Litton Blast

Isaac Litton High School Nashville, Tennessee

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF!

Such a wonderful day last year at our Annual All-Alumni Banquet. It's time for a REPEAT event, bigger and better. Be sure to reserve your place NOW. (Reservation information starts on page 2 in this issue of THE BLAST)

Isaac Litton High School

ALL-ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 11:00 AM

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It's time to try to match the incredible time we had last year at our Annual All-Alumni Banquet. If you were there, you know how amazing it was for all of us. If you missed it, just ask anyone who was there to tell you what you now have another chance to enjoy. We want to give you plenty of time to make arrangements to bring friends and family. This year we are doing our best to take things up a notch to make this event even more memorable. As you will see below, we have some wonderful things planned for you.

Starting with the banquet being held again at the Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club, we will be served a sit-down meal consisting of an entrée, vegetable selection(s), bread, beverage choices and a scrumptious dessert. For longer than most of us can remember, this venue has been special for us, and we know our banquet this year will be just as amazing as last year.

We have two guest speakers this year that you will not want to miss. As last year, one of our speakers will be Chara Rand, the Principal at Isaac Litton Middle School, and as all will attest from last year, she will inform and inspire us all. Our second speaker is the one and only Boots Donnelly, CEO of Backfield in Motion. Boots, a football Hall of Fame member, will entertain us all with his memories and ambitions in sports throughout the years.

We will once again recognize a very special Alumnus of the Year. While this is a hard choice to make, the committee is confident we will all be proud to call this individual "one of us." As last year, the winner will be honored during our Banquet by the presentation of a framed gilt-edged certificate, as well as his/her name being added to the wooden plaque displayed in the Lions Hall Board Room for all posterity.

Also being recognized this year is the Class of 1967 for their 50th Anniversary. They will each receive a special gift that we know will bring back memories of that awesome class.

In order to ensure the success of this very important fundraiser this year, we will be selling opportunities to win an awesome prize valued at $2,000.00. As always, every dollar you donate helps us with our various missions and goals directed toward honoring our heritage in and promoting the future of our beloved community here in Nashville.

All donations to the ILAA are fully tax-deductible. We sincerely appreciate your support in our goals.

As usual, we will have some awesome items for sale through our Merchandise Committee and this year, for the first time ever, we will be able to take credit card payments! (Cash and Checks are always welcome, as usual).

Deadline for making your Reservations and Alumnus of the Year nominations is May 6, 2017. We thank you in advance for your prompt response and generous support.

In keeping with the mission of the Association, our aim is to be a positive influence in the lives of ALL the children of our community by continuously reaching out to bring the alumni and community together. We look forward to seeing each of you this year, not only as we work together to support these worthy causes, but also to share our cherished memories.

Litton High Forever,
Phil Watts, President
ILAA, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

P.S. – Remember to pay your annual dues of just $15.00 per person, even if you are unable to attend this event. Your annual dues are so important in achieving our goals every year and perpetuating our legacy. All dues go towards those things listed above and so much more in the upcoming year.

WHAT MY DUES ARE USED FOR?

- **Support for special projects for Isaac Litton Middle School**
- **Support for Backfield in Motion projects**
- **To encourage community support and involvement**
- **Provide space for preliminary disaster command for the American Red Cross**
- **Maintenance of the Lions Hall (lower level of the gym building) and Lion's Den**
- **Maintain continued contact with Alumni**
- **Host special events for Classes and Alumni**
- **And, More.**

PLEASE PAY YOUR ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES, ONLY $15.00.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ILAA or
ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MAIL TO: MELINDA HOFFMAN, TREASURER at
859 Sugar Flat Road, Lebanon, TN 37087

Isaac Litton All-Alumni Banquet

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club
550 Johnny Cash Parkway
Hendersonville, TN 37075

11:00 AM

We encourage you to attend and pay your annual alumni dues, so that we can maintain the restored gym along with funding the various organizations that we support such as the Isaac Litton Middle School (ILMS) and Back Field in Motion (BIM). ILHS merchandise and memorial bricks will be available for purchase that day. We will be honoring the Class of 1967 on their 50th anniversary, and they will be seated together.

All reservation forms and payments are due by May 6th, 2017.

NAME: _____ CLASS OF: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE:_____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (home): _____ (mobile): _____

EMAIL: _____

Please list here all guests attending with you and if they are also graduates of ILHS, please indicate graduation year:

_____ _____

PAYMENT FOR:	How Many				Total
Banquet Reservation		X	**$35.00**	=	$
Annual Alumni Dues		X	**$15.00**	=	$
Tax Deductible Donation					$
TOTAL AMOUNT					**$**

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS (Circle Card Type)

MasterCard VISA American Express Card DISCOVER NETWORK

Name on Card:_____

Card #: _____ Security Code #: _____

Please make checks payable to: ISSAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION or I.L.A.A.
Enclose your payment along with this form (and your Alumnus of the Year form, if so desired) to:
c/o Melinda Hoffman, Treasurer
859 Sugar Flat Road
Lebanon, TN 37087

NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the Alumnus of the Year at our Annual Banquet. He or she is selected by Committee on the following criteria:

Characteristics of the Alumnus of the Year should include but are not limited to any one or a combination of the following:

- Distinguished professional achievement
- Service to Isaac Litton High School
- Loyalty to the ideals of Isaac Litton High School
- Distinguished leadership
- Service to community
- Positive representation of Isaac Litton High School

(If you want to include supporting documentation of this person's qualifications, please do so).

NAME of NOMINEE: _____ CLASS OF: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

CURRENT EMPLOYER or AVOCATION: _____

EDUCATION AFTER ILHS: _____

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COMMUNITY SERVICES: _____

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SERVICES WHILE AT LITTON: _____

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HONORS OR ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

_____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____ CLASS OF: _____

SEND THIS FORM TO:

Melinda Hoffman
859 Sugar Flat Road
Lebanon, TN 37087

Deadline for nominations: May 6th, 2017

Dr. Cleo Miller: They Needed Him

(The following article is taken in its entirety from the Nashville Banner June 30, 1971, just a couple of weeks after Litton was closed.)

By Frances Meeker

In a day when the American family doctor is someone only grandmother remembers, Dr. Cleo Miller of Miller Hospital-Clinic on Gallatin Road rivals even the current television show doctors in popularity among the people to whom he has ministered for more than four decades.

Well known throughout the state and claimed as their own by most Nashvillians east of the Cumberland River, Dr. Miller officially retired this month as head of the hospital and clinic which he founded, along with three other doctors in 1935.

"We have tried to kick him out of here several times," quipped Dr. Jack Miller, the oldest of the four Miller children and now on the Miller hospital staff. More seriously, the oldest son continued, "He had several reasons for not retiring earlier, however. He has so many friends and patients who depend on him and he always wanted them to know that he was available if nobody else was. He gets more calls at home than any of us—and he has felt obligated to be available when people needed him."

Wide Clientele

And the people have needed him. During his years at the East Nashville hospital, which has a clientele from the entire city, he has also been personal physician to the football teams and band of Isaac Litton High School, Nashville Business College professional basketball team, Al Menah Shrine Temple and numerous Grand Old Opry stars, including the King of Country Music, Roy Acuff.

The other Miller son, Jimmy, who is administrator of the hospital and clinic, spoke of his father's deep religious convictions as well as his dedication as a doctor. "He is a Christian", said Dr. Miller's youngest son.

"I wish I was more like him. I have never in my life seen him smoke or take a drink of alcohol and never heard him say a profane word—and I am 39 years old."

During the years since he graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1927, Dr. Cleo Miller has contributed much more to the city of Nashville than his first class services as a surgeon and physician.

He was a sports enthusiast and supporter even before the days he was captain of the Vanderbilt baseball team in 1927.

His friends and family remember that he "worked like a dog" to keep professional baseball in Nashville and at one time was president of Vols, Inc., Nashville's community owned ball club that fielded the last professional baseball team in the city. In 1963, he brought Lyndon B. Johnson, then vice president of the United States, to Nashville to throw out the season's first baseball.

Ellington Tribute

Also an avid hunter and fisherman and a worker with youth, Dr. Miller on one occasion received a tribute from former Gov. Buford Ellington as "a doctor, a fairly good bird hunter, a baseball fan, and a man interested in young people."

And the young people of the city—especially in East Nashville—call Dr. Miller their friend.

Through the years, he has made many trips with the ball teams and bands of both East Nashville and Litton High Schools, accompanying the Litton Band to its memorable performance in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena in 1964, and always without pay.

A member of the Litton Men's Club, he also was instrumental in establishing the Men's Club scholarships which go to deserving Litton seniors each year.

As team physician, he has traveled extensively with the Nashville Business College basketball team, including a trip to Russia in 1965, and also has accompanied the members of Al Menah Shrine Temple on trips across the United States and to other countries.

"The longest referral of a patient that we ever got at Miller Hospital was when dad sent a Nashville woman home from Rome, Italy, after she was injured while accompanying her husband on a Shrine trip," said Dr. Jack Miller.

Almost Missed

And an interesting part of Dr. Cleo Miller's career is that on two occasions, he almost didn't become a doctor at all. The first time was when he almost didn't get into Vanderbilt Medical School because he had forgotten

to send in the $25 advance deposit. The second time was when he was made very attractive offers by several professional baseball teams, including the Washington Senators, to go with them as a player.

"I have always admired Dad for the way he could handle so many things at one time," said Dr. Jack Miller. Among his dad's many accomplishments, "he was one of the best batting practice pitchers I ever saw."

Both of Dr. Miller's sons are athletes, and they also headed Vanderbilt's baseball teams, Jack in 1953 and Jimmy in 1954. Dr. Miller's older son said a team he played on in the Nashville City League in the early 1950s won the city championship largely because "Dad frequently pitched batting practice for us." Active in Boy Scout work, Dr. Miller practices what the Scouts preach – a solid belief in God and country.

Dr. Cleo Miller thought so much of this picture, that he had one made to hang on his office wall, and also wrote in the American Medical Journal; "WHAT A DOCTOR DOES IN HIS SPARE TIME."
This picture was taken at Yankee Stadium in New York in 1967.

When he was named "Man of the Year in 1965 by the East Nashville Exchange Club, he was cited as a man who was very active in everything that pertains to our Constitution and our belief in God.

Dr. Miller has served his country in the military two different times. He did his internship with the U.S. Marines at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco in 1927 before coming back to Nashville for his residency in surgery at General Hospital.

He volunteered for military service in June 1942, although he was over age, serving until September, 1945, because he ""wanted to do his duty to his country" in World War II, said his son, generally known as "Dr. Jack."

During that time, while he was chief of surgery at Army base near New Haven Conn., he was instrumental in setting up a rapid convalescence program where patients were out of bed and walking soon after an operation, which has become standard procedure in all hospitals now.

Dr. Cleo Miller, who lives at 6202 Hickory Valley Road, is an elder in Westminster Presbyterian Church which the family has attended for many years. The Miller children fondly recall their nightly prayers around the family altar when they were growing up.

The family includes Mrs. Miller, the former Miss Kathryn Cotton, a native of Goodlettsville; and daughters Berenice (Mrs. Jimmy) Denton, and Jean Ann (Mrs. Mike) McNally, both of Nashville.

Dr. Miller's mother, Mrs. Aurora Hill, 90, lives at 710 North 12th St. His parents moved to Nashville in 1916 from Decherd where Dr. Miller was born, and his father, the late Joe Miller, was an automobile dealer here for several years.

Dr. Miller is a former president of the Nashville Academy of Medicine, and former president of the Federation of American Hospitals.

He is a member of the Nashville Surgical Society and American Board of Surgery, a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons and a past chapter chairman of the American Red Cross. A 32nd degree Mason, he is a member of Corinthian Lodge 414 F&AM. Records do not show how many babies Dr. Miller delivered from 1927 until he gave up his obstetrical practice in 1947.

"So many people who work here at the hospital were either delivered by Dad or their children were," said his eldest son.

"Dad has always treated people equally," Jimmy added. "He believes that a man is a man, not because of his title or position, but because he was created a man."

The **Dr. Cleo Miller House**, also known as **Ivy Hall**, is a historic mansion in Nashville. It was built in 1936 having been designed by Edwin Keeble in the Tudor Revival architectural style. It was the residence of Dr. Cleo Miller, a college friend of Keeble's at Vanderbilt University. The house has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since August 25, 1995.

1431 Shelton Avenue

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

ISAAC LITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WITH NEW CONCESSION STAND

In March of 2017, the Isaac Litton Alumni Association presented the Isaac Litton Middle School with this awesome new concession stand. The concession stand will be located adjacent to the ball field between the gymnasium and the Middle School campus.

As Chairperson of the Community Outreach Committee prior to assuming the role of President, Phil Watts and his hard-working committee went to the administration of Litton Middle School, namely Chara Rand and Jeff Davis, and asked them what the Alumni Association could we do as a project that would benefit the school. They agreed that a concession stand was needed for football and soccer games. We involved MNPS for the purpose of determining the desired location of the stand. Once that was settled, we contacted Woodtex LLC, and they had exactly what we needed. It is the hope of the Alumni Association that students (past, present and future), and all other fans of LMS will benefit from our gift.

Volkert Inducted in Metro Schools Sports Hall of Fame

In the spring of 2005, George Volkert (class of '53) was posthumously inducted into the Metro Nashville Public Schools Sports Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame program from the induction ceremony included the write-up below of this beloved Lion gridiron great.

George A. Volkert

Litton High School
Class of 1953 - Inducted Posthumously

George A. Volkert is remembered for his athletic ability which brought him success in several different sports. While a student at Isaac Litton High School, Volkert played football, basketball and ran track. He was an All-American football player in high school—a title he retained while playing football at Georgia Tech. Volkert, who lettered in football at Georgia Tech from 1953-1956, helped his team to four straight bowl game victories in the 1954 Sugar Bowl, 1955 Cotton Bowl, 1956 Sugar Bowl and the 1956 Gator Bowl. During this time, Volkert was a two-time All-Southeastern Conference selection and was named to the 1955 second team All-SEC by the Associated Press. In 1956, he served as captain of his Georgia Tech team.

"George was one of the most outstanding people I've ever been around," says his former coach, Herschel Moore. "He was a great person and also a great competitor. He only knew one speed and that was all-out."

After college, Volkert served in the Army Reserves. As a well-known developer, he was instrumental in planning the construction of Hickory Hollow Mall and Cool Springs Mall. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees at Franklin Road Academy and helped build the school's athletic complex, which bears his name.

Volkert was married to Valerie Ippolito and had two daughters, Kristin and Camille. He had three granddaughters. In his free time, Volkert enjoyed playing golf and tennis.

James “Buzz” Cason (Class of 1957): An American Treasure

(Contributed by Jerry Newman, Class of 1958)

Alamo Jones of Sirius XM's Outlaw Country and others have called Buzz Cason the Father of Nashville rock. On his new Plowboy Records release Record Machine, Buzz takes the listener on a journey through the land of Americana. His previous albums have all charted and received heavy airplay on Sirius XM and Americana radio. In 2014, Buzz was honored by the Country Music Hall of Fame as part of their Poets & Prophets series. Buzz will be promoting the new record by touring solo and with his band The Love Notes. His performances are made up of his hits, the new songs, stories of past adventures and of course, a few jokes.

In a career spanning six decades, Buzz Cason has been living the rock & roll dream. He formed Nashville's first rock & roll band "The Casuals" in the mid-50s which became a successful touring act and Brenda Lee's backing band. He then started a solo career with the hit "Look for a Star" under the name Garry Miles.

Buzz is also a successful songwriter. His most well-known song is the classic "Everlasting Love" (co-written by MacGayden). Another one of Buzz's songs, "Soldier of Love" (co-written by Tony Moon), was recorded by Arthur Alexander and the Beatles. He also wrote a Country #1 for Tommy Overstreet ("Ann, Don't Go Runnin'") and hits for Mel Tillis, T.G. Shephard, the McCarters and many others.

Buzz produced Clifford Curry ("She Shot a Hole In My Soul"), Van & Titus ("Cry Baby Cry") and Jimmy Buffett's albums "Down to Earth" and "High Cumberland Jubilee" for which he also co-wrote several songs.

In the 21st century, Buzz has released a string of critically acclaimed American albums of original material including Troubadour Heart (2014) and Record Machine (2015) on Plowboy Records.

INTERESTING FACTS:

- Buzz is the only songwriter credited with cuts by the Beatles, Pearl Jam and U2
- Buzz was the voice of Alvin of the Chipmunks
- Buzz sang backup with Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, John Denver, Kenny Rogers, Jimmy Buffett, Roy Orbison, George Jones, Leon Russell and many more
- Buzz is a member of the Rockabilly Hall of Fame
- Buzz produced Buddy Holly’s former band The Crickets and toured England as their singer
- “Everlasting Love” charted in every decade since it was written
- Buzz is the only living musician who worked with all the major Sun Records artists

THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?
NOT SO FAST!

(Contributed by Kaaren Frazier Andrews, Class of 1959)

- Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- And 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand. *(Bet you just tried these out mentally, didn't you?)*
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- 'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'. *(Are you doubting this?)*
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- The sentence: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' uses every letter of the alphabet. *(Now, you KNOW you're going to try this out for accuracy, right?)*
- The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes). *(Yep, I knew you were going to 'do' this one.)*
- There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. *(You're not possibly still doubting any of this, are you ?)*
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: 'abstemious' and 'facetious.' *(Okay, admit it, you just went through ⤑ a-e-i-o-u ⤙ in your head)*
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. *(All you typists are going to test this out)*
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. *(And, some days I think I 'm right there with them.)*
- A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time, 1/100th of a second.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A snail can sleep for three years. (I know some people that could do this too!)
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. *(I know some people like that also. Actually I know A LOT of people like this!)*
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
- If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- *Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.*
- *Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.*
- The cruise liner, QE 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. *(Good thing he didn't have dynamite.)*
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Now you know a lot more than you did before . . . **Now you know everything!**

Blast From The Past

Below are reprinted articles which appeared in the Blast during the 1945-46 school year. Enjoy.

From September 21, 1945: Penalty System Explained

Instead of having each student who is given a ticket remain after school, each is given a ticket and after having received a certain number he is called to the office and his parents are asked to come to school to consult with the pupil, home room teacher and the principal. This system, called the Major and Minor System, has been in effect for the past two years and has proved to be very successful.

The following list includes the penalties for which a major or a minor can be given:

1. Leaving paper of bottles on tables in the cafeteria – 1 minor.
2. Disorderly behavior in lunchroom line – 1 minor.
3. Disturbing study hall – 1 minor.
4. Disturbing chapel – 1 minor.
5. Disturbing library – 1 minor.
6. Leaving study hall without permission – 1 minor.
7. Being late to class – 1 minor.
8. Smoking on pike between Vester's and Maplewood Lane – 1 minor.
9. Sitting in cars on school property – 1 minor.
10. Using wrong stairway – 1 minor
11. Failure to return report cards within three days – 1 minor.
12. Failing to bring excuse after absence – 1 minor.
13. Cutting chapel – 1 major.
14. Eating on campus – 1 major.
15. Cutting class – 1 major.
16. Forging signature on excuse – 1 major.
17. Smoking on school property – suspension.
18. Gambling – suspension.
19. Destroying school property – suspension.
20. For repetition of an offense within the same period, the penalty is one major.

When five minors are received for one or more of the above penalties, a student is given a major and the parents are asked to come and consult with the principal.

When two majors are received there is a conference with the students, the homeroom teacher and the principal.

When three majors are given the student is suspended for three days and receives a zero in each subject each day, thus making it almost impossible to pass any subject that month.

When four majors are received the student is suspend and not allowed to reenter Litton.

Monitors who disobey these rules are given demerits. After receiving a certain number of demerits, they will no longer be a monitor.

From November 27, 1945: YEA! Rah! Coach Foster!

Thus goes the sound of voices of the Litton students. They mean it, too. Coach deserves our cheers, and he receives them.

We all know Coach as he is at school, friendly, courteous, well liked and an all-round good fellow. Let's take a peek into his private life.

Yes girls! Coach Foster is married. He has a lovely wife and two precious little girls. They are "Gooch" and Mary Jane. "Gooch" is destined to become a Litton cheerleader and little sister Mary Jane may follow in Gooch's footsteps.

Most of Coach's time at home is spent with his two daughters. Perhaps he's trying to teach them football signals or how to shoot a basketball goal.

Mr. Foster attended high school at Lebanon High and then went to Cumberland University. All through his school days he enjoyed his hobby, which is sports. He likes all sports equally as well. However, sports could not have taken up all of his time. A school boy always has time for???

For three years he has been the football and basketball coach at Litton. He has worked faithfully to lead our teams to victory, and though there has not always been victory, there has been excellent playing.

This year Coach is teaching geography and math and is doing a very good job. When the news first came out that Coach was to teach, everyone became anxious to enroll in his classes.

Litton is happy to claim Coach Marshall Foster as their very own. He means much to Litton, and we want Litton to mean much to him.

Good luck always Coach.

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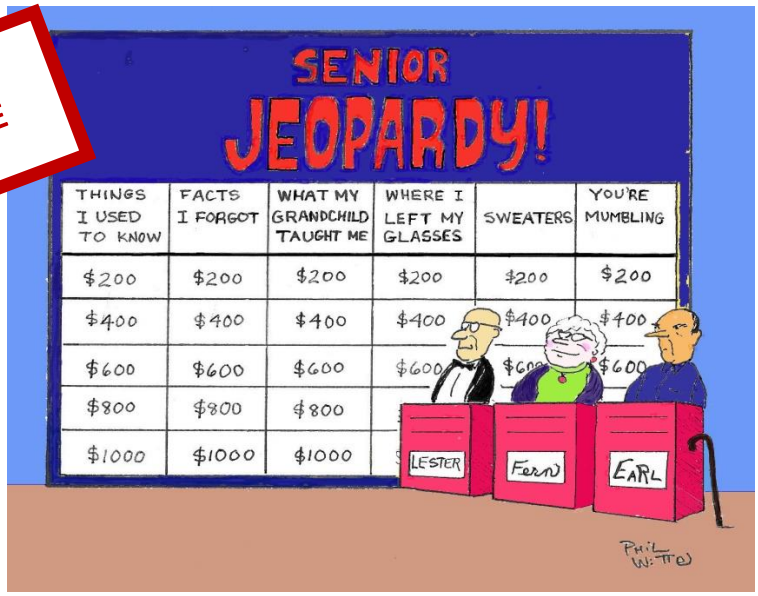
LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



The Board of Directors of the

ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NEEDS YOU!

As the Board constantly provides support and encouragement to many causes and entities in various ongoing efforts, we are seeking energetic and caring people to add to our number. Your participation is vital to the endurance of our efforts and perpetuation of our heritage – of which we are so proud.

Our Board meets once a month at Lions Hall, the lower level of our gymnasium. The meetings are limited to one hour and are always positive and goal-oriented. Together, we find solutions to help meet our goals.

There are several Committees on which you can serve and you do NOT have to be a BOARD member to do so. Each Committee serves a specific purpose that lends to the overall success of the ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

We invite you to read the Committee descriptions on the following pages and consider what your contribution might be. The rewards in serving with us are nothing short of inspiring and uplifting to all of us. To join us, just contact any Board Member (directory elsewhere in this issue of the BLAST).

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE (MC)

The purpose of the merchandise committee is to replenish, inventory, and track/oversee the sale of merchandise at our various fundraisers and events.

The Merchandise Committee is responsible for keeping track of all merchandise available for sale for the benefit of the Alumni Association. When merchandise is sold at any Alumni function or in the Lion's Den operation, it is the responsibility of the Merchandise Committee to make these entries into the inventory and collect/turn over revenue from the sales.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (COC)

The purpose of the Community Outreach Committee is to seek ways we can assist other organizations within the community in efforts to benefit the children of the community as a whole. This committee will serve as the liaison between the Board and any organization we serve.

The COC will proactively engage within the community, particularly to the Isaac Litton Middle School administration and the Inglewood Neighborhood Assoc. or any other organization that we support the needs of children such as the Backfield in Motion (BIM) to determine projects and/or funding needed to benefit the children of the community and the community as a whole.

MEMORABILIA/LIONS DEN (MLD):

To collect and organize items of interest and memorabilia pertaining to the history and legacy of Isaac Litton High School; to provide historic insight to those interested in our heritage and role in the community over the years.

When items are brought to the Lion's Den by alumni or families of alumni (or any other source), the items will be sorted and displayed. Displays are labeled, kept clean and organized. At such times as the Lion's Den is open to the public, it will be the function of one or more of the members of the MLD Committee to be available to answer any questions or provide assistance to those visiting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (CC):

The purpose of the CC is to ensure that all communications from the ILAA are clear, concise, and professional, being distributed accordingly in a timely manner, including quarterly publication of the BLAST.

When ANY written communication is necessary (or desirable) <u>from any committee</u>, for distribution to all board members, class representatives, alumni or to the public in general, that request is voted on by the Board and if approved, the Communications Committee will commence collecting data needed and preparing the communication for distribution.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES/ MEMBERSHIPS (CRC):

The purpose of the Class Reps Committee (CRC) is to ensure that the most current information for all alumni is available for distribution or other use as needed, as well as to help direct Class Reps the best and most professional way to communicate with their classmates.

Class Reps will be responsible for: Keeping up with all current classmate information---names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses; etc.--as changes occur. Updated information will be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Class Representatives Committee, who will expediently update all class records.

FUNDRAISING/EVENTS COMMITTEE (FEC):

To lead the board in efforts that attract money and services needed to carry out the mission of the organization.

Members of the FEC will work with the Board to define the short-term and long-term funding needs of the ILAA. It will be the responsibility of members of the FEC to plan funding activities, review the funding plan to ensure progress toward annual and long-range funding goals, encourage others to contribute financial support, identify and recruit community leaders to serve with board members on fundraising committees and to encourage the participation of the full board in fundraising.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (NC):

To nominate a Board for each term who will support and actively participate in ILAA Board meetings, activities, and serve on various committees, as stated in the By-laws and to present these names to the Board for vote and approval resulting in the election the officers who will serve for the upcoming term in the following positions:

- Past-President
- President
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Board Member

GROUNDS/FACILITY COMMITTEE (GFC):

To insure that the building and grounds are maintained in a suitable condition for the intended purposes. To assure that the building, use, maintenance, scheduling and security are thoroughly maintained and communicated to all concerned parties. To make periodic inspections of the gym and Duke Building and report conditions and needs for the upkeep of both buildings. Assure that the reserved events are current

and sufficient information is provided to the users of the facility; and they are fully aware of the rules and regulations for the building use. Schedule periodic meetings with the long term occupiers of the facility to assure adequate communications are provided. Assure that the facility is kept clean and secure.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE (AYC):

The criteria for selection of the Alumnus of the Year include but are not limited to any one or a combination of the following:

- Distinguished achievement in their respective field
- Loyalty to the ideals of Isaac Litton
- Distinguished leadership
- Positive representation of Isaac Litton
- Service to Isaac Litton
- Service to their community

The AYC will review the nominations and make their selection for the Alumnus of the Year, announced at our annual All-Alumni Banquet.

We would love to hear

***Your Story*,**

about memories from high school or about your life since then. If you have a story or photos to share here in the BLAST, submit them to the Communications Committee (kayc1107@comcast.net).

Alumni Comments on THE BLAST

Thank you for an interesting afternoon down memory lane. I loved reading about Isaac Litton and am familiar with most of the history from the 40's on! I am so very impressed with the active alums that live nearby and what all of you do! Best wishes for the New Year and thank you for sending me all of this information.

- Nancy Stackhouse Wilson

Reading with interest the latest edition of the Litton Blast. Thanks so much for you and everyone else involved with the publication!

- John Beckett

Don't know how you created such a document. I read it from cover to cover and that was a task – can't imagine how you managed to create from cover to cover. Thanks for your dedication and commitment to excellence.

- Lewis Lampley

(Phone Call): Loved the BLAST, want to rekindle with some of the guys I used to play in the Monarchs with and this gave me the incentive to do so. (I directed him on use of website, which he also loves.)

- Donnie Green

I want to thank you again for that great article you did for the Blast. It turned out very nice and has generated messages from some of my old classmates. You did a fine job putting everything together. If you need any other stories just let me know.

- Ernie Winfrey

WE WELCOME ALL YOUR COMMENTS

Matriarch of Bates Florist In Inglewood Has Passed Away

by Jerry Newman (Class of 1958)

On February 26, 2017, Inglewood lost one of the icons of the floral business. Vivian Rose Bates, age 88, passed away. Vivian overcame the loss of her parents during the Great Depression to achieve a 50+ year marriage to Wilburn Leon Bates, Sr, raise five children, and successfully operate Bates Florist with her husband for approximately sixty years.

Each morning, Vivian would exit the back door of her home on McAlpine Avenue, traverse her back yard and enter the rear entrance of Bates Florist located at 4102 Gallatin Rd, where she used her talents as a florist to help Nashvillians with life's saddest and happiest occasions. She was a member of Jackson Park Church of Christ and the Riverside Garden Club.

Vivian is preceded in death by her five siblings, grandson Nicholas and husband Wilburn Leon Bates, Sr. She is survived by her children: Wilburn, Jr., Phil, and Mike, (who attended Litton High School in years 1968, 1969, and 1970 respectively), as well as daughters Elizabeth and Phyllis, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held at Spring Hill Funeral Home in Nashville, TN on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Message from the President

Dear Alumni,

First, please allow me the opportunity to express to you what a joy it is for me to be able to communicate with you on a quarterly basis by way of the Blast. Carol Draper Bourque, Larry Collier, Kay Rayner Cunningham and Jerry Newman do an incredible job of putting each issue of the Blast together, and I am grateful that they allow me to be a small part of each issue. I really wish I could speak with each of you in person because it is a joy for me any time I have the opportunity to speak with Isaac Litton alumni. The bond we share is uncommon in the world in which we live today, and each of us are truly blessed to have had the experience we had at our beloved school.

It is my pleasure to inform you that Lions' Hall and Lions' Den have been totally restored following the damage caused by the accidental discharge from the water fountain in the gym which occurred on two separate occasions. Also, our area was damaged by flood and surface water which occurred between the two water fountain incidents. The damaged composites have been beautifully restored and are on display in their original location in Lions' Hall. The memorabilia which was damaged in Lions' Den has also been restored and is on display as well. As I mentioned in the previous Blast, we really should explore hosting an Open House so all interested could view Lions' Hall and Lions' Den at their finest.

Regarding the concession stand project for Litton Middle School football and soccer, I am delighted to inform you that the stand was delivered 03/06/17 just in time for the beginning of soccer season. It is strategically placed next to the bleachers and the Litton Middle School students, administration, and PTSO are very excited about this addition to their athletic facility and are most grateful for our gift.

Your Board of Directors is hopeful that as many alumni as possible are making plans to attend the annual Alumni Luncheon to be held at Bluegrass Country Club on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Kay Rayner Cunningham, Melinda Hoffman, Donna Summers Smith, and Kitty Kincaid Woodson are planning a very special event for all who are able to attend. I am certain that a wonderful time will be had by all as we gather together for food, fun and fellowship. As an added attraction, Chara Rand, Executive Principal of Isaac Litton Middle Prep, and Coach Boots Donnelly, CEO of Backfield in Motion will be our guest speakers. Please make every effort to attend this wonderful event.

Finally, in comparison, this is a rather short President's Message. My final communication with you will come in July as I enter the role of Past-President, so I am saving the best for last. My good friend, Dave Brawner, will assume the role of President and I am confident he will do a fantastic job. By the way, Dave makes the third consecutive President from the Class of 1968. I knew all along we were a special bunch. Once again, I love you all.

Litton High Forever

Phil Watts, President

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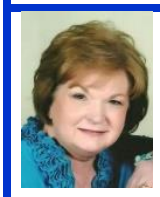	**DONNA SUMMERS SMITH,** **SECRETARY** **(Class of 1970)** **519-2854** **Ilhsclassof70@yahoo.com**		**HOWARD "SKIP" DEAN** **(Class of 1968)** **822-1167 or 430-1266** **skip@deanskitchencenter.com**
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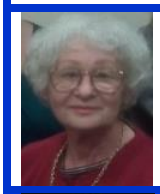	**KAAREN FRAZIER ANDREWS** **(Class of 1959)** **228-4050 or 497-2164** **Kaarena81@comcast.net**		**JOYCE WRAY FOGARTY** **(Class of 1949)** **865-0746 or 419-4089** **joycefogarty@icloud.com**
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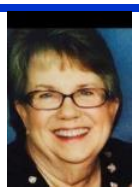
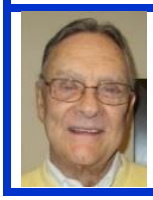
	RICKY BINKLEY **(Class of 1970)** **851-9155 or 337-9529** **Ricky.binkley@comcast.net**		**LOU FLIPPEN SULLIVAN** **(Class of 1964)** **876-4711** **Lsully1123@comcast.net**
	**JIM CALDWELL** **(Class of 1956)** **851-4245** **Jimcaldwell12@bellsouth.net**		**KITTY KINCAID WOODSON** **(Class of 1965)** **957-3587** **kittywoodson@gmail.com**

Gone, But Not Forgotten

January 1 – March 31, 2016

CLASS	ALUMNI NAME	DATE
58	Charles Thomas Penick	January 3
63	Raymond Morris Vandiver	January 13
69	Andy Murray Rose	January 14
56	Earl Dean Tucker	February 3
58	Jack Coleman Stroud	February 7
62	Sue Ann Brown Shaw	February 17
52	Robert Lyle Sylar	February 20
41	Goodloe Summers Chaffin	February 20
62	Charles Hubert Sanborn	March 1
43	Irving Doyle Richardson	March 5
48	Mary Ruth Troupe Howell	March 7
59	Charlene Palmore Smith	March 17
57	Charles David Stringfield	March 24
63	Billye McGinnis Willette	March 25

If you know of the passing of any alumni not listed here, please contact Jerry Newman via email at jerrynewman58@gmail.com. Thank you.