

Carlisle High School Alumni Association Newsletter



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2000 - 2010.... Here We Go Again!

From the minutes dated Sunday, February 27, 2000.... "The CHS Alumni Association met Sunday, February 27 at 2 p.m. at Nick's BBQ with seventeen members present. Nadine Perkins produced records from the alumni association which started in 1915 and was active until May 30, 1940. Fred Perkins made a motion that officers be elected. The motion was seconded by Troy Chandler." And so it began. The first year of reorganization

required sweat, tears, and maybe even a little blood. But, the efforts paid off as the first Alumni Homecoming Weekend was held October 20-22, 2000. All of the "Zero" classes were honored that year and we have worked our way through the decades. We're back to honoring those "Zero" classes again this year. So much has happened in the last ten years. Your alumni association has grown and homecoming weekend has been successful be-

yond anyone's wildest dreams. Please join us in Carlisle October 22-24 for a great homecoming weekend as we start our second decade of continued success!



Alumni band gets ready for the 2009 Homecoming parade!

Homecoming 2010 Won't Be The Same



The plans for Homecoming Weekend 2010 are in full swing and those involved in the planning are really excited, but we know that our annual gathering won't be quite the same this year.

Olivia Amaden Kegley, class of 1958, passed away on December 7, 2009. Olivia had been elected as an officer at the first reorganizational meeting in 2000 and had continued to serve the alumni association in a variety of roles until her death. Her passion was maintaining the history of our schools, town, churches, and rural communities surrounding Carlisle. For the last ten years, her home had become a storage facility for every imaginable kind of histori-

cal artifact, document, or piece of memorabilia. Her desire was that the alumni association could develop a Museum of Carlisle History as a permanent home for our ever-growing collection. Her excitement was contagious as the Carlisle School Board granted the alumni association use of the building that housed the superintendent's office and high school cafeteria. She got to spend several months helping to clean and prepare the building for the alumni association to move in. She was so excited to be able to show it off during homecoming weekend 2009.

Carlisle has lost its historian, and the alumni association is dealing with a huge loss, but we are more determined than ever to make the dream of a Museum of Carlisle History a reality. The Alumni As-

sociation will honor Olivia with a special display at the museum during homecoming weekend this year.



Olivia plugging the museum collection at Homecoming 2006

Save The Date!
October 22-24
Homecoming Weekend 2010

In Memory and Honor

The CHS Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges gifts that have been given in honor or in memory of the following individuals during the last year. All contributions to the alumni association are tax deductible:

- W.H. Kittler
- David Bennett
- Pat Almond
- Nadine Perkins
- Billy Hardke
- Olivia Kegley
- Vivienne Pauschert
- Bill Shoup



Vital Statistics

As of March 28, 2010

Lifetime Members	672
Honorary Members	22
Associate Members	20
One-year Members	6
Total	720

Our new membership goal...

→ **800!!** ←

Help us reach our goal before homecoming weekend. Invite your friends and classmates to join the alumni association. Invite spouses, civic leaders, and friends of Carlisle to become associate members. Membership applications can be found on the alumni association web site.



Web Site Updates!

Please remember to visit the alumni web site to update your information. This is our primary means for staying in contact with alumni.

<http://carlislealumni.org>

Bison Alums on Facebook



Facebook is a great way to catch up with former classmates and stay connected with the alumni association.

If you're on Facebook, join our alumni association group. Search for "Carlisle Arkansas High School Alumni". Invite all of your CHS Facebook friends to join. We also have a page dedicated to our museum. When you join the alumni group, you'll get an invitation to the museum page. Quite a few individual classes also have Facebook pages created. Get re-connected today!

Lettermen, Cheerleaders, and Alumni Band.....

Don't miss out on the

Billy Joe Shoup Memorial Spirit Line



before the homecoming football game this year!!

Nominations for Honorary Alumni

Nominations for the 2010 Honorary Alumni Award are now being accepted. The Honorary Alumni program was started as a means to recognize individuals who had not attended CHS but had made a significant and lasting impact on our students, school, and community.

Nominations will only be accepted from members of the alumni association. This award is not given posthumously. Nominations should be sent to Carlisle High School Alumni Association, Attn: Mike Calvert, P.O. Box 240 Carlisle, AR 72024 or via email to alumni@carlislealumni.org. Each nomination should include the name of the nominee, address and phone number (if possible) of the nominee, and a short narrative describing why this person is being nominated and listing the contributions made to our school, students, and community.

Nominations will be accepted until July 31, 2010 and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the August meeting of the association. Honorees will be recognized during homecoming weekend activities.

What Do You Want To Happen at Homecoming 2010??

The Alumni Association can't make homecoming what you want it to be unless we hear from you! Send us your ideas, suggestions, feedback from previous years. alumni@carlislealumni.org

The Museum of Carlisle History

◆ A Project of the Carlisle High School Alumni Association ◆

Plat and survey made for Town of Carlisle - 1872
First school house in Carlisle - 1873
City of Carlisle Incorporated - 1878
First rice crop grown in Arkansas - 1904
First graduate from Carlisle High School - 1906
CHS Alumni Association formed - 1915
Carlisle sports teams nicknamed "Bison" - 1923
Carlisle Centennial Celebration - 1978
CHS Alumni Association Reorganized - 2000

Just a few tidbits of the rich history, heritage and tradition of our hometown. Is there anyone interested in preserving our history, heritage and tradition? We believe the answer is a resounding YES!

There has been interest in our town's history from the early days as evidenced by the work of the first women's civic club, the "Twentieth Century Self Culture Mother's Club", organized in 1916, the golden anniversary of the first Arkansas rice crop in 1954, the centennial of the City of Carlisle in 1978, and the activities of the CHS Alumni Association during the last ten years.

The efforts of the alumni association, led by Olivia

Kegley, have resulted in an extraordinary collection of articles, artifacts and memorabilia worth preserving. Thanks to the cooperation of the Carlisle School Board, the association now has a building in which to store the collection and present displays to the public. The collection continues to grow on a regular basis as folks clean out attics, find old trunks filled with treasures, find a box of pictures, remember that band or majorette uniform hidden in the closet or come across a box of newspapers from 50, 60, or 70 years ago.

Until the Fall of 2009, all of this collection was stored at personal residences. We now have a building for our museum and we want to do things right! The association has formed a museum committee and they are working very hard to make this dream a reality. We are currently searching and applying for grant opportunities to help do the things necessary to make this a first-class facility. There are many ways that you can help in this endeavor including donating artifacts and memorabilia, donating special talents (electrical, mechanical, plumbing, etc.), volunteering to help catalogue, or financially.



Alumni Board is excited about the Museum of Carlisle History!

We are including a list of "needs" and "wants" to help give you an idea of the scope of our project. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting project, please contact the alumni association.

Restroom renovation:

\$10,000 - \$25,000

Lighting renovation:

\$10,000 - \$15,000

Conservation & Restoration

Fees for more fragile pieces:

\$5,000 - \$10,000

PC System, Scanner, Document Camera, Cataloguing Software -

\$4,000

Display Cases:

\$14,000

Display Mannequins & Forms:

\$2,000

Exterior Signage & Flag Pole:

\$10,000

Fire-proof storage cabinets:

\$3,000

Cataloguing Supplies

\$1,000 - \$2,000

Mini-Kitchen Addition

\$25,000 - \$30,000

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who have helped at the building, donated supplies, their services or contributed financially!



Storage & cataloguing room in our museum



Planning Ahead To Help Your C.H.S. Alumni Association



“Birth and death are the only two universal human experiences.”

© The American Academy of Forensic Sciences, “Death Investigation and Examination”.

While a lot of us don’t like to think about it, the above statement is all too true. And, it has been said that making final plans is one of the greatest gifts that a person can give their loved ones.

Since we will all face this time in our lives, it would be remiss to not ask you to consider remembering the alumni association as you plan. Your gift to the association will help ensure that our projects and activities can be carried on for years to come. Whether it is through life insurance, living trusts, or direct bequests in your will, your Bison Spirit can live on!

For your consideration, we are reprinting the following article from nolo.com regarding living trusts and probate. Always consult your attorney regarding any decisions involving these matters.

How Living Trusts Avoid Probate

Here’s the lowdown on basic probate-avoiding living trusts.

Ask people why they work hard and save their money, and often you’ll hear that it’s not only because they want to raise their own standard of living; they want to leave something behind for their children, too. Understandably, they don’t want a big chunk of that money to be used up for probate lawyers’ fees.

That’s where living trusts come in. They don’t save you a penny while

you’re alive, but after death they can eliminate the need for probate -- and probate fees. (Probate involves inventorying and appraising the property, paying debts and taxes, and distributing the remainder of the property according to the will.) When you make a living trust -- a device in which you hold property as a “trustee” -- your surviving family members can transfer your property quickly and easily, without probate. More of the property you leave goes to the people you want to inherit it.

Types of Living Trusts

The two most common types of living trusts are:

- * a basic living trust (for an individual or couple), which avoids probate, and
- * an AB trust, which both avoids probate and saves on estate tax.

This article discusses basic, probate-avoidance living trusts. For information on AB trusts, see your attorney.

Unless you expect to owe federal estate tax at your death or your spouse’s, a basic living trust to avoid probate is probably all the trust you need. (Fewer than 2% of estates -- those worth more than \$2 million -- owe estate tax.)

Probate-Avoidance Living Trusts

A basic living trust allows property to avoid probate and to quickly and efficiently pass to the beneficiaries you name, without the hassles and expense of probate court proceedings. A married couple can use one basic living trust to handle both co-owned property and the separate property of either spouse.

Creating a Trust

To create a basic living trust, you make a document called a declaration

of trust, which is similar to a will. You name yourself as trustee -- the person in charge of the trust property. If you and your spouse create a trust together, you will be co-trustees.

Then you transfer ownership of some or all of your property to yourself in your capacity as trustee. For example, you might sign a deed transferring your house from yourself to yourself “as trustee of the Jane Smith Revocable Living Trust dated July 12, 20xx.” Because you’re the trustee, you don’t give up any control over the property you put in trust.

In the declaration of trust document, you name the people or **organizations** you want to inherit trust property after your death. You can change those choices if you wish; you can also revoke the trust at any time.

After You Die

When you die, the person you named in the trust document to take over -- called the successor trustee -- transfers ownership of trust property to the people you want to get it. In most cases, the successor trustee can handle the whole thing in a few weeks with some simple paperwork. No probate court proceedings are required.

Do You Need a Lawyer to Create a Trust?

Trusts take about as much time to create as do wills. If your circumstances aren’t complicated and you are willing to invest a couple of hours of your time using an estate planning book or software, you may end up with a better result than you would achieve with many lawyers. It is recommended, however, that you always consult your attorney regarding end-of-life decisions.

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