



Dr. Luther Hilton, Foster, Sr.
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*Luther H. Foster High School Alumni Association
Newsletter*



Luther H. Foster High School

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Membership Renewal 2011

Happy New Year! Thank you for your membership dues (\$20.00) for 2010. It is a new year; therefore, it is time to renew again. Without your support, the association could not exist. Therefore, please send your dues in the enclosed envelope. Your funds help to give deserving graduates financial support to continue their educational goals. We value your membership and support. In addition, we appreciate your donation to the Civic League.

Mark Your Calendar

- ⇒ Summer Event (formerly Annual Picnic) -Saturday, July 16, 2011, details will follow in April Newsletter.
- ⇒ Scholarship applications are available upon request
- ⇒ Nottoway Annual Banquet-Saturday, April 2, 2011– 5:00 pm, Civic League Building (see article on page 2)
- ⇒ The next newsletter will be mailed in April. Please send any information that you would like to share with members by March 2, 2011.



Greetings from Your President

As this issue goes to press, we are ringing in a new year. What will make 2011 special for you?

It is special for me because God has blessed me to begin a new year. It does not matter how many challenges I may experience; He keeps on blessing me.

The officers who served in 2010 has agreed to serve again in 2011. Sandra Branch, president; Stanley Marshall, vice president; Bernice “Bea” Brito Mayo, secretary; Maude Lee, assistant secretary; Jessie King, treasurer; Ralph Branch, asst. treasurer.

We received an email from Mr. Pro-cise, Assistant County Administrator, stating that the County Board of Supervisors has designated Nottoway Training School and Luther H. Foster High School

as a potential addition to the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail. We agreed to assist in this effort when he began working on the application materials in the near future. We will keep you informed of the progress.

A framed picture of Dr. Luther Foster, as well as a framed picture of his family will be hung in the LHF Library.

Sad news: I received an email from Laura Charity, granddaughter of Dr. Foster, stating that her mother, Mrs. Virginia Foster Hendrick (daughter of Dr. Foster) passed away in October 2010. She was 95 years old. Let’s pray for the Foster Family, as well as all of the families who has lost a loved one.

We welcome your suggestions and comments. Hope to see you in July.

Love, Sandra



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Focus on the Beginning of a Partnership (Civic League)



Some thirteen years ago at the Second School-Wide Reunion, you the members of the Luther H. Foster Alumni Family agreed on the need for a "first class" community building in our county. This facility would be easily available for activities and not subject to approval, rejection or restrictions imposed by those on the outside.

You voiced your support and became a partner of the Nottoway Civic League in this endeavor. In April 1999, ground was broken and on April 6, 2002. The current Civic League building was dedicated with an area reserved to house the Luther H. Foster H.S. Memorial Library. Our community remains deeply indebted to the small group of concerned citizens from Burkeville, Creve and Blackstone who purchased the original 15 acres in 1981 and installed a Pre-Fab building. This building has been utilized down through the years and is still in use along side the old facility. Currently, a senior citizen program is being

conducted one day per week in each of these buildings. The activities that take place bring great joy to many of our elderly residents. In addition, the community holds family reunions, weddings, birthday celebrations, church picnics and many other socials, as well as educational events. Some Alumni members who live in other states reserve the building to house planned events for relatives back home in Nottoway. It is always reaffirming and heartwarming when out of town members use the facility.

On Saturday, April 2, 2011, the Annual Banquet will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. This is the major fund raiser of the year with the monetary support from the members of the Luther H. Foster Alumni Family being second. It would be wonderful to have an overflow crowd this year as a plaque will be dedicated in memory of the founders of the Nottoway Civic League. Thank you for your continued support!

By Sallie B. Rich, Secretary
Civic League

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Quick Facts



1929-1958
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.
1929-1968

- Birth: January 15, 1929, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Death: April 4, 1968, Memphis, TN, USA (assassination by gunshot)
- Known for: Leading the civil rights movement in the United States, Advocating non violent protest against segregation and racial discrimination
- Did you Know: King's nonviolent doctrine was strongly influenced by the teachings of Indian Leader Mohandas Gandhi
- In 1964, King became the first black American to be honored as Time Magazine's Man of the Year.
- King's efforts were not limited to securing civil rights; he also spoke out against poverty and the Vietnam War.

Milestones

- 1954 Selected as pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama
- 1955 Received his Ph.D. in systematic theology from Boston University
- 1955-1956 Led a successful effort to desegregate Montgomery, Alabama, buses
- 1957 Helped found and served as the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- 1958 Published *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*
- 1963 Wrote 'Letter from Birmingham Jail, arguing that it was his moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws
- 1963 Delivered his 'I have a Dream' speech to civil rights marchers at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- 1964 Won the Nobel Peace Prize
- 1965 Organized a mass march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, that created national support for federal voting-rights legislation
- 1968 Was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee

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IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the families of :

Rev. Robert Hurte '51
Lawrence Jennings '51
Lafayette Phillips '53
Willie Tucker, '65
Curtis Paige '68

If you know someone who should be listed, please let us know. Lanette Harris, Sick & Bereavement chair, can be reached at 434-292-3840 or email lutherhfoster@gmail.com

Romans 10:9-10



Salute to President Barack Obama



The Beginning



“Special Time”



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY

Class of 1964 Luther H. Foster High School SENIOR PROM



“Memory Lane”

*Join us for an elegant evening of fellowship, dinner and dance on our
Celebration*

Saturday May 28, 2011

8:00 pm-12 midnight @

The VFW

Mt. Nebo Road

Blackstone, Virginia

Ticket Information: ReMIT payments to:
Couples: \$25.00 LHFHS Class of 1964
Individual: 15.00 487 Old Richmond Road
Deadline: May 16, 2011 Blackstone, VA 23824

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**The event will be open to our schoolmates, faculty, family and friends. **We look forward to greet you May 28, 2011.

The Class of 1964 Activity Committee



Class of 1964 Announcement

The LHFHS Class of 1964 will participate in the Relay for Life, May 14, 2011 from 12 noon - 12 midnight at Nottoway Athletic Complex, Nottoway, Virginia. Our color is purple. Please visit our booth to “Support the Cause”. For additional details, you may contact:

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Class of 1961 Celebrates 50 Years

June 2011 will be 50 years since the Class of 1961 walked across the stage of Luther H. Foster High School. A celebration is being planned for Saturday, June 25, 2011 at Ft. Pickett Officers’ Club Blackstone, Virginia. The next planning meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2011 at Jack Green’s home in Crewe.

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FRIENDLY REMINDER

The alumni newsletter is our connection with alumni across the nation. Printed four times a year, it provides you with information about your classmates and keeps you connected with the association. Therefore, it is important to send in your dues.

In the past, newsletters were mailed to approximately 1000 classmates. Because of responses, costs of printing and stamps, we

decided to no longer mail the newsletter to members who have not paid their membership dues. Please encourage your classmates to send in their dues so that we can continue to honor the memory of Dr. Luther H. Foster, Sr. as well as carry on the memory and legacy of our beloved high school. **KEEP THE MEMORY AND LEGACY ALIVE!**



Affirmation

Oftentimes people will disappoint you and let you down. Just when the going gets tough, that is when they seem to abandon you. However, God promised “never to leave you nor forsake you,” and He will be a “friend that sticks closer than a brother.” So, when you’re feeling all alone without a friend in the world, remember, “There is not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one, No, not one.” Deuteronomy 31:8, Proverbs 18:24



By D. Stalling