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**WILLIAM H. COUNCIL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ORIGINAL & PRESENT LEADERSHIP**

WHCAA ORIGINAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OFFICERS

Richard H. Bush (Deceased) - Past President - 1994-1999
Willie Pope - (Deceased) - Vice President
Shirley Fitchard Bush-Parker - Executive Secretary-Treasurer – Past President –2001-2004
Catherine Madry Stewart - Associate Executive Secretary
Adam Kellam – (Deceased) Honorary Board Member
Dr. Willie Mingo Clark – (Deceased) Chaplain

WHCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Earnest Horton - Policy & Procedures Chair- Past President – 2005-2015
Claude Andrew Brown - (Deceased) - Finance Chair
Virginia "Sledge" Rice - Membership Chair
George Kelly - Community Projects Chair
Mamie Pendleton Ward - (Deceased) Publicity/Media Chair
Earline Bellmon-Ford - (Deceased) - Social Affair Chair
Perry O. Ward - (Deceased) - Historian/Parliamentarian Chair

Other notable officers and chairs; Kenneth Gurley, Ellery Williams, Bettye Massey McQuart-Sanders, Earnestine Lockhart Lee, Richard Crimes, Brenda Lucas, James Bearden, Oscar Heulett (Deceased), William Gill, Bruce Taylor, Kenneth Smith, Suzie Caudle (Deceased) and Felicia Wilson

THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Brenda Barley Chunn – President – 2015- PRESENT
Arthur Green - 1st Vice President
Paul Langford - 2nd Vice President
Tommie Batts – Executive Secretary
Bruce Taylor – Treasurer
Charlie Floyd Lockhart – Parliamentary
Richard Crimes – Web Master

CLASS LIAISON COMMITTEE

1956 - Willie Leslie Lightford
1957 - Laura Ford Clift
1960 - Dorothy Ford Matthews
1961 - Joyce Dickerson Martin
1962 - Olivia McDonald Brandon
1963 - Lillie Stegar Brown
1964 - Patricia Drake Williams
1965 - Leatrice Conley Gradford
1966 - Catherine Madry Stewart

Other notable officers; Arthur McDonald, Ronald Conley, Olivia McDonald Brandon, Patricia Drake Williams, Bradley McDonald and Paul Proctor

WHCAA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership – Paul Langford
Election – Anita Burns
Scholarship – Evalyn Humphrey
Strategic Planning – Tommie Batts
Constitution – Charlie Lockhart
Audit – Catherine Madry Stewart

WILLIAM H. COUNCILL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CO-FOUNDERS /LEADERS



WHCAA Co-Founder, Mrs. Shirley Fitchard Bush-Parker, served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer and WHCAA's President from 2001 to 2004. She is a native Huntsvillian, attending Council High in the class of 1966 but graduated from Butler High School in 1967. Following a thirty-one year of banking, she retired from the Branch Banking & Trust Company in 2009. Mrs. Bush is the wife of Ged Parker and mother of LeAnn Bush Covington and Felecia Bush Brooks. She has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is an active member of St. Bartley P.B. Church.



WHCAA Co-Founder, Mrs. Catherine Madry Stewart served as Associate Executive Secretary. She was born in Decatur, AL., graduated from Council High in the last graduating class of 1966. Mrs. Stewart earned her B.S. and M.Ed. Degrees from Alabama A&M University. She enjoyed a thirty-three-year career in Education and retired in 2001 from Huntsville City Schools. Mrs. Stewart is Spiritual and believes in the existence of different "spiritual paths." She is the mother of Mrs. Sharon Stewart-Myers and Mr. Steven Girard Stewart, a grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of five.



Mr. Richard H. Bush Jr. (1943-1999) served as the first President of the WHCAA from 1994 to 1999. Mr. Bush graduated from the William Hooper Council High School in 1962. He received his Associate Degree from Athens State College. He served ten years in the United States Marine Corps. A retired Alabama State Trooper with twenty-one years of service. Mr. Bush was an active member of First Missionary Baptist Church. He was married to Shirley Fitchard Bush and has two daughters, Mrs. LeAnn Bush, Mrs. Felecia Bush Brooks, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Mr. Ernest J. Horton served as WHCAA President from 2005 to 2015, a native Huntsvillian moved from the Mullins Flat/Pond Beat. He graduated from Council High School in 1958. He earned his B.S, M.S., and AA, at Alabama A & M University. An educational leader, he enjoyed a thirty-one-year career before retiring in 2000 with Huntsville City Schools. Mr. Horton is an active member of Center Grove United Methodist Church. He was married to the late Wilhelmina Horton and is the father of two, Mr. Reginald Horton and Mr. Quentin Horton.



Mrs. Brenda Barley Chunn is WHCAA's current President. Mrs. Chunn is a Huntsville Native, member of the Barley family originating in Mullins Flat/Pond Beat. She attended St. Joseph Catholic School before High School and graduated from Council High in the last graduating class of 1966. She earned the B.A. from Fisk University, the M. Ed. from Alabama A & M University. She attended Atlanta University as a Rockefeller Fellow studying Educational Administration. Mrs. Chunn enjoyed a forty-year career in teaching and educational leadership before her 2013 Retirement from the City University of New York, Baltimore, Maryland and Huntsville City Schools. Mrs. Chunn is an active member of First Missionary Baptist Church. She was married to the late Dr. Jay C. Chunn and is the mother of Mrs. Lauren Ruth Felton and the grandmother of one.

William Hooper Council Alumni Association Historical Reflections

In May 1986, the members of the Class of 1966 came together to celebrate their 20th Class Reunion. During this gala activity, thoughts turned to the preservation of the memory of the William Hooper Council High School. Out of various discussions grew the idea of erecting a Historical marker on the school site. Class members felt the installation of a marker would be a most befitting deed for the last graduating class to bestow upon the memory of the school.

In 1988 a meeting was called and Co-Chaired by Mrs. Shirley Fitchard Bush and Mrs. Catherine Madry Stewart for the purpose of furthering the idea of a Historical Marker. At that called meeting, a petition was drawn up, signed and later submitted to the Huntsville City Schools. The history of the school was gathered and sent to the County Historian and the plans for the marker were submitted to the Historical Society. In 1989 the marker was approved by the Alabama Historical Society.

The Co-Chairs organized the first meeting of an Alumni Planning Committee which was held at the Huntsville Public Library on September 17, 1993. At that meeting committee chairs were selected, notices to the public were prepared, and a budget was developed. The Planning Committee consisted of the following deceased members: Richard H. Bush Jr., Claude Andrew Brown, Willie Mingo Clark, Earline Bellmon Ford, Adam Kellam, Willie B. Pope, Mamie Pendleton Ward, Perry O. Ward and the living members: Catherine Madry Stewart, Shirley Fitchard Parker, Bettye Massey McQuart, Earnest Horton, George Kelly and Virginia Sledge Rice. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Stewart continued to serve as Co-Chairs.

The committee requested the help and support of the Historical Society in planning a ceremonial dedication. As a result, on September 20, 1993, the site for the marker was selected and on Sunday, March 27, 1994, the Historical Marker Ceremonial Dedication was held at the Huntsville Public Library. Dr. Henry C. Lacey '61 was the guest speaker. A reception was held and then the group walked to the site of the marker for the unveiling ceremony. This event was the crowning success of the Alumni Planning Committee. On April 16, 1994, officers were elected to the William Hooper Council Alumni Association. Articles of incorporation were filed on December 29, 1994. Future goals of the Association included the preservation of the school building and legacy of the school. It was clearly realized that strength lies in our numbers and we encourage the participation of all graduates, former students, teachers, and friends of our historic William Hooper Council High School. The living members of this photo are Catherine Madry Stewart, Shirley Fitchard Parker, Bettye Massey McQuart, Earnest Horton, George Kelly and Virginia Sledge Rice. (Earline Bellmon Ford and George Kelly are missing from this photo)



WILLIAM HOOPER COUNCIL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS — Seated in the first row, from left, are Perry O. Ward, Earnest Horton, Claude Andrew Brown, Willie B. Pope and Richard H. Bush Jr. Standing in the back row, from left, are Adam Kellam, Mamie Pendleton Ward, Bettye Massey McQuart, Virginia Sledge Rice, Catherine Madry Stewart, Shirley Fitchard Bush and Willie Mingo Clark.