



# THE ALUMNUS

**MURPHY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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## **Murphy Alumni Association Executive Committee**

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## **MESSAGE FROM MAA PRESIDENT**

As our President has been away with work for the last weeks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Carmen Kearley-liaison to the school- is writing this issue's letter.

Greetings, Alumni members! I am on staff at Murphy and have been living with the renovation effort for one and a half years now, most of it involving the Main Building. The general plan for the work is that a section of the building will be cleared. The teachers are relocated to the portable classrooms located off of South Street. The rooms are cleared out and then the work begins. The windows are addressed first: the old glass is removed, the iron frames scraped and primed, then panes of non-breakable material are mounted. Once the room is dried in, the old flooring is removed, the plaster walls are repaired, the new flooring is installed, and the windows and walls are painted. The lighting and wiring are both being upgraded. Each room has a custom cabinet installed, as well as new teacher and student desks. The halls are also getting new lighting but the tile floors not being replaced, just repaired as needed. Once an area is completed, the teachers from the portables move back in and the next area begins. The office area has been under construction for almost 8 months, but should finally be occupied with a week or two. The entire area has been reconfigured to meet today's requirements for space and functionality. Work has just begun on the south end of the building, both upstairs and downstairs. The HVAC system is also being upgraded throughout the building. The big news? Murphy finally really does have an elevator!

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Another area under renovation is the Lois Jean Delaney Auditorium. The entire HVAC system is being upgraded. The front steps have been removed and re-poured. The south-west finial that was destroyed by the tornado is currently being replaced.

I think the students and faculty are most excited about the work being done on the arcades. After two years of running through rain to change classes, the roofs on the arcades are almost complete. The grounds of the campus are a mess, especially after this rainy winter we have had, but great progress is being made on the buildings and I know that the landscape will be restored once the construction is over.

## MURPHY HALL OF FAME PLANNED

The 15th Annual Murphy Hall of Fame Induction is being planned for April 24, 2016, 3:00 p.m. and will be held in the Murphy High School Cafeteria. Please mark your calendars if you plan to attend. Call your reservation in to 251-586-6144 and leave a message or email [murphyalumni1926@comcast.net](mailto:murphyalumni1926@comcast.net). You may pay your \$10 ticket at the door. Refreshments will be served.

If you would like to nominate someone from your class who has had an outstanding career, performed significant community service, or may have made a profound impact on the lives of others through their talents and achievements, you may download an application from the web site, [murphyalumni.org](http://murphyalumni.org). Completed application is due February 28, 2016. The Murphy Hall of Fame is a time to honor our distinguished alums.

## MAA ANNUAL MEETING

The Murphy Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on April 3, 2016. The meeting will be held at Roshell's at 2904 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36607 at 1:30 P.M. The order of business includes a review of the past year's accomplishments and finances, and the election of officers. Attendees may order lunch (at their own cost) from a limited menu. Please make your reservations by email to [murphyalumni1926@comcast.net](mailto:murphyalumni1926@comcast.net) or call Carmen Kearley, 251-473-3119

## IN MEMORY OF PAST ALUMNI & TEACHERS

C.D. "Lefty" Anderson MHS Coach & MC Athletic Director	01/21/16	Anne M. Inge '51 MHS English teacher	04/26/15
William H. Stimpson '37	01/17/15	William Buck Taylor '37	08/29/15
Coleman Inge '45	01/27/15	Dr. Sidney C. Phillips, Jr. '41 MHS Hall of Fame	09/26/15
Donald Fay Pierce '47	02/05/15	Desmond Toler '59	11/24/15
Eugene Cox '27	03/07/15	Dr. Ira H. Peak, Jr. '60	11/30/15
Bruce Dudley '59	03/17/15	Dr. Sidney J. Gray, Jr. '43 MHS Hall of Fame	12/03/15
Ruby Pierce MHS Civic/Gov't teacher	03/18/15	William B. "Bill" Carpenter '42	12/20/15

Recognition of Murphy High School alums and teachers that are deceased is a new addition to The Alumnus. If you desire to write a brief memoriam of past alums for the web site, please send to [murphyalumni1926@comcast.net](mailto:murphyalumni1926@comcast.net). MAA will post any donations made in their honor.

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### Class of '45

For semi-annual luncheons contact: Bob McLeod, 251-928-0099; Dick Havron, 251-342-7589

**Class of '47** Luncheons are every other month on the third Tuesday. Contact: Ina Shaw: 251-414-1418 or Dick Allen: [dickallen63@comcast.net](mailto:dickallen63@comcast.net)

### Class of '49

Quarterly luncheon, (June 19, 2015) Felix's Fish Camp, 11:30 a.m. Contact Charlie Green, 251-626-7357, [diwindsong@att.net](mailto:diwindsong@att.net)

### Class of '51

Semi-annual luncheon: Contact: Connie Vickery McClelland, [mccllelland1@gmail.com](mailto:mccllelland1@gmail.com); Beth Cannon Holsonback, [beth@holsonback.net](mailto:beth@holsonback.net), 251-626-3044 or Ruby Caro Brill, 251-989-2244

### Class of '55

Quarterly luncheon held on the fourth Saturday of January, April, July & October, 11:30 am., Felix's Fish Camp, Contact: Iris Lundy Anderson, 251-479-3510 Web site: [murphyclass55.com](http://murphyclass55.com)

**Class of '59** Monthly luncheons, Contact: Diane Miller, (251) 222-2498 cell, [millerdianed@bellsouth.net](mailto:millerdianed@bellsouth.net)

### Class of '60

Contact Barbara Harris, 251-342-9677 Web site: [murphy1960.com](http://murphy1960.com)

Mini-Reunion-April 2, 2016, Mobile Yacht Club, 11:30 am, \$30 All classmates and guest are welcome!

### Class of '63

Mini-reunion October 24, 2015; Lake Forest Yacht Club, Daphne, AL; 4:00; \$30 pp. Contact: George Vogtner, 633-6130, [gw95494@bellsouth.net](mailto:gw95494@bellsouth.net); Linda Brewton Strong, 345-3302, [linda\\_B\\_strong@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_B_strong@yahoo.com); Patti Bean Vickery, 639-9917, [plvickery@aol.com](mailto:plvickery@aol.com); Web site: [murphy1963.com](http://murphy1963.com)

### Class of '66

50th Reunion, June 10-1, 2016, Contact: Dan Detman, [djdetman@att.net](mailto:djdetman@att.net); Website: [mhsreunion66.com](http://mhsreunion66.com)

### Class of '91

25th Reunion, June 17-18, 2016, GulfQuest Maritime Museum; Contact: [mhspanthers91@gmail.com](mailto:mhspanthers91@gmail.com) or DeBekka Watson, [watson33101@att.net](mailto:watson33101@att.net)

**Class contact information is published on the website: [murphyalumni.org](http://murphyalumni.org), REUNIONS.**

## MURPHY SCHOOL NEWS



The **JV Boys Basketball** team and coach Douglas July, Jr. "cleaned the grounds" by raking and bagging leaves at the Ronald McDonald House on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. They were given a tour and informed how the house benefits the needs of families of USA Children's & Women's Hospital.

The **Junior Historic Society** has been active by participating in the Historic Midtown Clean-up program in December, joining an archaeological dig with South Alabama which involved a promotional video for MCPSS history department in November, and were active in the September Coastal Clean-up. Pictures are located on the JHS web site.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Mullins, **Science Department** chair and teacher, students Nadeerah Abdul-Addarr and Wendy Mateo were awarded \$600 scholarships. Murphy's Science department received \$4000 of lab equipment. The two students were recognized at the Emerging Scholars program for their outstanding presentation of work performed at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab during the summer.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Dr. Christina Stagner Wolfe was an International Baccalaureate graduate with honors at Murphy High School in 2002. She became interested in veterinary medicine and caring for animals at a young age. After attending Auburn University College of Agriculture of Pre-Vet/Animal Sciences, Dr. Wolfe attended St. Georges University school of Veterinary Medicine from 2008-2012. She worked as an associate DVM for six months at Banfield Pet Hospital in Newnan, GA and transferred to Pensacola, FL for two years. Dr. Wolfe returned home to Mobile in 2013 and works at the Small Animal Clinic on Hillcrest Road. Currently she is a member of Mobile Veterinary Medical Association, Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and American Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Christina Wolfe married Ben Wolfe of Jackson, AL February 28, 2015 and currently reside in Semmes, AL. They have two dogs, Callie, a six year old Caribbean mutt and Baylee, a 2 year old Lab.

Murphy Alumni Association, Inc.  
 Membership Application/Renewal/Gift  
 (Membership Dues are renewable annually in January)



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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2014-15 YEAR GRADUATE Receives Newsletter, *FREE*
- \_\_\_\_\_ PANTHER LEVEL Receives Newsletter & Alumni Certificate, \$25 INDIVIDUAL or \$35 COUPLE
- \_\_\_\_\_ BLUE LEVEL Receives Newsletter, Certificate, & Alumni Lapel Pin, \$50 INDIVIDUAL
- \_\_\_\_\_ GOLD LEVEL Receives Newsletter, Certificate, Alumni Lapel Pin, & Alumni Paperweight, \$100 INDIVIDUAL
- \_\_\_\_\_ TOWER LEVEL Receives Newsletter, Certificate, Alumni Lapel Pin, Paperweight, & One Memorial Brick, \$250 INDIVIDUAL
- \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to order: MEMORIAL BRICK. \$50 (up to 3 lines) (18 characters per line)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to order: RESTORATION PLAQUE. \$100 (up to 3 lines) (18 characters per line)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to order: TREE FUND PLAQUE. \$100 Acorn Level, \$500 Sapling Level, \$1000 Mighty Oak Level
- \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to send a GIFT MEMBERSHIP TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE.

(I will notify the alumni or friend my gift has been donated. I understand the Alumni Association will not notify the person of my gift.)

For more information contact Marion Stille, 251-665-0509.

Forms for bricks, restoration, and tree fund will be sent to the above address.

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