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**Finklea Alumni Community Center
Finklea High/ Loris Training Schools Alumni Association
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Dear Fellow Members:

First, I want to welcome all new members of the association. Since January, we have had over 35 alumni's express an enthusiastic interest in the community outreach efforts of the association. We have exciting times in our future, and we want to welcome everyone to play an active roll in all aspects of the association— where its mission is to encourage, enlighten and empower each and every member within this great community. Thank you all for your continued support and efforts as we strive to make the Finklea Alumni Community Center the best community center in the county.

With the Annual Banquet weekend just a few months away, it is my intent to update everyone with just where we are at the present time.

From our meeting last July a great deal of interest was shown in updating our bylaws. A committee was formed to handle this task. As of the writing of this letter that task is still a work in process.

Bylaws

Regarding the bylaws, we voted and approved the criteria for board member selections. Currently the bylaws call for each class from 1956 – 1970 to have a board member; to have one board member from among those that attended Loris Training School; and finally one board member to represent those that attended Finklea High School when its doors closed as a high school after the Class of 1970 graduated. The changes being considered would add additional areas that board members could be selected from.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events!

Wednesday Community Barbeque with Burgers and Hot Dogs
Thomas Stackhouse and committee

Thursday Health Fair, Bake Sale & Singing
Ada Wright Committee, Billie Johnson & Tony Campbell

Friday Ms Finklea Pagnet
Joyce Lennon, Marlene Hopkins, Michelle Jameson & Committee

Saturday Banquet & Awards
Etta Green & Committee

Sunday Worship Services & Scholarship
Betty Bellamy, Ada Wright & Committees

Please remind family members that the deadline for submitting an application for our annual scholarships is May 15, 2012.

Other upcoming events include: Spring Banquet/Tea (26 May), and Bible 66 Books (3 June). The Bible 66 project is a fundraiser event where we are soliciting 66 individuals to take a book of the Bible and represent that book with \$66 or \$166 or \$661. The objective is to have 66 in the amount. It's not too late to sign up for one of the books of the Bible.

The Annual Meeting will be held on July 7, 2012 at 9 am. Breakfast will be served. We look forward to everyone attending this informative meeting. Also, annual dues are now due. Please support your association and submit your dues as soon as possible!

With the 4th of July in the middle of the week this year, the annual event—including the picnic, banquet, and Sunday morning services—will begin Wednesday, July 4th commencing on Sunday, July 8th.

What was once one of our most successful fundraisers in past's years, the brick project has started to once again pick up it pace. This is an ongoing project. One brick engraved with your name is normally \$50, however, we have great news! We are lowering the price of the brick to \$40 until June 1. If you want to see your name or the name of a love one when you come in July, please do not delay, order your brick today. Please call Ada Wright at 843-392-4232.

I would like to include a Frequently Asked Question Section in our Annual Event Program book. If you have questions that you want answered, please send them so I may include both the question and answer in our Annual Event Program Book. As a gentle reminder, it's not too late to also include an advertisement or picture in our book.

The yearbook add fee this year will remain the same as last year:

Full page \$100
Half Page \$50
Quarter Page \$25
Business Card \$15
Patron List (Less than \$15)

We are going to print the books this year ourself. In doing we are going to need more time for printing. Please submit your Ad by May 31.

Community Center vs Alumni Association

Since last July, I have had questions on this issue. I feel that somewhere along the line I did not do a sufficient job explaining this issue. Please understand it was not meant to be one of the other. The Finklea High & Loris Training Alumni Association owns and operates the Finklea Alumni Community Center as a community center. Please standby for additional details.

We look forward to seeing you all at one of our upcoming events. This year as it has been in all the years that we have been the proud owners of our old high school, all events that are sponsored by the Finklea High Loris Training School Alumni Association will only be held at the Finklea Alumni Community Center.

Respectfully,

William C. Stackhouse
Chairman
Finklea High & Loris Training Alumni Association

An update to this letter will be posted on June 3, 2012.