



New officers elected at 2002 Reunion

Alumni chose a president and other officers during the 2002 Grand Reunion held in Atlanta August 2-4.

New and serving until 2005 are President **Maxine Jenkins** ('58); 1st Vice President **Rupert Bellamy** ('74); 2nd Vice President **Preston Carter** ('60);

Executive Secretary **Ann White** ('74); and Chaplain **Leon Brown** ('51).

Re-elected were Treasurer **Knorphe Byrd** ('73); Recording Secretary **Lynne Thomas** ('74); and Parliamentarian **Madeline Dash Pickett** ('53).

Earlier, banquet speaker Rev. Charles White, Director, NAACP Southeast Region, urged alumni to "tell the story of the stones" of BHMA's legacy and keep it alive. Citing the 4th chapter of Joshua where the Israelites were about to cross the river Jordan after passing through the wilderness, he told of the 12 men who were told to collect stones and save them so that when future generations asked what they were, the elders could tell how the people survived with the help of God.

Held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, the reunion was produced in just eight months by a committee of only three: Chairperson Delmarcia Jenkins Mitchell ('73), Robynn Pearson ('73) and Roberta Dannelly Durant ('40). Many thanks go to this group, which made all the arrangements; sent two mailings to mem-



President Maxine Jenkins ('58)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to my fellow Matherites!

It is my pleasure to send greetings to you as your newly elected president. I am honored to have been voted in along with an excellent slate of officers. We will work hard in our term of office to serve you well. We need to establish an open communication with the membership.

Please share this newsletter with someone you may know from Mather. We want to expand our database so that we can include as many Matherites as possible in our activities.

Our next reunion will be in 2005 in the Washington, DC area. I have begun negotiations with the Channel Inn, which is in southeast Washington. If we have the reunion on the July 4th weekend, there will be many festivals and activities, including the famous fireworks display. The entire family could have fun. The hotel is offering a discount rate and the food is excellent.

Alumni expressed interest in a 4-day cruise to the Caribbean in the summer, preferably in July. I am researching possibilities. If you know some dynamite resources and rates, please let me know.

I have not made a commitment on the reunion and will entertain suggestions. We want this reunion to be the biggest and grandest one, ever. We can only do this with your help.

Please resolve to join us, support us and participate actively in the Mather Academy Project **beginning this year.**

WE NEED YOU!!!!



Officers recite the oath administered by North Carolina State Senator Charlie Dannelly ('44). They will serve until 2005.

bers; produced gift bags, name tags and tickets; conducted registration; coordinated the Hospitality Room; and handled many other logistical tasks.

New this year in the gift bag was a videotape of Mather's history, featuring the reminiscences of alumni from several eras. Limited quantities of the gift bag and the video (each \$20 plus \$6 shipping and handling) are available from Treasurer Knorphe Byrd at the address on the back page.

Estelle Dixon Mitchell ('43), brought memorabilia of the late Ms. Lulu Belle Bryan, who served as Mather's principal from 1933 to 1951.

At the business meeting earlier that day, attendees learned Camden alumni are monitoring the possibility that Camden First United Methodist Church (formerly Trinity) will seek sponsors for rooms in a proposed addition (one might be for BHMA artifacts).

(See more 2002 Reunion photos on back)

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2002 REUNION PHOTOS



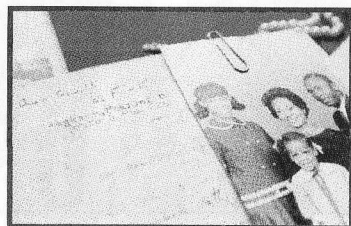
Lighted candles stand vigil as alumni call out names of those who have died. Since the reunion, we learned of the passing of Robert Lee James ('38) and Sylvester Jenkins ('49), whose names are silently written on the list of Matherite remembrances that will forever be in our hearts.



Oldest class grads attending: C.L. Sutton ('36) and Lillie Johnson ('37).



Travelled the farthest — California: Larrye Boykin ('65) and Estelle Dixon Mitchell ('43)



Ms. Lulu Bryan and a sample page from one of her log books.

Next Annual Reunion: 2005

What's the next NAA Reunion: a cruise or a city? Help plan it. Contact President Jenkins at 712 Downs Drive; Silver Springs, Maryland 20904.

But you don't have to wait for the big get-together. Hold smaller ones in your city or area to keep in touch with classmates and friends.

NAA dues: \$25 per year

Send to: Knorphe Byrd, Jr., Treasurer;
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ADDRESS CORRECTIONS:

If you did not receive this newsletter by direct mail, or if you know someone who is not receiving mailings, send the name, address, city, state and zip code to: **Sara Morgan, BHMA NAA Corresponding Secretary, 392 Central Park West #11-B, New York, NY 10025.**

We're on the Internet!

See more reunion photos and Mather's history on our National Alumni Association website (note that there is no "www" in the address):

<http://mathernaa.tripod.com>