Central/Eastern Wayne Alumni & Friends, Inc.

Post Office Box 10603
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27532

Volume 3 September 2022

I am proud to say that Homecoming 2022 was a great success. The weekend festivities were outstanding starting with inducting 5 individuals in our first Hall of Fame Class. We provided Scholarships to 12 outstanding, and deserving students. During our Memorial Day Service, we remembered those relatives and friends who came before us by placing flags and flowers at their gravesites. What a weekend! I am so proud to be a member of the Central/Eastern Wayne Alumni and looking forward to a great year ahead.

As we embarked on our second year, let us focus on the following:
1) Increase our membership roll to 500
2) Double our Scholarship Distributions
3) Finalizing the purchase of land for our National Headquarters and begin setting the goal to break ground for the building
4) Become more actively involved in the Eastern Wayne Community

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to working with you again this year.

Milas Kelly, Jr., National President

EWHS Class of 1975

As I reflect back on the 2022 Homecoming Celebration all I can say is "THANK YOU"! Many thanks to all that served on each Committee and special thanks to the Hospitality and Entertainment Committee for assisting President Kelly and I with all the planning. This being our 50th Homecoming we felt it should be a very distinct celebration like none other and thank God for allowing it all to come to fruition.

We need *everyone* in order for this organization to be successful. I challenge all of you to recruit at least one person to membership. I encourage you to support the Scholarship and Building Funds. I ask you to continue to serve well on each Committee. I solicit your prayers for your Officers. I can see a very bright future for CEWA, but it can't happen without *you*. Jeremiah 29:11- "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Sheila D. Bowens, 1st Vice President

EWHS Class of 1975

“Reflections and Gratitude for a Well-spent Weekend at Home”

As we begin to enter a new season, let’s be reminded of and reflect on the good that has been bestowed upon our grand organization. We have been fortunate enough to stand tall and strong for over 50 years! Our legacy has continued despite obstacles seen and unseen. No matter what, we have kept our determination to carry the torch that celebrates our heritage and nurture our future.

Summer is the season of relaxation and celebration. Autumn grants us the time to reflect on the bountiful greatness that has been richly granted to us individually and collectively throughout this year, and years before. Because of our rich legacy, “The Hall of Fame” banquet and celebration dance was a beautiful and memorable success! Our ancestral giants who ruled and served before us, in Central and Eastern Wayne High Schools under the superb leadership of Milas Kelly, Sheila Durham Bowens, and Cedric Dickerson, was an event that warmed our hearts. It made us proud, as we fellowshipped and celebrated throughout that stunning evening in grand style! I’m sure that the deceased recipients smiled down from above, along with the honorees in attendance, and professed, “Well done!”

Jermaine Buckram and Bobby Glaspie led the way as we once again shared our love when we came together and celebrated our legacy during our Annual Homecoming Parade and Cookout. The pride for our institutions and communities was evident as we drove through the Central Heights Community, waving, honking and cheering! Afterwards, numerous classes gathered under beautiful blue skies as the atmosphere was filled with delicious aromas, and lots of laughter, while creating more memories!

Our legacy enabled us to support and solidify our future through the generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund. Under the guidance of Chairperson, Mary Kornegay, our association was able to” walk the walk”, as 12 seniors were given financial assistance to further their education beyond high school. It is certainly our prayer and expectation that each of them will excel in their endeavors. We hope they commit to remember and serve the community who reached out, believed in and supported them.

During the Spirit-filled 50th Annual Awards and Scholarship Ceremony, we were reminded of how good God has been and still is, through each aspect of the program. The words, songs, dances, and drumming reminded us of how God has always been a part of our rich legacy. Jeanette Barnes took us down memory lane, laced with humor. Our key-note speaker, Dr. Rose Coley reminded us to stay on course. Our National President, Milas Kelly, gave the twelve scholarship recipients the charge to become active members in our Alumni Association.

Our legacy allowed us to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, on Memorial Day, under the leadership of Roy David Best. This holiday commemorated those soldiers who died during the Civil War. So many of their bodies were left unburied, and Black soldiers were compassionate enough to give them proper burials, as a “memorial” to their services. Kudos to our association for honoring those who came before us!

Our rich legacy allowed us to celebrate our heritage in grand style as we journeyed near and far to come back home to Goldsboro, North Carolina. During the weekend of May 26-30, 2022, we gather for the common good of honoring the organization’s determination to further the education and enhancement of our beloved community.

Seasons come and seasons go. As we reflect upon and enjoy the changes they bring, let’s remember to remain bound together in love, and unity. Let’s reminisce on our purpose, as we increase our active membership, and purchase the land for our future headquarters. May we continue to climb higher and higher for the greater good- Our Legacy… Our Mission…Our Children…Our Future.

Quotes of Maya Angelou: **"I believe that the most important single thing, beyond discipline and creativity is daring to dare."**

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

"I've learned that people will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

This volume is dedicated in memory of our former Newsletter Anchorwoman, the late Marjorie Uzzell Dozier, 4/5/52 – 5/18/22. Gone but not forgotten....