

# Alumni Association

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## 13th Annual Alumni Open House Saturday, June 12 10:30 AHS Cafeteria



All classes invited...2010 Distinguished Colt Alumni...2010 Scholarship Winners...Golden Anniversary Class of 1960...exes from eight decades...Miss Ellis directing the Alumni Choir (to sing meet in the Choir Room at 9:30)...Alumni Band (to play contact Tanya Terrell-Weideman at shadowlr@swbell.net)...Get Alumni hats, shirts, X-pins.


From Your President~

My husband Mark and I just got back from Washington, DC where we took our 85- and 89- year-old cousins to see the WWII monument on the National Mall. Harry is a veteran, having served and fought in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He was 19—70 years ago! As he sat in his wheelchair—quite the celebrity with “WW II Vet” written across his hat brim—people by the score came up to him asking to shake his hand, thank him for his service, take his picture, find out where he served and where he was from. He was really taken aback—he kept saying he didn’t deserve these tributes. He “hadn’t done anything except what he was supposed to do.”

Our own AHS Alumni Association has many heroes like Harry. Although not all served in war, many others left their mark on our city and our school, and we want to “thank them for their service.” You will have a chance to do that at AHS Alumni Open House, as we recognize our Distinguished Alumni for this year. Don’t miss it.

Another who gave many years of service to AHS is back among us! Yes, **John Webb** has moved back to Arlington. He’s been in South Carolina living with his daughter’s family, but has returned to Colt Country and are we glad! It’s a good thing we got our Open House on his calendar weeks ago. He’s staying very busy!

We will also be naming and honoring our 2010 AHS scholarship winners at the Open House. They haven’t made their entire mark on the world yet, but we’re sure they will. Our scholarships will jump start that future.

Now I want to thank each and every one of you for “your service.” By being members of the Association, you fund these scholarships, publish our newsletter, and keep up with the thousands of alumni that AHS has produced. Like Harry, you may not think of this as that important, but that would be wrong. Your service is VITAL. That’s why I have asked **Steve East, ’62**, and **Ana Pettit, ’74**, to head up our . That name means exactly what it says. We’re looking to Round Up as many Colt exes as possible by the end of 2010 to enroll them in our Association. Our present focus is on the ’60s and ’70s classes, but everyone can be included—even our newest alumni, the class of 2009, and those soon to be Class of 2010. You’re never too old or young to be a Colt Forever, and that’s what you are when you join us.

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## Colts Then—Alumni Scholars Update

“I love how my teachers prepared me for college. A couple of them really gave me a taste of college before I got here! I have an off-campus job outside of classes that I've had since the day I moved out here, before classes even commenced. But I also went on and played club volleyball for Texas Tech my first semester, until I figured out that I couldn't juggle sports, work, and an allotted amount of course hours! I regret giving it up, but I loved playing and wearing the jersey. I am absolutely returning to Texas Tech in the fall. My junior year I'll be studying abroad in Italy. Big plans, and only Tech has the perfect degree program for me! My major in General Studies emphasizes Italian/European Studies and International Affairs. The Alumni Association scholarship helped so much. I wish I could apply for it every year! Getting scholarships and money is way harder once you have to compete with the rest of the nation!” *Sara Cainelli, Alumni Scholar, Class of 2009*



“I am finishing the second semester of my junior year, and I'm so very excited I'm almost done. My major is English with a minor in Secondary Education and Dance. I want to go back and teach high school English and dance. I am enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University and my target date to graduate is May 2011. I am doing great and cannot wait to come back to Arlington to find a teaching job. I am the historian of my sorority—Zeta Tau Alpha—and I am also in an honor society called Order of Omega.” *Katelyn Taylor, Alumni Scholar, Class of 2007*



“I will be a junior next year at Texas Woman's University and I love it here! My major is Dietetics and I hope to become a Registered Dietitian. I would like to wish the 2010 scholarship winners the best of luck!” *Hannah Crossnoe, Alumni Scholar, Class of 2008*



“I graduated from UTA with a Bachelors in psychology and I currently am working towards my Masters degree in Social Work.” *Amber Harris, Alumni Scholar, Class of 2005.*

## Colts Now—Still Winning

The AHS Chamber Singers, under the direction of **Distinguished Alumna Dinah Dalton Menger, '77**, won the elite statewide American Classic Madrigal Festival in Galveston in March. Congratulations, Chamber Singers, for bringing another trophy home!



Kevin Acosta, '10	Noel Chaligne, '10	Patrick Hoelscher, '10	Courtney Rupp, '11	Lindsay Tucker, '10
Hillari Barnes, '10	Cristal Conner, '10	Austin Hurley, '10	Jerry Shedwick, '10	Sarah Ward, '10
Reid Braziel, '12	Tony Cook, '11	Megan McGuire, '11	Camille Smith, '10	
Paige Brown, '10	Linsey Elliott, '10	Anna Menger, '10		
Aaron Butler, '11	Tushar Garg, '10	Aaron Patterson, '11		
Breanna Case, '11	Dani Green, '12	Josh Peeples, '10		
Sarah Casey, '10	Tyriecce Hampton, '10	Jael Ramos, '10		

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## COLTS ROUND-UP 2010

Today marks the kick-off for the 2010 Membership Campaign: the COLTS ROUND-UP. Project Chairs **Steve East, '62**, and **Ana Pettit, '74**, will be contacting the person from each class of the 1960s and 1970s who has the email database for that class or who handles the class web page or Facebook page. The Board of Directors hopes that by the end of 2010 many of the members of those 20 classes will have been contacted electronically and invited to join the Association. Any classes from other decades are certainly willing to insert themselves into this campaign. Just contact Steve or Ana with the name and contact information of the point person for your class. The 2011 campaign will target the class of the 1980s and 1990s.



These six Board members represent the three classes with the most members in the Association. At press time, the top group is **Class of '61** (see **Mac Martin, Linda Gipson, Sharron Merrill** signifying their class is #1). **Doris Whitlock** and **Paul Swartz** are in the second place **Class of '59**, and **Cathy Brown**, shows her **Class of '63** has the third most members. These classes have 60, 52, 48 members, respectively.

If you know the “go to” person for your class, please send that name and contact information to Steve, [seast@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seast@sbcglobal.net) or Ana, [anafettit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anafettit@sbcglobal.net). Help your class join in our friendly competition to outshine all the others in the Alumni Association’s roster. It’s OK to be an **Arlie’s Angel** and join for a classmate. A \$20 investment on your part might bring us a lifetime member next year. “Competition” for 2010 ends in December. Results will be announced in the Winter 2011 newsletter. **ROUND UP YOUR CLASSMATES NOW!**

### AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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INDIVIDUAL	<b>Annual</b> \$20 with \$10 annual renewal	<b>Life</b> \$100, no renewals	Scholarship Fund \$ _____
HOUSEHOLD	\$25 with \$10 annual renewal	\$150, no renewals	Dues Enclosed \$ _____

Join online at [www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last) (Maiden)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip) (Phone)

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment  Cash  Check

**Check your preference:**  Newsletter by regular mail  by email notification

Payable to: **AHS Alumni P.O. Box 152578 Arlington, TX 76015 817.879.7162 ahs\_alumni@sbcglobal.net**

**Given by Arlie’s Angel name:** \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Milestones

All dates 2010 unless noted.

**Passings:** **Kathryn Willis, '38**, August 2009...**Rosemary Anderson Cox, '42**, February...**Frank Moore, '43**, February...**Joyce Hutcheson Phillips, '46**, February...**Beth Cox Goodwin, '48**, April...**Cooper Neil Tucker, '49**, April...**Jane Young Hocker, '51**, January...**Kenneth Davis, '59**, February...**Louis Flynt, '59**, April...**Roger Mueller, '59**, February...**Skip Johnson, '60**, March...**Jerry McPike, '60**, December 2009...**John Fabel, '63**, March...**Steve Bowman, '64**, April...**Phyllis Craddock Newton, '65**, March...**Bryan King, '96**, February...**David Niemiec, '98**, March...Distinguished Colt Alumnus **Charles Marshall, '51**, April. Charlie was the third president of the Arlington High School Alumni Association. During his three year tenure, the Association established a Scholarship Fund and began awarding scholarships to deserving seniors. Since then 30 scholarships have been given by the Association totaling \$29,200. His family designated the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund as one of his memorials. What a great way for AHS alums to honor the memory of a great Colt running back and a class act of a man!



**Arrivals:** **Matt Brown, '95**, his wife Megan, and son Colt welcomed daughter Kenedy Leigh, July 20, 2009.

**Congratulations:** **Trent Fuller, '94**, former Colt quarterback, now the head football coach at Lamar High School. In an interesting twist, Lamar grad **Scott Peach, CBC**, son of legendary LHS coach Eddy Peach, is our head coach at AHS...Filmmaker **Will Canon, '97**, had his first full-length feature film, *Brotherhood*, premiered at the prestigious South by Southwest film festival in Austin in March. Nearly 4,000 films were submitted and his was chosen to be one of only eight in the narrative feature competition. The film was shot in Arlington at a former UTA fraternity house on Abram Street...**Gari Davis, '80**, a neo-natal intensive care nurse at Medical Center of Arlington, appeared in "The Baby Story" on The Learning Channel on April 1. She was taking care of the twin girls featured in the show.

**Notable:** Earlier this year Distinguished Colt Alumna **Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48**, in conjunction with the Arlington Historical Society, published "Arlington in World War II." The booklet chronicles life in Arlington and its changes around the war years. Its primary focus is on the lives of the 46 young men who died in service to their country. For \$20, both those who lived those days in Arlington and those who didn't can gain a perspective, an appreciation, and a personalized history of that time. Books can be ordered from the Arlington Historical Society, 1616 West Abram, Arlington, 76010. Mail orders are \$20 plus \$5 for handling and postage. You can call Beverly (817.275.6452) and she will sign a copy for you to pick up. All proceeds go to the Arlington Historical Society.



On September 1, 2009, **Mike Auchenbach, '96**, took the Dr Pepper bottle cap he found in the Kroger parking lot where he works, entered the code in the "MORE FLAVORS, MORE CAMAROS, MORE WINNERS" Dr Pepper contest and two seconds later discovered he had won a 2010 2LT Camaro. He picked up the Dr Pepper red Camaro from Vandergriff Chevrolet the day after Thanksgiving. At the time, Mike didn't have a car of any kind and had never owned a brand new car before. The irony of it all is that Mike has been a Pepsi drinker all his life! The only downside to winning this vehicle has been the financial responsibility which comes along with it—full coverage auto insurance and income tax payments on the value of the car. Mike likened this miracle in his life—bottle cap



to car in Arlington—to changing water into wine at Cana! Mike says, "For six months I had prayed for a simple car. If this is God's idea of simple, I can just imagine extravagant!" Congratulations, Mike!

## Donations

### Remembering

#### Mike Banowsky

Class of 1948

#### Ken Forehand

Frank & Kathleen Smith

#### Louis Flynt

Sharron Chapman Merrill

Jannette Workman

#### Beth Cox Goodwin

Cathy Brown

#### Jane Young Hocker

Louise Miears Nelson

#### Sarabeth Christopher Kimmons

Louise Miears Nelson

#### Anna Waynette Smith Vandergriff

Paul & Zora Bontley

#### Charles Marshall

Class of 1949

Cathy Brown

Dr. Kent Cherry

Sally Denton Culver

Dr. Michael & Polly Ditto

Marsha Matlock

Cherie Tucker McCune

Sharron Chapman Merrill

Jim & Beverly Reynolds

Helen Schrickel

Frank & Kathleen Smith

Martha Stork

Paul Swartz

Carol Bissett Thompson

Roy & Patricia Thompson

Lee & Amelia Woodward

Sterling Workman

## Other Gifts

Bill Hughes

Christine Tham

### Operating Fund

Sally Culver


### Scholarship Fund

Lila Albright Glenn,

Effie & Shirley Foster

John & Beverly Frank

## New Members

These members have jumpstarted our  — more than doubling the number of new members for this time period in 2009. **Way to go, Colts!**

\*Life Member

- Sarah Arambula, '10
- Brandon Batchelor, '09
- Kristen Batchelor, '06
- Shawn Batchelor, '82
- \* Terry Belcher, '73
- \* Dyril Bernius, '60
- \* Stacy Brown, '60
- Patty McAndrew Bush, '74
- \* Janis Burgardt, '76
- \* Ronnie Campbell, '60
- \* Susan Thompson Cole, '75
- \* Richard Dickens, '62
- Cathy Caren Walters Hewett, '83
- \* Harold "Dean" Hooper, '62
- \* Joann Newman Jackson, '75
- Iris Roberts Johnson, '62
- \* Kenneth Kautz, '62
- \* Kendall Flatt Keller, '96
- \* Deborah Turner Kochevar, '74
- Robin Land, '75
- \* Scott Leake, '76
- \* Karissa Keith McElmurray, '74
- \* Katie McElmurray, '08
- \* Jan Lawler Mulholland, '76
- Sharon Cantrell Nethaway, '64
- \* Linda Ray Nuñez, '74
- \* Bruce Nuttall, '75

- \* Terry O'Halloran, '66
- Robert Oliver, '58
- \* Jordan Palmer, '08
- \* Dana Pilon, '76
- \* Laird Pitz, '62
- \* Glynda Ray, '74
- \* Connie Merrill Ruff, '62
- Jason Sauter, '04
- Jo Anne Bunkely Smith, '73
- Raley Smith, CBC
- Barbara Keeting Tapp, '60
- \* Cheryl Buzzell West, CBC
- Lida Urie Wilson, '63-Arlie's Angel, Sharron Merrill, '61
- L. Paul Wolf, '69 (Arlie's Angel)
- Beverly Wolf Bush, '61)
- \* Jan Benoit Womble, '71
- \* Jerrell Womble, '71

In April, a request for help came to the Alumni Association from **Jackie Martin Hooks, '94**, in her first year at AHS as a special education teacher. The annual graduation luncheon to celebrate the seniors who receive special education services was at risk when the sponsor of the event pulled out. Because of our influx of new members, the Association was able to donate the funds for the event to go on as planned. That is what **YOUR** membership in the Alumni Association can do. We really can accomplish good things for Arlington High School today. Spread the word to your class and "rope" them into our **Colt Corral!**

### Upgrades to Life


- \* Tony Bradley, '72
- \* Margie Ferguson Bryant, '48
- \* Mitzi Lemon, '79
- \* Carrie Davis Palmer, '77
- \* Bret Springer, '78
- \* Cheryl Handy Springer, '76
- \* Carol Bissett Thompson, '56
- \* Lynda Stovall Vibrock, '61
- \* Carole Schneider Wood, '75
- \* Doris Collard Whitlock, '59



To join, renew, donate or  
give a gift membership online—  
[www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org)



## \$\$ Money Matters \$\$

The Alumni Board approved this budget for 2010 in January. Our membership growth last year missed our goal of 320 new members. As you see in the figures below, we garnered a mere 261 new members last year. Although we have reduced our 2010 goal to 295 new members, we hope our  will gallop past that number. Do your part by calling, emailing, or writing any former student you know and convince them that they want to be part of our Association! If all else fails, pony up \$20 and join for them!!

### AHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2009 ACTUAL VS. 2010 BUDGET YTD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE		
Operating Account	5,156	5,036
Scholarship Fund Account	8,680	10,098
(Per December 31, 2009 Bank Statements)	<u>13,836</u>	<u>15,134</u>
 INCOME (RECEIPTS) -		
	<u># Of</u>	<u># Of</u>
DUES - CURRENT YEAR RENEWALS	139	150
DUES - NEW (INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY)	85	100
DUES - LIFE TIME (IND. & FAMILY)	37	45
TOTAL DUES	<u>261</u>	<u>295</u>
SCHOLARSHIP FUND - DONATIONS	6,682	5,000
SCHOLARSHIP FUND - PROD. SALES	691	700
OTHER RECEIPTS	<u>1,373</u>	<u>300</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>15,796</u>	<u>13,800</u>
 EXPENDITURES -		
A NEWSLETTER COST	3,613	4,000
B POSTAGE & PERMITS	608	850
C SPECIAL EVENTS-Open House & Homecoming	832	1,000
D LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	-	250
E GIFTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	9,154	9,000
F COST OF PINS/CAPS/T-SHIRTS (net of sales)	(253)	100
G PROMOTION, ADS & WEBPAGE	440	500
H PAYPAL FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>104</u>	<u>100</u>
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>14,498</u>	<u>15,800</u>
 CASH FLOW (INCREASE[DECREASE])	<u>1,298</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
 ENDING BANK BALANCE	<u>15,134</u>	<u>13,134</u>

## Reunion Arena

### Fabulous Fifties

October (specific date TBD)  
Admiral Hotel, Arlington  
Letters going out in July.  
Contact: Mary Bennett, 817.379.4002,  
[marykeller@verizon.net](mailto:marykeller@verizon.net)

### Class of 1960

June 12 - Alumni Open House  
June 18 & 19  
Friday: JGilligans, Keg Room, 7:00  
Saturday: Rolling Hills CC, 7:00  
Contact: Rex Redden, 817.714.2177,  
[ahsclassof60@aol.com](mailto:ahsclassof60@aol.com)

### Class of 1963

June 11 & 12  
Medicare Birthday Party  
Friday: Tony's Pizza on Park Row  
Saturday: Alumni Open House, Ladies Luncheon at Pulidos  
Saturday night: Fat Daddy's in Mansfield  
Sunday: Brunch at the Armstrongs  
Contact: Joyce Heffington Preisser, 972.851.0642,  
[jmpreiss@swbell.net](mailto:jmpreiss@swbell.net)

### Class of 1970

May 21 & 22  
Friday: 6:30p-11:00- Reception  
Lower Atrium Marriott DFW South  
Saturday: 11:00a-3:00 Legacy Park Pavilion;  
6:30p-12:00-dinner Lower Atrium Marriott  
[www.ahs1970.info](http://www.ahs1970.info)

### Getting a Head Start!

#### Class of 1971

40th Reunion planning underway.  
<http://ahs1971info.webs.com>  
If you do not join the website, but want to be updated with reunion info, please email your contact information to Jerrell Womble, 817.274.8813, [jwwomble@tx.rr.com](mailto:jwwomble@tx.rr.com) or Donna Young Townsend, 817.860.8944, [dtownsend52@aol.com](mailto:dtownsend52@aol.com).

### Class of 1980

July 23 & 24  
DFW Hilton Lakes, Grapevine  
Contact: Debbie Archer Welch, 817.992.3016  
[ahscolts1980@yahoo.com](mailto:ahscolts1980@yahoo.com).  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=info&ref=mf&qid=255003310024>

### Class of 1990

October 15 & 16  
Football game; post-game party-JGilligans  
Saturday: Family Picnic-Pantego Bicentennial Park, 10:30  
Celebration: Cuervo Club at the Ballpark, 7:30  
Contact: [www.reunionsbythepartyypeople.com](http://www.reunionsbythepartyypeople.com), 800.725.5557  
Holly Barry Brett: [hbrett1996@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hbrett1996@sbcglobal.net)



Open House 2009



### DOO-WOP/OLDIE'S PARTY

(The New) Studer's  
1701 E. Division Street  
(The old Putt-Putt Clubhouse,  
next door to the old Studer's)  
Arlington

**Friday, May 21**


8PM

No cover

Dance the night away to the  
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[buddie@hrabal.us](mailto:buddie@hrabal.us)

817.247.2891

Tell your class about the   
Send name and email of your class's electronic  
"go to" person to Steve or Ana, (see page 3).

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**COLTS ROUND-UP**  
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**Alumni Open House - 10:30 a.m. - Saturday, June 12, 2010**

The AISD Education Foundation awarded the **AHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IMPACT** grant to Short Elementary teacher Chrystena Talamantez. Her grant, entitled "Take Home Reading Program" will benefit future Colts for years to come. Each year the



Kindergartners cheer their grant-winning teacher.

Alumni Association funds grants to AHS or one of its feeder schools through the AISD Education Foundation. Since 1998, we have underwritten \$23,000 in grants to Colts and future Colts. These funds serve more of our students than any other single endeavor.



Receptionist **Becky Perkins Winberg, '75, Sharron Merrill, Erin Chaney, Mac Martin, Dorothy Rencurel, and Principal Katherine Watson McCollum, '75,** celebrate Short's grant.

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So we'll look for you on Saturday, June 12. We'll look for your renewal membership, or your upgrade to Life Member, or your gift of membership to a child, friend or classmate. We'll look for you in the Alumni Choir or in the Alumni Band as they perform during the morning. We'll look for you as you consider helping us on one of the several committees that we have formed to encourage more of you to get involved in our Association. And later in the year we'll look for you at the AHS Homecoming Tailgate party, September 3. (Yes, that's right, Sept. 3) at Maverick Stadium.

Don't let the year 2010 get by without participating in some way in our AHS Alumni Association. You'll be glad you did and we will be more than happy to say "thank you for **YOUR** service".

**Go Colts!**

*Erin Hawkes Chaney '64*

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