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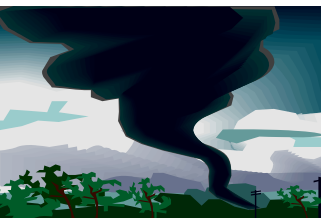
Important Dates:

Heritage Weekend -
June 26– 28, 2015

Banquet, Embassy Suites,
7:00 PM -
June 26, 2015

**Tour BTW Auditorium and/or
BTW Montieith Cultural Center-**
June 27, 2015

**John Work Chorus, BTW
Auditorium, 6:00 PM -**
June 28, 2015



President's Voice

Greetings Washingtonians!

Heritage Weekend is fast approaching! Your BTW Foundation has so much to celebrate this year and I look forward to sharing Heritage weekend with each and every one of you!

We have enjoyed a great year! In 2014 the Foundation completed restoration of our windows, repaired the wheelchair ramp at the BTW-Monteith Cultural Center, power washed the building, updated media equip-

ment, and installed state of the arts technology equipment.

The Foundation is also in the process of working on our 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2016, with Mrs. Doris Glymph Greene '59, our President Emeritus, serving as chairperson of the Centennial Committee. This committee meets monthly to plan activities for this year long celebration. More information will be forthcoming.

As always, I thank you for your

support and your dedication in keeping our legacy alive. I also ask that you keep me in your thoughts and prayers because I have been experiencing some health challenges lately, some of which have landed me hospital stays.

In His Service,
Henry T. Hopkins '50



Scholarship Information



The Booker T. Washington Foundation has several scholarship opportunities available to graduating seniors. All applicants, except for the Susan B. Freeman Scholarship, must be the legal child or grandchild of a Columbia, South Carolina Booker T. Washington graduate. Susan B. Freeman Scholarship is restricted to seniors planning to attend Benedict College. Applications are available on the BTW website: bookertwashingtonfoundationsc.org. Applications are scored independently by each committee member using a rubric. Scholarships are then awarded to the applicants with the four highest combined average scores.

The Scholarship committee is in the process of reviewing applications. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Heritage Weekend Banquet on June 26, 2015 and will be acknowledged at John Chorus on Sunday, June 28, 2015.

Questions may be directed to Doris Johnson Andrews, Geraldine Stroman Parker, Ida Spells English or M. LaNelle Kohn. Doris can be reached at (803)754-7736 or email andy316@netzero.net and Geraldine can be reached at (803)754-8093 or email parkerqs@bellsouth.net.



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

Class of 1943

Greetings Washingtonians,

Once again we are sharing news with you. The Easter Season found most of us up and about. Our pastor and his wife traveled with us to Chapin, SC for a delicious dinner at Farm Boys Restaurant and Barbecue. From there we went to Newberry Elementary School where we witnessed a musical Easter production performed by members in a combined choir from the community. It was very enjoyable.

Our 50th Mammoth Tea was held April 8, 2015 at Brown Chapel AME Church. This was a most spectacular event. As always, your reporter, Josephine Hall recited an original reading, "The Mammoth Tea, A Day to Remember". Lots of Washingtonians, members of the church, were engaged in the plans and preparations for this most spectacular event.

Annual Senior Day was observed at Seawell's Restaurant. It was sponsored by District 10 and others who contributed. The Hat Parade was lots of fun. Prizes, food, and helpful information were especially for the Lower Richland Area. We were very appreciative. Nathaleen M. Jenkins and sons, Lester, Jr. and Gregory Jenkins, enjoyed Easter at home. This is always a special time to relax.

Let us remember all of our sick and shut-members, Nancy J. Bryant, Mattie T. Cooke,

Class of 1955

Washingtonians,

It's news time again. This time seems to come around quicker and quicker every edition. Looks like I just did the last news a few weeks ago! Oh, well, so much for that.

Our April 25th meeting was held at the Booker T. Washington/Monteith Cultural Center Saturday, at 1:00 p.m. Meeting on Saturday seems to be more convenient and enjoyable. Thanks to hostess, Gloria Prioleau and Dretha Young.

Our June 16th meeting will be held at the home of Roland Harris and wife. In our last meeting only the Heritage Weekend was discussed, though not fully finalized. Class members will be staying at the Granary Hotel on Two Notch

Class of 1956

We will meet on Saturday, May 16, at 11:00 a.m. at the BTW/Monteith Cultural Center. Thanks to all of you who prayed for classmate, Frances Hall Smith's recovery. She is continuing to receive therapy. We pray that she will be able to go home in the near future.

Pray for our class and all Washingtonians who have experienced illnesses and/or death. The youngest Washingtonians graduated in 1974 which was more than forty years ago. "The aging of Washingtonians" is becoming very noticeable. We really need to teach our history to our inheritors.



Elizabeth Taylor, Rosa W. Goodson, Rubye B. Collins, Terza S. Gooden as well as Ida J. Jackson, '55.

Correction: Johnnie Mae T. Wheeler is a member of 2nd Nazareth Baptist Church, where she retired from the Kitchen Ministry after 60 years of loyal service, and is still very active, congratulations!

Deaths

Zenora Geiger Blocker- Sister-in-law of Pauline B. Richardson

Charles Marley - Son of Hattie Adams Marley

Ralph Jefferson, nephew, and Coletta Jefferson, Sister-in-law of the Jefferson sisters

Spencer Sumter, Jr.- Supporter of Class of 1943

Thanks, concerning Johnnie C. Patterson. Congratulations for the many years of dedicated service as editor of Comet II. We wish the very best for you.

Classmates, continue to keep us informed with news you would like to share. As we say Washingtonians, "It means so much to keep in touch".

- Reporting, Josephine J. Hall and Pauline B. Richardson

Road and I-20 on Horseshoe Drive. These arrangements were made because the Embassy Suites Hotel was already booked up and we got services and accommodations at a better price. Each classmate will be mailed an itinerary. We feel everyone will enjoy the change.

Well, Spring has sprung and Summer is on the way. Keep on smiling and we will see each other at the Banquet.

Please keep our sick and shut-in members in your righteous prayers. They are: Bessie Jones, Eloise Newton Stocker, Ida Jefferson Jackson and others I may have failed to mention.

Thanks.

Your Roving Reporter, Alonzo Phelps

Class of 1957

Happy Spring Washingtonians!

The class of 1957's Annual Worship Service was held on Sunday, March 8, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, Columbia, SC. The Rev. Dr. Albert A. Neal delivered the worship Sermon, "Wisdom For All Time". Our classmate, Edna Hall Harrison was our hostess. Rev. Neal and the congregation gave us a warm welcome.

After worship, classmates, family members and friends dined and fellowshiped together at Lizard's Thicket Restaurant. Some of our classmates who regularly attend were unable to be with us this year due to illness. They were sorely missed by the group.

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

Class of 1963

We, BTW/CAJ Class '63, are looking forward our 70th Birthday Celebration on August 8, 2015, at the Spring Valley Country from 7-11PM. This celebration will be a night to remember where classmates and guests will eat, drink, and be merry. We truly have great fun when we come together. There is never a dull moment.

Just a reminder: After our birthday celebration we will continue planning for our 2016 biennial trip.

- Jacob Jones and James E. Parker, Reporting

John Work Chorus

It is time for us to gear up for John W. Work Chorus rehearsals and performance. The Booker T. Washington Heritage weekend begins Friday, June 26, 2015, which makes our performance date Sunday, June 28, 2015. Our concert will be held at the Booker T. Washington Auditorium on Wheat Street/Booker T. Washington Way.

Rehearsals will begin May 5, 2015, the first Tuesday; will be held at Second Calvary Baptist Church, located at 1110 Mason Road and will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Again this year, our director is Dr. Carl Wells. Last year we had sixty-two (62) voices. This year my directory has eighty-two (82) voices listed, not counting new voices expected from Second Calvary Baptist Church.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.
I am looking forward to seeing you on the evening of May 5, 2015.

- Margaret Wilson Tipton

Stress Tips

1. Watch your language! Pay attention to the language you use when thinking about the stress in your life. Don't tell yourself, "I'll never get all of this done!"
Be positive!
2. Guard how many things you allow to pull on your time and on your mind. I have a theory that our culture has gone insane and we just haven't realized it yet.
haven't realized it yet. We have allowed so much stress that we fail to realize it's not healthy.
3. Make a list of all the things you like to do for fun. Then consider how many you have done lately.
Pick one and go do it.
4. Get organized. You will live longer and easier. If you say that you are too busy to get organized, then I thank you for proving my point.
5. Use these suggestions. Taking action, doing something about it, is one of the most powerful stress management tools available.



Source: Herring, Jeff. "Here are 10 ideas for managing stress." '02 Knight-Ridder

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* DEATHS *

James Arthur Amaker '63
Peggy Reese '61
Deloris Frasier '49
Harriet Harvey '49
Julius Means '52
Frances Herrin '46
Juanita Williams
Edward Griffin '55
Vaughn Reginald Jackson



About Our Organization

The Booker T. Washington Foundation began as a way to remembering our school which closed in 1974. It was a way to keep the family together and to give our legacies an idea of why we are so passionate about our Alma Mater. Scholarships are awarded to persons who apply and withstand the rigorous prerequisites and requirements. The dues for membership is \$35.00 per year, payable by April 15 of each year. \$25.00 of the total helps pay for utilities and upkeep of BTW/Montieth Cultural Center.

Our Motto: "Lest we forget."

Class of 1964



On Saturday, April 25, 2015 Class had a Fish Fry/Barbeque at Adams Conference Center in Eastover. This event proved to be a mini class reunion. There was representation from 4 states: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. What a wonderful time we had. **Jasper Brown** donated and prepared all of the fish and **James Adams** donated and prepared all of the barbeque and ribs. Other classmates provided everything else, but the kitchen sink. The weather even turned out in our favor.

We were so elated to see classmates, some of whom we had not seen in decades. We even had one who was a first time attendee at class functions. We were also elated to see out of town classmates: **Lorenzo Mills (Florida), David Tucker and Jacqueline Washington (Georgia), and Jo Tillman Boyd and Jasper Brown (NC)** in attendance. **Emanuel Irving** came from Sumter after having a dialysis treatment. We were pleasantly surprised to see **James Sims** of whom we have not seen since graduation, **Gertrude Sims, and Zack Clarkson** to grace us with their presence. There were 33 classmates in attendance plus guests – (55-60 present). We missed **Doris J. Andrews, Eugene Carter, Wardell Epps, Barbara S. Spry, and Shirley F. Irving** who normally attend functions, but were in absentia because they were recuperating from surgery. **Tank and Rosa Pelzer** were also notably missed.

Emanuel brought books written by his son-in-law, a cancer survival, of which many classmates purchased a copy.

As always, our gathering was full of fun, food and fellowship, followed by a picture taking session. We truly look forward to our meetings because we enjoy being in the presence of our classmates. **Our class has truly gotten better with age.**

Classmates attending fish fry/barbeque:

James Adams, Willie Adams, Frances Jenkins Addison, Delores Herbert Anderson, Robert Bonnette, Jo Tillman Boyd, Jasper Brown, Morretta Toatley Brown, David Clarkson, Zack Clarkson, Jessie Thorne Edmonds, Julia Prince Edwards, Ernie Glymph, David Grant, Mary Wilson Guinyard, Vivian Hopkins Hernandez, Emanuel Irving, Ann Gardner Jennings; Sandra Krider Johnson, Theodore Kohn, Melvin Mckie, Lorenzo Mills, Willie Myers, Geraldine Stroman Parker, Frankie Campbell Point, Gloria Richardson Priester, James Prince, Jimmy Ruff, Gertrude Sims Wilson, David Tucker, Jacqueline Washington, Catherine McGorder Whatley and Bernetha Fanning Wise.

Kudos -

Annie Gardner Jennings' son, Richland County Sheriff, Terrance LeMont Acox, received another promotion as Corporal. Congratulations Corporal Acox!

—Doris Johnson Andrews and Geraldine Stroman Parker, reporting

