



Wade Hampton High School Alumni Association

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Hello Mighty Generals!

This is the first newsletter in a long time, but it is chocked full of goodies! The board of WHHS's alumni association is in full force with lots of tasks on the agenda. This is going to be our best year yet!

First, thanks to everyone for passing the word about the alumni association. We now have over 1,300 members. Of course, we have about 14,000 more to go, but we are gaining momentum! Please encourage all **Friends of The Generals** to go to the website www.whhsaa.com and sign up.

We are going to have another full page ad in the Trevilian this year in hopes that it will bring awareness to the association. I think next Fall we should try to get another group picture of members so we can keep that ad updated.

Steve Nodine has offered his time and expertise in building a new web site for us. Rob McClure has done a wonderful job and has been so generous, but he is ready to pass the torch to someone else. Thank you, Rob. Without you, we wouldn't be where we are now. I remember that first meeting you and I had several years ago where we shared a vision of what a Wade Hampton Alumni Association could be...and we are on our way thanks to you. Steve is excited about the changes we are ready to make and *so far* hasn't said, "That cannot be done" when presented with ideas. We hope to have links to former newsletters, the Legion of Honor, ways to purchase bricks for the courtyard, Alumni T Shirts, Wade Hampton note cards and prints of the 'old school', links for reunions, and links for upcoming activities we are having, and certainly what is going on at Wade Hampton! This new website should be up and running by early October and is going to rocket us forward. Thanks so much Steve!

Joel Anderson is organizing an Alumni Basketball game and is looking for some help. The game will be at Wade Hampton, of course, on November 13th. He needs former basketball players to contact him-men and ladies -so he can get the teams lined up, and he wants former coaches as well...so they can, well COACH! He also thought it would be fun to have former cheerleaders there to maybe do a halftime dance/skit. There is some discussion about serving food before hand to make it a Family Night out, so if you have some interest in heading that up, please let Joel know. You may call him at 864-552-2529 or e-mail him at joel.i.anderson@lmco.com. We will pass on the plans to all of you as Joel confirms them!

Colonel Ben Pittman is organizing the next Veterans Wall of Honor ceremony at Wade Hampton and will present the first Veteran's Plaque for the Wall of Honor. He wants to recognize a WHHS graduate who has unselfishly given back to his/her country. The ceremony will be on Memorial Day. If you have a

nominee, please contact Colonel Pittman at 864-355-0124 or at bcpittma@greenville.k12.sc.edu. Last year, Brig. Gen. Wayne Brock, class of 1976, was honored. Thank you Colonel Pittman for doing this for Wade Hampton and for our service men and women!

Spirit Week is coming up soon (Oct. 23 – Oct. 29) and we are thinking of ways to help in their fundraising. The charity chosen this year is The Frazee Dream Center For Children. We might be able to pull off a great concert and that is being looked into by Bud Asbury. We will keep you posted on that! If you want to be kept "In The Loop" about all of the activities planned for that week, please e-mail mystallen@charter.net and you can receive regular updates. Some of the activities currently planned are a Silent Auction (please donate something for this--gift cards, gift baskets, home and outdoor items, boutique items, vacation donations, new games, sporting goods, children's toys, etc), a Yard Sale (need items!!), and an Adults Only event: The Generals Giant Tailgate: The Battle of The Fans! This event will be on Saturday, October 23rd from 6 til 11 at Montebello Clubhouse. The cost is \$30 per couple and \$20 per single. Wear your college colors! There will be live music, cheeseburger cookout and game food, games on the big screen, Silent Auction Phase 1, Fight Song Spirit Wars, Team contests with prizes and affordable adult beverages available for purchase. Last year's party was a huge hit and I can't wait for this one!

We need help with the committees listed below. Please consider giving a couple of hours a month to a great cause to help make our school and our community stronger! Give me a call if you want to talk about them further.

- Social networking (Facebook, etc),
- Membership,
- Development/Fund Raising,
- By Laws,
- Non Profit status,
- Scholarship (Judy Bonner has offered to chair this!),
- WHHS (activities, PTSA, news)...and more!

Last year was a stellar year for The Generals with multiple awards: Newsweek Top High School, Red Ribbon School, SC Principal of The Year, Palmetto's Finest, Gold Award. We have so much to be proud of! Please visit the web site of the high school on occasion to remind yourself why you are a member of this association!

Please call me or e mail me with any request, suggestions, or questions.

Lead Like Generals!

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