



ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association



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SAVE THE DATE
NEW PLACE, NEW TIME

THE 16TH ANNUAL ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 - 12:00, AHS Cafeteria

Parking Available at Mosaic Church across Park Row
Curbside dropoff in front of AHS

Special Guests: the Golden Anniversary Class of 1963 ·
2013 Distinguished Colt Alumni · 2013 Alumni Scholars · Alumni Choir,
directed by Miss Jane Ellis · Alumni Band · '48 & '68 Reunions ·
You and Your friends

From Your President

Hello to all my fellow Arlington High School Alumni! We have lots of exciting news to pass on to you! Our 16th annual Alumni Open House will be June 22—beginning a half hour earlier this year at 10:00 and running approximately two hours. We are very pleased to announce Open House will be held in the **NEW** cafeteria at the high school! Same place, different look! Please notice the **NEW** digital marquee and **NEW** landscaping and entrances in front of the building!

Parking will be much closer this year. The Mosaic Church across Park Row has offered most of their parking lot to us. An attendant will work the lot and will advise on any questions. The front row of the church lot facing Park Row will be reserved for the handicapped and elderly. The inset spaces in front of the high school will be open for cars to pull in and let people out, but not for parking. Our Alumni Open House gets better each year and this year it will be more convenient!

Regarding Alumni Choir rehearsal before the event: the east doors nearest the Choir Room will **not** be unlocked. Please enter the front doors and walk through to the choir room. Choir rehearsal begins at 9am. We are fortunate, once again, to have Miss Jane Ellis directing our Alumni Choir. Alumni Band will rehearse in the cafeteria.

Enjoy refreshments with friends while the Association introduces our 2013 Alumni scholarship recipients and announces our Distinguished Colt Alumni honorees. You will hear the Alumni Choir, and Alumni Band play that familiar Arlington High School music we all grew up with!

In March, the AHS Alumni Association funded a \$2,000 grant to the Arlington Education Foundation for Bailey Junior High teacher Michael Wyant (see page 5). Our Association is able to make grant and scholarship monies available only through new or renewing memberships and donations we receive each year. *As of today, we have presented over \$82,000 in grants and scholarships. We give back to Arlington High School and provide money for Arlington education programs to better students in our community.*

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Milestones

Passings: Ruth Actkinson Havins, '49, January...John Forbes, '54, February...Msgr. Philip Johnson, '56, April...Larry Mitchell Perkins, '56, March...C.V.Brewer, '57, February...Colby Kight, '57, March...Phil Lumsden, '58, January...Judy McCreery Garrety, '59, November 2012...Beverly Wylie Gober, '59, March...Mary Mason, '59, March...Rosemary Yeathermon Cooper, '60, April...Ardath Payne Templeton, '60, November 2012...Mike Watkins, '60, March...Donald Cantrell, '61, October 2012...Mitch Wilson, '61, January...Kay Spiva Fuller, '62, August 2012...Steve McAlister, '63, January...Barbara Beck Brown, '64, March...Oscar Wofford, '71, March...Martha June Perkins, '73, November 2012...Becky Corey, CBC, January...Aubrey Keal, CBC, February.

Congratulations: Heather Lee, '95, got her Photographic Craftsman degree from the Professional Photographers of America (PPA) in January. This degree credits service as an orator, author or mentor and for dedication above and beyond the creation of images to education and to moving the industry forward. Only about 4% of the membership of PPA has earned this degree...

Kyle Martin, '06, has been honored for excellence in academics with the Nursing Excellence Award from the College of Graduate Nursing of Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. Kyle is studying to be a nurse practitioner after receiving his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech in Spanish and chemistry...the Lady Colt Golf Team won district for the second straight year with junior Erica Lautensack as low individual score and Madison Smith, '13, in second. A ninth place finish at regionals included Erica's moving on to state.

Found: 1966 class ring, initials CJM. Probably man's ring. "A" on stone and a rearing Colt. Recently rediscovered by a Midlothian man whose wife found it ages ago, maybe at Forum 303 Mall. Contact ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net.

Hip, hip, hooray: World War II veteran Doland Maner, '40, joined 51 other veterans on a trip to Washington D.C. in April. Honor Flight Fort Worth sponsors these trips for veterans to see their memorials in the nation's capital. On the way home, the veterans experienced a mail call. Students at AHS from Peggy Martin's history classes, Student Council, Student Leadership and the Peer Assistance Leadership program wrote letters to all 52 vets on the flight. The students realize they will be the last generation to know living veterans of WWII.



President's Letter, continued

New memberships are the financial lifeblood of this organization. These and, of course, donations allow the Alumni Association to live up to our mission: Giving back to AHS and promoting the spirit, pride, and tradition of Colts—past, present and future.

It's a win, win for everybody who gets involved with the AHS Alumni Association. If you aren't a member yet, I hope you will be soon. Join us in standing up for Arlington High School.

See you at Open House,

Ana F. Pettit
Class of 1974

Boardwork

Jannette Workman, photographer for April board retreat.



Doris Whitlock, Mac Martin near archive display, AHS cafeteria.

Paul Swartz, Doris Whitlock, DeeDee Winter, Peggy Martin at business session



Brittany Lok, Alumni Scholar 2012 ~ In her own words...

AS a double major in medical lab science and anthropology, I can't adequately thank **AHS**, its faculty, and all the people brave enough to walk between B and C halls for preparing me for college. Last semester, I made the Dean's List, became a member of Kappa Delta sorority (now serving as a council member), and I have just been recently named one of about 100 undergrads from around the nation to participate in the Rising Leaders Fellowship which is sponsored by Teach for America. While I am very thankful and proud of all my accomplishments so far, I know I would not be where I am today if not for my time at AHS! Between my IB (International Baccalaureate) course load to the extracurriculars like band and Academic Decathlon, I learned the hard way how to prioritize and juggle my school work. What seemed like a nightmare back then is now a blessing in disguise as all the skills I learned from AHS have paved the way for me to be successful (while avoiding the ever imminent all nighters!). This summer I plan on interning at Operation Nehemiah in New Orleans which aims to rebuild the city still suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I will still be taking some summer courses online. For any of those applying for the scholarship this year or for anybody lucky enough to be a Colt, my best advice is to be who you are no matter what you're doing. Whether it's writing a scholarship essay, or preparing for an interview for a future endeavor, or just sitting next to your peer, please, always be yourself! This will help whoever is reviewing your application to remember you. Besides, it is the easiest way to network and build friendships. Don't be afraid to be yourself and don't be afraid to stand out. That's what makes you unique! Looking back, I hope to take everything I learned at AHS with me no matter where I go or how long it's been since I last stepped in those halls.



Brittany Lok, Alumni Scholar 2012, holding her sorority's Chapter of the Year Award. Brittany is completing her freshman year at the University of North Texas.

Join—Give—Recruit



AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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Join online at: www.ahscolts-alumni.org

SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ _____ GENERAL FUND \$ _____ MEMBERSHIP FEES \$ _____

ANNUAL

Individual = \$25 with \$15 annual renewal

Household = \$35 with \$15 annual renewal

LIFE

Individual = \$125 paid once

Household = \$175 paid once

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Given by Arlie's Angel - Name: _____ Phone: _____

Memorial Membership \$35: _____
 (one time only fee for deceased classmate) (NAME) (CLASS)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Maxine McFadin Alford, '40
 from Effie & Shirley Foster
 Libby Altwegg, '74
 Mona Adams Angell, '51
 from Thurman Angell
 Ann Woolverton Boone, '63
 Kirk Brugh, '08
 Dorothy Howard Buzzell, '63
 from Linda Groom
 John Donaghy, '63, from a friend
 *Vanessa Cartwright Donovan, '74
 Susan Tetens Garrison, '70
 Linda Dixon Groom, '63
 *Susan Gunn, '74
 Deborah Haynes Holmes, '71
 Bill Hubbard, '63, from a friend
 Leo Hurley, '63, from a friend

Rick Jaeger, '63
 Steve McAlister, '63, from Larry Mazo
 Les Mendenhall, '63
 Tom Menz, '91
 Wayne Miller, '63, from a friend
 *Jeanette Harrell Norsworthy, '74
 *Laura Hartley Peterson, '74
 *Jerry & Pat Hall Plemons, '61
 Bryan Sawyer, '74
 Joe & Deanna Evans Skelton, '63/'63
 Serena Tang, '11
 *Paul & Janice Luttrell Tubb, '63/'64
 Keith Walker, '13
 Emily Sampson Whatley, '63
 Sarah Wolfskill, '74

Upgrade to Life

*Jan Gladden Dye, '74
 *Kenneth & Bonnie Beebe
 Watkins, '61/'62

DONATIONS
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
 Anonymous
 Andrew Underwood

GENERAL
 Merrilee Oram Ebensberger
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***Life Member Member in Perpetuity**

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 The Fowler Group.**

For this issue, appreciation goes to Mac Martin for the new masthead and to Nancy DeBaun for her designer's eye and for sharing graphics she designed in previous issues. —the editor



Total Gifts to Arlington High School 1996 - 2012

\$82,500

Total does NOT count the \$6,000 we have budgeted in 2013 toward scholarships and the AHS Alumni Association Grant, (see opposite page).

Football inflatable run-through;
 various program ads = \$2,850

Back to School Teacher Luncheons =
 \$2,850

Underwriting AISD Education
 Foundation grants to AHS or its feeder
 schools = \$27,000

41 scholarships =
 \$40,200

Gifts: Cash for Classrooms, Code
 Green, Marquee Project,
 PTA Coltyard =
 \$9,600

New marquee in front
 of brand new cafeteria



Giving back to AHS and promoting the spirit, pride, tradition of Colts—past, present, future.



Sharron Merrill, Ana Pettit, Paul Swartz, Doris Whitlock present BJH teacher Michael Wyant and principal Tiffany Benavides the AHS Alumni Association Impact Grant for the future Colts in Mr. Wyant's classes.

At right, three of four Alumni Scholars from Class of 2008: Hannah Crossnoe, Ala Ahmad, Samuel Tang.



Since 2003, 41 seniors have received scholarships from us. That first year we awarded two; in 2012, six. Because last year we did not reach our new member goal, we need eight new Life Members by the Awards Assembly in mid-May, or we are limited to four. We have 33 applicants for what has become a "plum" prize for grads. Will you help us find those new members? Can we do this? Will we?



Above, three of the five Alumni Scholars from Class of 2010: Alexandra Anderson, Julieanne Stinson, Brianna Nathaniel.



In 2007, the AISD Education Foundation honored our Association with its Leadership in Education Award. We were chosen as the community organization which—above all other organizations in town—supported the mission of the Foundation to fund innovative curriculum not covered by the AISD budget.

Pictured with award: Association President Jim Ball, Peggy Wood Martin, Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, Art Bird and his late wife Martha.

Why Bother?

\$\$\$ It all comes down to money. Your church, your charities, your interests, all want some of your money. Why bother to add Arlington High School to your list? Even if Arlington is no longer your home, or your kids went to a different school, or you graduated years ago, you have a chance to maintain that daughters-and-sons-of-the-white-and-green thing—to keep it going. Because it has. All you have to do is read Brittany Lok's remembrance of AHS on page 3 to know that students today love our school just as much as we did. It's no accident either. The Spirit, Pride and Tradition of Arlington High continues because the love of the place keeps pouring in, no matter who attends. It's the magnet which every year draws over 500 transfer students from the other five high schools in town. This year that includes 45 from the least diverse, most affluent high school in Arlington. As Association members, we can directly affect young people today who love the same place we do. Last year we gave six scholarships. In 2011, we gave five. This year we can only afford to give four. Of the 33 seniors who have applied for our scholarships, 29 will not get one. Surely of the 25,000 AHS alumni out there, we can find more from our classes to join with us as we show the love to our alma mater.

AHS needs **YOUR** class to step up. www.ahscolts-alumni.org



Below are listed the classes of each decade which have the most members of the Alumni Association. To count your class, go to our website roster to see your group's total. Hats off to the **Class of 1963** for accepting the "Century Challenge" to reach 100 members by their 50th reunion.

Decade Leaders

1939 = 4	1981 = 17
1948 = 20	1990 = 11
1959 = 55	1995 = 11
1963 = 100	2001 = 11
1974 = 31	2012 = 19
1976 = 30	

2013 Reunion RoundUp

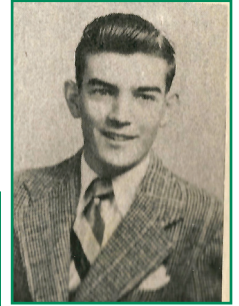
The **Class of 1948** will celebrate their 65th graduation anniversary on June 21-22 by enjoying a Reunion Gala at Rolling Hills Country Club on Friday, June 21, and attending the AHS Alumni Open House on Saturday. We were born during the Great Depression. Our school days were overshadowed by World War II, which began when we were in the fourth grade at either South Side or North Side (later Kookon) Elementary. Since there were no junior highs, our class of approximately 100 spent four wonderful years in the old high school on Cooper Street. A high percentage of our class earned college degrees, and most of the boys spent two or more years in one of the military services after high school or college graduation. Though the ranks have begun to thin, we continue regular get togethers and five year reunions, thankful for the values learned and wonderful times provided by "our town" and "our school"—Arlington High School. ~ **Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, Class of '48**

Beverly served as the second president for the AHS Alumni Association and has been named a **Distinguished Colt Alum**. Her two classmates **James Ditto** and **Bill Hughes** have also received that designation from the Association.

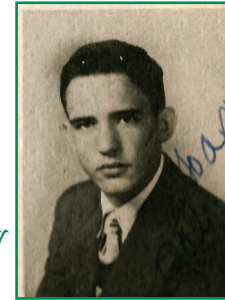


Beverly

Yearbook pictures
1948



James



Bill

The **Fabulous 50's Big Party** will take place this fall. Date & information TBA (waiting on Dallas Cowboys schedule for setting date). All information will be available at the June Alumni Open House. The party will take place at the Holiday Inn at N. 360 & Trinity. Cost will be \$35.00/ person.
Contact: Marydene Bennett: 817-379-4002 or e-mail at marykeller@verizon.net.

How Sweet It Is To Be Back In Colt Country!

Class of 1963

June 21 - 23
Friday: Happy Hour, Sheraton, 5:30
JGilligans, 7:30
Saturday: AHS Open House, 10:00
Ladies' Lunch/Guys' Gathering, 1:00 - 3:00
Main Event: Rolling Hills CC, 6:30
Sunday: Brunch at Sheraton, 8:30 - 2:00
Some time changes since mailer.
Check website for new details:
www.arlingtonhigh1963.com

Class of 2003

July 12 - 14
Facebook: AHS 03
Reunion
Bethany Cecil Swartz

Class of 1968

June 22
Alumni Open House
Main Event: AHS Cafeteria, 6:30-10:00
Catered by David's BBQ
Music by Shaun Waldrop
Silent Auction/raffle raising money for
2018's 50th Reunion Gala
Contact: Linda Kinser Chaney
chaney.l@sbcglobal.net
Facebook: Arlington High School Class
of '68 Reunion

Class of 1983

June 7 & 8
Friday: JGilligans, 6:30
Saturday: Joe T. Garcia's, Fort Worth, 6:30
jill@weplanreunions.com

Class of 1993

September 13 & 14
Friday: JGilligans, 8:00
Saturday: Shady Valley Golf Club, 7:30
Facebook: 2013 reunion 1993 class invitation
info@reunionsbythepartyeople.com
972-416-5557 or 800-725-5557

2012 Reunions



30th Reunion
Class
of
1982

from left: Mike Foster, Steve Shiller,
Moody Alexander, Mike Sulzen



from left: Kelly Ivey Johnson, Martha Moon
Heineman, Laurie Tillman, Connie Bridges Good,
Kathy Broyles Trcka.



Class of 2002 ~ # 10

Elizabeth Rogers, Lindsey Coke Burns, Lauren Lovitto Wirth,
Summer Smith Everett, Kathy Atkinson, Kristen Schleuter



Katie Creamer, Rachael Allen Boyd, Shanna Clawson,
Becca Ostrom, Rachel Rolader, Angela Chan



Allison
Jones
Amate,
Jose
Amate



Back: Blake Gillmore, Rachel Rolader, Rich Emmerson, (guest), Mick
Durham, Juan Serrato. Front: Katie Creamer, Gino Baldi, Cindy Adoghie

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Lunch break on DeeDee's back porch.
Thank you, Jannette, for a terrific photo.