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The Great Class of 1939

Clemson A & M College

75th

Anniversary of Graduation

Reunion 2014

June 13 & 14, 2014

Seventy-Five Years of Support and Accomplishments
Sketch of the Class of 1939 Caboose

Courtesy of President James F. Barker
Welcome
to the Classmates, Honorary Members, Family and Friends of
The Great Class of '39
on this
75th Anniversary Reunion 2014
at
Clemson University

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Program of Events
SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR REUNION
June 13 & 14, 2014
The Great Class of 1939

FRIDAY:

Registration - Madren Center Lobby - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Lunch on your own
Optional: Tour of Caboose and Heritage Gardens - 3:00 p.m.
   In the SC Botanical Garden at Clemson University
Memorial Service in the Heritage Gardens - 4:00 p.m.
Social Hour - Kresge Hall, CU Outdoor Lab - 5:30 p.m.
   Special Music - Dr. Linda Li-Bleuel, pianist
Dinner - Kresge Hall - 7:00 p.m.
   Presiding - Prof. Clifton S. M. Egan, Chair, Leadership Comm.
   Special Speaker - J.C. Cook, III, Mayor of the City of Clemson
   Class of ’39 Induction for 2013 Award for Excellence:
      Dr. John Ballato, Prof. of Materials Science and Engineering
   Special Presentation - Ben Sill
   Recognition of The Great Class of 1939 and
   Tec Senn, President of the Class, and other Class Members
   Special Music - Joel Brawley and Brad Russell

SATURDAY:

Optional: Golden Tiger Breakfast - Madren Center - 8 a.m.
Business Meeting - Kresge Hall, Outdoor Lab - 10:00 a.m.
   (Class of ’39 including guests and honorary members)
Social Hour - Kresge Hall - 11:00 a.m.
   Special Music - Lori Shelton, pianist
Lunch - Kresge Hall - 12:00 p.m.
   Presiding - Prof. Clifton S. M. Egan, Chair, Leadership Comm.
   Class of ’39 Induction for 2014 support Honorary Members:
      A. Vincent Brawley and Richie Senn
Entertainment - Scenes from A Few Good Men by Aaron Sorkin
   David Bean (Lt.J.G. Daniel Kaffee), Debra Capps (Lt.Cmdr.
   Joanne Galloway), and Warren Mowry (Col. Nathan Jessup)
   Adjourn - about 3:00 p.m.

Thus ends another great reunion for the Great Class. Y'all come in
2015 for our 76th anniversary of graduation, ya hear!
Memorial Service
June 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
The Clemson Heritage Gardens in the SC Botanical Garden

* Pledge of Allegiance ....................................................... Sandy Edge
* Star Spangled Banner......Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
Opening Remarks...Chip Egan, Leadership Comm. & Tee Senn, President
Guardroom Bell Mallet Dedication........Chalmers Butler & Joel Brawley
Roll of Remembrance ..................................................... Hap Wheeler
Guardroom Bell Ringer ..................................................... Joel Brawley
Meditation of Departure ..............................................Windsor Sherrill
The Battle Hymn of the Republic.............................. Choir
Recognition of Family ................................................... Tee Senn, President
Prayer for the Departed .................................................Richard Figliola
* Clemson University Alma Mater ........................................ Choir
* Taps .................................................................Brian Muir, BSA Troop 235

* Those who are able, please stand.

Class Picture...............................................................Anna Brawley

Class of '39 members and their families please remain.

Clemson University Alma Mater
Lyrics by A.C. Coreoran, '19  Music by Dr. Hugh McGarity, '66

Where the Blue Ridge yawns its greatness;
Where the Tigers play;
Here the sons of dear Old Clemson
Reign supreme always.

We will dream of great conquests,
For our past is grand;
And her sons have fought and conquered
Every foreign land.

Chorus
Dear Old Clemson, we will triumph,
And with all our might;
That the Tiger's roar may echo
O'er the mountain height.
Roll of Remembrance

I’ll want to know each step you take
that I may walk the same
for some day down that lonely road
you’ll hear me call your name.

From a resting bench
Turkey Creek Cemetery, Lee County, SC

Classmates

James Coxe Covington, Jr.        July 30, 2013
Herbert H. Lusk                  November 4, 2013
Frederick Hughes                December 28, 2013
Jack L. Wilks, Sr               January 5, 2014

Wife of Classmate

Brooksie Jones                   June 1, 2014

Wives of Honorary Classmates

Margie South Idol                June 27, 2013
Sybil Boatwright Webb           May 18, 2014
The Meditation of Departure

From Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar"

Sunset and evening star,
    And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
    When I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell,
    And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
    When I embark.

A Prayer for the Departed

By William Penn  (1644 - 1718)

We give back to You, O God, those whom You gave to us.
    You did not lose them when You gave them to us,
and we do not lose them by returning them to You.
    Your dear Son has taught us that life is eternal
and love cannot die. So death is only a horizon,
    and a horizon is only the limit of our sight.

    Open our eyes to see more clearly,
    and draw us closer to You that we may know
that we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with You.
    You have told us that You are preparing a place for us;
prepare us also for that happy place,
    that where You are, we may always be,
    O dear Lord of life and death.
Obituaries

of

Classmates

whose deaths have become known to us

since our last reunion

in June, 2013
James Coxe Covington, Jr., 95, a resident of Columbia, SC, passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. Jim was born on August 5, 1917, in Columbia, the son of the late James Coxe Covington, Sr. and Ernest Gandy Covington. He attended Shandon schools, graduating from Columbia High School. “Cub” graduated from Clemson College in 1939 receiving his BS in General Science and his U.S. Army Commission, having been extremely active including his work with TAPS and serving as Company Exec.

Lt. Covington began active duty at Camp Jackson prior to WWII, was soon posted to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, joined by his family and returned stateside after the Attack of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Serving in General George Patton’s 3rd Army, XII Corp and 87th Infantry (Rainbow) Division from the Normandy Invasion, "D-Day", Utah Beach, June 6, 1944 through VE Day. Jim returned to S.C. as Commanding Officer, Charleston Military Sub District. He next received his graduate engineering degree from Lowell Technical Institute, Mass. Lt. Colonel Covington completed his military career at "Big Switch", Korea serving as 7th Infantry Division Quartermaster of the Repatriation of U.S. Military Armed Forces from North Korea.

Following his Army career, Jim joined the S.C. Dept. of Hwys and Public Trans. After 26 years of meritorious public service, he retired on June 30, 1984. A longtime member of St. John’s, Jim enjoyed serving on the Vestry, Canvas, Ushering, Men of the church and assisting his parish anyway he could. He was Scoutmaster for over a decade. For good reason, Jim maintained active membership in a number of distinguished national organizations. He was a member in perpetuity of The Military Order of the World Wars, president of the Columbia Chapter, Past S.C. State and Dept. Commander, Life member and past Commander of American Legion Post 6, member and past Chief De Gare Voiture 1025 40 & 8, member Retired Officers Association, Life Member DAV, VFW, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Trustees and past S.C. State Chair, SC Chapter #1, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Jim was also a member VBOB, Veterans of the Battle of Bulge, SC Chapter. A member and past president of Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Five Points, Jim also volunteered for many projects, including Meals on Wheels, National Federation of the Blind and Dorn VA Hospital.

Jim was married for more than 60 years to the late Juliet (Julie) Jennings, also from Shandon. He is survived by his son, James Cox Covington III, wife Carole; grandsons, James Cox IV and Marshall Owen; daughter, Krispin Covington Banks, her late husband, Robert; grandson, William Robert Jr. (Michele); great-granddaughter, Victoria Banks; granddaughter, Juliet Banks Larson (Scott). Funeral service for James Cox Covington Jr. were held August 1, 2013 at St. John’s, Shandon corner of Wheat and Holly, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park with full military honors. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Military Order of World Wars. Memorials may be made to St. John’s, Shandon, 2827 Wheat Street, Columbia SC 29205.
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Herbert Hampton Lusk, 96, of Liberty SC, passed away Monday, November 4, 2013 at R.M. Campbell Veterans Center. Herbert was born on February 27, 1917, in Easley, Pickens County, SC. He was the son of the late Samuel H. and Thelma Ione Lusk. He entered Clemson in 1935, but because of hard times had to leave after his sophomore year. He retained pleasant memories of his time in Clemson with a treasured memory of participating in regimental parades, standing at attention as the American Flag was presented while the National Anthem was played. He remained grateful that the Class of ‘39 kept him on the class rolls even though he had to leave school early.

Herbert enlisted in the Army as a private and served in the Pacific during World War II. He emerged from the war as a captain. He made a career of the military, retiring as a Lt Colonel in the US Air Force. Col. Lusk retired from the US Air Force after twenty-three years of service, having earned seven medals including two bronze stars. In military retirement he was a Regional Sales Manager for Singer Sewing M/C Co. in NY.

Herbert married Mayme Guzy in 1942 and they had three children. Mayme died in 2008 after sixty-two years of marriage.
Surviving are a son, Peter Scott Lusk and wife, Trang "Sam" of Liberty; a daughter, Janet Ellen Weiss of Hampton Bays, NY; two brothers, Sam Glen Lusk (Margaret) and William T. Lusk (Nancy), all of Easley; two sisters, Freddie Jewsbury (Steve) of Easley and Winola Watt of Columbus, GA; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents, Col. Lusk was predeceased by a son, Herbert Hampton Lusk, Jr., by his twin sister, Helen Cox, and by four other sisters, Mary Wanda Lusk, Hazel Miller, Frances Mercer and Joann Allen.

Graveside services, with military honors, were held at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 9, 2013, at Georges Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials could be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 (www.woundedwarriorproject.org). The family was assisted by Robinson Funeral Home - Downtown. Condolences may be expressed online at www.robinsonfuneralhomes.com.
Frederick Hughes
Died December 28, 2013

Frederick Hughes, 96, of Charleston, SC died peacefully in his sleep after a brief illness on Saturday, December 28, 2013. Fred was the son of the late Samuel and Luella Hughes, born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1917. The family moved to Charleston where Fred attended elementary and high school in North Charleston. He enrolled in Clemson in 1935 and he majored in General Science. He was a graduate of Clemson University, Class of ’39 where he was a Cadet Colonel and Regimental Commander of the Clemson Corps. He was a member of numerous university clubs which included the Tiger Brotherhood, Scabbard and Blade, and Pershing Rifles. He is listed in the 1939 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Fred served 54 months active duty during WW II, serving as an Army Transportation Officer in the Philippines. After the war, he settled in North Charleston where he met and married his beloved Miss Kelley (Duzie Mildred Kelley) of Kellytown, SC in 1949, and they have four children. He continued to serve for thirty years in the Army Reserve reaching the rank of Colonel, while also maintaining a full time sales executive position at the Raybestos Manhattan Plant in North Charleston. After retirement he owned and operated Kelles Dress Shop to keep him busy.
He was a member of First Baptist Church for more than 60 years where he also taught Sunday School. Jack was a third degree Mason, Washington Lodge #5, a member of the German Friendly Society, Charleston, SC and Alpha Chi Sigma, National Honor Chemistry Society.

He is survived by two sons, Jack Lee Wilks, Jr. (Suzy), William Robert Wilks and a daughter, Jennifer Palermo all of Charleston, SC, seven grandchildren, Ryan J. Wilks, Matthew G. Wilks, Anna Clar Voiner, Beau Moore, Robin Moore, Trey Palermo and Tiffany Palermo; eleven great grandchildren and his sister, Cassie Siegling of Charleston, SC and four stepchildren, Don Easterlin III (Donna), Joanne Smirh (Tom), Greg Easterlin (Gail) and Debbie Morris (Charles); eight step grandchildren; twelve step great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Jack's family would like to thank the many caregivers at Ashley River Plantation. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Charleston, 48 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401 and/or Grace United Methodist Church, 1601 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, Charleston SC 29407.
Jack Lee Wilks, 95, of Charleston, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest Sunday, January 5, 2014. Jack was born April 26, 1918, in Troy, Alabama, son of the late William Robert Liger and Vallie Mae Youngblood Liger and adopted son of Lee Andrew Wilks and Jennie V. Youngblood Wilks. He graduated from Charleston High School in 1935, and was a 1939 graduate of Clemson College, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemical Engineering. He served in the ROTC as a Second Lt., and in the U. S. Army Reserves.

Jack served in the United States Army during WWII, (a member of our Greatest Generation) and was awarded the Bronze Star (V), Combat Infantryman’s Badge, the European Theatre Ribbon with two battle stars and the ATO Ribbon WWII Victory Medal. He served as Commander Regimental HQ Co., 353 Infantry Regiment, 89th Division. After leaving the service, he worked for Koppers Co in Pittsburgh Road Materials Group. He retired as President of the Road Materials Group, Koppers Company in Pittsburgh, PA after 43 years of service.
He was a member of First Baptist Church for more than 60 years where he also taught Sunday School. Jack was a third degree Mason, Washington Lodge #5, a member of the German Friendly Society, Charleston, SC and Alpha Chi Sigma, National Honor Chemistry Society.

Jack was first married to the late Mary Elizabeth Lester Wilks. He then married the late Beulah Simpson Wilks, and they had three children.

He is survived by two sons, Jack Lee Wilks, Jr. (Suzy), William Robert Wilks and a daughter, Jennifer Palermo all of Charleston, SC, seven grandchildren, Ryan J. Wilks, Matthew G. Wilks, Anna Clar Votier, Beau Moore, Robin Moore, Trey Palermo and Tiffany Palermo; eleven great grand children and his sister, Cassie Siegling of Charleston, SC and four stepchildren, Don Easterlin III (Donna), Joanne Smith (Tom), Greg Easterlin (Gail) and Debbie Morris (Charles); eight step grandchildren; twelve step great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jack's Graveside Service was held Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in Riverview Memorial Park, 3715 Azalea Drive, Charleston. The family received friends Tuesday, January 7, 2014, in J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. West Ashley Chapel, 3360 Glenn McConnell Parkway, Charleston. (http://hosting-25037.tributes.com/show/Jack-Lee-Wilks-97483470)

Jack's family would like to thank the many caregivers at Ashley River Plantation. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Charleston, 48 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401 and/or Grace United Methodist Church, 1601 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, Charleston SC 29407.
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Brooksie Jones
Died June 1, 2014

Alma Brooks "Brooksie" Young Jones, 91, of Clemson and widow of Champ M. Jones, died Sunday, June 1, 2014 at the Rainey Hospice House in Anderson, SC.

Born August 22, 1922 in Ninety Six, SC, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin Maxwell and Mattie Mae Parrkinson Young. Brooksie was a 1944 graduate of Lander College, a homemaker and also taught pre school kindergarten at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church for many years. She was an active member of First Baptist Church, Clemson for over 71 years where she worked with Mission Friends for over 20 years and was known for her work with shut-ins and visiting nursing homes. Her husband Champ was a member of the Clemson University Class of '39. While he was alive, the two of them were both active with the Class of '39, serving for many years on the Class Reunion Committee. Brooksie also provided floral centerpieces from her flower garden for the Class reunions for many years.

Surviving are three sons, Champ M. Jones, Jr., (Grace), of Clemmons, NC, Henry B. Jones (Nancy) of Clemson and John B. Jones (Trina) of Green; five grandchildren, Meredith G. Jones, Alexandria, VA, Champ M. Jones III, Brooklyn, NY, Henry B. Jones, Jr., Charleston, SC, Tyler C. Jones, Atlanta, GA and Brooks A. Jones, Chicago, IL; one great-grandson, Grayson Richard Jones, of Atlanta, GA.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by four brothers, Benjamin M. Young, Jr, John C. Young, James P. Young and Roy N. Young.

Graveside services were held at 1 PM, Wednesday at Woodland Cemetery on the campus of Clemson University. Memorial Services were held at 2 PM, Wednesday following the graveside service at First Baptist Church, Clemson with Rev. Dr. Rusty Brock officiating. The family received friends immediately following the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Clemson, 399 College Ave, Clemson, SC 29631 or to the Champ M. ('39) and Alma Brooks "Brooksie" Young Jones Scholarship Endowment Fund (B3001), Clemson University Foundation, P.O. Box 1889, Clemson, SC 29633.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.robinsonfuneralhomes.com or at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, Central.
Margie South Idol
Died June 27, 2013

Margie South Idol, age 80, of Brookwood Avenue, Burlington, a native and former resident of Watauga County, passed away Thursday morning, June 27, 2013, after a forty-year battle with dermatomyositis. Mrs. Idol leaves behind her husband, John L. Idol, Jr. of the home; one brother, Stanley South of Columbia, South Carolina; two nephews, and three nieces. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Austin F. South and Marabelle Casey South, and two sisters, Virginia and Elizabeth.

She married a high school classmate on Thanksgiving Day in 1955, a freshman at Appalachian State at the time of their wedding and saw him through his Ph.D. at the University of Arkansas as primary breadwinner. She attended Appalachian State, Kings Business College, and the University of Arkansas and held secretarial positions in Greensboro and Charlotte and at Appalachian State and the University of Arkansas. She enrolled for special courses in French and German at Tri-County Tech in Pendleton, South Carolina, Durham Tech, and Alamance Community College. She regularly attended literature classes taught by her husband at the Chapel Hill Senior Citizens' Center.

As an alto saxophonist, she was a member of both the marching and concert band at Appalachian State. She was a founding member of the Boone Unitarian Fellowship. A dedicated and talented needle artist, she belonged to the Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild and the Embroiderers Guild of America. A winner of numerous red and blue ribbons for her needlework, she took sweepstakes honors for a piece of Jacobean embroidery at the South Carolina state fair in 1989. She enjoyed many forms of needlework, cross-stitch, black work, huck-weaving, Hardanger, needlepoint, and Brazilian embroidery.
She had two one-woman shows in Clemson and Central, South Carolina. Although she sold a few pieces of her handicraft, she much preferred to make gifts for friends and family members. "I love to see the smiles of those to whom I give a piece I've done." Her achievements came despite a crippling bout with a chronic muscle disease and a breast cancer operation that left three fingers on her right hand paralyzed.

A gifted writer, her personal letters were cherished and passed around by friends and family members. She had a knack for the telling detail and the well-turned phrase. At Tri-county Tech, she took courses in home design and designed floor plans for her homes in Clemson and Hillsborough. She enjoyed traveling, having toured the British Isles and Ireland with close friends from South Carolina and several European countries with her husband. She had an especial affinity for Ireland and Germany since she descended from immigrants from those two nations.

She lived in Clemson, South Carolina for 31 years, where her husband taught at Clemson University. He is now a professor emeritus of Clemson University and an honorary member of the Clemson Class of 1939. They then lived for 15 years in Hillsborough, North Carolina before choosing to come to a retirement center in Burlington.

A memorial service, at the Boone Unitarian Fellowship Hall, was conducted on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 3:00 PM with Mr. Sterling Eisiminger officiating. Private graveside services for Marjorie South Idol were conducted Sunday afternoon, June 30, 2013, at 2:30 PM, at the Idol Family Cemetery. Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Idol Family Cemetery Fund, in care of Joe Idol, 7045 Old Highway 421 South, Deep Gap, North Carolina, 28618.
Sybil B. Webb
Died May 18, 2014

Sybil Boatwright Webb, 82 of Clemson, SC, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

She was born in Seneca, May 19, 1931, the daughter of the late Charles D. and Sue Thomas Boatwright. She was a homemaker, loved reading and was a member of Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving is her husband, Byron “Bud” Webb, who is a member of the Clemson University Class of 1955 as well as an honorary member of the Class of 1939.
She is also survived by a son, Ken Webb (Jeoung-Soo Lee), and a grandson, Byron A. L. Webb.

The family received friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Wednesday at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, Central.

Her body was placed in Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church at 10 AM, Thursday prior to the service. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM Thursday, with burial following in Woodland Cemetery on the campus of Clemson University.

Memorials may be sent to the Animal Rescue Fund, Foxnest Veterinarian Hospital, 10455 Clemson Blvd, Seneca, SC 29678 www.arf-sc.org or to Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church, 2101 Six Mile Highway, Central, SC 29630.
www.lawrencechapelumc.org

Condolences may be expressed at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, Central, SC, or online at www.robinsonfuneralhomes.com.
The Great Class

of

Nineteen Hundred

and

Thirty Nine
Roster of the

Edward P. Ambrose
John A. Adden Jr.
Luther H. Ambrose Jr.
Joseph F. Anderson Sr.
Robert F. Anderson
William D. Anderson Jr.
Thomas B. Ardis
Charles M. Ault Sr.
Thomas J. Austin
Henry W. Avant Sr.
Harry C. Avinger
I. Charles Bailey
J. Robert Bailey
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Irvin C. Blake
J. Roger Blakeley
L. James Blakeley Jr.
R. Harman Blakeley
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T. Max Champion
James R. Chandler
John F. Chandlell
A. Hugh Chapman Jr.
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Robert A. Guy
Myers T. Hambricht Sr.
Edmund B. Hammond Jr.
George W. Haner Sr.
Claude C. Handley
Kenneth S. Harmon
Mayo N. Harmon
Jacob R. Hamilton
James H. Hamilton
Charles B. Hastings
John P. Hayes
Thomas H. Haskins
Raymond A. Hampson Jr.
W. Thomas Henderson Jr.
Benett L. Hendricks Jr.
Carroll E. Hendrix
Robert L. Henry Jr.
Harry H. Hensley Jr.
Robert Haster
Robert C. Heyward Jr.
Theodore C. Heyward Jr.
Maurice D. Hiers
Edgar J. Hines Jr.
L. Clifton Homer Jr.
Thomas G. Howard
Joseph B. Howie
John C. Hubbard Jr.
W. Manchester Hudson Sr.
D. Gregory Hughes
Frederick Hughes
William E. Hutchins
Donald M. Hutchinson
William P. Irwin
Ellis M. Ivey Jr.
Claude E. Johnson
Richard P. Jackson Jr.
Winter C. Jackson Jr.
Floyd D. Johnson

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Class of 1939

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Champ M. Jones
Edwin M. Jones
Elder H. Jones
James S. Jones Sr.
I. Frank Jones
Malcolm H. Jones
D. Thomas Joye
J. Martin Kees
B. Harold Keitt
James W. Kelly
Edward H. Kimbrell Jr.
William J. Kiene
Francis M. King
Alfred H. Kirchner
James M. Kirk
John J. Kirtlan
Forrest T. Knox
W. Lucas Lafaye
Jack M. Lapham
Paul S. Lawton
James O. Lawton Jr.
Perry E. Lee Jr.
Willmer L. Lee
N. Ralph Lester
John B. Lipscomb
Elliott M. Loyd
Thomas E. Lucas
Herbert H. Luck
John T. Lyles
James M. Lynes Sr.
Richard M. Lyons
James D. Maskinton Jr.
Watson W. Magoc
Peter M. Mahon
Jaschal P. Maroney
J. Roy Martin Jr.
Robert H. Martin
Ladson M. Massey
Howard J. McAlhany
Laurence E. McAlpine
George H. McCarter
Robert Y. McCarter
Phillip H. McCoracle
Kenneth J. McCown
Robert R. McCravy
James G. McCullough
Eugene T. McCurry
Norman J. McFadden Sr.
Thomas M. McKevitt Jr.
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John E. Simkins Jr.
Vernon M. Shell Jr.
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W. Harold Stokoe
Richardson L. Stone
O. Keith Strickland
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J. Edgar Sullivan
Orin F. Sullivan Jr.
Ralph J. Sullivan
William E. Summerbell
James O. Sweeney Sr.
George P. Talbert
John N. Talbert
Thomas W. Talbert
Willie M. Terry Jr.
W. Harold Thackston
Charles F. Thomas
Eber H. Thomas Jr.
Herbert J. Thomas Jr.
Roy C. Thomas
Fred A. Thompson
Barham F. Thompson Jr.
J. Herbert Tibbs
John R. Townsend
Heber V. Traywick
H. Phillip Tray Jr.
Evelyn J. Vaughn
Clyde L. Vaughan Jr.
Jorge Vizcaino
Vicor V. Vickers
John R. Wakefield Jr.
Carl T. Warner
George C. Walker Jr.
Lec E. Waters
J. Drake Watson
Phillip S. Watson
Robert W. Watson
Henry C. Whitehead
Francis M. Whifflock Jr.
Aka P. Whitmore
James T. Whitney
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Georga M. Williams
Horace B. Williams
James C. Williams Sr.
Loyal A. Williamson Jr.
Donovan J. Willis
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Russell S. Wolf Jr.
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Plus wives of all deceased classmates

★Deceased
Leadership Committee

A Standing Committee
of the Class of '39

Clifton (Chip) Egan, Honorary '39er - Chairman
Tee Senn, President '39
Cathy Sturkie, Honorary '39er
David Senn, Honorary '39er
Ray Turner, Honorary '39er
Faculty Senate President (Ex Officio)

The Leadership Committee was established January 8, 2007 to effect a smooth transition of leadership of the Class of ’39 original members of the class to the Honorary Members of the class. The purpose of the committee is to perpetuate the memory, ideals, and goals of the original Members of the Great Class of '39.
Reunion Committee

A Standing Committee of the Class of '39

Chip Egan, Chairman
Joel Brawley
Frank Cox
Sandy Edge
Anne McMahan Grant
Whirl Miller
Kinly & Carthy Sturkie
David Senn
Jim Swecny
Ray Turner
Hap Wheeler
Chalmers Butler, Necrologist
Bill Pennington, Treasurer
Betty & Tee Sonn, President

The purpose of the Reunion Committee is to plan, organize and conduct class meetings, especially including the annual reunion in June.
Heritage Garden Committee

A Standing Committee of the Class of ’39

Frank Cox¹ ’68, Chairman
Tee Senn ’39 (Ex Officio)
Ben Anderson ’70
J. C. Cook²
David Senn ’75
Chief Shepherd, Rutgers ’69
Bud Webb ’55
Mary Welch³
Michele Welch ’89

¹ Son of Walter Cox ’39
² Son of Clinton Cook ’39
³ Daughter of Joel Radcliffe ’39

★ Bobby Avent
★ Bill Carlisle
★ Walter Cox
★ Frank O’Neal
★ Shep Shepherd (Emeritus)
★ Jim Sweeney
★ Tommy Thomson
★ George Williams (Honorary)
★ Russ Wolfe
★ Bill Zeigler

★ - Deceased

The function of the Heritage Garden Committee is to oversee the design, construction, and long-time maintenance in coordination with appropriate University administrative operations.
75 Years of Support and Accomplishments

The Great Class of 1939
1. Clemson A&M College - Class of 1939

Freshman Year: In 1935 about 600 young men entered Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical College as freshmen. As a military college, all students were males and members of the Cadet Corps. The total student body at that time was about 1500.

Senior Year: Four short years later, in 1939, about 300 students graduated from Clemson and this was the start of the Class of 1939. The definition of a member of the class is complicated since many students did not complete their studies in a continuous four-year period. The listing for the class contains those students who identified themselves with the Class of '39 and satisfied one of the following: they entered Clemson in 1935 and obtained a degree; they graduated in 1939; or they attended Clemson sometime in the period 1935-39. The roster of the Class of 1939 currently contains 386 members.

Following Graduation: Soon after graduation, essentially all members of the class enrolled in the military service. Unfortunately, 26 members of the class made the supreme sacrifice, giving their lives during World War II. A class reunion had been scheduled for 5 years after graduation, but this would have been in 1944 and because of the war, it was cancelled. The first reunion was held on the tenth anniversary of graduation in 1949. Subsequent reunions were held about every 3 years on average until the 50th Golden Anniversary Reunion in 1989. This was by far the largest and most productive reunion with almost half of the living class members participating. In the years following this reunion, the class was honored for its sustained and extensive support of the University, its faculty and its students. This was shown by the Faculty Senate designating the class as The Great Class of 1939, and designating the class members as Honorary Faculty Senators. Since 1991, reunions have been held every year, but with fewer class members attending each year due to physical infirmities and the deaths of members.

Honorary Members of the Class of '39: Unique among Clemson classes is the Class of '39 program of Honorary Memberships. Through this, the class recognizes special contributions to the University, it expresses its appreciation for special contributions to the class or to class projects, and it endeavors to maintain contact with the families of departed classmates. There are three ways of becoming an Honorary Member of the Class of '39. These include (a) recipients of the Faculty Award for Excellence, (b) friends, faculty members, and other alumni who are recognized for their support of the Class, and (c) the widows of deceased Class of '39 members.

The Future: At present, there are about 20 living members of the Class of '39. There are also 50 living honorary members to continue the work of the class. These include 23 Award for Excellence recipients and 27 supporting honorary members. A Leadership Committee has been established from these members to perpetuate the memory, ideals, and goals of the original members of the Great Class of '39. The Legacy of the Great Class of '39 will go on.

Adapted from Class of 1939 50th Year Edition 1989, A Short History of the Clemson College Great Class of 1939, and several other Reunion Brochures
2. The Red Caboose, the Gardens, and the Clemson College Class of '39

The South Carolina Botanical Garden's Red Caboose is not only a popular spot to take photos, but also in a larger sense, it represents the spirit of the garden itself. But this caboose didn't just show up one day in 1972. Obtaining the Red Caboose took a determined lady with a strong ally and lots of Clemson connections. That lady was Marguerite "Reet" Bushy Senn, and her husband and biggest fan was Class of 1939 alumnus Tate "Tee" Senn, who was head of Clemson's horticulture department.

Tee Senn's role had begun years earlier when, in 1959, Clemson officials were about to expand Memorial Stadium right where a fine camellia collection was thriving. Tee began lobbying for a larger space to transplant the camellias and other current trial gardens, and to expand into a public garden. And so the new garden began on its current site on Perimeter Road as a camellia grove and trial gardens. Then came a duck pond, historical cabin, old gristmill, and a bristle trail. Then a horticulture garden, the first in the country. The gardens continued to grow into the popular Clemson Horticulture Gardens. Tee and his fellow Class of '39ers took the support of the garden as one of its signature projects.

Meanwhile Reet Senn began her own quest – to bring a piece of American history to the site, an icon that would boldly reflect the generation of the '39ers, many of whom had taken their first train ride to Clemson College. So began her campaign to get a large caboose. In the early 1960s, she enlisted '39 alumnus George Williams who was then vice president of Southern Railway. Over the next decade, with help from Tee and other Clemson leaders, Reet pursued the dream of a donated caboose, an effort that would include many phone calls, letters, and meetings. She succeeded in getting a caboose as a gift from Southern Railway in the early 1970s. But moving the three-ton train car from the station (Cherry’s Crossing) into the gardens was a monumental challenge. More Clemson people stepped up, and, by late 1972, Clemson had in the gardens its new old landmark, the Red Caboose.

Since that time, the area has become the 295-acre S.C. Botanical Garden at Clemson University, and the Class of 1939 Caboose has its own special site within the Heritage Gardens, another project headed by the Class of '39.
3. The Memorial Service, the Scroll of Honor, and the Guardroom Bell

The Scroll of Honor: At the beginning of each class reunion a Memorial Service is held to honor the memory of recently deceased members of the class. At the 1975 class reunion a memorial plaque was dedicated and placed in the caboose. This plaque is known as the Scroll of Honor (shown at the right), and it contains the names of all deceased members of the class. It resides in the caboose except when it is taken out to be displayed as a center-piece at a memorial service.

The Guardroom Bell: At about the same time the old Guardroom Bell, that had been salvaged when Barracks No. 1 was demolished, was relocated near the caboose. Since that time the bell has been moved to a more prominent location near the garden entrance (but still near the caboose). The bell is shown in its new housing.

The Memorial Service: At each reunion, class members, family, and friends gather in the gardens at a location near the caboose for the memorial service. At that time the recently deceased members of the class are honored by the participants giving a brief description of the deceased members’ backgrounds, by the placing of their names on the Scroll of Honor, and finally by the tolling of the guardroom bell. The bell which controlled many aspects of their lives as cadets at Clemson, now signifies their place of honor in the campus gardens.

Adapted from Class of 39 Reunion 2007 and Reunion 2008 Brochures
4. The Class of '39 Golden Anniversary
1989 Reunion

Golden Anniversary: The Class of 1939 celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Graduation at its 1989 reunion - its Golden Anniversary. A Golden Anniversary Committee of class members had been formed to propose projects that would be suitable for commemoration of this special event. The committee proposed four projects, all of which were endorsed by the class. Of these four, three were brought to fruition during that year. The fourth, which was much more extensive, was brought to the planning stage that year.

Project 1 - The Class of '39 Bell Tower: The Bell Tower is a monument centrally located between Tillman Hall and Sikes Hall. It was completed in June, 1989. The Bell Tower serves the purposes of: preserving and displaying the original bell that hung atop Tillman Hall; displaying a plaque explaining the significance of the bell; displaying a plaque honoring the members of the class who gave their lives in wartime service; and displaying the names of the recipients of the Award for Excellence.

Project 2 - The Class of '39 Award for Excellence Endowment: An endowment was established in order to present annually an award to a faculty member whose outstanding contributions for a five-year period have been judged by the recipient's peers to represent the highest achievement of service to the student body, the University, and the larger community. The award includes a medal, a check, and the name of the recipient engraved on the Bell Tower. The first recipient of the award was selected in 1989. The 25 recipients to date have also become honorary members of the Class of '39.

Project 3 - The Class of '39 Scholarship Endowment: An endowment was established to provide student scholarships based primarily on merit, and secondarily on need. The first scholarship was given in 1989. This endowment has provided 274 student scholarships valued at about $253,000 to this time.

Project 4 - The Heritage Gardens: The Golden Anniversary Committee proposed to create a park-like area around the red caboose, along with other centers of historical interest related to the university. For several years the committee worked with architect Lolly Tai, to propose the extensive Heritage Gardens. These included not only the Caboose Garden, but also a Grand Entrance, a Cadet Life Garden, a Presidents Garden, an Amphitheater, a Founders Garden, and much more. With financial assistance from class members, and from other classes, this ambitious project is well on its way to completion.

Adapted from Gifts and Initiatives From the Class - 1/10/2010
5. The Class of ’39 Bell Tower

The Class of ’39 Bell Tower was one of the first projects undertaken by the Golden Anniversary Class of ’39. The Bell Tower is centrally located on campus between Tillman Hall and Sikes Hall in what is now known as the Carillon Garden. It also overlooks the library and amphitheater by the pond. The construction of the Bell Tower was begun in November, 1988, and it was dedicated at the class reunion on June 10, 1989.

The purposes of the Bell Tower include the following:

- Preserving and displaying the original bell that hung atop Tillman Hall from the 1890's until replaced by the Carillon bells in 1974,
- Displaying a plaque honoring the members of the Class of ’39 who gave their lives for their country in wartime service, and
- Permanently displaying the names of the faculty members who have been given the Class of ’39 Award for Excellence by their faculty peers.

The plaques on each end of the tower.

Adapted from Gifts and Inauguration
From the Class -7/10/2010
6. The Class of ‘39 Award for Excellence and Honorary Members

A second major project that was undertaken by the Golden Anniversary Class of ‘39 was to fund an endowment for the Class of ‘39 Award for Excellence. This award was established with the hope and expectation that it would serve to inspire the greatest level of achievement by the faculty of Clemson University.

The award is presented annually to a faculty member whose outstanding contributions for a five-year period have been judged by his or her peers to represent the highest achievement of service to the Student Body, the University, and the larger community. The Faculty Senate administers this program.

This award includes a medal (see the figure), a check for $5000 (in 1989 dollars), and the name of the recipient engraved in stone on the Class of ‘39 Bell Tower. The recipient also becomes an Honorary Member of the Class of ‘39. The award was first presented in 1989, and to date the faculty has selected 25 distinguished academicians from within its ranks to receive the award.

There are two other categories for becoming Honorary Members of the Class of ‘39, in addition to Award for Excellence recipients. One is for friends, faculty members, and other alumni who extend exceptional support to the class and its activities; they may be honored by being selected as supporting honorary members. This list is shown on page 25. The other category is for the widows of deceased original 39ers, who automatically become honorary members.

Award For Excellence Members

Dixie G. Goswami – 1989
Joel V. Brawley – 1990
John L. Idol – 1991
Raymond C. Turner – 1992
Ashley B. Bodine – 1993
Cecil O. Husey – 1994
Frances A. McGuire – 1995
Robert L. LaForge – 1996
Chalmers M. Butler – 1997
Larry L. Bau er – 1998
Judith M. Melton – 1999
Clifton S. M. Higan – 2000
★Jerry A. Waldvogel – 2001 (2009)
Alfred P. Wheeler – 2002
D. Kinly Strickler – 2003
Arthur P. Young – 2004
Benjamin L. Sill – 2005
Donald M. McKale – 2006
★Alma Bennett – 2007 (2012)
William T. Pennington Jr. – 2008
Weblah W. Smathers – 2009
Melanie M. Cooper – 2010
Richard S. Pigliola – 2011
Windsor W. Sherrill – 2012
John M. Ballato – 2013

★Deceased

Adapted from Gifts and Initiatives from the Class - 7/10/2010 & 2013 Reunion

Medal of the Class of ‘39 Award for Excellence
7. The Class of ‘39 Scholarship Endowment

The third major project that was undertaken by the Golden Anniversary Class of ‘39 was to fund an endowment for the Class of ‘39 Scholarships. These were intended to be for 4 years based primarily on merit and secondarily on need. The first scholarship recipient was selected in 1989. Subsequently it was decided that the program should be administered by the University Scholarship Committee with no restrictions by the Class of ‘39. About $253,000 in scholarships have been awarded to date to the following 274 recipients:

1989-1990
Jill Colbe Brown
1990-1991
Cheryl Ann Stewart
1991-1992
Virginia Elizabeth Moore
Lisa Ann Vanscuy
1992-1993
Virginia Elizabeth Moore
Lisa Ann Vanscuy
1993-1994
Ehivno Manuel Mendonca Jr
Virginia Elizabeth Moore
Janet Adele Preston
Lisa Ann Vanscuy
1994-1995
Ehivno Manuel Mendonca Jr
Virginia Elizabeth Moore
Janet Adele Preston
Lisa Ann Vanscuy
1995-1996
Melissa Anne Finkle
Ehivno Manuel Mendonca Jr
Janet Adele Preston
Lisa Ann Vanscuy
1996-1997
Melissa Anne Finkle
Ehivno Manuel Mendonca Jr
Janet Adele Preston
1997-1998
Holly Leann Bowen
Melissa Anne Finkle
Timothy Scott Finkle
Janet Adele Preston
Mariam Rebecca Shuler
1998-1999
Holly Leann Bowen
Jason Anderson Brown
Derek Brandon Faglier
Timothy Scott Finkle
Lindsay Teal Sims
Mariam Rebecca Shuler
1999-2000
Holly Leann Bowen
Jason Anderson Brown
Derek Brandon Faglier
Timothy Scott Finkle

Brian Edward Leonard
Julie Michelle Long
Marian Rebecca Shuler
Lindsay Teal Sims
2000-2001
Holly Leann Bowen
Jason Anderson Brown
Derek Brandon Faglier
Katherine Ann Freels
Katherine Davis Horton
Brian Edward Leonard
Julie Michelle Long
Kevin Michael O’Halloran
Marian Rebecca Shuler
Lindsay Teal Sims
2001-2002
Aaron Aiken
Jason Anderson Brown
Katherine Ann Freels
Katherine Davis Horton
Bonnie Howard
Brian Edward Leonard
Julie Michelle Long
Tara A McQuiston
Carolyn Miller
Lindsay Teal Sims
Bryan Will
2002-2003
Aaron Aiken
Margaret Alexander
Eric J. Coyne
Katherine Ann Freels
Evgeny A Garmosky
Jason Grygier
Nathan Herold
Katherine Davis Horton
Bonnie Howard
Brian Edward Leonard
Kacie M Lewis
Julie Michelle Long
Valerie Mason
Tara A McQuiston
Carolyn Miller
Sarah Minner
Melissa Putney
Elizabeth H Weichel
2004-2005
Christopher D. Coker
Megan J. Condronsky
Eric J Coyne
Ryan M. Craven
Margaret Alexander Gray
Jason Grygier
Nathan Herold
Bonnie Howard
Kacie M Lewis
Valerie Mason
Tara A McQuiston
Sarah Minner
Melissa Putney
Elizabeth H Weichel
2005-2006
Benjamin L. Batchelor
Christopher D. Coker
Megan J. Condronsky
Eric J Coyne
Ryan M. Craven
Devon M. Dejumondeere
George R. Glenn
Margaret Alexander Gray
8. The Clemson Heritage Gardens

The fourth project proposed by the Golden Anniversary Committee of the Class of '39 was the most ambitious project by far. It was proposed to create The Clemson Heritage Gardens within the Botanical Garden. This was to be a park-like area around the red caboose, including other centers displaying the important aspects of Clemson's history and traditions. This was envisioned to be a long term project which would necessarily include the support not only of class members, but also of other groups and classes.

For several years the committee worked with architect Lolly Tai, to propose the extensive Heritage Gardens. These included not only a Caboose Garden, but also a Grand Entrance, a Cadet Life Garden, a Presidents Garden, an Amphitheater, a Founders Garden, and much more. (See the drawing below and the original architectural drawing hanging in the caboose.)

At that stage the estimated cost of the project was $2,000,000. At the 1993 reunion the class approved this project with the understanding that sponsors would be sought from other classes for major elements of the project. Plaques acknowledging the extensive contributions of Walter Cox and James Sweeney to the development of these gardens are near the Garden entrance.

At the current time the Caboose Garden, the Grand Entrance, the Cadet Life Garden, the Trellised Walkways, the Amphitheater, and a Restroom building have been completed, and a Heritage Gardens Maintenance Endowment Fund has been established. Additional elements have been partially completed, and work continues as additional funds are raised.

Adapted from A Short History of the Clemson College Class of 1939 and Gifts and Initiatives from the Class - 7/10/2010
9. The Caboose Garden

The Golden Anniversary Committee decided that the first project to be done in the Heritage Gardens should be the Caboose Garden. While the Red Caboose had been in the Horticultural Garden for over two decades, and it had been enjoyed by countless children and adults, its surroundings were rather sparse. This project would permit the caboose to be situated in a proper garden surrounding.

The plan was to leave the caboose in its original location, but to upgrade the area with suitable plantings, permanent stone walkways, attractive wooden benches (not shown), and a bronze sculpture (at right) listing the names of all class members. In addition the caboose would be renovated inside and out, with the installation of air conditioning. This would make it a suitable place for holding class memorabilia. The cost of this project was estimated to be about $100,000, and the Class of 1939 was asked to provide the funds. This was approved by the class in 1994, and the class had contributed sufficient funds to begin the project in 1995. The project was completed in 1997, and a dedication ceremony was held during Reunion 1997.

A photo showing part of the Caboose Garden is shown below, and the trellised walkway leading from the caboose to the Cadet Life Garden can be seen in the background.

Adapted from Gifts and Initiatives from the Class - 7/10/2010
10. The Heritage Gardens Grand Entrance

The next physical creation by the class was the Grand Entrance to the future Heritage Gardens. This entrance began with a plaza area in the large parking region near the Caboose Garden. The plaza led to a set of stone steps (shown below) providing access to what is now the Cadet Life Garden. The steps and plaza constitute the Grand Entrance. On the two stone columns on either side of the steps are located bronze plaques. One of these is a memorial to Walter Cox by his classmates in the Class of '39. The other plaque recognizes Professor Lolly Tai for her design of the Heritage Gardens, and lists the components of the gardens.

This Grand Entrance was also sponsored by the Class of 1939. Funds left over from the construction of the Caboose Gardens enabled this project to proceed in a timely fashion. As a result, this project was completed in 1997 and a dedication ceremony was held on March 18, 1997. In the center of the plaza, a Stone Plaque Stand (shown at the bottom) was later constructed to hold a large map plaque for the guidance of visitors. Two smaller plaques, which recognize the Heritage Gardens Committee and the architects who contributed to the project, are on the sides.
11. The Cadet Life Garden and the Guardroom Bell Tower

The Cadet Life Garden is entered directly from the parking lot through the Grand Entrance. The centerpiece of the garden is the Guardroom Bell Tower. This is a permanent structure symbolic of its original housing atop old No. 1 Barracks. This is the bell which was rung throughout Clemson’s military years to alert cadets to gather for the military formations that took place each day, from Reveille in the morning to Taps at night. In the base of the bell tower are plaques depicting and explaining the guardroom and its significance to the cadets. This bell tower was the first construction done in this garden. This structure was completed in 1997.

The perimeter of the Cadet Life Garden is defined by a low wall, on which are plaques with representative depictions of events in the daily life of the Clemson Cadets. These are taken from the annuals of many of the classes, so these scenes convey to the visitor an impression of what it once meant to proudly be a Clemson Cadet.

The funding of this project involved three different groups. The Class of 1955 primarily funded the Bell Tower, while the Cadet Life Garden was funded by the Class of 1942 and Clemson’s Golden Tigers, that is alumni who finished fifty or more years before that time. (The Class of 1939 was the largest contributor to the Golden Tigers for this project.) The Cadet Life Garden was completed in 1999.

Walkways exiting this garden lead to essentially all of the major parts of the Heritage Gardens, including the Caboose Garden, the future Founders Garden, the Presidents Garden area, and the Amphitheater.

Adapted from Gifts and Initiatives From the Class - 7/10/2010 and The Clemson Heritage Gardens - A class of ’39 Initiative
12. The Trellised Walkways and the Heritage Gardens Amphitheater

Connecting the Cadet Life Garden with the Caboose Garden on the left and the future Founders Garden on the right, are two identical and delightful Trellised Walkways. These walkways are an architectural feature that provides visitors with cool shade and a place to rest while on their tour of the Heritage Gardens. On each walkway the wide walking surface is paved with Tennessee Crab Orchard Stone, the ten-foot high trellis is made of Western cedar, and it is supported on elegant stone columns. The comfortable swings invite visitors to pause and relax awhile.

The walkway (below left) leading to the Caboose Garden, was a gift of Benjamin McLeod, Class of '39, in memory of his wife Carol. This walkway was dedicated at the class reunion in 1988. An identical walkway, leading to the Founders Garden, was a gift of Harry Avinger, Class of '39, in memory of his wife Jane. It's dedication was at the 1999 class reunion.

Looking down from the Cadet Life Garden is seen the planned area for the Garden of the Presidents. The Heritage Gardens Amphitheater is beyond this (below right). This was designed by Dr. Lolly Tai based on the classic Greek style of amphitheater and is a jewel of an outdoor meeting place under the trees. It gives Clemson a much-needed facility for a wide variety of campus and public events. It has a seating capacity of about 400 persons, complementing nicely the large amphitheater on campus near the Library.

The Heritage Gardens Amphitheater was funded by a generous gift of Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery, widow of '39er James B. Montgomery. The construction was begun in 2000 and it was completed and dedicated in 2005. The photo was taken before wrought iron handrails and some other features were added. Concerts are regularly scheduled in the amphitheater in the long spring and fall seasons when the weather is most comfortable.
13. The Founders Garden

Leaving the Cadet Life Garden by the exit on the right and walking through a Trellised Walkway will lead a visitor to the site of the future Founders Garden. A design for the garden is shown below. This will be a special area dedicated to Thomas Green Clemson and other prominent individuals responsible for the founding of Clemson College. It will recount those significant events that took place between when Thomas Clemson conceived the idea of an agricultural college and when the school came into existence. It will display pertinent parts of Clemson’s will, and tell about the first Board of Trustees and how the Clemson Board is unique.

The Founders Garden will feature a large plaza surrounded by a low stone wall. On the floor of the plaza, inscribed in a radial pattern, will be a record of those events that made possible the entry of the first class of students in 1893. In the center, on a raised circular stone, will be inscribed the outlines of Fort Hill, home to John C. Calhoun and Anna Clemson, and Clemson University.

Beyond the floor will be an alcove with a life-size bronze statue of the founder, Thomas Green Clemson. A cascading water feature will serve as a dramatic backdrop to the statue. This garden will be a spectacular addition to the campus and to the Heritage Gardens.

It is hoped that the building of the Founders Garden will be started in the near future. Construction will begin when sufficient funding is acquired. It is expected that family and friends of the members of the class of ‘39 will be the principle contributors, but donations from everybody are welcome.

Donors will have a choice of a variety of giving levels, recognition, and naming opportunities. Although any amount is appreciated, the following naming opportunities have been established for Founders Garden donors.

- $1,000 — Individual Bronze Plaque
- $3,000 — Stone Bench in Garden Corners
- $8,000 — Inscribed Stone Wedge
- $15,000 — Board of Trustees Plaque
- $25,000 — Wall Niche
- $35,000 — Reflecting Pool
- $50,000 — Statue of Thomas Green Clemson

Adapted from Honoring Clemson Founders by Clemson Fund and the Class of 1909 Reunion 2007 Brochure
14. The Presidents Garden & Other Facilities

The Presidents Garden: This will be the largest of the gardens in the Heritage Garden, situated between the Center Life Garden and the Amphitheater. It will have a large meandering brick pathway along which will be bronze plaques in individual niche gardens depicting biographical information about each of Clemson’s presidents from Henry Strrodle (1890-93) to the present. The bricked pathway will be a timeline of the history of the school, from the day its doors opened to students in 1893 to the present.

This garden will occupy the largest amount of space in the Heritage Gardens and will be the most costly of the gardens. Currently the Class of 1962 is supporting the cost of the brick pathways and the Presidents’ Plaza which will tell the history of Clemson University, and these parts of the garden have been partially completed. Funding for the remainder of this garden is still being sought.

There has long been a picnic area alongside the Heritage Pond in the Botanical Garden. To assure that this area will be a permanent and attractive complement to the Heritage Gardens, it was decided to make over the area into the Heritage Gardens Picnic Garden. The Class of 1989 has sponsored this with the installation of attractive permanent stone tables on brick floors (below left), with handicapped accessible brick pathways connecting to the parking lot and the remainder of the Heritage Gardens.

A necessary facility for the comfort of visitors is the Heritage Gardens Restroom (below right). This was constructed mainly with funds from the Class of ’39 but also with assistance from Ed Zeigler (Clemson ‘77) and friends of Horticulture professor James H. Crawford.

Adapted from Class of 1939 Reunion 2007 Brochure and Class of 1962: President Garden Brochure
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Class Activities 2013-2014

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Induction of Windsor Sherrill for 2012 Award for Excellence with Chip Egan and Tee Senn

Brad Russell, new honorary member, and Ann Russell

Windsor Sherrill receives Commemorative corkscrew from Richard Figliola

Good food and good entertainment

Chip Egan and his family

Joel, Vince, Dan Brawley

Louise & Cecil Huey

Ray, Fran Turner, Betty, Tee Senn, Diane, Webb Smathers

Bill and Liz Newall

Kinkly Sturkie and Fran and Elaine McGuire

Cathy Sturkie, Tee, & Jim

Judy Melton, and Janna and Don McKale

Hap Wheeler & Windsor

Anne Grant

Jim Sweeney

Chalmers Butler
“Don’t shed a tear at my going. I am ready and it has to be. I have had more than my share of the good things and less than my share of the not so good things. Among the good things, your mother and your (family) were the best of the best.”

— JAMES OLIVER SWEENEY

1917–2012
Jim Sweeny Memorial Luncheon
July 27, 2013

The honor of your presence is requested at a memorial luncheon to celebrate the life of Jim Sweeny.

Saturday, July 27
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Clemson University
Madren Conference Center
230 Madren Center Drive
Clemson, S.C.

There will be an opportunity to tour the Heritage Gardens at 12:00 pm.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 31, to Kee Howles.
518-377-1639 | khowles@gmail.com

We have set aside a block of rooms at the James F. Martin Inn (adjacent to the Madren Conference Center) for Friday evening, July 26. To reserve a room, please contact the Inn directly no later than Wednesday, May 15.
888-654-9020 | jfminn@clemson.edu
Reservation code: CCI-GF 11040
Family, Friends, and ‘39 Classmates Celebrate the Life of James Oliver Sweeny
Clemson Alumni Center    July 27, 2013
Memories of Jim Sweeney

Most photos courtesy of Tom Moss
Medal of the

Class of '39 Award for Excellence
The
Faculty Selection
for the
Class of 1939
Award for Excellence
For the year 2013
See page 25 for prior years.
Award for Excellence - 2013

John Ballato
Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ph.D. - Ceramic and Materials Engineering - Rutgers University, 1997
B.S. - Ceramic Science and Engineering - Rutgers University, 1993

John Ballato is Vice President for Economic Development at Clemson University. Dr. Ballato previously served as Clemson’s Vice President for Research (interim), Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development, and Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. Through these appointments, he represented Clemson on many of the Upstate's county-level economic development organizations and directly participated in the recruitment of numerous large and small companies across South Carolina. Dr. Ballato co-founded and directed for 14 years the Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies (COMSET), a South Carolina Research Center of Economic Excellence. More recently, he has also served as Academic Director for the Clemson University Restoration Institute (CURI).

Dr. Ballato has published 300 archival scientific papers, holds over 25 U.S. and foreign patents, has given in excess of 150 keynote/invited lectures, and has co-organized 70 national and international conferences and symposia. In the classroom, Ballato has taught over 1,000 students and served on 100 graduate student thesis/dissertation committees. He has been a Principal Investigator on more than $46 million worth of sponsored programs and has co-founded 3 SC-based companies.

Among numerous other honors, he is a Fellow of the Optical Society of America (OSA), the International Society of Optical Engineering (SPIE), and the American Ceramic Society (ACerS). He is a Liberty Fellow (Class of 2007), Fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Network of the Aspen Institute, past recipient of Clemson’s Byar’s Prize for Excellence in Teaching (2001), and the Medal of Excellence for Alumni Achievement in Academia (Rutgers University, 2009) for “ground-breaking research, dedication to training the next generation of engineers, and for reflecting great honor on your alma mater.” He also received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Scientific Research (2014), which is bestowed by the Governor of South Carolina, on behalf of its citizen's, and recognizes "an individual within the state whose achievements and contributions to science in South Carolina merit special recognition and to promote wider awareness of the quality and extent of scientific activity in South Carolina."

Ballato has three children: Elijah (9), Abram (7), and Eva (4).
Bell Tower Ceremony and Reception  
January 14, 2014

Please join the Faculty Senate for a Reception in honor of

The Great Class of '39

and 2013 Recipient of the Class of '39 Award for Excellence

Dr. John Ballato

January 14, 2014
beginning at 4:30 pm

Meet in the Carillon Gardens for the '39 Bell Tower Ceremony, immediately followed by a reception in the Alumni Center.

Please RSVP by January 10, 2014 with your name and one guest to Courtney Madden at cemadden@clemson.edu or 864-656-2456
Bell Tower Ceremony  January 14, 2014

Chip Egan & Class of '39 President Tee Senn present memorabilia to John Ballato

Kelly Smith, Faculty Senate President, gives certificate to John

Dr. John Ballato is the newest recipient of the Class of '39 Award for Excellence

President Emeritus James Barker gives watercolor to John

President Tee Senn and John Ballato, newest member of the Class of '39

John addresses the group while everybody listens closely.

John and his three children, Eva 4, Abram 7, & Elijah 9

John's family and friends
Class of '39
Attendees
2014 Bell Tower Ceremony

From left to right

Front row:
Windsor W. Sherrill
Chalmers M. Butler
Joel V. Brawley
R. Lawrence LaForge
David L. Senn
Cathy T. Sturkie
Frank J. Cox
Richard S. Figliola
Larry L. Bauer
Ashby B. Bodine
Benjamin L. Sill

Back row:
William T. Pennington Jr.
Donald M. McKale
Raymond C. Turner
Clifton S. M. Egan
Tec Senn, President
John Billato
Arthur P. Young
Webb M. Smathers
Cecil O. Huey
D. Kinly Sturkie
Francis A. McGuire
Faculty Senate Reception

Award of Excellence recipient John Bullato and his children on the outside balcony at the Alumni Center reception.

Tee Senn, President of the Class of '39, enjoys a moment of relaxation.

Honorary '39ers Cathy and Kirby Smurfit enjoy talking to Faculty Senators.

Honorary '39ers Windsor Sherrill, Chip Egan (Chair of Leadership Committee) and Todd Steadman

Honorary '39ers Bill Pennington and David Senn

Faculty Senate Staff: Anderson Rouse, Ali Fehling, Courtney Malden, & Monica Patterson

Guest Joe Parish and Faculty Senator Hye Jung Kang

John enjoys the reception and a big hug from a special young lady.
Donations in support of the Class of '39 projects may be made to:

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Clemson, SC  29633-1889
Phone  (864) 656-5896

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Founding of Clemson A & M College

1939
Graduation of the Clemson A & M Class of 1939

1989
Golden Anniversary of the Clemson University Class of 1939

2014
75th Anniversary of the Great Class of ‘39