



GMSAAI ALUMNI CONNECTION

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**From the President
Tim Snyder**

I want to welcome each of you to a new season for our Alumni Association. We will begin this year with our January 25th affair which will include educational sessions as well as some fun. We will be located at the Holiday Inn North at 2805 Highwoods Blvd in Raleigh, NC. All are welcomed to attend the affair. If you are interested, Please contact Patricia Duncan at 919 469-4853 or e-mail her at patcd11@earthlink.net. More info can be found on our website at gmsai.org under the announcement tab.

We have three fundraising activities underway for this year; the lucky 365 raffle ticket sale, World's Finest Chocolate Candy sale, and the Belk Charity Day. We would love for each of you to purchase and/or sale any item you wish. Again more info may be found on our website under the announcement tab.

At our August 1 – 3, 2014 convention/reunion, we will have our luncheon, meeting, and talent show on the Garner Road Campus. Information concerning the convention/reunion will be mailed to you by the end of January 2014. ***Please take note that all registration fees and dues will not be refunded after July 15, 2014.*** Additional details concerning the reunion may be found on our website under the convention/reunion tab.

Our association will be sponsoring the Envision Youth Employment program again this year. This is a unique and educational program for visual impaired and blind youth ranging from ages 16 – 21. The EYE Retreat will be held on the Ashe Avenue campus at the end of July through early August 2014. More information about the EYE program may be found on our website under the Youth Retreat tab.

The Governor Morehead School Alumni Association has a new address. It is GMS Alumni Association, Inc. PO Box 46808 Raleigh, North Carolina 27620. Please be sure to use this address when communicating in writing to a board member, officer and/or committee chair.

Committee Reports

Benevolence

By Rev. Robert Parrish

With his consent, I wanted to make everyone aware that Rev. Tim Snyder, President of the GMS Alumni Association, has had a mild stroke. He is recovering very nicely. Plans are for Tim to be released from the hospital Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Please be mindful to limit any phone calls as he is in need of much rest. Most of all, Tim covets your thoughts and prayers. I will be sending him a fruit basket on behalf of the Benevolence Committee and our Association. I will keep you posted of his progress.

Membership Chair

Greetings GMSAAI members! I am Patricia Coley-Duncan, your membership chairperson for 2014. I and my committee of six creative and vivacious team mates are looking forward to working with you this year. We are planning activities which will hopefully increase of our membership. We will be sending birthday cards to you; so if I don't have your birthday info, please get that information to me. In addition, if you would like to join our committee or have some new ideas for the growth of our membership, please get that information to me. We solicit your help as members to build our organization by telling your family and friends about us. Encourage them to join us in our efforts to enhance the lives of blind and deaf people through education, employment, and technology. You can contact me via email at patcd11@earthlink.net or call at 919-469-4853. See you in January at the meeting;

Happy New Year from your membership committee.

Finance Committee
By Fred McEachern

On November 1, 2013 GMSAAI sold 125 shares of AGNC stock because of its loss in value. Instead we purchased 166 shares of Fidelity Balanced Fund (FBLAX) for \$3,713.00. The amount listed is a result of the sale of AGMC stock which we realized a profit of \$713.00. At the printing of this

newsletter our stock has grown to \$3,853.94. The definition of a balanced fund: A balanced is a fund that combines a stock component, a bond component and sometimes, a money market component in a single portfolio. Generally, these hybrid funds stick to a relatively fixed mix of stocks and bonds that reflects either a moderate (higher equity component) or conservative (higher fixed-income component) orientation.

Treasurer's Report
Margaret Carter
GMS Alumni Association, Inc.
2014 Proposed Budget

INCOME	Budgeted
Membership fees	\$1,500
Reunion fees	3,700
Interest and Investments	220
Corporate sponsors	1,000
Envisioning Youth Empowerment	3,200
Fundraising projects	14,000
Total Income	<hr/> \$23,620

Expenses	Budgeted
Bank fees	\$ 30
Printing	400
Office supplies	400
Post office box/supplies	250
GMSAAI Jan. and Aug. meetings	8,000
Transportation for reunion	1,200
Awards/scholarship	1,200
Envisioning Youth Empowerment	4,100
Fundraising expenses	2,100
Benevolence	500
Total Expenses	<hr/> \$16,980

GMSAAI 2014 Slate of Officers, Board and Committee Chairs

Officers

President	Tim Snyder
Vice President	Robert Parrish
Secretary	Alan Chase
Treasurer	Margaret Carter

Board of Directors

Annie Burris
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Darryl Eaton
Terry Lewis
George Littlejohn
Rufus Poole
Ricky Scott

Committee Chairs

Tim Snyder	Archives & History
George Littlejohn	Awards Scholarship
Robert Parrish	Benevolence
Fred McEachern	Finance/Communications
Ricky Scott	Constitution and Bylaws
Frances Council	Convention/Reunion
Alan Chase	Secretary/Education
James Benton	Legislative Advocacy
Patricia Duncan	Membership
Darryl Eaton	Nominating Committee
Douglas Davis	Resource Development

The Board of Directors meets via telephone conference every 2nd Tuesday of even numbered months at 7:30pm. To join, simply call 1 (605) 475-6006 and enter access code 575084.

Contribute to the Alumni Connection

The GMSAAI communications chair reserves the right to edit for grammar, content, and formatting any material submitted for publication in this newsletter. All submissions must include the name of the author. Submissions can be e-mailed to FredMcEachern@bellsouth.net.