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### Important Dates:

Executive Board Meeting—  
January 12, 2014

Heritage Weekend -  
June 27, 28, 29, 2014



Fall is well on its way to being a splendid display of color and the Foundation is anticipating improved attendance and involvement. We thank everyone for his/her support this year. Now it is time to gear up for 2014. We made some grand strides in 2013 and want to keep the momentum going. The record turn out at the Heritage Weekend observance, the dedication of the refurbished Booker T. Washington Auditorium at the University of South Carolina, and the naming of the section of Wheat Street as Booker T. Washington Way.



### B.T.W. and U.S.C. UNITE IN SONG . . .

O, Happy Day! The John Work Chorus and The University of South Carolina Gospel Choir, under the direction of Dr. Mills, presented a stellar concert at the Booker T. Washington Auditorium at USC on October 1. If you could have seen the view from the stage you would have seen people from all walks of life sitting, chatting, singing, crying and laughing together. It was a beautiful sight! We need more of these types of get together activities. It caught

The Executive Board met and set the Agenda for the bimonthly meeting on Sunday, November 10, at 4:00 p.m. Some items to be presented: By-Laws revisions, Calling Post, Budget progress, website, fundraising proposal update, BTW/Monteith Center rental, Maintenance. Next meeting January 12, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

If you know of anyone seeking a place to house a program, call me with their information.

As your class plans its 2014 year consider using our cultural center which we worked so hard to acquire

and develop so that we could have a comfortable meeting place to do business, keep the dream alive and maintain our history. We must also remember this is now our "house" and we must be willing to help with its upkeep until we can develop the types of programs that will be able to enable the center to sustain itself.

- Henry T. Hopkins



some of us off guard because we were involved in the Seventh Episcopal District's series of Annual Conferences, but we obeyed the call and participated in both. The concert was such an uplifting out of the ordinary type program that we just could not afford to learn, build and share in the experience. If you missed it, pray that the opportunity will again present itself so that you can be in the experience of PRAISE in a unique and exciting way.

Dr. Mills has a nervous energy that permeates a place when you walk in. He greets you with enthusiasm, smiles and patience. He makes you feel that you are in the right place at the right time. Thanks, Dr. Mills, for your vision and hard work. Let us know when you are ready to work with us again.

## Class of 1943

Hi, Washingtonians.

We are here and so is the S.C. State Fair. These members attended the Fair: Rosa W. Goodson and nephew, also Rubye B. Collins and family members from New York City and St. Matthews, SC. Nancy Bryant will be going to Asheville, NC to get some of those delicious apples. Enjoy! Recently Nathaleen M. Jenkins gave the welcome address at her church, St. Luke Baptist, at the Women of Virtue Ministry. Pauline B. Richardson's church, Pine Grove A.M.E., hosted the Columbia Conference's 136th session, September 7-14. The Rt. Rev. Richard Franklin Nor-

ris, Presiding Prelate, Rev. Joseph Postell, Presiding Elder, Newberry-Spartanburg District, host, and Rev. Dr. James S. Cooper, pastor.

Rev. Moses M. Rembert, pastor, Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, Arthurtown, Columbia, SC celebrated his 10th year in the ministry at the Lourie Senior Center, October 12 at 5:00 p.m. along with First Lady Lisa Rembert and members and friends. Josephine hall was on program by request, with an original reading, "Have a Joyful Meet and Greet Day". We were happy to reunite with Elizabeth Taylor. Her daughter says she is doing well.

Bereavement: Allen Bernard McCloud, '58. cousin of Toliver/Jefferson families.

We are praying and thinking of all Washingtonians who are going through to get to.

Rosa W. Goodson will be going to the Holy Land next week in Orlando, FL. We bet she will be excited and will bring back news.

So long for now.

-- J.J. Hall and P.B. Richardson, Reporting.

## Class of 1955

We are again here to share our news, love and support for this fine paper.

Our October meeting was held at Walter and Ida Jackson's home. The large crowd packed the house. Love and admiration could be felt by Vera Murphy, Carol Brooks, Ora Cummings, Ida and Walter Jackson, Albert Griffin, Oretta Young, Melvin Pearson, Alphonso Edmond, Evelyn Reese Montgomery, Mary White and Alonzo Phelps. The Jacksons' really put on a spread of goodies to eat, in fact, the family did a great job of accommodating the mob. Ida's daughter, Terri Jefferson, helped keep the fun rolling.

Not much business discussed, just lots of meeting, greeting and eating. The cruise committee is still ironing out the details for our 2014 cruise. We did pull names for the Secret Pal end-of-year gift exchange. Mary White is the chairperson.

Our one and only evangelist, Martha Anderson, is doing well in

New York. She pastors a church there, so look her up if you should go to New York.

We were saddened by the recent death of classmate, Otis Salley, who died Oct. 5. Otis was funeralized at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church and buried beside his wife, Maggie, in the church's cemetery.

Please lift our classmates Roland Harris, Elouise Stocker, Bennie Hair, Walter Jackson, and any other classmates and Washingtonians, up in prayer because we need it in these days and times. Do not forget about me and my neighbor Paul Taylor. No matter where it comes from, prayers go up and blessings come down.

Well, my time is up for this quarter, so until next time, God loves you and so do I.

- Your Roving Reporter,

**Alonzo Phelps**



## Class of 1956

We are gearing up for our annual Winter Gathering which has been scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at the B.T.W. /Monteith Center, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Each class member is asked to contribute \$10.00 to help defray the costs.

Contact Sarah Griffin, Ollie Mae Milligan, Willie M. Belton or Johnnie M. Patterson. Call J. Patterson before November 15 to let us know if you plan to attend. We feel the need to get together as often as possible since we have achieved the promised age of seventy.

Our family has suffered great loss and the grief is almost overwhelming. Elease Hopkins, Vernell Rawlinson Curry and Susie Smith Henderson crossed the great divide into eternity. Please pray for the families of these classmates.

Several of our classmates have faced serious illnesses and need your prayers to help them overcome whatever is in their way to healing.

Thanks to Mary Sims Scott, Grover Jenkins and Johnnie Patterson for your participation in the program with the USC Gospel Choir and John W. Work Chorus, on October 1, in the BTW building

Dues are due by January 31, 2014. Do not forget.



## Class of 1961:

Pertell Nesbitt was honored by Benedict College during the Excellence and Service Alumni Awards Luncheon on October 18, 2013, at the Doubletree Hotel in Columbia, SC. She received the Distinguished Service Award for 2013.

## Class of 1964



Our September meeting was hosted by Ernie Glymph and Catherine McGorder Whatley at the home of Ernie Glymph and our November meeting was hosted by Melvin McKie and Joseph Holston at the home of Melvin McKie.

Classmates attending are as follows: Willie Adams, James Adams, Frances Jenkins Addison, Doris Johnson Andrews, Jo Tillman Boyd, Robert Bonnette, Moretta Toatley Brown, David Clarkson, Jessie Thorne Edmonds, Julia Prince Edwards, Ernie Glymph, Mary Wilson Guinyard, Thelma Jones Hall, Annie Gardner Jennings, Joseph Holston, Vivian Hopkins Hernandez, Emanuel Irving, Shirley Ferguson Irving, Sandra Krider

Johnson, Melvin (Jerald) McKie, Willie Myers, Geraldine Stroman Parker, James

Prince, Samuel (Rosa) Pelzer, Gladys Lewis Perry, Gloria Richardson Priester, Jimmy Ruff, Barbara Seabrook Spry, Catherine McGorder Whatley, Iona Brown Williams, and Bernetha Fanning Wise.

Photographs were taken in front of our BTW Banner.

On June 28-30, 2013, twenty four members of the Class '64 attended Heritage Weekend. We are already geared up for next year because we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion- June 27- 29, 2014.

### Kudos

**Vivian Hopkins Hernandez** was elected as 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year at Carver Lyons Elementary School. Congratulations!

**John Edwards**, Julia Prince Edwards' husband, won grand prize (40" television) from our ticket sales. **Robert Tolen** and **Mazie Neal** won 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$100.00) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$50.00) prize, respectively.

**Shirley Ferguson Irving** was the recipient of our BTW Class '64 Thanksgiving Award.

### Announcements

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Robert Bonnette and Vivian Hopkins Hernandez**. Meeting will be held at Robert's home on January 11, 2014.

BTW watches are still available. See any member of the Class '64

—Doris Johnson Andrews and Geraldine Stroman Parker, reporting



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**\* DEATHS \***

This was a hot but dismal quarter as we kept hearing the news of so many of our classmates who died.

The following Washingtonians have passed from here to eternity: Queen Elizabeth "Liz", "Berta", "Puddin" Payne Richardson; James "Jim" Lucas; Eleese Hopkins McLean, '56; Carrie Lou Hollis Taylor, '39; SGM (Ret.) John E. Prioleau; Rosalind Koon Johnson, 1972; Janie Thomasina Goodwin Woodard; Viola Williamson Jackson, '46; Josephine Andrea Myers Wylie; Deloris Loretta "Lois" Hudson Mines; Doris Chappelle Fair Hudson; Vernell Rawlinson Curry, '56; Francis Corbett Boykin; Belton C. Knox, '63; Abbie Jean Bouie Wheeler, '54; Mildred Platt Watson, '47; Grover Marks; Harold Edward Ross, '66; Hattie Elizabeth Watson Coleman; Lillie Mae Hutto Thomas, '47; Agnes Harris Davis Perez; Doris Deloris Stokes Algood, '60; Otis Salley, '55; Willie Irby, '50; Susie Rosetta Smith Henderson, '56; Verdell W. Smith; Allen Bernard McCloud, '58; Peter Washington, '58; Juanita Bennett Henry Adams; Janie Lee Cook Harrison. I always pray that I did not miss anyone, it so easy to offend some one if a name is left off. Will be included the next quarter. Thanks for your understanding.

**Picture Puzzle**

Is that Gilroy Griffin in the fifth row, third from the left? Read the caption under the photograph at the right? Share it with others and try to identify as many as possible and let us know. Some of us feel this picture may be later than indicated.



**Mystery history photo**  
Do you know any of the people in this photograph, or when and where it was taken? It is believed to be a group of students from Booker T. Washington High School, possibly from the 1930s or 1940s. If you can identify the photograph, please call Rev. Eddie J. Woods at (803) 799-0364.

**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 Washingtonian. Susan B. Freeman Scholarship is restricted to seniors planning to attend Benedict College. Applications are available on the BTW website: [bookertwashington-foundationsc.org](http://bookertwashington-foundationsc.org). **Be sure to read and follow instructions for completing application.** Applicants are chosen based on a point system.

Some applicants do not receive scholarships because they failed to complete everything that's required on the application which causes them to not receive points in certain categories.

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](mailto:andy316@netzero.net) and Geraldine can be reached at (803)754-8093 or email [parkerqgs@bellsouth.net](mailto:parkerqgs@bellsouth.net)



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