

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

*Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres*

## *Newsletter*

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### **NEWSLETTER SPONSOR**

The CHS Class of 1955 raised \$200 to sponsor this newsletter and challenges all other CHS classes to sponsor a future news-letter. The Class of '55 has had annual class reunions for many, many years. GREAT JOB! THANKS! 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**

Well, winter has finally arrived it would appear. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and your new year has begun as you had hoped. As many of you know, Buddie Waddle has had some health issues this past year, and he and Lorree have felt it necessary to resign as officers of the CAA. We are very sad to see them go but certainly understand, considering Buddie's health. They will remain as active as Buddie's health permits. The CAA will always be in their debt for their many years of service to the organization. Without their help much of what you see would not have been possible. Their ability to help secure and manage funds and grants from different agencies and other routes for funding have made your buildings what they are today. We all wish them well for the future and send our many thanks for all their help.

This is the time of the year that we begin to plan our events calendar. As always, we would love to have your input as we move forward. If you would like to see us do something different, please let some of the board members know so we could plan this in our calendar. We are trying to be more flexible with our dates for events so we do not plan over someone else's event. If you were not at the potluck dinner in December, we felt like that was quiet a success. We had a large crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy just being able to visit. Some even stayed around and played Rook for a few hours. The potluck dinner idea was a suggestion from some of our younger folks. Thanks to you folks for a great idea.

Because the potluck dinner went so well, we decided to have a game night in January. This was just a night for everyone to come out and bring their card games, checker boards and cornhole games. The CAA also served hot dogs, popcorn, desserts, and drinks. Many thanks to the Repass family for the food preparation that night. We had a large crowd and the consensus of the crowd was for us to do it again, soon. So on February 27, we plan to have another game night. Hope you can come out and enjoy the evening with your neighbors and friends.

In this letter you will find our events calendar for the year. We hope to see many of you there. Please remember, this is your organization, so please come out and support it. We are always in need of help, so please volunteer whenever possible. Many thanks to all of you who help with all of these events which makes them the success that they are.

Yours truly,

*G. H. Peery III*, President

### **2015 HOMECOMING**

The Ceres Alumni Association sponsored its fifteenth annual Ceres Homecoming on October 17, 2015. The weather was perfect and the turning leaves added to the beauty of the valley. Approximately 140 attended.

After the opportunity to visit the Museum and school building (thanks to the Ceres Ruritan Club) guests gathered in the gym, beautifully decorated by Becky Kimberlin and her helpers.

## **Program**

The theme was **Farming** and included a large display of old and recent local farming photos and a very old Alma Waddle quilt.

G. H. Peery, III, President, welcomed the guests. Michael Pruett and his exercise class (funded by CAA's grant from the Wythe-Bland Foundation) provided an impressive Jujitsu demonstration. Following the blessing by Rev. C. Ray Davis, a delicious and bountiful meal, catered by the Ladies of Berea Christian Church, was served.

Following the meal, Archie Atwell led the annual "Rose of Remembrance" segment of the program. Twenty-seven (27) members, family and local citizens whose deaths were reported to the Association since the last Homecoming were remembered with a long stem rose presented to family members who were present. Those remembered were: Diana Dillman Vejar, Alfred Cregger, Harold Martin Foglesong, Gene Coffman, William Bruce Lundy, Lois Carter Keesee, Katherine Reynolds, Betty G. Wilson, Norma Sue Hall Repass, Danny Harden, Judy Laverne Cox Newberry, Leona Cox Callaway, William Warren Tickle, Betty Sue Groseclose Compton Eleanor Crabtree Hubble Rose, Arch Thompson, Cleveland R. "Sonny" Kirk, Betty Bear Kirk, Buford Cregger, Sr., Randy Bridges, George H. "Jack" Berry, J. C. Kidd, Nell Terlouw Bosarge, Jimmy Keen, Todd T. Houck, Doris Chrisley Hindreth, and Myra Moler. This was followed by a moment of silent remembrance and reflection.

David Danner, long time CAA supporter and former Bland County Extension Agent, gave a most interesting farm related talk to a captivated audience. David, please come again.

## **Business Meeting**

During the business meeting, minutes of the last Board meeting, Treasurer's report, Museum report and current membership list, as presented in the program, were approved.

## **Officers**

The following Association officers were elected for 2016: President – G. H. Peery, III; Vice President – Betty C. Hubble; Recording Secretary & Reporter – Michelle Groseclose; Membership Secretary – Lorraine S. Waddle; Historian – Elaine H. Kegley; Treasurer – Robert I. "Buddie" Waddle. Wade Hall will hold the position of Past President.

The Association's Board of Directors for the period through 2016 will be Frankie Gray, William H. Hubble and Rebecca M. Peery and through 2017 will be J. W. Cassell, Evelyn Groseclose and Elizabeth Kimberlin. Elected to serve a three year term through 2018 were Jonan C. Cassell, Sue T. Repass and Janet White.

Association Endowment Fund Directors serving through 2016 will be Judy Cassell, William H. Crabtree, and DeWayne Hubble and through 2017 will be Dean D. Kirk, Robin U. Repass and Jerry Thompson. Elected to serve a three year term through 2018 will be Edd Houck, Joyce Keen and Glen Repass. Permanent past president board members are Archie Atwell, Anne H. Britton, Donna H. Compton, Frances C. Davis, Wade F. Hall, Betty C. Hubble, and Doris C. Woodward.

## **Raffle Winners**

A much anticipated event of the day was the drawing of the winning tickets in the annual raffle. 36 raffle prizes were awarded to: Susan Williams, Betty Hubble, Elmer Beardshall, Marlene Barger, Rusty Wright, Cindy Wright, Billy Dillman, Becky Kimberlin, Colene Groves, Anne Britton, Jamie Foutz, T. J. Roseberry, III, Mae Hanshew, G.H. Peery, Jimmy Allen, Jimbo Muncy, Mike Brown, Judy Hannah, Frank Chandler, Dalton Groseclose, Bert Lingham, Laura Peery, Alexis Roop, Justin Kidd, Sarah Bracken (cash which she donated back to CAA), Jimmy Kidd, Nancy Tibbs, Delaney Haislep, and Betty K. Muncy.

The four largest prizes of the day were a handmade quilt donated by "Just for Fun" Quilters, and won by Ashlynn Pezko; a Samsung Tablet donated by C.A.A. and several members, was won by Mike Suiter; a framed P. Buckley Moss print donated by the Moss Foundation and framed by Ron Stallard was won by Nola Harless, and a rifle donated by the Association was won by David Kip Scott. Della Mae Neel of Ceres sold the most raffle tickets for which she received a prize of \$50.00. Door prizes & pocket calendars were given to those attending the Homecoming.

### **Raffle and Door Prize Donors**

Appreciation was expressed to all the donors of the raffle gifts and door prizes, especially those who gave several gifts. The following businesses and individuals donated prizes: Ceres Alumni Association, various CAA members, P. Buckley Moss Foundation, "Just for Fun" Quilters, Crabtree Family Sewing, Kathy Sink Harner, Sue Repass, Regina Davis Modzelewski, J. W. & Judy Cassell, Builders Supermarket, Bill & Betty Hubble, Evelyn Groseclose, Bill & Betty Crabtree, Big Walker Lookout, Glen Repass, Harner's Market, Wright Auto Service, Old Post Mercantile, Della Mae Neel, Lindy's Barber Shop, and Bland Square Restaurant, Looney Auto Repair, Billy Jean's Florist, Bland Auto, Jack King, Annie Peery, Janet White, Bland Medical Center, First Sentinel Bank, First Bank, Farmer's Milling & Supply, S & W Fertilizer, Farm Credit, Grayson National Bank, Bland Family Dentistry, and Bland Farm Bureau,

Thanks were extended to all who helped make this day such a success; to the Ceres Ruritan Club for allowing the guests to tour the former school building and for its upkeep; to all who provided raffle and door prize gifts.

### **NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Buddie and Lorree Waddle have submitted letters of resignation from their offices as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Both have performed their duties as no one else can. Buddie is dealing with some health issues that require their full attention. In the meantime the following appointments were made with the approval of the Board:

Kimberley Stowers – Vice President  
Betty Hubble – Treasurer/Membership Secy

### **REPORTED DEATHS**

The following deaths were reported since the last newsletter was published:

George H. Berry, husband of Ada Mae Hubble Berry  
J. C. Kidd  
Nell Terlouw Bosarge  
Jimmy Keen, brother of Kirby Keen  
Todd T. Houck, son of Edd and Dana Houck  
Doris Chrisley Hindreth, sister of Annie C. Peery  
Myra Moler  
Lace Asbury, III, husband of Bobby Lee Davis Asbury  
Norma Cassell Kidd  
Ann Cregger  
George Keck  
Terry "Tubby" Dillow  
Tonnie Carver  
Richard K. Webb  
Eleanor Dillow, sister-in-law of J.C. Dillow & Helen Kidd  
Garland Dillow, brother of J. C. Dillow & Helen Kidd  
Cicero Havens, husband of Christine Newberry Havens  
Stephen Howard Newberry  
Nancy C. Tate  
Nan Thompson Vencille

### **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

In memory of Betty G. Wilson  
By James Wilson

In memory of Roddy Crabtree  
By Anna "Butchie" Barger Crabtree

In memory of James R. "Bob" Hubble  
By Alma K. Hubble

In memory of Nell Terlouw  
By Frances C. Davis

In memory of Donald & Rick Hanshew  
By Mae H. Hanshew

In memory of Norma Hall Repass  
By Frank and Joan Chandler

In memory of Todd Houck  
By Robert and Lorraine Waddle

In memory of Myra Moler  
By Robert and Lorraine Waddle

In memory of William M. "Bill" Cregar  
By Frank and Joan Chandler

### **APPRECIATION**

Thanks to H. Sloan Cain for the recreation equipment for the Fitness Room and to Sue Repass for the freezer for the Gym Kitchen.

### **GRANT PROVIDES HEALTHIER CITIZENS**

Thanks to the Wythe-Bland Foundation, the twice weekly free stretching, exercise, and Jujitsu classes continues, Also this year we hope to make the Fitness Room equipment more handicap accessible. It is a shame that some of the folks who need to use the equipment most are unable to navigate the stairs to the basement. Come join the exercise classes at 6:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. All are welcome

### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of December 31, 158 members had paid their 2015 dues. Nineteen of these are lifetime members. Dues are \$25 per calendar year (January – December), \$100 for 5 calendar years, or \$250 for lifetime dues. 2016 dues may be mailed to CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

### **FITNESS ROOM**

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.

**USE OF GYM** – To reserve the gym, call 276.682.4380 or 276.682.4255.

### **MUSICIANS**

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

### **MUSEUM GIFT SHOP**

For a list of items in the Museum Gift Shop, call 276.682.4587 or write CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

**Ceres Alumni Association**

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**www.ceresva.org**

Elmer Beardshall, Web Master

**Reminders**

Monthly Board Meetings

7:00 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in each month except  
Quarterly meetings - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Jan., Apr., July, Oct.  
(Subject to change by the Board)

**Everyone is welcome**

Henry C Groseclose Agriculture & FFA Museum  
Open by appointment  
Call 276 682-4587

*Officers for 2016*

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.682.4381
Vice President	Kimberly Stowers	276.688.4873
Secretary/Reporter	Michelle Groseclose	276.682-4450
Membership Secretary	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255
Historian	Elaine Kegley	276.228.2343
Treasurer	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255

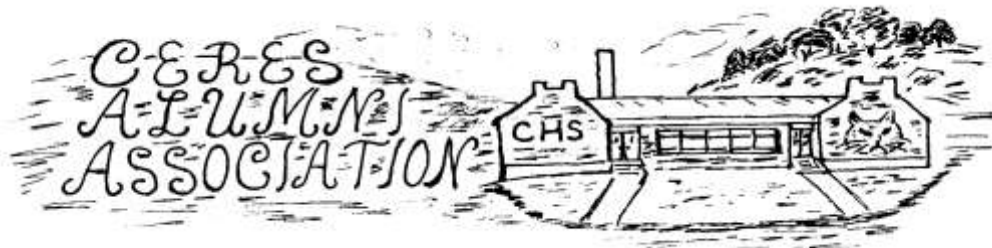
Association Directors and term ending year:

Frankie Gray – 2016	Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2017
William H. Hubble – 2016	Jonan Repass – 2018
Rebecca Peery – 2016	Jonan Repass – 2018
J. W. Cassell – 2017	Janet R. White – 2018
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2017	Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

Judy Cassell – 2016	Jerry Thompson – 2017
William H. Crabtree – 2016	Edd Houck – 2018
DeWayne Hubble – 2016	Joyce Keen – 2018
Dean Kirk - 2017	Glen Repass - 2018
Robin U. Repass – 2017	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



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