

# CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

*Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres*

## *Newsletter*

**Year 2018**

**AUGUST**

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### **NEWSLETTER SPONSOR**

This newsletter is sponsored by the William (Bill) and Betty Hubble in memory of their son, Gary Michael; in honor of their brothers and sisters; Johnny and Carrol Crabtree, Andy and Libby Hubble, Shirley Bunce, Dottie Scott and Ann Spence; and in honor or memory of all their cousins.

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Folks,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We started the year with two most enjoyable Game Nights which were big hits for all who attended. In addition to getting out of the house during the winter months, they gave everyone a chance to socialize with friends and make new friends. Many, many thanks to every-one who helped make our events so successful this year. If you have not been to any of our events, they have been well attended. Our most recent Pig Roast had over 200 in attendance. We felt our Ceres Day in May was once again enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to all who brought their tractors and equipment for show and demonstration. Also, thanks to those who brought their goods to sell at the flea market. All of you, together, make these what they are. Our beef and pork BBQ's were well received by all with many compliments about our beef dinner. Thanks to those folks who helped prepare and serve the food at these events.

Our new Bouncy House for small children is certainly making a hit with the young folks (and their parents). Since our purchase of the Bouncy House, our very young members appear to have enjoyed many hours of playing in it. It is nice to watch their fun.

As I mention in every newsletter, please remember that this is **YOUR** association, and we are always looking for new ideas to make it better. Please do not hesitate to tell us what you would like for us to do to make it better for all who attend. As Fall approaches, remember we need your help to sell the enclosed raffle tickets as they are one of our biggest fundraisers for the year.

Thanks to all of you who help make our Ceres events the envy of Bland County. All of you working together for these events is the very reason they are so successful. Just remember, we have a beef roast dinner on Sept. 15, 2018. Hope all can attend, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

G. H. Peery, III,

President

### **2018 CERES HOMECOMING**

Plans are underway for the October 20th Homecoming. We hope you have started making plans to attend. This year's theme will be "***Ceres During the Time of War***". Ann Hardy Beardshall will be our guest speaker.

**Homecoming Meal:** The caterer (Roxanne Winesett) and menu have been selected. She offered a large variety of foods to select from. The menu will be roast beef, oven fried chicken mashed potatoes, broccoli casserole, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread, apple cake (her specialty), banana pudding, German chocolate cake, fresh fruit salad, tea, lemonade and coffee. Meals will be \$15 for adults (same as last year), half price for children 4 -10 years old; and free for 3 years and under. **Meal reservations must be received by Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**. The registration form will be on our web page or included with this newsletter.

#### **Homecoming Schedule:**

Registration starts at 10:00 am

Touring, visiting, etc. until 11:25 am

Gather in the gym by 11:30 am

Welcome, introductions, blessing

Lunch served at 12:00 noon

Memorials, program, short business meeting, and raffle drawings.

Before going home guests may opt for additional touring, visiting and spending quality time in the Museum.

**Raffle:** Raffle tickets are enclosed. We hope you will sell or purchase these tickets. This is our big fund raiser of the year. For additional tickets, call 276-682-4255. A partial list of prizes appears in this newsletter. The winning tickets will be drawn on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Raffle Gifts:** The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

**Rifle, Ruger American 308** by CAA

**Samsung Tablet** by CAA

**Framed P. Buckley Moss Print** by Moss Foundation

**Handmade Quilt made by Nebo Hobo Quilters**

**Several Gift Certificates**

**At Least 25 other gifts**

## **REPORTED DEATHS**

Deaths reported since the last Newsletter:

James C. Hayton, Jr.

Johnny Clemons

Ida Mae Atkins Bales

Edgar Vernon Hancock

Paul Barger

George Lambert

Stewart Stafford

Irene Harden

Marguerite Neel Dillow

Phyllis Durham Umbarger

J. Eleanor Cregger

Thomas Whitehead (father of Erica Pruett)

Joyce Keen

Donnie Ray Atwell

John W. Muncy (father of Rebecca Peery)

James Young (husband of late Louise Fortner Young)

Elva Fortner Young

Howard Smith (husband of Donna Daugherty)

G. H. Hancock (son of late Graham Hancock)

Ann Mathes (sister of Libby Hubble)

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

In memory of Terry Umbarger

By Sue Umbarger

In memory of Betty Baugh Young

By C. Roland Young

In memory of Robert I. "Buddie" Waddle

By Elizabeth N. Kimberlin

By Anna (Butchie) Barger Crabtree

In memory of Roddy Crabtree

By Anna (Butchie) Barger Crabtree

In memory of Dr. Sidney Harvey

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In memory of James Robert (Bob) Hubble

By Alma Kegley Hubble

In memory of George H. Peery, Jr.

In honor of Annie C. Perry

By Denise Peery Huff

In memory of Linda Davis

By Regina Davis Modzelewski

In memory of Robert F. Barger

By Candice Puckett

In memory of Donna Houck Compton

By Ronnie Houck

By anonymous donor of \$500

In memory of Joyce Keen

By Denise Peery Huff

By William and Betty Hubble

### **REMEMBERING BOARD MEMBER JOYCE KEEN**

The CAA lost a valuable Board Member with the passing of Frances “Joyce” Jones Keen. Joyce received her angel wings on May 14, 2018. Joyce was an educator and taught public school (elementary) in Buchanan County for many years. Upon retiring from teaching, Joyce and her husband, Kirby, retired to Bland County and purchased the home place of Buddie Waddle. She quickly became involved in the Bland community and she joined the CAA where she worked diligently for this organization. Joyce co-produced and starred in the production, “Remember the Daffodils,” a play based on the Sluss family massacre, which was performed to standing room only crowds.

Joyce was born on April 26, 1941 in Pilgrim’s Knob, VA and quickly showed her outstanding determination and her ability to motivate people. At the age of 16, she married and was a mother at 17. Joyce dropped out of school to care for her daughter, Kim, but she continued to work from home to complete her GED. At the age of 19, Joyce with only a GED began teaching in a one-room school (Grades 1-7) in Clifton Fork, Buchanan County. At this school, Joyce was the teacher, the janitor, the cafeteria manager and the fire starter. She did everything at the school and had to drive across four mountains to get there from her home base. Joyce, not only taught school during these years, she also earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Pikeville College in 1969. Joyce’s commitment to learning didn’t stop there. In 1977, she

earned a Master of Science in Education from UVA. Joyce loved to read and was a frequent visitor of the Bland Library. Joyce instilled her love of books to many of the students whose lives she touched.

Her daughter, Kim Hobbs, said that she believes “teachers are born, not made,” and she cited her mother as the example because Joyce started teaching before she was ever taught how to teach. Joyce Keen will be remembered for her “grit” and her loving heart, and she will be missed by all the people who ever had any contact with her.

### **DO YOU REMEMBER?**

*Editorial note: A suggestion was made that we make “Do You Remember” a regular feature in the newsletter. Readers are encouraged to submit items to be included in future newsletters. **No items were received since the last newsletter.***

### **APPRECIATION**

A special thanks to all who have worked in the kitchen, at the grill, on the serving line, and on the cleanup crews. Thanks go to all who have made many, many desserts to make our fund raiser meals possible. Also, thanks go to the high school students who have worked diligently setting up and taking down tables for events and for snow removal in bad weather. We couldn't do it without you. Volunteers are always welcome! Just let us know if you are available.

### **IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH**

Stretching exercise and Jujitsu are held twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Class cost is by donation (if able).

### **FITNESS CENTER**

The fitness room contains state-of-the-art exercise equipment and is available for use 24/7 at a minimum cost of \$5.00 per month. Fitness Center is handicap accessible.

### **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

In answer to many requests, a system to let you know what dues have been paid has been devised. If you see a number or an “L” typed after your name on your mailing label, that indicates you have paid Lifetime dues or through that year number. No number means no recent dues have been paid.

Dues are \$25 per calendar year (January – December), \$100 for 5 calendar years, or \$250 for lifetime dues. Dues may be mailed to CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

## **WILLIAM CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP**

On April 21st, a Hot Dog/Hamburger Supper was held to raise funds for the annual William M. (Bill) Creggar Memorial Scholarship award. Seniors from the Bland County School where Bill worked for so many years were invited to apply for this \$500 scholarship. The applications were not opened nor reviewed by any member of the Ceres Alumni Association. Teachers from three different counties, outside Bland County, reviewed the applications and wrote his/her recommendation for a winner. The judges agreed that the application of Madyson N. Dodson was outstanding. Madyson will be entering Radford University's School of Nursing as a Sophomore this fall. Congratulations to Madyson and thanks to all the others who applied.

## **TO RESERVE THE GYM –**

Call 276.682.4380 or 276.682.4255. Some recent uses have been for Birthday, Anniversary and Graduation celebrations, wedding receptions, family reunions, very well attended Vacation Bible School, walking, stretching exercise and Jujitsu classes, basketball practice, and meals by bereaved families.

## **MUSICIANS**

Musicians are welcome to come and jam at any event sponsored by the Association.

## **MUSEUM GIFT SHOP and ANNEX**

For a list of items in the Museum Gift Shop, call 276.682.4587 or write CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318. Now available for purchase Travel Mugs, Long and short sleeve T-shirts, hoodies, caps, wood school miniatures, brass school miniatures, coffee mugs, note stationery, pens, and many other items. Items can be shipped.

COMING SOON: Sweatshirts without hoods and with or without pocket, T-shirts in additional sizes with or without a pocket, and 6-pack coolers.

When you visit the Museum, be sure to see the red Farm Equipment building. We are proud that we had to create more space for all the items we had to display.

## **OUTSIDE BASKETBALL**

In case you have not visited Ceres recently, there is a nice outdoor paved basketball court between the children's playground and the gym. This was made possible by the Parks and Recreation Department of Bland County. Thanks for making this improvement in our Ceres community.



## **UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS**

### **BEEF ROAST**

**Water Activities (weather permitting)**  
**Bouncy House for small children**  
September 15, 2018 starting at 5:00 PM  
Price: By Donation

### **18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING**

Former Ceres School Campus  
Saturday, October 20, 2018  
(See more details in this newsletter)

### **ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ**

November 6, 2018  
6:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch

### **COMMUNITY**

#### **CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER**

December 15, 2018  
Starting at 6:00 PM

#### **CHRISTMAS PORK ROAST**

##### **Take Out**

More details later

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[www.ceresva.org](http://www.ceresva.org)  
Elmer Beardshall, Web Master

### Newsletter

Contact Kim Stowers at [kimberly.stowers@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberly.stowers@yahoo.com)  
to submit newsletter articles

### Reminders

Monthly Board Meetings  
7:00 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in each month except  
Annual meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October  
(Subject to change by the Board)

**Everyone is welcome**

### *Officers for 2018*

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.682.4381
Vice President	Lorraine Waddle	276.688.4450
Secretary/Reporter	Sara Kidd	276.210.7888
Historian	Elaine Kegley	276.228.2343
Newsletter Editor	Kimberly Stowers	276.688.4873
Treasurer/Membership	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255

#### **Association Directors and term ending year:**

Jonan Repass – 2018  
Sue Repass – 2018  
Janet R. White – 2018  
Frankie Gray – 2019  
William H. Hubble – 2019  
Rebecca Peery – 2019  
J. W. Cassell – 2020  
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2020  
Elizabeth N. Kimberlin – 2020  
Wade Hall – Past President

#### **Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:**

Edd Houck – 2018  
Joyce Keen – 2018  
Glen Repass - 2018  
Judy Cassell – 2019  
William H. Crabtree – 2019  
Michelle Groseclose – 2019  
Dean Kirk – 2020  
Melissa Renninger – 2020  
Robin U. Repass – 2020  
Betty C. Hubble – Treas.

**Permanent Board Members (Past Presidents):** Archie Atwell, Anne Britton, Donna Compton\*, Frances Davis, Wade Hall,  
Betty Hubble, G. H. Peery, III, and Doris Woodward

\*Deceased

Check the web site [www.ceresva.org](http://www.ceresva.org) or **Ceres Alumni Association** on **FACEBOOK**  
for other events as they are scheduled.

*Ceres Alumni Association (C. A. A.)*

Eighteenth Annual Ceres Homecoming

Registration Begins 10:00 AM - October 20, 2018

Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Former Ceres School Campus

Registration – Return to: C. A. A, PO Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318 before October 6, 2018

Name(s) and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Yes, I/we plan to attend** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Number Meals\* @ \$15.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
**\*PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO RESERVE MEAL**

**No, I will be unable to attend this year** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Funds Enclosed: Dues for 1 year . . . . . @ \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Dues for 5 years . . . . . @ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Raffle Tickets . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
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