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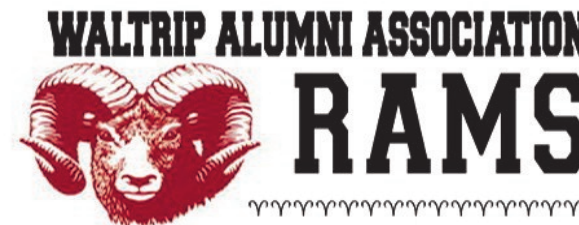
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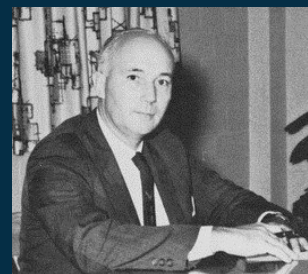
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In Memory of Gordon Cotton



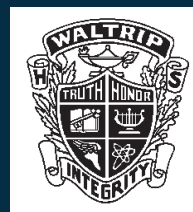
We are sad to report that Mr. Gordon Cotton, Waltrip's first principal passed away on September 30, 2012 at the age of 93 in Trinity, TX.

Before becoming principal at Waltrip, Mr. Cotton served as Assistant Principal and Principal at Reagan High School. In 1960, Mr. Cotton moved to Waltrip and was instrumental in developing the traditions that still remain today.

After retiring from Waltrip, Mr. Cotton became Assistant Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of HISD.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marjorie, and his son Ralph Cotton, also a Waltrip graduate, and his family.

Mr. Cotton served as principal from 1960 to 1971.



Project Advisory Team Renovation Report

The Waltrip campus has been undergoing a renovation using funds from the 2007-2008 HISD Bond issue. The entire renovation is expected to be completed in late May of 2013. Here is a list of work completed so far:

- Replace main entry drive and front parking area.
- Resurfacing and striping of the Student parking lot.
- Installation of new vinyl chain link fencing and ornamental fencing.
- Replacement of the faculty parking area and installation of new vinyl chain link fencing and gates.
- Replacement of the drive between the T-buildings and main building. Installed new sidewalk along the north side of the main building.
- Creation of a new bus stop drop off area, new bus canopy, and replacement of the drive and parking from Ella Blvd.
- In all renovated areas, abatement of asbestos containing materials was performed and completed. Existing lockers with lead bearing paint were removed.
- Completion and occupancy of Phase I including classrooms, ROTC, and technology classrooms renovations. Installed new air conditioning equipment, upgraded electrical systems and lighting, upgraded data systems, installed new ceilings, wall finishes, and floor finishes.
- Library—replaced carpet and painted walls.
- Cafeteria—installed new air conditioning unit, new ceiling and lighting, painted walls, and installed new flooring.
- Administrative Offices—replaced air conditioning units, installed new ceilings and lighting, new flooring, repainted walls, upgraded electrical and data systems. The new glass storefront was installed at the main office providing greater security of the main entry doors.
- Classrooms on the first, second and third floors of the classroom wing from the west end to the center stairs received new unit ventilators and piping, upgraded power, new ceilings and lighting, repainted walls, new flooring, and installation of new teacher work stations.

“The past is our heritage, the future is our legacy, and the present is our responsibility.”

WHS ALUMNI CLASS CHALLENGE!

Each graduate is being asked to step up and make a donation to the Waltrip Alumni Association, Inc. The CHALLENGE is to see which class can raise the most money this coming year! It can be big, or it can be small, but if each person donates something we can raise money to help fund the Annual Alumni Scholarships.

So, please get your checkbooks out and donate to your Waltrip Alumni Association today!

Make checks payable to:
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Be sure to put the YEAR you graduated on your check and mark it "Scholarship Fund"
THANK YOU!
Patti Newby, Treasurer,
WHS Class of '78

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Waltrip Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients—2012



BRITTANY METZLER

Rank in Class - 2
Awarded a \$500.00 Scholarship
Attending Texas A&M
Planned field of study:
Psychology
Scholastic Honors and Awards
1st Place Science Fair 2009-10
All "A" Honor Roll 2009, 2010, 2012
All "A" & "B" Honor Roll 2011



RAVEN GARZA

Rank in Class - 4
Awarded a \$500.00 Scholarship
Attending University of Texas at Austin
Planned field of study:
Economics
Scholastic Honors and Awards
Waltrip High School Ted Academy Honor Roll
National Honor Society Member
2-12 History Fair Advancement to Regionals



ASHLEY METZLER

Rank in Class - 11
Awarded a \$500.00 Scholarship
Attending Texas A&M
Planned field of study: Child Development & Family studies
Scholastic Honors and Awards
Honor Roll Student (4 years)
Academic Excellence in Chemistry (2010)
Academic Excellence in Algebra 2 (2011)

Sustaining Donor Program

Donate monthly, quarterly, or semiannually - and become a Sustaining Donor. You can become a Sustaining Donor – and in doing so, your commitment to the Waltrip Alumni Association will reflect your commitment to education through scholarship awards, faculty-teacher stipends, campus capital improvements or by donating to the general operating fund to cover the day-to-day expenses of our alumni association.
Click on the "Become a Sustaining Donor" tab at our web site.

The Waltrip Ram Band has been invited to perform at several of the Presidential Inauguration Festivities in January 2013. This is such a great honor for our school AND our city ... We hope we can all pull together to make this happen for our Band. For more info about the trip - contact Waltrip Alumni and current Band Parent President, June DeLeon at june.deleon@GOWMedia.com.

Holiday Party/Fundraiser for Alumni and their Guests.

Date: December 8, 2012 **Place:** Logan's Roadhouse at 12950 NW Freeway, Houston, TX
Time: 6:00 PM 'till 10:00 PM. **Dress:** Casual or Dressy, it's up to you!
Alumni to purchase their own food and drinks from the "Open Menu".
Donate a "Gift Basket" for our Silent Auction and proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund

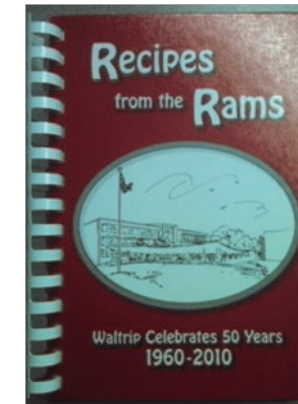
Class Reunions

Class of 1992 - 20th Reunion?
Does anyone have information about a 20th year reunion for the Class of 1992? We have had a few calls asking about a reunion. If you know when and where the 20th reunion will be held, please let us know. You can send the information to: waltripalumni@gmail.com and we will post it on our web site.

Go Rams!

Class of '63 Reunion Information!
1963 Waltrip Graduates: "Heads Up!" The planning committee for our official 50th reunion set for fall, 2013 is now being formed. We urge anyone who would like to be involved to contact
Donna Sanford Holle
@ 713-466-9030 or
Leslie Hess Purvis
@ 713-937-3019.

50th Anniversary Cookbook Reprint



Due to significant requests to purchase additional copies of the Waltrip 50th Anniversary Special Edition Cookbook – "Recipes from the Rams", a 2nd printing is now available.

The cost is \$20.00 per book.

If we need to ship them, an additional cost of \$4.00 per cookbook ordered will be added for postage.

To place your order, and pay with your personal check, contact Patti Newby at patti@jjrcpa.com. If you want to pay with a PayPal account or credit card, go to our web site at www.waltripalumni.org

and click on the link "[Cookbook Order Form](#)".

100% of the proceeds will go to the Waltrip Alumni Association Scholarship fund.

**2013 Waltrip Alumni Association, Inc. Annual Meeting
January 10, 2013—Meeting place to be announced.
Check our web site for details as they become available.**

The Past and The Present

BRIDGING THE GENERATIONS!

ANNUAL MEETING – 2012

Mr. Joe Tusa
Asst. Principal - 1960

Mr. Steve Siebenaler
Principal - 2012



A Message From the President

As president of the Waltrip Alumni Association, Inc. I am interested in moving this organization forward. The response has been tremendous and many of our alumni have joined the association. While there have been 20, 339 graduates from Waltrip, we presently have a membership total of close to 300. It is a challenge to find all of the graduates and let them know about our alumni association since it has been 50+ years since the school opened.

We have a committee that is looking for the remainder of graduates, but the task is slow and daunting. If you know someone who graduated from Waltrip, please let them know about our organization and encourage them to join. Each new member helps us to move forward with our goals. We must receive donations to facilitate our various programs. We need everyone's help in our fundraising efforts. Please make a donation today.

We Need Your Help!