

COMET II

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VISION ACCOMPLISHED-DREAM MATERIALIZING

Washingtonians, we have come a long way, but still have a long way to go. We have accomplished our original vision of having our own space/place. Naysayers said it couldn't be done, but we persevered and achieved the near-impossible. This was done with cooperation, dedication, faith, grants and lots of blood, sweat and tears.

We thank everyone who had a part in making this dream a reality. I do not want to try to list names for fear of omitting someone. In general those persons / entities who believed enough to contribute. The city of Columbia, SC, The University of SC, Richland County School District One,

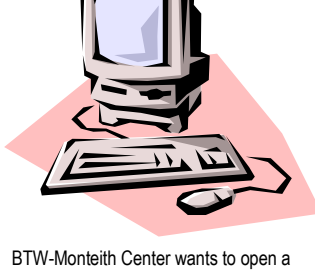
Politicians, and You. It is done, The Booker T. Washington-Monteith Cultural Center is on the map!

Now the next phase is ready to be put into motion-Community Involvement- to perpetuate the ongoing heritage of a school worth saving because of its skill to deeply ingrain into every student who entered her walls, need for fair play, honesty, integrity, and hard work to achieve your goal. Our objective is to become a global entity that will attract and expose others to a piece of little-known or unknown, sometimes unwritten history. Your input is vital to the success of achieving our overall goal of developing

viable programs that inform, involve, and invigorate other citizens.

Congratulations to our members who support our various scholarships. We want to be able to award even more. Think about funding a scholarship in the memory of a loved one or loved ones.

Al Griffin, President



BTW-Monteith Center wants to open a

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Deceased this quarter	
Creola Hudson Boulware, Marietta Boulware Wider's, '56, mother	
Eva Mae "Tanny" Jenkins Jacobs	
Rhea Stewart Bowman, 1946	
Herbert C. Nelson, Sr.	
Edward Dreher, Jr.	
Frankie Jones Wilson, 1955	
Willie Walter Meetze	
Boston Brice, 1953	
Zack Prioleau, 1933	
Thelma Woodbury Lewis, 1937, widow, Eugene R. Lewis, 1937	

CLASS OF 1954

We are highlighting classmate, Wilhelmina Robinson Rhoe, who was recently named Anderson County's 2010 Democratic Woman of the Year. She is a retired teacher and serves on all levels in the Democratic Party. She has

been an active in the Anderson Democratic Woman's Club since its inception. She was also recently named Adult Education teacher for 2009-2010, in Anderson County. She also endowed the Robinson-Butler Scholarship

at McDuffie High School from 1993-1994, when McDuffie closed. This has not hampered her efforts to try to reach and encourage young people (ladies) to always strive to be better and represent themselves in the most positive manner possible.

Katie B. Lites, Sect.; Carietta Lewis, Sect. and Margaret Hampton,

CLASS OF 1960

Our Golden Anniversary Reunion, June 25-27, 2010, was fun! The 2010 Committee certainly did not disappoint and the Saturday night 50th Anniversary Dinner was icing on the cake.

With energetic classmates, lively conversation, good food, the three days spent with each other was a special and delightful treat. Nostalgia is a good thing, so we took a stroll down memory lane. We reminisced about the "good old days", and it was fun remembering senior superlatives and traditions and looking back in time at old photos. We shared impromptu thoughts...and the gag gifts were hilarious! Yes, we covered everything from A-Z, and then some.

Class mates traveled from east, west, north and south. Even though we had

an enjoyable time, we missed our classmate who could not attend because of illness or prior commitments, especially our music man, Willie J. Carter, who had to be hospitalized. Out-of-Town classmates in attendance: Robert Denny, Helen Green Harris, CA; Herman Brown, WA; Patricia Richardson Brown, CT; Eartheil Jones, PA; Margaret Lucas Jacobs, James Atterbury, Bettye Garrick Byrd, VA; Carolyn Shaw Woods, DC; Aaron McClerkin, MD; Rosa Thompson Bray, GA; Elizabeth Capers Murphy, SC; and Levi and June Davis, FL.

Lastly, we expressed how proud we are of our rich history at Booker T. Washington and the dedicated teachers who play a big role in starting us on our journey. We have done well and we are so grateful to have been

able to participate in our fiftieth anniversary reunion, the Grand opening of the BTW-Monteith Cultural Center and all of the Foundation's scheduled activities.

Classmates requiring an invite to the class of 1960 private web site, contact Bettye Byrd at Bgbyrd@aol.com or Helen Harris at j4helen@aol.com. Also if anyone has extra issues of the Foundation's Golden Jubilee Newsletter, please send an e-mail to jcpatterson@netzero.com or jjohnniepatt@aol.com.

Helen Harris, reporting

CLASS OF 1955

Hello Washingtonians, our class is still alive and functioning.

Our May meeting was held at Oretha Kenly Young's home where we did not discuss much business, but, focused more on the go-o-d food.. We were looking forward to the Heritage Weekend activities June 25-27. We did discuss how to make our 2011 reunion the best with fewer classmates participating.

No June meeting.

It was good to see many of you at the unveiling of the Historical Marker dedication of the BTW-Monteith Cultural Center. Hats of to classmate/ Foundation President, Al Griffin.

A picture and article of the class' 1980 reunion can be viewed on the Foundation's web site. Can you believe that was 30 years ago?! That is why we look so young. The picture was taken at

the BTW historical marker that stands on the University of South Carolina Columbia Campus at the site of our former Alma Mater. Look closely at the picture and see how many of us you can recognize.

Please continue to pray for and stay in touch with our sick and shut-in as well as all other Washingtonians who are sick, grieving or shut in especially George Sulton.

CLASS OF 1956

We observed our 54th year during the 36th Heritage Weekend Celebration. We enjoyed the camaraderie of out-of-town members on Saturday evening with a dinner at the BTW -Monteith Cultural Center and Worship at Greenview First Baptist Church on Sunday.

We were saddened to learn that classmate, Elaine Lakins Hampton, had been hospitalized the day before the

festivities began. Happily, we report she is at home and recuperating.

We missed the presence of Mar Boulware Wider and her husband Lennon, whose mother had been funeralized less than two weeks

We continue to solicit your prayers for our sick and shut-in and our Gold Oxford shirts for members.



We are happy to report that Johnnie M. Bowman Pickett and Mildred Whetstone Watkins are continuing to improve and meet the challenges of each new day.

We have BTW shirts for sale for \$20.00. Get one to accessorize your Class of 43 cap, and Class of 1964 watch.

Graved: Booker T. Washington High School Columbia, South Carolina 1916-1974. Call 803 798 5657.

CLASSES OF 1963 & 1964

BTW Class '63 along with the CAJ Class '63 will share a week together in Miami and Key West, FL. On July 25, the class will leave for the exciting tropical climate of Miami and Key West! The itinerary will include a guided tour of Miami, which consists of glamorous Miami Beach and the famous South Beach Area, Key West-Southernmost City in the Continental USA consists of fabulous shopping at Bayside Market Place, magnificent Ocean Drive and the tropical Blue waters, travel the 7 mile bridge to Key West and take the Celebrity-Spotting Cruise on Biscayne Bay featuring "Millionaires' Row"-the homes of the rich and famous. Finally, classes will visit the fabulous Hard Rock Hotel and Casino before returning to Columbia on July 31, 2010.

Jacob & James E. Parker reporters

Class '64's May meeting was hosted by Samuel "Tan" Pelzer and wife. We held a photo session around the pool and viewed the 2009 Heritage Weekend DVD which are on sale for \$10. Next meeting, September 12 at Tillman Boyd's home in Charlotte, NC. Members enjoyed our reunion, where we had more than 25 members present, with the 2010 Heritage Celebration.

Focus on classmate & a legacy:

Region II attorney, **Jasper C. Brown, Jr.** received presidential recognition for his volunteer service in the Big Brother Big Sister Program in Winston Salem, NC. He has been a mentor, for 8 years, to Brian Hardy who graduated Saturday, June 12, 2010. Jasper has been an attorney for the agency for 36 years.

Angelica C. Washington, daughter of Jacqueline S. Washington, is a 2009 honors graduate of Florida A & M University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations with a minor in Spanish. She received an Honors Scholarship to attend Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA, where she is pursuing a Masters degree in Arts Administration while working as an Education Counselor with the National Black Arts Festival. She plans to eventually teach on the college level.

Congratulations Jasper and Angelica!!

Doris Andrews/Geraldine Parker, reporters.

See names of attendees below.

NOTE FROM RUBY COLLINS—1943

In June Rubye B. Collins went to Washington, DC for the "home going celebration" of her late niece, Paulette Frances Brown. This type of unplanned "family reunion" is usually heartbreaking; however the family's coming together and faith turned a sad good bye into a joyful and lovely tribute. Paulette's 7 siblings live all over the country as well as other relatives. The large number of family members who came wanted to be together and no house was large enough to accommodate, so we all opted to stay

at the delightful Marriott Hotel of DC. We were able to be together to eat, relax, share ideas and reminisce about the bygone years. Since we had not been together for so long, we enjoyed each other and sat talking late into the night. Since I am the last surviving sibling of my sisters and brothers, I am the connection for my nieces and nephews to their parents.

I was the only one who had not been to our nation's capital recently, so I was amazed to see the changes that had occurred since my previous visit. I plan

to return soon just to shop, sightsee, and spend some quality fun time with my family who live in that region because it is always a pleasure to reunite with family and share ideas, memories, and have fun together.

If you are planning a trip contact Teresa Davis and mention *The Comet II* she can be reached at

ytflightseverywhere@hotmail.com or 803-754-0496. To get discounted airfare or discounted cruise packages, you will need to speak directly to Teresa.

1964 CONT'D.

Classmates attending Heritage Weekend, many of whom brought their spouse, include: Willie Adams, Attorney Jasper Brown, Winston Salem NC, Frankie Campbell Point, Vivian Hopkins Hernandez, Emanuel & Shirley Ferguson Irving, Sumter, SC, Doris Johnson Andrews, Ernie Glymph, Joseph Holston, Gloria Richardson Priestler, James "Jimmy" Ruff, Julia Prince Edwards, Barbara Seabrook Spry,

Melvin McKie, Catherine McGorder Whatley, Geraldine Stroman Parker, Jessie Thorne Edmonds, David Tucker, Lorenzo Mills, Lake City, FL, Moretta Toatley Brown, Samuel Pelzer, Frances Jenkins Addison, Eunice Watson Cornelius, Dr. Merrill White, Atlanta, GA, Sandra Krider Johnson, and Vivian Wingard.

Do not forget. 2009 Heritage Weekend

CD's are on sale for a mere \$10.00. We may also be able to acquire copies of the John W. Work Chorus performances. Let us know and we will try to secure items or direct you to the proper source.



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CLASS OF 1943

The 36th Heritage Weekend has become a memory and once again we are sharing. Nathaleen M. Jenkins, Rosa W. Goodson, Ethel Allen supportive member and your reporter, Josephine J. Hall represented the class at the activities. If others were present we apologize for the oversight. Congratulations to all committees for a great job. We were in for a treat to enjoy the soul stirring address from Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr., 71, pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Columbia, SC.

We also were glad to be present at the picnic and the unveiling of the Booker T. Washington-Monteith Cultural Center. Congratulations also to all persons involved along with friends. Washingtonians, we must continue as sons and daughters of BTW to do what we can as long as we can to keep our

Booker T. Washington Foundation Scholars for 2010

Fannie P. Phelps Adams Scholarship

Kiah Leigh Ashford: Daughter of Dorothy Ashford, '65. Graduate of Hopewell High School, Huntersville, NC. She plans to pursue a degree in Psychology and Early Childhood Education at the University of Louisville.

Beverly Garrick Scholarship

Kentrell Salley: Son of Sandra Salley-Jones, grandson of Otis, '55 & Maggie Brosia, '56, Salley. Graduate of Spring Valley High School. Plans to pursue a degree in Biology Pre-Med at NC Central University to eventually become a physician specialist.

Gus J. Roberts Scholarship

Christopher Deion Kohn: Son of the Lenzo Kohns, '66. Graduate of Dutch Fork High School. He plans to pursue a degree in Mathematics at Johnson C. Smith University to eventually become a civil engineer

Ernestine Phillips Caldwell Scholarship

Nyieria Kieara Sanders: Daughter of the Gregory Sanders' and granddaughter of Sara Bluford, '53. Graduate of Columbia High School. She plans to pursue a degree in Biology and minor in education, eventually becoming a physician.

Congratulations Scholars. Please keep the Foundation apprised of your progress.

Commit to become involved in the Foundation to ensure its perpetuity.

Scholarship information will be posted on the website in October.

dream alive. Thanks to everyone for supporting our project through the years, by purchasing a BTW cap. This has enabled us to contribute toward the scholarships. We are very proud of all of the scholarship recipients and wish them continuous success in life.

Pauline B. Richardson had been hospitalized. It is good to know that she is on the road to recovery again. Let us remember to call our faithful members from time to time. Sometimes it is just what they need.

It was gratifying to see the tribute for Eunice P. Robinson, who served as the Booker T. Washington High School Foundation's faithful and efficient, secretary for 12 years. Her smiling face will be sorely missed.

Our special thanks go to the Pine Grove AME Church for accommodating

Brown Chapel AME Church and the Flowers Family during the recent home going of its matriarch, Georgianna Jenkins Flowers, who was a lifelong member and Mother of Brown Chapel AME. She was the mother of AME Church's, General Officer, George F. Flowers, '65 (Phoenicia), Director of the Department of Global Witness and Ministry, and several other siblings Carolyn Flowers, Atlanta, GA., Rev. Phillip J. Flowers, Yvonne Flowers and Linda McCullough, Columbia, SC. She was also survived by a host of loving relatives and friends.

An added bit of joyful news from Terza S. Gooden. She is proud she and speaker for the Heritage Weekend Banquet, Rev. Solomon Jackson are members of St. John Baptist Church.

J.J. Hall, Reporting