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From the Chair

Dear Foundation Members:

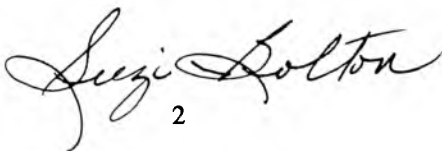
The Foundation gives special recognition this month to Oakwood College as it celebrates its 100th birthday. Oakwood opened its doors in April 1896 and has been educating young people and preparing them for life ever since. All those associated with the college have made positive contributions to our community. If you've never visited the campus, by all means do so. You'll experience first hand the friendliness of the students and faculty and the pleasure of seeing the well preserved campus shaded by beautiful old trees and covered with gently rolling slopes.

Congratulations to Dr. Benjamin Reaves, the faculty and administrative staff of Oakwood and to Mineola Dixon, Archivist and Museum Director, who has assisted with the production of this issue of the *Quarterly*. Along with everyone at Oakwood, we are excited as the final efforts of restoring East Hall near completion. We join all of Oakwood College in their enthusiastic anticipation of their centennial celebration.

The first quarter of 1996 has been a busy one for members of the Preservation and Long Range Planning Committees of your Board of Directors. The Preservation Committee is working diligently to preserve several endangered properties and a recent newspaper article focused public attention on these sites and the efforts now in place to save them and identify others in jeopardy.

Members of the Long Range Planning Committee are meeting regularly in an effort to take a more active approach to fulfilling the mission statement of the Foundation. They are currently investigating involvement with the Main Street Program and are in the process of researching the establishment of a revolving fund which would assist the Foundation in preservation efforts.

The annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association will be held in Huntsville on April 11-13. Activities include a reception at the Burritt Museum on Thursday evening, various papers, a tour of homes, and a banquet on Friday, April 12. Registration forms for the meeting are available at Harrison Brothers Hardware. Hope to see you there!



Suzi Solton