

Burleson Ex-Students Association

August 2015 Newsletter

From Our President

The board has been busy selecting a recipient for the J. W. Norwood Distinguished Alumni Award as well as deciding on the food and the entertainment for our September 26th Homecoming Banquet. After some arduous and painstaking efforts, we are sure you will be delighted by our selections revealed in this newsletter.

Through the generosity of Burleson Exes' families and the Baker Foundation, we were able to help ten deserving Burleson graduating students with \$1,000 scholarships in May. These scholarships are only possible with your help. Please consider giving a contribution to the scholarship fund and be confident your money will be well used for next year's seniors. All contributions are tax deductible.

A permanent date for our banquet was established as the last Saturday in September in order to help classes plan their reunions. We encourage you to invite classmates to attend with you. We guarantee an enjoyable meal, some great music, and memorable conversations.

Bert Henderson

BANQUET TIME

The annual Ex-Students banquet will be held on Saturday, September 26 in the cafeteria at Burleson High School located at

100 Elk Drive. The doors will open at 4:30 pm so you will have time to visit before the meal. Please do not arrive earlier as the school now has automatic timers for locking and unlocking the doors.

Vance Godbey's is catering the banquet with their grilled chicken, salad, green beans and mashed potatoes. Dessert – Peach Cobbler! Craig Murphy is returning to entertain us.

The price of admission to the banquet is \$25 per person. Please complete the registration form in this newsletter and mail it to us as soon as you can. This helps the caterer plan the amount of food to prepare for the banquet.

MEMORIES

Jean Wilshire Clark sent us some information about Minnie Bell Booth.

Did you know that Minnie Bell was a Magician? She traveled all over Johnson County doing Magic Shows, mostly for church youth groups. She was pretty good at this but did not like for anyone to question her about a trick.

Do you have some memories you would like to share? Just send us an email and we'll publish some of these tidbits on our Facebook page, our website or in the newsletter.

REUNION TIME

The Class of 1955 will celebrate their 60th reunion at the annual Homecoming Banquet at the BHS Cafeteria on September 26, 2015. Please contact Tommy Watkins for more information at 409-834-5273 or trwvana@att.net.

The Class of 1963 will meet for lunch at the El Fenix restaurant in Burleson at 1 pm on September 26, 2015. Plans include extending the reunion to the banquet at BHS cafeteria that evening. For more information, please contact Letha Grace McCoy at 817-295-4380.

The Class of 1965 will celebrate their GOLDEN reunion at The BRICK on September 26, 2015 at 2 pm and will continue their reunion at the banquet. For more information, contact Ron Hughes at ronphughes@sbcglobal.net and Wayne Hoaldrige at wayne@hoaldrige.com.

The Class of 1975 had their reunion on July 18, 2015 at the old SPJST Lodge.

The Class of 1995 had their reunion on July 18, 2015 at Dalton's Corner. Go to Facebook page Burleson High School Class of 1995 for more information.

Will your class have a reunion in 2016? The class of 1956 will be celebrating its 60th anniversary and 1966 will be celebrating its 50th, etc. Please send your information to our email address at burlesonexstudents@gmail.com. The information will be published on our Facebook page and in the spring newsletter.

Alumni Donations and Contributions

Thank You to all who have donated to the scholarship fund over the years. The Burluson Ex-Students Association gives active and meaningful support to the Burluson Schools by presenting scholarships. The money you donate goes into the endowment fund for these scholarships. If any person or group would like to make a one-time scholarship offer of at least \$1,000, we would be happy to help locate a deserving BISS Senior, a nice tribute for a class reunion, for example.

The following Alumni Donations were made to the Endowment Fund for January through June 2015:

In Memory of:

Anita Mires Neff
Elinor Clair Baker
Claude Foster, Sr

Donor:

Celeste Neff Rogers
Dorothy Carroll
Jane Mallory

In Honor of:

The Class of 1965

Donor:

Kathy Rawlins Bernstein

Endowment Fund Donors:

The Baker Foundation
Mike Godrey

Have you moved? Have you changed your email address? Have you changed your phone number? Please send us an email with the correct information or make a note on your reservation form and we will update our data base.

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2015 Board Members and Officers

President	Bert Henderson 1967	817-295-9264	
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**** If you are interested in joining the board, please send us an email!**

J. W. Norwood Distinguished Alumni Award Nominations

The Burlson Ex-Students Association is proud to present the 2015 J. W. Norwood Distinguished Alumni Award to Randall J. Rogers. Randy is a member of the 1965 graduating class of Burlson High School and was named Who's Who in Science and History. He also received an award from the Fort Worth Society of Professional Engineers as an outstanding mathematics student. The class of 1965 is celebrating their 50th reunion this year.

Randy received a full scholarship to attend Texas Christian University and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He then attended MIT where he received a Master of Science degree in Organic Chemistry in 1973 and went on to Boston University and received an MBA in 1980.

He has worked at the Polaroid Corporation, Kendall Company, and Veratec as a scientist, chemist, and researcher in the field of organic chemistry. He also worked at Hollingsworth & Vose Company as a Research and Development Director and Vice President and General Manager. He holds five patents and has co-authored and published eight articles in scientific journals. The patents include one for a nonwoven fabric, a floppy disk liner with improved cleaning ability, a transducer head cleaning disk, a battery separator fabric method for manufacturing and a battery separator fabric and related method of manufacture.

Randy's publications include papers and presentations in magnetic recording, battery separators, filtration, surface cleaning, instant photography, automotive gaskets and wall coverings. He received an award for Outstanding Presentation at the Society of Automotive Engineers in Detroit.

Randy now lives in Waring, Texas with his wife, Kristen. They will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in October. Randy and Kristen have three children - Justin (age 36), Stephanie (34) and Zachary (27), two daughters-in-law, and two grandchildren born this year.

BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Please reserve _____ places for dinner @ \$25 each ----- \$ _____

Membership dues for 2016 @ \$5 ----- \$ _____

Scholarship fund donation in memory/honor of ----- \$ _____

Total Check Remitted ----- \$ _____

Please prepare Name Badges for (include the year you graduated):

Return to P.O. Box 1252, Burlson, TX 76097-1252 --- Reservations must be received by September 23, 2015
