

THE ALUMNUS

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March 2015

MAA HALL OF FAME

Murphy Alumni Association Executive Committee

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MESSAGE FROM MAA PRESIDENT

*14th Annual Hall of Fame Induction
Sunday, April 12, 2015 3:00 P.M.*

*Tickets \$10
12 & Under Free*

*Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & Entertainment
Murphy High School Cafeteria
Reservations required by April 7, 2015
Carmen Kearley 251-473-3119*

Inductees

*Edward Osborne Wilson 1943
Charles Arthur Gross, Ph.D. 1955
Lynn Brown Robinson, Ph.D. 1956
Judge James C. Wood 1957
Alice Frazer Evans 1957
Margaret Luce Brown 1989*



Ryan McKee

As I finish my first term as President of the Murphy Alumni Association, I cannot tell you how much fun (and work) it has been. It brings me great joy to share with everyone that the Alumni Association has finally inked a deal with the School Board to lease the historic Carlen House! The lease is effective March 1st and the initial term is for twenty years with an option to renew for another twenty years. This allows your Alumni Association to utilize the Carlen House until December 31st of 2055. We will soon begin repairs to the exterior of the building which will include new porches and a fresh coat of paint. It is our hope that sometime before the end of the year we will be able to hold regular meetings inside the Carlen House. We are looking forward to making this the new home of the Murphy Alumni Association. A special thanks goes out to Bill Hines of the MCPSS for helping to make this happen.

Please don't forget that the annual meeting will be March 22 (possibly before this newsletter reaches you). We also have a wonderful group of individuals who will be inducted into the 2015 Hall of Fame class. Please see details above for this fun event.

One last note: please remember to pay your 2015 alumni dues. I cannot stress how important dues are to funding our organization. This year we have added the option to renew your dues online. Simply visit our website and use the PayPal renewal link in the upper right corner. No checks, no envelopes, no stamps-you don't even have to change out of your pajamas.

Blue and Gold,
Ryan

Murphy High School Amateur Radio Club

None of this group of Freshmen would have thought that the common interest they held in 1955 would be the beginning of friendships that would last through the decades, long after they left the halls of old Murphy High. As guys intrigued with the magic of radio, they persuaded physics teacher Mr. M. C. Mancill to be their sponsor and met in the old movie projection room of the Main building. Many kept in touch and, in 2008, prior to their 50th class reunion, they re-formed as the Silver Panthers Alumni Radio Club (the “SPARCs”) and convinced the FCC to let them have their old call letters back, K4BDS. With the beginnings of radio know-how, many radiomen entered the career field, while others went on to other things. For the last 3 years they have gathered at about the time of their class reunion, for old stories, Bar-B-Que, watermelon, and for “FIELD DAY”, the emergency communications drill conducted by the American Radio Relay League for the purpose of testing individuals skills to provide reliable communications from temporary locations during disasters such as hurricanes to put their station back on the air, if just for 24 hours. If the old radio nuts can do it, so can our athletes, musicians, teachers, nurses – the “clubs” that started many on their way to lifelong careers. It just takes a Silver Panther to re-connect and call a meeting. The hams did it. You can too!



L to R – Terry Young K4KJP '59, Grover Durant N4FF '59, James Reaves W4SGP '59, Ron Vincent KF4D '58, Ralph Holberg N4RX '58 and Jim Younce K4ZM '58.

MHS PARTNERS WITH UA

Murphy High School partners with University of Alabama Early College in first-of-its-kind program to offer students college courses and credit. Beginning in April, Mobile area high school students will be eligible for application and admission to study in the Murphy University Center. It will be housed in a new school wing fully designated for and dedicated to college academics in one of Mobile's flagship high schools, Murphy High School.

“This is another exciting partnership resulting from MHS and Mobile County Public Schools pursuing additional pathways to graduation,” said Superintendent Martha Peek. “This certainly provides students and parents another opportunity to plan for future success.”

For more information go to mhspanthers.com.

Murphy Alumni Association Annual Meeting & Lunch Social

Sunday, March 22, 2015, 3:00 P.M.

Whistle Stop

110 S. Florida Street. Mobile, AL 36607

Dutch Treat

*Place reservation: 251-473-3119 (Carmen Kearley) or
murphyalumni1926@comcast.net*

MISSING MOHIAN

The library's Mohian Collection is missing the volume from 1973. If you have '73 yearbook you can donate, please contact Carmen Kearley at 251.221.3204.

SEARCHING FOR CLASSMATE

Anyone who has knowledge of Yvonne (Bonnie) Johnston, MHS 1950, please contact Alan Frederick at 805-588-5049. Ms. Johnston completed nursing school in 1953. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Murphy Dominates Mobile County Science Fair High School Division

Sixteen of the eighteen students that attended either placed or received an honorable mention. Fifteen of our students placed to Davidson's 11 and one from Baker. Rebecca Mulholland earned the overall best for the high school division.

The breakdown was as follows:

<u>Behavioral & Social Sciences</u>	<u>Math & Computers</u>
2nd Lily Gulledge	1st Rebecca Mulholland
3rd Jackson Reimer	<u>Microbiology</u>
<u>Chemistry</u>	3rd Jamie Lim
2nd Victoria Johns	<u>Physical Science</u>
3rd Anna Bolton	1st Emma Bearden
<u>Environmental Science</u>	2nd Caleb Nguyen
1st Sarah Quinnelly	<u>Physics</u>
Honorable Mention Jabron Bass	2nd Jacob Burnham
<u>Marine Science</u>	3rd Cameron Robinson
2nd Sarah Eiland	<u>Zoology</u>
<u>Engineering</u>	1 st Lucy Zhu
1st Nicholas Pham	
2nd Davina Ho	

Congratulations to all the students for their excellent work.

Murphy Principal honored as top student media administrator in Alabama

Alabama Scholastic Press Association has awarded Murphy High Principal **Dr. William Smith** its *Larry Haynes Administrator of the Year Award*.

Smith was nominated by the Murphy High School yearbook staff for the award. He is the first administrator in the southern part of the state to receive the award from ASPA, which is based at the University of Alabama. Also at ASPA's annual conference, which was held Feb. 13, Murphy junior **Regan Francis** placed second in the state for yearbook layout. And advisor **Barbara Bateman** was elected as a Member at Large to the ASPA to represent Southern Alabama.

For further news go to: <http://www.mcpss.com/Common/News2/HomePagePopUps/Default.asp?ItemID=72927&ISrc=District&Itype=News>

Allow The Alumnus to advertise your reunion. Contact the Murphy Alumni Association by email: murphyalumni1926@comcast.net.

Class of '62

Contact Lois Rohmer Smith, 251-666-4029, smitty3344@bellsouth.net; Jackie Steadman Elder, 251-661-9524, jerryelder@att.net

Class of '63

Contact: George Vogtner, 633-6130, gw95494@bellsouth.net; Linda Brewton Strong, 345-3302, linda_B_strong@yahoo.com; Patti Bean Vickery, 639-9917, plvickery@aol.com; Web site: murphy1963.com

Class of '64

Contact Charlotte Buffington, 251-661-6282, cbbuffington@att.net

Class of '70

Contact: Mike McNair, mms@mcnair.com

Class of '77

Contact: Douglas Kearley, dbkearley@aol.com; [facebook.com/groups/86921248156](https://www.facebook.com/groups/86921248156)

Class of '80

35th Reunion, September 10, 2015, Contact Larry Tartt, 251-331-2728, ltartt9@gmail.com

Class of '83

Contact: Ursula Tucker, Ursula_r_tucker@yahoo.com; See Facebook page—"Murphy High School Class of 83"

Class of '88

Contact: murphyclassof88@gmail.com

Class of '93

Contact Jennifer Maynard McCrary, jmccrary1@bellsouth.net

Class of '94

Contact: murphy94reunion@yahoo.com; Facebook: Murphy High School Class of 1994

Class of '03

Email: murphyreunion2003@gmail.com

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

Class of '49

Quarterly luncheon, Felix's Fish Camp, 11:30 a.m. Contact Charlie Green, 251-626-7357, diwindsong@bellsouth.net

Class of '51

Semi-annual luncheon: Contact: Connie Vickery McClelland, mcclelland1@gmail.com; Beth Cannon Holsonback, beth@holsonback.net, 251-626-3044 or Ruby Caro Brill, 251-989-2244

Class of '52

For details, call Bob Burton, 251-928-6311; Martha Jane (Mayes) Shoulders, 251-476-4989

Class of '53 & '54

For future events contact: Joe Fisher, 251-649-0516 or Gene Barnes, 251-460-0577.

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

Class of '57

Contact: murphyclassof57@aol.com; Kay Mayo Carpenter, 251-709-9781; Web site: murphyclass57.com

Class of '58

Contact: Jim Younce, K4zm@comcast.net for future events.

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

Class of '60

55th Reunion, March 14, 2015, 5:30 P.M., Heron Lakes Country Club, \$25. Contact Barbara Harris, 251-342-9677 Web site: murphy1960.com

Class of '61

Yearly reunions, contact Judson Fidler, judsonfidler@bellsouth.net, 251-625-2477; Lamar Taylor, 251-634-1570; web site: murphyhigh1961.com

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



Name _____ Class of _____
 Address _____ Email _____
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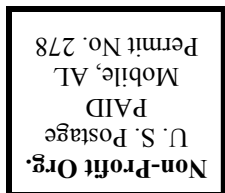
- _____ **2014-15 YEAR GRADUATE** Receives Newsletter, *FREE*
- _____ **PANTHER LEVEL** Receives Newsletter & Alumni Certificate, **\$25** INDIVIDUAL or **\$35** COUPLE
- _____ **BLUE LEVEL** Receives Newsletter, Certificate, & Alumni Lapel Pin, **\$50** INDIVIDUAL
- _____ **GOLD LEVEL** Receives Newsletter, 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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