

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks,

I hope this letter finds everyone in great spirits. I apologize that it has been so long since our last letter. Again, as always, I want to thank everyone for all their help in making our last year's events the success that they have been. Our attendance at these events has risen over the last year, and that speaks for itself the effort that everyone has put into them. We had 222 guests at our last event. Many thanks to everyone who put forth such a great effort. The previous events had over 160 in attendance. This shows that everyone's work is paying off. Even our May Day event, with the threat of rain, was enjoyed by many.

As always, we are always looking for new folks to step in and offer their ideas and help with new projects. Remember, this is your organization and only you can make it a success. If anyone could offer any advice as to how we can make it better, please let us know.

Please remember that this is your facility, and the money you contribute towards it means it is here for you and everyone of enjoy.

On a more somber note, for those of you who did not know of Bill Hubble's passing, we will all miss a huge supporter of this organization. Bill was very instrumental in getting this association off the ground in its early stages and was a very important part of it to the end. We will all miss his opinions and his strong support for what he believed in.

Please help us in our upcoming for Homecoming raffle as this is one of our biggest income draws for the year. Make sure to put on your calendar our upcoming annual meeting in October. Hope to see you there.

G. H. Peery, III, President

2019 CERES HOMECOMING

Plans are underway for the 19th Homecoming on October 19, 2019. We hope you have started making plans to attend. This year's theme will be "**FFA**" (**Future Farmers of America**). George P. Groseclose, grandson of Henry C. Groseclose, 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, orange glazed boneless chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, bread, apple cake (her specialty), fruit salad, banana pudding, German chocolate cake, tea, lemonade and coffee. Meals will be \$15 for adults (same as last year), half price for children under 10 years old; and free for children under 2 years. **Meal reservations must be received by Oct. 5th**. The registration form will be on our web page and 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 after lunch.

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. Tickets are \$1 each and are in packs of 10 tickets. This is our big fund raiser of the year. For additional tickets, call 276-682-4255. A partial list of prizes appears later in this newsletter. The winning tickets will be drawn on Oct. 19th.

Raffle Gifts

The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

- **Rifle, Ruger American Predator 6.5 Creedmoor Bolt -Acton w/scope** donated by CAA
- **Samsung Tablet** donated by CAA
- **P. Buckley Moss Print** donated by Moss Foundation and framed by Farmer's Daughter
- **Handmade Quilt** made by Nebo Hobo Quilters
- **Several Gift Certificates**
- **At Least 25 other gifts**

REPORTED DEATHS

Deaths reported since the last Newsletter:

Ralph Vencille

M. H. Bowen, Jr.

Evelyn Tilson Hubble, CAA life member

Paul Sheridan Foglesong

Roscoe Hubble

Buddy Ingram

Mark E. Scott, son of Dottie Hubble Scott

Anna "Butchie" Barger Crabtree

Marie Carr Groseclose

C. Fox Hays

Kirk Edward Nairn, grandson of Cleveland "Sonny" and Betty Kirk

Donna Kirk Correll – daughter of Glenna Cregger. Kirk

Peggy Ann Crouse

William P. Ellison

William H. Hubble

Joe Dunker, husband of late Anna Laura Atwell Dunker

Gisela Elisabeth "Libby" Hubble

Pearl Lambert

Lloyd Lambert

William "Will" Foglesong Sutherland

Gerald Clemons

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Terry Umbarger

By Sue Umbarger

In memory of Roscoe Hubble

By William H and Betty C Hubble

In memory of Roddy Crabtree

By Anna B. Crabtree

In memory of James Robert (Bob) Hubble

By Alma Kegley Hubble

In memory of Paul and Charleene Barger

By Anna B. Crabtree

By Brenda and C. L. Faulkner, Jr.

In memory of John W. Muncy

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In memory of Linda Davis

By Regina Davis Modzelewski

In memory of Betty Baugh Young

By C. Roland Young

In memory of Marie Carr Groseclose

By James F. Wilson

By Thomas E. Moser, II

By Dean DeRosa

By Virginia Groseclose Atkinson

By Bland Historical Society

By Sue Ellen Tate

In memory of Donna Houck Compton

By Ernest R. "Ronnie" Houck

In memory of William H. Hubble
By Edward G. Anderson
By Elmer and Ann Beardshall
By Malcolm and Debbie Boothe
By Bill and Barbara Briggs
By Paul and Norma Catron
By Francis Davis and family
By Dean DeRosa
By Wade F. Hall
By Billie B. Henley
By Esther and Steve Hider
By Edd and Dana Houck
By Alma Kegley Hubble
By Betty C. Hubble
By Jeff Hubble
By Randy and Simone Manis
By David and Julie Martin
By Glen and Robin Repass
By Sue T. Repass
By Lonnie and Patsy Thomas
By Lorraine Waddle
By Janet and Gary White
By James F Wilson, Tom and Diane
By Bill and Doris Woodward

REMEMBERING BOARD MEMBER, BILL HUBBLE

The CAA lost a valuable Board Member with the passing of William Henry "Bill" Hubble. On June 19, 2019 Bill joined their beloved son, Gary Michael and his parents, Mack and Bessie Hubble in Heaven. This was on his 62nd wedding anniversary. Bill started to school at Nebo Elementary School but transferred to Ceres when the Bland County bus started picking up Smyth County students. It was in the 6th grade at Ceres that he met his future wife, Betty.

After serving in the Air Force for four years where, incidentally, he pitched baseball for the Whiteman Air Force Base team, he and Betty moved to Richmond. He worked over 31 years with the State Juvenile Correctional System. After retirement they returned to Ceres in time to attend the first meeting of the Ceres Alumni Association. Bill became a dedicated worker on the restoration of the buildings.

Bill and a friend attended a meeting with Congressman Rick Boucher. The subject of Federal Grants came up. Bill spoke up and inquired about a grant to replace our deteriorated gym floor. They took his name and phone number. That night (Saturday) Bill received a call that a grant was available but the submission deadline was midnight Monday. By Monday morning, all the completed forms were hand delivered to Congressman Boucher's office in Abington. This yielded the association \$125,000.

George and Helen Keck offered CAA fitness equipment if space could be made available. The gym basement was in a deplorable condition. Three contractors were contacted but none would offer a bid to restore the room. Bill took it on as a personal project and worked all winter (in the cold) making the room usable. You should visit the current fitness room.

Bill was deeply involved in so many areas in the gym restoration. He will be missed.

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 those 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 starting at 6:00 pm in the gym.

6:00 – 6:30 Stretching, Cardio, & Yoga.

6:30 – 7:00 Family Jujitsu

7:00 – 8:00 Adult Jujitsu (12 years & up)

Tuesday 8:00– Kradz (mainly adult Maga).

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Monthly cost is by donation (if able):

\$25 for individuals, \$45 for household.

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. To join the Fitness Center and receive a key, a short training session is required. Call 276.682.4380 to schedule your training.

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 20th, a Beef Roast 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 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 Oak Bradshaw was outstanding.

Congratulations to Oak 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, sweat shirts with and without pocket, 6-pack coolers and many other items. Items can be shipped.

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.

UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS

BEEF ROAST

Music by Central Pickers

Water Activities (weather permitting)

Bouncy House for small children

September 14, 2019 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

19th ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING

Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 19, 2019

(See more details in this newsletter)

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ

November 5, 2019

6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch

COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER

December 14, 2019

Starting at 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS PORK ROAST

Take Out

More details later

Check the web site www.ceresva.org or **Ceres Alumni Association** on **FACEBOOK** for other events as they are scheduled.

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

Everyone is welcome

Officers for 2019

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
Editor-in-Chief	Kimberly Stowers	276.688.4873

Association Directors and term ending year:

Frankie Gray – 2019
William H. Hubble – 2019
Rebecca Peery – 2019
J. W. Cassell – 2020
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2020
Elizabeth N. Kimberlin – 2020
Sue Repass – 2021
Margaret (Peggy) Stevenot – 2021
Janet R. White – 2021
Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

Judy Cassell – 2019
William H. Crabtree – 2019
Michelle Groseclose – 2019
Dean Kirk – 2020
Melissa Renninger – 2020
Robin U. Repass – 2020
Edd Houck - 2021
Iris C. Pruett – 2021
Glen Repass – 2021
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

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Name(s) and Address: _____

	Number Meals*	Amount Enclosed
Yes, I/we plan to attend ()	@ \$15.00 each	_____
*PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO RESERVE MEAL	@ \$7.50 each	_____

No, I will be unable to attend this year () _____

Other Funds Enclosed:	Dues for 1 year	@ \$ 25.00	_____
	Dues for 5 years	@ \$100.00	_____
	Lifetime Dues	@ \$250.00	_____
	Raffle Tickets		_____
	Donation to Endowment Trust Fund		_____
	Donations to Association		_____
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