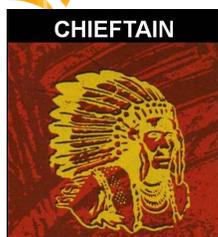


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the Chestnut Alumni

1955 - 1970

A PUBLICATION FOR THE ALUMNI, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CHESTNUT CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL



Chestnut Alumni Book ~Through the Years~ *...the alumni book is on its way...*

Editor's letter

Dear Alumni,

I trust that everyone is enjoying the pleasant fall weather and all the other trapping of the season.

Chestnut is proud of its strong school community spirit, so the alumni has worked and continues to work hard to stay connected with all alumni. Notable examples are the annual banquet, scholarship awards, historical marker unveiled in 2011, newsletters, etc. Therefore, we are always in pursuit of new addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and news about our Chestnut alumni. Moreover, we want to know and celebrate what our alumni have done through the years and share with other alumni, the community, our children, posterity, etc. Consequently, the book will be an excellent depiction about those who went there and their lives through the years. We are its legacy; therefore, telling our life's story in our own words in the upcoming 200 plus page book is a worthy venture.



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Banquet: Save the Last Dance for Me!



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Alumni Facts

Core Projects

- Annual Banquet
- Annual Scholarship Program
(Awarded \$78,000 as of 2014)

Special Projects

- Historic Perspective - Presentation ---2010
- Historical Marker ---2011
- Return of Purple Heart:
Horace Gore '65 ---Feb./2014
- NMB Historical Museum:
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- CCHS Alumni Book ---2015

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Editor's letter – cont'd

As many of you know, we are planning to release the Chestnut Consolidated High School Alumni Book at the annual banquet next year. Therefore, we are excited about your participation. Accordingly, please send your profile information (write-up) along with any pictures before March 1, 2015. For additional information, please see frequently asked questions (FAQ) in this newsletter.

Many of our alumni are not on the Internet; therefore, they are not receiving the updates about the book. Consequently, you are being asked once again to share this newsletter with them. Moreover, this will help kindle their interest in the book and they will be more inclined to provide their write-up in a timely manner. In addition, we are always looking for valid and new email addresses so that they can be added to the alumni distribution list.

Furthermore, if you know someone with an email address that has not received information via the Internet or other means about the book, please encourage him or her to get in touch by calling the Alumni Special Projects at 843-855-0576 and/or send an email to cchsalumniprojects@gmail.com.

On behalf of the entire Alumni Committee, thank you for assisting us in our ongoing efforts to build and serve the Chestnut alumni community.

Warm regards,



David C. Wilson

Special Projects Leader

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North Myrtle Beach Museum

As many of you know, North Myrtle Beach Historical Museum opened on April 7, 2013. It was established by private entities to collect and highlight stories from the region about the history of the North Myrtle Beach area. Museum: 843-427-7668 or

Website: <http://www.northmyrtlebeachmuseum.com>

From 1954 to 1970, the high schools located in the area were Chestnut Consolidated High School for the black students and Wampee-Little River High School for the white students. Among the numerous displays of the area's history in the museum, the director set aside space for the former Wampee-Little River and Chestnut Consolidated High Schools. Consequently, the Wampee-Little River High School has artifacts and memorabilia on display to enhance the story about its school's history. Although the alumni have been able to amass a large collection of written history and photos, locating any memorabilia

Museum – cont'd

from Chestnut has been an elusive effort so far. For example, all of North Myrtle Beach High School and Horry County Schools District storage facilities has been thoroughly searched without finding any of the trophies, awards, etc., that were won by the students of the school. Additionally, contact has been made with several people from the period, but so far no one remembers what happened to this very important treasure of artifacts.

Therefore, if none of these items is located soon, the plan is to use what we have to configure a display. If anyone has any knowledge of where these items might be located, please call 843-855-0576 or email cchsalumniprojects@gmail.com
Thank you!

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

1. When will the book be released?

Answer: The book will be released at the 2015 Annual Banquet.

2. Who is writing/compiling the book?

Answer: David C. Wilson '62, (pro bono) on behalf of the Alumni Association will compile the book in its entirety. However, volunteers are welcomed to help with typing, proofreading, and graphics.

3. How much will the book cost?

Answer: The cost of the book will be determined by the cost for printing only.

4. Will the book be softcopy or hard cover?

Answer: The book will be published with a hard cover, 8.5 by 11 inches.

5. Will the book be in black or color?

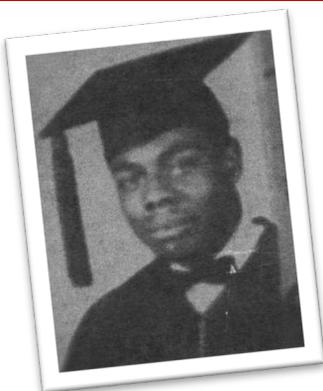
Answer: The book will be in color throughout. Of course, the old black and white pictures from the days at Chestnut will be black and white.

6. Will other alumni members be involved with compiling the book?

Answer: Yes, input from others is welcomed and encouraged! For example: suggestions, ideas, help with the manuscript, graphics, proofreading, encouraging fellow alumni to participate, gather information from others, need help from relatives of deceased students, etc., the list for input is infinite. *cont'd on page 3*



*Carolyn Bryant-Vereen
Class of 1957*



*Elijah Gause
Class of 1959*



*Rosa Frinks-Knox
Class of 1963*



*James D. Gause
Class of 1970*

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7. Aside from write-ups about each student, what other information will be in the book?

Answer: The book will also include, the history of the school, administrators, teachers, an individual chapter dedicated to each graduating class, including a chapter for the former Poplar Training School, and a chapter dedicated to those who attended Chestnut, but did not graduate for a variety of reasons. There will also be a chapter for veterans, a collage of pictures submitted by former students, and we might be able to get some sponsors.

8. How many pages will be in the book?

Answer: the number of people participating will determine the number of pages in the book. Nevertheless, it is estimated that the book will contain between 200 to 225 pages.

9. Do I need to type my write-up?

Answer: No, your write-up can be handwritten or typed. The alumni book team will retype it and correct all spelling and grammatical errors.

10. Should I include pictures with my write-up?

Answer: Yes, pictures should be included with your write-up. These can include an old school picture and a more current color picture within the past 10 years or so. It is highly encouraged that you also include a group picture of your children, their families, grandchildren, etc.

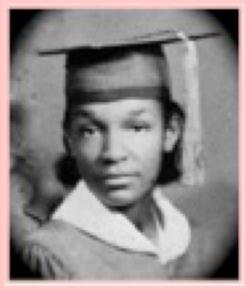
11. Where do I send my information?

Answer: Please send all information to David C. Wilson, 985 Grace Drive, Conway, SC 29527. His phone number is 843-855-0576. In addition, you can email the information to cchsalumniprojects@gmail.com

Turn Back the Hands of Time



Guide: Example - This is a fictitious write-up for the book



Then

My name is Betty Williamson Doe, and I was born in the Longs, South Carolina community. My parents were sharecroppers. Both of my parents are deceased. I am the third of eight children.

My early childhood was that of a typical African-American child growing up in a segregated society, where blacks and whites were segregated in every aspect of southern society, except the military while on base. I started my formal education in 1949, at Freemont Colored School in Longs, SC. The school was a two-room wooden building with no indoor plumbing. Its construction was partial paid for with Rosenwald funds. Four months after Chestnut opened, a



Shown are me, my husband four of our grandchildren.

After moving up from 6th grade, all students in grades 7 – 12 were required to attend Chestnut Consolidated School.

While a student at Chestnut, I was a member of the student council, library club, and dramatics club. I also played on the girls' basketball team and was senior class vice president. My high school years were enjoyable where I met many good friends, and some are still my close friends to this day. Most of the teachers were great, and my favorite teachers were Mr. Right (English) and Mrs. Love (History). Much of the guidance and nurturing received from the teachers; especially these two were invaluable to me. This experience has had a positive impact on my life through the years. Some of my happiest times while in high school were the junior-senior prom and the few weeks before graduation.



Now

new elementary school was built in Longs to replace the wooden school. The new school was a brick building with numerous rooms, indoor plumbing, and a cafeteria. I started attending Longs Elementary School in 6th grade.

After graduating from high school in 1961, I moved to New York. For the first 5 years, I worked at various jobs that did not pay very well. In the interim, I sought a better job with more benefits and met the man of my life, William Doe. We were married June 23, 1965. I subsequently obtained a position with the United States Postal Service. During the next 25 years with the postal services, I was promoted regularly and served in various positions, including manager. Our three children were born during my employment with the post office. Additionally, I earned my associate degree in business from New York City Technical College with a focus on hospitality management and worked part-time as a front desk manager for a major hotel chain.

After retiring from the post office, we relocated back to my hometown in Longs, SC. After six months of traveling, I obtained a position at Beach Cone Resort in North Myrtle Beach where I worked my way up to manager and retired a second time after 15 years.

I have experienced sadness, hurt, failure, etc.; nevertheless, the vast majority of my life has been full of happiness and much fun raising our children with my husband. We have three adult children and seven grandchildren ranging from ages 9 – 18 (4 girls, 3 boys).



Shown are our son and his family

Our oldest daughter is a high school math teacher with Southampton County Public Schools in Virginia. The son is a financial manager with IBM, and the youngest daughter is an engineering manager with Boeing.

I feel that the foundation formed at Chestnut was invaluable to me. Therefore, I will always feel profoundly indebted to the school because it has influenced my life in a very positive way and that of my family.

Let me close by saying that the most important thing in my life is my family! I have been married to my best friend and soul mate, William Doe, for 47 years. Together, we have cried, prayed, laugh, traveled, etc., and we continue to live a happy and spiritually filled life.



Long live the memory of Chestnut Consolidated High School and those who went there!

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