

BOYS HOME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

October 2014

Greetings to all our Alumni members, their families and friends. Again, I want to thank you all for your financial support and for your attendance at our December and June alumni gatherings last year. Thanks again to Boys Home for providing us a wonderful picnic lunch. We had a fun visit with old friends and young friends, and spending time with the boys.

We offer special thanks to all of you who answered the call for help from Coach Fitzgerald for funds for new basketball uniforms for the "Hilltoppers." We are proud to announce that we were able to raise enough money to complete the balance needed to purchase the uniforms. Thanks to a special group of alumni who gave donations earmarked for new uniforms we were able to raise \$500.00 which completed the balance needed. Thank you to Doyet Moore, Homer Fisher, Melvin Dove, Carlyle Colyer, Dr. Walter Lewis, Donnie Wheatley, Dennis Pinner, Spike Felty, Spencer Wright, Bobby Mills, Bill Barber, Eugene Brower, Martha Terry and myself. Also a special gift from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waitzer

Again it is fall and the reminders are in place for our Christmas gathering on the "Hill." Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 13th** for another fun day at Boys Home. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the holiday decorations, good food, and excitement of seeing and experiencing first-hand what Boys Home is continuing to do in the lives of these young men. We hope the weather will be good, allowing more of you to make it to the "Hill" this year. It is a wonderful time to visit with your family.

We are also thankful and proud to announce that we again have been able to meet our commitment to the graduating seniors this past June with a \$100.00 gift to each and also the \$500.00 needed to sponsor five boys with Christmas gifts this coming December.

Our budget request for 2014-2015 is a little higher this year. However, our Christmas donations have been much less than previous years mostly due to less attendance at our December meeting-- sometimes because of the weather. We hope everyone will make a special effort to attend our December 13th meeting. If not, please mail us your donation. Your help is greatly appreciated by BHAA and the boys. Our goal is to maintain a minimum balance of \$2,000.00 as you will see on the BHAA budget report. We hope that if you are unable to attend the meeting that you will mail even a small donation to help the boys; remember small amounts from many will equal a lot!

We are again asking for your help to increase our possible candidate list for the Boys Home Hall of Fame. I attended the event this past September and it was great to see a friend from the sixties, Chuck Anthony, who was honored, along with Kendall Rogers and William Dabney Saunders, Sr.

Many of you who have been in touch with Boys home will qualify for this honor. Don't sell yourself short! Contact Mr. Wheatley to find out what you need to do. You do not have to be active with our Association to qualify. As we discussed in June we are participating with Boys Home and the boys as Pen Pals and mentors to the boys. I am involved in this myself and it is extremely

rewarding and enjoyable! If you have interest in this program you need to call me and/or Mr. Wheatley to review the rules and expectations such as days and times to call, etc.

Remember to keep me updated on members who are ill, or who have passed away so that we can mail a card. I encourage all of you to use any means you can to keep up with each other. This includes mail, phone, Facebook, Twitter, etc. You can also notify me of exciting things such as new baby, marriage, college graduation, etc.

We hope to see you here on **December 13th** for a day of fun! Keep my phone number (434-960-0038) and my email (JimNancy2@hotmail.com) to keep me updated. Always remember the phrase "Few have lived as we," and more importantly the Boys Home prayer. If you can't make it, don't forget to help us to help the boys! Have a wonderful holiday season!

Respectfully,

Jim Miller '66, BHAA President

BOYS HOME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS GATHERING

December 13, 2014

10:00-11:00 AM Social Gathering at the Ad. Bldg., and the Terry History Museum

11:00 – Noon Free time, visit around the "Hill"

Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch with residents and staff at Ben Parrott Dining Hall

1:15 PM Alumni Meeting at the Dining Hall

ALUMNI: Please come prepared (with your gym clothes) to play basketball with the "Hilltoppers."!!!!!!

Please fill in and mail to Boys Home, 414 Boys Home Rd., Covington VA 24426

_____ **YES, I will attend the BHAA meeting at Boys Home on Saturday, December 13th:**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I will have _____ guests with me.

_____ **Sorry, I cannot attend, but would like to contribute \$_____ to help BHAA.**

_____ **Sorry, I will not be able to attend on December 13th, but please update my phone number and e-mail address so that I will be current on BHAA mailing list.**

Motel reservations: Best Western, exit 16-A off I-64 (540) 962-4951

Compare Inn, exit 16-A off I-64, (540) 962-2141

Quality Inn (W. Main St., Covington) (540) 962-5888