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Important Dates:

June 27, 28, 29, 2014 - Booker T.
Washington's Heritage Weekend
Celebration

Sing a song of glory,
a song of work and
fun; Sing a song for
Alma Mater, Booker
Washington! What a
glorious 2013 Heritage
Celebration which ac-
tually began with the
dedication of the BTW
auditorium and the
naming of the Booker
T. Washington Way.

I cannot say
"Thanks" enough to
Washingtonians and

friends who supported
all of the events...the
dedication, as well as
the Heritage Weekend,
activities, June 28-30.
Please keep the enthu-
siasm and joy that were
present as you experi-
enced returning "home"
and seeing all of the
pictures and artifacts
that brought back vivid
memories of our be-
loved Booker T. Wash-
ington. Begin now to

prepare for 2014
when the Founda-
tion will celebrate its
40th year. Please
keep the dates,
June 27, 28, 29,
2014. Mark your cal-
endars and help us
celebrate.

- Henry T. Hopkins



Booker T. Washington Foundation Scholars . . .

Over the past years, the
Booker T. Washington Foun-
dation has awarded scholar-
ships to 196 deserving young
people.

**The 2013 scholarship recipi-
ents are as follows:**

Beverly Garrick Scholar

Austin Xavier Rivers is the
son of Mrs. Ursula M. Jones-
Rivers and Mr. Dale Rivers.
He is also the grandson of Mr.
and Mrs. Jacob '63 (Deborah)

Jones. He is a graduate of
Blythewood High School,
Blythewood, SC.

Fannie Phelps Adams Scholars

Nia Young is the daughter of
**Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Yvette)
Young III** and the grand-
daughter of Oretha Kenley
Young '55 and the late Robert
Young '56. She is a graduate
of Reservoir High School, Ful-
ton, Maryland.

Dakota Alexandria Walker is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Mark (Pam) Walker and the
granddaughter of Grover C.
Jenkins '56. She is a graduate
of Hammond School, Colum-
bia, SC

**Aliyah Kamilah Cornelia Al-
Karim** is the daughter of
Debra Hayes '70 and Sulia-
man Al-Karim. She is a gradu-
ate of Ridgeview High School,
Columbia, SC.

**Congratulations to all
scholars!**



Class of 1943

Greetings Washingtonians. The events for 2013 were fantastic indeed. It has been 39 years since the closing of our dear Alma Mater.

The Faithful Few who represented the class at the Heritage Weekend celebration were Nathaleen M. Jenkins, Rosa W. Goodwin, Ethel Allen, and supportive member, Josephine J. Hall. If others were present, please inform us.

Hattie Mae A. Marley is enjoying her garden. Every year she looks forward to a busy time canning and freezing vegetables to her heart's desire.

Nancy J. Bryant, a member of Zion Chapel Baptist Church #1, attended a banquet for her choir at Rush's. She had a delightful time.

Josephine J. Hall's family and friends gathered at the old family home on Toliver Street for an Annual Block Party. Many attended. It was hosted by nephew, Darius Hassell, Betty Hassell's, '58, son.

For the July 4th weekend there was another celebration with family and friends from near and afar, on Easter Street, at the

home of Betty J. Hassell.

Congratulations to all committees, speakers, and scholarship awardees for a job well done to make the 2013 Heritage Weekend a success.

For the Booker T. Washington Auditorium Dedication, a "Thank You Note".

Thanks A Million

Oh how we walked down memory lane
In our hearts so much to gain
For Booker T. Washington Auditorium's
Dedication

Some came from home, others on vacation.

Thinking of yesteryear's school and the old gym

Thinking of today, Friday, June 14,
2013, at 10 A.M.

So very proud of every daughter and every son
Happy to see Mrs. Fannie P. Adams and Mrs. Donnella Wilson.

A vision became alive
Right before our eyes
The memories of how we lived and learned
Praise God for all who were concerned.

*Josephine Jefferson Hall,
Class of 1943*

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

Class of 1955

Class members are really exhausted from the June 28-30 weekend of the Heritage affairs and our mini-reunion debut.

Our June meeting was held at the home of Ora Mack Cummings. We really enjoyed ourselves, talking and bringing back old memories of the past and what we are expected to do for our mini-reunion weekend.

The Heritage banquet brought out many of our classmates whom we were glad to see. In fact we occupied two tables of eight persons....Eloise Newton Stocker, Vera Murphy, Carol Brooks, Ora Cummings, Ida Jackson, Roland Harris and spouse, Albert Griffin and spouse, Oretha Young, Inez Bush, Alphonso Edmonds, Sarah Furgeson, Paul Taylor, James White and spouse, Evelyn Reese Montgomery,(New York), Ruth Williams and your host, Alonzo Phelps. What a great turn out it was!

Saturday morning we toured the newly refurbished Booker T. Washington Auditorium looking at the great pictures, memorabilia and artifacts that the school had through the years. It was something to behold! Out of this world. Our thanks to Dr. Bobby Donaldson and crew who did a wonderful job of duplicating and displaying the materials.

Saturday night the class met in the hospitality room of the hotel for a retreat... playing games, telling stories/jokes

and eating good, delicious food which was catered by the Prioleau family. Sunday we worshipped at Gill Creek Baptist Church with classmate, Oretha Kenley Young. Afterwards we dined at Ryan's Family Steak House. At six o'clock we enjoyed good music at the BTW Auditorium, where The John W. Work Chorus gave a stellar performance. Two class members, James Kelley and Alonzo Phelps, were members of this illustrious group. The whole weekend was very enjoyable and will never be forgotten.

Many of our classmates were unable to attend this year so we kept them in our prayers.

We were saddened to learn of the death of classmate, Evelyn Reese Montgomery's brother, Jamison Reese. Keep Evelyn and family in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from their grief.

Well, my time is up for now.
See you next quarter.

*Your Roving Reporter,
Alonzo Phelps*



Class of 1956

Washingtonians, we experienced a whirlwind of activities in June and are still basking in the afterglow of the glorious events.

First, some of us attended the dedication of the refurbished BTW Fine Arts Building on the University of South Carolina campus, Friday, June 14. Thanks to Dr. Donaldson, Mr. Gist, Dr. Beasley, the USC administration, the USC History Department, BTW Foundation's leadership and other interested Washingtonians, as well as special thanks to Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson for his generous donation that allowed the fulfillment of a dream...that one day Washingtonians would be able to revel in the memories of having once been a part of Booker T. Washington's history.

The icing on the cake was the naming of the block of Wheat Street, Booker T. Washington High School Way, by the city of Columbia, South Carolina.

Second, fifteen classmates and spouses attended the banquet which was very good and fast-paced. Saturday, we toured the fine arts building for three hours. The more you went around the more new discoveries you saw.

Thirdly, we enjoyed a leisurely evening of sharing at the BTW/Monteith Center. So much to discover about each other. To finish the day, we saw one of our classmates, Julia Mae Tucker Wilkes, whom we had not seen since we graduated fifty-seven years ago.

Finally on Sunday, members of the John W. Work Chorus sang with emotional gusto in the fine arts building. A-a-ah what a weekend, what a month! We will not meet in August, but will resume on Saturday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Eau Claire Community Development Center where we will plan our holiday gathering and begin some

concrete plans for our 58th year reunion. We are happy to report that Elaine Lakins Hampton, Otis Goodwin and Pearline Noble Young's son are much improved and back home. We ask that you continue to pray for Sarah and Al Griffin's great granddaughter who remains in intensive care. Continue to pray for our classmates who are experiencing some type of health issues. If you know of others who are sick and or ailing, please let us know.



Class of 1957:

Dear Washingtonians, The Booker T. Washington Heritage Weekend Celebration—Banquet, the tour of the B.T.W. Auditorium, and the John W. Work Chorus were enjoyed by classmates, family and friends.

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

Class of 1964

BTW Class '64 had three gathering since the last publication of the Comet: Banquet at Capitol City Club, Heritage Weekend Celebration, and Hector Taylor's Funeral.

Classmate **Elder Daniel "Pete" Green** of California hosted a banquet at the Capitol City Club in Columbia, South Carolina on June 8, 2013, where approximately 80 of his family members, friends, and classmates attended. We had a joyous time meeting and greeting each other. The event was planned by **Jessie Thorne Edmonds** and **Thelma Jones Hall**.

Classmates attending are as follows: Willie Adams, Dolores Herbert Anderson, Jo Tillman Boyd, Moretta Toatley Brown, David (Elaine) Clarkson, Vivian Benson Corbin, Eunice Watson Cornelius, Jessie Thorne Edmonds, Wardell (Ella) Epps, Ernie Glymph, Thelma Jones Hall, Annie Gardner (Willie) Jennings, Vivian Hopkins Hernandez, Emanuel Irving, Shirley Ferguson Irving, Levi Johnson, Sandra Krider

Johnson, Carolyn Reed King, Ronnie King, Theodore Kohn, Melvin (Jerald) McKie, Willie (Shirley) Myers, Geraldine Stroman Parker, Samuel (Rosa) Pelzer, Frankie Campbell Point, Gloria Richardson Priester, John (Barbara) Robinson, Barbara (Thomas) Spry, David (Gloria) Tucker, Catherine McGorder Whatley, and Bernetha Fanning Wise.

Photographer for the evening was **Bennie Brown**.

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 50th reunion.

Kudos

Angelica C. Washington, daughter of **Jacqueline S. Washington**, graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design Atlanta on Saturday, June 1, 2013 with a Master of Arts degree in Arts Administration. Conferment of Degrees Ceremony took place at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Condolences

Classmates were saddened by the death of **Hector Taylor '64**, husband of **Dorothy Brown Tay-**

lor '64. Class '64 served as pallbearers and floral bearers.

Announcements

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Ernie Glymph and Catherine McGorder Whatley**. Meeting will be held at Ernie's home on September 14, 2013.

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

—Doris Johnson Andrews and Geraldine Stroman Parker, reporting



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Health Corner

Health Information for Minority Women—African American Women

Heart Disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for all American women and the number one killer of minority women in the United States. Nearly twice as many women in the U.S. die of heart disease and stroke as from all forms of cancer. Heart disease is a disorder of the heart and blood vessel system. Coronary heart disease (CHD) is a disease of the blood vessels of the heart, known as “coronary arteries.” Coronary heart disease causes chest pain (angina) and heart attacks. When too little blood flows to the heart, angina results. When the blood flow is critically reduced, a heart attack occurs. Signs of a heart attack in women can be different than in men, so symptoms often go undiagnosed or are misdiagnosed. For example, other than chest pain, women may have nausea, dizziness, or unexplained weakness or fatigue without chest pain.

The major risk factors for heart disease include:

- Smoking. Smokers are two to six times more likely to suffer a heart attack than a nonsmoking woman.
- Having high blood pressure. A high blood pressure causes your blood vessels to become tight and constricted, forcing your heart to pump harder to move blood through your body. High blood pressure causes three of every five cases of heart failure in women, and can also lead to a stroke, kidney failure, and other health problems.
- Having high blood cholesterol. Cholesterol can build up on the walls of the arteries that carry blood to your heart, slowing down or blocking the flow of blood and oxygen to your heart.



KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Two persons with Booker T. Washington High School connections, **Joe Louis Jones and Nat Abraham, Sr.**, were among the Korean War Veterans who were recently honored by South Carolina.

RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME

Three Washingtonians, **Pastor Sam Goodwin '61, Jean Sanders Hopkins '50, and Dr. Albert N. Thompson, Sr.** (Posthumously), were among the six persons inducted into the Richland One Hall of Fame on January 26, 2013.

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. **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.

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

* Deaths



Harold “Johnny James” Harvey, Jr.; Daniel Eugene “Danny”, “Dan”, “Moz”, Mozie, Jr.; Eloise Byrd Suber; Annie Edna Martin Mozie; Sergeant 1st Class (Retired); Eddie Clay Mender; Dorothy Robinson Joyner Spears '49; Joseph Lee “Uncle Joe” Jackson; Julia Leon Anderson; Jesse Felton, Jr. '55; Albert Richardson; Edith Vant General; Hector Taylor '64