



Hello Friends and Alums.

Trojan Pride! It's my pleasure to communicate with you.

The months of December and January saw the passing of a number of our friends, members and alums. These are critical times in our lives as our population ages and natural attrition finds its way into our midst. Continue to pray for the family members of all of the loved ones that we have lost and keep them in your thoughts.

Please prepare yourself for an edition of the Trojan Newsletter coming out around mid-March. This newsletter will carry information about the upcoming 35th Reunion and it will also have a registration form that you can complete and return to the Association. Know that we have been actively involved in planning since the last reunion. Please note that the Newsletter will have an article from each committee of the Association.

Take particular note of the article from the Program Committee that will outline the recent event – a Fellowship Brunch -- that was a stellar event, a first event for the Association that we will make an annual event.

As you read the newsletter gleam all of the information available regarding our Annual Reunion so that you will be able to accurately fill out the Registration Form and return it to the Association. We feel certain that our planning will bring forth another outstanding July Reunion. Please plan to join us.

As the shadows lengthens for those of us who were so fortunate to walk through the halls of W. A. Pattillo School, we have to be concerned about the posterity of the organization and the continuance of the legacy. I propose that one way that we can do this is by obtaining a \$100K plus National Library Institute Grant and partnering with the Princeville Museum. This will allow us to catalog our history with books, documentaries, videos, artifacts and the like. We would renew our request for a partnership to the Town of Princeville. Princeville Museum would benefit from the funding.

I am interested in developing a core group of individuals who have grantsmanship experience to explore this possibility. If you have an interest in being involved in an activity of this sort please contact me at pattillo.npresident@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your attention and the support that you give. I solicit your involvement; your membership in the organization is critical to us maintaining day-to-day operations of the Association.

God Speed.

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