

# **History Of The Middleton Senior High School Alumni Association**

**TAMPA, FL. – The Middleton Senior High School Alumni Association was the outgrowth of the Middleton High School All-Class Reunion Committee, founded by Ken Anthony and Debra Smalls in 1990. The group came together to plan the first reunion of all former Middleton High School students. This first reunion was held in the summer of 1991 – on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the high school closing its doors.**

**At the conclusion of the reunion, alumni attending the Saturday business meeting elected Fred Hearn, Class of 1966, to lead the new alumni association. Hearn was elected to serve as chairperson of the board of directors for the new alumni association on August 26, 1991. Other elected officers were Elizabeth Hall Randolph (recording secretary), Luvator Henry Nelson (corresponding secretary), Margaret O'Neal (treasurer) and Doris E. Reddick (historian). These were the only officers elected that first year.**

**The association also elected a board of directors. In addition to Chairman Hearn, other elected directors were Ms. Reddick (Decade of the 1930s), Dorothy Harmon (Decade of the 1940s), James Gatlin (Decade of the 1950s), Luvator H. Nelson (Decade of the 1960s) and Artie Fryer (Decade of the 1970s). Alternates identified at this organizational meeting were Carroll Mitchell (Decade of the 1950s) and Ms. Randolph (Decade of the 1960s).**

**The group developed a mission statement at that organizational meeting. It read, "The Middleton Senior High School Alumni Association shall exist for the purposes of: seeking the reestablishment and preservation of Middleton as a senior high school in Tampa, Florida; researching, collecting and making available to interested persons the history of Middleton Senior High School; serving the community through various alumni-supported projects; and planning and hosting a reunion of all Middletonsians every five years."**