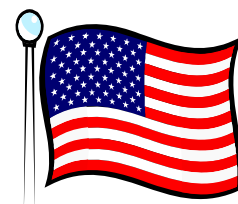


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Annual Fun Day!

Please join us for an Old Fashioned Cookout on Saturday, July 21, 2012—11:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M at the Nottoway Civic League, Blackstone, Virginia. A delicious meal, program and activities are planned especially for YOU.

Enclosed is the registration form. **Please fill it out and return before the deadline of Wednesday, July 11, 2012.** We look forward to you joining us. Note: also, for your convenience the registration form can be downloaded from the lutherhfoostercom website.

Menu

Fried Fish
Hush Puppies
Fresh Fruit Platters
Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Corn on Cob
Lemonade/water
Homemade Ice Cream
Assorted Cookies

Honoring All Veterans!

We are planning to recognize and honor all veterans who graduated/attended Luther H. Foster High School that served in any branch of the Armed Forces. We truly appreciate these men and women standing strong and protecting our country. Therefore, we are going to show them that we respect and care about their efforts to serve.

Your membership dues of \$20.00 have to be paid, plus fill out the enclosed registration form and return it.

We look forward to your participation.



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Class of 1950 Celebrates 62nd Class Reunion

The Nottoway Training High School, Class of 1950, will hold their 62nd Class Reunion on July 20, 2012, at 6:30 P.M. at the Nottoway Civic League, Nottoway, Virginia. The original graduating class consisted of sixty-four (64) members; to date there are thirty-one (31) active members who are participating in activities.

The Class of 1950 was the last class to graduate from the Nottoway Training

High School. We held our thirtieth (30th) Class Reunion in 1980, at the Blackstone Intermediate Cafetorium, with twenty-three (23) class members and guests attending. At this reunion, we were honored to have our Principal, Mr. James B. Woodson and one of our class sponsors, Mrs. Doris A Strode in attendance; both are now deceased.

At our 62nd Class Reunion, we will be honoring three

class sponsors, Mrs. Mildred J. Townes, Petersburg, Virginia; Mrs. Rosebud M. Hawkes, Blackstone, Virginia and Mrs. Ruth J. Pegram, Crewe, Virginia. The reunion committee would like to remind those members who are planning to attend the activities to get all monies in as soon as possible.

We look forward to this reunion and hope to see all of you on Friday, July 20, 2012.

By: Mrs. Marion L. Williams Dyson, '50
Class Coordinator



Class of '61 Raises The Bar

Reunion weekend, June 25-26, 2011 was another memorable milestone for the 1961 Class of Luther H. Foster High School. The class celebrated its 50th reunion.

On Saturday evening, Lauraetta, Clyde, Barbara, and Missouri welcomed classmates and spouses, families of deceased class members and teachers.

The evening began with a "Happy Hour," followed by catered heavy oeuvres. The evening program was emceed by classmate, Lauraetta Jones-Yates. Photos were taken throughout the evening by Chester A. Farmer, husband of classmate, Christina Christopher Farmer. Classmates were so happy to see each other, particularly those who had not attended a previous reunion, namely, Herbert Hill of Columbus, South Carolina, and Howard Hill of Richmond, Virginia.

The highlight of the program was Class of '61 travels down memory lane. Everyone had a chance to participate in the "Footprints from LHF to the Present". Class members shared stated ambitions listed in the yearbook to interesting revelations about retirement and/or current careers. How interesting were the revelations.

A memorial tribute was made to deceased classmates with six participating families from Chesapeake, VA; Baltimore, MD; Roanoke, VA; Alexandria, VA; Blackstone, Burkeville and Crewe, Virginia.

Special recognitions were given to Mrs. Alice Birkhead of Blackstone and Mrs. Florence Oliver of Crewe. Mrs. Ruth Pegram of Crewe was unable to

attend. Classmates and guests danced to the music while DJ "Chocolate Chip" of Richmond Radio Station WCLM played "Oldies but Goodies" and the group socialized past the midnight hour.

On Sunday, members of the class worshiped at Springhill Baptist Church in Blackstone and donated a love offering of \$200.00.

Classmates who attended were Missouri Birchette-Whidbee, Bernice Booth, Christina Christopher Farmer, McCarthy Downs, Ella Fitzgerald Caulk, Jack Green, Winston Guy, Herbert Hill, Avis Hurt Branch, Barbara Jennings McRae, Elwood Jones, Frances Jones Wilson, Lauraetta Jones Yates, Ora Lewis Oliver, Dexter Neal, Bernice Oliver Lewis, Shirley Oliver Kitchens, Lois Page Reynolds, Bernice Parham Brito-Mayo, Freddie Rather, Lula Rather Blackwell, Paul Robertson, Elsie Tucker Gholson, Joan Vaughter Tisdale, Clarence Walker, William Walker, Fred Wilson, Laura Woodson Peace, and Clyde Yates. The Class of 1961 looks forward to the next reunion and pray that all will remain in good health.

ommittee Members: Barbara J. McRae-Class President, Bea Brito-Secretary, Lauraetta J. Yates-Treasurer, Jack Green, Missouri B. Whidbee, Lois P. Reynolds, Clyde Yates, Bernice Booth, Elsie Tucker, Dexter Neal, Frances J. Wilson, Fred Wilson, Freddie Rather.

Bernice Brito-Mayo, '61
Class Coordinator



Nottoway Supervisors Elect New Chairman

Jack Green, Class of 1961, was elected Chairman of the Nottoway Board of Supervisors January 4, 2012. Mr. Green, the senior member of the Nottoway Board, was first elected in 1987. He has been re-elected six times-only once with opposition. He represents District Three.

Crewe Burkeville Journal

Dinwiddie Couple's Daughter to Receive Award in Harlem



The granddaughter of a late Blackstone couple will be recognized tomorrow (March 15th) in New York City.

Tifphani White will be presented the Harlem YMCA's 42nd National Black Achievers in Industry Award in New York City for her work at Deloitte Tax LLP and also her volunteer service in the neighboring communities. "I am absolutely excited about this honor particularly since my father received this award just 36 years ago, while my mother was pregnant with me," she told the Courier-Record this week.

Ms. White is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Hermase and Mrs. Fennette J. Tapon

of Blackstone, Virginia and the late Mr. Roy and Mrs. Ida White of New York City; and daughter of Mr. Jasper and Mrs. Iola T. White, Class of 1952, of Sutherland in Dinwiddie County.

Ms. White is a Tax Senior Manager in the International Tax Services Group in the New York City Office (World Financial Center) of Deloitte Tax LLP. She's a graduate of Columbia University and also St. John's University's School of Law.

Tifphani enjoys business travel throughout Europe and Asia. She is a frequent presenter at global tax technical and professional development conferences, workshops, trainings and webcasts.

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Echoes of the Past-Class of 1969

Miss Laura Jane Woodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rather of Crewe, was named to the Dean's List at Virginia State College for the first semester. She was a Junior, majoring in elementary Education.

Crewe Burkeville Journal

Jeffrey Fowlkes First Sermon

Jeffrey Fowlkes preached his initial sermon on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Dominion Worship Center, Crewe, Virginia. Brother Fowlkes was called to the ministry of Jesus Christ in February 2010.

He is the son of Waverly Fowlkes, Class of 66, and Margaret Fowlkes.

Crewe Burkeville Journal



50th REUNION-Class of '62

The Class of '62 has started the year with several activities being planned to celebrate their 50th Reunion. Several of the classmates, family and friends went to the Landmark Theater to see the play, *Lion King*. Everyone enjoyed it; the cast and costumes were amazing. Afterwards, they had a delightful evening and enjoyed a delicious dinner in a private room at the Red Lobster Restaurant. Those in attendance were Charles and Patricia Daniels, James Lee, Benjamin Stith, Alfred and Catherine Holt, Gwendolyn Lewis and grandson, Edith Smith and granddaughter, William Irby, James Epps (Lillian joined him for dinner), Joan Bates, David Dobbins, Elizabeth Crawley, Maude Lee, Richard Rather, Sallie Rich, and Mrs. Alice Birkhead.

The next event will be in the Washington-Maryland area. Warren Johnson is hosting the classmates in August at the Gaylord Hotel, National Harbor, Maryland. A dinner-cruise is planned on the *Spirit of Washington*.

Finally, in September, a train ride to New Orleans is on the horizon. The men seem to be very excited that they can leave the driving to someone else and relax. We are encouraging more classmates to come on and make plans to join us. Also, an invitation is extended to anyone who would like to take the ride. **Happy 50th Reunion!**

Maude Lee, '62
Class Coordinator

Chairwoman NLB Accepts Check



Nottoway County Supervisor Sherman Vaughn presents Martha Branch, Class of 1959, chairwoman of the Nottoway Library Board (NLB), with a check for \$200. Mr. Vaughn's name was chosen at a recent conference for local governments in Virginia and presented the check to support his county's local library system. (photo courtesy of Chuck Koutnik)

Crewe Burkeville Journal

Alumnae Native Leads Fight Against Obesity, Diabetes



A woman who grew-up in Blackstone continues to enjoy a distinguished career at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where she's leading efforts for better nutrition, health, and wellness education.

Carolyn M. Tucker, Ph. D., is a 1968 graduate of the former Luther Foster High School in Nottoway County and currently serves as a Professor of Psychology; a Professor of Community Health and Family Medicine, Affiliate Professor of Pediatrics, a Research Foundation Professor, and is the only minority Distinguished Alumni Profes-

sor at the University.

A recent published article about Dr. Tucker points out how she "was raised in a small Virginia Country town, in a family low in income but rich in love and support. Part of showing that love was preparing large home-cooked meals that may have nourished the soul, but inadvertently fed the body too much saturated fat and cholesterol."

Dr. Tucker, who once weighed more than 200 pounds says, "For many African-Americans, food is a way of expressing our love and affection and honoring our past."

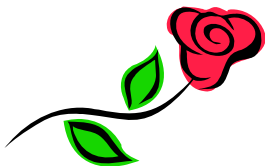
To protect families such as hers from obesity, hypertension, diabetes, and other illnesses, Dr. Tucker launched the Family Health Self Empow-

erment Project for Modifying and Preventing Obesity, Funded by a \$1.1 million grant, the project promotes healthier lifestyles among children, adolescents, and their caregivers in low-income families. Dr. Tucker is the daughter of Mrs. Arethea Tucker and the late Mr. Thomas Tucker; she's the god-daughter of Mrs. Rena Brown and the late Mr. Charles Brown, all of Blackstone.

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GET WELL WISHES

We extend heartfelt well wishes to all of our members who are working through health and other issues. May God continue to bless you!



IN MEMORIAM

Romans 10:9-10, KJV

We extend heartfelt condolences to the families of:



- Doretha Foster, '59
- Sherman Knight, '62
- Velma Allen, '65
- Louis Berkeley, '70

If you know someone who should be on the sick or deceased list, please contact Lanette Harris, Sick & Bereavement chair, at 434-292-3048 or email lutherfoster@gmail.com



Blackstone Church Rallies for St. Paul's College



Mt. Nebo Baptist Church here have raised more than \$5,700 for St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia .

Mt. Nebo's Trustee Ministry, back on February 25, 2012, hosted a Black History Program and sponsored a fundraiser for Saint Paul's which is on the list of "Endangered HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges & Universities).

Donations were received from numerous surrounding churches, civic organizations, and individuals.

Many of Saint Paul's graduates, ranging from the years 1954 to about 2003, were recognized and led the congregation in singing St. Paul's Alma Mater. A check for \$5,723.07 was presented to

Patricia Watkins, a representative of St. Paul's College. The program's theme was "Lest we Forget." Dr. Mary Gordon West, a career educator of Richmond, Virginia delivered a powerful message entitled, "The things we ought not to forget."

Program Chairperson Lillian Epps, Class of 1962, Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, Richard Rather, Class of 1967, Rev. Dr. Joseph Fields, Jr., Pastor, and the entire Mt. Nebo Baptist Church family extend thanks to all who participated and supported this worthwhile cause.

Please always remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Life most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing to help others?" Pictured above from left: Lillian Epps, Pastor Joseph B. Fields, Jr., Richard Rather, Patricia Watkins

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Alumni Donates to Saint Paul's College

How many of you graduated from Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia? There are many of alums who graduated from this college. As we know, "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste." Saint Paul's College is on the list of "Endangered Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs).

We saw the need to help support the fundraising project sponsored by Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Trustee Ministry. We donated \$200 to this worthy cause. As a result, we received a letter thanking us for our support and donation.



Blackstone Community Chorus Celebrates Black History Month

The month of February is a very busy month for the Blackstone Community Chorus. The chorus, which consists mostly of graduates from Luther H. Foster High School, performs a four act musical play/gospel concert that portrays the struggles of the African American Slaves. The production is entitled *Old Fashion*. The play, begins with the slaves working in the cotton field. The second act of the play is a re-enactment of the slaves stealing away from the Master to worship their God at their secret church location. The third act of the play evolves into concert format in which the chorus performs those traditional gospels songs that provided comfort and hope to the African American Society as they endured racism and injustice. The chorus ends their celebration with contemporary gospel songs that continue to unite the African American Community today.

This year's performances were held at the R.Z.U.A Headquarters in LaCrosse, VA; Poplar Lawn Baptist Church in Blackstone, VA; Union R.Z.U.A. Church in Meredithville, VA; and St. Peters R.Z.U.A. Church in Church Roads, VA.

Pictured to the right are some of the Luther H. Foster Alumni who participated in the production of *Old Fashion*. The photos show them in African dress and slave attire. Alumni members who participate in the production of "*Old Fashion*" but are not pictured include Evelyn Oliver Bolling, Class of 1959, Evelyn Fortune Morgan, Class of 1965, and Sue Ellen Mitchell, Class of 1960. To get more information or to bring the play to your church or community event, contact Evelyn Morgan at 434 - 292 -3033.

James Clarke, '67
Class Coordinator



Jean Hobbs, '67



J. Leroy Clarke, '67



Carrie Epps, '50



Geraldine Gaines, '60



Verna Rhoades, '69



Ruth Williams, '61

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2012-Regular Meeting Schedule

6:30 p.m.

Nottoway Civic League
LHF Library
Blackstone, Virginia

May 24, 2012

July 26, 2012

September 27, 2012

November 29, 2012

Because of YOU,
the memory and legacy live on!

THANK YOU

IMPORTANT DATES



Please mark your calendar!



Annual Fun Day
Saturday, July 21, 2012

3-day School-Wide Reunion !
July 19-21, 2013

From the President's Desk

Luther H. Foster Alumni...Together We Stand!

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a safe and happy winter season. May God continue to bless you.

Thank you for your membership dues and donations to the Civic League.

I look forward to seeing classmates, friends and family at the Annual Fun Day.

If you have any concerns, questions/ comments, please feel free to share them with us.

Peace and Blessings, Sandra



Scripture Readings

King James Version - Philippians 4:7
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

King James Version - Isaiah 26: 3
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Ephesians 1:16, KJV
"Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers"

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