

## ARUNGION LICH SCHOOL Alumni Association

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## SAVE THE DATE THE 17TH ANNUAL ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 21, 9:00 - 12:00, AHS Cafeteria

Parking Available at Mosaic Church across Park Row Curbside dropoff in front of AHS

Special Guests: the Golden Anniversary Class of 1964 • 2014 Distinguished Colt Alumni • 2014 Alumni Scholars • Alumni Choir, directed by Dinah Dalton Menger, '77 • Alumni Band • Reunions for '49, '57, '59, '74 • You and Your friends

## President's Letter

Spring greetings to all fellow members of the AHS Alumni Association! This time of year is always an



exciting one as the Association prepares for our annual Alumni Open House. Doors will open early—9:00 to allow for visiting and for former choir members to go to the choir room for rehearsal. Program begins at 10:00. We will present our 2014 Distinguished Colt Alumni (hint: from the

**Classes of '57, '62, '64** and **'81**) and our **Class of 2014** scholarship winners. The Alumni Band plays throughout the event which culminates with the ever popular Alumni Choir singing "You'll Never Walk Alone"—which all who have graduated since 1951 heard at their commencement.

Many class reunions are taking place this June so Open House will be a **BIG ONE!** While you mark your calendars, note Homecoming Tailgate will be September 12.

As of the end of April, this year has proven to be the best return ever on membership renewals! Thanks to all our annual members. In addition, we have added 42 new annual, life, and memorial members so far this year. No congratulations yet, please. We know we haven't come close to adding all the new members we need for 2014. Consequently, we propose a **Life Member Challenge** to our 686 life members (see page 4).

As you can see in the picture, Sharron, Mac and DeeDee represent the good people surrounding me on the Board of Directors—AHS alumni who like you treasure their years at AHS and the lifelong friendships nurtured there. Hope to see everyone at Open House! Primarily because

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### How Sweet it is to be back in Colt Country!

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Ana F. Pettit Class of 1974

## Milestones

### Passings: All 2014 unless noted

Blease Tibbets, '40, February...Lewis Woodward, '46, March...Richard Kirk, '54, March...Arlene Campbell Workman, '55, March...Ted Olson, '56, February...Margaret Ann Britton Swan, '57, February...Jackie Oller, '58, February...Gordon Burch, '59, June 2013...Bob Herrell, '59, April 2012...Davey Scott, '59, March...Brice Houston, '61, March...Pat Spruance Orr, '61, March...Sydney Duffin Eller, '63, February...Alfred Hill, '64, January...Patricia Meyers Winters, '64, April...Linda Kay Dyer Dale, '65 or '66, March...Skip Young, '67, February...Keith Geer, '71, April...Jennifer Rusk Hammack '73, April...Margie Austin, Colt By Choice, 2004 Distinguished Colt, February.

### Congratulations



The **AHS Academic Decathlon** team took top honors at the Regional competition for the third year in a row. Their final state ranking was #9, their highest finish ever. Of the 90 individual medals won, AHS won 60. Now that's a true Colt kicking!! Way to go, Ac Dec team!

Madison Smith, '13, is a lucky girl and a pretty good golfer. Her grandmother Doris Collard Whitlock, '59, gave her a terrific graduation gift for a girl who played

on the very successful AHS golf team. They went to Scotland for the British Open. Mady got to pose with the claret jug—the trophy for that major golf tournament. Mady made the golf team at Midwestern State in Wichita Falls and qualified



to play in tournaments in Laredo and Riverside, CA. Doris says, "That girl just loves to play golf."

Have you brought a Colt grad into the corral yet? Why not? For 15 years, Jannette Workman, '54, has been the chairperson for the Kiwanis Woodrow Counts Teacherof-the-Year project. At the event dinner on April 8, she was surprised by Superintendent Marcelo Cavazos and School Board President **Bowie Hogg**, '96, when they honored her for her outstanding work over the years. Her efforts bring recognition to those teachers who are highly respected by their peers for the excellent work they do in our classrooms. Cheers, Jannette!



The AHS staff surprised **Principal Jennifer Young** for her birthday by hosting a luncheon and having a pep rally in her honor. Over 3,000 students sent her personal birthday wishes. The Association provided the birthday cake. (See page 5.) Congratulations, Principal Young.



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## What's Up With Our Alumni Scholars?

I am<sup>finishing</sup> my junior year as a Business Marketing Major and a part of the Fightin'



Texas Aggie Class of 2015. I am truly loving my experience here at Texas A&M—staying busy with school work and living the life of a college kid. I am currently a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority where this past year I held the position of social chair which means I plan all social events—ironic since I was senior class social chair at AHS. I love to plan events, but I really enjoy the business atmosphere which

has led me to Corporate Event Planning. I was contacted, after submitting my resumé online, by Halliburton Landmark in Houston to be a marketing intern there this summer. I cannot wait to see what this summer holds. It is truly a blessing to have this internship, and I hope to gain so much experience from this company. I want to thank the support of my AHS family and also the alumni for the incredible scholarship that has helped me reach my goals and guided me to where I am today! I love you all and I am proud to be a part of this exceptional alumni group! Kick 'em Colts!

Halie Hullender A. A.S. '11

Hiere! I am doing well at Texas Tech! I am really enjoying the dance program here. The dance faculty is absolutely terrific! I am almost done with my freshman year, and I have learned so much about what I want to do in the near future. I have decided to go down the path of dance therapy—not in the United States, but globally. I want to provide an outlet for all ages as I continue studying movement and brain activity. Although I have decided to live off campus for next year, there are

so many activities to do while one is on campus. There is an organization for everyone here at Tech. I have found my perfect place here on campus and I am so thankful for the AHS Alumni Association because y'all helped me get to this point in my life! Thank you! By the way, that's me on the left with



my cousin Mary Ellen, with our Guns Up!

46 Alumni Scholars ~ 2003 - 2013

Morgan Taylor Fowler A. A.S. '13

#### 2003 Kristen Batchelor 2009 Halie Hullender Qiana Rollins Loring - HR **Robert Broughton** Fayha Ahmad Lauren Landry for TMK IPSCO, oil and gas Danielle Schartz - co-Chance Blue Ashley Lewis founder of OrderWithMe Sara Cainelli Serena Tang industry Chris Branigan - pastor Summer Schartz Ellese Perryman 2012 2004 Matthew Weideman 2007 Sandra Babers Jason Sauter - in Leadership Amber Jones 2010 Celeste Campbell Development for Disney Eleanor Khonje Alexandra Anderson Brittany Lok University Katelyn Taylor Mariela Castro Cynthia Thorne Landry Tucker Cassondra Ynguanzo Gilbert Vasquez Brianna Nathaniel Alexandra Wolfskill 2005 2008 Asmath Siddiqui Eric Bautovich - military 2013 Alá Ahmad Julieanne Stinson service Hannah Crossnoe studying elementary ed Alexas Cardenas Lisa Creamier Maxwell Brittnee Keller Cole Enger 2011 Amber Harris Samuel Tang - Graduate David Duque - at Liberty Morgan Fowler **Donna Jennings** assistant at University of University, works at Jazmin Marin Evette Odhiambo 2006 South Carolina Jameson Ranch Camp

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## \$\$ Money Matters \$\$

### Dear Life Members,

Ever since the Alumni Association began offering life memberships in 2000, your generous payments have given us the opportunity to support Arlington High in amazing ways. If each of you-686 strong- would take it upon yourself to bring in one new annual member this year—just one—either through persuasion or giving as a gift, we could add \$17,150 to the coffers and have the potential to give even more scholarships in 2015. So simple, so easy, so wonderful. Be true to your school. Make the call. Write the check. Bring one more Colt home to the herd. Many thanks and

### Budget 2014

Beginning Bank Balance	<b>h</b> = 4 0 4 0 =
Operating Account	\$7,196.87
Scholarship Fund Account	\$6,112.49
Total	\$13,309.36
Income (Receipts)	\$13,000.00
Expenditures	
A. Newsletter	\$ 2,500.00
B. Postage & Permits	300.00
C. Special Events	
Open House, Homecoming	800.00
D. Legal & Professional	1,500.00
E. Gifts, Grants & Scholarships	8,000.00
F. Alumni Products	600.00
G. Promotion, Ads, Webpage	1,500.00
H. Paypal fees, other	200.00
Total disbursements	\$15,400.00
Cash flow	-\$2,400.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$10,909.36

The Board of Directors approved the 2014 budget in April with consideration for two major expenses over 2013 expenditures: 1) printing costs are going up significantly 2) legal work to maintain our non-profit status. As for printing, last year The Fowler Group essentially underwrote our entire printing expenses. Budget cutting in other areas was abandoned due to this significant gift.

Due to enrolling fewer new members than anticipated in 2012, three budget cutting options discussed in early 2013 were to give fewer scholarships, to print two newsletters

## Kick 'em, Colts!

### The Board of Directors

instead of three, to assess some kind of fee for Life Members. None of these measures were needed because of the generosity of The Fowler Group.

This year our printing costs will be the standard for pro bono work. That means we will owe only for materials (primarily paper) for our newsletters, brochures, and any other printing needs. Consequently, our printing costs rise from zero dollars to \$2,500 for 2014. No charge for labor still helps us tremendously, and we appreciate The Fowler Group for their generous discount.

What do we need to continue and maybe even to expand our support for Arlington High without depending on the largesse of others? As always the answer is new Colt alumni coming in.

Let's do some math. Our budgetary goal is to have receipts of \$13,000. We would need to sign up 520 individuals as Annual Members at \$25 each to reach \$13,000. We could also reach the budgetary goal with 104 new Life Members at \$125. Although we have been gaining members since our founding in 1996, we have never had such a membership bonanza in one year. Adding between 104 and 520 new members cannot happen without a concerted effort. That means the 2015 budget might have to center on cutting support both to AHS and to our membership services. Rather than golf tournaments, raffles and such, the Association has intentionally relied primarily on membership growth to support our mission statement:

### Giving back to AHS and promoting the spirit, pride and tradition of Colts—past, present and future.

We don't want to compete with AHS teams, clubs, organzations for donor dollars when **WE ARE THE ONLY** GROUP WITH A MEMBERSHIP BASE FROM WHICH TO GARNER DUES BY EXPANDING THE ROSTER.

It really comes down to this. Will you help us grow our membership and increase our capacity to give back to Arlington High School? Spread the word via Facebook, email, telephone, conversation. We NEED YOU!

# The \$90,158.05 Blanks

### Make your guesses first, then compare with answers in box below.

Since its organization in 1996, the Arlington High School Alumni Association has given <u>1</u> scholarships to graduating seniors, totaling <u>2</u> dollars. Through the AISD Education Foundation we have underwritten <u>3</u> in grants to teachers benefitting students at AHS and the junior highs and elementaries that send future Colts to us. For <u>4</u> we have hosted the Back-to-School teacher luncheons. When asked to raise Cash for Classrooms in 2009 when budget cuts were so severe, we gave <u>5</u>. We have donated time and <u>6</u> for the graduation luncheon for special education seniors. When the courtyard was revitalized and the new marquee went up, we supported the PTA's efforts to the tune of <u>7</u>. Booster clubs have received <u>8</u> through donations or ads placed in their programs. We gave <u>9</u> to the all-school celebration in 2012 called Code Green. Miscellaneous donations include <u>10</u>.

Add it up to see what your membership, your attracting other old Colts to the corral, and your donations have done for AHS in the last 18 years. We can't stop now. We need more alumni to join with us to continue being true to AHS.

### Arlington High, School of our Praise

Raising these numbers requires the constant influx of new members and the steady renewal of annual members. Life Members, we must have your continued support in spreading the word about all the good we do and convincing the alumni you know to join our Association. This is the only way we can keep on giving to Arlington High School.

Answers for blanks					
1.		46			
2.	\$	45,200			
3.	\$	29,000			
4.	\$	2,899.75			
5.	\$	4,088.30			
6.	\$	1,200			
7.	\$	3,600			
8.	\$	2,850			
9.	\$	1,000			
10.	\$	320			
Total	\$	90,158.05			

As impressive as these numbers look, the last five years disbursements to AHS reveal a disturbing trend. The year 2009 marked the high point of our yearly gifts with a total of \$11,992. Each year since then our support for AHS has declined. If we don't have the money, we can't pass it on. Our diminishing number of new members coming in each year since 2009 has cut our support back to last year's total of \$7,430. We have pledged to give six \$1,000 scholarships to the Class of 2014, and we want to continue our grant-giving for Colts and future Colts. We won't be able to honor these promises without a concerted effort by *You*—the membership. Every single one of you knows an alum who is not a member yet. And if you don't, go to our website — www.ahscolts-alumni.org—to look at the membership roster. You'll notice a missing friend. Lasso those folks today. We need them. AHS needs them. It's up to us. We are the ones who sang we would be true to AHS "all of our days." Time to mean it.

### We'll e'er be true to you all of our days.



AHS Alumni Association

## Welcome, New Members

\*William Anderson, '64 Kelly Baker Arnwine, '81 Darlene Middleton Breaux, '78 Mike Cassol, '69 \*Shari Mackie Coston, '63 Merrie Johnson Dennis, '81 \*Steve & Connie Glover Fowler, '61/'64 \*Sue Pierce Jones, '64 Alan Kaplan, '82 \*Shawn Mendive, '74 Karl Osborn, '63 \*Ruth Gardner Pimm, '65 Jerry & Betty Gardner Thomas, '59/'62 \*Martha Graham Schaffert, '61 \*Tim & Cindy Hickman Shelton, '69/'69 Wayne & Becky Burdette Southard, '81/'81 \*Rebecca Jones Wiseman, '81 Mike Wilson, '63

*Upgrades to Life* 

\*Mike Bandera, '63 \*John Bruton, '63 \*Linda Wood Eaton, '59 \* Ivan Harris, '59 \*Denotes Life Member ‡Tommy Boyd, '63
Phil Cox, '63
by Janella Potthoff, Cox, '63
‡Keith Pratt Daniels, '63
Sydney Duffin Eller, '63
by Ron Coker, '63
Wynelle Brown Eubank, '54
by Merilyn Brown Carden, '56
Jimmy Jones, '63
by Sue Pierce Jones, '64
‡Chester Jordan, '63
‡Bonnie McLellan Lindly, '63
‡Darlean Jones Love, '63
Michael Nix, '69
by Tim & Cindy Shelton

## Memorial Memberships

Pat Spruance Orr, '61 by Sharron Merrill, '61 ‡Barry Palmer, '63 ‡Mike Ransom, '63 Edward Smith, '64 by Frank Newby, '52 Scott Terrell, '81 by Andrew Underwood, '81 Billy Joe Walker, '52 by Kent Cherry, '52 Lewis Woodward, '46 by Marilyn Rusk, '46

‡Anonymous donor



**Class of 1963** retains its front of the herd spot with a net gain of two memberships and a total of 109. Last year 100% of that group's annual members renewed. This year eight were lost to attrition. **Class of 1962** had a net loss of four, down to 78. **Class of '59** held steady at 57. **Class of '64** at 34, <u>added four</u> while **Class of '74** <u>lost one</u> to total 36. Special shoutout to the **Class of 1981** with a net gain of four joining the Alumni Association.

AHS Alumni Association New Member Form S2014 Join online at: www.ahscolts-alumni.org						
SCHOLARSHIP FUN	D\$	GENERAL FUND \$	MEMBERSHIP	FEES \$		
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Individual = \$25 with \$15 and	nual renewal I	ndividual = \$125 paid once	\$35 paid once			
Household = $35$ with $15$ and	nual renewal H	Household = \$175 paid once	•			
Payable To: AHS ALUMNI * P.O. Box 152578 * Arlington, Texas 76015 * 817.879.7162 * ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net						
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Address:						
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Check your preference: Newsletter by U.S. Mail Dy email notification						
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Memorial Membership \$35: (one time only fee for deceased class		(NAME)		(CLASS)		

## Reunions

CLASS OF 1949 June 21-22 · Friday: Cowboy Stadium Tour & Dinner · Saturday: Alumni Open House & Lunch · Wanda Marshall · 817/465-3129 · cemarshall@sbcglobal.net CLASS OF 1957 · June 20 · Texas Land & Cattle · 4:00 · Martin Ross · 432/940-3547 CLASS OF 1959 · June 20-21 · Friday: Howell Family Farm · Saturday: Alumni Open House followed with BBQ dinner in AHS cafeteria · Gathering at JGilligans Saturday night · Doris Whitlock · 817/469-1971 · dorisjean1941@yahoo.com CLASS OF 1964 · Last of an Era Reunion · June 21 · Alumni Open House · Rolling Hills Country Club · Susie Peterson Dixon · spddrd@flash.net to confirm address/email/ phone · Erin Hawkes Chaney · worldviewtravel@gmail.com for reservations CLASS OF 1974 · JUNE 20-21 · Friday: Maverick Bar and Grill · Saturday: Alumni Open House · Shady Valley Golf Club · Bryan Sawyer · 817/528-8053 · bryansawyer@att. net · Ana Pettit · 817/291-9521 · anafpettit@gmail.com CLASS OF 1984 · September 12-13 · Friday: JGilligans · Saturday: Tierra Verde Golf Course · Facebook · Arlington High School Class of 1984 · gradyhicks@gmail.com CLASS OF 1994 · September 26-27 · Facebook · Arlington High School Class of 1994 20 year reunion · Ben Nicholson · bnicholson@dotitlabels.com · 817/691-5004 (text only please)

CLASS OF 2004 · September 5-6 · Friday: JGilligans · Saturday: Rahr & Sons Brewery (Fort Worth) · John Stickney · jstickney@cck-law.com

Sandra Hemmle Womack, Linda Hargrave, Sara Jo Brothers Cantlon, Jane Robin Ellis





Jack Merbler and Paul Tubb with their teacher Kathryn Byrd White

Seated: Gayle Reeves Crouch, Mary Ann Smith Bosher; Standing: Sandra Hemmle Womack, Annette Workman Polk,





Dejah Moore, Dan Armstrong, Wes Huckabay, Cindy Crayton Wilson

Back: Art Bird, Jannette Workman Jim Binion, Bill Coble, Raymond Wright





Kathy Huff Baucom, Linda Kinser Chaney, Patte Williams Patterson, Debbie Koehl Ericson







2012 ~ in the old gym

## Alumni Open House 2013 ~ in the new cafeteria



### **Alumni Association Board of Directors**

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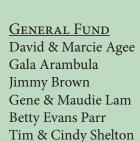
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### Forehand Scholarship

Theresa Bailey Lou Baker Frank Barnes Maryanne Brush Mr. & Mrs. John Flechtner Linda Hargrave Melvin & Dianne Jasek Ann McCaskill Charles Robinson Judy Stricklin Morris Wallis

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

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Jerry & Betty Thomas

Donations

### Scholarship

Erica & Tyler Crosley honoring Jo McGovern John & Beverly Frank Sue Pierce Jones Bill & Sabra Nesbitt

Newsletter: Doug Barlen, '72 Judy Whitenight Northup, '69 Auxiliary: Nancy King Marak, '81 School Board Liaison: Bowie Hogg, '96



Rusty, Michelle, Jerrell, Tanya at April Board meeting.