



# THE ALUMNUS

## MURPHY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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March 2014

### Murphy Alumni Association Executive Committee

#### Officers

Carmen Kearley '82, President  
Ryan McKee '03, 1st Vice President  
Sonya Sullivan '93, 2nd Vice President  
Diane Miller '59, Secretary  
Theodore Kearley '80, Treasurer  
Mike McNair '70, Past President

#### Members At Large

Marion Stille '64  
Monetta Noland '60  
Barbara Harris '60  
Marian Jackson '59  
Linda Langston '58  
Jim Younce '58

### MESSAGE FROM MAA



It has been busy for Murphy and for the Alumni Association for the past several months. On 24 February

Astronaut Kay Hire, Class of 1977, addressed a group of students, sharing a DVD of her most recent shuttle flight to the International Space Station. She also participated in planting live oaks donated to Murphy by Dr. Eichold and his sister, descendants of Dr.

### HALL OF FAME EVENT

*Murphy Alumni Association, Inc.  
Invites You To The*

*13th Annual Hall of Fame Induction*

*April 27, 2014 2:00 P.M.*

*Murphy High School Cafeteria*

*Tickets \$10*

*12 & Under Free*

*Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & Entertainment*

*Reservations required by April 23, 2014*

*R.S.V.P. 251-545-3200*

*Tickets may be purchased at the door.*

#### *Inductees*

*Billy C. Bedsole '57  
James L. Busby '64  
James M. Eubanks, Col., U.S.A. '48  
Kathryn "Kay" P. Hire, Cpt., U.S.N. '77  
Carolyn Bishop Stone, Ed.D '68  
John M. Tyson, Jr. '70*

#### *Posthumous Inductees*

*John Cooke Brewton, Lt., U.S.N. '61  
Andrew H. Diamond '37  
Joy Donaldson, Ed.D '60  
Sherrell Hoffman '56*

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.

Bernard Eichold who was responsible for almost all of the beautiful live oak trees on campus.

Basketball season is winding down; and soccer, track, baseball, softball are in the middle of their season. Girls' basketball did well in their region and finished in the playoffs. The MAA was involved in the post-season play by sponsoring the girls' second trip to Dothan. Our association was able to pay for a charter bus to transport the girls for this second round, where unfortunately they were defeated by Blount High School.

Coach Agee, head softball coach, and two of his players were present at the board meeting with a list of softball needs. The Association was able to make a donation of \$1500 to support the program. Additional needs amounted to more than \$5000.00. Please refer to the article on this page if you can provide assistance. We are also addressing needs of both the golf and the track teams. While the goal of our group is primarily to support educational excellence, promote camaraderie amongst alumni, and to encourage community involvement in school activities; we acknowledge that sports are important to the spirit of current students and alumni and we are pleased to be able to help these school groups maintain Murphy's tradition of excellence in sports as well.

Soon the Alumni Garden should be revealing evidence of some growth now that the "Great Winter of 2014" is over.

Significant up-coming events for our MAA begin with the Annual Meeting on March 30 at Roshell's on Springhill Avenue at 1:00 PM. A special limited menu will be available; and tea, beer and wine will be furnished by the Association. Another important event is our double (2013 and 2014) Hall of Fame Induction ceremony and reception, scheduled for 27 April **at 2:00 PM** at Murphy High School. As no Hall of Fame members were inducted last year, this year we will have a double class. The ceremony will be held in the cafeteria followed by a reception provided by the culinary department.

This will be my final letter to you as president of the Alumni Association. This has been a time of excitement and frustration. My term started well with repairs on the Alumni Garden lighting and a new fence for the Carlen House. Trees were trimmed and mulch applied. The Tree Care Fund was created and received a great response from our members. Mutt Mitt dispensers were installed in popular dog walking areas. Then, on Christmas day, everything changed. Plans remain for the grounds, the campus lighting, and the Carlen House. However, the Carlen House

reconstruction requires coordination with the MCPSS vocational classes; and much of the landscaping, lighting, and brickwork must be put on hold until school renovations are completed. Our next president will continue to plan and complete as many projects as possible within the constraints under which we are currently working. Thank you for your membership and for your support. Please become more active to keep Murphy strong and beautiful!

### GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM NEEDS HELP

The Alumni Association contributed \$1500 to the Girl's Softball Team on February 5, 2014. The softball sport did not receive any compensation for their loss of equipment incurred from the 2012 Christmas Tornado. The Murphy softball team has participated in raising funds through Gourmet Apple sales, bagging groceries, and shirt sales but there continues to be a tremendous need and therefore appeal for your support. Please contact Coach Agee, 251-221-3191, if you would care to contribute equipment or donate to the team.

### MURPHY PRINT AVAILABLE

Many alumni have enjoyed wearing our newest print of Murphy on T-shirts and using the imprinted mugs. Now a print ready for framing is available for \$30.00 plus S&H. The 12"x16" watercolor print by artist Michelle Wise is signed and numbered and allows room for double-matting.

To order a print, send an email to: [murphyalumni1926@comcast.net](mailto:murphyalumni1926@comcast.net) with your name, address, and phone number. Prints will be mailed in a tube. See picture in full color on the web site: [murphyalumni.org](http://murphyalumni.org).



## ALUMNI EVENTS

### Class of '42

Meet semi-annually, 11:00 am, luncheon at Via Senior Citizens Center, 1717 Dauphin St. Contact: Gwendolyn Coan Carey, 251-661-4703

### 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, 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, [mcclelland1@gmail.com](mailto:mcclelland1@gmail.com); Beth Cannon Holsonback, [beth@holsonback.net](mailto:beth@holsonback.net), 251-626-3044 or Ruby Caro Brill, 251-989-2244

### Class of '53 & '54

Contact Joe Fisher, 251-649-0516 or Gene Barnes, 251-460-0577.

### Class of '55

Quarterly luncheon, 11:30 am., Felix's Fish Camp, Contact: Iris Lundy Anderson, 251-479-3510  
Web site: [murphyclass55.com](http://murphyclass55.com)

### Class of '57

Contact: [murphyclassof57@aol.com](mailto:murphyclassof57@aol.com); Kay Mayo Carpenter, 251-709-9781; Web site: [murphyclass57.com](http://murphyclass57.com).

### Class of '59

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

### Class of '60

Ladies meet monthly. Contact Barbara Harris at 251-342-9677 or web site: [murphy1960.com](http://murphy1960.com) to confirm time and place. 55th Reunion, March 14, 2015, Heron Lakes Country Club.

### Class of '61

Yearly reunion, April 12, Lake Forest Yacht Club, Daphne, AL, 6:00 pm, \$25 pp. Make check to Murphy Class of 1961. Mail to: B.C. Beviacqua, 200 Parma Dr. #N-2, Daphne, AL 36526 Contact Judson Fidler, [judsonfidler@bellsouth.net](mailto:judsonfidler@bellsouth.net), 251-625-2477; Lamar Taylor, 251-634-1570; web site: [lancelee@lchtech.com](http://lancelee@lchtech.com)

### Class of '62

For more information about class events 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 '64

50th Reunion, May 3-4, 2014, Battle House. Contact Charlotte Buffington, 251-661-6282, [ccbuffington@att.net](mailto:ccbuffington@att.net)

### Class of '70

Contact: Mike McNair, [msm@mcnair.com](mailto:msm@mcnair.com)

### Class of '83

Contact: Ursula Tucker, [Ursula\\_r\\_tucker@yahoo.com](mailto:Ursula_r_tucker@yahoo.com); See Facebook page—"Murphy High School Class of 83"

### Class of '88

Contact: [murphyclassof88@gmail.com](mailto:murphyclassof88@gmail.com)

## MAA ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH

You are invited to attend the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting and Lunch. Information about the year's accomplishments, financial report, and election of officers will be presented.

Sunday, March 30, 2014, 1:00 P.M.

Roshell's Café & Deli

Owner: Roshell Flowers, MHS '70

2904 Spring Hill Avenue

Mobile, AL 36607

Limited Menu—Cash Only

Complimentary Tea, Beer, & Wine

Place reservation: 251-450-0111 or email:

[murphyalumni1926@comcast.net](mailto:murphyalumni1926@comcast.net)

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OFFICERS

The following people have been nominated as 2014-15 MAA officers:

President: Ryan McKee

1st Vice President: Jim Younce

2nd Vice President: Carmen Kearley

Treasurer: Theodore Kearley

Secretary: Sonya Sullivan

The Nominating Committee will accept names from the floor at the annual meeting, March 30.

## MHS Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 5, 2014, 1:00 pm

Springhill College Golf Course

**Entry Fee: \$85**

(includes green fee, cart, food & beverages)

Purpose: Supports MHS Football Team

Sponsorship Levels

*Hole Sponsor—\$100*

*Contributing Sponsor—\$25*

*Prize Sponsor—any prizes or gift certificates as donation*

Contact: **David Harris**-251-709-3332

[coachddh@hotmail.com](mailto:coachddh@hotmail.com)

**Tim Jordan**-251-209-0476

[tjordan@mcps.com](mailto:tjordan@mcps.com)

### Class of '93

Contact Jennifer Maynard McCrary, [jmccrary1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmccrary1@bellsouth.net)

### Class of '03

Email: [murphyreunion2003@gmail.com](mailto:murphyreunion2003@gmail.com) for future gatherings.

For contact information about your class meetings please view Reunion Events on the web site: [murphyalumni.org](http://murphyalumni.org).

Please email future Alumni Class Events for the newsletter & web site to [murphyalumni1926@comcast.net](mailto:murphyalumni1926@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 \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ **2013-14 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

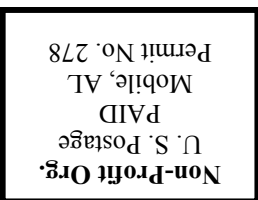
- \_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: MEMORIAL BRICK. \$50** (up to 3 lines) (18 characters per line)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: RESTORATION PLAQUE. \$100** (up to 3 lines) (18 characters per line)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: TREE FUND PLAQUE. \$100** Acorn Level, **\$500** Sapling Level, **\$1000** 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.**

**Return to: MURPHY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P. O. BOX 66158, MOBILE, AL 36660**

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