

THE COMET II

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Deaths

- Talley Adams, Jr.
- Ernest Wilson, '64
- Emma Garrett, '60
- Thomas Felder, '69
- Marilyn Cleveland, '65
- Melvin Rudolph Johnson
- Lillie Mae Peterson
- Doris Fitzgerald Singley, '61

The President's Voice

Washingtonians, we enjoyed a historic and fulfilling Heritage Weekend! Dr. Donaldson spoke to us about our needed commitment to restoring and preserving the history of our Alma Mater. He said we must commit to her financially as well as in spirit. Talk will not preserve the BTW/Monteith Cultural Center which many of us worked so hard and sacrificed time and money to make it become a reality. Now we need ideas and lots of funds to develop and institute some programs that will attract the education organizations as well as the communities and tourists who come to Columbia to view unique sites and programs.

We must spread the news about the center and extol its virtues and values. We will be making special appeals to all Washingtonians for finances.

Thanks to those of you who have paid the \$25.00 to help maintain the center. This only yielded enough to pay the bills for two months. The recent storms blew down trees and limbs that had to be cut and removed. These additional costs had not been factored into our operating budget.

To date the Foundation has awarded 114 scholarships. Encourage those young people to give back so that other legacies may benefit from their generosity just as they have benefitted.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients.

Fannie Phelps Adams: Christa Renee Sims, Cardinal Newman High School, Columbia, South Carolina

Samira Lee Morton, University High School, Newark, New Jersey

Damian Malik Reese, W. J. Keenan High School, Columbia, South Carolina

Beverly Garrick Scholar Miles David Farmer, Hillgrove High School, Marietta, Georgia

We wish you well. Please let us hear from you and come back and support the BTW Foundation.

Al Griffin, President

John W. Work Chorus

John W. Work Chorus will be featured in a documentary along with C.A. Johnson and Lakeview High, West Columbia, SC. Eugene Washington would like for the schools to come together and sing the se-

lections that will be featured. The first rehearsal will be held at Benedict College's Music Center in the Fine Arts Building, Saturday, August 13 at 2:00 p.m. Michael Felton will direct the choir. Interested

persons should try to attend and get the word out to others. Mr. Washington will also interview former teachers and students of the schools. You may know someone who would be interesting.

Class of 1943

It's news time again Washingtonians. To begin, the Heritage Weekend's 39th Reunion Celebration was grand! Dr. Bobby Donaldson, speaker, delivered an address that reminded us of our heritage and will resonate in us over time. Doris G. Green, Mistress of Ceremonies, was poised and elegant. Nathaleen M. Jenkins, Rosa W. Goodson, Ruby B. Collins Ethel Allen and Josephine Hall represented the class. Congratulations to the 2011 Scholar-

ship recipients We will continue to support the scholarship fund through our on-going hat sale project. Thanks to all who support us. Continue to pray for and call sick/shut-in classmates, Especially Pauline Richardson and her husband, A.P. who alternate taking care of each other. We are busy as usual, taking care, attending church, community, social, as well as political functions/parties. Nathaleen attended a Salad Party at

her church. The Jefferson family attended their niece's wedding. Ruby will report on her family gathering in the next issue. Please let us hear from you. Call or write or E-Mail your news directly to the Comet II . Continue to stay out of the heat, drink lots of liquids and get all of the rest that you can.

Reporters,

Josephine J. Hall

Class of 1964

We seize every opportunity gather, share. And reminisce about BTW and life in general.

Members and spouses traveled to Snelville, GA for our May meeting, hosted by David Tucker. John Edwards took pictures. Eugene Carter, Fayetteville, NC, sent a copy of our last Comet to be shared.

We attended Ernest Wilson's Celebration of Life. We served and wore black and gold.

We participated in the Heritage Weekend activities , hosted a class drop-in at the Embassy Suites. We were surprised to see Bernetha Fanning Wise, Florida and her brother, Perry Fanning, '66 at the John Work Chorus concert. They were in town to care for their mother who was hospitalized. Our next class meeting will be at the home of Willie Myers, September 10, in Columbia.

Condolences

We were saddened by the death of classmate Ernest Wilson. Please keep Doris Johnson Andrews in your prayers. Two brothers-in-law, Leroy and James Earl Andrews died,

Kudos

Damian Reese, Vivian Hopkins Hernandez's grandson, and Samira Morton, Eunice Watson's niece were recipients of BTW Foundation's Fannie Phelps Adams Scholarship. Congrats.

Geraldine S. Parker
Doris J. Andrews

Class of 1957/Etc...

Greetings to all Washingtonians! .The Booker T. Washington thirty-seventh Heritage Weekend Celebration has become a joyful and sharing fellowship together with our classmates in town and from out of town. We continue to ask for your prayers for our sick and shut-in members.

Reporters: **Mary D. Williams**
William L. Davis, Jr.

- ◆ Etc...Out-of-Towners
1955: Samuel Macon & Willie Johnson/spouses; Harry Williams, Ruth Williams & Harold Lewis w/friend.
- ◆ 1964 GA meeting: Gloria Richardson Priester, Jacqueline Washington, Frankie Campbell Point, Moretta Toatley Brown, Geraldine Stroman Parker,

John & Julia Prince Edwards, the Clarksons and Pelzers

- ◆ 2011 Scholarship recipients

Class of 1934

Well, Washingtonians, there are only a few of us left who can still function without assistance from younger offspring, siblings, relatives or friends. We continue to try to support the BTW Legacy and Foundation as much as possible. We really appreciate and enjoy the kindnesses you continue to show us just by coming up and speaking, hugging and identifying yourselves.

We know that we need to record our knowledge before we forget all of the

facts, so we are happy to participate in the documentary that Eugene Washington Enterprises is attempting to do to document history of little known facts about Booker T. Washington, Lakeview and C.A. Johnson High Schools. If you have some tidbits that you think will be significant in making this film a "must-see" historical rendering that has to be included in Columbia's, West Columbia's and South Carolina's history, please contact our president, Al Griffin, and he will be

able to steer you to the right person.

Now on a more personal note, since I do not drive anymore, I want to thank all of you who have so graciously offered to help my family members get me to all of my meetings and committees.

God Bless you until you hear from me in the October issue.

Fannie Phelps Adams

Class of 1956

Can you believe BTW Class of 1956 will be 56 in 2012? We are soliciting ideas/suggestions from members so that we can decide on our activities for the year. We would like to make a significant contribution to the Foundation as well as come together to do some enjoyable things that all would participate in. We do know we will meet for our annual holiday gathering in December. A letter will go out to all classmates whom we are

able to locate. If you know the address and/or whereabouts of a classmate or more, please let someone know and we will make sure they are contacted. Classmates, do not sit back and allow others to make plans then complain that you did not have any input in the decisions that were made. We have asked the planning board to consider our classmate, Melvin Hodges, attorney-at-law, at the speaker at the 2012 Heritage Week-

end Banquet. We need you there to support and promote this decision. Please call Sarah Watson Griffin, 803 754 5657 or Johnnie Patterson, 803 798 31 77.

Please continue to pray for Mildred Watkina, Elaine Lakins, Julia Cleveland, Julius Evans, and Dorothy Joyner Bracken. Send a card if you cannot call or visit. Include information about yourself to help them remember you.

Do not forget: 1956 is 56.

Class of 1947

Greetings Washingtonians. Here is an update of our activities. We meet the 4th Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Greenview Park, 6700 David Street. Officers: Mae Thomas, President; Virginia Branch, Vice President; Julia Harrell, Secretary; Josephine Wylie, Assistant Secretary;

James Walker, Treasurer; Minister Allene Griffin & Deacon Ernest Smith, Chaplains.

We support all of the Foundation's events. Each quarter we attend a class member's house of worship for services. Our annual social is held at a restaurant.

We encourage members to remember sick/shut-in members with cards, calls, visits and/or donations.

Our president or representative will attend Foundation meetings regularly in order to keep members informed.

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Class of 1960

Our legacy participated in the Heritage Weekend as the Foundation celebrated an exciting and memorable Golden Anniversary. A Happy Birthday to Rosa T. Bray, Lizzie Johnson Hattie T. Jones, Dessie Ruff, Beatrice S. Randolph, Willie Hare, Herman Brown, & Joe Louis Jones, who was surprised with a 75th party at Saluda Shoals Park.

We are saddened to report deaths of Mildred Dean Singletary's son Reggie Singletary, Emma R. Garrett, Patricia R. Brown's sister, Marilyn Cleveland, '65 & Bettye Garrick's mother, Mrs. Lillie Mae Gay Garrick.

Our heartfelt condolences and love are extended to the families.

Classmates should contact Bettye Byrd Garrick at

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Class of 1955

Hello Classmates. Again we are coasting at a snail's pace. The class celebrated its 56th year reunion with the Foundation's Heritage Weekend and it was out of sight! It was great to see all of the out-of-towners.

Thursday night was Registration, get souvenirs and Get-acquainted Night. Friday morning we boarded the bus at Embassy Suites, toured the Village at Sandhills Mall in NE Columbia. Friday evening During the banquet we were informed, enthralled and challenged by speaker, Dr. Bobby Donaldson, '67. Saturday, we boarded the bus for Weston Lake, Ft. Jackson, SC for the picnic. Later, at the Delta House we held our evening Hide-Away where, we danced, joked, and just sat around

and talked about ourselves and whatever interesting topic was mentioned next. Thanks to the Prioleau Family and McKenzie's Catering for preparing all of the delicious foods for us to indulge in.

Sunday morning we boarded the bus and traveled to Stover Chapel AME Church where participated in and enjoyed an inspirational and uplifting service. Afterwards we dined at Greenview First Baptist Church. Finally at 5:50 we attended the culminating activity, The John W. Work Chorus Concert at U.S.C. in the Law building. Phew! Were we ever ready to settle down for a long relaxing evening...maybe even a couple of days. Thanks to all of you who participated

and stuck it out to the end. Praise and admiration to Roland Harris and the Reunion Committee for a well-planned weekend of events and for keeping in mind many of us are approaching seventy-five plus years and our steps are definitely shorter.

Please try to communicate with our sick and shut-in classmates on a regular basis. Do not let a few do the work of many.

Our country's President needs our prayers and support. Call your Congressman and write letters to the Editor. Let your voice be heard.

Your Roving Reporter

Alonzo Phelps