

# Harry P. Harding High School

## Classes 1938 - 1960

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### Special Points of Interest

- Luncheon Reservations for August 19th Luncheon are to be called to your class reporter by Noon August 13th, 2010.
- Class reports for October Newsletter are due by September 15, 2010..
- Membership Dues for 2010 are due and payable January 1, 2010 . Mail to: Bobbie Stokes Foard, 608 Gum Branch Road, Charlotte, NC 28214, made payable to HHSAA.



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## AMITY LINE DANCERS



Dancers are: Mary Davenport (wife of '47 classmate, Tom Davenport), Kay Major, Peggy Padgett, Lois Powell, Charlene Shea, Rita Watts, and leader, Mary Parker.



Reservations by Noon August 13, 2010

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, 1117 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203  
(Just behind the Morehead Street YMCA, across from the Pink Condo Building)

### 2009 HHSAA LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

February 18   April 15   June 17   August 19   October 21   December 18

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP WITH NO-SHOWS!** If you find you cannot attend a luncheon after you have made a reservation...PLEASE CALL YOUR CLASS REPORTER and explain your situation so our total count can be adjusted for a more realistic number for the Chef to prepare food. THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

## Red's Rappart



All of the above HHSAA Veterans were honored at our June 17th luncheon. Also, a flag of the United States of America was presented to our Alumni Association in honor of the Harding High School Alumni Veterans who had served the United States since World War II (the big war) This same flag was flown over the United States Capitol on March 1, 2010 in their honor. GOD BLESS AMERICA and God Bless each of you!  
See you on August 19th at the "Gathering Place"

James "Red" Putman, President  
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**"Thanks for  
your support!"**

### Editor's Note



Summertime.....my favorite time of the year and mostly because people show their patriotism and fireworks. I love fireworks. This year I saw them three times.....each time fantastic. The last time I saw them was at a humdinger of a birthday party.

*Gary*

**GOOD ADVICE....**Always be aware that this life is all you have and once a minute is gone, there is no way to get it back, no matter how much apologizing or atoning you do. There will come a time when you will lay down for the last time. Only then will you wish you had those hours when, in anger, you didn't speak to someone. Only then will you remember the kind words you could have said but didn't. Only then will you remember when you could have shown understanding, but displayed anger. Only will you remember when someone wanted to talk but you ignored them. Only then will you hold their hand for the last time and pray for a little more time. "Please God, just one more minute."



You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

*Abraham Lincoln*

## CLASS REPORTS

**Classes of 1960****Jimmy Zeman****704-398-9886****zemandemon@aol.com**

Call for reservations by Noon Friday, August 13th.

Jimmy Wallace retired from Bell South and has not left Charlotte since graduating from Harding High School in 1960. He reported that he has had a full life with his wife Brenda and that they had loved going to their house at Calabash. As of late, since Brenda's and Jimmy's health has not been good, they will not be able to make it to the HHS 50th reunion this September. They wanted everyone to know that they will miss seeing everyone and to say hello. They also wish their classmates good health.

In May, Melissa Tallman Miller and husband, Tommy, traveled to Dallas, Texas for a visit with her niece, Angela and her family. Then drove to Abilene for a visit with their son, Joel – then to Houston to see her sister, Gail and her husband, Lynwood and their family. They all went on to New Mexico and Arizona for a twelve day road trip with the Grand Canyon as the highlight destination. It was truly a breathtaking sight to behold!

Diane Case Griffin and husband, Don traveled to Dallas, Texas in June for their grand daughter, Michelle's gradua-

tion from high school.

Melissa and Tommy Miller attended their cousin's granddaughter's East Meck. graduation last Friday, June 11, 2010 at the Bojangles Coliseum. They were parking their car in the big parking area behind Ovens Auditorium. As they watched all the students scurrying about in caps and gowns, they were taken back in time to a Thursday evening – June 2, 1960 when 149 of us were filing in with our class to cross the stage at Ovens and receive our diplomas. We were leaving Harding High and our friends to start a new part of our lives. It was life wide open for us back then! Now, they were thinking how could these fifty years disappear so fast. As they watched East Meck. grads go across the Bojangles stage – they wondered what would the world be like in the next fifty years when they will be planning their 50th reunion? What a lot bigger search Bill Mitchell and Jimmy Caldwell would encounter finding everyone if our class had been that large!

These past months since our first planning committee meeting we have exceeded all expectations of anticipation for us as we are approaching September. Our committee classmates are working hard to make it the best reunion of the century!!! Hopefully all our classmates will be with us on September 18th 2010!

**Don't forget to call your Reservation by NOON Friday, August 13th.**

**Class of 1959****Martha McCorkle Bullard****hermott@bellsouth.net****704-391-2712****Reservations: Arzelle Lyons Brock****910-944-3177 hoosarzelle@yahoo.com**

Traveling since June 15th and no contact with any of you so I will write about my trip to Europe. My travel companions are husband Herman, and 11 year old grandson Hayden, who lives in Tampa with his parents, Steven and Lina. A personal note: while we were in Italy we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

On June 15th,, picked up Hayden in Tampa, drove to Miami for our flight to Dusseldorf Germany, where daughter Paula and husband Arno drove us to Holland where they live. Our first excursion was Postel, where we saw an old monastery, buildings built before 1710, and chapel stained glass windows dated 1115AD. The monks raise herbs for medicinal purposes, which are sold in a shop that also has fresh baked bread, ginger spiced cookies ( Speculas), cheese, and fresh meats. We saw a group of older folks riding bikes with a police escort. Bikes are popular in Europe and age is not a deterrent with bike paths everywhere and bikers have the right of way. One must go to school for a bike license and to ride a horse. We went to see Holland, wind-

mills, big barges in the canals, quaint villages and cobblestone streets. We had lunch in Huessden at the Pannenkoekhaus which translates to Pancake House, and the Pannenkoek was great.

Next stop, Heidelberg, Germany where we lived in the late 70's, husband a US Army pilot, I worked as an elementary school Secretary. We showed him where his dad played football, and he and his sisters went to school. Hayden ate his first Schnitzel with pomme frites or fries. Next adventure Garmisch-Partenkirchen which is in Bavaria or southern Germany we stayed at Edelweiss Hotel an R&R site for military people from Iraq meeting families. Hayden liked this place, with an indoor swimming pool, and all sorts of activities for kids. They have tours to Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany. We could still see snow at the higher altitudes in July! At a small village Klais, not far from G-P, we found a friend from Charlotte, and he told Hayden about the "BMW Ride Thru the Alps" and invited him to go. At the event Hayden had never seen so many bikes, leathers, and being an 11 yr. old wondered if their underwear was leather. Hayden got to sit on a BMW bike reared up to have his picture taken and a trick rider in action, and he thinks he was filmed for TV on the bike.

On a local note Mike Lawing will marry Kay Wilson on August 7th. We wish them the very best. Call Reservations by Friday, August 13 by NOON.

## CLASS REPORTS

**Classes of 1957, 1958**  
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The following classmates attended the June 17, 2010, HHSAA luncheon: for the 1957 Class, Jimmy Bagwell, Pat Seawell Connell, Ronnie Crane, David Eppley (and wife, Marie), Dolores Reames Graham, Betty Helms Simpson (and husband, Jim), and Betty Winkler Helton; and for the 1958 Class, Barbara Aiken Greene, Becky Biggers Lewis, Richard Helms (and wife, Susan), Phil Beam, Cooter Hardman, Melvin Pee Wee Barnhart, Wayne Christenbury, and Don Duncan. Once again we were welcomed by the pastor for Pritchard Memorial, and all those celebrating birthdays were recognized. Gayrie Case thanked Jim Zeman for his work in getting the Newsletter out. "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful" were sung. Red Tillman recognized all the veterans for all branches of service, and the respective branch fight songs were played (sang by those remembering the words). The 1952 class was recognized for the 25 lunch reservations and

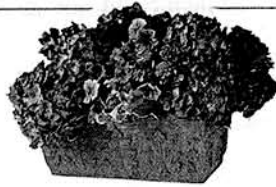
Rev. Stan Heiser sang "I Am A Senior." The 1947 class will host the August 19 meeting where we will be entertained by the Amity Line Dancers. Please plan to attend and bring another classmate or guest with you.

**News from the 1957 class** finds Ronnie Crane's 1955 Chevy Belaire taking the People's Choice Award at the VFV Show on Highway 16. Jane Brown Greer and her husband, Morris, will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Saturday, August 7. The '57 class will meet again at the Open Kitchen on July 20. Please plan to attend and bring another classmate or guest.

**The Class of '58** signed up 4 new members at the luncheon, Wayne Christenbury, Duard Hardman, Phil Beam, and Melvin Barnhardt. Now that we are getting more members from the '58 class, I need news to report so please send info to my E-mail address.

Call Reservations by NOON Friday, August 13th.

**Class of 1956**  
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We were so happy to see classmates at the June luncheon that we haven't seen in a long time. Welcome back John and Carolyn Helms, Miles and Norma Williford, Jim and Krystyna Smith and Allen Osborne. We also welcome two of our newest members, Susan Lindsay Rogers and Rita Porter Brunson and we had one first timer, Libby Bell Yoos. I must thank Jean Jones Grayson and Barbara Bumgarner Cochrane for their loyal support and a special, "We missed ya", to Ron and Cecelia Pence, Phil and Sally Swaringen, Freida Lazenby Jackson and Jimmy Stroupe. Hoping to see everyone back in August.

Proud grandmother, Barbara Cochrane, told me that her granddaughter, Madelyne Cochrane (6 yrs. old), sang a solo at Hickory Grove Baptist Christian Elementary School's spring musical. Madelyne also graduated from kindergarten there in May. We will look forward to hearing about her accomplishments through the coming years.

Grandmother Barbara has been busy herself. She went to

Gatlinburg and Pidgeon Forge, TN recently. While she was there, she saw two shows. One was, "A Risen King", at the Miracle Theater. There were live animals (including two snakes) in the cast. Also, angels were flying overhead. It was very moving, according to Barbara. The tour visited the new Titanic Museum which has an amazing three deck replica of the doomed ocean liner. All of this was topped off with a visit to the Lansford State Park in South Carolina when the spider lilies were in bloom. She's a very busy lady!

The class of 1947 is in charge of the program for August. I mention this because the entertainment will be the Amity Line Dancers. I am a member of this team. The dancers are: Marty Davenport (wife of '47 classmate, Tom Davenport), Kay Major, Peggy Padgett, Lois Powell, Charlene Shea, Rita Watts and our leader, Mary Parker. We are so looking forward to performing for you and hope you will come support us.

The next luncheon will be August 19 at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church. Please call in your reservations by Friday, August 13 before Noon--(preferably by Thursday evening since I'm seldom home on Friday mornings).

Call Reservations by NOON Friday, August 13th.  
 See you there!!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Melvin Barnhardt - 1958  
 Phil Beam - 1958  
 Shirley Gilbert Belk - 1957  
 Wayn Christenbury - 1958  
 Ray Fesperman - 1955



Bob Funderburk - 1959  
 Virginia Hargett Gadd - 1944  
 Duard Hardman - 1958  
 Dorothy McGrath Price - 1952  
 Bob Robertson - 1953



**Class of 1955****Nancy W. Blackwell****704/847-5110****nancylee@carolina.rr.com****Reservations: Joyce Duncan Morrison****704-455-1062 jdmorris14@aol.com**

Vacation, vacation, vacation! Are you saying, "alas send me to Alaska! Let's vacate . . . Charlotte's too hot"? In 2005 Mary Campbell and Gene Tayloe did just that. They spent sixty days in their 37' motor home in Alaska with the Good Sam RV Rally. They traveled to the top of the world, Juneau, Skagway, Fairbanks and Anchorage. While they enjoyed seeing eagles, whales and other wildlife, Buttons, their Bichon Frise, enjoyed the ride. Doris Young McKinney can't wait until 2011 when she too travels to Alaska. Here are some other classmates' greatest vacations: 2005 in the British Virgin Island on a canoeing trip with 20 family members (Doug Shiver), cruise to Bermuda (Joyce Duncan Morrison; and Gulf Coast (Frank Capps); Tommy Helms said "Cherry Grove Beach is always #1 but a few years ago I had the opportunity to take a trip to the Bahamas on a 75' yacht. We cruised from Little River, SC to the Bahamas for about seven days." Referring to his vacation this year Jerry Cheek said: "Joy and I took two granddaughters to Gatlinburg, TN in July. We took in several gospel shows and Dolly World but primarily enjoyed the sunshine and swimming. Joy and I have fun with our grandchildren—3 teenagers and the youngest, a boy—they keep us young."

Since October 2009, the tune "carry me back to ole Virginia" (my birth place) has rung in my ears as Mack and I have spent many vacations in Fancy Gap, Virginia. The slogan "Virginia is for Lovers" is also true because all things are lovely here: besides the nearby 75 year old Blue Ridge Parkway, the quintessential family road trip—there are stunning views of sunsets, valleys and distant mountains. And music is everywhere—the nearby "Crooked Road" is Virginia's heritage music trail which connects major heritage music venues. The traditional gospel, bluegrass, and mountain music of today was passed down from the generations and lives on through musicians and instrument makers along the trail. Annual festivals, weekly concerts, live radio shows, and informal jam sessions abound throughout the area. Realizing that this music is in my Irish blood, I

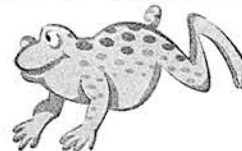
am ready to "sing like nobody's listening, love like you've never been hurt . . . dance like nobody's watching". Shhh, we think the pristine southwest Virginia mountains are a "best kept secret"—with it's bucolic setting, life comes at a slower pace.

The June luncheon was filled with good food, fellowship and the opportunity honor to our veterans. Doris McKinney Young, Melvin and Kathryn Helms joined the pleasantries for the first time. Those also in attendance were, Tommy Helms, Mary Lee Stegall, Frank Capps, Bill and Joyce Morrison, Carroll Thomas, Mary Campbell and husband Gene Tayloe, Jerry Cheek and I.

Back in April it was good to see Mary and Kelly Bollinger. Their granddaughter Mary Lynn Bollinger and Devin Cox's wedding was June 18; both are students at University of Georgia in Athens. Also some other family news from Joyce and Bill: their granddaughter, Garnet Fetner graduated from high school and will attend the Nursing School at the University of Texas at Tyler. Garnet is also the granddaughter of Betty Sayer Fetner from the class of 1948. Always involved with helping others, Joyce has served for several years on the Presbyterian Women's Council at Harrisburg Presbyterian Church. On April 25 she was installed as Chair of the Missions Committee for the Council.

Many thanks to Joyce and Tommy for their valiant efforts to make arrangements for a 55th reunion dinner. After receiving classmates' feedback, it appears that we just cannot get the impetus to make it happen. We know from the growing interest in our bi-monthly and HHSAA lunches at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, we enjoy fellowship with each other. As a result we have formed strong and caring relationship. Hopefully, in the fall we can have a mini-reunion after one of these lunches.

We are proud of Mary Lee's doing a great job as secretary for the HHSAA! Plan on attending the August 19 alumni luncheon; contact Joyce by August 12 or no later than NOON August 13th to make reservations. She is doing a grand job staying in touch through emails; be sure to send her your email address to be included. Here's hoping you vacate the heat from the weather and life's stresses and find a "cool" place to be.

**Class of 1954****Betty Jo Moore Kisiah****704-523-8567 Beejaykay36@aol.com**

At the June Luncheon, we honored our veterans by having those of each branch of the services come forward as their theme songs were being played. All branches were represented by at least one veteran. Thank you, veterans, for your courage and the sacrifices you made to serve this great country. We are so very proud and thankful for you all.

Don Monteith and wife, Phyllis, Ed Jenkins and wife, Leslie, Jerry Neal, Jerry Leonard, Larry Kiser, Jo Shivar, Marie Smith, and I were in attendance. We enjoyed another wonderful meal prepared by Chef Kok.

On Saturday, July 10th, eighteen members from the classes of 1953 and 1954 met for breakfast at The Charlotte Café in the Park Road Shopping Center. We enjoyed having Rita Porter Brunson, widow of Pete Brunson, class of 1954, as our very special guest. Jo Shivar was celebrating her birthday

and we all enjoyed a slice of scrumptious chocolate cake prepared by Bobbie Marshall Severs.

Dolene Loftis Rape's daughter, Evelyn Justice, has written and published a children's book, "When Evie Was A Child", that is now available for sale. I have read the book and it is a very well written and illustrated book for children from about three to six years of age. I know that Dolene is very proud of her daughter's accomplishments. If you would like more information regarding this book, contact Dolene at 704-362-4571.

Our next HHSAA Luncheon will be at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church fellowship hall at noon on August 19th. After you make your reservation, you find you cannot attend, please let me know as soon as possible so I can call in your cancellation...Make your reservations no later than NOON on Friday, August 13. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Thought to remember: Happiness can be thought, taught, and caught but not bought.**

**Class of 1953**

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How many of you remember the off-campus eateries in your Harding years? My favorite was the Goody Sweet shop on West Trade. That's the one with the h-u-g-e tree right at the front door. Goody Sweet had the best hot dog and fries, plus those juke boxes on the wall – if anyone had an extra nickel back then. Oh, and the initials carved into the booths – remember those? Beach Babe JoAnn Shoup Burleson said it was off limits to the Shoup girls because it sold beer and allowed smoking. "We went there specifically to smoke," she said. As a former class reporter, she wrote about her dad catching her there – would love to have read that story!

Conder's Soda Shop was right across the street and it had its faithful customers too. Jo Ann also mentions Gene's, on the corner of Tuckaseegee and West Trade streets. Cheeseburgers and mashed potatoes for fifty cents, including drink was a specialty. "We either walked or thumbed a ride, but were never late for our next class," Jo Ann said. She also remembers a service station at the corner of Irvin Avenue and Trade Street that had great sandwiches. "I don't ever remember eating in the cafeteria after the 7th grade, she said.

I recall the A&P on Trade where I bought huge dill pickles for a nickel, and the boys bought single cigarettes from a tiny store down on Cedar street near the school.

Welcome new member Johnny Fennell, who attended his first luncheon in June. We hope his wife Betty will be able to

join us in August. Doris Frazier Carter and husband Don also attended and we hope they come back soon.

We located Shirley Cobb, who married Bill Prince, who died about five years ago. She now lives at The Laurels, 6101 Clarke Creek Parkway, Charlotte 28269. Her phone is 704-948-4204, if you'd like to give her a call. At the age of 42, she went back to school, got her degree and taught for many years at Midwood School for the "don't-want-to-be-in-school" students. Shirley also was church secretary at Covenant United Methodist Church on Tuckaseegee Road.

Joe Brown's sister Jean ('56) and spouse rode in an Army Jeep for Harrisburg's 4th parade. Hubby is a vet who still fits into his uniform.

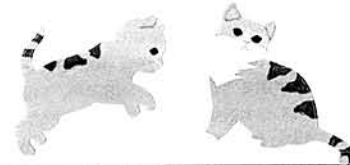
After eating at another elderly couple's house, the wives went into the kitchen. The two gents were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man.

He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Call Reservations by NOON Friday, August 13th

**Class of 1952**

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Friends and classmates greetings. I am a little weary today because I worked yesterday! Of course it was volunteer work, but it was labor. My church group worked on the teacher's lounge at the elementary school up the street. We painted walls and woodwork, put together microwave carts, and scraped and oiled bookshelves as well as having discussions about replacing furniture and purchasing tablecloths for the kitchen. I don't remember when I last painted walls, but it has been a while. . The teachers and office workers kept ooing and aahing over our work and how nice and clean everything looked.

I encourage you to volunteer for some organization as there is need for volunteers everywhere that can use your special skills or talents. I really enjoy doing things with our church group and also time I spend with Shepherds Center East group. We attend Adventures in Learning classes and use our various skills and talents for charitable causes. . Currently we are sewing walker bags for Hospice patients and preparing handcrafted items for our Fall Bazaar.. I am having fun making little girls pillowcase dresses; which really turn out cute.

On June 12, I attended my grandson's high school gradua-

tion and as I watched those young people I kept thinking about the swift passage of time that seems to go faster with each year. I remember so clearly the day he was born and find it hard to believe that was eighteen years ago. He used money he received as gifts to get insurance, his driver's license, and then found the car he wanted, bargained to get a reasonable price and bought his first car all on his own. I am so proud of him for being responsible and showing such good judgment. He is a member of the Air National Guard and reports to Lackland, Texas for basic training in August.

I certainly enjoyed our June luncheon as we are seeing more class members at each meeting here at Pritchard. I was especially glad to see Mary Lou (Rohleder) Christenbury. We got to go to the buffet line right after the veterans because our class had the most attending. Of course in this location, it never takes long for everyone to be served. Chef Kok has such a good setup and so efficient. .

I cannot give any news of classmates this time because my computer has been in the shop and when I got it back, I had lost my mailing contacts. I am rebuilding the class mailing list and will do better next time.

Call me with your reservations for the August Luncheon. I need this information by Thursday evening, August 12, or by NOON Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, before NOON as I have to turn in our number at that time.. You have all been doing a good job for me this summer.

**Class of 1951**

**Betty Snyder Darnell**  
704-545-3500



Greetings classmates.....hope everyone is enjoying these "hazy, lazy, days of summer", but staying cool. I know some of you have been on fun trips but I haven't heard about them. Gene and Norma Morrison are calling the beach "home" for a couple months. Johnny Cobb and thousands of others jumped on their "hogs" to ride off to DC over Memorial Day weekend to Honor Viet Nam vets, called "Rolling Thunder". A yearly occurrence and a very worthy cause. They left the Pentagon, rode by Lincoln Memorial down Constitution Ave. to the Capitol and from there to the "Wall" and other Military Me-

morials. We salute you, guys and gals. Seventeen attended our group luncheon on 11 June at Jimmie's in Mint Hill.(a couple miles from me) our 1st time but it's probably a "keeper". It is the same "Jimmie"s that was uptown, with good home cooking and large portions and very good breakfasts. Tommy Kinard was in from Oklahoma to get his 100 year old mom into an Assisted Living Center. Until recently she lived in her home in Stallings. Her church gave her a birthday party the end of March when she turned 100 and the Mayor presented her a plaque. An awesome lady with a great son.

Next luncheon is 19 August with reservations due by Friday the 13th. Invite a non-member classmate or call one who hasn't attended in a while. So, until next time, let's remember to count all our blessings.

**Class of 1950**

**Mary Hancock Melton**  
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**Reservations:**

**Betty Mac Johnson**  
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Attending the June 17th Alumni luncheon for the class of 1950 were Robert and Harriet Barr, Joe Black, Allen Cremens, Peggy and Bill Huddleston, Betty "Mac" Johnson, Charlotte White and myself. Some of our "regulars" were traveling so we hope to see them at an upcoming luncheon.

The program honoring our veterans and the patriotic theme were timely and impressive – seems to me as time goes on we appreciate more and more our blessings and freedoms.

Pritchard Memorial Assistant Minister, Reverend Stan Heiser, added to the program with his funny song about AGING! It was a privilege to hear Reverend Heiser's grand voice and we hope he will participate again soon.

Joe Black says one of his grandsons, Jeffrey Springs, has offers of baseball scholarships from several universities and is visiting those

campuses before making a decision. Jeffrey will begin his senior year this fall at South Point High School in Belmont.

We think George Linker has a hard time keeping his feet on the ground as he will soon celebrate his 80th birthday by parachuting from a plane again as he has done in recent years.

Bill and Becky Castanas Greene will be visiting the U.S. from their home in New Zealand from June through October and plan to spend time in California, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Maine and Hawaii. Becky said she will call if she is in Charlotte and perhaps have lunch with some classmates. Hope so, it would be great to see her. She says her "memories of school years in Charlotte are still golden ones".

Please make your plans to come to the Alumni luncheon on Thursday, August 19th, 12:00 Noon. The "Gathering Place" at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church on South Boulevard is convenient and accommodates our group nicely, especially with the excellent buffet lunch.

Betty "Mac" Johnson will need your reservations no later than Noon on Friday, August 13th. Her telephone number is 704-367-0244 and she will be happy to hear from you. And we'll be happy to see you - hope you come early so we can get "caught up" with all the news. Until then, stay in touch and stay COOL!

**IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS.....RECOGNIZING A STROKE**

Read and Learn.....sometimes symptoms are difficult to identify and unfortunately, lack of awareness spells disaster. A bystander can identify a stroke by asking 3 questions.....or using the 4th method listed.

- (1) ASK THE INDIVIDUAL TO SMILE
- (2) ASK THE PERSON TO TALK, SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE COHERENTLY (It is sunny outside today)
- (3) ASK HIM OR HER TO RAISE BOTH ARMS

If the person has trouble with any one of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher....

(4) ASK THE PERSON TO STICK OUT HIS TONGUE.....if the tongue is crooked, if it goes to one side or the other, that is an indication of a stroke.

"We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are".  
Anais Nin

**AUGUST LUNCHEON**

Our August Luncheon will be a Country Western theme, so bring out your western gear, cowboy hats, boots, whatever, and wear them proudly and you just might go home with a nice door prize. Two prizes will be given...one to a man....one to a woman...who Chef Kok thinks did the best job of looking ridiculously western. This will be fun so start now getting your duds ready



**Don't breed or buy while shelter and pound pets die.**



**Class of 1949**

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I know you've heard the refrain "In The Good Old Summertime"! With the heat waves we've had can we still sing this song joyfully? Of course when we get to the age most of us are we stay in the air conditioning anyway, right? We complained about the severe cold winter, now the terribly hot summer. Can we ever be satisfied??

Have you taken your vacations yet? My younger sister and brother-in-law from Roanoke, VA came the first week in July and we stayed on the go every day. After we came home for lunch each day, my sister propped on the sofa and took a short nap while I tried to read the paper between a few "snoozes" myself. She said she used to be able to go all day without stopping but is now at the place where she has to rest awhile before going again .. and she's 15 years younger me. I surely am glad I take my vitamins every day!

Pat Watterson Treadaway took an interesting trip in mid-April. She belongs to Providence United Methodist Church and they take the most interesting trips. This year about 35 members of their Chancel Choir went to Williamsburg, VA and Washington, DC. Under the direction of their Minister of Music, Dr. Adam Ward, they were the program at Bruton Parish Church in Old Williamsburg, performing sacred church music. (I have heard the Providence UMC choir present their Christmas Cantata and they have a great group of musicians). The next day they enjoyed seeing Old Williamsburg. They then went to beautiful old Alexandria, VA where they spent

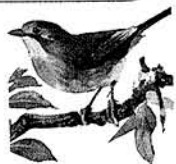
several days. In Washington the group was able to visit the World War II Memorial and spent the rest of the afternoon seeing whatever they chose. Pat said both Williamsburg and Washington have changed drastically since she visited these places with teacher Mrs. Shore who took a group of her students to Washington each year. Do you remember going with the group the year our class went with her? Pat also enjoyed a later trip to Lake Junaluska, NC and plans to go back in September. She said these trips are always refreshing and soul renewing.

My Granddaughter, Cecelia (C.C.) with her Mom and Dad went for orientation at NC State the 1st week in July and came back excited about going there. She met a girl whom she became friends with who has a horse with the same name as her horse - Jazz! How many times would you find someone with the same interests, who will be taking the same courses, has a horse - same name? She will be about 10 minutes away from my Sister who worked at State for over 30 years, so she will have family around. Proud moments for me at High School Graduation: C.C. graduated Summa Cum Laude, was a 2010 NC Academic Scholar, Sr. Beta Club Member, National Technical Honor Society, and Jr. Engineering and Technical Society and she got a small scholarship from the Charlotte NC State Alumni Association. I teared up at her graduation - can you imagine how I will do when she leaves for college?

Hey, 49ers, please call me for reservations for the August 19th luncheon by the Thursday before. The meals are great, programs entertaining and visiting with friends much fun. Would love to see some new faces among our faithful, regular attendees. I would love to hear from you with some news for the newsletter. And remember to pray for our service people.

**Class of 1948**

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I have it straight from the horses' mouth that Harding first beat Central in football in 1952. I won't name the source (the name of the horse), but he was on the football team. If anyone of you can offer any other details, let me know.

My thanks to Anne Jenkins Class of '57 for supplying the second verse of the Harding football song for my classmate Jean P. Purser in Knoxville. Anne was a cheerleader so she should be in the know!

Arvel Heafner, husband of Wilda Blair Heafner celebrated his 88th birthday recently. He was in class of '41 - hope he has many more birthdays to celebrate.

Neal and Carolyn Alexander had a wonderful time in Germany. They spent most of the time in Berlin and Munich and surrounding areas. The highlight of the trip was attending the

Passion Play at Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany. The play was first performed in 1634 as a result of a vow by the village that if God would spare them from the effects of the bubonic plague which was in the region that they would perform the Passion Play every 10 years. The play was performed in years ending in "0" except for 1984 which was the 350th anniversary of the play.

This play involves over 2,000 actors, singers, instrumentalists and technicians - all residents of the village. This is a huge undertaking. Go to "Google" and read the history of this

We lost another classmate recently - Kathryn Ann Elrod Bissell who lived in St. Augustine, Florida. Ironically, she died just a few hours after her husband who was in the same hospital as Kathryn Ann. Marie M. Hix shared this with me as she and Kathryn have remained good friends all these years. Thanks, Marie!

Please call for Reservation by NOON August 13th if you can attend the August luncheon!



We want to thank Jane Sifford for the Patriotic candy we enjoyed at the June Luncheon.



**Class of 1947****Fred P. Culbreth****CulbrethFP@aol.com****Reservations: Ona Hooks -704-544-6940****Special Day**

Some schools are already opening for the 2010-11 term. Stores are featuring "back to school" sales. Half empty yellow busses crowd the streets. Do you miss it? Set the clock back to 1935 when most of us began school in the First Grade. It was during the Great Depression.

There were no "sales" as people had no money to spend. We walked to school. We brought our lunch - if we had any to bring. We were taunted by upper classmen with their chant: "a diller, a dollar, a first grade scholar. Put him in the mail box and listen to him hollar". We met new friends and classmates. Many of us were together for all twelve years of school and are still in contact today. Those were "character building days" and certainly a time to prepare us for a better life ahead.

The year of 1935 was the beginning of the Social Security Act. Do you remember during our Harding days the Social

Security "joke"? You would approach a classmate and say, "Social Security". The classmate would usually respond, "I don't get it". Then you would say, "No, and you won't until you are 62".

This has been an extremely hot summer and much time has been spent at the local swimming holes. Do you remember the best swimming pool in town? It was Suttles Swimming Pool on Wilkinson Boulevard. It was a mini-amusement park. Perhaps a forerunner to Carowinds but a lot more fun.

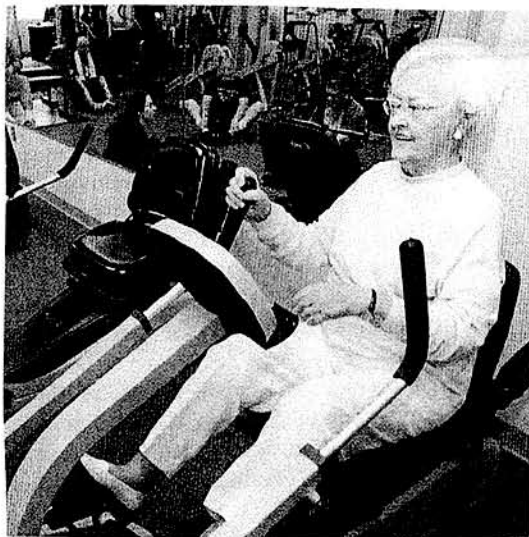
Congratulations to classmate, Acree Solomon and her husband, Bill Armstrong who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in July.

Congratulations and appreciation to classmate, Jackie Beliveau Kiser for her continuing Volunteer Services to her community in Davidson. We hope Acree and Jackie will join the other members of the Class of '47 during the August Luncheon at the new and improved location. The food is great, the program is entertaining and interesting, best of all is the continuing friendship of wonderful high school classmates for the past 63 years. Call Reservations by NOON August 13th..

**Classes of 1938 - 1946**  
**Madge Parish Holtzclaw**  
**704/525 4916**


Eleanor Siskron, 89 years young, works out faithfully three days each week at Carolina Medical Center's cardiac rehab at CMC Myers Park. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, she is at CMC on East Blvd. exercising and socializing with new friends. Every Christmas she has all of them to her house for a party. She began coming to the center 23 years ago after surviving two massive heart attacks in 1987. Eleanor was a patient at CMC three times in June and has a new pacemaker. She came very near to dying this time but to date she is doing fine and expects to attend the HHSAA August luncheon. YOU GO GIRL!!! Eleanor is a real fighter, so keep her in your prayers. You can read all about Eleanor in the July issue of Southpark Magazine pages 43 through 45. Madge Holtzclaw spent a week with her two daughters and granddaughter at her daughter's (Diane Griffin '61) home on Lake Oconee, Georgia. One way to beat the heat, stay in the water,

which they did. Please call me for your reservations for the August luncheon by NOON Friday, August 13th.

**WHERE ARE YOU???**

The Class of '53 is trying to locate the following classmates: Mary Frances Doughtry, Elinor Drane, Boyce Earnhardt, Anna Eison, Myrtle Elliott, Barbara Ferrell, Doris Frady. If you have classmates that you are trying to locate, this is your column, send their names to Gayrie P. Case, Editor, wannadnc@bellsouth.net, or 704-523-4797.



**The James R. Hawkins Scholarship Fund**  
**P.O. Box 32014, Boone, NC 28609**



A donation is given in Memoriam by HHSAA in honor of each member who passes away.

## SICK CALL



'45 **Niota Hunt** had her cornea transplant in June, but had to have surgery again in July. The good news is that her eyesight is getting better each day.

'48 **Margaret Shockley Stewart's husband, Bill**, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer which has spread to his liver. Margaret says they are handling this bad news day by day and that his spirits are good and they are trusting in the Lord for wisdom. They need our prayers.

'49 **Elva Hunsucker Wells** had shoulder surgery May 19th, same arm as before. She is getting along well, going to therapy 3 times a week and hanging in there. She says.... "This getting old is not for sissies". Amen to that.

'51 **Dick Miller** had a good report from his PEI scan on 1 July. The tumor in the lining of his esophagus had shrunk, but radiation caused fluid on his lungs had to be drawn off, and he is on Prednisone and feeling better. He and Betty appreciate your prayers and cards.

'51 **Jim Overcash** suffered a slight stroke but is recovering nicely. We certainly want to pray for him.

'52 **Gene Beard** is being hospitalized for the surgical removal of one half of his entire lung on July 22nd. We want to pray for him and Sarah.

'54 **Marie Hooper Smith** had knee replacement surgery on July 13 and is doing very well. When she leaves the hospital, she will be rehabilitating at Cortland Terrace, 2300 Aberdeen

Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054, Phone 704.834.4800. She will be there for about 30 days.

'54 **Pat Hinson Whiting** had surgery on July 16. We certainly wish her a quick recovery and absence of pain.

'54 **Dolene Rape's son, Cory**, is now in rehab in Durham after suffering a brain injury from a fall on his job. He is recovering but it will be a long process. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

'55 **Mary Campbell Tayloe** had surgery for heart aorta stenosis on July 15, many prayers for a successful recovery.

'57 **Barbara Ford Lands** would welcome "get well" or "Thinking of You" cards as she continues her health battles. 12315 Carrigan Court, Huntersville, NC 28078.

'60 **John Collins** is having surgery in July or August and will be recuperating for a long time.

'60 **Nancy Elliott Newton** is recovering from successful eye surgery.

'60 **Brenda and Jimmy Wallace** are both having health issues and will miss their HHS 50th reunion in September. Say a prayer for them

'60...**Eddie Proctor** is fighting Alzheimer's. If you get a chance, send a "thinking of you, praying for you or hello card", or stop by for a visit. His address is: William "Eddie" Proctor, The Parc@ Sharon Amity, 4025 N. Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28205.



## REMEMBRANCES



'44 **Mary Arden Liles Harris's husband, Coach Dave Harris**, died July 13, 2010, leaving behind his beloved wife, Mary Arden, one son, one daughter, 4 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren, and a whole host of friends. Please check an article about him on another page of this newsletter.

'45 **Niota Hunt's brother-in-law, Willie George Hunt** died June 18, 2010. Survived by brother, Ray and wife, Blanche, and Niota.

'46 **Daniel Dorsett Brooks** passed away July 8, 2010 in Indian Trail, NC He served in the Navy in WWII. Survived by wife, Renie, two sons, and two grandsons. Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1359, New York, NY10018.

'48 **Kathryn Ann Elrod Bissell** died July 3, 2010 in Florida and her husband died a few hours before she died in the same hospital.

'48 **George Linker's brother** died in early June. This is all the information we have.

'51 **Ray Broome** passed away in San Antonio, Texas in May 2010.

'54 **Forrest Earl Todd** died June 7, 2010 at the NC State Veterans Home in Salisbury. He was a highly decorated veteran of the US Army. Surviving, Betty Yandle, companion, five children, and a brother, Eddie Todd and wife, Joyce.

'54 **Jerry Neal's wife, Joan**, died recently and the class of '54 asks us to remember them in our prayers.

'55 **Ben Thomas's wife, Virginia "Ginny" Thomas** of

Southport died February 23, 2010 at her home. Memorials may be sent to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1416 Physicians Dr. Wilmington, NC 28401.

'57 **Nina Curtis Foil** passed away March 12, 2010 in Palmetto, Florida. Survived by husband, Edmond, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 4 granddaughters, and brother Edgar Foil. Memorials to First United Methodist Church of Palmetto, c/o The Glory Group, 330 11th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL. 34221

'57 **Harold Winfield Anderson** passed away on June 6, 2010. Survived by his wife, Kay Biggerstaff Anderson '60, 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren, and brother, Jerry Anderson.

'59 **Mike Lawing's mother, Margaret Lawing** died on June 19, 2010. She had three children, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memorials to Kris Lawing Medical Fund, 13401 Idlewild Rd., Matthews, NC 28105.

'60 **Gary Lingle** died February 19, 2010. That is all the information we have at this time.

'60 **Teddy Hendrix** passed away on May 26, 2010. Survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane, and one son, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

The beauty of life does not depend

on how happy you are,



but on how happy others are

because of you.

# COACH HARRIS REMEMBERED WITH LOVE

Coach Dave Harris was one of the first N.C. High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame inductee way back when. He also was in two other halls of fame, including his alma mater, Wake Forest University. Those honors pale by comparison of his place in the hearts of his players, cheerleaders and the lives of others that he touched.

David Andrew Harris Jr. died July 13, 2010 of cancer. He would have been 86 on Monday and spent 18 years building winning football teams for Harding High School from 1948 to 1966. He later was athletics director for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools from 1967 to his 1991 retirement.

Coach Dave's specialty was winning games — 35 in a row — and building character into his ragtag beginner teams who wore the maroon and gold. They remembered the life lessons long after the scores were forgotten. "At 115 pounds soaking wet," said Jimmy Hooks, "I had no chance to play for the glorious Harding Rams but I went out for the team anyway." The coach never cut anybody and always found a uniform for every player, Jimmy said. "That meant so much to me and 50 years later, he told me he never cut a single individual. Not only was he a tough man and a winning football coach, but also a very compassionate man who looked after the little guy as well."

In the early 1950's, Richard Killmon was a member of the undefeated Rams that beat archrival Central High for the first time ever and won a state championship. "Coach Harris taught me lots of lessons about life that have stuck with me through the years and I shall always be grateful," he said:

Linebacker Boogie Smith said, "He believed in discipline, the solid team concept, and that if a kid went through the rigors of training, he should never be cut. He didn't take it easy on anybody - you did the same thing everybody else did."

Eddie Moore was an exception; he remembered a score. Eddie was on the team that won back-to-back state championships in 1953-54 and the score he remembered was Harding 20, Hamlet 0. "In the days before rigid school assignments players could choose between schools".

Eddie checked out Central High's coach, who was in a long sleeved white shirt, smoking a cigarette. He made the

right choice Coach Dave in shorts, hun- right in every- showing them

He still "He important part life who asso- him," said land. "He was man, a great run through a he asked us may have been coach's biggest dren. "He'd

to keep us out of trouble and in school. I may not have turned out like he wanted, but he still loved me."

That love was returned many times over in calls from his former athletes, said wife Mary Arden. "Grown men crying. One said he was one of 74 on a (Dave Harris) scholarship."

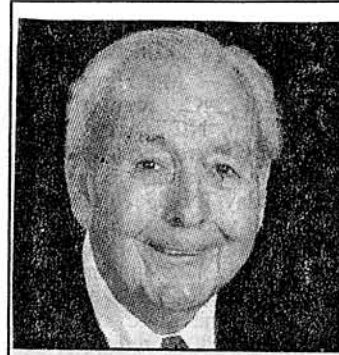
The other loves in Coach Dave's life topped football by far. That was Mary Arden Liles, his wife who shared his life for 65 years. They met in 1944 on her first day at old Wake Forest College when her dad drove her to the campus. "It was early afternoon and he couldn't get my huge steamer trunk up three flights of stairs," she said.

Football practice had just broken up and a husky young player came loping across the field, cleats in hand. Dave was only too happy to help with her trunk. They married in 1945, but Mary Arden had to promise to finish college and she did. Three years later, Arden their daughter and Andy their son joined them.

"He said he wanted to spend the rest of his life with me," his wife said. "We were compatible together from the very beginning and have always been happy for 65 years."

If a Hall of Fame for Long and Happy Marriages existed, Coach Dave and Mary Arden would have been charter members.

By Gerry Hostetler



David Andrew Harris, Jr.  
"Dave"

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Mr. & Mrs. Stewart



Bill and Margaret Stewart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a barbeque dinner with over 250 guests in attendance given by their children. They were married in Garr Auditorium on May 7, 1960 in Charlotte.

They have two children, daughter Karen (Mike) Baucom and son Tim (Tiffany), and three grandsons, Zachary Baucom, Ivan and Max Stewart.

Bill is retired from textile machinery rigging business, Spinco, Inc. Margaret is a homemaker, having worked for Dupont company. Bill has been active in the Oasis Shrine and both are active in Durham Memorial Baptist Church.



Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong



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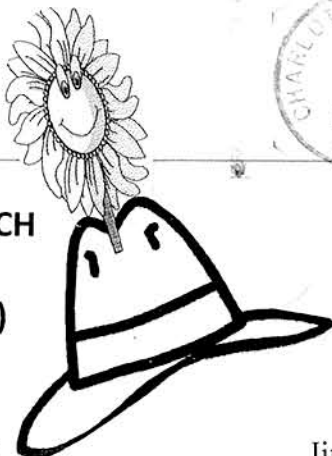
William "Bill" P. Armstrong and Acree Solomon Armstrong are celebrating their 60th anniversary with a dinner party on July 11th given by their daughter and family, Robin Ivey and her husband, Gary, of Charlotte, and two grandchildren, Peter and his wife, Becca, of Littleton, Colo., and Mara Ivey of Charlotte. They were married July 1, 1950.

Bill retired after 30 years of being a manufacturer's representative for carpet mills. Acree retired from Ralston Purina Company after 42 years.

They have enjoyed traveling all over the world, and have been members of Hickory Grove Presbyterian for over 40 years. Bill has sung in a church choir for 60 years. Acree is very active in the women of the church.

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# HHSAA NEW LOCATION



**PRITCHARD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**"THE GATHERING PLACE"**

117 South Boulevard (behind YMCA)

August 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 12 pm Luncheon

PROGRAM: AMITY LINE DANCERS

\$10 for full meal.....CASH ONLY PLEASE

Advance Reservation Required

LUNCHEON MENU: By Chef Kok

Deluxe Salad Bar with crackers

Beef Stroganoff

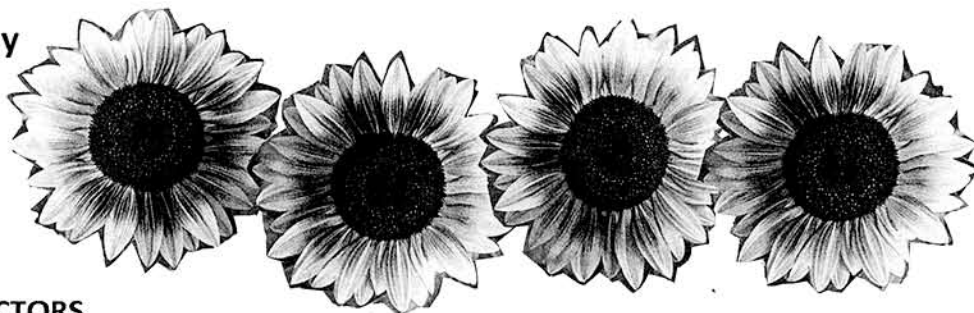
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Dinner Rolls & Butter

Banana Pudding

Tea/Coffee/Water



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