



### New Year's Greetings from the President

Happy New Year!

Peabodians, another year has come and gone. Last year has been joyful, including various celebrations, i.e. birthdays, anniversaries, renewed wedding vows, vacations, births, and some have found acquainted love, again.

Dampened dreams fell with the passing of family members, close friends and individuals who have made an impact upon our lives. Lest not forget our fallen classmates. May we bid them a fond farewell! However, we must be ever mindful that our lives are filled with God's grace and blessings!

Our alumni association has been the beneficiary of \$500 to our Restoration Account from the class of '61 and \$1,000 from Annette Duncan Rose ('59). I wish to thank all persons who have donated funds before my term 2005-2007. Some of the classmates of '65, while in attendance at our Lions Shine Christmas Dinner and Dance, stated that they had contributed \$1,965. They challenged other classes to do the same.

During the October Petersburg Public School Board meeting, the Alumni Association presented a check for \$18,000. We were represented by 16 Peabodians at that meeting. For those of you residing in the area, stop by to view the renovations in progress. The seats are simply beautiful. Whenever you are in Petersburg visiting, do the same. We look forward to an Auditorium Dedication Ceremony. A plaque will be placed outside the auditorium entrance listing contributors.

I wish to thank our Executive Officers for their support and guidance this past year. There are between 18-23 regular attendees at our monthly meetings, thanks to you also. You are the legislative branch to our association. A special mention goes to Marian Robertson ('51) who sends condolences and Stella Cummings ('54) who notifies the media. To the *Script* Publisher, Thelma Jefferson ('67) and the proofreaders, Carey Brown ('54), Lula Lawson ('59) and Virginia Mann ('62), job well done. Keep sending in those articles.

Later this year will be the time for Election of Officers. Due to my health, I will not seek re-election. However, I shall remain a consistent attendee at all meetings. I do pledge to assist our next President and his/her team with a smooth transition. My proposal for the 2007 election will be that all paid members participate in the voting process. Our April edition will include all information pertaining to the nominating process for officers and other electoral positions.

We look towards ever growing in wisdom, organizational skills and continuing Peabody's Legacy.

In the Spirit, I close  
Juanita Owens-Wyatt '56

P.S. Many thanks to Maude Brown, Program Chair ('47) and her Christmas Dinner Dance Committee and Lula Lawson ('59) and Flossie Ridley ('56) for donating the cost of printing the tickets.

### PHSNAA Donates \$18,000

Members of the Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc. turned out in great numbers at the October Petersburg School Board meeting to witness the presentation of a check for \$18,000 given to assist with the restoration of the auditorium at Peabody Middle School. They were easily recognized as they sat in a body wearing ribbons of 'black and gold,' made by alumna Iris Brown, ('62). PHSNAA was organized in 2000, and one of its many purposes is to act as



a unifying agency in the Tri-Cities area, dedicated to servicing Peabody Middle School. Association President, Juanita Owens-Wyatt ('56) informed the board members that the Association wanted to keep the legacy of Peabody High School alive by providing professional assistance to the students. Association Treasurer, Joan Walker ('51) presented the check to Superintendent Hamlin and an enlarged replica, designed by Alumnus Willis Brown ('61) was presented to the Principal of Peabody Middle School, Dr. Virginia Berry.

### Class of 1961 Presents Check



Some of the members of the Peabody High School class of 1961 attended the November meeting of the PHSNAA and presented a \$500 check to be earmarked for the restoration project at Peabody Middle School. Class President, Willis Brown presented the check to Association President, Juanita Owens-Wyatt. He was joined by Carolyn Hires, Dorothy Lewis, Vice-President, Vernetta Cox-Dupree, and Delores Skelton. The class challenges other Peabody High School Alumni classes to help with this project.