

*Compton High School Alumni Association Board of Directors
2011*

GILDA ACOSTA '74



Gilda joined the board as one of its interim members in November 2006. She has worked at St. Francis Medical Center since 1991, where she has served as Community Outreach Coordinator and St. Francis Medical Clinic Manager. She now the Director of Healthy Community Initiatives. She administers SFMC's Mobile Health Unit Program, as well as coordinating and assisting with free health screenings, free immunizations to school age children at local health fairs, churches, schools and local organizations. A recognized community leader, Gilda holds positions as President Advisor-President for the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, Immediate Past President for Lynwood Chamber of Commerce. President Advisor, Past President for the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, Past Vice -President for the Kiwanis of Huntington Park, among others. She is also a member of the Compton Family Health Collaborative and the Compton Task Force committee. Gilda sits on councils and committees for the Children's Planning Council Spa 7, American Cancer Society and Immunization LA council. The National Health Foundation nominated Gilda as "Hospital Hero" for St. Francis Medical Center.

ELIZABETH ATKINSON '71



Elizabeth has been a board member since March 2007, and is a passionate advocate for children and organized labor. As a social worker and elected member of SEIU 535 Executive Board, she champions better working conditions for social workers and nurses. She serves as a member of the Compton Community College District Foundation Board of Directors, which provides our local students with scholarships, utilizing her wit and tenacity to advocate for poor and indigent students who are desirous of attending college. She is a proud graduate of Compton High School, Compton Community College and California State University, Dominguez Hills where she majored in psychology and sociology. She also possesses credentials in drug and alcohol mitigation counseling. Elizabeth is a She is active in many community and civic organizations. As a member of the City of Compton's Commission on the Status of Women, Elizabeth is intricately involved in fundraising efforts and their highly acclaimed mentoring program. Familiar with the educational challenges facing our area, she looks forward to a more active role as the CHSAA moves forward with executing and objectives. Elizabeth has two children and one grandchild.

TARA BONNER '74



Tara was elected to the board in March 2008. She joined the CHSAA because she wants to "give back" to the students and the community. She sat on the Board of Trustees at Compton Community College as a student trustee. She currently serves as Personnel Commissioner for the Compton Unified School District. She led a prayer vigil on the steps of City Hall in Compton in the quest to save Compton College from the State takeover. Her area of expertise/contribution is communications. She can talk to people and is very passionate about doing something good for her community. Tara's other volunteer activities include working with the Concerned Citizens of Compton; serving as a parent coordinator for the Compton's Unique High Steppers Drill Team and Drum Squad; and , she volunteers at several schools in Compton

OTHA COLEMAN '77



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LUCY DAVIDSON STREETS '73



Lucy was elected to the board in March 2006. She is the scholarship chairperson on the CHSAA's Education Services committee. She has always been active in alumni activities, starting with participating on her class reunion committees and raising funds for scholarships. Lucy teaches computer skills to adults at the Compton Career Center. She is active in her church, The City of Refuge, and works in its media ministry. Her passion is helping the students win scholarships.

KELVIN D. FILER '73



Kelvin D. Filer is an initial board member of the CHSAA, and has been involved on all of his class reunion committees. After earning a Bachelors degree in Politics from the UC Santa Cruz, and a Juris Doctorate from the UC Berkeley, he worked as a Public Defenders for two years, then started his own law practice specializing in criminal law and civil litigation. Kelvin was appointed to the bench, first as a court commissioner, followed by a formal judicial appointment by then-Governor Gray Davis. Devoting his life to community service, Kelvin served on the CUSD Board of Education for 12 years, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Compton Chamber of Commerce and the First United Methodist Church. He is a presenter/lecturer to students at CHS for the Courthouse Interchange Program. His many honors include being profiled as a prominent graduate in the UCSC magazine and recognition as "Judge of the Year" from the Langston Bar Association. Kelvin has two daughters. His hobbies include basketball, writing poetry and music.

BRENDA LUKE-CUTRER '77



My husband of 30 years and I currently live in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. We have two children; 26 year old daughter and 20 year old son. I retired in 2006 from the Los Angeles Unified School District after 25 years: Math Teacher 15 years; School Psychologist 10 years. I recently returned to LAUSD to run a program for expelled students. Educating and motivating at risk youth have been my passions; particularly African American males. Giving back is a responsibility I take seriously. As a newly installed Compton High School Alumni Association Board Member (June 2011), my hope is to support the board's efforts to enhance and increase scholarships for future Compton High graduates. As well, my goal is to increase the active membership for CHSAA; particularly the south-west area of Compton, from which I come.

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INGRID PEPPARS CREAR '74



Ingrid is a product of Compton and proud to be an alumna of the Compton High School Class of 1974. She works for the Automobile Club of Southern California as a Payment Processing Coordinator, and has been there for 30 years. She is a member of the NAACP, and serves as a Compton Campfire leader and Campfire 2nd Vice President on the Board of Directors. She served three years as Personnel Commissioner for the City of Compton. Ingrid has also been involved in the political campaigns, serving as finance manager for Robin Tucker in the 1996 Congressional campaign. She is president of the Western State Junior Golf Association for the LPGA. An entrepreneur, she is the owner of Fin'al Catering.

DEBORAH SPOTTSVILLE '73



Deborah currently serves as President of the CHSAA, and is an initial director. Her dedication to her alma mater and alumni is evidenced by her publishing an electronic alumni newsletter since June 2005, by serving on all of her class reunion committees, All-Class Picnic and library committees. Career-wise, Deborah presently works as a contracts manager at Raytheon Corporation where she coordinates proposal preparation, leads negotiating teams and manages complex government engineering contracts. She serves as Vice President, Certifications on the Board of Directors of the National Contract Management Association, Los Angeles/South Bay Chapter. In the '70's and '80's, she worked in the entertainment industry, appearing in many television and movie productions. During this time, she obtained a broadcasting license and three degrees (BSBA, MBA, and JD). A lover of the arts, Deborah enjoys theater, all music, tap dancing and singing. She plays piano, flute, and is learning the guitar. A Los Angeles native, Deborah worships at Arise Christian Center in Westchester, California. For recreation, she enjoys skating and bike riding.

JANIS WRIGHT SOTO '75



Janis is an initial director of the CHSAA, and is the CHSAA's Historian. She served on the Class of 1975 reunion committees - the 20-year committee as a member, and on the 30-year committee as facilitator, assistant treasurer, and web page designer. Janis has been a hostess for the Classes of 1973 and 1974 reunion and events. Janis has a great love for her school and community. She believes and is committed to the CHSAA and its mission. She is excited to participate and help bring it to fruition. Janis is a longshoreman with Local 13 (International Longshoremen's Warehousemen's Union) covering Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor. She's involved with Working Class Women Organization, West Almond Street Community Block Club. Janis is also a member of Downey Calvary Chapel. Her motto is "I am blessed; I work up this morning, so after that everything else is icing on the cake."

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PHYLLIS WRIGHT WILLIAMS '68



Phyllis Wright Williams is an initial director of the CHSAA, and is currently the 1st Vice-President and Treasurer. She is an advocate alumnus of her class, having served on her class reunion committees since the 10-year reunion. Phyllis has a heart for the City of Compton and has attended and supported various events throughout the years. She was a member of the Consortium of Information and Telephone Executives Inc. (CITE), previously serving as Communications Chair, and a member of the Hispanic Support Organization (HSO), a non-profit organization. Phyllis is an active member of her church where she was previously a Sunday School teacher, served on the Missions Board, the Women's Fellowship Committee and is currently assisting with transforming overhead music, sermons and various documents into newer technology via laptops. Phyllis also manages her churches Website, NBCF.org. Phyllis is from Verizon Communications, where she was the Customer Advocacy Manager for the West Coast. Phyllis holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business degree from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Arts in Management degree from the University of Redlands.

GREGORY ZOMALT '70



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