

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

The Association is fortunate to have two individuals who are willing to sponsor this newsletter. Between the two sponsors, the cost will be just about covered. THANK YOU to both sponsors. ‘

The first sponsor is **June Ellen Atwell Russell** and is sponsored in memory of her late husband, Carl Russell, in memory of her two late brothers, Duane Atwell and Donnie Ray Atwell and in honor of her remaining brother, Noel Atwell.

The second sponsorship is in memory of E. Ronald “Ronnie” Houck and is provided by **Dorothy Umbarger Houck** and their four grandchildren; Ashley and Kaitlin Vose, and Macie and Olivia Houck. A Celebration of Life in the Ceres Peery Gym will remember Ronnie at **1:00 PM on July 17, 2021**.

If you or your company would like to sponsor a future newsletter, please contact any officer or mail your check for \$175 to P.O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318. This does not cover the full cost but it helps.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello once again,

Hope everyone's summer is as they want it to be. Anything is an improvement over the last year. Many thanks to everyone who has come out to support our events. We had quite a crowd at our May Day event. Most of our flea market folks said they had a good day and seemed to be pleased with how their day went. We and the Ruritan folks sold food and seemed to have a great day of sales. Thanks to all the folks who worked so hard to prepare and serve the food. We are very appreciative of the folks who brought the tractors and other demonstrations to share with all who attended. In all, I feel like we had a great day and everyone seemed to have a good time, especially the children. Thanks to Sara Kidd for working so hard to provide the games for the kids.

At our June beef cookout, we had 197 folks come thru the line. Can't begin to thank everyone for their attendance and their hard work for putting this event together. Thanks to the Gray family for serving the food and to the White and Repass families as well as the Stevenots for all that ice cream. It appears that the ice cream seems to be quite the hit at our events.

At our May event people were eating ice cream long before lunch. Also, I would like to thank the musicians, *Central Pickers*, who came and provided entertainment. Everyone appeared to enjoy them, and we hope they will come and be with us again.

As I write this, we are preparing for our July pig roast with hopes of a good turnout. Hope many of you can join us. As always, please remember this is your organization and you should always feel free to tell us what you think we should be doing to improve your organization. I close by saying thanks to all of you who work quietly behind the scenes to help make this a great place for our community and families to gather.

G. H. Peery, III, President

CERES DAY – First Saturday in May

As we are now allowed to cautiously gather, we celebrated Ceres Day on May 1st. It was a beautiful day to socialize., check out the cool exhibits, shop for treasures and eat good food. The weather was perfect for the large crowd attending this annual event. The very large exhibit of old and new farm tractors and various other pieces of equipment, including an operating hay bailer from yester-year that was a huge attraction. The children especially enjoyed seeing the two fire trucks that were available and having their own game time. Also on the grounds, several tents and exhibits were set up by local vendors selling “you can’t do without” crafts and home-made memorabilia.

Inside the gym, visitors were treated to a wonderful breakfast of ham and sausage biscuits and gravy, and pancakes with all the trimmings. The gym was also filled with crafter’s booths selling all kinds of goodies.

A big hit all day for the young and old was Janet and Gary’s ice cream stand. I heard several folks say, “I will go back on my diet tomorrow.”

At 11:00. The Ruritan's lunch kitchen opened with a corn bread and beans lunch with all the trimmings and desserts. Hot dogs were also served for the young at heart.

The Henry C. Groseclose FFA and Agricultural Museum was open all day and very busy all day. Over \$200 in gift shop sales were made and just under \$100 was received in donations to the Museum.

All in all, it was a great day enjoyed by all. There are some pictures from the day on the Ceres Alumni

Association Facebook page and the www.ceresva.org web site. Mark your calendar for the first Saturday in May for next year. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

REPORTED DEATHS

Deaths reported since the last Newsletter:

Jerry Lee Thompson
Elizabeth Ann Compton Brooks
E. Ronald "Ronnie" Houck
Mary Alice Bruce, Daughter-in-law of Dr. Claude W. Bruce
Wiley B. Cox
Nancy Jean Harner
Kenneth "Bruce" Repass
Doris Catron Woodward
Dan Foglesong
Warren R. Thompson

These will be remembered at 2021 Homecoming along with those who were not remembered in 2020.

CHARTER MEMBER / PAST PRESIDENT DIES

On April 17, 2021 **Doris Carton Woodward** joined her late husband, Bill, in death. Doris and Bill were very instrumental in getting the Ceres Alumni Association organized and in making necessary repairs to the gym and museum. Doris (and Bill) will be missed.

MEMORIAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS

In memory of Elizabeth Compton Brooks
By Nancy Compton Simmons

In memory of Dan Foglesong
By Evelyn H. Groseclose
By Betty C. Hubble

In memory of Ronnie Houck
By Culpeper County Elementary School Principals
By U. of Mary Washington Pres. & Bd. of Visitors
By Harold and Betsi Closter
By Phyllis Shackelford
By Boyd and Kathy Blevins
By Gary and Deborah Looney
By Edward and Elizabeth Sayers
By Patsy F. Pyeon
By Eike S. Trick
By Betty C. Hubble
By Frank and Joan Chandler
By Larry D. Hubble

In memory of Donna Houck Compton
By Larry D. Hubble

In memory of William H. "Bill" Hubble
In memory of Gary Michael Hubble
By Betty C. Hubble

In memory of Kirby Keen
By Lorraine Waddle
By Betty C. Hubble

In memory of Faith Dannette Penley
By Marsha Groseclose Otey

In memory of Kenneth "Bruce" Repass
By Brenda Repass Finch
By Betty C. Hubble
By Mike and Teresa Snavely
By Sue T. Repass
By Janet G. White
By Glen and Robin Repass
By Rita W. Repass

In memory of Arten Repass
By Rita W. Repass

In memory of Albert Earl "Buck" Repass
By Rita W. Repass

In memory of Mallie Repass Tibbs
By Rita W. Repass

In memory of Esther Repass Umbarger
By Rita W. Repass

In memory of Freida Repass Hanshew
By Rita W. Repass

In memory of Jerry Thompson
By Frank and Joan Chandler

In memory of Terry B. Umbarger
By Sue G. Umbarger

In memory of Robert "Buddie" Waddle
By Lorraine Waddle

In memory of Arthur "Bill" Woodward
By Ronald and Freda Linkous
By Evelyn H. Groseclose

In memory of Doris Catron Woodward
By Evelyn H. Groseclose
By Betty C. Hubble
By Ronald and Freda Linkous
By James and Judith Rumford
By Samuel and Margaret Conner

Donations to Cregar Scholarship Fund

In memory of Larry D. Waddell, a life-long educator
By Brenda W. Tate
Donation by Leslie Barrett

Donations to Ceres Alumni Association

By Randy Newberry Family Charitable Trust
By Regina Lowman Modzelewski

FITNESS CENTER

The fitness room is now available for use 24/7 at a small cost of \$5.00 per month. The Fitness Center is handicap accessible. We ask that you disinfect the equipment before and after each use. To join the Fitness Center and receive a key, a short training session is required. Call 276.682.4380 to schedule your training.

TO RESERVE THE GYM

The Association is once again accepting reservation requests to book and use the gym. If you have not had your COVID-19 vaccine, masks are recommended. To reserve the gym, you may call 276.682.4380 or 276.682.4255. Some past uses were for Birthday, Anniversary and Graduation celebrations, wedding receptions, family reunions, Vacation Bible School, walking, stretching exercise and Jujitsu classes, yogi classes, basketball practice, and meals by bereaved families. **After using the gym, please remove your trash and clean up.**

CURRENT GYM ACTIVITIES - Tues. and Thurs.

Jen's Yoga, 5:00 – 5:50 PM

Call 276.728.6449 for information.

Michael's Stretching Exercise – 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Jiu-jitsu Classes – 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Advanced Jiu-jitsu – 7:00 – 7:30 PM

Call 276.522.8614 for information.

UPCOMING 2021 Events

The Ceres Alumni Association is slowly coming back to life after a year of little income. Let's get out and celebrate our community. The following events have taken place or are planned.

GAME NIGHT

Held on April 10, 2021 60 participates

MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Held on May 1, 2021

Several hundred participates

BILL CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPER

Held on June 5, 2021

Music by Central Pickers

JULY 10, 2021 ROAST PORK SUPPER

AUGUST 14, 2021 SUPPER

To include beef and corn-on-the cob

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 SUPPER

More details later

HOMEcoming - October 16, 2021

More details later (See raffle information below)

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER

December 11, 2021

More details later

CHRISTMAS PORK ROAST – December 17, 2021

Take Out Boston Butts and Pork Loins

ELECTION OF 2021 OFFICERS

COVID-19 and the year-long shut-down forced the Association to conduct its first (and hopefully only) election of officers by mail voting. We appreciate your cooperation and participation. A total of 52 ballots were received. The counting and tabulation of votes was witnessed by a second person, then re-counted by a third member not present at the opening and the counts certified by a fourth person. All ballots are a part of the Secretary's records and are available for review by any member.

Officers for the 2021 calendar year are:

President	G. H. Peery, III
Vice President	Lorraine (Lorree) Waddle
Secretary	Sara Kidd
Newsletter	Crystal Jenkins
Historian	Laura Mustard
Treasurer/Membership	Betty Hubble
Past President	Wade Hall

Association Directors & term ending year:

J. W. Cassell – 2023
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2023
Elizabeth N. Kimberlin – 2023

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

Dean Kirk – 2023
Melissa Renninger – 2023
Robin U. Repass

WM. M. CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP – 2021

The three out-of-County scholarship application judges recommended that the 2021 Creggar Scholarship go to two worthy students; **Gabrielle Nicole Akers** and **Carrie Elizabeth Havens**. Thanks to all the applicants and congratulations to the Class of 2021.

CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Almost 200 guests enjoyed the Beef Supper with desserts and ice cream delights. Thanks to all who attended, the Creggar Scholarship will continue. Dinner donations were **\$2,262**, plus **\$300** was mailed in. A special thanks to the **Central Pickers** who provided great music for the crowd. FINE JOB!

50/50 WINNER

Cindy Wright was the winner of the \$140 50/50 drawing and was kind enough to donate her winnings back to the Alumni Association. Thanks, Cindy.

Annual 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 on this page. A special thanks is extended to Melvin Enterprises, Inc. for providing the raffle ticket printing.

Raffle Gifts

The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

- Rifle, Henry Lever Action .22, Caliber .22LR, Model H001 donated by CAA
- Small Laptop Computer donated by CAA
- Framed P. Buckley Moss Print donated by Moss Foundation
- Hand-made Throw by Crabtree Sewing
- Hand-carved Wood Bowl made by Glen Repass
- Hand-made Quilt made by Stitch 'N Time Quilters
- Hand-made Rug by Janet White
- Several other Gifts and Gift Certificates

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Web Site

www.ceresva.org

Elmer Beardshall, Web Master

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 2021

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.688.4450
Vice President	Lorraine Waddle	276.688.4450
Secretary/Reporter	Sara L. Kidd	276.210.7888
Historian	Laura B. Mustard	276.682.0162
Newsletter	Crystal L. Jenkins	276.682.3741
Treasurer/Membership	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255
Past President	Wade Hall	276.682.4380

Association Directors and term ending year:

Sue T. Repass – 2021	Rebecca M. Peery – 2022
Margaret Stevenot - 2021	J. W. Cassell - 2023
Janet R. White – 2021	Evelyn H. Groseclose - 2023
Darleyne Atwell - 2022	Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2023
Frankie Gray – 2022	Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

Edd Houck – 2021	Michelle Groseclose – 2022
Iris C. Pruett – 2021	Dean Kirk - 2023
Glen Repass – 2021	Melissa Renninger - 2023
Judith Cassell – 2022	Robin U. Repass - 2023
William H. Crabtree – 2022	Betty C. Hubble – Treasurer

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 or **Ceres Alumni Association** on **FACEBOOK**
for other events as they are scheduled.

Ceres Alumni Association (CAA)

Funds Transmittal Form (for your convenience)

Return to: CAA, PO Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318

Name(s) and Address: _____

Dues for 1 year	@ \$ 25.00	\$ _____
Dues for 5 years	@ \$100.00	_____
Lifetime Dues	@ \$250.00	_____
Raffle Tickets		_____
Donation to Endowment Trust Fund		_____
Donation to Association		_____
Donation to William M. Cregar Scholarship Fund		_____
Donation to _____ in Memory/Honor of _____		_____
Other		_____
	Total Enclosed	\$ _____