

Greetings Alumni and Friends of WA!

It has been over 9 months since you all have honored me to serve as your Alumni President, Tim Tillman as Vice-President, and Aileen King as Secretary. It is an honor that we (the Executive Committee) are deeply humbled by and take quite seriously. There are over 4,000 alumni and attendees of Wisconsin Academy, Bethel Academy and Walderly School whom we now serve with a sense of gratitude and challenge.

The Executive Committee along with Lois Bowers, WA's Development Director; Marshall Bowers, principal and Darin Gottfried, Treasurer have been working hard on this year's Alumni weekend program which includes Elder Don Schneider Class of 1960, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist President, as the Sabbath Speaker; Randy Paulsen Class of 2004, Friday Night Speaker. There will be an added feature this year. On Sunday Morning, Jennifer Ewers will be leading out in a 5K Run/Walk. The Saturday Night basketball games, Sunday Morning Golf outing and brunch will continue as usual. The theme for the weekend is "The Longer I Serve Him..."

In addition to the Alumni Weekend Program, there are a few more things we are working on. We have a revised Alumni Association Constitution that needs to be ratified. A copy of it is included in this newsletter. We would appreciate it if you would look it over and be prepared to ratify it this Alumni weekend. We will also need to elect officers again this Alumni Weekend. The term was for only one year. The revised constitution, if ratified, states that the officers from this point forward will be elected once every two years.

In addition, there have been a growing number of Alumni who have been strongly suggesting that we move the Alumni Weekend to the fall of the year (maybe the first weekend in October). For a change of this magnitude and one that will affect all 4,000 alumni, we need to take a planful and thoughtful approach. Therefore, to give as many alumni and friends as want to, the opportunity to comment and express their opinion, we are soliciting your comments and reactions to such a change between now and Alumni Weekend 2011. We will take a vote at the 2011 Alumni weekend. If the change is approved, we will begin hosting alumni weekends in October of 2011.

We want each you to feel that you have a voice and a part to play in the workings of your WA Alumni Association. We would love to hear from you. You can tell us what you like, what you don't like, or what needs improvement. This is your alumni association and we are here to serve you. We believe that the WA Alumni Association has tremendous potential. We would like to reach that potential, with your help. You can email me at Pastorgp@c2mmadison.com; write me at my home address at 606 Sunnybrook Drive, De Forest, WI 53532 or call me at 608-846-1718.

Finally, I would like you to join me in thanking Dr. Dale Sinnett for the outstanding job he did in leading us as Alumni for the past 17 years. His leadership as Alumni President will be greatly missed. Thank you Dale.

Sincerely,

Pastor G. Paul Foster '78

WA Alumni President