



**MURPHY**  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**THE**  
**ALUMNUS**  
 March 2012

**Murphy Alumni Association**  
**Executive Committee**

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Mike McNair '70, President  
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**HALL OF FAME AND MAA ANNUAL MEETING**

*Murphy Alumni Annual Meeting &  
 12th Annual Hall of Fame Induction*

*April 29, 2012 3:00 P.M.*

*Tickets \$10*

*12 & Under Free*

*Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & Entertainment*

*Murphy High School Cafeteria*

*Reservations required by April 24, 2012*

*Carmen Kearley 473-3119*

***Inductees***

*Julian D. Sawyer, Col. USAF '46*  
*Charles E. "Buddy" Davis '50*  
*Kathryn Calogrides Coumanis '55*  
*Todd Strange '62*

***Posthumous Inductees***

*George R. Harris, Jr. '42*  
*Janice Thames Wiseman '45*

**HALL OF FAME EVENT**

Last year Frederick F. Denton, Jr. '49, James C. Gray '49, Dr. Sidney C. Phillips, Jr. '41, Dr. Frances A. Garner '45, Emily Staples Hearin '32, and B.G Robert H. McInvale, Jr. '60 were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Linda Sparkman received the Lifetime Achievement Award. We are delighted again to have the Murphy High School Culinary class to beautifully prepare and serve heavy hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment before and after the meeting and ceremony will be performed by the Murphy Chorus and Jazz Band. The Jazz Band will perform from 2:15 pm until 3:15 pm. The Chorus will sing during the reception.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance or the day of the event. Children 12 and under are free. Please call Carmen Kearley, 251-473-3119, to place your reservation.

Join your alumni group as we recognize those graduates whose accomplishments and contributions to the community, state or nation are such as to bring great honor to Murphy High School. We encourage classmates of this year's inductees to attend and show your support. The Alumni Association will also recognize past MAA presidents.

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### Class of '42

April 25, 2012, 11:00 am, Semi-annual luncheon at Via Senior Citizens Center, 1717 Dauphin St. Contact: Gwendolyn Coan Carey, 251-661-4703

### Class of '45

April 5, 2012, 10:30 A.M., Buffet Lunch, Oliver's Restaurant in the Admiral Semmes Hotel, Contact: Bob McLeod, 251-928-0099; Dick Havron, 251-342-7589

### Class of '47

Luncheon: March 20, 2012, Tuesday, 11:30 at Red Lobster, 3941 Airport Blvd. (251-342-1660) Luncheons are every other month on the third Tuesday. Contact: Ina Shaw: 251-414-1418 Dick Allen: [dickallen63@comcast.net](mailto:dickallen63@comcast.net)

### Class of '49

Quarterly luncheon, March 23, 2012 Felix's Fish Camp, 11:30 a.m. Contact Charlie Green, 251-626-7357, [diwindsong@bellsouth.net](mailto:diwindsong@bellsouth.net)

### Class of '51

Semi-annual luncheon: March 17, 2012, O'Charley's at I-65 Service Rd, 11:30 am. 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 '52

60th Reunion, April 20-22, 2012, Hampton Inn on Royal St. on Friday; Bienville Club Luncheon on Sat., Contact: Bob Burton, 251-928-6311; Martha Jane Mayes Shoulders, 251-476-4989

### Class of '55

Quarterly luncheon, April 28, 2012, 11:30 am., Felix's Fish Camp, Contact: Iris Lundy Anderson 251-479-3510

### Class of '59

Monthly luncheon March 30, 2012, 12:30 –3:00 P.M., The Harbor Lady Cruise, \$25 includes lunch. Deadline is March 26. Contact: Diane Miller, (770) 634-0562 cell, [millerdianed@bellsouth.net](mailto:millerdianed@bellsouth.net)

**Class of '60** Birthday Bash Reunion, March 24, 2012, Carnival (Mardi Gras) Museum, 6:30 pm, Buffet, drinks, & tour-\$15. Casual attire. Contact Barbara Harris at 251-342-9677 or web site: [murphy1960.com](http://murphy1960.com)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Each of our newsletters contains a membership form in hopes that it will be passed on to future members. Membership Fees are due in January but some may have joined during the year. In the future please remit your dues close to the January deadline to expedite the treasurer's work. Our primary source of funds for projects such as Carlen House, wrought iron fencing, sidewalks, the panther statue, outside lighting, landscaping, trees, the electrical work on the courtyard fountain and this Newsletter is from your DUES. Please solicit others to join and participate! Thanks to those who have already mailed your membership dues.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OFFICERS

The following people have been nominated as 2012-13 MAA officers:

President: Carmen Kearley  
1st Vice President: Ryan McKee  
2nd Vice President: Sonya Sullivan  
Treasurer: Theodore Kearley  
Secretary: Diane Miller

The Nominating Committee will accept names from the floor at the annual meeting, April 29. President Mike McNair will summarize the past year's projects and announce future projects.

## ALUMNI GARDEN

Board member Ryan McKee with the assistance of Guy Miller verified that all electrical wiring to the eight lights in the garden were intact. The bulbs and ballasts were replaced as recommended. Since Mercury Vapor Bulbs were banned in 2008, the fixtures were fitted with Metal Halide bulbs and new globes were purchased and installed. Old bricks were replaced and new memorial bricks added according to Diane Miller.

**Class of '62** 50th Anniversary Reunion will be held April 20-21, 2012 at the Mobile Marriott Hotel. For more information contact: Lois Rohmer Smith, 251-666-4029, [smitty3344@bellsouth.net](mailto:smitty3344@bellsouth.net) Jackie Steadman Elder, 251-661-9524, [jerryelder@att.net](mailto:jerryelder@att.net)

**Class of 1970** "Mobile Mix of High Schools"—Murphy, Shaw, Davidson, McGill/Toolen, UMS, Wright—Reunion, March 17, 2012 at Oak Hollow Farm in Fairhope, AL, 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., \$50, buffet, karaoke & disc jockey. Reservation deadline: February 28. Contact: Saijee Ryals MHS, 214-729-3767; Debbie Richards SHAW, 251-895-7146; Jimmy Lyon DHS, 251-366-5966; Tim Avinger McGill/Toolen, 832-516-3519.

**Class of '77** 35th Reunion, April 14, 2012 at Tacky Jack's on the Causeway. Contact Douglas B. Kearley, 251-473-7553; [dbkearley@aol.com](mailto:dbkearley@aol.com)

## MURPHY HAPPENINGS

### April 3—Fine Arts Gala

The drama, chorus, dance company, jazz band and string ensemble will present “An Evening of Jazz” in the Murphy High School auditorium at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and will include a reception catered by the Culinary Arts department. The Jazz Band and String Ensemble will be providing some mood music.

### May 9—Murphy Chorus

The FREE event will be in the Murphy High School auditorium at 7:00 pm.



### Mighty Marching Panthers Parade in Ireland

This St. Patrick's Day, Murphy High School's band will celebrate with a performance in a parade in Killarney, Ireland.

“We have done the St. Patrick's parade in Dublin twice, in 2000 and 2004,” said Murphy band director Stan Chapman. “We opted to do a parade in a smaller town this time to give the students a better perspective of a traditional Irish small town. Dublin is a wonderful international city, but we thought that we would try for a different perspective this time.”

The group of 127 students and chaperones will leave for Ireland on March 12 and will return to Mobile on March 20.

Over the last two years the group has raised \$250,000 through multiple fundraisers such as Murphy football program ads, poinsettia sales, and a gift wrap booth at the mall, along with corporate donations.

In addition to performances in Dublin and Killarney, the band's itinerary includes visits to the Blarney stone, a horse farm, the port city of Cobh, and participation in a cailleigh, a traditional dance.

“A previous principal at Murphy pointed out that there are many important parts of education that do not happen in a classroom. Travel is one of them,” said Chapman. “It gives a student an unprecedented chance to broaden their horizons, observe different cultures, and realize that there are other ways of living life than the way we do it. An added bonus is that, as a performing groups, you get these incredible experiences of making music in new and different places.”

By Christie Lovvorn, Press-Register Correspondent.

### ENGRAVED PLAQUES

Committee member, Diane Miller is making an inventory of the Murphy Auditorium Plaques. If your name is missing from the list please contact Diane: 770-634-0562 cell, [millerdianed@bellsouth.net](mailto:millerdianed@bellsouth.net).

Memory Col. Glen Barlow '47  
Mar Berkhout  
Mollie Briskman '02  
Larry E. Bush '56  
June Kroutter Campbell '49  
Bess Coleman '92  
Marilyn Sayra Dees '41  
Chester Feagan '47  
Jason P. Ferguson '02  
Johnnie R. Gibson (2)  
Anne E. Hollis '40  
Charles Jonathan Hollis, M.D. '46  
Wilma Hannah Lott '51  
Memory of Margaret Benson Ludlow '60 (4)  
Anna Mandeville/Inge Class of '51/Sr. Sponsor '86-'99  
Phyllis & Franklin McDonald (7)  
Michael McNair '70  
Emily Bell McNally '41  
Matthew S. Metcalf '49  
Phyllis Fly Metcalf '48  
Mobile Gas (2)  
Charlotte Moody/David Moody '49, '55 (1)  
Murphy Junior Historic Society  
Jim "Gate" Nelson, Ann Gonzales Nelson '45 (1)  
Sara Fly Shuster '51  
Frances A. Sibley/Murphy's Best/Love MLMH '59  
Alvin T. Simmons/Faculty '64-'84  
Linda S. Sparkman/Principal '87-'95  
Summit Detailing/Sylvia Sawyer Largay '51  
Honor of Class of 1954/Anna S. Tisdale  
Connie Sandley Waiswilows '77  
Honor of David Walthall '94  
Honor of Claiborne Walthall '98  
Honor of Carolyn Walthall '67  
Charles Weston, Carol Weston (1)  
Dr. Benjamin Buford Williams '42

### PLAQUES TO BE ENGRAVED

James Bodiford (2 - waiting on info)  
Shirley J. Hays '52  
Mary Irma Jackson Sheehy  
Bryant Westerfield Sheehy  
Memory of Terry A. Traczewitz '67  
Lambert Waltman '38

Please email future Alumni Class Events for the newsletter to  
[www.romonet1@comcast.net](mailto:www.romonet1@comcast.net)

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## Membership Application/Renewal/Gift

(Membership Dues are renewable annually in January)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ **2011 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) **CHECK IS ENCLOSED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: AUDITORIUM SEAT NAME PLAQUE. \$100** CHECK IS ENCLOSED.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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 or seat inscriptions will be sent to the above address.**

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