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Homecoming 2013



Dennis Raisor



Dr. and Mrs. Underwood



Above: The fiftieth anniversary class of 1963--W.F. "Bud" Underwood, Behzad Zandieh, Darryl Kilgore, Jerry Lovell, Carol Ann Damrel, Diamond Salmons, Margie Wagers, Orville Ledford, Kay Atto Underwood and Rachel Bishop Combs.

Right: Missy Underwood Nichols ('93) and Harold Underwood unveiled the portrait of Dr. Underwood as other family members looked on.



June 29: The big day! By Myrtle Webb Cooke

June 29th was the big day! OBI staff had spent weeks in preparation for alumni and former students who would return to see their classmates. By lunch time both the dining room and the tents on the athletic field were filled with alumni and friends eating barbecue pork, grilled chicken, and all the trimmings.

Those who arrived by 11:00 a.m. had gathered for a hymn sing and time of sharing at the Oneida Baptist Church. Leading the hymn sing was **Mrs. Billie Conrad**, former OBI choir and band director 1974-77.

Dennis Raisor, OBI trustee and interim president honored former president **Wesley (Bud) Underwood** by asking daughter, **Missy**, and son, **Harold**, to unveil Dr. Underwood's portrait which was placed on the chapel wall along with the portraits of Oneida's nine previous presidents.

Dr. Underwood presided over the remaining service. **Ruby Baker**, was recognized as the oldest person present. She will be 100 years old on Oct. 25, 2013. Ruby and her husband, **Preston Baker**, were associated with the school all their lives.

Lizzie Mae Allen Barrett, Class of 1933, was recognized for being the first alumnus ever to return to OBI for her 80th anniversary. Lizzie is a retired teacher from Connersville, IN.

Ten members of the Class of 1963 were present this year to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They were called to the stage to share some Oneida memories and were given a print of our old school, Marvin Hall. □



Class of 1993: David Yoder, Stacy Hasty Miller, Scott Self, Missy Underwood Nichols



Class of 1973: Tim Searcy, Roger Dale Burns, Terry Seals, Susan Lariot Parker, Paul Feltner, Marvin Baker, Milda Baker



Class of 1953: Levi Hacker, J. L. Burns, Patty Treadway, Ruby Reed, Myrna Hudson, Imogene Halcomb Sparks, Shirley Morgan Loy



Class of 1983: Libby Charlton, Larry Downer, Lucinda Burkhardt Downer. They hold a picture of Charles Smith '82.



Class of 1988: Emily DeRossett Burns, Lori Smith Underwood, Debbie Cooke Puckett, Amy Burkhead Nelson



Class of 2003: Keshia Laney Woods, Andrew Toweh, Tiffany Barnes, Tamra Stratton, Maron Mebrahtu, Noel Spencer Cordle, Kenei Massaquoi, John Cloud



Ruby Martin '47, Audrey Howard '46, Loetta Hensley Morgan '47

Ruby Baker with her son, Roy, class of 1950





Lizzie Mae Barrett, Class of 1933, was recognized at the chapel program for celebrating her 80th class reunion. Mrs. Barrett began attending OBI in the seventh grade.



Lillian Arnett Byrd ('56), Wilma Mills Bowling ('56), Al Bowling (attended freshman year)



Kenei Massaquoi ('03), Angela Case (former student, current OBI Ministry Team), Andrew Toweh ('03)



Minnie E. Riley '53, Herbert Byrd, Bruce Murrell '42, Clayton Arnett '49 & Roger Dale Burns '73



Three brothers who all graduated from OBI -- Rudolph ('70), Diamond ('63), and Ed ('76) Salmons



This was the second year we offered a morning garden tour, led by campus groundskeeper, Morton Bortell.



At the Hymn Sing, people request favorite songs and share memories.



Lucy Combs Murrell ('46) and Kay Atto Underwood ('63)



In the afternoon chapel program, former Oneida choir members sang "Because He Lives", conducted by Billie Conrad.

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More pictures from Homecoming 2013



Several bright banners welcome our Homecoming guests each year.



Billie Conrad, former staff, led the singing at the Hymn Sing.



Behzad Zandieh '63 shared at the morning Hymn Sing.



Darrell Burns '84 & Emily DeRossett Burns '88 enjoying lunch



Dottie Davidson, widow of former trustee, Oscar Davidson



Marilyn & Marvin Baker and Milda Baker Bond ('73) relax in the gazebo.



O.W. Conrad, former staff



Our annual Homecoming Hymn Sing at Oneida Baptist Church



Margaret Halcomb '54