

December 2011



ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Merry Christmas to all my LW Alumni friends.

In January, Frank Baugh will take over as president and Keith Hawthorne will be president-elect. Rosie Williams will continue as secretary/treasurer. Thank you for all the support you have given me over the past couple of years. Please continue to provide the same support to our new officers.

A big THANKS to Jeanette and Larry Hengeveld for providing the Alumni Christmas party at their home on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. Carol Clarke deserves our applause for making the arrangements for the liquid refreshments. I arrived late but the Christmas tree was surrounded by gifts for children in the Head Start Program. Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for these children.

Since we will not have a luncheon meeting in December, it will be 2012 before I see some of you. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TREASURER'S REPORT

LWA secretary-treasurer Rosie Williams reports that our treasury balance stands at \$4,272.18 as of Dec. 13, 2011 thanks to 12 additional dues payments (\$600) that have been received and added to the 13 previously turned in. It is now time for

payment of our annual dues. As you know, our dues help to support the LW program. The LWA provides ALL of the scholarship funds and helps underwrite the program. Mail your \$50 check payable to "Leadership Alumni" to Rosie Williams, Secretary, Leadership Waycross Alumni, 2500 Valdosta Rd., Waycross, GA 31503.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

2011 Leadership Waycross Steering Committee co-chair Summer Stipe filed the following update:

"The Leadership Waycross Class of 2012 application deadline is December 15th. If you know someone that would be a great asset to the class, please be sure they receive an application and submit it by the 15th. The Steering Committee will also meet on the 15th to select the members of the new class.

"Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was submitted by the deadline, but I'm sure that 2011 Program Committee co-chairs Connie Oliver and Tina Rees would join in saying, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!"

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce executive director Jan Sanchez had not submitted a report by the deadline, but I'm sure she'd just like to say, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!"



ALUMNI NEWS

-We were saddened to lose fellow LW alumnus Julie Tomlinson after a brave and courageous battle with cancer. All alumni share their condolences with her family.

-New alumni are already doing some great things: Dr. Keith Johnson is on the board of OTC and Crystal Winn will be participating in the Mayo Clinic's Wellness Training Program.

-We are so happy that Rosie Williams is recovering and back out again.

-Congratulations to Karis Baker, Class of 2011, as she is now an Associate Agent for the Robert Wallace Allstate Insurance Agency, Inc.

-Wedding bells will be ringing for Kelly Nicole Smith of Tampa, Fla. and Andrew

Martin "Drew" Bradham on New Year's Eve. The ceremony is set for 6:30 p.m. at Palma Ceia United Methodist Church in Tampa, Fla. The future bridegroom is the son of Dan and Amy Bradham ('00) of Waycross.

JANUARY 2012 LWA NEWSLETTER DEADLINE INFORMATION

The deadline for the January 2012 LWA Newsletter will be Monday, January 9. Please submit any news items you would like to have published to editor Roger Williams by emailing: roger.williams@wjhnews.com, faxing 285-5255 or phoning 283-2244 (ext. 122).

MINUTES LEADERSHIP WAYCROSS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2011-12 NOON - DOWNTOWN SANDWICH SHOPPE PRESIDENT LARRY GATTIS PRESIDING

Attendance: Tina Rees, Dave Callaway, Danny Yarbrough, Larry Gattis, Betty Sue Tatum, Derek Harrison and Ken Taft.

-President Gattis called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. and welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance. He asked for the approval of the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Dave Callaway made a motion for approval and Danny Yarbrough seconded. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes stood as printed and the motion carried.

-President Gattis reported that Rosie Williams was in Columbus today for a follow up medical visit. He had talked to her before the meeting and she sounded in good spirits. She reported that 13 people had paid their dues since the information was presented in the Treasurer's Report in the newsletter.

-President Gattis called on Ken Taft to report on the 2011 Leadership Class. He reported the class just completed graduation on November 3, 2011 with the guest speaker being the CEO of the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. Five applications have been received for the new class. Over 50 nominations were made and all of these have been contacted. The Steering Committee will be making decisions regarding the new class by mid-December.

-President Gattis thanked the following slate of 2012 officers:

* President - Frank Baugh

* President-Elect - Keith Hawthorne

* Secretary/Treasurer - Rosie Williams

* Dave Callaway moved the nominations be closed and Tina Rees seconded the motion. The new slate of offices was approved.

-Jeanette Hengeveld has once again agreed to host the Christmas Party at her home on December 8, 2011 from 7 until 9 p.m. As in the past, alumni will be requested to bring gifts for children in the Head Start Program.

-The group agreed to donate the remaining Hilliard House T-shirts to the Mayor's Motorcade.

-Steve Bean of the OHC requested the funds raised for the Hilliard House be used for a tin roof rather than a shake roof. President Gattis is to consult with Buddy Hersey.

-There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Gattis , acting for Rosie Williams, Secretary*

"MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!"