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Special Reunion Issue 2010

What a time! What a time!

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You should have been in Atlanta! There was great fellowship, fun, and good food, with lively music bridging the gap between now and then. Old memories became alive and new friendships and memories were made.

“Words from the Good Book”

“God supplies the strength to use your gifts for Him.

I Peter 4:11

The **2010 Reunion** held in Atlanta, GA October 8-10 was fantastic! Alumni and friends from all over the United States came together to celebrate the legacy of Boggs Academy. We planned for 50 and we had over 60% more to show up for the festivities. Some of the states represented were: Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. Many of the alumni had not seen each other since graduating from Boggs. After meeting and greeting on Friday night,

everyone was eager to have the general meeting on Saturday morning, followed by a fabulous banquet Saturday night.

The Class of 1960 had a powerful presentation for their 50th Year (Golden) Reunion, led by Jimmy Brown. Everyone mixed and mingled as they enjoyed a delicious meal. Mrs. Francis Alexander, President of the Florida Chapter, was presented the Alumni of the Year Award for 2010 Francis tirelessly worked to rebuild the Florida Chapter and they surpassed their goal in membership. Francis' granddaughter, Leslie

Waldon, gave her a wonderful introduction. Everyone is looking forward to the next Reunion in San Antonio, TX. A big “Thank You” goes out to all who came to the reunion - Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you in San Antonio, TX in October of 2011!

The Reunion Committee: Jennifer Costen, chair and members Jerita Hall, Roberle Pratt, Sammie Dukes, BANAA President, and John Franklin, BANAA Executive Vice President,

Reunion Highlights and Pictures



“Dear Old BA, the blue and gold...”



T-shirts, Caps and Pictures on DVD for sale; see website.

On the mend...

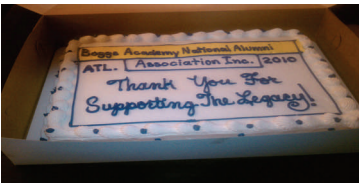
Continued healing and good wishes go to:

James Rouse—1962

Lennis Wyatt -1969

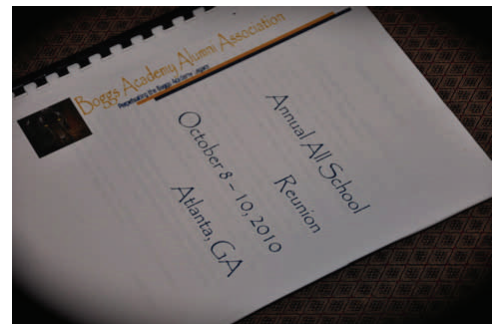
If you know of anyone we need to remember in a special way, please let us know.

Catherine Young, Class of 71 baked and donated this beautiful and very tasty cake.



Ms. Young has her own bakery and catering business in the Atlanta area

“**Cakes by C**”. When you are in the area and in the need for a really great pastry give her a call 770-774-2800.



The Editor's Corner

I am looking for persons interested in contributing news-worthy articles for use in The Boggs Panther. I would like information about what's going on in our five alumni chapters as well as information about the impact that Boggs Academy had on the lives of those who attended during the “good ole days.”

I can't promise you when your article will be published, but I will do my best to use the

information you send. Please know that your information may be edited prior to being published. Pictures are welcomed.

To keep the newsletter current and interesting, I am always looking for “new” news about Boggs Academy, so start sending the news and keep it coming. Send your information to: newsletter@boggsacademy.com

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A shout out to **Hazel Williams-Rollins**. (Boggs Teacher) Mrs. Hazel Rollins donated the beautiful Boggs Banner that was on display at the reunion. Hazel continues to be active in the New York Chapter as Parliamentarian. She has the distinction of being the first to teach Typing and Shorthand at Boggs back in the 1955-56 school year. After leaving Boggs Hazel went on to



teach in the New York school system for the next 35 years.

Your Rights:

"You have the right to criticize only if you have the ability and willingness to work toward a better solution"

John M. Franklin

Meet Boggs Academy's 2010 Alumni of the Year

Mary Francis Terrell-Alexander, affectionately known as "Francis" is a native of Lake Wales, FL and the daughter of Benjamin and Fannie Terrell. She is happily married to Dennis Alexander, Sr., has four sons, Charles and Benjamin Waldon, Maurice and Dennis Alexander, Jr., eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Francis matriculated at the following schools and colleges: Roosevelt Elementary in Lake Wales, FL, Boggs Academy in Keysville, GA, Barber Scotia College in Concord, NC, FAMU, Edward Walter College and New York City's YWCA Professional School which was under the directorship

of the renowned Dr. Dorothy Height.

Francis worked for 36 years with the YWCA in Jacksonville, FL serving as Young Adult Program Director and Director of the A.L. Lewis Branch. Francis was the first and only African American to serve as the Associate Executive Director of the YWCA of Jacksonville. Among her highest accomplishments was the development of the first prison program for women of Duval County.

She is a member of Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church of Tampa. She has worked diligently in leadership roles in the local church, the Presbytery of Northeast Florida and the Synod

of South Atlantic.

Francis is the Founder and first President of the Tampa Bay Chapter of ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc) founded in 1915 by Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History.

Other memberships include: the NAACP of Tampa, Friend's of the Urban Library, National Council of Negro Women, Tampa Bay Area Bridge Club, American Bridge Association, Trustee of Queens College in Charlotte, NC, and the current president of the Boggs Academy FL Alumni Chapter. In 2001, she was honored by the Ebony Civic Club-of Jacksonville as "A Woman of Distinction."

The Raffle winners for 2010 are:

- Kelly Murph \$500 New York
- Mattie Lawson \$200 Georgia
- Ted Stephens \$50 Texas

Photo below standing
Ms. Leslie Waldon
Mrs. Baatin and seated
Mrs. Francis Terrell-Alexander



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