



Litton BLAST

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The MISSION of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association is to preserve the rich heritage of our former school, to provide support to the present Isaac Litton Middle School, and be a positive influence in the lives of ALL the children in our community. We do this with effective communication that continually reaches out to bring the Alumni and the community together to promote our programs and services.

Save these dates:
Veterans Day Breakfast, November 11, 2023
All-Alumni Banquet, Sat., June 15, 2024
For more details read articles below, FB page, and website.

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

As we look forward to a beautiful fall season with Thanksgiving and Christmas just ahead, I have nothing but gratitude for my experiences with my Litton friends, both past and present. Serving in this role has allowed me to work closely with the fine members of our Board, it has introduced me to alumni from other classes before and after mine, and it has brought me closer to members of my own class. I am sure you agree. Litton alumni are some of the best people on the planet!

I want you to know that we always want your suggestions and feedback. In fact, it was a comment on our Isaac Litton Facebook page that encouraged us to host a Sock Hop, which we did on September 9 in Lion's Hall. Honestly, we were not sure how it would go over, but I am so happy to report that it was a resounding success. We had nearly 100 in attendance, and the place was rockin'! You can read the article about it elsewhere in this issue. Based on the positive feedback, we are already talking about next year. Let us know what you think.

While we are all about fellowship and fun, everything we do has a deeper purpose which is to honor our past while providing support to the children who represent our future. This past quarter we accomplished that by making a financial contribution toward the purchase of standard school attire distributed at an event for students and their families, and we hosted an open house and breakfast for the teachers at Litton Middle. And of course, the students at Backfield in Motion make good use of our facilities after school.

Our Mission Statement also says that the ILAA "continually reaches out to bring the alumni and the community together to promote our programs and services." One of the ways we do this is with our Veteran's Day Breakfast, scheduled for November 11, 2023. I hope you will join us in person or in spirit. We appreciate your encouragement and your financial support in the way of dues and special donations so that we can continue our Vision and Mission

To you who are reading this letter, a tremendous **THANK YOU!** for your interest in the organization and what we are all trying to accomplish. I look forward to future interactions with some of the best people on the planet—my fellow friends and alumni of Isaac Litton High School.

Litton High Forever!

Judy Butler Cline
Class of 1970
President, Isaac Litton Alumni Association



Veterans Day: November 11th 2023

By Don Clark, Class of 1970

Once again, this year, we plan to have breakfast and a time of fellowship on **Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023**. The Board will provide free breakfast for those who attend. We will begin at 9 AM and will meet in the Lion's Hall for this time together.

We want all our Veterans to attend this year, if they are able, so that we can recognize them. We will have a guest speaker to tell his story about his time in Service. We are honored to have Rear Admiral Jerry Breast (USN) Retired, who flew 336 missions while serving in Viet Nam. He will give a brief talk sharing his experiences.

This event is open to all our Alumni and not just our Veterans.

Please sign up for this event so we can make sure to have enough food for everyone who plans to come.

Please contact me by email or phone text to let me know if you can come by Nov.1, 2023. Also, let me know what Branch of Service you served in. My contact information is listed below.

Remember, this event is open to ALL alumni as we honor our veterans!

I look forward to seeing you on Veterans Day!!

Don Clark

Class of 1970

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SAVE THE DATE(S)

Veterans Day Breakfast

Saturday, November 11, 2023, in the Lions Hall

Honoring all our Veterans, but all alumni are invited.

See Don Clark's article elsewhere in this issue of the BLAST for more information.

Reservations requested.

2024 All Alumni Banquet

June 15, 2024, in the Lions Hall. Reservation forms and additional information will be published in upcoming issues of the BLAST, via Class Representative emails, and on FACEBOOK. Mark your calendars now for this amazing annual event.

Class of '64, THE MORE, THE MERRIER!

The 2024 All-Alumni event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 15, 2024**, and is being held again at the Lions Hall. This coming year, the **Class of 1964** has decided to have their **60th** Reunion in conjunction with the All-Alumni event. We hope that many of our graduates living out of the area will be inclined to come back to town to attend not only 1, but 2 of these events.

The 60th Reunion of the Isaac Litton High School Class of 1964 will be held on

Friday, June 14, 2024

at the Bluegrass Country Club. So, if you are not currently living close to home, this year you could come into town for TWO events, not just ONE.

Reservation forms from the **Class of 1964** will be going out to our class members via email and USPS soon. (So, if you are reading this, be sure we have all your current contact information, by notifying your Class Representative Mary Kay Rayner Cunningham @ kayc1107@comcast.net or calling (615)712-8238.

Remember, LITTON HIGH FOREVER.

ILMS PTSO Block Party

By Christine Pulle, President, ILMS Parent-Teacher-Student Organization



We kicked off the year with the EL block party at Berkeley Hills apartment complex where we serviced close to 100 families with school supplies, hygiene items, free food, and standard school attire.

Thank you to our partners, Litton PTSO, Isaac Litton Alumni Association, Dan Mills PTO, Nashville Public Library, Conexion Americas, TN Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, MNPS English Learners Department. Thank you to Boom Bozz, Little Caesars and Garden Fresh for providing food for the families.

We are so grateful to have you as a partner. It is great fun to work together and have your group engaged with all of the stuff going on at our school. While it's changed from when it was a high school, it is such a welcoming and warm middle school community which we have been so happy to be a part of!





Terry Bumpus, Marisue Stalker, Judy Cline, Dr. Chara

Back to School at Isaac Litton Middle – Teacher Appreciation Breakfast



Bounteous breakfast for the ILMS

By Judy Butler Cline, Class of '70

The Board, representing all our Alumni, honored the Litton Middle School teachers with an Open House and Breakfast in Lions Hall on August 4, 2023. This event kicked off Teacher In-Service for the upcoming fall semester, and it was obvious that the teachers and staff really enjoyed the fellowship with each other as well as the tasty breakfast. Many of them were unfamiliar with the heritage of our school and were amazed to learn about our history and accomplishments on display in the Lion’s Den.

Following remarks by Judy Cline, our Board President, Dr. Chara Rand, Principal, expressed her thanks and regard for our alumni organization, as did Christine Pulle, President of the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO).

ILAA Board of Directors Secretary, Alice Shehane, discovered that one of the math teachers at the Middle School was a former student of hers. The legacy continues!

As the teachers departed for their In-Service at the Middle School, we provided each one with a \$50 Amazon Gift Card in appreciation for their generous service to the students. Dr. Rand was so pleased with our outreach that she hinted that she would be happy for us to have a repeat performance next year.





ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

(or until 9PM, whichever comes first!)

by Alice Shehane Class of '65

Once upon a time, in a simpler, sweeter world, teenagers everywhere got together in their sock feet, so they wouldn't mess up the gym floor, and danced the night away!

On Sept. 9, 2023, ILAA started a new tradition. Old bones and all, we had a SOCK HOP! Marisue Stalker and her wonderful hospitality committee did the decorations and they reminded us of the days of yore. (Our yore, not Camelot's!)



Jobe and Linda Winters Hutcherson ('64) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with us!

It was held in the LIONS HALL in our Alumni Center. We twisted, strolled, line-danced, hula-hooped, bopped, and ate hot dogs with all the fixins'! Outside, we had a classic car drive-in. Inside, we rocked, laughed, and remembered, to the tunes of the '50s, '60s, and '70s, with the help of DJ Danny Hall and his color-shifting lights!

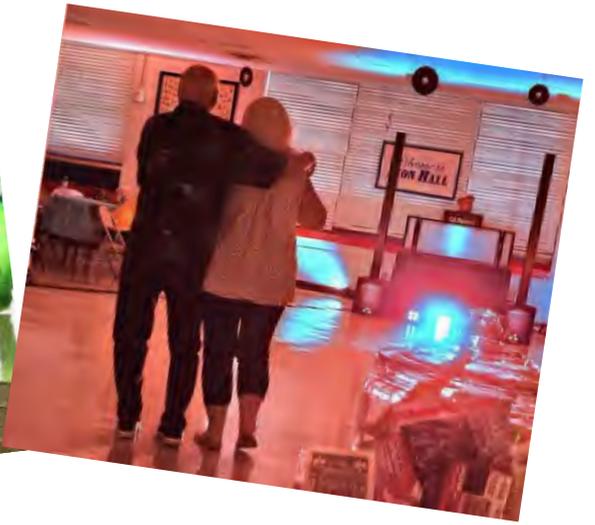


We even did our altruistic thing and brought personal hygiene items for ILMS's guidance department and social worker to distribute to students who need them. (We plan to do that at all upcoming events.) Lions are giving, loving folks, aren't we? The entire affair was a big hit as the almost 100 attendees will agree.

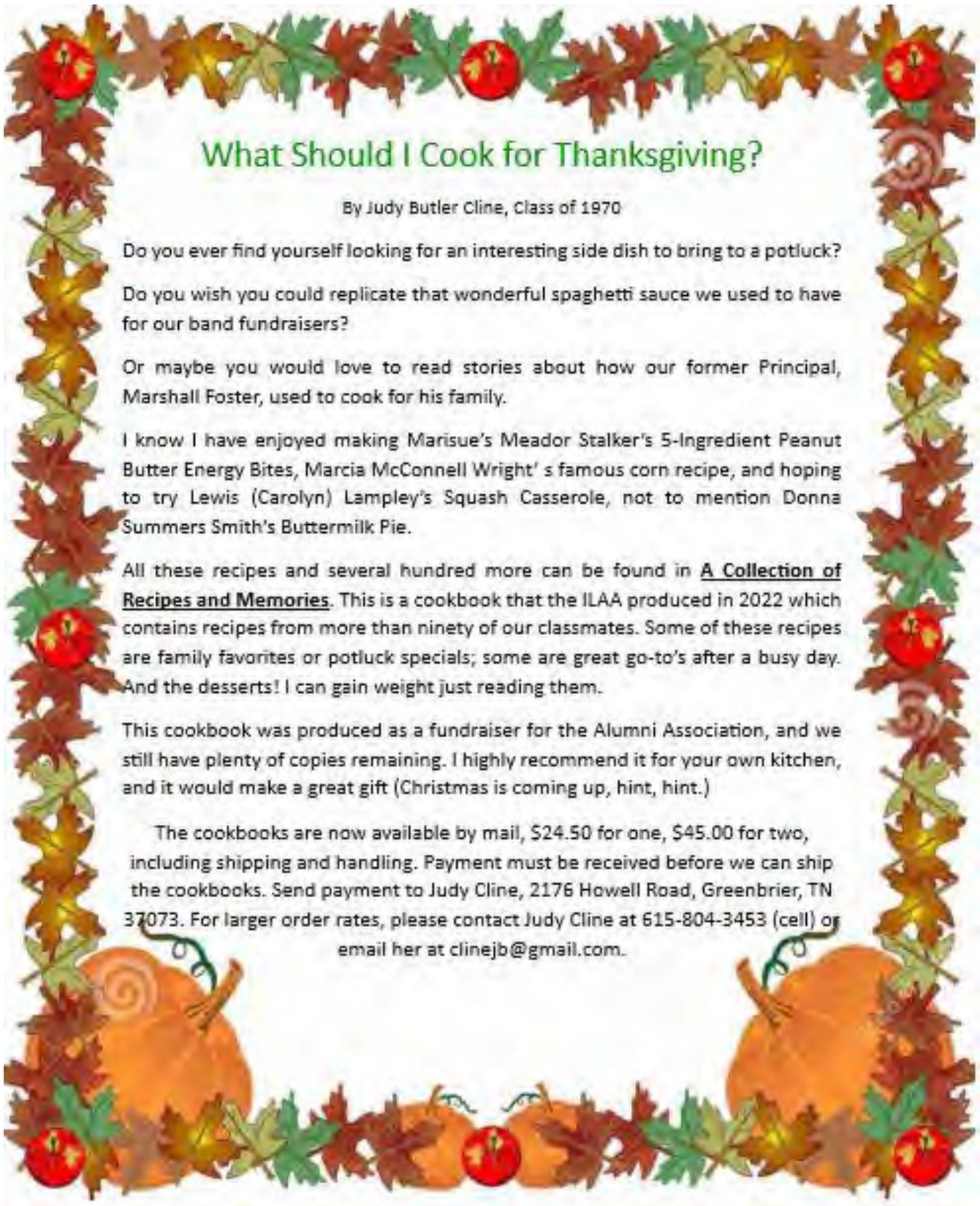
The website presently has a 2 ½ minute video of the brave souls who danced and it will soon have a great gallery of photos.

JOIN US, NEXT SPRING, AS WE DO IT ALL AGAIN.

The following pages show photos of many amazing moments captured by alumni.







What Should I Cook for Thanksgiving?

By Judy Butler Cline, Class of 1970

Do you ever find yourself looking for an interesting side dish to bring to a potluck?

Do you wish you could replicate that wonderful spaghetti sauce we used to have for our band fundraisers?

Or maybe you would love to read stories about how our former Principal, Marshall Foster, used to cook for his family.

I know I have enjoyed making Marisue's Meador Stalker's 5-Ingredient Peanut Butter Energy Bites, Marcia McConnell Wright's famous corn recipe, and hoping to try Lewis (Carolyn) Lampley's Squash Casserole, not to mention Donna Summers Smith's Buttermilk Pie.

All these recipes and several hundred more can be found in **A Collection of Recipes and Memories**. This is a cookbook that the ILAA produced in 2022 which contains recipes from more than ninety of our classmates. Some of these recipes are family favorites or potluck specials; some are great go-to's after a busy day. And the desserts! I can gain weight just reading them.

This cookbook was produced as a fundraiser for the Alumni Association, and we still have plenty of copies remaining. I highly recommend it for your own kitchen, and it would make a great gift (Christmas is coming up, hint, hint.)

The cookbooks are now available by mail, \$24.50 for one, \$45.00 for two, including shipping and handling. Payment must be received before we can ship the cookbooks. Send payment to Judy Cline, 2176 Howell Road, Greenbrier, TN 37073. For larger order rates, please contact Judy Cline at 615-804-3453 (cell) or email her at clinejb@gmail.com.

LITTON LION “EXPATS”

by Karren Frazier Andrews. Class of '59



Do you remember the plans you had for the future after graduating from Litton? You were young and felt the world was your oyster. Some of you went right into the work field or got married or joined the military, while others enrolled in college or vocational school. The future looked bright, full of possibilities, as you set out on the journey of building the rest of your life.

Ever wondered how far away---literally---some of us ended up? Out of curiosity, this writer decided to check. This is what turned up.

Most alumni stayed and settled in the Middle Tennessee area (Nashville and suburban areas), while others relocated to eastern or western Tennessee towns (Knoxville, Memphis etc.). Quite a few chose Florida or Texas as their final destinations. A smaller number ended up in the northeastern or southeastern states: New York, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Virginia, North or South Carolina, etc. Some made the leap to the western or mid-western states: California, Washington, Oregon, Iowa, Idaho, Arizona, Colorado. A few even made it to Hawaii.

The real surprise I found, though, were those who left the United States altogether, to make their permanent homes abroad in France, Germany, Italy, the Philippines, Panama--even Australia. (Robert Joseph Tomlinson, class of 1955, settled in New South Wales, Australia, died and is buried there.) There are still Litton alumni living abroad today, from the classes of 1958, 1966, and 1967, to mention a few.

Who are/were they? One alumnus who responded to an inquiry is Stuart Byrom, class of 1967. He wrote, “When we retired in 2008, my wife, a lifelong Francophile, had always dreamed of living in France, so we moved and settled in Paris. We are having the time of our lives!” (Some of you may remember Stuart’s father, Isham Byrom, who taught English and Journalism at Litton.)

Take a trip through the ILAA website and click on the “Classes” link to find others, then stay tuned for follow-up articles that tell their reasons for expatriating: marriage---jobs---families?

And if you know of a Litton graduate who settled in another country, please let us know via email to kaarena81@comcast.net



LITTON LEGACY – 2023-2024, Quarterly Report

The Isaac Litton Alumni Association is taking this opportunity to acknowledge our supporters and benefactors for their continuing support and encouragement. Listed here are the names of those to whom we extend our deepest gratitude for gifts received May 23, 2023 to the present.

Please note that future gifts will be recognized in the next report. This list will also be posted on the Alumni Website, isaaclitton.com.

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LION'S DEN MEMORABILIA ADDITIONS

By: Mickey Collier, Class of '65



The family of Rita Sweeney, class of 1960, made contact to inquire about donating the letter jacket, uniform and letters from her time as a member of the Lions basketball team that finished with a 12-4 record and placed 2nd in the District.

Rita graduated from U.T. Knoxville, in 1964 where she met and married Bill Mott from Goodlettsville. She earned a master's degree from George Peabody College. It is reported that Rita had a passion for education. She was a teacher, elementary school principal and Director of Curriculum for Williamson County Schools. This successful Litton graduate passed in 2014, at age 71.

Rita's brother, Milton, was also a Litton graduate, class of 1963 and was once married to majorette, Cathy Ford, also class of 1963.

It is noteworthy that Rita's daughter Sabrina Mott Mennen, who resides in Cincinnati Ohio, was also a basketball player. In fact, she was a member of the Lady Vols first National Championship in 1987, coached by the legendary Pat Summitt.

We are grateful for this addition to our exceptional memorabilia collection.



Pictured are Sabrina and the extended family of Rita Sweeney Mott including some of her eight grandchildren.



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Before the next issue of the Blast, three major holidays will occur. So, from the staff of the Blast, we wish you.....



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FROM MARISUE STALKER

One of my first children's poems....

Have a happy and blessed Fall



Leaves that rustle



Air so brisk



Frost on pumpkins



Apples crisp



Fires that crackle



Popping corn



Yellow leaves on a bright blue morn.....

GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Reported July 1, 2023-Sept. 30, 2023

CLASS	NAME	DATE OF DEATH
45	JOHN MOORE LAWRENCE JR	2023-08-27
46	JANE CARTWRIGHT BENSON	2023-09-20
48	WILLIAM HAROLD CANNON	2023-07-15
48	MARGARET (PEGGY) WILLIAMS BENZ	2023-09-02
50	WILBUR RICHARD DEMONTBREUN	2023-08-02
51	DAVID WENDELL PARDUE	2023-07-10
54	RAYMOND LESTER BARRETT	2023-08-22
54	JAMES ALFRED (JIMMY) GILBERT	2023-08-24
55	ROBERT GALE LEECH	2023-08-29
56	LINDA MURRAY SIPE HARDAWAY	2023-08-10
58	JERRY B TUCKER	2023-08-23
60	ROGER DUDLEY FISH	2023-07-31
61	DENNIS WAYNE HIGGINS	2023-07-11
62	ELIZABETH LOURETTE (SISSY) GOURIEUX	2023-08-13
64	THOMAS MICHAEL WARD	2023-08-13
66	LINDA FAYE MARLIN JACOBS	2023-07-18
67	RANDALD GEAN CARRIGAN	2023-09-07
68	NORMA GALE WHITE	2023-09-21
69	JANIS SUE MYERS PARKER	2023-08-03
70	JUDY ANN SANDERS CLARK	2023-08-07

NOTE: Due to the publication deadlines for each quarterly issue of the BLAST, the names of those departed alumni received after the 25th of the quarter will be included in the next issue.

Please send us any other notices as soon as possible. Thank you.