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Homecoming 2012



The Class of 1962 celebrates their 50th anniversary. Front row: **Dorothy Henrickson Esposito**, **Betty Gilbert Abrams**, **Dot Lowry Major**, **Judy Teague Powell**, **Patsy Williamson Thomas**. Back Row: **Carolyn Moore Fleenor**, **Ed Boden** (teacher), **Lewis Hatton**, **Amanda Louise Roberts**. Present but not pictured: **Lou Ann Hatley Patton**.



Former OBI choir members directed by **Richard Burns** sang two hymns at the beginning of the afternoon program.

New President, Paul Davidson, introduced at OBI Homecoming

Homecoming activities on June 30 began with the Hymn Sing at the Oneida Baptist Church, led by **Richard Burns**, OBI choir and band director 1985-91.

At the afternoon program, the opening hymn was "To God Be the Glory," followed by "There's Power in the Blood" and "Crown Him with Many Crowns," sung by former OBI choir members.

Bud Underwood ('63) former president, introduced our new president, **Paul Davidson**, and **Patricia Wood Holabeck** ('97) was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dr. Davidson recognized all of the anniversary classes present, with the emphasis on the fifty-year class of 1962. Several members of the 1962 class had written letters to their classmates encouraging them to return to Oneida to celebrate their 50-year anniversary. Nine members from the Class of 1962 along with one of their teachers, **Ed Boden**, were present. All who attended were given a print of Marvin Hall. □



Athletic Director **Laura Underwood Stockton** ('86) welcomes **Patricia Wood Holabeck** ('97) into the Athletic Hall of Fame.



Ruth Helm Burns ('42), Doris Morton Shepherd ('48) and Donna Shepherd Reese



Esther Byrd Johnson and Mildred Bishop Byrd ('45) enjoyed the air-conditioned dining room.



Class of 1947: Loetta Hensley Morgan and Ruby Craft Martin visited in the Gritton Gym.



Roy Baker ('50) and Kenneth Shepherd ('48) enjoyed the rocking chairs on the Dervis Rush Hall porch.



Levi Hacker ('53), Clayton Arnett ('49), Larry Hatton ('55) and Shirley Jean Loy ('53) posed for a picture in the Gritton Gym, where guests could mingle with classmates.



Wilma Mills Bowling ('56), Pat Gay Tipton ('57), Ken Hinton ('57) and wife Wally look at the 1957 yearbook.



Ruth Osborne Baker, Class of 1957. Present but not pictured: Martha Barnes Ragland and DeAlvin Martin.



Flora Davison Allen ('59) took a moment to pose next to one of the campus flowerbeds.



Rodney Rose and Doug Sizemore, both Class of 1961, returned after celebrating their 50th anniversary last year.



William Burns ('70), Tolman Burns ('75) and Tommy Davidson ('72) visited outside the Sparks building with Alumni Director, Myrtle Webb Cooke ('60)



Opal Burns Robbins ('60) and Clayton Arnett ('49) discussed how they are related to J. A. Burns.



"Bullskinners": Freddie Arnett ('69), Jimmy Gay ('71), De Alvin Martin ('57) and Lewis Burns ('71). They named themselves the "Bullskinners" because they were all raised on Bullskin.



Cindy Tibbs Childs (1969-70), Bob Tibbs ('70), Debbie Whitehead ('70), and Jean Freeman ('67).



Class of 1977: Gloria & Ronnie Bowling, Ed Salmon ('76) and Roy Spurlock ('75).



Tim Pearce; Wilma Burns; Karyn and Bill Perrine ('92) with their son, Ryan; Richard Burns, OBI choir and band director 1985-91.



Susie Melton Stidham ('77) and Bobby Porter (1975-77)



Class of 1987: Jonathan Coyle and Jeff Atwood. Not pictured: Jolena Sizemore.



Class of 2002: Rebekah Hasty Travis and Levi Bowling. Not pictured: Amanda McIntosh Logsdon, Jennifer Griebenow, Chris & Alisha Taulbee.



Center: Jennifer Wise ('06). Back Row: Shane Porter, Laci Pickett ('06), Audrey Brown ('05) and Ann Loschky.

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Homecoming Hymn Sing at Oneida Baptist Church



Richard Burns, great-nephew of James A. Burns, led the Hymn Sing.



President Paul Davidson and his wife, Diane, raised their voices in song.



Pat Hignite ('56) told a Barkley Moore/Anderson Hall story.



The Hymn Sing: gathering for worship, sharing favorite hymns and precious memories.



Robert Halcomb ('54) shared, "I've attended 61 of our 62 Homecomings."



Franklin Burns ('51) recalled that he was baptized at OBC as a student, as were many of those present.



Joy Godbold, pianist and OBI teacher, told a choir trip/Dr. Underwood story.



Judy Teague Powell ('62) shared that she plans to write a book about OBI and Barkley Moore.



Martha Bowman Hounchell ('56) thanked Dr. Underwood for honoring her great-grandmother Martha Coldiron Hogg last year.

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