

BOYS HOME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

October, 2013

Greetings again to all BHAA members, family, friends and our honorary members. I want to begin my letter to you with a sincere "thank you" to all of you who were able to make it to our gathering on the "Hill" this past June. We really had a large number of people who were willing to brave the expense for the visit. I want to especially thank everyone who traveled long distances to be here.

This is a beautiful time of year, and a welcomed relief from the long hot summer. It is also a reminder of our upcoming Christmas social and our "planning session" on Saturday, **December 14**. We hope to have as many of you here that can make it. We always enjoy this special time of the year. We can relive the joy of seeing smiles on the boys' faces which means a break from the grinds of school, a chance to visit family, and, of course, a lesson of love that is sent to them when they see the tags and cards from caring people before opening their gifts. All of us can recall those days of decorating our cottages and the building of excitement of the upcoming Holiday Season.

Now, back to our June meeting. Another big success on that day as we had a good number alumni here. We had alumnus from all over Virginia, as well as Florida, Colorado, California, Arkansas, Tennessee and one from England! Thanks to your generosity we were able to exceed our expectations on donations which will enable us to continue our present obligations to the boys and to Boys' Home.

We have mailed a check to Boys' Home (\$500.00) to sponsor five boys for Christmas gifts. We were able to give each of the 2013 graduating seniors a gift of \$100.00. We were also able to provide funds for the Outdoor Club for paints, etc.

Please call me if you hear of sickness or death among our alumni members and their families. We have enough funds to help with floral arrangements and/or cards to send them. It would also help us if you could send us a card and/or picture of you and your family to include in our photo album for the BHAA website. Please feel free to contact me at 434-960-0038 at any time if you have suggestions of ways we can improve our service to the boys and to Boys' Home.

Please submit to me or Mr. Wheatley names of people who could be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame next year. The Hall of Fame nomination form is enclosed for your guideline.

We are extending a "special invitation" to all our alumni and especially to those from the 80s, 90s and the 2000s to visit Boys' Home's campus this holiday season. We know that everyone is busy during the Holidays but a visit to Boys' Home would be very rewarding. We look forward to seeing everyone here on **Saturday, December 14th**.

Jim Miller '66

BHAA President