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**Honoring & Preserving the Legacy of  
Conetoe High School**



**May the Good Things of Life be yours  
throughout the coming year**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe my second term as CHSAA, Inc. President is already one year over. I'm proud of our association's successes over the last year, particularly in developing operational documentation, a Policy and Procedures Guide for the Executive Board and a Member's Policy and Procedures Manual, as well as an Annual Budget. As the Association continues to grow, so does the cause for change. Therefore, the board reviewed the constitution and bylaws and approved amendments for the continuous growth and management of the organization. Such growth is evident in all the activities that were held and

upcoming. We also increased alumni engagement and collaboration between the Conetoe community and the Conetoe Family Life Center. Our Fall Annual Meeting held on November 4th was successful. It gave me so much pleasure to have an opportunity to share with Alumni members the association's accomplishments and goals in a virtual meeting platform.

Please plan to come out and support the Association in the future events and other events that will be announced at another time.

Thank you for your support!

Shirley Pitt Freeman, President

Conetoe High School Alumni Association, Inc.

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### **POLICY AND PROCEDURES GUIDE FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND A MEMBER'S POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

**D**uring the April 17, 2023, special meeting the Board approved a policy and procedures manual for all alumni association members and a policy guide for the Executive Board. These two documents provide standards that guide how we interact as leaders and members of CHSAA, Inc. They are intended to provide guidance and direction on how we work with each other and manage the business of the Association. The policies contained in the manuals are in keeping with, and consistent with, the core values of the Association as well as the

Constitution and By-laws. The policies and procedures provide a road map for day-to-day operations and ensure compliance with laws and regulations. They also enforce CHSAA, Inc.'s commitment to achieving organizational excellence and transparency of operations.

More specifically, the members' Policy Manual covers anti-discrimination and harassment, code of ethics, communication, health and safety, historical archives, and whistleblower. The Executive Board policies cover conflict of interest, document retention and destruction, finance and budget, gift acceptance, good governance and training and development. Both documents will be available on our website.

## **FIRST EVER ANNUAL CHSAA, Inc. BUDGET APPROVED**

The first ever CHSAA, Inc. annual budget was developed by the Budget Finance/Ways and Means committee. The proposed budget of \$30,884 for the upcoming fiscal year was unanimously approved at the June 26, 2023, Executive Board meeting. The

approved budget is a guiding document that will be used by the board in the exercise of its fiduciary duties to provide oversight over all CHSAA, Inc. financial resources.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

During quarterly Board meetings over the last fiscal year, 20 amendments were approved. The amendments made administrative, committee or membership clarifications, board financial issues and the addition of policy and procedures manual maintenance responsibility.

### THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Board additions include the Hospitality Committee with 1) **Dorothy Brown Roberson**, as Chair, 2) Community Relations (Adopt-A-Highway) with **Fostina Lynch** as Chair and 3) Scholarship

Recipients Committee with **Rosetta Pitt Williams** as Chair.

### BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATIONS

**Lewis Higgs** announced at the April 17th Special Board meeting that he was resigning from the board.

**Ethel V. Ruffin Collier**, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced at the April 17th meeting that she was resigning from the committee and board effective May 31, 2023.

We thank both members for their years of dedicated service in their alumni leadership roles.



On June 10, 2023, CHSAA, Inc.'s family and friends were welcomed to a scholarship ceremony honoring scholarship recipients and donors at the Edgecombe Community College. CHSAA, Inc. recognized the late Brigadier General (Ret.) Voneree Deloatch for his high level and continuous contributions to the scholarship fund. Members of the Deloatch family were present to accept our heartfelt thanks for his generous support of the CHSAA, Inc.



Ethel V. Ruffin Collier was recognized for her years of service as the Scholarship Committee Chair.

More details on the event can be found on the website. Thanks to the Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Recipients Committee, and Hospitality Committee for an excellent community event.

During the event, the following 2023 Scholarship Recipients were recognized:

**Quaytavious Jones** – Tarboro High School  
**Elijah Batten** - Rocky Mount High School  
**Erik Lyons** – North Edgecombe High School  
**Alynn Christopher** - Southwest Edgecombe High School  
**Jynez Davis** – North Edgecombe High School



### CONGRATULATIONS Scholarship Recipients





**SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS  
TOP CLASS DONORS  
2023 SCHOLARSHIP  
FUNDRAISER DRIVE**

Thank you, alumni, for another successful scholarship fundraiser. You have made it possible to have funds available to support graduating seniors as they pursue additional educational opportunities. In addition, the scholarship committee can hold events to promote the scholarship program and recognize recipients and our donors. We thank the class of 1965 for being the top alumni contributing class. While the formal giving campaign has ended, please note that you can donate anytime through our website.

CHSAA, Inc is a **501 (c) 3**  
Tax Exempt Organization

Committed to being a good steward  
of all Financial Donations including  
Scholarship Awards and Community  
Involvement

Class	March	April	May	Total
CHS 49				\$ -
CHS 50				\$ -
CHS 51				\$ -
CHS 52			\$600.00	\$ 600.00
CHS 53				\$ -
CHS 54				\$ -
CHS 55		\$100.00		\$ 100.00
CHS 56				\$ -
CHS 57			\$250.00	\$ 250.00
CHS 58	\$185.00	\$50.00		\$ 235.00
CHS 59				\$ -
CHS 60	\$350.00	\$960.00	\$755.00	\$ 2,065.00
CHS 61				\$ -
CHS 62	\$300.00			\$ 300.00
CHS 63			\$1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
CHS 64				\$ -
CHS 65	\$2,015.00	\$225.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 2,700.00
CHS 66				\$ -
CHS 67	\$150.00			\$ 150.00
CHS 68	\$725.00	\$125.00	\$475.00	\$ 1,325.00
CHS 69	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$ 350.00
CHS 70		\$275.00	\$100.00	\$ 375.00
CHS 71			\$80.00	\$ 80.00
CHS 72				\$ -
CHS 73				\$ -
CHS 74			\$105.00	\$ 105.00
CHS 75				\$ -
CHS 76				\$ -
K-1982				\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,775.00</b>	<b>\$1,985.00</b>	<b>\$4,275.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,035.00</b>

Community Service

**CONETOE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

We had a wonderful opportunity this summer for CHSAA, Inc.'s family to spread our wings by being supportive of the Conetoe Family Life Center Summer Camp. We served as volunteers in the areas of transportation and other administrative support functions. The Center uses farming as a base in helping to reach and teach youth. The 2023 Summer Camp program partnered with, and hosted UNC students who incorporated an academic program developed by students that encourage learning utilizing farming.

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY – THIGPEN ROAD CLEANUP HIGHLIGHTS



We continue to be active with our adopt a highway quarterly project on Thigpen Road. This committee continuously seeks volunteers to assist with future cleanups. Please know that this is a great opportunity particularly for the youth to get involved, assist the community, and learn about our Scholarship Program. With the growing youth participation, alumni are needed to volunteer for administrative roles.

Event information is posted on our website and Facebook Page.

**CHSAA, Inc. helps to provide a clean environment, and give civic pride to the Conetoe community along 2 miles of Thigpen Road.**





## TRIVIA CHALLENGES – MEC Corner

We received tremendous response to the Membership Enhancement Committee (MEC) first Trivia Challenge earlier this year. Yes, it was thought provoking, and created a challenge for some. For that reason, we offered research sources to help find some of the answers.

We placed updates on the website and sent emails to the alumni with helpful hints on how to find the answers. As a reminder and for those who may want to start preparing for the next trivia contest you can

begin searching archived newspaper articles, the Conetoe website or other internet sources. In addition, we encourage you to talk with people who attended Conetoe in the late 50's and 60's.

We thank those who challenged themselves and completed the trivia contest form. The MEC created and funded the trivia to promote collaboration amongst the Conetoe alumni community. We received the following statement from a Trivia participant:

	<b>Lula Harper Council, Class of 1957</b> \$100
	<b>Juanita Staton Shaw, Class of 1968</b> \$75
	<b>Fostina Cobb Lynch, Class of 1968</b> \$50
	<b>Teena V. Gray, Class of 1957</b> Rev. Mary Higgs Book – <u>Challenge to Change</u>

Trivia  
Challenge  
Winners

*“I am elated!!! You guys’ mission is being accomplished - this exercise in members connection is working - this was so fun and am looking forward to whatever you and your committee come up with next - thanks again.”*

**New Trivia Challenge Is Here:** Complete and return by Saturday, January 27, 2024. Mail or email answers to Annie Vines Charles, 2810 Coakley Road, Tarboro, NC 27886 [annievc@centurylink.net](mailto:annievc@centurylink.net)  
252-813-4156.

**First Place - \$100, Second Place- \$50, Third Place -\$25, Fourth Place -A Donated Book**

**2023 CHSAA, Inc. Virtual Meeting:** The Conetoe High School Alumni Association Planning Committee would like to express our genuine appreciation to you for taking the time to attend our Annual Virtual Meeting on November 4, 2023. Your attendance at the event was much appreciated and contributed to its success. We hope you had as much fun at the session as we did planning it for you. Our aim and purpose were to bring you up to date with where we currently are as a body united together as one under the umbrella of Conetoe High School Alumni, Inc. Our President Shirley Pitt-Freeman '70 began with the recognition of the Teacher's that were present in the persons of Lula Pope Howard, Sandra Jones King, Ivory James Moore, and Lula Harper Council. Immediately following their remarks our next order was to listen to reports from various Committees. At the conclusion, we delighted in listening to the Alma Mater sung by Johnny Gray '67 followed by remarks, from our President Shirley Pitt-Freeman '70 .



### **CHSAA, INC. WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN CHRISTMAS PARADES.**

**PRINCEVILLE - Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 1:30PM**  
**TARBORO - Saturday, December 10, 2023, at 5:30 PM**

**\*\*\*\*\* Volunteers Needed \*\*\*\*\***

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT HONORING THE LATE WALTER PLEMMER, JR.**

We are planning the Sounds of Christmas Concert to honor the memory of the late Walter Plemmer, Jr. The concert will be held on December 23, 2023, at 3:00 P.M. at the Cherry Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Tarboro, NC.

Mr. Plemmer was a former Conetoe High School English Teacher, Band Director, School Chorus Leader, Musical Composer, Community Servant, and Church Musician. He touched the lives of many with his musical and literary gifts. The concert will provide us with the opportunity to document this occasion with a souvenir booklet as we celebrate a life well lived.

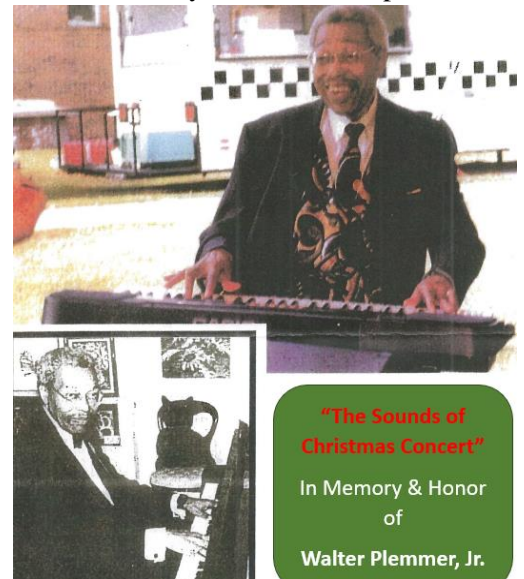
The opportunity to purchase an ad in the souvenir book is available to everyone. To ensure your ad is received and compiled promptly to be published in the book, you must purchase and submit camera-ready ads as soon as possible, but no later than November 27, 2023. The cost of ads is as follows:

Full Page - 8 ½ x 11 inches \$100.00 - Half Page - 8 ½ x 5 ½ \$ 50.00  
 Half Page - 8 ½ x 5 ½ inches \$ 50.00 - Quarter Page - 4 x 5 ½ \$ 25.00  
 Inside Back Cover \$200.00 - Patrons \$Donation

Submit your camera-ready ads and payments as designated below.

Check or Money Order: make payable to CHSAA, Inc.  
 Mail payment to: John Bryant, 25 Midlavian Ct.,  
 Franklinton, NC 27525 Phone: (919) 728-8447 Mobile:  
 (817) 455-0632 - PayPal - [jrlsbryant@gmail.com](mailto:jrlsbryant@gmail.com). -  
 Cash App - \$CHSAA68

Email camera-ready ads to Shirley Pitt-Freeman at:  
[fshirley574@bellsouth.net](mailto:fshirley574@bellsouth.net). (919) 796-1977



### **ADOPT A HIGHWAY, THIGPEN ROAD CLEANUP, AND KWANZAA DAY 3 UJIMA CELEBRATION, 12/28/23**

**2024 CHSAA, Inc. REUNION** - Mark your calendars! Hold the May 2024 Memorial Day weekend open for the next CHSAA, Inc. reunion. Planning is already underway so please be ready with a positive response when committee members reach out to you for your support and participation. We are looking forward to another great event that will bring our alumni family and friends together to reminisce, reacquaint and share experiences. More information to follow.

# Things You Should Know

Beware of holiday Scams (Phone Calls, Emails, Texts, US Mail). Never give out personal or financial information to unsubscribed solicitation. If it sounds too good to be true, **"IT AIN'T TRUE."**

**Health Awareness:** Mindset. Your body can stand almost anything. It's your "Mind" you have to convince. The body Achieves what the Mind Believes.

**Committees:** CHSAA, Inc. committees are looking for volunteers to assist with the different areas of planning and executing Alumni activities.

**Donations:** Your Generous Donations help CHSAA, Inc. preserve the Legacy of Conetoe High School by awarding Scholarships and other means of support to the community.

**Something to Consider:** "Success is to wake up each morning and consciously decide that today will be the Best Day of Your Life.

Visit us on Conetoe Website: [www.conetoe.org](http://www.conetoe.org)  
Visit us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ConetoeHighSchoolalumniAssociation>

## Benevolence

Please contact Mattie A. Powell with information on deceased members.  
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**Communications:** Submit your "Legacy" articles for the website & Facebook. "Nothing will work unless you Do It."

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From the  
Editor

**Knowledge is Power** – The Board and Committees welcome your Feedback. Let us know how we are doing - **We Never Stop Learning**

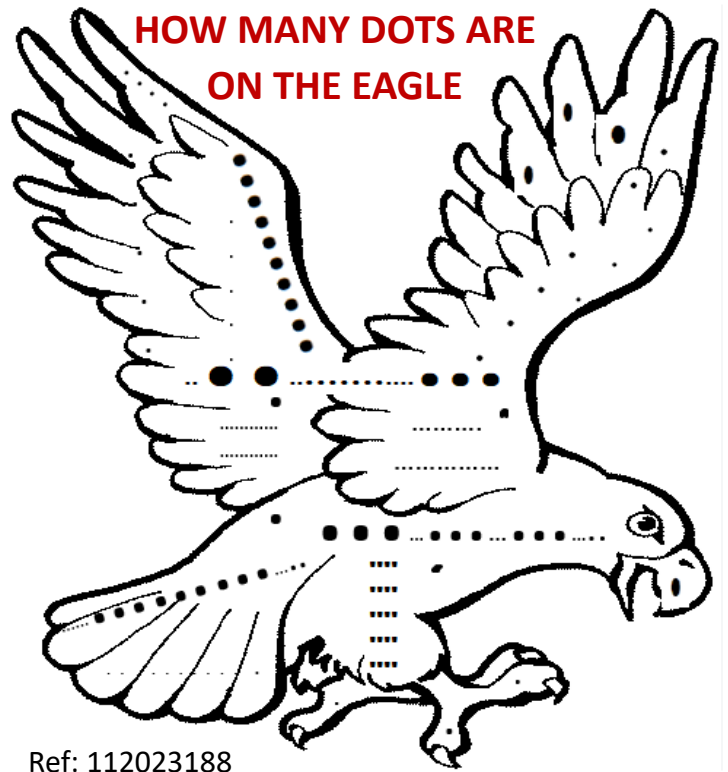


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PHILLIPS	REEVES	PITT	PRINCEVILLE
ROBERSON	TARBORO		

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ON THE EAGLE**



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Don't Forget to do the

**TRIVIA CHALLENGE!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

