association as well as the continuing legacy of Phillips High School and Bricks School. Because of your participation, many high students have been helped with needed funds to further their education and fulfill their dreams. Your involvement and support has encouraged these young people with the same message we heard as students of Bricks School and Phillips High School, to "B-Som'body". May God continue to bless each one of you and I look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Alma Sutton Williams, PBAA National President

2011 REUNION
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HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY TO
THE CLASSES BELOW
CELEBRATING
MILESTONES IN 2011

PHS CLASS OF 1951	60TH
PHS CLASS OF 1961	50TH
PHS CLASS OF 1971	40TH

PHILLIPS/BRICKS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION YEAR IN REVIEW

May 2010 to May 2011

The Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association had a very productive and exciting year with our alumni members as well as in the community. During the period since May 2010 the highlight of our activities was our 32nd annual school reunion held during Memorial Day Weekend 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel in Rocky Mount, NC.

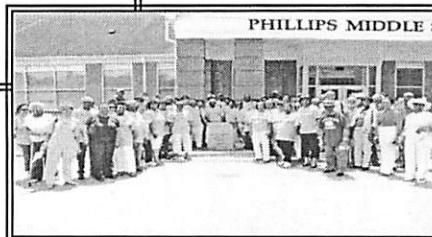
As has been the tradition for many years, the week-end celebrations began with a meet and greet fellowship at Phillips Middle School on Friday night. A large crowd of approximately 125 attended the event which encompassed lots of food, a short program, music, raffles and a tour of the Phillips school building.

On Saturday morning we held the annual business meeting at North End Baptist Church with Alma Williams, National President, presiding. The business meeting agenda included a few changes to the by-laws, general discussion about alumni contact information, and an overview of the previous year's accomplishments and highlights.

After the business meeting, alumni members journeyed to Phillips Middle School for the dedication of a historical marker on the grounds of the school to commemorate the location of what was once Phillips High School from 1949-1972. Approximately 80 alumni and friends attended this historical event held on the front lawn. Ann Batts-Sye, the only daughter of former Principal Mr. J.E. Batts, along with her aunt, Mrs. Roscoe Batts, were in attendance and spoke briefly to the group gathered with expressions of gratitude for our dedication to the history of Phillips, our community service to students and our fond remembrance and affection for the school as well as Mr. Batts.

The annual scholarship banquet was held Saturday night at the Double Tree Hotel with approximately 225 members and friends in attendance for the celebration. Attorney Richard E. Batts from the Class of 1967 was the keynote speaker.

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Five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to high school students pursuing higher education. The classes of 1950, 1960 and 1970 were honored and had special participation on the banquet program.

The joint Sunday worship was held at New Morning Star Church of Christ at 225 South Glendale Avenue in Rocky Mount, NC. The service was enjoyed by all those in attendance and the Alumni Association was invited by the Pastor to return for its 2011 reunion worship services.



Other activities during the year have included the following:

- The Alumni Association donated \$1,500 to Phillips Middle School in September 2010 for football uniforms.
- 23 PBAA members purchased tickets and 15 members attended the North Carolina Association of Black High School Alumni's Annual-After-Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance and Toy-For-Tots Drive. A display for Phillips was setup along the other schools highlighting its history, classes, teachers and principals and association activities and accomplishments over the years. Those attending brought toys or made cash donations for Toy-for-Tots. Phillips' members donated door prizes and refreshments for the dance.
- The annual Alumni Christmas Breakfast was held on December 11, 2010 at North End Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. Alumni members and some teachers enjoyed breakfast, carols, games and fellowship to start the holiday season celebration.
- The adopt-a-highway project held its first cleanup on Saturday morning, September 18, 2010. A sign sits at both ends of the 2 mile stretch to remind those that drive the route daily that we care about our history and Phillip's legacy. We are responsible for cleaning up four times a year. It was determined that one of the cleanups will be held during the annual reunion weekend activities as part of our annual remembrance, community service and celebration.



2010 Scholarship Winners!!!
\$1000 Scholarships were awarded to the following students for 2010:

- *Tiffany Clio Bell—West Lake HS, Waldorf, Maryland- Attending NC Wesleyan College, Rocky Mt., NC
- *Courtney S. Hart—North Edgecombe HS, Tarboro, NC - Attending Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, NC
- *Mykal M. Hill—Reservoir High School in Fulton, Maryland - Attending University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Md.
- *Shontel S. Thompson – Southwest Edgecombe HS, Pinetops, NC—Attending Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC
- *Carizma Whitaker—North Edgecombe High School, Tarboro, NC—Attending Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, NC

The application for the 2011 Scholarships are available from Helen Hines Hunter, Scholarship Chairman. You may also obtain a copy on line at the PBAA website at www.phillipsbricksalumni.com. The deadline for all applications is April 30, 2011.

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- Ruth Glover—Teacher
- Bertha Battle—Teacher
- Christine Lewis Pittman—'63



We ask your forgiveness if any name has been overlooked, for it is only due to our lack of information.

Announcements for 2011

Save the Dates

- PBAA 2011 Annual Christmas Breakfast—December 17, 2011
- North Carolina Association of Black High School Alumni After-Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance - November 25, 2011. Please check the website for updates at: www.ncabhsa.com
- PBAA Monthly Meetings—Every Third Saturday Each Month
September to June.

Adopt-a-Highway Project

The next adopt-a-highway cleanup will be May 28, 2011 at 8:00 am prior to the annual business meeting to be held at

Phillips Middle School. Please join in this community service activity to show all of our school pride along the 2 mile



stretch of Battleboro-Legette Highway where Phillips High School was once located. Pictured above are the participants at the September 18 cleanup day—Helen Hines Hunter, Maurieta Cozart, Margaret Hunter, Lillian Thorne, Brenda Asbury and Roy Watson.