



ASI

2017 HOMECOMING NEWSLETTER

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND HOMECOMING

The dates for homecoming this year will be Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. Come and join us to see some of your friends, meet and make new friends, and renew some good memories. I look forward to seeing you!

FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be an ASI Social Cookout at the home of Bobby & Naomi Edwards at 162 Box Creek Road starting at 4 PM. All are invited. If you would like to bring a special dish contact Darlene Revis (828-216-7495). Click link below for directions:

http://alexanderschoolsinc.org/asi_reunion/directions_to_edwards.html

HOMECOMING REGISTRATION

Homecoming registration will begin on Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 A.M. in the lobby on second floor. We will have signup sheets on the wall in the lobby for each class. This will allow everyone to see who is in attendance and will know to look for you. This has really worked well in the past few years

BUSINESS MEETING

Our business meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 in the school auditorium. We had a good turnout last year, and we hope you will attend the business meeting this year. Immediately following the business meeting there will be a Memorial Tribute Service to honor Mrs. Pearl Barnette with the planting of a memorial tree out front near the gazebo. Please plan to attend this special time. The Alumni Board is responsive to suggestions which will improve the homecoming weekend for you and to make your stay more enjoyable. If you have suggestions which would improve the homecoming experience, please let one of the board members know.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Saturday night we will have BBQ, Baked Beans, potato salad, slaw, desserts for \$8.00 and this will be at 6:00 pm in the Pat Allen & Mildred Henderson Dining Hall on the first floor of the building.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT ROUND HILL

Sunday services will begin at 10:00 for Sunday School and 11:00 for the worship service. All alumni and families are encouraged to attend either or both. A former ASI student, Jerry Campbell, Class of 1968, has accepted an invitation to speak at the Sunday service. We would like to give a special welcome to Jerry to return and deliver the message. I know that you will not want to miss it.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to help with activities so the UMLC people can enjoy some of the festivities instead of serving us all the time. See Joyce Duckett, Pam Childers, or Rachel Dowdle.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday lunch will be served in the ASI Learning Center cafeteria after the Sunday service at Round Hill. The cost will be \$10.00 per plate. It will be prepared by the members of Thermal City Methodist Church. They always serve good home-cooked food which is well-worth the price of the meal. Proceeds will go to the church, which has been located in Union Mills for many years. We appreciate their effort to provide a nutritious and delicious meal for our enjoyment.

Please order your tickets for the Sunday meal on the registration form which is included in this newsletter. This will help the folks preparing the meal to know how much to cook.

Please use the time during and after the Sunday meal to socialize with your friends and classmates. The school will be open for those of you who would like to re-live some wonderful memories.

ASI HISTORICAL ROOM

The Historical Room was a big hit last year. It is located in the new Historical room on the second floor. To get to this room, come into the lobby and turn right down the hall. This will be the last room on the left.

This year marks 92 years since Alexander Schools, Inc. welcomed its very first students under the leadership of Mr. J.F. Alexander. The school was founded following the

close of Round Hill Academy and in 1925 the campus consisted of four buildings, the Administration Building, Gould Cottage, Liberty Memorial Dormitory and the Morris Home for Boys. As the school grew stronger, the community grew tighter and nine decades later, the Union Mills Learning Center still offers classes to the public and the W.E. Sweat Administration Building symbolizes the rich history of education that was delivered to hundreds of students. At this year's All Class Reunion, The Union Mills Learning Center will have a special exhibit on display in the Union Mill Community-Alexander Schools Historical Room. In addition, shirts and cups will be sold to help raise money for renovation expenses. Come celebrate with us.

We encourage you to donate any items that you have pertaining to Alexander Schools, Round Hill Academy, Round Hill Church, or Union Mills community. We would be delighted to have the originals or copies. If you would just like to share your memorabilia and take it back home with you, we welcome you to do so. Just bring it when you come. Many of you have already been very generous in making donations. A special THANKS to those of you who have contributed.

If you have items you are willing to donate, please bring them with you to homecoming or send to Tom Meadows 901 Spirea Road. North Chesterfield, VA 23236-2519. (Telephone: 804-379-0051) If you can email copies, please send to alexanderschoolsinc@afo.net.)

ALUMNI BOOKLETS

ASI Student Directories will again be available for purchase. These booklets will include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers for all alumni for whom we have the information. We will have the listing by class year and also listed in alphabetical order by last name. Another section will list alumni for whom an address is not known. There will also be a list of deceased alumni. Please look over the information found in the lists. If you find an incorrect spelling, address, telephone number, or misinformation, please let us know and it will be corrected in the next one published. Also look over the section of unknown addresses. If you know the address of someone who is not on the list, please let us know.

Each year when we send out our mailings, we get back quite a few of the mailings because the person has moved and left no forwarding address or the time limit for

forwarding mail has expired. Please send any change in name (by marriage, for example), address, or telephone number to Tom Meadows 901 Spirea Road. North Chesterfield, VA 23236-2519. If you can email copies, send to alexanderschoolsinc@afo.net. (Telephone: 804-379-0051)

The cost of the booklets will be \$6.00 if ordered and picked up at registration during homecoming weekend. If you would like a copy mailed to you, the cost will be \$9.00 per copy to cover the cost of the booklet and mailing.

ASI ALUMNI NEWS GROUP: Join the ASI alumni news group. When I receive news about alumni, I send it out to those for whom I have a correct email address. The cost of postage prohibits our sending out this information by U.S. mail. About the only news I receive is notices of a death of our alumni or their family. I think this is very important and certainly newsworthy, but I would also like to include other things about our alumni – such as marriages, promotions, awards, special recognition, new grand kids, travels, alumni in the hospital, etc. I would also like to send out information about alumni in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. It would certainly be uplifting for these folks to receive a visit, a letter, or a card. Please send me any information to my email: alexanderschoolsinc@afo.net or US Mail to 901 Spirea Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

CLASS REUNIONS

Class reunions are always fun and exciting. If your class graduating year ends in 5 (1937, 1947, 1957, or 1967) you are due for either your 80th, 70th, 60th, 50th, or 40th year reunion. Goodness! How time flies. If you are planning to try to get your class together, I will be happy to assist you in giving you addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses for those for whom I have this information. I get nothing but glowing reports from those who have had a class reunion during Homecoming weekend.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH GRASS-CUTTING ON SATURDAY BEFORE HOMECOMING.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ASI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

I hope you will become a member of the ASI Alumni Association. Dues are only \$10.00 per member per year. Our only source of income is the money we receive for memberships. For the last few years, the money we have received from memberships has not been enough to cover

the expenses which are necessary to carry out the Homecoming activities. Postage alone for this newsletter was \$240.00. Unless memberships increase, the membership dues sometime in the future will have to be increased, or the association will have to find other sources of funding, or some activities will have to be curtailed. In 2016 only 87 people paid their dues yet we mailed out 490 newsletters. The total for the newsletter mailing alone was over \$400 which included printing, labels and postage. Not to mention I saved the association over \$100 by addressing and adding postage to the 490 newsletters. Newsletters this year will be emailed to those on file, posted on Facebook at Alexander Schools Inc. Alumni page and posted on the website. Newsletters will still be mailed to those who do not use computers. If you have an email address make sure it stays current on file with the Association. Please support the Alumni Association by doing your part by joining. You may pay when you register at Homecoming, or you may send it in by using the order form which is included with this newsletter.

ROOMING ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms on campus are available again this year. I have heard many favorable comments from some of you who stayed on campus last year. According to information that I have received, any ASI Alumni wishing to rent a dorm room for the reunion can call 828-223-8996 and ask for Gloria. Rooms are \$40.00 for single and \$50.00 for the double each night. Linens and towels supplied. Most of those who have stayed here in the past stay in the dorm, but if we have apartments available at that time, they can request information about the apartments on the online registration form and someone will get back to them with cost/availability. <http://cit-online.org/retreat/individual-registration/>

OTHER ROOMING ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE AREA:

Firehouse Inn www.thefirehouseinn.com 125 W. 1st Street, Rutherfordton NC 1-866-347-3479
Green River Vineyard Bed and Breakfast
www.greenriverbb.com 3043 John Watson Rd, Green Creek, NC i-828-863-4705
Dogwood Motel 137 W. Mountain Street, Rutherfordton, NC 1-828-286-9121
Jameson Inn 164 Jameson Inn Dr., Forest City, NC 1-866-539-0036
Holiday Inn Express, 200 Holiday Inn Dr., Forest City, NC 1-800-345-8082
Quality Inn 205 Commercial Street, Forest City, NC 1-828-248-3400 1- 866-611-6769
Ramada Limited 2600 U.S. Hwy. 74, Forest City, NC 1-828-248-1711
Gardo's Motel 1266 West Main St., Forest City, NC 1-828-245-0111
Fairfield Mountains Resort 747 Buffalo Creek Rd, Lake Lure, NC 28746 1-828-625-9111
Comfort Inn 178 U.S. Hwy. 70 W, Marion, NC 1 (828) 652-4888
Days Inn 4248 U.S. Hwy 221 S, Marion, NC 1-828-659-2567
Super 8 Motel 4281 U.S. Hwy. 221 S, Marion, NC 1-828-659-7940
Thermal City Gold Mine – 5240 U.S. Highway 221, Union Mills, NC 1-828-286-3016 – RV sites and cabin rentals - <http://www.huntforgold.com/camping.htm> Owned and operated by ASI Alumni.
Baymont Inn & Suites 164 Jameson Inn Dr Forest City 828-287-8788 Spindale area
Days Inn 626 W. Mills St Columbus 828-894-3303 Spindale area
Holiday Inn Express 200 Holiday Inn Dr Forest City 828-755-2000 Spindale area
Stay Inn Express 205 Commercial Dr Forest City 828-2548-3400 Spindale area
Travelers Inn 2600 Hwy 74A Forest City 828-248-1711 Spindale area

To order tickets for Sunday lunch, pay membership dues, or order a class list, please detach this form and mail to: **Don Conner 4630 Anderson Mill Road; Moore, SC 29369** Email Don Conner (Class of 1956) at donconner4630@gmail.com or call **864-576-0796** for questions or further information.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address (City, state, zip code) _____

Checks should be made payable to Alexander Schools Inc. Alumni Association.

I would like to order the following:

Tickets for Sunday meal

Number _____ x \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

Membership dues

Number _____ x \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

Class Alumni Booklet picked up at registration

Number _____ x \$ 6.00 = \$ _____

Class Alumni Booklet sent by mail

Number _____ x \$ 9.00 = \$ _____

Total amount included = \$ _____

Student Directories ordered for mail delivery will be mailed in late July when they are published.