




L-4 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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BOARD PRESIDENT'S Message #14

December 1, 2023

1. Last Call For Annual Dues. This is a friendly reminder that your 2024 dues must be received by December 31st to remain a member in good standing. Dues checks are made payable to the L-4AA, Inc, and are collected by the Director of Finance, Darlene Williams. Darlene resides at 1807 Felts Parkway in Fort Mill, SC 29715. Thanks in advance for mailing your payment in on time.

2. Fall Scholarship Fundraiser. **Tidbits** has been a hit since its release last month. For \$3.99, Amazon's Kindle Store will provide a digital copy to you,  or to an individual, even to groups. Think about the surprise someone special in your life will feel upon receiving this gift online. I'm told that lots of people collect cookbooks. However, if you desire to own another print copy of **Tidbits**, you're in luck. I have a very limited supply on hand. Please reach out to me if you wish to order a printed copy. Each cookbook/history book retails for \$25 (including shipping and handling).

3. Good Citizenship Biennial Award. Several years ago the alumni association established its own award for volunteerism in the Raleigh community. Vice President & Operations Director Charlie Leverett is currently receiving nominations for this award. The 2024 Certificate of Good Citizenship for Community Service will be presented at the next formal reunion. If you have a candidate in mind for consideration, please submit a nomination to Charlie for someone who exemplifies character in action that leads to the betterment or support of others in the community.

4. The Season Of Giving. Carol Irvin was the youngest in a family of five children. "My father left my mother when I was 5 years old. Mother gave us the best she could. Christmas was a real family time for us. We had no money, but we had each other. My older brothers would go into the woods and cut down a cedar tree. One Christmas when I was 6, Mother said we had no money for gifts, but she bought us some oranges and candy. This was okay with me, but about 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve we heard a knock on the door, and some people from the Salvation Army brought me a doll, a few other goodies, and food our the family. I was so excited. Today, Christmas still has a very special meaning to me. Christmas is His birthday, and although now we are blessed to be able to afford a few gifts, Jesus was, is, and will always be my reason to celebrate Christmas."

Happy Holidays,

Joe