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COLLEGE PARK PREPARES FOR STAMPEDE

CPHS RAMS TO OVERTAKE GICC SEPT 19th

No one ever could call College Park boring. From its founding in 1846, College Park has always been an energetic town, ready to take on the world.

That will be an asset when College Park **RAMS** alumni storm their hometown in mid-September. The herd of grads from 1943-1974 will be corralled in CP's Georgia International Convention Center, where **RAMS** will rock to sounds from four decades of music as they renew friendships and exchange war stories.

The GICC is the place to be Saturday, September 19th, 2015. Alumni can check in for the event as early as 4:00 pm and relax with a beverage from the cash bar. The buffet dinner will open at 6:00 pm and be continuously refreshed until 8:00 pm, when it shuts down. Desserts and piping hot coffee will remain available.

Entering the GICC, **RAMS** will notice the quiet that pervades the entire facility, despite its proximity to the world's busiest commercial airport. Passing into the 40,000-square-foot ballroom, which is said to be Georgia's largest, **RAMS** will find aromas that could only waft from the on-site Culinary Arts Center, where Proof of the Pudding prepares the evening's sumptuous dinner. Under the steady hand of GICC Executive Chef David Bidwell, the gourmet buffet, complemented by its delectable mini-desserts, promises to leave no **RAMS** hungry.

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

RAMS' registration for Reunion 2015 is vital to the event's success, and alums are encouraged to register as soon as they are able. Online registration via credit card or PayPal is available at WWW.COLLEGE PARKRAMS.ORG. To register by check, attendees are asked to complete the CPHS Multi-year Reunion 2015 Form, which was mailed in April to **RAMS** for whom a current address was available. The form also is found on the above website and Page 7 of this newsletter. **RAMS** are asked to complete the form and mail with their checks of \$65 per person to the address provided.

Checks should be made payable to *CPHS Reunion 2015 Committee*.

MR. WATKINS— Mr. Garland Watkins Jr. as seen in 1966 in his CPHS Classroom, where he was an English teacher. Thanks to his son, Garland Watkins III, who provided **THE RAM'S HORN** with this photo. GWIII says, "My father taught English at CPHS for a year before becoming assistant principal, fall of 1967. I'm pretty sure David Gay (Class of '67) is the guy in the madras shirt." Is GWIII spot-on, David? Let **THE RAM'S HORN** know!



**OFFICERS, CLASSES 1943-1974
CPHS MULTI-YEAR REUNION 2015 COMMITTEE**

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'PARTY AT MY HOUSE!' SAYS FREDDY JONES, '65

RAMS needing an after-party to the Sept. 19 CPHS Multi-year Reunion at GICC can find it courtesy of Freddy Jones, Class of '65, if they will wait just one week.

Says Freddy, "I'm going to host the 50th year reunion for the College Park High Class of 1965 with a picnic at my farm in Molena, Pike Co., Georgia." The picnic is Saturday, September 26th, 2015, at Freddy's Farm, located at 3434 Highway 109, Molena, GA, 30258. "We will start gathering at 11:30 that day and eat about 12:15. The cost is \$10.50 per person, and the meal will be catered." Included will be both barbequed pork and chicken with "all the fixins' to go with them," Freddy says.

"We are again inviting graduates and attendees from other College Park High classes, mostly from the classes of '64 & '66; however, there will also be some from other classes ahead of and behind us, as well," says Freddy. **RAMS** who wish to help the Class of '65 celebrate 50 years of survival beyond CPHS are asked to send their checks to Freddy at 205 Brown's Hill Court, Tyrone, GA 30290 by Sept. 16th.

Directions to the farm in Molena, as provided by Host Freddy, follow: "I am located approximately three miles east of downtown Molena on Hwy. 109. The farm is approximately 12 miles southwest of Zebulon and about nine miles east of Woodbury. There is a (closed) old country store (with gas pumps) in my front yard." Each side of the old store bears a sign that reads, "Jones Grocery". Says Freddy, "You can't miss it!!"

(Editor's Note: Freddy claims, "You can't miss it," but this reporter found herself lost in downtown Locust Grove not three months ago. This reporter blames her geographic shortcomings on Mrs. Summerhill.)

Should any **RAMS** wish to talk with Host/Farmer Freddy, he welcomes the contact via his cell, [770-547-0377](tel:770-547-0377) or email, freddy.jones75@yahoo.com. "Also, if you have not been on College Park High's website, please give it a try," Freddy says. "I believe you will like it. It is www.collegeparkrams.org/."

Freddy wraps up by saying, "If you do not have transportation to Molena and live within the metro Atlanta area, let me know, as I probably can have someone bring you to the picnic." *(Editor's Note: RAMS may wish to avoid certain other RAMS in accepting transportation arrangements. Name withheld to avoid embarrassing this reporter.)*



Pausing for a moment are, L-R: (front row) Jeri Wiley, Charlotte Ingram, Anne Groover; (back row) Don Willis, Becky Gabels, Colleen Sligh, Carol Sligh, Carolyn Newton, Nancy Tarpley

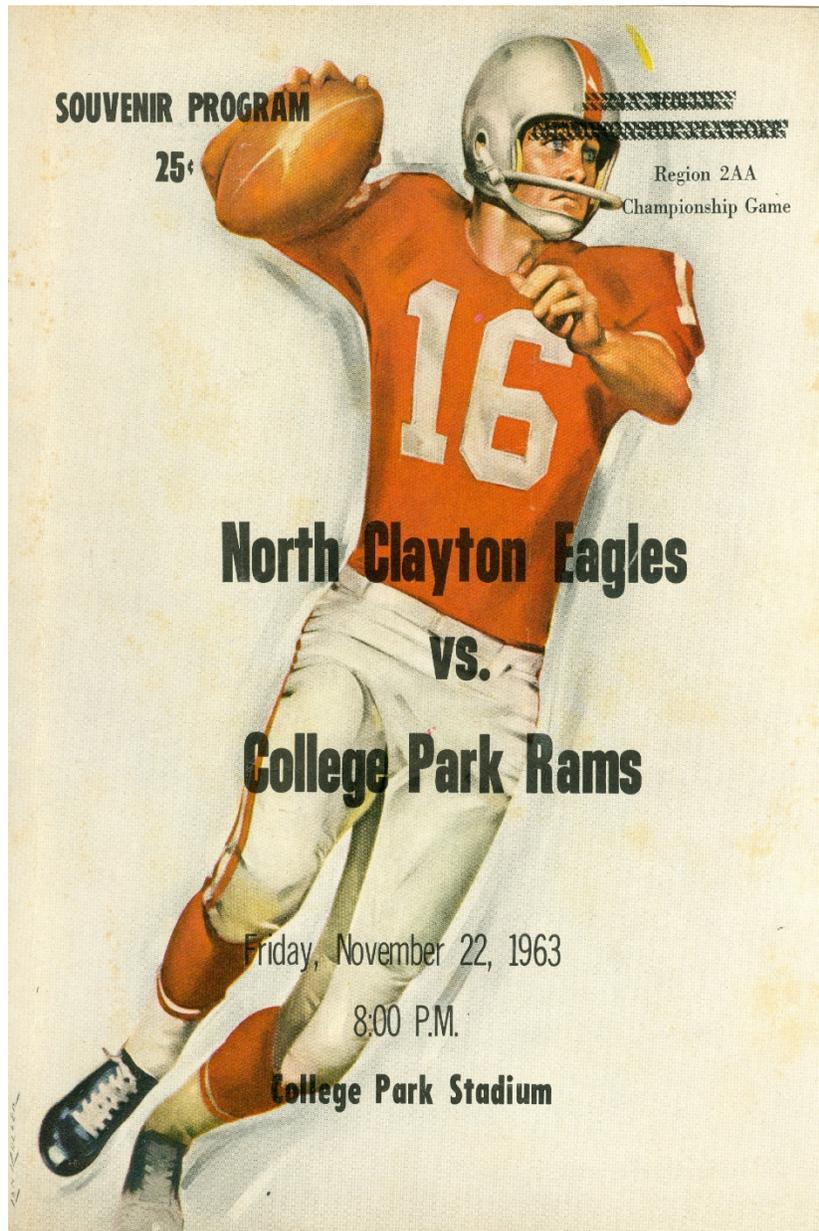
Gathering at Dick Zupp Park in College Park May 2nd for a picnic, **RAMS** did not hesitate to practice their ability to party. The sun-filled day drew an estimated 50 **RAMS**, sharing good food and laughter. With the Multi-year Reunion approaching on Sept. 19th, festivities, fun and lifelong friendships remain at the forefront for CPHS **RAMS**.

Thanks to Carolyn Newton Curry ('59) for providing this photo with the ladies' maiden names. No photo credit is given for this pix but may appear in the next newsletter. **THE RAM'S HORN** suspects the photographer was Carolyn's hubby, **RAM** Bill Curry (59).

*(Editor's Note: The handsome gentleman in the photo is identified as Don Willis, based on **RAMS'** consultations. If in error, please accept our apology and alert **THE RAM'S HORN**.)*

Formerly known as Peter Pan Park, the venue was renamed "Dick Zupp Park" by City leaders in recognition of Mr. Zupp's work on behalf of youth recreation in College Park. Although he is not an "official" RAM, Mr. Zupp married one and has been active in the community for the past 66 years. He and his wife, the late Lorene Wiley Zupp (Class of '37) devoted considerable time and energy to CPHS Reunions for more than a dozen years. Mr. Zupp's contributions benefitting greater College Park continue today.

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU HEARD the NEWS?



NOVEMBER 22, 1963

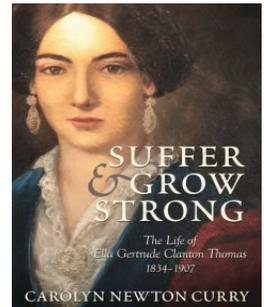
Most of the CPHS students were in the Stadium attending the weekly pep rally. RAMS were in regional playoffs, with a home game that night against rival North Clayton Eagles. Over the loudspeaker came the news that our President, John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. RAMS fell to the Eagles that night, and although the loss did matter, it didn't seem to matter much at all. Thanks to Garland Watkins III for sharing his memories and the cover of this souvenir program.

THE RAM'S HORN seeks news to share in future newsletters. Please email information to blackstoneginger@gmail.com and include the usual, "who-what-when-where-why. Photos should list the names of each individual in the pix, left to right, with names spelled correctly. Photographers' names are requested for photo credit.

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EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF GEORGIA WOMAN CAPTIVATES IN BOOK BY DR. CURRY

Seeking a truly interesting subject for her dissertation years back, Carolyn Newton Curry (Class of 1959) discovered the fascinating story of Georgian Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas. In March 2014, Mercer University Press published Dr. Newton Curry's book, *Suffer and Grow Strong: The Life of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas (1834-1907)*. Despite the passage of time, Dr. Curry's fascination with Mrs. Thomas has remained constant. This is a book born of that dissertation.



THE RAM'S HORN has reprinted Dr. Curry's own words below, copied directly from her web site, www.carolyncurry.net, for only she can do justice to her work:

"I have been intrigued by Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas for almost 30 years. As a graduate student searching for a topic for my dissertation, I went to Duke University to review her diary. It is a treasure, containing Gertrude's most intimate thoughts from 1848 to 1889. I learned more of her story from court documents and from her fifteen meticulously-kept scrapbooks.

"I ultimately uncovered one woman's sixty-year journey from a childhood of luxury, through the Civil War and Reconstruction in Georgia, and into the twentieth century. Gertrude exhibited strength and remarkable spiritual and emotional growth in the face of unimaginable adversity. Her transformation from Southern Lady to New Woman of the New South has had a tremendous impact on my life. Her story, along with those of other powerful women, helped to inspire my founding in 2002 of *Women Alone Together*, a non-profit that provides confidence and community to women who are "alone" for any reason. I believe Gertrude's story will inspire other women – and maybe a few men, too."

Dr. Curry continues to lead *Women Alone Together* 501(c)3 and conduct speaking engagements throughout the country. She has received numerous honors and awards in recognition of her community support to women and their needs. Most recently were the *Georgia State University Distinguished Alumni Community Service Award* in 2011 and the *Agnes Scott College Distinguished Alumna Award – Service to the Community* in 2014.

Dr. Curry's book continues to receive accolades from respected writers and historians alike. *Suffer & Grow Strong: The Life of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas (1834-1907)*, is available at bookstores nationwide and online at sites such as Amazon.com. Further information on *Women Alone Together* is available on the organization's website, www.womenalonetogether.org.

On a personal note, Dr. Curry has been wed for 50 years to Bill Curry ('59). They have a daughter, Kristen Hunter, a son, Bill Curry Jr., and seven grandchildren. Bill is a former head football coach at Georgia Tech, the University of Alabama, the University of Kentucky, and Georgia State University and was an ESPN Football Analyst for 11 years. Carolyn and Bill met in College Park as fourth grade students.

**COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL
MULTI-YEAR REUNION 2015
REGISTRATION FORM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2015

Georgia International Convention Center, College Park, GA 30337

Tel. 770-997-3536 - www.gicc.com

Check-in & Cash Bar Open at 4 pm--Buffet Dinner Service from 6 to 8 pm

Socializing Continues 'til Midnight!

Please complete this form and mail it WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE of \$65 per person to:

College Park High School Reunion 2015 Committee, PO Box 1074, Fairburn, GA 30213.

Checks should be made payable to: CPHS REUNION 2015.

To pay via PayPal or credit card, you can register online at WWW.COLLEGE PARKRAMS.ORG.

ALL CPHS FACULTY ARE INVITED AS OUR HONORED GUESTS AT NO COST.

NAME _____ CLASS of _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

SPOUSE'S NAME, if attending _____ CPHS? CLASS of _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Tel _____

Email _____ Total Enclosed\$ _____

Although CPHS Reunion 2015 is sponsored by alumni of Classes 1943-74, we welcome alumni from other classes, as well. Your advance registration is requested for CPHS Reunion 2015.

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