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Alumni Association

Spring 2009

12th Annual AHS Alumni Open House

June 13

10:30

AHS Cafeteria



Miss Ellis

Alumni Choir, made up of any former choir student, meets for rehearsal in the Choir Room at 9:30. They will sing the Alma Mater, "Sons of the White and Green", and "You'll Never Walk Alone" under the direction of Miss Jane Ellis.



Long time friends gather and greet.



Robert Broughton

Scholarship winners for 2006



Kristen Batchelor

Special guests will include Distinguished Colt Alumni, Alumni Scholarship winners, and the Golden Anniversary Class of 1959.



John Webb, CBC
DCA for 2003

Alumni Products on sale to support Scholarship Fund.



To join Alumni Band, see page 7

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AHS Alumni Association

THIS WAY TO OPEN HOUSE!

When the most exciting event in your life is attending the **AHS ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE**—you either have a serious problem or you are remembering what fun we've had at Open House in years past!

For me, this event is always the highlight of our Alumni activities. It's a return to Colt Country and a chance to renew some of that Colt Spirit which resides in all AHS Exes!

It begins with driving up to the newly refurbished AHS building with fresh green and white trim—yeah, Principal Jennifer Young. Spirit renewal continues when entering the cafeteria surrounded with green and white decorations! Beyond the *T-Shirts*, the *Colt Rocks* and the new and improved *Alumni Caps* are the smiles, the hugs, and handshakes which prove ***How Sweet It Is to Be Back in Colt Country!***

At Open House we welcome all exes and encourage non-members to join the AHS Alumni Association. We introduce the Distinguished Colt Alumni recipients for 2009. Other highlights of Open House include a command performance by the Alumni Band; special recognition of AHS faculty and staff; acknowledgement of any class holding its reunion that weekend. Topping it off, former members of any Colt choir join Director Emerita, Miss Jane Ellis, to once again raise our voices and our spirits!

Alumni business includes ***shameless plugs*** for our scholarship programs—it's the reason we have an Association. ***Plugs*** for new members—they keep us going. ***More plugs*** for Arlie's Angels Gift Memberships—a great way to remember someone or to reward a future Colt or a Senior Grad. ***More plugs*** for Contributions to Cash for Classrooms—our school needs this additional support to provide our teachers and students with supplies and new teaching aids.

Join us for Open House June 13th ready to enjoy the memories and to thank Arlington High School for believing as we do that Colts still deserve the best! **SPIRIT, PRIDE and TRADITION still alive at AHS!**

Colts Forever!

Mac Martin
Mac Martin, '61



Alumni Scholar, **Brittneé Keller, '08**, (left) rests with her best friend Khristina after the long march in the 2009 Rose Bowl Parade with the Prairie View A&M Band.

Update from Jason Sauter, 2004 Scholar:

I am graduating in 41 days!!!! I am a Guest Service Manager at EPCOT at the Walt Disney World Resort. I love what I do working with an unbelievable cast that represents over 23 countries from around the world! I won't actually walk the stage until August 8th because the University of Central Florida waits until the beginning of the fall semester to have the summer graduates walk!

Thanks for keeping in touch,
Jason

Scholar Dollars

Dues, donations and sales of Alumni products fund our scholarship giving. Whether it's a \$10.00 renewal, an Arlie's Angel gift membership, an outright donation to the Scholarship Fund, or the purchase of a cap, shirt, rock or X-pin (see photos, page 1), you are contributing to the college education of a modern-day AHS Colt.

This year we are proud to award **five** \$1,000 scholarships to middle-class students who have demonstrated a love for Arlington High. The fifth scholarship is funded by the **Class of 1968** which gave us \$1,000 with money left over from their reunion last summer. The 2009 winners will be introduced at Open House. By graduation 2009, our **25 AHS Alumni Scholars** will have received \$24,200 from **YOU!**



\$\$ Money Matters \$\$

The Alumni Board approved this budget for 2009 at the January meeting. Last year's membership growth replenished our treasury after a couple of slow years. Another year like 2008 should put us over the 1,000 membership mark—our goal for 2009. Help us reach our goal by encouraging AHS exes you know to join or by being an Arlie's Angel and giving a membership. Last year at this time we had enrolled 30 members from Arlie's Angels. This year we have enrolled only 10. Don't you know someone who doesn't realize how cool it is that AHS even has an Alumni Association? If you do, they sure don't know how cool it is to belong to it. **Show them with a gift membership.**

	<u>2008 Actual</u>		<u>2009 Budget</u>	
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE				
Operating Account		3,660		5,156
Scholarship Fund Account		1,000		8,679
(Per Bank Statements)		<u>4,660</u>		<u>13,835</u>
INCOME (RECEIPTS) -				
	<u># Of</u>		<u># Of</u>	
Dues - Current Year Renewals	107	1,110	120	1,200
Dues - New (Individual & Family)	155	2,895	150	3,000
Dues - Life Time (Ind & Family)	57	6,750	50	5,000
Total Dues	319	<u>10,755</u>	320	<u>9,200</u>
Scholarship Fund - Donations		11,080		3,000
Scholarship Fund - Product Sales		596		600
Other Receipts - AHS Bldg. & Interest		65		100
Total Receipts		<u>22,496</u>		<u>12,900</u>
EXPENDITURES -				
Newsletter Cost		3,431		4,000
Postage & Permits		672		1,000
Special Events - Open House & Homecoming		416		750
Legal & Professional		-		250
Gifts, Grants & Scholarships		6,875		7,800
Cost of Pins/Caps/T-Shirts (net of sales)		669		600
Promotion, Ads & Webpage		1,139		1,200
Paypal Fees and Other Expenses		118		100
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>13,320</u>		<u>15,700</u>
CASH FLOW - INCREASE (DECREASE)		<u>9,176</u>		<u>(2,800)</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE		<u><u>13,836</u></u>		<u><u>11,035</u></u>

Mardi Gras Madness, the AHS After-Prom party on May 31, needs monetary support. If you would like to contribute to this safe, alcohol and drug free celebration for the 2009 seniors, you may send your tax deductible gift to: AHS PTA - MGM 2009 · PO Box 14373 · Arlington, TX 76094

Milestones

all dates 2009, unless noted

Passings: **Ed Fitzgerald, '46**, February...**Harold Patterson, '47**, March...**John Young, '57**, April...**David E. King, '61**, January...**Sally Gould McCormack, '61**, March...**Joe Barrett, '63**, March...**Bonnie McLellan Lindly, '63**, March...**Sharon Gardner Whitt, '63**, January...**Elaine Tomasko Bennett, '64**, March...**Nancy Beard Woods, '67**, March...**David Jiles, '69**, January...**Stephen Perry, '71**, March...**Simon Oliver, '01**, February...**Bea Falvo**, retired math teacher and Student Council sponsor, March... Condolences to Alumni Board member **Martha Sue Martin Meek, '69**, our president **Mac Martin**, and his wife **Peggy** on the untimely loss of husband and brother-in-law **John Meek** in April.

Congratulations: **Gene Elrod, '65**, is completing his Ph.D. at UTA and has been named a Senior Lecturer in Accounting at the University of North Texas...**Mark "Spanky" Lamkin, '62**, was named First Place Winner with his '55 Chevy (For more on Mark's pride and joy see *Milestones, Winter 2009.*) in the Mild Hardtop A class at the Fort Worth Rod & Custom Show.

Notable: After her keynote speech for the Memorial Medical Center in Modesto, CA in March, **Meg Brown, '97**, (along with her mom **Cathy Bontley Brown, '63**) was delighted to meet attendee **Lewis Woodward, '46** and wife **Shirley, CBC** of Modesto.



Mark Lamkin behind the wheel of his '55 Chevy.

Colt Country Today

AND THE WINNER IS...

Long time coach, member of the **Class of 1969** and named Distinguished Colt Alumnus in 2005, **Alan Austin** added to his list of Arlington High accomplishments by winning the 2009 **Mr. Colt** contest. The Colt Cheerleaders sponsor this annual contest, or more accurately, this pageant in which the gentlemen of Colt Country compete in several areas to impress the audience and the judges.



In this year's contest, Alan lipsynched as the Indian in YMCA, wowed the crowd with how good he looked in his tuxedo in the formal competition, and ran away with the show when his grandson Ben, 6, and granddaughter Ella, 4, joined him in the funwear division. Our winner admits he shamelessly used his grandchildren to win the hearts of the judges. Ella is holding a sign which says "We love Pops" on one side and on the other? "Vote for Pops." And the judges did just that. Congratulations, **Mr. Colt—Alan Austin.**



AND ANOTHER WINNER IS...

Anyone who has been closely involved with Arlington High over the last few years knows first hand that our current Colts come in contact with excellent teachers. For years, the Kiwanis Club of Arlington has selected the Kiwanis Woodrow Counts Teacher-of-the-Year Award from the honorees of every school in town. For the past three years, AHS teachers have been proclaimed citywide secondary teachers-of-the-year. This year's honoree is a 22-year

NEW FEATURE: www.ahscolts-alumni.org. We are expanding the services and features of the AHS Alumni website. We've added an announcements section for current Colt activities as well as for Alumni needs and events. Send your special Announcements to ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net for posting.

Colt Country Today



Barbara Brown
Carole Bearden
Susan West

veteran of the Arlington High faculty. **Susan West, CBC**, teaches German and Theory of Knowledge—a requirement of the International Baccalaureate program. The two previous winners are Physics teacher **Barbara Beck Brown, AHS '64**, for the 2007-08 school year and English teacher **Carole Bearden, CBC** for 2006-07. Congratulations all three!

Side note: In the infant days of the AHS Alumni Association, **Susan West** coined the term **Colt By Choice**. Since 1996, this designation has welcomed all fans of Arlington High School to our **Association**, regardless of where they went to high school.



Mrs. West's surprise at winning delights her class.

AND EVEN MORE WINNERS ARE...

In addition to the above Teachers-of-the-Year, innumerable teachers at Arlington High have received gifts and grants from various foundations and organizations to supplement their classrooms and departments.

The **Arlington ISD Education Foundation** has awarded AHS over **\$47,000** in grants since the mid-1990s. Since 1998, your **Alumni Association** has donated **\$23,000** to the **AISD Education Foundation** to support grant applications from staff at AHS and its feeder schools. A partial list of **Foundation** grant winners at AHS includes **Dinah Menger, '77**, **Mary Jane O'Halloran Beane**, **Jonathan Szostek**, **Gay Anderson, '68**. On April 2, Alumni Board members presented the **AHS Alumni Association** grant from the **AISD Education Foundation** to **Principal Jennifer Young** and math teachers **Matt Alexander** and **Jill McCormack**. The grant will help fund "Activexpression Learner Response System" which generates immediate feedback to students and teachers during class in order to quickly gauge student understanding of presented material. **The Association's** support of the **Education Foundation** happens because of you, our members, who remember their days in high school and who choose to make a difference in the life of today's **AHS**.



Alumni board members deliver the grant to teachers, Matt Alexander and Jill McCormack. From left, **Beverly Reynolds, '48**, **Erin Chaney, '64**, McCormack, Principal Jennifer Young, **Jannette Workman, '54**, **Paul Swartz, '59**, **Kathy Havins, '76**, Alexander.



Math students enjoy the success of teachers, Matt Alexander and Jill McCormack.

STUDENT WINNERS AT AHS...

If you ever doubt that modern students at AHS don't measure up to those of yesteryear, think again. In partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Arlington, AHS has established the national Peer Assistance and Leadership program—PAL for short. Since 1993, students have applied for the privilege of mentoring elementary students, as well as their

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peers at AHS. The rigorous interview process—along with the pledge that PALs will refrain from drinking, smoking, doing drugs and situations where these activities occur—gleans students who are searching for a safe, healthy high school career of service to others. Teacher Jennifer Nguyen works with Program Support Specialist of Big Brothers Big Sisters Mary Boone who

says, “The AHS PALs are wonderful students of every type: jocks, cheerleaders, introverts, clowns, and those looking to exchange an unhealthy peer group for a productive one. They blend into the most amazing team of students who work together for the good of the community.”



PALs mentor and encourage elementary students—here with a high five.



A good toss results in a successful catch.

Welcome New Members

New and renewing members and Life members who recruit friends and family into the Alumni Association support the students and staff you have been reading about in these pages. Your money goes straight through us to AHS in scholarships, grants, Cash for Classrooms, and other gifts.

NEW MEMBERS

*Margie Austin, CBC
 *Mel Austin, '75
 AA Margie Austin, CBC
 Judith McCreer Garrity, '59
 Edith Foster Hoad, '66
 AA Effie Brewton Foster, '40
 Geary Hewett, '83
 John & Becky Graves Hughes, '69
 Michael Johnson, '62
 Gene & Maudie Davis Lam, '56/'63
 AA Cathy Brown, 63
 Martha Sue Martin Meek, '69
 Beverly Wallace Montgomery, '64
 Larry Nelson, '70
 Robert Oliver, '78
 Ana Pettit, '74
 John Robison, '69

Mark Sattler '89
 AA Melanie Sattler-Dennis, '85
 Bill Smith, '69
 Cheryl Hardy Springer
 & Bret Springer, 76/78
 Susan West (teacher), CBC
 *Life Member AA=Arlie's Angel

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jerry Bentley, '53
 Kent Cherry, '52
 John Menz, '59
 Melanie Sattler-Dennis, 85
 Memorials:
 For Tommy Walker, '51
 Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, '51
 Helen Hughes Schrickel, '51

UPGRADES TO LIFE

John & Jane Veres Elliott, '61/'66
 Rush & Jane McCreery Hart, '50/'54
 Jerry Fay Carter Montouri, '57
 Mary Ann Metcalf Polson, '71
 Rex & Dottie Mann Redden, '60/'62
 Marshall Rodriguez, '50
 Virginia Williams Terrell, '60

CASH FOR CLASSROOMS

Karen Cherry Cox, '76
 Theresa Gilmore, '74
 Juliana Reichenstein, '67
 Melanie Sattler-Dennis, '85
 Carol Bissett Thompson, '56

Reunion Arena

Class of 1954

July 30 (Thursday) Reception: 6:30pm - 10:00
for all 50s classes

July 31 - Class of '54 Banquet:

Happy Hour at 6:00; Banquet at 7:00

Crown Plaza, I 30 and 360 North

Tour of new Cowboys Stadium being planned.

Contact: Jerry & Sue Gray, jerry76013@aol.com
or 817.460.5453

Class of 1959

June 12 & 13

Plans include an informal gathering on Friday;
the Alumni Open House on Saturday;
historical tour; banquet at Rolling Hills.

To confirm mailing address contact

Judy Harmon Butler, jubutl@aol.com

or 817-483-9839 or Doris Collard Whitlock,
817-469-1971.

Class of 1969

September 26 at UTA Bluebonnet Room.

Contact: Don Bodenhamer, tcu1973@yahoo.com

Cindy Hickman Shelton,
cindyhshelton@yahoo.com

Class of 1974

June 6

Cuervo Club at the Ballpark in Arlington

7:30 pm to midnight; evening casual

Contact: Sondra Spracklen,

sparkle74@att.net;

reunionsbythepartypeople.com

or 800.725.5557

Special Parking reserved

for class due to George Strait concert.

Class of 1979

August 8

Cuervo Club at Ballpark in Arlington

Contact: reunionsbythepartypeople.com; 800.725.5557

Class of 1984

Plans are forming.

Contact: Grady Hicks at gradyhicks@gmail.com,
817.657.0845

Class of 1999

September 11 & 12

Friday: Homecoming Game and JGilligans

Saturday: Family picnic at Veterans Park;

plus evening Reunion Party.

Sign up: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Colts1999/>

Contact: Mindy Lethcoe Giles at mgiles819@yahoo.com



Still Colt fans,
this group from
the **Class of 1970**
tailgated for
the Mansfield
game last
November.

The **Alumni Band** is becoming a non-profit organization. We invite any and all alumni who were ever members of the **AHS Colt Band** to join us. The band's 30 members rehearse periodically throughout the year. Performances include the AHS Alumni Association Open House in June, July 4th parade, Homecoming, holiday performances at Lincoln Square, Mrs. Corey's Town Village retirement home, and the Arlington Parade of Lights. Please contact **Tanya Terrell-Weideman** (Class of 1981) at shadowlr@swbell.net or 817-797-8297.

Fourth of July Parade

At right, last year our entry in the parade was down to two cars, four grads and a grandson. This year we are looking for recent grads—those who can still fit into their Colt uniforms or AHS t-shirts—to add energy and size to our contingent. Ask your younger generation to contact Tonya Batchelor, 817.795.3766 or tonyadyann@sbcglobal.net. Of course, old grads are welcome, too. **Mac Martin, '61, Sally Denton Culver, '76, Marsha Matlock, '75, Cathy Bontley Brown, '63**, holding Colt Brown, Class of 2025.



AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

S2009



INDIVIDUAL

HOUSEHOLD

Annual

\$20 with \$10 annual renewal

\$25 with \$10 annual renewal

Life

\$100, no renewals

\$150, no renewals

Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Dues Enclosed \$ _____

Join online at www.ahscolts-alumni.orgName _____ Class of _____
(First) (Last) (Maiden)Address _____
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