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The Class of 1971 40th Reunion organizing committee presented a check for \$40,220 at a gathering to celebrate their fundraising success and a wonderful reunion with classmates. Seen left to right front row are Allene Parker Parnell, Chollet Perry Still, Ann Beck Thomas, Bari Cotton, Cathy Herren Nick, Em Corr Lee, Diane Stubbs Mills, Kathy Trafton Leaver, Judy Wilson Matthews. Left to right on the back row are Principal Vic Wilson, Ross Mason, Rebecca Washington Mason, Lissie Pfrimmer Stewart, Nancy Logan Seymour, Philip Plotka, David Pittman, Nancy White Griffin and Barbara Scott Sandner.

Class of 1971 Celebrates 40th Reunion

In celebration of the 40th Reunion of the Mountain Brook High School Class of 1971 classmates raised over \$40,000 in donations that will go to projects at the high school and for the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation. The leadership committee for this milestone reunion for the Class of 1971 worked with Principal Wilson in choosing projects that would have a significant impact at MBHS and also have the potential to help students in other school systems.

David Pittman who was one of the organizers of the Reunion for the Class of 1971 describes the selected projects as follows:

In recent years, Mountain Brook High School students have participated in several initiatives where MBHS clubs or departments partner with area schools. There have been two joint drama productions - one with Fairfield and one with Holy Family. In addition, during Annual Heritage Panel days, MBHS students spend two days at Wenonah High and Wenonah students spend two days MBHS. In order to expand this collaboration, Mr. Wilson will use some of the funds raised by the Class of 1971 to establish a Larger Community

Fund to support and expand efforts to bring MBHS more directly in contact Metropolitan Birmingham schools.

The following student and teacher testimonials highlight the success of the current efforts:

"The Heritage Panel program is extremely important to me as an educator because it provides Mountain Brook students with a chance to interact with students from completely different backgrounds with whom they may never otherwise have a chance to interact. It is terribly exciting to watch our students find common bonds and build relationships with students who seem as though they are often a world away. I have also found that the Heritage Panel provides a

from two different worlds, the initial difference of skin color between us melted away, taking with it my ignorant view of racism. It made me re-think who I was drawn to talk to based on an inconsequential exterior. This quote says it all: "Choose your friends by their character and your socks by their color. Choosing socks by their character makes no sense, and choosing your friends by their color should be unthinkable." (Seneca, Epistulae ad Luciliam, 116)

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