

Fall 2014

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Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy

Mather Alumni

National Alumni Association

From Our President



Marie Major ('56)

Fellow Matherites, I am extremely honored to serve as the 2015 -16 president of the Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy National Alumni Association.

It's a great privilege, and I am deeply grateful to our outstanding alumni for their advice and support, as I strive to be a passionate advocate for Matherites of all ages and backgrounds worldwide.

As our great alma mater continues to pursue its aspirations with our scholarship endowment at Claflin, it is important for all alumni to know that each and every one of us has a role to play in this effort.

Remember, all big accomplishments usually begin with small acts. So if you haven't been involved lately please take a look on our website. There you will find an opportunity to deepen your connection to the BHMA family.

As always, feel free to call or email us for more information.

Thank you for visiting us online! We appreciate all of your continued support. ■

Scholarship awarding to begin in 2015

Greater future amounts will depend on continued donations

At long last, a dream that began in 1987 will finally become a reality in January 2015!

The BHMA Memorial Scholarship at Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC, will begin helping students majoring in Education.

A total of \$1,500 in tuition assistance will be granted to a lucky, deserving person, whose name will be announced. Based on the interest generated by our initial endowment of

\$22,970.89 just two years ago in 2012, this first disbursement can help only one student.

However, a larger endowment will enable larger amounts to be awarded in Mather's name to more Education majors.

Send donations to: Claflin University Division of Institutional Advancement, 400 Magnolia Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115-4498. A downloadable form is on our website.

2014-2016 BHMA National Alumni Board installed



Officers were sworn in at the Reunion Banquet for the 2014-2016 term. From left: Parliamentarian **Charlie S. Dannelly** ('44), President **Marie Major** ('56), 1st Vice President **Eloise Moore-Bishop** ('65), 2nd Vice President **Bernadette Session** ('72), Treasurer **Knorphe Byrd** ('73), Assistant Treasurer **Robynn Pearson** ('75), Recording Secretary **Lynne Thomas** ('74), Chaplain **Hester Moye** ('48), and Information Publisher **William Durant** ('66). ■

Alumni OK revised Constitution, Bylaws

Members voted revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws during the National Alumni Association's 2014 National Reunion in Portsmouth, VA.

In addition to making minor structural and terminology edits, attendees at the Saturday, Aug. 2 business meeting voted to do the following:

- Define "member in good standing" as dues-paying for "at least the most recent consecutive two years";

- Donate \$50 to our Claflin scholarship in memory of future deceased Mather alumni;

- Clarify duties of 1st VP, Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer;

- Add email (to dues-current members only) to postal mailings as a form of communication;

- Merge duties of Corresponding Secretary, newsletter and website into new "Information Publisher" title; and

- Delete reference to Regional Directors. ■

Scenes from the BHMA 2014 Grand Reunion in Portsmouth, VA



HOSPITALITY ROOM

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BUSINESS MEETING



Clafin University representative Michelle Henry reports on the Mather Scholarship.

BANQUET



ABOVE — Hampton University Professor Robert Watson addresses the audience. LEFT — Getting on “the good foot”. BELOW — Members of the classes of 1964 and 1965 celebrate their friendship.

LUNCHEON CRUISE ON “SPIRIT OF NORFOLK”



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