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Alumni Activities

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Many reasons to stay in touch

In accordance with its mission statement, the Board of Directors of the Furman Alumni Association strives to “represent the opinions, needs and interests of the entire alumni constituency to the university.”

To this end, new members are nominated and elected by the board each year with an eye toward the diversity of its constituency in terms of class years and geography. While approximately 40 percent of Furman alumni reside in South Carolina, more than 50 Furman Clubs are located throughout the United States, and we have “virtual” clubs in Europe and Asia. To meet the newest members of the board, see page 37.

The board uses task forces to explore ways to best represent alumni interests in areas such as student recruitment, career services, faculty relations, homecoming and reunions, and fundraising. These task forces help us focus on another part of our stated mission: to “promote ever-increasing involvement of alumni in the life of the university.”

Opportunities for involvement abound. Alumni are invited to:

- Work with the Admissions Office to interest prospective students in Furman.
- Volunteer as mentors or provide internships for enrolled students.
- Network with other Furman graduates through university-sponsored events.
- Support the efforts of the Development Office. Alumni donations are essential to maintaining the university’s day-to-day operations, building the endowment, constructing facilities and providing scholarship support.
- Submit nominations for the Alumni Board, Young Alumni Council, Board of Trustees, and the Distinguished Alumni and Alumni Service Awards.

Individually and collectively, we are also called upon to “serve as guardians of Furman’s heritage, tradition and identity.” What an awesome responsibility.

The Alumni Board wants to be your voice and to report your needs and interests to alma mater. So let us hear from you! Sign up to participate in alumni events in your area or on campus, and volunteer to help with those events.

I encourage each of you to become an involved member of the Furman constituency. Visit the Alumni Association Web page at http://alumni.furman.edu to read the Alumni Board’s entire mission statement and to add your name to the alumni registry.

Furman provides a variety of ways for alumni to stay in touch. Call the Alumni Office at 1-800-PURPLE3 or (864) 294-3464; e-mail alumni@furman.edu; or write the Alumni Office, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

And now that you know how to contact us, let us know the best way to reach you by making sure Furman has your current home address, e-mail address and phone number. Let’s stay in touch!

— Harriet Arnold Wilburn ’74

The author, who resides in Greenville and was formerly an admissions counselor at Furman, is the new president of the Alumni Association.

Just a reminder . . .

Homecoming is October 20-22! Make your way back to campus for football, fun, good times and plenty of festivities! Classes ending in 1 and 6 will be holding special reunions, so if you haven’t made your reservations yet, call 1-800-PURPLE3 or visit http://alumni.furman.edu for more information.

Tee off at Furman

You don’t have to limit your visit to the Furman golf course to the annual Homecoming alumni tournament.

Any time you’re interested in enjoying a round at the Furman links, go on-line in advance to the golf course Web page at www.furman.edu/golf. There you’ll find information on greens fees, promotions and course news, and you can sign up for a tee time right then.

This fall the pro shop will be expanded to include a full-service grill, with a deck and patio. The new food service area will offer a menu of sandwiches, appetizers and other items.

Learn more about the golf course by visiting the Web page or by calling the pro shop at (864) 294-9090.

Furman Club update

The summer was filled with many club activities, including a career networking event in New York City, a reception in Atlanta for the Furman Singers before their departure for their tour of Italy, a wine tasting at Total Wine & More (owned by David Trone ’77) in Chantilly, Va., a preview of the Boston Pops’ July 4 Spectacular in Boston (featuring conductor Keith Lockhart ’81), and a summer music concert in Winston-Salem, N.C. “Summer Send-offs” were also held in assorted cities to welcome first-year students into the Furman family.

Now, with the arrival of fall, comes Furman football!!! Furman Clubs will kick into high gear, so watch for information on tailgate parties in Chapel Hill, N.C. (September 16 vs. North Carolina), Conway, S.C. (October 7 vs. Coastal Carolina University), Boone, N.C. (October 28 vs. Appalachian State) and Elon, N.C. (November 4 vs. Elon).

To learn more about these and other Furman Club events, call Jane Dungan, associate director of the Alumni Association, at 1-800-PURPLE3, or visit the Web at http://alumni.furman.edu.