



ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association

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SAVE THE DATE

THE 18TH ANNUAL ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

Saturday • June 13, 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 1965

- **2015 Distinguished Colt Alumni • 2015 Alumni Scholars •**
- **Alumni Choir, directed by Dinah Dalton Menger, '77 •**
- **Alumni Band •**
- **Reunions for '55, '60, '63, '65, '80 • You and Your friends •**

President's Letter

Spring is in the air! This time of year we have gathered slots of new and exciting information to share with our devoted Alumni Association members!

We were fortunate to be invited to a memorial celebration for **Captain William H. Nation** who graduated from



Arlington High in 1936. (Story on page 2.) He served in the U. S. Army until his death January 31, 1945. At left I am

with his cousin Tom Hartin who gathered the extended family to celebrate the soldier's life by displaying many of Captain Nation's letters, including the last letter he wrote to his family here in Arlington. We viewed many photos

and other memorabilia his family shared while honoring the memory of such a dedicated man as the room filled with laughter, love, and joy!

The Nation family has founded a scholarship through the Alumni Association in Captain Nation's name to be presented at the senior Awards Assembly this month. The Association is proud to facilitate the granting of the Nation scholarship to an outstanding ROTC student.

On February 2, we turned to the future as representatives of the Arlington ISD Education Foundation and of the Alumni Association awarded AHS math teacher Kim Buchmeyer a grant for innovation in her math classes. (Story on page 5.) Because of our members' devotion to supporting Arlington High School, this grant was fully funded by the Association in the amount of \$2,492.60.

The 2015 class of Distinguished Colt Alumni has been selected. Four alumni from three decades—the class of **1967** has two honorees, along with one from the **'88** class, and one from **'96**—will be introduced at Open House

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Remembering Captain William H. Nation, AHS '36

On January 31, 2015, the 70th anniversary of Captain William Nation's death in Belgium, both a ceremony and a celebration were held. One was a tribute to Captain Nation at the Henri Chappelle Cemetery in Belgium where he is buried. This cemetery honors American soldiers who died liberating that country all those years ago. Captain Nation's nephews, Phil and Bill C. Nation, were in attendance. Five days after the Battle of the Bulge, on the last day of January 1945, while Bill was driving a jeep, he was shot and killed. His passenger survived and lives in Dallas today.

Bill Nation has a cult following in Normandy and Belgium because he was one of the few that had color 8mm film. In addition to the movies he sent home, his letters were prolific and masterfully done. A book with his letters and pictures has been published in France (dedicated to Bill's memory), and a documentary of his films was produced and shown in Cherbourg before the premier of *Saving Private Ryan* several years ago.

In order to include the many members of the Nation family who paused to remember Bill on this fateful day, the celebration occurred in Arlington. His movies were



running on a loop; his letters were read; the book mentioned above—along with others which wrote of him—were displayed.

The Nation family has a long, wide, and star-studded connection to Arlington High School and its Alumni Association. The late **Fay Nation Van Dam, '39**, was one of our first members. The family's two valedictorians (**Fay, Margaret Nation Hartin, '33**), one salutatorian (**Rebekah Tate, '14**) and Fielder Award winners (**Margaret, Joe Nation, '47, Rebekah**) have graced AHS through the

generations. In addition, last year Rebekah received one of our Alumni Association scholarships. (Update on page 6.)

Serving as Master of Ceremonies and prime organizer of the event was Margaret's son Tom Hartin—Alas, he grew up elsewhere!—who galvanized the family to contribute to a scholarship fund in memory of Captain Nation to be given through the auspices of the AHS Alumni Association to an ROTC student. This fund has grown enough to be able to fund \$1,000 scholarships over several years.

The editor thanks Tom for the information about Captain Nation in this article.



Pictured from left: Brothers **E.G. '42, David, '48**, sister **Ruth Tate, '43**, cousin Tom Hartin; Diana Van Dam Shelton reading Bill's letters; **David and Patsy Lawson Nation**, both '48; **Susanna Nation Tate, '87**, Board secretary **Debbie Koehl Ericson, '68, Cameron Nation, '76**

Milestones

Passings: **Florence Bergman Hyslop, '39**, March...**Doris Kendall Saffarrans, '43**, April...**William Thornton, '46**, December...**Betty Booker Willis, '46**, April...**Distinguished Colt Alumnus Bill Hughes, '48**, March...**Anna Tillery Pounds, '54**, April...**Jim Adams, '57**, March...**Dolores McMahon Sutton, '60**, April...**Barbara Keating Tapp, '60**, April...**Marty Bower, '64**, February...**Dana Jo Ascue Hale, '64**, March...**Maryann DeBruyne Orrell, '65**, February...**Judge Mark Price, '66**, February...**Janet Horbury Pollard, '67**, February...**Charlene Coats Anders, '70**, February...**Taylor Evans, '71**, April...**Jimmy Ray Glasgow, '75**, April...**Janette Jesek Capella, '80**, December...**Trey McFarlin, '80**, August 2014...**Sherry Gutkowski, '89**, February.

Congratulations: On January 3, 2015, **Patricia Ballweg Gazewood** married **Commander William Thomas Anderson**, both **Class of 1948**, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Arlington.

and honored at our Tailgate Party and pre-game ceremonies at Homecoming.

The AHS Alumni Association thanks Distinguished Colt Alumna **Jannette Workman, '54**, for her 13 years of service to our organization. Jannette championed the idea of establishing our scholarship program and assumed the chair of the scholarship committee in 2006. Her attention to detail made sure those checks were awaiting our Alumni Scholars at their colleges' Financial Aid offices when the students enrolled. To see how many scholarships we have given, go to page 4. In 2003, the Association gave two \$600 awards. This year we will award seven for \$1,000 to each student! THANK YOU, JANNETTE! You will be missed!

The two most important dates for us this year are June 13 and September 25. Doors open on June 13 at 9:00 for signing in, buying our products (which benefit the scholarship fund) and socializing with over 600 classmates from eight decades. If you ever sang in the choir, you

will be welcomed in the choir room at 9:00 to rehearse the grand songs we all want to hear and sing. Mark your calendars for these events! Always a good time for all!

Keep up with AHS and its Alumni Association on our Facebook page (Arlington High School Alumni Association). To nominate exes for Distinguished Colt, or to see our array of Alumni products, or to scan our membership roster, or to read archived newsletters, go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org. More important, you or someone you invite can join the Association easily on our website. You can even make a donation that way.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Open House!

"Fight for your Alma Mater!"



Class of 1974

AHS Spirit, Pride, Tradition Through The Decades

Little Arlie and his fountain, first donated to Arlington High School by the **Class of 1960**, has weathered the storms of nature—both human and meteorological. The **Class of 2008** raised money to clean and restore the broken, rusted, Arlie-less fountain even replacing the plaque honoring the seniors of 1960 who bequeathed this monument to their successors. For several years the fountain once again sparkled in the main courtyard south of the front hallway. But

it took the ingenuity, patience and dedication of students in the National Technology Honor Society—associated with the Career and Technology department under the guidance of their teacher Ashley Williams—to resurrect the refurbished fountain after a main support leg broke. Building the new support is in process which will make the fountain stronger than ever. Just like the **Spirit, Pride and Tradition of AHS** itself!



Red arrow points to broken support.



Can you guess the three words inscribed on the grooves of the mold?



Students of today preserving the gifts from students who have gone before them. **Colts Forever!**

\$\$ Money Matters \$\$

**OUR GIFTS TO ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS AND STAFF
FEBRUARY 1996 - MAY 2015**

**Arlington High School Alumni Association
Budget 2015**

	2015 Budget
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	
Operating Account	\$14,052.36
Scholarship Fund Account	7,863.97
(Per December 31, 2014 Bank Balances)	<u>\$21,916.33</u>
INCOME (RECEIPTS) -	
RECEIPTS	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
EXPENDITURES -	
A NEWSLETTER COST	\$ 2,200.00
B POSTAGE & PERMITS	1,000.00
C SPECIAL EVENTS-	
Open House & Homecoming	1,200.00
D LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	250.00
E GIFTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	8,300.00
F COST OF PINS/CAPS/T-SHIRTS	600.00
G PROMOTION, ADS & WEBPAGE	1,250.00
H PAYPAL FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
CASH FLOW (INCREASE[DECREASE])	<u>0.00</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	<u><u>\$21,916.33</u></u>

The 2015 budget, presented by treasurer Rusty Ward, was approved by the AHS Alumni Association Board of Directors

The AHS Alumni Association has its acre of diamonds. AHS has well over 50,000 former students. Look on page 5 to see how many have joined us. Lasso one or two and bring them into the corral! Arlington High School needs its alumni—now more than ever.

\$105,359.41

\$58,200.00

Since 2003, the total amount of scholarship dollars awarded to 59 graduating seniors.

\$31,492.60

Eleven years of support to the Arlington ISD Education Foundation to fund grants for Arlington High School or the elementary and junior high schools full of future Colts.

\$15,666.81

Courtyard Renovation · Booster Club support · Code Green 2012 · Cash for Classrooms · Special Education graduation luncheons · Display honoring Congressional Medal of Honor winner, Colonel Neel Kearby, '28, now located in hall next to cafeteria.

Members, Donations, Gifts

When the AISD Education Foundation awards grants to AHS teachers, it is time to celebrate. Together with several AHS Alumni Association board members and the Education Foundation board members, Principal Dhalla surprised math teacher Mrs. Kim Buchmeyer and her class with balloons and a check for \$2,492.60. This award, fully funded by **your ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**, will provide the implementation of the program called "Creating Collegiality in the Math Classroom." It will facilitate group learning in Mrs. Buchmeyer's math classes.



Top right, Principal Dhalla, Mrs. Buchmeyer and her math students. Bottom right: **Leslie Recine, Ana Pettit**, Foundation board member **Beth Hentze Owens, '85, Sharron Merrill, Paul Swartz.**

Membership Update

At press time, we have 2,544 individual members of the AHS Alumni Association. Of the 169 annual members, 72 have yet to renew. By May 15, the non-renewing members will be removed from our rolls.

This year we have received in new memberships, renewals, upgrades to Life membership, memorial memberships and donations a total of \$6,323.67. This is an excellent start toward our goal of \$15,000 in receipts for 2015. Do your share. Bring in another member in 2015. We need **YOU!** ~ *Sharron Merrill, Membership Chair*

New Members

- *Russell & Susan Crosier, '83, CBC
 - * Robbie, '13 & Elisabeth, '17
 - Sandra Cahill, CBC with Bobby '61
 - *Melissa Adams Crowson, '95
 - Tami Zang DeClerq, '80
 - Patrick & Sarah Arambula Hardy, '10/'10
 - Marisela Hazzard, '?? (anyone know?)
 - Dennis Johnston, '62
 - *John Lawler, '61
 - Martha Mabry, '70
 - *Mary Anna Lowe Martinez, '62
 - *Billy & Judy Holland Moore, '61/'62
 - *Karen Miller Morris, '70
 - Brenda Huchingson Roper, '70
 - *David Standish, '70
- *Life Membership

UPGRADES TO LIFE

- *William Anderson, '48
- *Merrilee Oram Ebensberger, '63
- *Ross Menger, '67
- *Bill Murchison, '61
- *Wally & Elaine Rushing Penny, '70/'71
- *Donna Ormsby Rowley, '63
- *Cyril Sulak, '62

DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Bill Hughes, '48
from
Kent Cherry
Ladies of Class of 1948
Wanda Marshall
Cheri McCune
Charles Robinson
Lee & Amelia Woodward

Memorial Memberships

- Jerry Bentley, '53
by Laurie Jean Bentley
- Jack Cox, '54, by Brian Johnson
- Grace Thames Ellison, '62,
by Don & Regina Atkins
- Ray Hudson, '42
by Carol Bellomy Wallis
- Bill Hughes, '48,
Gerald Kraybill, '61
by John Lawler
- Captain William Nation, '36,
the Nation family

DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND

- David & Marcie Agee
- Bill Murchison
- Kathy Olsen
- Melody Olsen

Alumni Scholar Update ~ from Baylor University

College greeted me with great adventures—running the Baylor Line before every home game (I only tripped once); meeting my theatre family; finding my best friends; pulling all-nighters in my secret study space in the music section of the library.



Although I am still a Theatre Performance major, I have added a music minor and a business minor to my degree plan. I am a member of the Chamber Singers which is directed by former AHS teacher and alumna **Dinah Menger**. It is so great to work under someone from AHS. Speaking of AHS, my AP classes taught me dedication and note-taking skills. Special thanks to the English department—I have made nothing but A's on all of my papers.

Surprises have come, too. Building and painting sets—basically wood shop on steroids—has made me quite a handy woman at home fixing little things here and there. Although I was quite nervous about meeting new people, it turned out to be so easy.

My advice for the graduates of 2015 is not to be afraid of getting outside of your comfort zone. It is great for creative thinking and living. Learn to be vulnerable with people for when you do, you truly make life long friends. College is *VERY* different from high school, It is harder, faster paced, intense, and very tiring; but in the end those long and sleepless nights are where you make the best memories!

Without AHS I do not think I would have the knowledge and skills to truly succeed in college.

Bailey Harris, '14

My first year at Baylor has been wonderful so far! I have made many new friends and have loved attending sporting events, running the Baylor Line, and watching the Homecoming parade among various exciting events around the campus.

One surprising aspect of college is how late everything is open and how late people really stay up studying and talking at the library or in the lobby at the dorm. It is very easy to get caught up in talking to new friends when you should actually be starting your homework! Although the homework load has steadily increased, the wonderful teachers and classes I had at AHS have definitely prepared me for the amount of homework and studying I have to do now. Because the teachers at AHS prompted me to ask questions and seek help when needed, I have not been afraid of doing exactly that while here at Baylor, especially in preparation for my tougher classes.

My advice for the 2015 Alumni scholars is not only to enjoy each and every exciting event of senior year, especially when spending time with friends or participating in school activities, but also



to look forward to making new memories and friends as you head off to college. It is hard to leave close friends and family, but remember that your new school is full of other freshmen who are looking to make friends. They, too, are away from their family and friends. Making new friends and meeting new people in college is very exciting and can happen all over campus, so do not be afraid to be the first to introduce yourself!

Rebekah Tate, '14

TOP FIVE CLASSES



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| 1. Class of 1963 , down two, but still on top— | 110 | Class of 1955—16 |
| 2. Class of 1962 , 5 new members, 2 non-renewers— | 86 | Class of 1960—36 |
| 3. Class of 1961 , 4 new members, 2 non-renewers— | 76 | Class of 1965—26, down one |
| 4. Class of 1959 , 3 non-renewers, from 61 to— | 58 | Class of 1970—28, up 4 |
| 5. Class of 1964 , holding steady, at— | 45 | Class of 1975—19 |
| | | Class of 1980—13 |

REUNION CLASSES

CHALLENGE

This reunion year find 10 more Colts from YOUR GREAT CLASS to join us in keeping AHS not only first here, but best here!

Reunions ~ 2015

- Class of 1955** · June 13 · Alumni Open House · Ruth Kurtzweil Milburn · milburnruth@gmail.com · 713.973.0833
- Class of 1960** · June 13 · Alumni Open House · June 19: JGilligans · June 20: Buffet/Social at Rolling Hills CC · ahsclassof60@aol.com
- Class of 1963** · June 13 · 70th Birthday Party · Friday: JGilligans · Saturday: Alumni Open House · Ladies Lunch at Pulidos · Tierra Verde · **Becky Martin Armstrong** · beckdan@swbell.net · 817.561.4309
- Class of 1965** · June 12 & 13 · Friday: Golf at Rolling Hills · JGilligans · Saturday: Alumni Open House · Ladies Lunch · Evening—Rolling Hills CC · **Susie Wine McAlister** · susiemcal@gmail.com.
- Class of 1970** · September 25 & 26 · More details from **Penny Morris** · 817.975.1287 · fxn2@att.net
- Class of 1975** · June 19 & 20 · Friday: JGilligans · Saturday: Cacharel · **Willa Mills** · 817.276.8700 · **Wynn Winberg** · wynn@aries-prods.com · Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282336868328/>
- Class of 1980** · June 13 · Open House and JGilligans · Facebook: **Arlington High School Class of 1980, 35th Reunion**
- Class of 1985** · **Double Header Reunion!** · July 31: JGilligans & August 1: Home Run Porch at the Ballpark · **Plus** · September 25 & 26 · Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/482549781883579/>
- Class of 1995** · September 26 · Facebook: **Arlington High School Class of 1995 Arlington, Texas**
- Class of 2005** · October 9 & 10 · Chloé Beth Addudell · 817.692.5742 · chloebetha@gmail.com



ARLINGTON'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

One way to reunite with other AHS Colts is to view or participate in this outstanding celebration of America's founding. Alumni from AHS have been part of this parade since 2004. Pictured at left: new parade decorations. To join us in this Alumni effort, contact **Kathy Einhaus**, 817.683.2164 kathy_einhaus@sbcglobal.net



AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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Join online at: www.ahscolts-alumni.org

SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ _____ GENERAL FUND \$ _____ MEMBERSHIP FEES \$ _____

ANNUAL

Individual = \$25 with \$15 annual renewal

Household = \$35 with \$15 annual renewal

LIFE

Individual = \$125 paid once

Household = \$175 paid once

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED

\$35 paid once

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Name: _____ Class Of: _____
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Address: _____
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(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP) (PHONE)

E-Mail: _____ Form of Payment: CASH CHECK

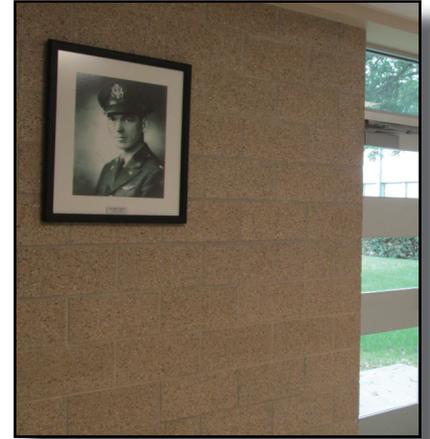
Check your preference: Newsletter by U.S. Mail by email notification

Given by Arlie's Angel - Name: _____ Phone: _____

Memorial Membership \$35: _____
 (one time only fee for deceased classmate) (NAME) (CLASS)



The late **Colonel Neel Kearby, Class of 1928**, is the only Congressional Medal of Honor winner Arlington can claim as its own. After a permanent display on the Wall of Fame at the Arlington ISD Central Office was completed, the portrait of Colonel Kearby was given to Arlington High School. On the right, you can see the portrait as it was displayed in 2014 in the hall next to the cafeteria. No information other than name and class was provided, and you can see by the courtyard doors on the right, only a 7-footer could get an adequate view of the portrait.



When members of the Alumni Association saw the bald display, they realized no student would have any idea that this graduate of their high school was a fighter pilot extraordinaire in World War II. With the help of **Linh Nguyen**, AISD Curriculum Coordinator for Art, **Richard Aghamalian, '65**, and **Geraldine Nash Mills, '59**, of the Arlington Historical Society, the Board of Directors—particularly **Paul Swartz**, whose expert eye guided proper placement—rectified the situation.

On the left you can see the new display which now hangs across the hall from the windows into the courtyard. In addition to the portrait of this warrior who gave his life for his country, a copy of the Medal of Honor citation and a biographical sketch of the colonel flanks his picture. This is just one more example of the Arlington High School Alumni Association benefitting our alma mater and its current students.

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April Board Meeting at Tanya's *The Cookie Machine*



Top: **Kathy, Sharron, Jerrell**

Bottom left: **Tanya, Linda,**

Doris, Paul, DeeDee, Rusty

Bottom right: **Ana, Debbie,**

the back of Mac's head

Photos by **Leslie**

