



# ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association

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## President's Letter

**I**n addition to wishing all a Happy New Year, I offer this reminder: HOW SWEET IT IS TO BE IN COLT COUNTRY! What spirit and pride all of you have shown over the past year! 2013 proved to be one of the best for the AHS Alumni Association. We begin this year with 990 AHS Alumni households! Of course, when we count individuals, we are way over 1,000 strong!

Our annual Homecoming Tailgate Party was another success with our great Alumni products sales bringing in money for our Scholarship Fund. The DVD of the best ever Open House held last June sold and can still be ordered from our website: [www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org). If you missed the event, the DVD will take you there. If you were there, you'll see you were right. It was fun!

Our 2013 Distinguished Colt Alumni, **Don Mebus, '62**, and **Fran Ditto Jennings, '48**, received their eye-catching plaques at Tailgate and were presented to the Homecoming crowd in pre-game ceremonies. To read more about Don and Fran, see the link to the Fall newsletter on our website.

Is your class having a reunion in 2014? We have information on these classes: **'49, '54, '57, '59, '64, '69, '74, '84, and '94**. If a date for your class reunion hasn't been set, we encourage you to choose June 21. The Alumni Open House gives you a fabulous event with nothing to plan, underwrite or execute. At least three of the above classes are taking advantage of that weekend for their reunions. We distribute information about the Alumni Association to reunion groups in order to reach out and invite their grads to join the Association. The more members we have the better we can continue our tradition of supporting Arlington's first and best high school.

If your class is gathering on a different week, please spread the word about Open House. Although out-of-towners might not travel twice, many locals could see what Alumni Open House is all about. We hope to see tons of alumni on June 21, 2014 in the newly renovated cafeteria. Social time begins at 9:30; program starts at 10:00.

Last year, we came close to the 1,000 households membership mark. Year in and year out, new memberships provide the key to providing money for scholarships. New

members allow us to support the Arlington Education Foundation and to assist our Alma Mater with gifts for special projects or needs. We always need your help to lasso the Colts outside our corral and rope them in. Out of our 990 households, 685 are Lifetime members and pay no more yearly dues. Life Members, please consider a donation for the Alumni. You can target a particular area or you can give a membership to your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, classmates, neighbors. Anyone who has attended AHS (Graduation is not necessary to be considered an alum.) is eligible to join the Association.

Please visit our website at [ahscolts-alumni.org](http://ahscolts-alumni.org) to see pictures, to read stories and newsletters, to peruse our list of members from your class, to collect reunion information, and to **JOIN, UPGRADE TO LIFE or DONATE!**

We are on Facebook as the Arlington High School Alumni Association or you can reach us at **AHS Alumni • PO Box 152578 • Arlington, TX 76015.**

As always, **KICK 'EM COLTS!!!**

**Ana F. Pettit**  
Class of 1974



Don, Little Arlie,  
Fran, Ana at Tailgate

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## Milestones

**Passings:** Dates are either 2013 or January 2014

**Sterling Goodwin Workman, '36**, October...**Helen Decker Deering, '41**, January...**Billy Ray Collier, '49**, January...**Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, '51**, December...**Billy Joe Walker, '52**, December...**Marlyn Wood Latimer, '54**, August...**Douglas Milburn, Valedictorian Class of 1954**, August...**Michael Ditto, '55**, August...**Latha Lou 'Lalu' Nesbit Camp, '56**, August...**Tip Alonzo Horsley, '56**, July...**Barbara Lawson Hughes, '57**, January...**Billy Joe Pate Smith, '58**, August...**Teddie Couch Rosenthal, '59**, January...**Muriel Gann Snoddy, '59**, December...**Cathy Adkins, '63**, October...**John Jameison, '63**, July...**Diane Martin Scott, '63**, October...**Floyd Enns, '65**, July...**Philip Ola, '65**, December...**Bill Floyd, '67**, October...**Marcia Paulk, '73**, August...**David Schroeder, '76**, December...**Larry Sadler, '77**, January...**Todd Baker, '82**, November...**Lee Overstreet, '95**, January...**Dan Basham**, former teacher, December...**Cindy Stewart, CBC**, AHS staff, December. (See Winter 2013 newsletter for more about Cindy's AHS family).

COLT ALUMNI  
**KIM FOREHAND  
BURLETTE AND  
RUSTY FOREHAND,**  
CHILDREN OF  
**PHYLLIS "TEACH"  
FOREHAND,** chose



our Association as their memorial preference after Phyllis' passing in December. The funds donated have reached the \$1,000 mark and will enable us to give a scholarship in that amount in May to a journalism student. In addition to her years as a beloved teacher at AHS and as a stalwart member of the **Class of 1951**, Phyllis served on our Alumni Board as a willing volunteer for us. We will all greatly miss her.

## In Memory of Phyllis

Arlington Women of Rotary  
Cathy Brown  
Kent Cherry  
Dan Dipert  
Don & Carolyn Etter  
Robert & Judy Harris  
Cheri McCune  
Louis & Fay Beth Moore  
Jim & Carrol Nokes  
Mary Jane Pope  
Helen Schrickel  
Kathleen Smith  
Gary & Robbyn Steele  
Connie Thompson  
Kirsten Dietz Voinis

The family of **Charles Marshall, Class of 1951**, was the first to designate our Association as a memorial. In May of 2010, third generation Colt **Alexandra Anderson** received the Charles Marshall Memorial Scholarship. Alexandra will graduate in May from Texas A&M majoring in Tourism Management. This semester she is interning in Fort Worth with the Convention and Visitors Bureau as a sales intern. After graduation—culinary school! Maybe at a school in Dallas or she might "take an adventure and go to a school in New York City."

Best of luck in all your endeavors, Alexandra.



**WE ARE PROUD OF OUR  
ALUMNI SCHOLARS!**

*A Note From Principal Jennifer Young ~ How Sweet It Is To Be In Colt Country!!!!!!*

I always tell people that AHS is a great school with outstanding students. I love it when our graduates do big things and represent us so well. **Luke Joeckel (Class of 2010)** had his football jersey retired at an AHS pep rally this fall. Most of you know that Luke played football at Texas A&M, and last year he was the #2 pick in the NFL draft. He is currently playing football for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Recently, Luke donated \$125,000 to AHS. WOW!!!!!! \$50,000 is dedicated for scholarships for our seniors. Since we have several players sharing lockers which don't lock, Luke gave us another \$50,000 to purchase lockers. He also wanted to do something that would impact the entire campus. He gave us a check for \$25,000 to use

for our students and our school. What a blessing!!

Luke said that "AHS played a big role in helping me become the person I am today. I am so happy to have the opportunity to give back!"

COLTS!  
COLTS!  
KICK 'EM!  
KICK 'EM!



Luke and  
Coach Peach

## Nominations Open for 2014 Distinguished Colt Alumni Awards

Honorees are alumni who typify the spirit, pride and tradition of Arlington High School through tireless efforts to “give back” to our school or are those who have brought honor to Arlington High through their significant career accomplishments. **Attention Nominators:** Remember that the Alumni Board members who select the honorees may not know your nominees. Be specific in listing the ways your nominees have supported AHS or have burnished the reputation of AHS throughout their professional lives.

**Use nomination form on website or send to our PO Box. WRITE TO IMPRESS!**

### DISTINGUISHED COLT ALUMNI ROLL CALL

**1997**

\*Tom & \*AnnaWaynette  
Smith Vandergriff

**1998**

Tom Cravens  
Barbara Nash Kight

**1999**

\*Bill Bardin  
Cathy Bontley Brown

**2000**

Greg & Jane Crews Friess

**2001**

\*Michael Ditto  
Robert Perry Mills, Jr.  
(posthumous)

\*Natalee Davis Parr  
Jane Robin Ellis

**2002**

Tille Lester Burgin  
Carl Knox

\*Phillip Stork, '49  
Dean Corey  
(posthumous)

**2003**

Robert Fielder  
(posthumous)

Beverly Bohannon Reynolds

\*Gene Schrickel  
John Webb

**2004**

\*William Conner  
Gary Martin  
\*Frank Smith

Kathleen Bradford Smith  
Margie Austin

**2005**

Alan Austin  
Ben Pierce

Anne Ross Berg Seldon  
Ernest Wilemon  
Kathryn Taylor Wilemon

**2006**

Charlie Key  
(posthumous)

\*Charles Marshall  
Wanda Roberson Marshall  
Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel

Mike Wade

\*Mayfield Workman

**2007**

Tom DeFrank  
Bill Hughes  
Dinah Dalton Menger

**2008**

James Ditto  
Alvin Moseley  
Martha Wiggins Moseley  
James Adams

**2009**

James “Brad” Bradley  
Kent Cherry  
\*Phyllis Hargrave Forehand  
Paul Swartz  
Jannette Workman

**2010**

Jim Ball  
Jeff Dalton  
Owen Ivie  
Neel Kearby  
(posthumous)

**2011**

Mac Martin  
Peggy Wood Martin  
Robert Miles  
Geraldine Nash Mills

\*Barton Thompson

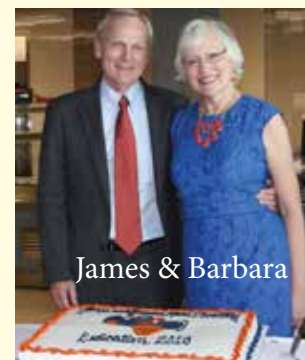
\*since deceased

**2012**

Cari Fitzgerald Cook  
Mike Enger  
Buddie Hrabal  
Doland Maner

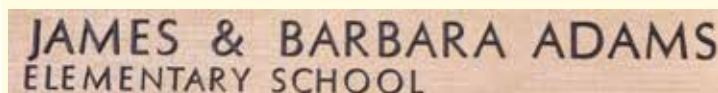
**2013**

Don Mebus  
Fran Ditto Jennings



James & Barbara

In September, the newest elementary school in the AISD was dedicated. Distinguished **Colt By Choice James Adams**—long time principal of AHS —and his wife Barbara who taught many future Colts during her years as a top flight teacher at Hill Elementary are namesakes of this state-of-the-art school. Several other members of the DCA Honor Roll attended the ceremony.



James with Cathy Brown



Jannette Workman with Superintendent Cavazos



Another member of the DCA Honor Roll, school namesake **John Webb**, celebrated the 20th anniversary of Webb Elementary by addressing the crowd.

# AHS Alumni Association

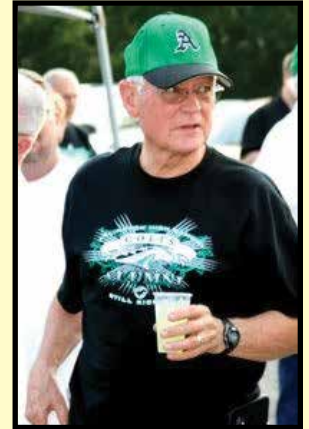
Becky Martin Armstrong, '63,  
John Coble, '62, Dan Armstrong, '63



AHS Alumni on staff at AHS



Butch Mahan, '59



## Homecoming 2013



Carolyn Mebus, Jane Robin Ellis, CBC, Don Mebus, '62, Jerrell Womble, '71, in background



Homecoming  
Pep Rally

Fred Cook, '52, Art Bird, '54



Alumni Band



Tyler Crosley, CBC, Annette Workman Polk, '54, Jannette Workman, '54



Carol Sawyer Boring, '56



Jo Colliflower McGovern, '66,  
Debbie Koehl Ericson, '68

Nancy King Marak, '81, Beverly Wolf Bush, '61



Miss Ellis with Martha Sue Martin Meek, '69



New member **Jack Vaughn, '42**, (back row) and his wife, join Board members **Steve East, Debbie Ericson, Ana Pettit, Jannette Workman** and **DeeDee Winter** at a Ranger game.

The Board thanks **Steve East, '62**, for his four years of service as VP and Parade Chair.

## ~ Welcome New Members ~

- \*Justin Adkins, '09
- \*Bruce & Celeste Gay Ashworth, '73/'76
- Donald & Regina Atkins, '62/CBC
- \*Kim Rury Boshier, '74
- \*Royce Bush, '64
- Holly Harvey Clark, '87
- \*Susan Thompson Cole, '76,  
given by Dwight Thompson
- Donna Crenshaw, '68
- Carrie Smith Crumpton, '03
- Zenobia Davison, teacher, CBC
- Cyndy & Mike Fairchild, CBC/CBC
- \*Jim Falvo, '63
- Tanis Chandler Garrett, '65
- \*John Gaston, '62
- Sheryl Fife Harper, '69
- \*Joe & Sheri Rothermel Harvey, '64
- \*Lance Harvey, '84
- \*John Hopkins, ??**
- \*Jimmy Houston, '63
- Daniel Johnson, '03
- \*Robin Land, '75
- Claire Lautensack, '13
- \*Garrison Lewis, '08  
given by Gwynethe Lewis
- \*Gwynethe Reddy Lewis, '76,  
upgrade to Life Membership
- \*Don Mebus, '62
- Susan Miller, teacher, CBC
- Bill Murchison, '61
- \*Darla Murray, '76,  
by Gwynethe Lewis
- \*Cliff & Sally Phillips Mycoskie, '72/'73
- Bridget Orellana, '13
- \*Beth Hentze Owens, '85

- \*Elizabeth Atkins Pirkey, '76
- Margaret Reed, '68
- \*Krista Lewis Reynolds, '08  
by Gwynethe Lewis
- \*Jill Wilemon Spencer, '70
- \*Gary Steele, '72
- Victoria Swope, '09
- Sydney Szmuc, '13
- Suzanne Newcomb Tanner, '61
- Rebecca Treadway, '77
- Jack Vaughn, '42
- \*David Walker, '74
- Mary Ann Watkins, teacher, CBC
- \*Helen Weicker, '66
- \*Larry Wolfe, '64

## COLTS ROUND-UP 2014

Thank you, **Bill Anderson, '48**, for joining at Open House. New members keep this enterprise alive. Life Members, unless they give a membership or donate, supply no new dollars for the Association. If all 165 annual members renew, \$2,475 comes in. **Not enough!** So our support for AHS depends on newbies like you, Bill.



### Top Classes in Membership

Class of 1963*	107
Class of 1962	82
Class of 1961	70
Class of 1959*	57
Class of 1957	37
Class of 1951	37
*Decade Leader	

### Decade Leaders

Class of 1939	5
Class of 1948	22
Class of 1976	38
Class of 1981	16
Class of 1990	12
Class of 2001	11
Class of 2012	18

### 2014 Reunion classes and their Membership

Class of 1949	12	Class of 1979	8
Class of 1954	25	Class of 1984	10
Class of 1959	57	Class of 1989	1
Class of 1964	30	Class of 1994	6
Class of 1969	28	Class of 1999	6
Class of 1974	37	Class of 2004	8

**The \$35 Memorial Memberships** which place the names of deceased alumni on their class rolls in perpetuity have been available for purchase since 2011. Since many donations had been made to the Association prior to the establishment of Memorial Memberships, the Board of Directors has voted to give a Memorial Membership to all persons for whom donations were made in their memory. From today forward, memorial donations totaling at least \$35 will place the names of the memorialized on their class roll as a member in perpetuity. In order to include all alumni for whom we have received a memorial gift prior to 2011, we have listed the following names on our membership roster at [www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org).

Irma Weddle Grounds, '39  
David Beard, '41  
Dennis Bradley, '43  
Tom Vandergriff, '43  
Anna Waynette Smith  
Vandergriff, '44  
Beth Cox Goodwin, '44  
Mary McDonald Bray, '48  
Phillip Stork, '49  
Neil Tucker, '49  
Barbara Brown Wright, '50  
Jack Ray Brown, '51  
Ken Forehand, CBC, '51  
Jolene Smith Harris, '51  
Jane Young Hocker, '51  
Jane Mathes Kelton, '51  
Sarabeth Christopher  
Kimmons, '51  
Charles Marshall, '51  
Tommy Walker, '51  
Grover Cribbs, '52  
Shirley Patterson Albin, '57  
Mary Houchin Baker, '57  
Mike Banowsky, CBC '57  
Carol Griffith, '57

Jane Little Holland, '57  
Richard Jones, '57  
Merrell Lankford, '57  
Bonnie Ritter, '57  
George Rozelle, '57  
George Woods, '57  
Bill Yeatherman, '57  
John Young, '57  
Ann Snider McLellan, '58  
Louis Flynt, '59  
Jerry Jordan, '59  
Mack "Skip" Johnson, '60  
Elaine Lowry Williams, '61  
Faith Belovsky Eddingston, '63  
Bill Hubbard, '63  
Mandi Turner, '63  
Darsa Armour Owens, '77  
James Banowsky, CBC  
Mike Gore, CBC  
James Starrett, CBC  
Mayfield Workman, CBC

Next column lists Memorial Memberships given since July 2013:

Dr. Richard B. Hartin, '34,  
by Sharron Merrill  
Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, '51  
Pete Murray '52  
John Forbes, '54  
by Roy/Patricia Thompson  
Mike Watkins, '60  
Molly Crouch Anderson, '62  
Karrell Sommers Arlt, '62  
Mills Boon, '62,  
Above 3 by DeeDee Winter  
Roy Godwin, '62  
Kathy Fleming, '62  
Marilou Goldner, '62  
Zsolt Pahany, '62  
Claudia Reeves, '62  
Robert Young, '62  
Above 6 by Jim Ashworth  
Diane Martin Scott, '63  
by Janie McPhail  
Corky Lawing, '70  
Dana Nabors Smith, '74  
by Ana Pettit  
Blake Thompson, '73  
by Dwight Thompson

## DONATIONS

### In Memory

Sunny Brewer Adams, '57  
Katherine Gerken  
Pete Murray, '52,  
by Larry Davault  
Diane Martin Scott, '63  
Gary Page  
Barton Thompson, '51  
Cheri McCune  
Mandi Turner, '63  
by Sharron Merrill  
Mike Watkins, '60,  
by Sandra Sadler

### Honoring

Fabulous '50s

by Sandra Sadler

### Scholarship Fund

Zenobia Davison, teacher  
Susan Miller, teacher  
Joanna Harmison Smith, '83

## Colts Still Making Good Memories

Fearsome  
Colt  
Run-  
Through



Journalist **Tom DeFrank** with "fans" at his book review: **Jacque Roll, Margaret Workman, Joyce Preisser, Linda Attaway, Cindy Wilson, all '63.**



Board members celebrating **Mr. Webb's** 90th and, lower right, serving at the Back-to-School teacher breakfast.



### Laura Merrill Anz, '89,



received the Outstanding Staff Award for 2013. Laura serves as secretary to the Dean of the

College of Engineering, Southern Illinois University. Congratulations, Laura!



## Reunions

**CLASS OF 1949** · June 21, possibly · Plans TBD

**CLASS OF 1954** · April 25-26 · Crowne Plaza, Arlington · Sue Gray · 817/460-5453  
· [jerry76013@aol.com](mailto:jerry76013@aol.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:spddrd@flash.net) to confirm address/email/phone · Erin Hawkes Chaney · [worldviewtravel@gmail.com](mailto:worldviewtravel@gmail.com) for reservations

**CLASS OF 1969** · February 22 · *Annual No More Reunions Reunion* · JGilligans · 6:30

**CLASS OF 1974** · Friday: Maverick Bar and Grill · Saturday: Alumni Open House · Shady Valley Golf Club · Bryan Sawyer · 817/528-8053 · [bryansawyer@att.net](mailto:bryansawyer@att.net) · Ana Pettit · 817/291-9521 · [anafpettit@gmail.com](mailto:anafpettit@gmail.com)

**CLASS OF 1984** · In planning stages · Facebook · Arlington High School Class of 1984 · Grady Hicks

**CLASS OF 1994** · Something happening. Don't know what yet!



### AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

W2014

Join online at: [www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://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

Payable To: AHS ALUMNI \* P.O. Box 152578 \* Arlington, Texas 76015 \* 817.879.7162 \* [ahs\\_alumni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (LAST) (MAIDEN)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET)

(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)

## Homecoming 2013



Don Albin, '55, official  
photographer of Homecoming  
'13, and Kay Remyse Albin, '57

Future Colts  
Hill Elementary Cheerleaders



Frannie Harder (Martin grad mom  
of a future Colt) proudly wearing her  
iamaColt t-shirt with Jill Harvison  
Breitenstein, '95

Stetson Franco, '11



Don Mebus holding his  
senior picture from 1962  
with Mac Martin at Student  
Council Exes Reception  
after pep rally



## Alumni Association Board of Directors

### **OFFICERS**

President: Ana Pettit, '74

Vice-President: DeeDee Mosby Winter, '62

Secretary: Debbie Koehl Ericson, '68

Treasurer: Rusty Ward, '69

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Membership: Sharron Chapman Merrill, '61

Webmaster: Mac Martin, '61

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Product Sales: Paul Swartz, '59

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Distinguished Colts: Jerrell Womble, '71

Special Events: Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64

Newsletter: Michelle Barlen, CBC

Editor: Cathy Bontley Brown, '63

Scholarship: Jannette Workman, '54

Archives: Martha Sue Martin Meek, '69

Alumni Band: Tanya Terrell-Weidemann, '81

Member-at-large: Mike Enger, '74



**Rusty Ward** greets **Mr. Webb** and his daughter  
**Jan Webb Rash, '69.**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Archives: Leslie Cox Recine, '81

Peggy Wood Martin, '66

Membership: Beverly Wolf Henrion-Bush '61

David Bailey, '61

Newsletter: Doug Barlen, '72

Judy Whitenight Northup, '69

Auxiliary: Nancy King Marak, '81

School Board Liaison: Bowie Hogg, '96