

The Mighty Eagles!

Mather



Alumni

Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy National Alumni Association

Fall 2008

From Our New President



Delmarcia Jenkins Mitchell ('75)

It was so very nice to see all of you who attended the reunion in Columbia, South Carolina. For those brothers and sisters who did not attend, you really missed a treat. For those who attended for the first time in many years, we were happy to see you!

At the 2008 reunion, I was elected to represent Mather as the National President. I sincerely hope I will live up to your every expectation.

There is a lot of work to be done, there are definite goals to achieve, and the clock is ticking. We are the last group of alumni who can propel our legacy into the history books of South Carolina. To achieve our goals, we will need the help of each of you. We may be calling on you for your time, your talent and your financial assistance. Please make yourselves available to answer the call.

We will be updating the website with pictures and info concerning our alumni and the association. Feel free to inform me or other board members at any time about your concerns and feedback, both positive and negative.

I thank you for allowing me to serve you for the next two years.

May the Lord bless and keep you 'til we meet again!

65 attend Grand Reunion in Columbia

Vote to hold next biennial reunion (2010) in Charleston, S.C.



BHMA officers for 2008-2010 recite the oath of office administered by Charlie Dannelly ('48) (center), Deputy President Pro Tempore of the N.C. Senate. They are (from left) Assistant Treasurer Martin Robinson, Treasurer Knorphe Byrd ('73), Recording Secretary Lynne Thomas ('74), 1st Vice President Vernell Wright, President Delmarcia Mitchell ('75), Executive Secretary Daphne Smith, 2nd Vice President Jeronell White Bradley ('65), Corresponding Secretary Antoinette White Toney ('74), Parliamentarian Rayford Harris, and Chaplain Hester Moye.

BHMA alumni reconnected with schoolmates during the Grand Reunion at the Columbia, S.C. Marriott hotel on August 1-3, 2008.

The attendance by 65 persons was the lowest in the 35 years since reunions began in 1983, the year the school closed.

Yet, alumni had high spirits and came away with renewed vigor to encourage others to join them at future gatherings.



Vernell Wright uses a flip chart to track the nominations and vote for the 2010 Reunion site.



Rev. James P. Neal, Jr. ('53) was the keynote speaker.

The next reunion will be in 2010 in the Charleston, S.C. area.

Those who attended the Saturday morning business meeting voted for Charleston because they felt its tourist attractions would increase reunion attendance by making the visit more appealing to families.

Additionally, alumni voted for more communications, including at least two newsletters and several update postcards with reminders about the reunion date and dues.

The banquet, speaker was Rev. James P. Neal, Jr. ('53).

Former student Lemuel Patterson videotaped several alumni about their Mather memories.

On Sunday morning, Assistant Minister Rev. Davidson from First Nazareth Baptist Church conducted service at the hotel for about 30 people who shared Holy Communion. ■

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NEXT REUNION IN 2010:

Charleston, SC

Annual
National
Dues

\$25

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2008 Reunion Photos (See more on our website!)



L-R: Myra Mitchell, Jeronell White Bradley, Sandra Fleming, Eloise Moore and Daphne Jones (all '65) reminisce.



The hospitality room included food prepared by alumni Preston Carter, who owns a restaurant.



Newly elected President Delmarcia Mitchell presents C.L. Sutton ('36) a gift for being the oldest person at the reunion.



Rev. James Gadsden ('52), makes a point at the Saturday morning business meeting.



Matherites enjoy the dance party.



Forrest Parker (photo at left) and Rayford Harris (photo at right) enjoy the festivities with their wives.

