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Thank you. You all did it again! The Conetoe High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) Reunion was a great success.

We thank all of our former teachers from Conetoe High School and Roberson Elementary School who attended the Breakfast, Banquet and /or Church Service.

A special thanks to the 2012 Planning Committee. It was a blessing from God to allow all of us to work together on such a great project. The breakfast at Indian Lake was a hit. Hats off to our caterer, Country Sunrise Grill of Tarboro, N. C.

We look forward to our 2014 CHSAA Reunion. Please pay attention to our website at www.conetoe.org.

Lewis Higgs and David Gray

2012 Reunion Highlights

We began our 2012 CHSAA Reunion on Saturday, May 26, 2012 with **Breakfast at Indian Lake**. We had approximately 450 classmates and guests in attendance. An old-fashion country breakfast was featured, which consisted of bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, hash browns, fried apples, fruits, bread and juices.

We had our **Annual Reunion Banquet at Gateway Convention Center**, Rocky Mount, NC. The teachers of Conetoe High and Roberson Elementary Schools were recognized. Teachers who were present at one or more activities were: Mrs. Anna Barnes,

Mrs. Sandra Jones, Mrs. Ann Perry, Mayor Lula Council, Mrs. Dorothy Perkins, Ms. Lula Pope and Mrs. Ethel Mallory.

We recognized each class that was present from 1948 to 1971 and under classes from 1972 – 1976. This year we had classmates from classes that had milestones in 2011 & 2012 (1951, 1952, 1956, 1957, 1961, 1962, 1966, 1967, 1971, 1972 & 1976) to say a few words.

We also recognized Elizabeth Ruffin Miller, Class of 1964, our webmaster, for her commitment to keeping our alumni members and friends in the know.

On Sunday, May 27, 2012, we had our **Worship Service** at Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Conetoe, NC, where Rev. Richard Joyner is Pastor. Minister Phyllis Bonds, Class of 1968, was the speaker. She spoke on "**God has Brought Us from a Mighty Long Way**" Exodus 12:40-42, 51.

Members & friends were from Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Texas, Philadelphia, Puerto Rico, Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee and different parts of North Carolina.



Save the Dates

- ◆ October 6 & 7
Kings Dominion
Tickets \$27.00
- ◆ November 23, 2012
- ◆ November 24, 2012
- ◆ January 1, 2013
- ◆ March 9, 2013
- ◆ April 28, 2013
- ◆ November 24, 2013
- ◆ May 24 & 25, 2014



Scholarship money to purchase books and supplies.



“Get that special moment as a keepsake.”

2012 Scholarship Recipients

Erick Shaw, grandson of Johnny Gray, will be attending North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC

Chelsea Wiggins, granddaughter of Maebelle Lawrence, will be attending East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

Kiara Whitehead, granddaughter of Joyce Whitehead, will be attending Johnson & Wales University, Charlotte, NC

Dexter Jones-Draughn, grandson of Julia S. Draughn, will be attending Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC

Tierra Dozier, granddaughter of Berry Dickens, will be attending NC A&T State University, Greensboro, NC

Memories Keepsake Corner

2012 Photos, please contact:
David Pettaway at 252-907-2669

2012 Videos by Jonah Williams
Please contact 2012 Committee members (\$15.00 each)

DVD Shown during 2012 Reunion
\$15.00 each

2012 T-shirts
Milton Higgs 252-567-5514



Rosenwald Schools Book
Rudolph Knight 252-823-0275

2012 Donors Names

**Scholarship
In Honor/In Memory**

Donnie Black	
William Brown	
Mary Wall Carney	
Lossie Chism	Yvonne C. Dickens (M)
Willie Cofield	Derick Cofield (M)
Lula Council	James L. Harper (M)
Julia Draughn	Lottie C. Staton (M)
Annie Ewell	Isaiah Porter (M)
James Exum	
Robert & Vernestine Exum	Emma Bryant Holder (M)
David & Alice Gray	Rev. Lucy Gray - (M)
Teena Gray	Rev. Lucy Gray - (M)
Geraldine & Patricia Harris	
Russell & Margaret Harris	
Lewis E. Higgs	Lewis F. Higgs (M)/Odell Higgs (H)
Curtis & Varnell Jordan	Orish & Lula Jordan (M)/Della Sherrod (H)
Winston & Lucy Knight	
Yvonne Lewis	
Elizabeth & Marty Miller	George & Minnie Ruffin (M)
Murray & Doris Morning	
Retha & Jerry Morris	Willie Howell (M)
Alton & Glenda Powell	Geneva Powell (M)
Evelyn Reeves	
Juanita Shaw	Lottie C. Staton (M)
Cornelious Sherrod	
Cornelious Staton, Sr.	Louise Staton & Perry Staton (M)
Geraldine Staton	
Mittie & Willie Staton	Clifton Sherrod, Jr. (M)
James Suggs	
Thomas & Sabrena Walston	
Luther Ward	
Nettie & Kenneth Watts	
William & Joyce Williams	Lensye Williams (M)
Moses Williams, Sr.	Charlie Williams, Jr. (M)
Geraldine Worsley	Henry Jenkins/Wilmound Worsley (M)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Bell, Class of 1962, is interested in pursuing Roberson School for CHSAA since it is now closed. He has some ideas he wants to share and wants to hear your ideas also. Please let him know your interest by contacting him at 718-551-7539 or email jbl44@msn.com . He needs your feedback now.

Join Us on Friday, November 23, 2012, when **NCABHSA presents its 5th After Thanksgiving Affair** at Gateway Convention Center, Rocky Mount, NC at 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Representative Angela Bryant will be guest speaker. For \$35.00 Tickets or Ad information, please contact: Lewis Higgs 252-567-2547, Lorell Edwards 252-823-3051, Hilda Morris 252-469-7395 or Robert Slade 252-446-0760. Check out the website at www.ncabhsa.com .

North Edgecombe High School Alumni Association (NEHSAA) will have a celebration in October 2012. More details are coming.

The **Town of Conetoe, NC** will be having its 2nd Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Mayor Linda Ingram for applications at ingramlas@aol.com. There is no charge.

CHSAA wants to plan a cruise for 2013. More details to come.

We will be accepting **Scholarship Applications** in January 2013. The persons to contact are Rev. William Williams or Ethel Ruffin-Collier. Applications are due by Sunday, April 28, 2013.

The **2013 College Roundup** will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro, NC. Please notify your NC high school youth to participate and to take SAT test before this date. Colleges and youth from different states attend this function. Visit the **Black Heritage Museum** www.bhmacc.org , Dianne Valentin, Executive Director.

The First Planning meeting for the 2014 CHSAA Reunion will be held on Thanksgiving weekend November 24, 2013. If you have any suggestions, please contact Lewis Higgs at 252-567-2547 or David Gray at 252-641-5131.

Our next **CHSAA Reunion** will be held during Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 & 25, 2014.

Please keep our **former teachers** in your prayers. We would like to thank all of them for what they have done and continue to do for us.

[The poem on the website was written by Elizabeth Harrison, wife of Levon Harrison, Class of 1966.]

Please contact Hilda Morris at 252-469-7395 or Carrie Jackson at 252-813-7521 with names, email & mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of alumni members.

In the event an alumnus or family member of an alumnus dies, please notify the **Benevolence Committee**. The members are Annie Lynch, Magella Bryant, Dorene Haywood, Fostina Lynch, Lorell Edwards and Ernestine Alston.

CHSAA has adopted **Thigpen Road**, Conetoe, NC. Please help us keep this highway beautiful.