

Booker T. Washington – J. A. Brooks Alumni Association

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Update from the President

It is difficult to believe that the 2005 Reunion is so close at hand. It is barely five months away. Members of the association have met three times since August 2003. Areas discussed were evaluation of the 2003 Reunion, selecting scholarship recipients, and planning for the Reunion August 5-7, 2005. All evaluations from 2003 were very helpful and positive. The planning committee will consider them in planning for this year. We are appealing to all of you to volunteer to serve on a committee. The committees are Souvenir Book, Friday Night Event, Parade, Picnic, Auction, Banquet, and memorial Service. Please contact Doris Nealy at 254-739-2167 or email dnrn@glade.net.

Remember: THIS IS YOUR REUNION AND WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT THE BEST EVER.

Reunion 2005

Theme:
"Milestones 1909 – 2005"

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Friday, August 5, 2005

Registration
Games
Teague City Park at 8th Street

Saturday, August 6, 2005

Parade 11:00 AM

Auction & Picnic
Teague City Park at 8th Street

Banquet 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 7, 2005

Religious Service
TISD Auditorium
Teague High School

Souvenir Book

We will once again prepare a souvenir booklet to be distributed at this year's reunion. This booklet will generate needed funds for our scholarship efforts. All of the Profits from this venture will be deposited in the Scholarship Account. Funds in this account will be distributed to deserving youth that plan to attend some college, university, or recognized trade school. The cost of ads for the booklet is as follows:

Full Page \$100.00
Color \$125.00

½ Page \$50.00
Color \$60.00
¼ Page \$25.00
Color \$35.00
1/8 Page \$15.00
Patrons List \$5.00

Parade

The committee invites you to entered your floats, Cars, RV's, Banners, Vintage Cars, Church/Business Vans, Walkers, Bikes, Horses, etc. We want to make this the best Parade ever. Any questions should be directed to the Cartellia Bryant, Co-Chair at 323-296-6421 email cartellia_b@hotmail.com or Ruby Boykin Watson, Co-Chair 214-320-3548. Locally contact Elbert Gillespie at 903-389-9145.

Banquet

This year's speaker will be Ollie Solomon Barefield. We are so excited to have such a dynamic speaker. **You don't want to miss it!**

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Auction

During the picnic activities we will sponsor an auction. The proceeds from this event will go toward the scholarship fund. We would appreciate donation of items or cash toward this event. Some of the items needed are:

Pictures	Fast Food
Plants	Gasoline
Furniture	Shampoos
Wills	Hair Cuts
Visit to Spa	Kinko Copy
Car Wash	Nails
Dinner/Luncheon	Quick Copy
Gift Certicates	Dentist
Cleaners	Lube
Tapes/CDs	Tire rotation
Free portraits	Crafts/Arts
Florist	Movie tickets
Many Others	

Scholarships

The Alumni awarded three scholarships totaling \$900.00 in 2004. Applications for 2005 are due in April and recipients will be selected in May.

Treasury

The balance in the treasury as of January 2005 is as follows:

Checking Account \$5,727.20
Scholarship Account \$1,900.00

Education Club

At our last reunion we established the Education Club. The purpose of the club is to raise funds that will allow us to increase the number and amount of scholarships awarded each year. With the constantly rising cost of a college education, it is imperative that we do as much as possible to assist our future

leaders in obtaining the necessary training. Any support we give to the youth of today is an investment in our future as a people.

Membership in the Education Club is awarded to anyone that makes a contribution to the scholarship fund. All contributions will be tax deductible and all donations above \$ 25.00 will qualify for a gift. Membership in the education club will be on one of four levels, bronze, silver, gold, or platinum. The levels are as outlined below:

Membership Levels

Bronze	25.00 – 100.00
Silver	100.01 – 250.00
Gold	250.01 – 500.00
Platinum	500.01 – 1,000.00

Contribution can be made in any increments at anytime. When your donations reach one of the tiers above, a recognition gift will be awarded. To have an impact we must work together. If we band together we can make a difference.

Omega Chapter

Since our last reunion, 27 members are no longer with us. Their names will be listed in the souvenir book and we will remember them during the Sunday Worship Service.

Vender Space

Booths are available for anyone that would like to sell their products at this reunion. They will be assigned to the first venders that secure them by sending the \$30.00 fee to rent. The cost for both days will be

\$40.00. Additional ground space is available at a cost of \$15.00. All locations must be secured in advance by sending the rental fee.

Class Activities

The Class of 1954

The Booker T. Washington Graduating Class of 1954 celebrated its fifty-year reunion in June 2004. The class kicked off the event with fish and all the trimmings prepared by classmate Roger Tatum at his catering building in Fairfield. Other events were bingo with prizes and much reminiscing from years gone by. Saturday featured a cookout at the Foreman Five Ranch in Simsboro. Sunday the group gathered at the 1st Baptist Church South town for worship and memorial Service. Class members participating were Lozell Collins, Countee Gillespie, Georgia Taylor High, Marie Moore Jordan, Doris Foreman Nealy, Roger Nealy, Cecile Nealy Richardson, and Roger Tatum. Article by Doris Nealy

The Class of 1959

The Class of 1959 met at "The Great Caruso Dinner Theater" in Houston, Texas on Saturday, December 18, 2004. We had a great time as usual. Since 2001, our class has been getting together at least twice annually to celebrate birthdays and more. We have met in Dallas, Waco, Teague, Houston, and Shreveport Louisiana. We also took a five-day cruise to the

Western Caribbean. We attend church anniversaries with class members. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2005 School Reunion in August. Article by Herma Lathom.

The Class of 1961

The Class of 1961 met for their semi-annual gatherings on Saturday, November 13, 2004 at Spring Creek Barbeque in Dallas, Texas. The theme was "Blast from the Past." We bought such memorabilia as certificates and awards from elementary and high school, report cards, high school memory book, graduation gift, elementary and high school photographs, first driver's license, jacks, embroidery pieces, prom dress, and many told fascinating stories and recalled comical experiences.

We all were thrilled with this brief period of nostalgia.

We are very much anticipating our next gathering, which is scheduled for May 7, 2005. At such time, we will discuss our plans for the upcoming School Reunion to be held in August 2005. Article by Gladys Rodgers.

Hotel Accommodations

Teague Motel
HWY 84 Teague, Texas
254-739-2234

Sam's Motel
I45 & HWY 84 Fairfield, Texas
903-389-2172

Regency Inn
903 HWY 84 Fairfield, Texas
903-389-4440

Holiday Inn Express
603 HWY 84 Fairfield, Texas
903-389-7855

Super 8 Motel
370 E. I-45 Fairfield, Texas
903-389-9464

Registration Fees

The registration fee for this years activities has been set at \$55.00. Registration at the reunion will be \$60.00. The cost for banquet tickets will be \$20.00 each.

Please return the attached form and fees as soon as possible to:

BTW/JAB Alumni Association
P. O. Box 614
Teague, Texas 75860

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!!
Don't forget to share your copy of the Alumni Newsletter with any alumnus you see. Network & Recruit!



**Booker T. Washington/ J. A. Brooks
Reunion Registration Form
August 5-7, 2005**

Name _____ Class of 19 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Guests _____

Member Fee \$55.00 Additional Banquet Guest \$20.00 Total Enclosed _____

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P. O. Box 614

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**Souvenir Book
Greetings and Advertisement**

Full Page \$ 100.00 Color \$ 125.00

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color \$ 60.00**

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Please Note: The deadline for Ads, Patrons, etc., June 15, 2005

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