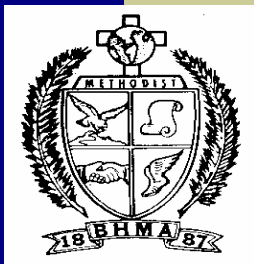


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From Our President

By Bernadette Session ('72)

Greetings Matherites!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as our National Alumni Association President.

The Reunion committee is hard at work on Reunion 2020, August 6-9, in Jacksonville, FL. That city was the location of the Boylan Haven School for Girls prior to its merger with Mather in 1959. We are contemplating extending guest invitations to Boylan Haven alumna in the area.

The Class of 1959 is inviting all Matherites to join them in celebrating their 60th Reunion in Sumter, SC, September 20-21, 2019. There is no registration fee. RSVP by July 31 to Thomasina Portis <revportis41@gmail.com>.

Meanwhile, if you are in that area, check out the free exhibit at the African American Cultural Center of Camden, "Through the Camera's Eye: A Photographic Portrait of Camden's African American Community," through Sept. 7. Call 803-425-6050.

The Old Camden District is hosting the free "Negro Leagues and Negro Hall Of Fame" at The Price House on Aug. 17.

As always, please visit our alumni website and Facebook pages: **Mather Classmates**, **Boylan Haven Mather Academy Friends**, and **Boylan Haven Mather Academy 2020 Reunion**. ■

2018 Reunion Highlights

Charleston's black history and historic waterfront provided an exciting backdrop for the BHMA Grand Reunion held in the SC port city August 3-5, 2018.

On Friday night, headquartered at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel North Charleston, the reunion kicked off with a card party. Also in the works was a "party bus tour" put on by a number of classmates.

On Saturday, after a business meeting during which new officers were elected and the 2020 Reunion site announced, a bus full of sightseers toured downtown Charleston through the black history perspective of Gullah Tours, Inc. That night, alumni enjoyed a dinner cruise around Charleston's harbor.

On Sunday, BHMA alumni worshipped at Emanuel AME Church — the AME's oldest in the Southeast, and where nine parishioners were killed in a vicious racial hate crime in 2015. ■

BHMA 2020 Grand Reunion



Jacksonville, FL: August 6-9

2018-2020 BHMA National Alumni Board installed



John Rickenbacker ('69) (far right) administers the oath of office to 2018-2020 BHMA-NAA officers (from left): **Hester Carter Moye**, Chaplain, ('48); **Robynn Pearson**, Assistant Treasurer ('75); **Knorphe Byrd**, Treasurer ('73); **Bernadette Session**, President ('72); **Celeste Bradley**, 1st Vice President ('75); **Sandra Fleming Downs**, 2nd Vice President ('64); **Charlie Dannelly**, Parliamentarian ('44); **Daphne Smith Graves**, Executive Secretary ('65); and **Lynne Thomas**, Recording Secretary ('74). ■

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