

Comet II

Deaths

- Guy Phelps, Jr., '46
- Eloise Ashford Bookert
- Rosalie "Pete" Thomas Hair, '53
- Mildred Whetstone Watkins, '56
- Alberta Leslie Hare Heller

Class of 1955

Our class continues to be very active, though we are small in number. We met at the home of Roland Harris in November and ate his special ribs. Our Christmas party was a Blast. We danced to oldies and sat around "chewing the fat" with each other about our past/present. Raffle winners were: 1st-Robin Furgess; 2nd-Aldenia Samson; 3rd-Willie Johnson; 4th-Reginald Nesbitt; 5th-Lorine Harris. Thanks to Bennie Hair and Willie Johnson for their

monetary donations.

Ruth Williams, Roland Harris and Alonzo Phelps recently had knee replacement surgery and are doing well. Thanks to all who called or prayed. Most of us are 75 and some days we may feel every one of those years in some part of our body. Please pray for all of our other classmates who are recovering.

We must applaud our president, A. Griffin, who also wears the leader's hat for the BTW Foundation. Hats off to you Al! Thanks for doing a superb job!

My last brother, Guy Phelps, 82 died in December. He is missed by all of us.

I am happy to report that my Aunt Fannie, 94, is doing well and recovering well after her illness. She says she is getting a little stronger everyday. Good luck to you and God Bless you Mrs. Phelps-Adams!

Well, I must say so long until next quarter.

Your Roving Reporter,
Alonzo Phelps.



Al Griffin's two hats of leadership.

Scholarships

The Foundation has the following available to graduating seniors who are legacies: **Gus J. Roberts**, awarded to a student who plans to pursue a degree in engineering. **Beverly Garrick**, unrestricted. **Ernestine Caldwell**, awarded to a student who plans to pursue a degree in education.

Fannie Phelps Adams. Awarded to a student who plans to pursue a degree in education.

Please visit the Foundation's web site at bookertwashington-foundation.sc.org or contact Geraldine Parker at parkergs@bellsouth.net to

learn more and get a scholarship application and requirements. Scholarships are due by April 15. Remember: children, grand children of Washingtonians are eligible. As we age we may have to change/broaden the choices for graduating seniors.

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Leads to the Clinton Library Complex in Little Rock, AR. Wilhelmina Rhoe is an inaugural inductee.

Class of 1954

Greetings Washingtonians! We are on the "move!" Several classmates took a fun packed trip to Canada last summer. Our connections are closely kept by meeting monthly. We sometimes meet in private homes and sometimes in restaurants.

Margaret Mack Hampton's son, Stacey married Carketa Hampton in April 1911.

Katie Bell Lites' grandson, Ryan Koon, is a freshman at Georgia Southern

Carietta Wilder Lewis' son,

Dr. Roderick Lewis has been elected to oversee the General Publication office for the C.M.E. Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Wilhelmina Robinson Rhoe's name is engraved in the inaugural group of names on the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge Walkway in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Some deaths in the family are: Mozelle Simmons Myers' brother, Phillip Simmons, Jr., Detroit, MI.; Agnes Myers Hardison's husband, William L. Hardison; Annie Thompson Williams' sister and

Marian Bookhard Tucker's aunt, Hattie Mae Speech, and classmate Dr. Frank Patrick.

Mozelle S. Myers, Eunice W. Robinson and Marian B. Tucker sang in "Hallowed Halls" a Eugene Washington Documentary, with others from Lakeview, C.A. Johnson and Booker T. Washington High Schools' former students. We are anxiously awaiting the release of the film in June 2012.

Marion B. Tucker, Reporter



Class of 1943

Greetings Washingtonians, it's another year and hope all is well with you and yours. We are always glad when our fellow classmates share a bit of news with us and fellow Washingtonians.

Holiday Highlights: Pauline B. Richardson, her sister Georgella B. Foust and family entertained Ida J. Jackson at the Blocker Family's

Annual Christmas Dinner. Her Husband, A. P. attended also. Nancy Bryant was with her son. Rubye Collins' nieces and nephews took her to Atlanta, GA then to St. Matthews, at the family homestead, where everyone met and had a great time. Rosa W. Goodson spent time in Raleigh, NC with a friend. Nathaleen M.

Jenkins' sons, Gregory and Lester spent time with her in Columbia, SC.

We hope Terza Goodson and Maggie M. Cochran are well. Josephine Hall spent time with family and friends in Charlotte, NC and Columbia, SC.

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Class of 1956

Welcome to the New Year. We're having a post-Valentine's Day Brunch at the Eau Claire Community Development Center on February 18 at 11:00 a.m. Please come. You are welcome to bring a food item to help our table be spread with a great variety of foodstuffs.

We are still trying to locate our classmates for the 56' for 56 Reunion which will be held in

conjunction with the Heritage Weekend Celebration, June 22-24. Please call me at 803 622 3956, or E-Mail me at jjohnniepatt@aol.com or jcpatterson@netzero.com. Don't forget to send your payment to Willie Mae Belton

Thomas Brown has been quite ill. Send him a card/note at 789 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, NY 11233. Frances Hall Smith and

Julia Weeks Cleveland are doing well after surgery.

Sarah Watson Griffin spent a week in Hawaii recently.

Mildred Whetstone Watkins' death saddened us. Thanks to classmates who attended the final rites. Continue to pray for her family as they mend. Johnnie M. Corley Patterson, President and Reporter.



Post-Valentine's Day Brunch at Eau Claire Community Dev. Center.

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Class of 1960

Happy New Year! Here's wishing all a peaceful and joyous year. It's a New year and we'll end the old year by recognizing several classmates who celebrated their birthday in the fourth quarter of 2011. October, Walter Brown, Jr.; November, Louise Smith, Mary L. Brown, Bessie Hodges McCloud and Joyce Goodson Latimer; December, Albert Montgomery, Jr., Albert McKie, and Margaret Kennedy Smith.

Speaking of birthdays, most '60 classmates will celebrate their 70th birthday. Plans will soon be

underway for them to celebrate their birthday blessing together. Stay tuned for the date and details.

Helen Green Harris, California, visited Columbia last November to spend time with her brother, Dallas Green, '58/ During her brief stay she and several classmates and friends met at Ruby Tuesday's Restaurant to enjoy dinner and "talk about the good old times"

Class photos and articles are on the class web site. Visit the class web site and share photos

and articles. Bettye Garrick Byrd and Helen Harris are the web administrators and will provide a password if needed..



Time to dine, at Ruby Tuesday, with friends and classmates

Class of 1957

Happy New Year Washingtonians! Our Annual Holiday Fellowship was held on December 27, 2011 at noon at the Brookland Baptist Banquet and Conference Center, West Columbia, SC. We enjoyed a delicious meal as we fellow-shipped with family members and friends. Classmate, Bishop Simon White traveled from Augusta, GA to join us in the celebration this year. Most classmates had not

seen Simon in more than 55 years, so having him in attendance was a very special treat.

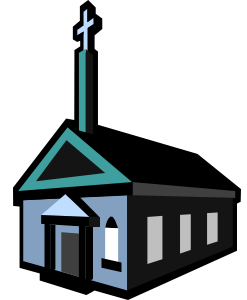
The next activity for our class will be our Quarterly Worship Service on March 13, 2012 in Orangeburg, SC to worship with classmate Minnie Murray Johnson at the 10:45 a.m. services at Williams Chapel AME Church. We look forward to worshipping with Minnie and the Williams Chapel

AME Church family.

Lots of excitement is in the air as we work on plans for our Fifty-Fifth Class Reunion June 2012, we are looking forward seeing classmates who will be traveling from near and far. Pray for us and our sick and shut in members.

Mary Davis Williams, William L. Davis, Jr. & Frazier Davis, reporters

Quarterly Worship Services...1957



Class of 1961

Eau Claire High School renamed its gymnasium for its renowned former basketball coach, George Glymph Arena,

Pastor Samuel "Herc" Goodwin celebrated his twenty-seventh pastoral anniversary at Stedfast Christian Center on Thursday-Friday, April 14-15, 2011 Congratulations "Herc"!

Our class celebrated its fiftieth Class Reunion in summer 2011.

Thirty-four members and friends traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada to commemorate this half-century achievement.

Bereavements:

Margaret Wilson-Tipton's **brother, Ernest "Lil Joe" Wilson**, Class of 1964, passed on May 29, 2011. **Doris Singley**, passed on June 24, 2011.

Marian Naomi Gate, passed on July 16, 2011.

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We were delighted to hear from classmate Ethel Dantzer Thurman, Chicago. She is happy to know that the BTW Spirit is alive and thriving.

Mattie Cooke is back with the Foster Grandparents' Program.

Pauline B. Richardson & Josephine J. Hall, Reporters



George Glymph, Jr. Gymnasium at Eau Claire High School

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From the President

Happy New Year! We are busily planning our 2012 Heritage Weekend Celebration. We've been heartened by the surge in reunions and qualified speakers. We may soon be able to plan some activities and use for others. Our Heritage is one of the most economical anywhere, still only \$50.00. We want everyone who can to try to attend each year so we try to keep our costs down. When you plan your class reunions during this time it makes it easier for everyone.

Thanks to all of you for your encouragement. I will try to continue as long as my doctor says my health is good. I want to do my best, but I also want to continue to live a top quality life as long as I can.

Sincerely, Al Griffin

Visit our website:
bookertwashingtonfoundation.sc.org

Class of 1964

Since our last writing, our November meeting was hosted by Samuel "Tank" and Rosa Pelzer. We were privy to view a Nationally televised broadcast of the 011 Celebration featuring President Obama and other dignitaries. The Pelzer's daughter, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class, Yolanda Pelzer, U.S. Navy, sang the National Anthem at this event. We blessed classmates Vivian Wingard and Lizzie Blanks Allen with a monetary gift of Thanksgiving. Our annual Christmas party was held in December. We surprised Catherine McGorder Whatley with a monetary gift for her grandchildren for whom she is the primary caregiver following the death of her daughter. "Cat" was overwhelmed to tears. We enjoy showing our love for classmates in a tangible way.

Classmates in the Spotlight

Jo T. Boyd retired, but since she had done an exemplary job, she is able to continue part-time with her school district, working at home. Way to go Jo!

Jacqueline Washington another superb educator who retired from the Atlanta School System on October 31, 2011, Halloween. What a treat!

Georgiana Davis Montgomery, a pastor, in Florida, was located by Moretta Toatley Brown, who arranged for several of us to share a beautiful conversation with Georgiana.

Vivian Hopkins Hernandez First Vice President of Richland County Education Association, attended a 10 day conference which included the Minority in Education Conference and the 2011 National Education Association Convention.

Mary Wilson Guinyard re-

ceived her real estate certification.

Condolences

Doris Johnson Andrews' Cousin
Gloria Richardson Priester's
Brother, Lawrence Davis and
Sister-in-law Myrtle Davis
Mary Wilson Guinyard's sister-in-law
Carolyn Bracey Johnson's mother,
Ruth Bracey
Emma Dell Reese Ford's Husband
and Brother
Sadie Cook's daughter, Dorothy
Cook
John Jenkins' older sister

Pray for our grieving classmates.

Doris Johnson Andrews and