

# THE TORRENCE-LYTLE

A NEWSLETTER FROM TORRENCE-LYTLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# GAZETTE

March 11, 2016

Greetings and Happy 2016 Alumni!

Welcome to 2016! And what will it bring? We continue to recognize and thank all of you for a job well done in 2015! Each year, we strive to do bigger and better things and we accomplish our goals with YOUR help Alumni, family members and friends! Our 2016 calendar continues to include our March Memorial and Achievement Awards Program, June Fest participation, August Blue and Gold Affair and Christmas in Davidson with The North Mecklenburg Christmas Parade. This year we have added a 50<sup>th</sup> Year Homecoming celebration of the closing of Torrence-Lytle High School in 1966. This celebration will be in the form of a picnic on the grounds of ole TLHS on the Friday before our Blue and Gold. More about this event further in the newsletter, but let us focus now on continuing to support all areas of the Communities of the Alumni and not forget that Our Children Need Us; thus, the main reason our organization exists.

<u>CORRECTION/RESTATEMENT</u>: In January 2015 when we elected our two-year term officers, we mistakenly stated the term as running from <u>January 2015 to November 2017</u>; however, it should have been November 2016; but now that we have gone further to eliminate the November meeting, the elections will take place in October 2016 to keep us on the right schedule. Sorry for the confusion.

#### INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

During Lent and the Easter season, we read, hear and think about the <u>baptism</u> of Jesus Christ, <u>repentance</u> and the <u>forgiveness</u> of sins. Referring to your Bible, please read and reflect on...

Mark 1: 9-13

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the Spirit descending on him.

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased".

Mark 1: 10-11

Jesus' ministry started with his baptism by John and with a time of temptation by Satan.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He called people to repent
And then baptized all who confessed their sin. But Jesus didn't need to repent or receive forgiveness.
He was sinless. He didn't need a baptism for his own sin, but he needed it for ours. In his baptism,
Jesus identified with us sinners as if to say, "I need to be washed because my people's sin has become
my own". Jesus is our perfect Savior who resisted temptation and sin by the power of the Spirit and was
commended by the Father. He understands temptation and forgives sin. Bring your temptations and
failures to him for his strength and cleansing. Jesus, thank you for obeying the Father perfectly, stepping
into our sin and carrying it for us. We love you as the perfect Savior. In your name we pray. Amen

The above is Abbreviated/Arthur: Unknown

MEMBERSHIP (Reminder)

ANYONE who attended Torrence-Lytle, ANY GRADE, and any family members and friends or other interested persons who apply, shall be eligible for membership. Graduation is NOT a requirement.

The Membership joining fee is still \$5.00 and annual dues \$25.00. Please encourage your former classmates, family members, friends and/or other interested persons to join the Alumni Association. Our scholarship contributions help us give our youth a better chance at getting a higher education.

New to our membership status as of last year is the "medallion". When you pay your initial \$5.00 joining fee and dues, you will receive a larger version of the one shown. This medallion is retro to all dues-paying members who joined the Association in the past. Non-meeting attendees will receive their medallions by mail. (Ribbon color is blue and gold.)



### COMMUNITY NEWS, CHURCH NEWS and CELEBRATIONS (Upcoming)

Announcement: If you have a photo, announcement, invitation or "thank you" note you would like to put in the GAZETTE, please send your information to the Alumni's mailing address at the bottom of page 4 or call one of the officers listed.

COMMUNITY NEWS - DAVIDSON: The Town of Davidson will have its annual Town Day celebration on Main Street and the Green uptown Saturday, May 7, 2016. 5K and One-half Marathon runs start at 8:30am and the festivities begin at 10am. There will be food and various other vendors, lots of activities for children, horseback riding, carriage rides, music, arts and crafts and more. Stores will be open for business also.

## COMMUNITY NEWS - HUNTERSVILLE: June Fest/June 4th

Huntersville Community Development Association: Please mark your calendars! We will be celebrating our 41th Annual Community Festival beginning Friday, June 3, 2016 through Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the Dellwood Community Center and the grounds of TLHS in Huntersville. HCDA would like your Community Organization, Church Group(s), Club(s) and or Teams(s) to participate in the festivities. We are currently recruiting clothing vendors, food vendors, jewelry vendors and parade participants (parade is Saturday, June 4). If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Brown, Chairperson @ 704-875-3240 or Tanya Y. Brown @ 704-728-9888. We look forward to you joining us again to help make our Community Festival a success.

## ALUMNI NEWS: PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS



The last event of the 2015 year was Christmas in Davidson and the North Mecklenburg Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5, 2015 beginning at 1:00 PM. Mrs. Claudine Brawley Rhyne ('47), our Queen Representative in the parade was driven by Ms. Barbara Spaulding. Unlike December 2014 when the weather was bad and the crowd very sparse, this year's weather was great, the crowd came out and Mrs. Rhyne said she "thoroughly enjoyed the day, it was beautiful; everyone appeared to be having such a good time!" They saw and heard Alumni members, family members and friends along the parade route and were very encouraged by it all. Thanks for showing your support and "keeping the name and the spirit of the school alive"!!!

### A FRONT-PAGE REMINDER

When you registered on a Lottery ("Bag of Money") ticket and the ticket was entered into a drawing three (3) times that first year, you actually signed up to donate a minimum of ten (\$10) dollars ANNUALLY or whatever amount you put on the original ticket, to the Scholarship Fund. Those who forgot and have not sent your donations for 2014, 2015 and now 2016, should plan to send your contributions by September 2016; fiscal year end is October. Registering on more new tickets for the drawing only increases your annual contribution amount. Thank you for your generosity and support.

#### Our Alumni 2016 Calendar

March – Torrence-Lytle Memorial and Awards Program, Saturday, March 26, 2016, 4:00pm

Location: Old Rockwell Church in Derita, NC on Rockwell Church Rd behind the new church building.

Torrence-Lytle's gym is not available this year due to needed repairs. In 2015, we recognized and gave tribute to another five (5) persons considered "deserving Alumnus" of the Alumni Association and presented them with our "lky", the Isaac T. Graham Achievement Award. This year we will recognize some of those who helped mold us almost as much as (and in some cases more than) our parents—our TEACHERS. We hope to have as many of them with us as possible this year; they certainly deserve it. Again, the program is free to all, but all donations received will go to the Scholarship Fund. Our featured program participants will be The Golden Gates of Rockwell AME Zion, Reeves Temple Gospel Choir and Gethsemane Baptist Church Praise N Motion (dancers) and Torrence Chapel Men's Choir. Our guest speaker this year is Reverend Eugene Anderson ('64). Our first "BAG OF MONEY" Lottery Drawing of the year will also be held during this program. Registration deadline is March 19. This should be a joyous occasion; please join us. Thank You for your support.

June – June Fest, Saturday, June 4, 2016 (Reminder/also see Huntersville Community News, page 2)

We will continue our presence at June Fest 2016 with our ticket raffle and selling school Tee shirts. We will also have our second drawing of the year for the "Bag of Money" Lottery. All who registered on a Bag of Money ticket after the 2015 Blue and Gold Affair thru Saturday, May 21 will be entered in this drawing also. You do not have to be present to win. \*\* Blue and Gold tickets will be available for purchase!!!

#### 2016 BLUE AND GOLD AFFAIR:

In our December 2015 GAZETTE, we talked about the Executive Board's idea of having a 50<sup>th</sup> Year Homecoming Picnic (TLHS closed 50 years ago) on Friday, August 12, 2016 in place of the Meet N Greet. Our meeting attendees are committed to paying \$250 each to help fund this event without dipping into Scholarship Fund monies. We hope you understood, we are not asking you to donate that amount. This is just a goal for the monthly meeting attendees ONLY. We did state that if any of you who can and will make a donation of any amount, it would be greatly appreciated. You may start sending donations now; we would like to tally our monies during our June 18 monthly meeting. Thanking you all in advance for your support.

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Saturday, August 13, 2016. The Extravaganza located at 1610 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte will be our host again for 2016. Cost is still \$40.00 per person. Everyone appeared to be quite pleased with the change of atmosphere and dinner selections, so we will try this experience once more and hope you will be pleased with the facility and the service. Reminder: Our Blue and Gold Affair is still the Association's largest annual Scholarship Fund fundraiser, so please continue supporting us in our ongoing effort to help our children.

# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2016 Application Deadline: May 21, 2016

Remember, you may make contributions to the Scholarship Fund any time of the year, not just in August. Your generosity and support continue to help us give our children a chance to attend the school of their choice in the quest of higher education. We had ten (10) applicants who were deemed eligible to receive an award in 2015 in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the college of their choice and were presented award notices at the Blue and Gold Affair on August 8, 2015. The Torrence-Lytle Alumni Association was started with the intent to present <u>one</u> annual award in the mount of \$500.00—my, how we have grown. THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR YOUR GREAT WORK! Let's keep it going!

Reminder: Any Alumni member in good standing may sponsor an applicant; he/she must have at least a 2.5 GPA or higher to be considered. A committee reviews all applications and determines eligibility, then contacts the applicant with the committee's decision. If you need a 2016 application, send a written request to Torrence-Lytle Alumni Association, PO Box 16952, Charlotte, NC 28297 or call Willie J. Crite @ 704-492-4637.

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Deaths: Ms. Mable B. Thompson, Mr. Elridge "Bug" Allison, Jr., Mr. Harry Lee Morrow ('61), Ms. Betty Gabriel, Ms. Ruby Henderson Nivens Alexander ('47), Ms. Althea Stuckey, Mr. Gerald Stinson, Mr. Dean Howard ('57), Mr. David Reid, Mr. Larry W.R. Black, Ms. Esther Gray, Mr. Larry Donnell Henderson, Mr. Joe Louis Munday ('66), Mr. Robert (Bobby) Lee Baker ('66), Mr. Jan "Paul" Hicks, Mr. James Barringer, Ms. Thelma White, mother of Edith, "Big Bill" ('55), Betty, James Edward ('61) and other siblings

\*\*\*Blue & Gold tickets will be available by Saturday, June 4, at June Fest. Call your usual contact person or any officer listed below for more information. After last year's outing, a crowd is expected, so purchase your ticket (s) asap. First come, first served.\*\*\*

# CLOSING W



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Reminder: Monthly meetings, 3rd Saturday, 9:00 AM, Mother House of Prayer, Beatties Ford Rd., Charlotte, NC, unless otherwise announced. No meetings in November nor December 2016.

Remember, our meeting doors and ears are always open and you may contact us anytime with your suggestions and concerns.

> Willie J. Crite. President Dexter Carr, Vice President

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This edition of the GAZETTE has a slightly different format due to our focus for this issue. 2016 is well under way and the summer heat is already pressing upon us! The teachers could not take it anymore and have let those "bay-bay kids" out of school again! "Summer time, and the living is easy..." " While some children will go to summer school or summer day camps, our usual celebrations are also starting--vacations, family reunions and school reunions. Do we still have the old-fashioned Book Mobiles? So you know where I am headed; READ! READ! READ! When school reopens in late August, there should be no "blank stares" and "I don't knows". Remember, "The mind is a terrible thing to waste"! Now, be sure to pay special attention to those "bay-bay kids" because the "Adults-in-Charge" don't know the kid from the adult, and everyone is running wild! You know it! As we enjoy ourselves, keep safety in mind and do have a blessed summer!

#### INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Please read and reflect on Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My my help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" ... (KJV)

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Huntersville Community Development Association celebrated its 41th Annual Community Festival beginning Friday, June 3, 2016 through Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the Dellwood Community Center and the grounds of TLHS in Huntersville. The parade began at 11am Saturday, June 4. The Alumni Association was visible again this year selling T-shirts, held the \$1.00 Scholarship Raffle (1st prize - \$100 cash, 2st prize - \$50 gas card) and the Membership Drive. The crowd and participating vendors were not quite as large as in the past; however, the hot and muggy day produced no rain and that was a delight for all who came out to enjoy the festivities. "Thank You" Alumni members for your support again! If you have any questions and would like to participate in any way next year, please contact Catherine Brown, Chairperson @ 704-875-3240 or Tanya Y. Brown @ 704-728-9888. Let's keep supporting this event and our community!

# ALUMNI Events

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June - June Fest, Saturday, June 4, 2016 (see Community News - Huntersville, page 1)

### REMINDERS

> Deadline for Class and Individual Donations and Class Pictures to be printed in the Blue & Gold booklet is July 23, 2016. Contact a member or mail to the PO Box before July 23.

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While we want to continue focusing on our children and supporting all areas of the Alumni Communities, this issue of the GAZETTE will call your attention to our most important Scholarship Fundraiser, the annual "Blue & Gold Affair", along with a <u>Homecoming Picnic to celebrate the 50<sup>a</sup> Year Anniversary (1966 – 2016) of Torrence-Lytle High School's closing.</u> Our monthly meeting attendees have been working to make this event happen and we hope those in attendance will enjoy the picnic activities for the day. Let's start with...

2016 - 50<sup>a</sup> Year Homecoming Picnic:

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Remember, 12 - 7pm. Wear your Torrence-Lytle T-shirts to the picnic! See T-shirt info on the next (3rd) page.

### T-Shirts:

We want to promote our unity by asking everyone who attends the Picnic on Friday, August 12, to please wear your TLHS T-shirts. Orders are being taken now so that you can have yours before the picnic. We do offer short and long sleeves in blue with gold writing and gold with blue writing, the same for caps.

Long sleeved shirts, all sizes: \$14.00 each

Short sleeved shirts: S12.00 for S, M, L & XL; \$14.00 for XXL and up

Caps: \$26, round bib - \$30, flat bib

To order by phone, please contact any of the officers listed at the bottom of page 4 or send a written request to the PO Box. Make checks or money orders payable to: Torrence-Lytle Alumni Assn. and mail to the same PO Box address. Send the total amount due for the shirt(s) size you order. You will be able to pick up your ordered shirts, or purchase shirts at the Picnic and Blue & Gold Affair.

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!!! \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Let's talk food: We will have a caterer at the Alumni booth so that Alumni members can enjoy themselves without having to work the event. Two (2) Complimentary Meal Tickets are enclosed in your envelope valued at one free meal per ticket, as the Association's way of saying, "Thank You". You or anyone else may purchase additional meals from our caterer at \$8.00 per meal. Other vendors will be selling food also, so please feel free to buy from any and all vendors on the grounds. Our caterer will operate from 3 – 7pm, while food lasts. Plates include: 1-Hot Dog, 1-Burger (or 2 of either meats), Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and 1-Drink.

2016 - Blue & Gold Affair, Saturday, August 13, 2016: Dress to Impress! WEAR YOUR BLUE AND GOLD outfits!!! The Extravaganza located at 1610 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte will be our host again for 2016. Cost is still \$40.00 per person and tickets are available now through your usual contact or any member. Everyone appeared to be quite pleased with last year's change of atmosphere and dinner selections, so we will try this experience again and hope you will be pleased with the facility and the service. Reminder: Our Blue and Gold Affair is still the Association's largest annual Scholarship Fund fundraiser, so please continue supporting us in our ongoing effort to help our children.

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