

The Comet II

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Important Dates:

* **BTW Heritage Weekend:**
June 28-30, 2013

HOTEL-The Embassy Suites

Friday, June 28, 2013 -Banquet at The Embassy Suites Hotel
6p.m.-6:45 p.m.—Greeting & Seating
7:00 P.M.—Banquet

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11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.—Drop-In Tour
(Newly renovated Booker T. Washington Auditorium, 1400 Wheat Street

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To all, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your new president. Thanks to Brother Al Griffin for a great eight years.

I would like to welcome you to the Booker T. Washington web site. It is our goal to keep the spirit of our Alma Mater alive through programming, scholarships, new projects and make the Booker T. Washington/Monteith Cultural Center a destination cultural site.

The cultural center has great potential as a destination for visitors to the area, as a resource for historians researching African-American education during the Jim Crow Era, and as a center for cultural and artistic expression.

Souvenir Book Ads

Dear BTW Alumni,

Your Board of Directors would like to extend to you the opportunity to advertise in the 2013 BTW Heritage Weekend Program. Please consider support of the Foundation through personal ads and support from your

business associates. The cost for ads are:

However, there still remain operating and maintenance expenses to be funded. In order to maintain and upkeep this marvelous historical facility, the B.T.W. Foundation Board appreciates your personal donations. A minimum of \$25.00 annually from each of you will assure continued operation and upkeep of the BTW/Monteith Cultural Center.

Plans are in the works for our 2013 Weekend Heritage celebration. I am asking you to share this information with your classmates and supporters. Visit the Booker T. Washington Foundation web page at:
www.bookertwashingtonfoundationsc.org.

Our 39th HERITAGE WEEKEND will be held June 28-30,2013. The banquet will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel

in Columbia, SC at 7:00 p.m. Greeting and Seating 6:00-6:45 p.m. Tickets for the weekend are \$50.00. Marlon Kimpson, Esquire, will be the banquet speaker. Ken Cheeks will provide the music.

A special dedication of the newly renovated Booker T. Washington Auditorium has been scheduled for June 14, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. by ASC.

In His Service,

- Henry T. Hopkins



Full Page-Inside front/back covers	\$400.00
Full Page-Outside back	\$500.00
Full Page	\$200.00

Half Page	\$125.00
Quarter Page	\$70.00
Business Cards only (1/8 page)	\$50.00

Contact:
Mrs. Ann Kelley, Chair
Planning Committee

Class of 1943

To all Washingtonians! To each and every friend. Now what do you know? Why it's news time again! These are the faithful ones who shared information at this time.

Rubye B. Collins has wonderful neighbors who assist her with meals, driving for appointments and is very concerned about her well being. She is grateful indeed. **Nathaleen M. Jenkins** is also very blessed for her son **Lester Jenkins**, who drives for her anywhere she has to go after her eye surgery. Her son **Gregory Jenkins** resides in New York, constantly keeps in touch with her and visits as often as he can. **Pauline B. Richardson** the oldest from the Blocker sisters and brothers (twelve), she continues to look on the bright side. Her husband is doing nicely. We trust **AP Richardson** will continue to improve.

Mattie T. Cooke and **Johnnie Mae T. Wheeler** are looking forward to celebrating our 70th class reunion this

year, 2013.

Nancy J. Bryant informed us that she attended Easter Sunrise service, and Morning Worship at her church and enjoyed a delicious dinner with family in the afternoon.

Ethel N. Dantzer Thurman resides in Chicago, Ill. She is very pleased to know the faithful few are still together as a class. Congratulations to **Henry T Hopkins**, the newly elected president of BTW High School Foundation and to former president **Al Griffin**, who served diligently for 8 years. Our added thanks to all who have kept the legacy alive through the years.

Josephine J. Hall enjoyed a delightful

visit from Nathaleen and her son. Oh what a fellowship, what a joy divine! See you in June at the 39th Heritage Weekend.

CORRECTION:

Recently at Greenview First Baptist Church, **Flavian Coleman** gave his first speech at 11:00 A.M. It was well received by family, congregation, and friends. Flavian is in theological training at the Lutheran College.

-Josephine J. Hall & Pauline B. Richardson,
Reporters

Class of 1955

Well classmates, we are still struggling with our health and trying to keep our heads above the water.

Our March meeting was held at the home of **Evelyn Reese Montgomery** on a Saturday, and what a spread cooking she had for us! My, my, chicken and all the fixing that goes with it.

The Cruise Committee is still working on an agenda for 2014 for what the class would like to do.

Our May meeting will be held at **Ora Cumming's** home. So look out Ora, the Gangbusters will be there with their empty stomachs. Ha, ha!

Nothing new and exciting has happened since our last Comet, but we are still getting ready for the Heritage Weekend June 28, 29,30. We are going to see what the new face of B.T.W. looks like at 1400 Wheat Street.

Classmates please keep the correspondence coming, because this is the only way we can keep in touch with each other.

Bennie Hare is still on the critical list. He is back in the hospital with another diagnosis, so lift him up in your prayers. Also, **Walter Jackson**,

Eloise Stocker, Janie Summons Gardener, Carrie Jean Bell Tucker, Althea Watson Bryan and all members of the class, because we all need prayer to get through these days and times of trouble. Thanks.

Until next time, May God Bless and Keep You in His Care.

Alonzo Phelps, Reporter

Class of 1956

Marion Harrison, Jr., a retired licensed architect from the Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers, was a guest lecturer last month at Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia. Marion spoke to the Junior and Senior Civil engineering Technology students. His one hour power point presentation was on understanding the theory of design and use of masonry materials in building construction. Marion is also spearheading the drive for the class to produce a class newsletter that will feature news from/about most classmates. Classmates are urged to send information to him or the president, Johnnie Patterson.

We are happy to report that most of our members are doing well.

We are praying for classmates, **Pearline Young's** son who is critically ill and is at RMH ICU.

We are still trying to locate classmates, i.e., **Princetta Sykes Baker, Curtis Abney** and others.

We are planning to attend the Foundation's Heritage Weekend activities. So far we have ten persons who have committed to attend.



Class of 1957



Our Annual Worship service was held on Sunday, March 10, 2013, at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Swansea, SC. The Reverend Lucius Ruff Smith, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, provided the inspirational sermon.

We extend our gratitude to our host, **Wilber Lee Jeffcoat**, Classmate, Booker T. Washington Class of 1957, and the congregation of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for their welcoming disposition.

After an inspirational worship service, the occasion was documented through photos. We enjoyed great fellowship, and culinary delights with classmates, family members, and friends in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Catering services were provided by the church.

Remember to keep all Washingtonians in your prayers.

Mary Davis Williams, William Davis & Frazier Davis, Reporters.

Class of 1964

What a great time we had at our March 2013 meeting, hosted by **Jessie Thorne Edmonds** and **Thelma Jones Hall**! We were so elated to have such great fun, fellowship and food galore as we planned for our upcoming 50th year reunion to be held in 2014. Our class continues to get better with age.

Because of illness, our resident photographers, **Emanuel & Shirley Ferguson Irving**, who always take class pictures following each meeting, were not in attendance, but thanks to Thelma J. Hall, we had a ram in the bush in the presence of professional photographer, Mr. Brown.

After the Class '64 bi-monthly meeting, 11 classmates: **Robert Bonnette, Bernetha Fanning Wise, Melvin McKie, Samuel Pelzer, Julia Prince Edwards, James Prince, Gloria Richardson Priester, James Ruff, Geraldine Stroman Parker, Ann Gardner Jennings and Moretta Toatley Brown**, journeyed down the street to visit classmate

Lizzie Blanks Allen, a tornado survivor. We had a joyful visit and our usual picture taking session at the end of our gathering. Lizzie lives life to the fullest. She does not allow her paralysis to stop her from doing whatever she desires.

Our May meeting will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, **Jo Tillman Boyd** will host meeting.

Kudos:

Eugene Carter's son-in-law, Connell Maynor, football coach at Winston Salem State University, was among those honored for their contributions to the community. Ceremony was held on March 23, at the Chronicle's 28th Annual Community Service Awards Gala at the Benton Convention center, Winston Salem, NC. He received the Man of the Year Award. The keynote speaker was Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor emeritus of the Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ once attended by President Barack Obama and his family.

Ann Gardner Jennings' grandson, Kristopher Acox, was born and reared in Iceland. He graduated from Icelandic



High School which culminates in the 10th grade. He speaks five languages. His parents wanted him to receive more exposure in basketball so he came to the United States and enrolled at Spring Valley High School for his junior year and was one of their star basketball players. He returned to Iceland where he played Icelandic professional basketball. As a result of his exposure at Spring Valley High School, Kristopher received a full basketball scholarship to Furman University where he will start in August 2013.

Doris Andrews &

Geraldine S. Parker, Reporters

Health Corner



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The BTW Foundation tries to help graduating legacies reaching to new academic heights.

* Deaths *

Alphonso Counts, Sr. '50

Jessie Felton, Jr.

Edith Vant General

Roxie Anna Jacobs Patterson

Regina W. Robinson '73

Mary Louise Wade, '42



Stress-Proof Your Morning

1. In the morning, give yourself 10-20 minutes to *meditate*. How to begin: Close your eyes and focus on a single word (such as "calm"), a sound (such as rushing water) or an image (such as a cloud).
2. *Use water as a form of relaxation*. Take a hot shower (but not too hot or too long, remembering to conserve water). The stream of water massages your back and neck muscles, helping you relax all over.
3. *Eat breakfast!* You won't be starving by mid-day, leaving you better able to handle crises. Examples of stress-fighting foods: a glass of low fat milk with a bran muffin plus one piece of fresh fruit ... whole wheat waffle topped with fruit and sour cream.
4. *Pay attention to the details*. Consider taking a multivitamin with a glass of orange juice. Reason: Stress depletes your levels of magnesium . . . and Vitamin C and beta carotene.
5. *Ride quietly*. Turn off your car radio and enjoy a peaceful ride. You'll arrive at your destination more relaxed and better able to handle whatever comes your way.

Source: TopHealth

INTERESTING FACT:

The National Council on Aging reports that people over 60 who walk 45 minutes each day are mentally sharper.

Source: MSN Health

Heritage Weekend Celebration Updates

June 28-30 2013

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- * John W. Work Chorus re-hearsals begin Tuesday, May 17, 2013, at Francis Burns UM Church.
- * Membership Dues: Ten (\$10)dollars annually by April 15.
- * Deadline for all souvenir booklet material: May 31, 2013.