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<u>Thank you.</u> The 2008 Conetoe High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) Planning Committee was overjoyed with your participation in this year's reunion. We had approximately 500 classmates, families and friends at the Picnic at Indian Lake. We also had 420 to register for the Banquet at Gateway Centre and a full to capacity at our Worship Service at Conetoe Missionary Baptist Church.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Speakers
- Recognitions
- Scholarship Recipients
- Scholarship Donors
- Financial Report
- New Website by Class of 1963, Elizabeth Miller

The CHSAA would like to thank Dr. Frank Weaver for speaking at our Banquet, Rev. Roosevelt Ewell for preaching at our Worship Service and Rev. Richard Joyner and the Conetoe Missionary Baptist Church Family for allowing us to meet in Conetoe, N.C.

A special thank you to the 2008 CHSAA Planning Committee.

<u>Recognitions.</u> We recognized our Conetoe High and Roberson Elementary teachers. We also recognized Lewis Higgs, our President, with a plaque for his leadership throughout the years.

Most in Attendance. The rank was Class of 1968,  $1^{st}$  place; Class of 1965,  $2^{nd}$  place; and Class of 1966,  $3^{rd}$  place.

<u>Scholarships</u>. Thank you to all of you who donated to our Scholarship Fund. This year our recipients were La'Kendra Dozier, granddaughter of Mr. Berry Dickens; Jasmine Glass, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Gray; and Jasmine Brown, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Brown.

**2008 Class pictures and DVDs Orders.** You can place your orders by contacting Calvin Adkins at 252-823-2109. Class pictures are (4x6) \$5.00 each. 2006 or 2008 DVDs are \$20.00 each or both for \$35.00. Calvin will be making a donation to the CHSAA.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Association of North Carolina Black High School Alumni. The Banquet/Dance will be held on November 28, 2008 at the BTW Building downtown Rocky Mount, NC. The tickets are \$25.00 per person. Please contact Lewis Higgs @ 252-567-2547 or David Gray at 252-641-5131. Please order your tickets immediately! There is a limited amount of tickets.

**2009 Scholarship Applications** for freshmen in College will be available in January with an April, 2009 deadline.

**2009** Milestones Anniversaries are Classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969 and 1974. Please support your class activities.

<u>Save the date</u>. Our 2010 CHSAA Reunion will be Memorial Weekend, May, 2010. Our first planning meeting will be November, 2009 (Sunday after Thanksgiving).

**Tentative Plan for a Cruise in 2011**. Further information will be sent out in 2010.

**Benevolence.** We apologize to the families that we did not send sympathy cards to. Please let the Benevolence Committee know when you have death in your family: Magella Bryant @ 252-641-0390, Dorene Haywood @ 252-823-0885, Annie Lynch @ 252-883-8699 or Fostina Lynch @ 252-824-0248.

We need a few out of town volunteers to make sure family members in your area receive cards from CHSAA. If you let us know who you are, we will be glad to send you some cards to have on hand. If you would contact Hilda Morris @ 252-458-4894 in time, she will mail a card from here.

<u>Graduation Class Pictures</u>: Please send a copy of your graduation picture to us. We have classes of 1960 – 1965 and 1969 already. Please contact Lewis Higgs @ 252-567-2547.

<u>Polo Shirts Order.</u> We will be placing a Polo shirt order soon. Please send or deliver your order to Milton Higgs (P. O. Box 581, Tarboro, NC 27886; 252-823-8133) <u>immediately!</u> Please specify sizes. \_\_ S, M, L, XL (\$13.00) \_\_ 2X (\$14.00) \_\_ 3X (\$15.00) \_\_ 4X (\$16.00). Your check or money order needs to be made out to **CHSAA.** 

Edgecombe Community College (Edgecombe Technical Institute). Become part of the ECC Alumni Partnership. Any individual who has enrolled in and successfully completed a course is eligible. The cost is free. Some reasons to join are to meet old classmates, network with friends about area events, meet potential employers, share your business information, meet new customers and help support student scholarships. Please contact Karen Andrus at 252-823-5166 Ext. 212 or andrusk@edgecombe.edu.

Edgecombe County, North Carolina Heritage – 2009. A new hardbound book sponsored by the Edgecombe County Heritage Book Committee. Visit website: <a href="www.county-heritage.com/nc/edgecombe/">www.county-heritage.com/nc/edgecombe/</a>. You can tell your family story in 500 words and one photo free. You can also tell your military story in 100 words and one photo (in uniform) free. (Additional words are \$.10 and additional pictures are \$12.50.) The books will be \$55.00 (pickup) or \$64.00 (shipping: tax, shipping and handling). Please mail article and/or check or money order to Edgecombe County Heritage, P. O. Box 1664, Tarboro, NC 27886). Deadline is October 15, 2008. (Note: You do not have to purchase a book to submit an article.)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance (12/31/2007)		\$ 2,947.17
Deposits		\$25,544.24
Registration Fees and Polo Shirts Order	\$23,132.24	
Scholarship Donations	\$ 2,412.00	
Interest	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	+\$1.64
Ending Balance (6/30/08)		\$28,493.05
Total Expenses (6/30/08)		<u>-\$18,898.90</u>
Gateway Center (Banquet)	\$9,008.94	
Amsterdam Print Co. (Pens)	\$ 372.26	
Indian Lake (Picnic)	\$5,013.67	
Logo Joe's	\$1,513.50	
Miscellaneous Expenses (supplies, food, gas, flowers,	\$2,990.53	
decorations, workers, refunds, meeting place, etc.)		
Balance (6/30/08)		\$ 9,594.15

Outstanding Check:

Relay for Life (Ad) \$ 100.00