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This Strikes Us ...

A Sojourner's Truth Editorial

Several weeks ago, we heard a conservative radio talk show host deride members of his political party – that would be the Republican Party – for being too absorbed in “process” rather than in “results.”

We could not agree more.

Over the years, in fact, we have decried the notion – and this is what the talk show host was talking about – that policy decisions are less important than who makes those decisions.

Our talk show host was talking about health care and the rush on the part of Republican lawmakers to get in on the process. Their thinking, he said, is that some form of universal health care is inevitable so let's go sit at the table and help frame the plan.

“No, no, no,” says the host – true as ever to his conservative roots. “This country does not need a health care plan and if Republicans were more concerned with results than with process, they would recognize the folly of being part of that discussion to create such a plan.”

We can't agree with the opinion that there is no need for a health care plan. We can agree with the opinion that decision-makers and those who would aspire to such posts are all too frequently absorbed by the notion that they have to be facilitators in the process of making decisions rather than in laying out their vision for what needs to be done.

Closer to home, we seem to have our own difficulties with the reality of making decisions, of going after results.

For years now we have written about the frequent calls that go out to get the community more involved in policy decisions. Nice sentiment but completely without much practical value.

The fact is, we elect folks to make difficult decisions and they pay others to figure out how to do it. And on most occasions, elected officials can hold special community meetings, town hall meetings, citizens' forums from dawn until dusk without getting any closer to any valuable input on what needs to be done.

If you are going to ask a citizen what he desires from his government in the way of safety, services and taxes, the gut reaction will be something on the order of: 'I want my own private police officer, my own private firefighter, the streets paved with gold and the elimination of taxes.' What would you expect the answer to be?

Need to close a school and save some money because a number of schools in the district are operating at about 25 percent of capacity? Terrific, hold some meetings for parents and concerned community members and then make a decision.

How does that work exactly?

Do you, as the board member or administration official, wait until you hear from a group of citizens who actually want their neighborhood school to close, and then pounce?

Or is there some sort of applause meter that you are using as you call out the names of schools? Who wants to have a school closed in his own neighborhood?

One can attend a million town hall meetings and community forums and every time one notices the same things occurring – very few folks show up other than the advocacy groups who make up in passion what they lack in community consensus.

We are being overly cynical, obviously. Elected officials need to have feedback from their constituents, no doubt about it. But at some point, elected officials and candidates for elected office need to understand that at times they will be compelled to make the unpopular moves. We're not hearing enough about that in this election cycle.

We keep hearing the same thing far too often: 'I'll get people together and we'll figure it out; it's time for citizens to take back their government, we want to involve the people in the process.'

At some point, those craving office in these very difficult times have to realize that money – all money – is in short supply and hard choices have to be made. Those choices, more often than not, have to be made dispassionately, away from the applause. Those choices have to be made looking at facts rather than the sentiment used by those who view any sort of change as anathema.

In ordinary times, such a failure to take a stance probably would matter a great deal less than it does today. These are obviously not ordinary times. The results matter a good deal more than the process.

Community Calendar

May 13

Area Office on Aging North Kinship Club: “In Lean Times, the More You Know, the Better off You'll Be”; Zablocki Senior Center; 5:30 pm

May 15

Lions Club of Central Toledo: Award ceremony for RT Braddy of Toledo Metro Empire Assoc and Elbert Burgess, former coach of Pickett Tigers baseball team; Pickett Elementary; 5:30 to 9 pm; Refreshments served: 419-244-1236 or 419-265-0725 or 419-376-3971

May 15-17

Holy Ghost Conference 2009: Garden of Prayer Church International; “The Comforter Has Come;” Fri and Sat at 7 pm; Sun at 11 am; Guest speakers Pastor Ronald Godbee of Detroit, Pastor Nolan White of Toledo, Pastor Anthony Smith of GOP; GOP Praise & Worship Team: 419-475-4515

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral 13th Pastoral Anniversary: Celebrating Bishop Marjorie Holt; 7 pm on Friday with guests Bishop and Pastor Williams and End Times Christian Fellowship; 5 pm on Sunday with guests Bishop McGee and Serenity C.O.G.I.C.

May 16

Unity of Toledo Healing Arts and Spiritual Living Expo: 10 am to 7 pm; Exhibits include organic bliss, alternative physical therapy, spiritual eldering, etc: 419-537-1001 American Assoc of Univ Women: “Transitions Conference for Women Seeking Higher Ed Opportunities;” 8:30 am to 2 pm; Scott Park Campus: 419-530-8587 or aauwtoledo@gmail.com

UAW Local 14 Women's Committee: Empowering Women Brunch; 11 am to 2 pm; Motivational speakers; Raffles; UAW Local 14 Hall: 419-344-4791

May 17

True Vine 8th Pastoral Anniversary: “Called to Be a Servant Leader;” 4 pm; Guests Rev. Floyd Smith and Calvary MBC

Historic Third Baptist Women's Day: Speaker Min. Sarah Sawyer; 11 am Grace Presbyterian Annual Women's Day Program: 10:30 am; speaker Judy Jackson

May, Ph.D., of BGSU: 419-241-8857

St. Stephen AME Annual Pew Rally: 3 pm: 419-244-0402 or 419-255-1821

May 21

Northwest Ohio Black Media Association 15th Annual Impact Newsmakers Award Banquet: Ramada Westgate (formerly the Clarion); 6 pm: 419-243-0007

The Ford Gallery Inaugural Exhibition Grand Opening Reception: 6 to 10 p.m.

May 22

Mission Possible Youth Services: 910 Woodville Rd; 7:45 pm: 419-290-4503

May 24

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral 13th Pastoral Anniversary: Celebrating Bishop Marjorie Holt; 5 pm with guests Pastor Kevin Sutton and Word of Faith Ministries

May 27

Libbey HS Alumni Association: Organizational meeting for elections of officers; Libbey Library; 6 to 8 pm: 419-244-1236 or 419-376-3971

May 30

Step Out For Kids Walk-A-Thon: Sponsored by Lucas County Foster Parent Assoc; Ottawa Park Liz Pierson Shelter House; 10:15 am: 419-213-3347

Seminar & Workshop: For youth and young adults; “Moving from Low Self Esteem to a Healthy Self Esteem;” South Branch Library; Noon to 3 pm: 419-290-4503

Business & Health Seminar: Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; 11 am to 4 pm; Indiana Ave MBC: 419-475-3007

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Bell Plans New Business Post; Opponents Strike Back; Konop Proposes Family Advocate

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Mike Bell, independent candidate for mayor of Toledo, held a press conference last week and made the first policy proposals of his fledgling campaign. Bell said that he would create the position of a business advocate in order to assist in the creation and retention of city jobs.

"First, I would create a business advocate - at the level of a chief operating officer - to directly coordinate the concerns of business so that the mayor and the city can be re-connected to business," said Bell of the first part of his three point plan.

He also proposed ending the "turf battles" between the area's various economic development groups to "eliminate barriers and consolidate services." He further suggested streamlining on-line procedures so that business can accomplish government-related regulatory tasks without having to travel endlessly from office to office.

"Even now, if the current mayor can relieve some of the hurdles so we can get off of the Forbes list," said Bell in



reference to the Forbes Magazine report several days prior to his announcement listing Toledo as the worst medium size city for employment opportunities. "There are certain things that are not

happening now as I talk to business owners and those are the people we need to connect to.

Bell also spoke of the ongoing negotiations between the Toledo Police Patrolman's

Association and the City. He called for a financial CSI - "citizen special investigation" - to make some sense of Toledo's budget figures in order to restore credibility amongst bargaining units.

Bell's opponents immediately struck back.

"We don't need more of [George] Bush's deregulatory, Republican-playbook policies here in Toledo and that is what Mike

Bell is proposing," said Lucas County Commissioner and Democratic candidate Ben Konop. "He may be running as an independent, but Mr. Bell seems to be acting as a mouthpiece for his GOP advisors.

Republican candidate Jim Moody issued a statement taking Bell to task for a lack of specificity in his business proposals. "The Bell campaign fails to mention even one specific regulation they would eliminate. Further they fail to explain how even one job, other than adding to the size of city administration, will be created," read the Moody campaign release. "Moody's economic recovery plan lays out the specifics to create more than 500 jobs within 90 days of implementation and the addition of thousands of jobs in the near future."

By the beginning of this week, Konop had offered a counter proposal to Bell's business advocate. At a press conference on Monday, Konop suggested that he would bring on board a

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Volunteers Reenact Historic Moments in Northwest Ohio

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Toledo-area residents and families participated in the Lathrop House Underground Railroad Tour on Saturday, May 2, 2009 in Sylvania, Ohio.

Most Americans are aware of the fact that slavery is a part of American history during the early years of settlement but the Lathrop House tries to acknowledge the work of the Lathrop family and horrible facts surrounding slavery. Since 2005 the Lathrop House annually contacts volunteers to reenact historic moments in history during the spring and fall month programs.

"This is co-sponsored by friends of Lathrop House and Toledo area Metroparks," said Sue McHugh of Friends of the Lathrop House. "Characters for this tour are researched, facts are true but names may not be but the Lathrop family names of correct. This is our way to bring history to life, groups are usually 20 people to make the experience more meaningful."

Saturday's tour consisted of two multi-generational stories. The first illustrated how Africans were forced on ship and transported to America,



Isabelle

lived as slaves and then ultimately escaped to freedom. The second revealed how the Lathrop family arrived in America, moved to northwest Ohio and finally assisted slaves escaping north.

As guests signed in, they were then given a brief historic introduction before they continued on their tour guided by two volunteers. "Northwest Ohio has stops for the underground railroad in cities like Toledo and Maumee. However in Sylvania they could come into the state and avoid the big city. Today you will follow an abolitionist family starting in the 1600 century and ends in

1800s," said Patrick Johnson, historic interpreter.

The first stop introduced guests to a volunteer reenacting Reverend John Lathrop who was imprisoned in England before he relocated to the colonies in the 1600's. Guests then continued on the path towards volunteers who portrayed a reformed slave ship captain and his family.

The family explained how they became poor because they gave up the wealth involved in slave trade. "We soon became poor because we didn't want to purchase goods produced by slaves, meaning no sugar, no tobacco and no cotton," said ship



Rev. Lathrop

captain's wife volunteer.

Visitors soon ran into a volunteer portraying a slave auctioneer from Lexington, Kentucky who explained how people would examine slaves before purchase. "Slaves were placed in a shed before bidders inspected them," said Henry Green, slave auctioneer volunteer.

After the auction site, the guests met volunteers who



Slave family speaks to visitors

portrayed a slave family. The family described a typical day in their lives and their desire for freedom. The husband, wife and daughter worked in a tobacco field no matter the health of the slaves or weather conditions. "After I gave birth, I was expected to return to work. We work from before dawn to dusk, then return for a simple meal and then went to sleep, then start the next day over again," said slave family volunteers.

The fifth stop focused on a volunteer who portrayed a young slave girl, named "Isabelle" who escaped to

the North through Bowling Green, Ohio. "I was born into slavery, and the master's son became interested in me and when the house went to sleep I ran. I traveled all night, the slaves knew about Canada where we could be as free as whites. I traveled through creeks and rivers to get rid of my scent and hid during the day from slave patrol," said Isabelle.

Finally, as the tour came to an end, guests met the volunteer who portrayed abolitionist Lucian Lathrop. He allowed slaves to hide in
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Tatum Center at Kent Branch Awarded \$15,000 Grant The Edrene Cole African American Oral History Collection

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (TLCPL) was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from the federal Institute of Museum of Library Services (IMLS), awarded by the State Library of Ohio. The generous grant will help the Art Tatum African American Resource Center at Kent Branch Library establish The Edrene Cole African American Oral History Collection, named in honor of a noted late local educator that spent her life documenting the history and migration of African Americans to Lucas County, Ohio.

Cole died in 2007 at the age of 75. She worked as a teacher and administrator in Toledo Public Schools from 1955 until 1990, retiring as principal of Ottawa River Elementary School in Point Place. Cole graduated from Scott High School in 1950, and went on to earn her bachelors, masters, and education specialty degrees from the University of Toledo, and later founded the Toledo Excel program at The University of Toledo (UT). Cole's journey into documenting the stories of local African Americans began with her 1972 UT masters thesis Blacks in To-

ledo, and led to a Toledo Oral History Project, which documented African American history through interviews, written essays and photos.

The grant will allow Tatum Center and Kent Branch officials to work with Willie L. McKether, Ph.D., assistant professor of the department of Sociology and Anthropology, to continue Cole's work. McKether, a Tatum Center board member, will assist Library officials to profile African Americans born and raised in Toledo through the 1970s, and those that migrated to Toledo before 1950. "I can think of no better way to honor Mrs. Cole's memory than through a collection that seeks to document African American life in Toledo, and to make that information available to the public in a variety of formats," said McKether.

For more details, please call 419.259.5207

Page Two... The Edrene Cole African American Oral History Collection

A call for Oral Histories
Television-style interviews for the Edrene Cole Collection are scheduled next week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Monday, May 11

through Friday, May 15. A limited number of profile slots are available. Lucas County African Americans from all walks of life who are interested in participating in the project should contact Willie L. McKether at 419.530.4394 or via email at Willie.McKether@utoledo.edu Persons selected for the project, will be filmed at the Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd.

The Edrene Cole African American Oral History Collection will include some 20 profiles and upon completion, will be made available on toledolibrary.org and circulate from the Kent Branch Library and the Local History department at Main Library, 325 Michigan St.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and grant officials reserve the right to select a limited group of participants for The Edrene Cole African American Oral History Collection. All information gathered via submissions from potential participants will be kept on file at TLCPL.

For more details, please call 419.259.5207

Kristian Brown: The NOBMA 2009 Media Achievement Award Winner

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Kristian Brown, weekend anchor over the past seven years for WTVG, Channel 13 ABC Action News at 6 and 11 p.m., vividly recalls when she decided that a career in broadcasting was in her future.

When Brown, a Toledo native, was in her junior year at St. Ursula's Academy, Marsha Bonhart, Brown's aunt and now the lead anchor at WDTN in Dayton, told Brown: "There's something about you that makes me think you could do my job." Bonhart liked the youngster's enthusiastic, outgoing nature and her inquisitiveness.

Bonhart suggested that Brown come to Dayton for a two-week internship during her summer break and learn a bit about the business. Brown did exactly that and, a year later, when it was time to head for college, she went off to the prestigious E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University in Athens, OH.

She's been a broadcaster ever since.

She has been such a visible presence in her hometown over the years, both on the air and in her numerous community activities, that next Thursday, May 21, the Northwest Ohio Black Media Association (NOBMA) will award Brown its Media Achievement Award at its 15th annual banquet at the Ramada Westgate (formerly the Clarion).

Brown feels fortunate that she has been able to develop



her career in her hometown, near family and friends. She's particularly grateful because she had the experience of heading off to parts unknown.

Shortly after her graduation from OU, she had the opportunity to accept a job as a reporter and anchor in Monroe, LA at KTVE region 10 news. For the longtime Ohio resident, Monroe was a bit of a culture shock, to say the least. And miles from home and family.

She had taken that job in order to work for a news director whom she thought would guide her during the first steps of her career. But shortly after she arrived in late 2001, her boss, a colonel in the U.S. Army's Special

Forces, was called to active duty in Afghanistan. He knew the news director here in Toledo at WTOL and suggested that she check out the opportunity when she came home for a visit.

After three months in Monroe, Brown did indeed come home for a visit and look into working for WTOL one weekend. The station put her on the air the next day and she was back home.

After eight months at WTOL, but not yet under contract, Brown was offered a position at WTVG as reporter/weekend anchor — just the job she had craved.

In that position she would follow in the footsteps of one of her mentors, former WTVG weekend anchor and

"When I arrived here, I thought 'two years ... and I'm off to New York or LA,'" says Brown. "But life happens."

Life has happened in all the best ways for one of Toledo's most visible media personalities. One of her favorite professional accomplishments was a "searching to reunite" story she did in 2006 enabling several adoptees to get records and answers they needed.

In 2007, Brown and photographer Todd Gaertner won a Telly Award for their story called "Hip Hop Math" featuring young Toledo students learning the art of math using hip-hop music.

And, lately, Brown has initiated a segment on the weekends that has meant much to her and the community she serves — "Super Savings Sundays." On the Sunday 11 p.m. newscast, Brown breaks down the best shopping deals she has found in the past week. Recently, she demonstrated to viewers how to buy \$60 worth of groceries for only \$26.33.

Life also happened closer to home — husband Tirrell, three-year old Isaiah and twins Laila and Lauren.

As a long-time resident of Toledo, Brown has developed and continued deep relationships within the community. She has been active with the Greater Toledo Urban League, with Women Blessing Women (helping women break the cycle of poverty), with Health Care for Heroes and the area schools — where she often speaks to students.

Brown serves on the board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Ohio, is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The NOBMA Media Achievement Award was designed to honor local communicators who have distinguished themselves in recent years. Kristian Brown's selection as the 2009 honoree by the organization is a reflection of the impression she has made in her hometown.

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Ohio Association of Colored Women's Clubs Holds Annual Fundraiser

By Nadean Hamilton
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

More than 50 area residents ventured out to support the women of the Ohio Association of Colored Women's Clubs annual fundraiser and luncheon, which was held at the Heatherdowns Country Club, on Saturday, April 25.

This year's event consisted of both a silent auction and hat auction that sought to raise funds for various OACWC's programs.

Also featured at the event was retired teacher and Toledo Public School board candidate, Brenda Hill, who spoke about her passion for education and helping others reach their full potential.

"I loved my teaching career; I loved it so much that when I retired, I went back and I was a tutor for a while," said Hill.

"But right now, I just want to make sure that the rest of the children, the generation that is coming up, ... they have a good solid school system," Hill continued.

"I want our children, when they graduate, to be

successful, steadfast and scholarly," said Hill. "And scholarly means [that] they have a good foundation."

Hill, one of three candidates endorsed by the Lucas County Democratic Party, said that while student test scores have been improving, she believes that: "we have good classes, we get good test scores, and they are going up, the high school system is improving all of the time, but I want to make sure that it continues to improve."

"I'm proud of our schools, I want to work to keep them going strong, and I want to work so that my grandchildren, your grandchildren, your children and your great-grandchildren, all have the good opportunities that we've had so far."

The OACWC, founded in July of 1901, in Buffalo, New York, seeks to promote education among women and youth through workshops, seminars, and scholarship assistance.

The OACWC is a chapter member of the National Association of Colored

Women's Clubs, an organization formed in 1896, in Washington, D.C., when the National Federation of Afro-American Women and the National League of Colored Women, merged into one organization to redress inequalities in education, suffrage, healthcare and economics.

The organization's educational programs include the Hallie Q Brown Scholarship, AIDS awareness and prevention, international projects and the Gertrude Johnson Williams oratorical

The NACWC, which counts many prominent women among its founding members including Harriet Tubman, Frances E. W. Harper, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mary Church Terrell, played an integral role in the passage of anti-lynching, poll-tax, fair housing and equal employment legislation.

Locally, Ella P. Stewart was elected president OACWC in 1944, and eventually served as president of the NACWC from 1948 to 1952.



Legislators Should Support the ELI Program

Access to a quality education is one of the great freedoms and privileges our nation offers to our children. Yet under the proposed state budget, that ability is being challenged for many children from homes with limited resources and under social and economic stress.

In 2007, the State of Ohio wisely expanded the Early Learning Initiative (ELI), the program created by the legislature to close the school-readiness gap for at-risk children. The goal of ELI is to provide full-day, full-year services to 12,000 children. In state fiscal year 2008, the average monthly utilization was 12,588 children enrolled in the program at 802 classrooms in 79 Ohio counties.

Education is one of the top priorities of the Strickland administration, and rightly so. Research shows that from birth through pre-school, the potential for learning and the amount of information that can be grasped far exceeds what is possible at any other time in a child's life. The notion of drastically reducing the funding to the ELI program as is being proposed by the Ohio House is counter to prioritizing education and creates an additional barrier to the potential for at-risk Ohio children to succeed in school.

We encourage our legislators to restore ELI funding to prepare our children for the future.

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The Toledo Club NANBPWC Awards Nontraditional Minority Scholarship

Special to The Truth

J Lyons will receive a \$500 scholarship to The University of Toledo courtesy of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Toledo Chapter. The presentation was held on Tuesday, May 5, at the Girl Scout Building. Lyons will use the funds to help finance her post-graduate studies in criminal justice.

"J exemplifies the pillars of the mission statement of the organization with her involvement in the community," said Beverly Tucker, Toledo Club chairman of the scholarship. "J is well grounded and is focused on her studies"

Lyons was born in Toledo, Ohio and raised by her grandmother. After

graduating from St. Ursula Academy, she entered The University of Toledo. In 2001 she graduated with a degree in Legal Assisting Technology. After working for a sole practitioner for a year, she realized she had a deeper interest in the criminal justice system.

In 2004 Lyons earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from UT. After graduation, she began working with youth on an independent basis. Her desire is to continue help youth that will lead to work at Youth Advocate Programs, a mentoring program that works with troubled youth. This employment exposed situations dealing with children who were labeled as delinquents and undesirables by society.



Beverly Tucker, J. Lyons, Wanda Terrell, Delores Bates

While working with these youths, Lyons became increasingly aware of

how many of them suffered from emotional and mental issues who were not being treated, but instead were being penalized for their illness. Subsequently, she felt she wanted to do more.

In 2008 she became a family advocate at FOCUS Inc., an agency that houses

homeless families and individuals.

In this capacity as family advocate she has had the opportunity to work with the family unit as a whole to improve the likelihood that youth suffering from mental and emotional illness are linked to the ap-

propriate community-based resources that will aid in the improvement and maintenance of mental and emotional health.

The desire to further her education to better understand and serve youth led to her work towards obtaining a graduate degree in criminal justice, with an emphasis on youth and mental illness.

Club President Wanda Terrell said: "Our clubs implement an array of activities including financial aid workshops, adopting schools, test-taking strategies, and mentoring. The scholarship program is the foundation of the education focus on the local, district, and national levels."

The national program focus is health, education, employment and economic development (HEED). The Toledo clubs identify local needs and implement projects to address the issues in their communities.

The Toledo Chapter of The Links, Incorporated's International Trends Committee Presents Greece! An Educational Journey Through Dance, Food, and Culture

The Toledo Chapter of The Links, Incorporated's International Trends Committee is proud to present "Greece! An Educational Journey Through Dance, Food, and Culture" scheduled at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 14 at Stewart Academy for Girls, 707 Avondale.

The event will feature Toledo City Councilman George Sarantou, who will share his experiences about Greece and his own Greek heritage with more than 40 students from two sixth-grade classes selected to participate in this unique cultural exchange.

Persilla Zervos, Director of the Hellenic Dance Company at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, will also share her experiences about Greece and her own Greek heritage, along with showing the students and their teachers some Greek dance moves, and Greek dance costumes.

Councilman Sarantou has generously agreed to provide Greek pastries to the students, their teachers, and guests to enjoy after his and Zervos' brief talk.

The Toledo Links' International Trends Committee is dedicated to exposing and educating its chapter members, local youth and the community about global issues and culture. The Toledo Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is a service women's organization that has served the Toledo area since 1972. The chapter is affiliated with The Links, Incorporated. Visit www.thelinksinc.org for more details.

The media is invited to attend this private event, which will benefit the students of Stewart Academy for Girls.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Awards Merit Scholarships to Toledo Students

Special to The Truth



Aaron Jones



Craig Teamer



David Gant

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of Toledo is awarding a total of six scholarships and book awards, totaling nearly \$4,000, to six young men who will be attending colleges and universities in the fall.

In an informal reception on Saturday, May 9 at the Park Inn in downtown Toledo, the frat-

ernity announced the scholarship recipients. The students had submitted applications and were interviewed by the fraternity's scholarship committee led by Chairman Craig Teamer.

The recipients of the 2009 awards were: Jeff White (\$1,000 scholarship); David Gant (\$1,000); Regan Williams (\$500); Aaron Jones

(\$500); John Wetzel, Jr. (\$500) and Quran Fane (\$250 book award).

White, a senior at Central Catholic, plans to attend The Ohio State University in the fall where he will major in English and pre-med. White plans on becoming a physician, probably a pediatrician.

Gant, also a senior at Central Catholic, will be attending The University

of Toledo where he will major in civil engineering.

Williams, a senior at Woodward High School, will also attend UT. He will major in communications with an eye towards becoming a sports broadcaster.

Jones, a senior at Toledo Early College High School, will attend UT and major in chemistry. He plans on becoming either a pediatrician or an obstetrician.

Wetzel, a senior at St. John's Jesuit High School will attend Michigan State University and major in engineering.

Fane, a senior at Woodward, will also attend UT.

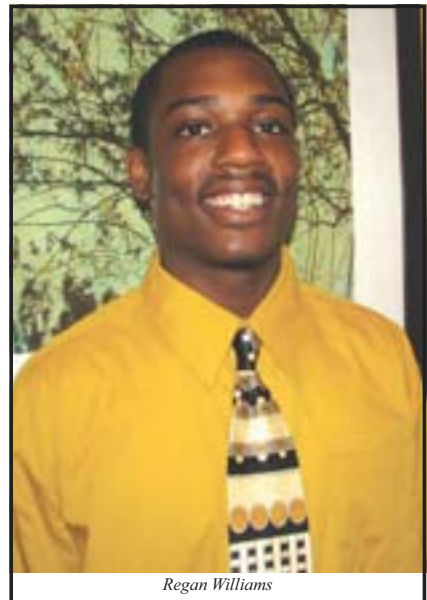
Alpha Phi Alpha is the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans. The organization was founded over 100 years ago by seven college men at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country.

Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity drive the mission of the fraternity.

The Toledo chapter was founded in 1928 and for over 80 years Alpha men in Toledo have been leaders in education, politics, business, medicine, law and a host of other areas participating in projects such as the March of Dimes, the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast, a



Jeff White



Regan Williams

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The class is a six-week course and participants must complete all six classes to receive the certificate. Each of the receiving participants agreed that the classes helped them even on a fixed income to save money for the future. They said the classes opened doors for them that they thought were closed. They recommend that everyone should take advantage of these classes.

For more information contact the management office of Alpha Towers @ 419-246-1258 or e-mail alphatowers@yahoo.com



S.T.R.I.V.E. – Summer Tutorial Program; The Challenge to Succeed

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Are you a partner concerned about your child's education? Do you have a high school child who is faced with passing the required proficiency test? Would you be interested in your child continuing to learn through the summer? If you answered yes to all of these questions, then you are interested in the S.T.R.I.V.E. (Success Through Review Incentive Vision Effort) Program. As they have in the past, the Greater Toledo Urban League and the African American Police League will sponsor the program for 10th grade through 12th grade students.

In addition, there will be prep tutoring for the Ohio Graduation Test for current eighth graders with a "C" average in math and science (targeting Robinson and Jones school students). A two-year summer commitment to S.T.R.I.V.E. is expected from eighth graders who participate in this pro-

gram. The program is free for students

This program is designed to prepare high school students with math, science and social studies enrichment. Students can receive instruction in up to two Ohio Graduation Test areas. All classes will be taught at Robinson Jr. High on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The classes are taught by caring Toledo Public School teachers. Classes will begin on June 8, 2009 and run through June 26, 2009 for current 10-12th graders. Testing will begin on June 23 for 10-12th graders at 8 a.m. at Robinson.

This program will give high school students an extra opportunity to take the test and, if passed, will count towards the student's graduation requirements.

Eighth graders can attend math and science classes from June 8 through June 26 from 8:00 a.m. to

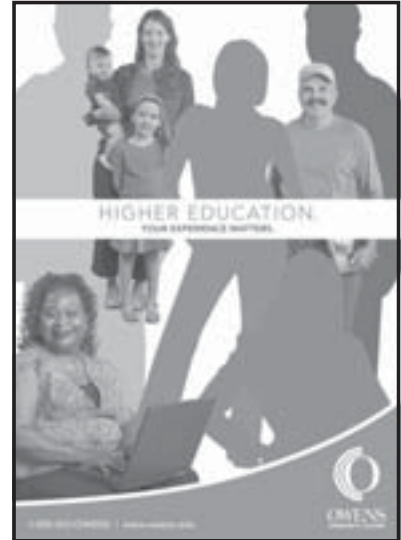
noon. The program is not equipped to handle special needs students.

The Greater Toledo Urban League and the African American Police League would like to solicit donations from local churches, agencies, organizations, businesses and unions. By donating to the S.T.R.I.V.E. Program, those contributions will yield a huge return to each student's future (education and high school diploma). Last summer (2008), the program assisted 241 high school students, who were administered 309 tests.

With more parental and community involvement, the above agencies hope to provide youth with the tools and the opportunity to stay on task with their education.

If you are interested in having your child/children attend this program, please contact Officer Floella Wormely or Diana Vasquez at 419-245-1162. Due to limited class size, this program is on a first come, first served basis. Children must be registered by Friday, May 29. Parents must complete a registration form and a release of information.

Owens Toledo-area Campus Hosts Rapid Registration Week, May 19-21



Area residents, businesses and students interested in taking college classes or starting a new career this summer are invited to attend Rapid Registration Week at Owens Community College, May 19-21. Summer Semester classes begin on May 26 and June 1.

For added convenience, the College will be open extra hours for Rapid Registration Week from 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. Additionally, students may register from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday, May 20-21. The Owens Toledo-area Campus is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

Individuals attending Rapid Registration Week will have the opportunity to learn about Owens' many academic program offerings, receive academic advising, complete electronic financial aid, learn about deferred payment plans, and select their classes in a convenient and timely manner from the College's staff representatives.

Owens offers personal attention and small classes throughout the day, evening and online. For more registration information or to obtain a schedule of courses for the summer term, contact Enrollment Services at (567) 661-7777 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7777, or access the College's website at www.owens.edu.

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Since its inception in 2004, the Dell Scholars Program has awarded 1,250 scholarships totaling \$25 million in scholarship funds. Most Scholars are first-generation college students, and are chosen because they participate in an approved college readiness program and maintain at least a 2.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while dealing with personal responsibilities at home or in their communities. Scholars will receive \$20,000 each to pursue their higher education for the next six years.

“Our Dell Scholars don’t fit the typical merit-based scholar profile,” said Kevin Byrne, director, Dell Scholars Program at the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. “Rather, we award low-income or financially underserved students who are better than their



Scholars will receive \$20,000 each to pursue their higher education for the next six years.

numbers may indicate in GPAs or test scores. Because we believe a college education can help break the cycle of poverty, we aim to provide these students with everything they need—including technology, resources and mentoring—to obtain a college degree and fulfill their dreams.”

Requirements also include graduation from an accredited high school, demonstrated financial need and intent to enter a bachelor’s degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall.

The Dell Scholars Program was named the 2008 “Scholarship Provider of the Year” by the National Scholarship Providers Association because of its unique scholar profile and retention success. The program’s retention rate of more than 90 percent is well above the national average of 22 percent for students with the same socioeconomic profile.

The following terms and conditions are designed to encourage retention and help Scholars finish college:

- Funds can be used for tuition, fees, on-

campus room and board, and books.

- Scholarship can be used at community colleges to earn credits toward a bachelor’s degree.

- Funds may be deferred to avoid scholarship displacement.

- Upon earning a bachelor’s degree, remaining funds can go toward educational loans or graduate school.

- Probationary policies allow students who misstep to access their scholarship once in compliance with terms.

Qualifying high school seniors can find out more or apply at www.dellscholars.org. The applications period opens each November and closes the following January. The final Dell Scholars are announced each April.

Stimulus Helps Schools

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Americans know the value of education and say funding the nation’s schools is a smart way to help children and the economy.

In fact, 56 percent of people in the U.S. say education aid is one of the “most important items” to have in Washington’s stimulus bill, according to a Gallup poll. And now that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has provided nearly \$100 billion for education, schools could get the funding so many say they need.

However, as stimulus money begins to flow, there has been confusion on how, where and on what it can be spent. Fortunately, a new Web site could help. Called HMHStimulus.com, the site’s creator, global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, says it shows educators how to “make every penny count.” In addition to providing basic ARRA funding information, the site connects administrators and teachers with tactical resources for both immediate and long-term options. Via the site, visitors can choose to partner with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, to develop customized solutions to meet their specific program goals and ARRA requirements.

Typical programs launched by schools include purchasing new reading, math or science programs, creating comprehensive and results-oriented professional development plans for teachers and more.

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NOBMA Announces 2009 Impact Newsmaker Awards

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Northwest Ohio Black Media Association (NOBMA) has announced the winners of the 15th Annual Impact Newsmaker Awards. The organization will hold its annual banquet on May 21 to honor this year's recipients of the prestigious awards.

This year's four individual winners are Patricia Hogue, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Physician's Assistants at The University of Toledo's Health Science Campus; John Preston who recently retired from the Toledo Police Department as a lieutenant after 41 years of service; Mario Harris Rosser, a senior at St. John's Jesuit High School who will be attending Columbia University in the fall and David Bush founder and executive director of the Madd Poets Society.

The two group winners

are the Toledoans for Obama organization and the Lincoln/Stewart single gender academics that the Toledo Public Schools opened six years ago.

This year's Media Achievement Award winner is Kristian Brown of Channel 13 ABC. Brown anchors Channel 13 ABC Action News week-ends at 6 and 11 p.m. and is an award-winning journalist who has been with the station since October 2002. A Toledo native, Brown is a graduate of St. Ursula Academy and the prestigious E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University.

This year's awards banquet will be held at the Ramada Westgate (formerly the Clarion). The social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7. Tickets may be purchased by calling 419-243-0007.



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Does Rap ever Give Back??

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



less give back? What about those of us who still work or looking for regular jobs to support ourselves and families and haven't even become profitable in our music grind... what can any of us do to give back?

Well... in my personal case, I have found a ways here and there but I haven't done enough and I'd like to do more. Last summer I had a few artists from my label perform at a family day/picnic just outside of downtown so that we could mingle with real people. Not fellow artists, club promoters, etc. etc.

Just take it to the neighborhood, and it felt good and I'd like to more of that.

So if you've got a community event and you want some entertainment, let me know.

Back in the day (waaay back in like... umm... 2000, 2001) my spoken word crew (The Renaissance) spent a few weeks reading at women's shelters and it was the same thing.

It felt good but then it was right back to the grind.

See... when entertainers who are currently struggling to the top find a way to give back it's usually with our voice or with our time. It's not about

a high profile media event.

It's not about publicity as much as it is about a connection. Whether we get to perform or not, whether we sell a CD or not - we want to be among the people.

But, there's still the factor of us being entertainers.

During a meeting, I was tossing around ideas to have U.G.E. do something to give back to the community this summer and it dawned on me that I need to find examples of people already doing it. And then I thought how ill it would be to find someone who actually had once been in the entertainment scene but then left just to completely dive in to helping out the community.

I came across the dude Keyser a/k/a William Lucas through the magic of Facebook.

Yes, he's been on the cover of this paper.

Yes, his ad is in the paper.

But to be honest... I knew nothing of this dude except a common acquaintance mentioned him as someone who is doing his part to give back.

He didn't leave the entertainment scene because he failed, he left because he wanted to take his influence and credibility and use it for a

meaningful cause.

Mr. Lucas has had top rated radio shows on BOTH urban stations in the market (yeah, he did his thing on The Juice 107.3 ... moved to the ATL, came back and did his thing on Hot97).

He has had some experience as a writer for national recording acts.

But when the city experienced a particular violent string of gang-related shootings in 2003 he decided to hold a gang rally which was attended by Mayor Jack Ford and other notable power brokers in the city alongside reputed gang members ... Lucas felt he stumbled upon his true calling.

Now he spends time speaking at schools all across the city.

He has a weekly television show airing on CW5 every Saturday at noon called "Champions" - where he focuses on local people who are overcoming obstacles and achieving success and people who are helping others do the same.

He serves as chairman of the City of Toledo's youth advisory commission and on the youth commission board. I remember my days being in the youth commission in the late 90s, trust me ... we gave our advisors hell so that's not work

you do because of ANY other reason except you want to positively influence young people. I still have some of the mentors I had when I was in it and they serve me well to this day.

I contacted William Lucas and asked him about his hustle, leaving the world of entertainment to focus on reaching our community through speaking to teens and he seemed to be a dude who gets the bigger picture.

He wants people with limited exposure to think bigger than what they see around Toledo, but also use those wider aspirations to improve Toledo.

Needless to say, there was a meeting of like minds when we spoke.

He even sees the trouble with some of the programming aimed at so called "at risk youth" and he gave me this quote to use: *"We have to be serious when we do initiatives... because young know when you throw money at a problem... they know when you're lying or just pacifying them... if we can get serious about investing in our young people... a lot of our problems will wash themselves away."*

So I was able to find at least one example around Toledo of

a person giving back and he has found it to be a true calling. That may not be the case for everyone.

But when it comes to the multitude of people in this city vigorously pursuing a music career every day... maybe you should stop and think about what you have to offer instead of just what you are out to get.

Entertainers carry our hopes and ambitions with them.

When we write songs, it is about the everyday struggles of humanity at large. But when humanity is suffering or needing, the first people lined up are usually greedy politicians just looking to prey on a victim without addressing what caused the victimization.

If the focus is on entertainers, then maybe some of the responsibility to correct the atrocities we write about should be the focus of the entertainers at some point.

I'm glad I found one example, I'm inspired.

Toledo... especially all you rappers/singers/producers/wanna be music big shots and real deal music big shots in the city - lets find a way to give back this summer.

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Bell vs. Konop

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"working family's advocate for the City of Toledo."

This position would be voluntary, said Konop, and would have access to all city department heads.

Konop described the proposed position's functions as similar to those of an ombudsman offering the mayor and his aides "advice of city services, the economy, public safety

... from a working class family's perspective."

Konop emphasized his earlier stated opposition to Bell's business advocate position saying that "people who have the resources to contribute to campaigns have a disproportionate influence ... and business has enough advocates; if anything is needed it is the voice of working families."

Konop suggested that

an application process would uncover a number of such volunteers - retired or laid off workers - who would have an interest in serving as the voice of working families. It's a plan that has been successfully implemented, he said, in New York City, Vancouver, Washington D.C., Montana and New Jersey.

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For booth rental
Call Ed Phillips at 419-290-4953
Grand Opening on May 23

Two Day Art Workshop

Now forming at the Truth Art Gallery
Cost is \$35 per person
Call Ramon Tiggs @ 419-460-1343 for details

Director of Housing Assistance Programs

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, Ohio, is seeking a high-energy, entrepreneurial, and dedicated professional for the position of Director of Housing Assistance Programs. The LMHA is an agency with 3,100 public housing units and approximately 3,795 Housing Choice Vouchers. This position plans, directs and reviews the work of employees engaged in the administration of housing assistance programs for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Application Intake; develops and implements operational policies and procedures to achieve and maintain optimum program effectiveness and utilization and to ensure compliance with all applicable rules and regulations; trains and evaluates subordinate personnel; coordinates activities with other Authority divisions to ensure consistency in operations; ensures fiscal accountability and responsibility. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in business, public administration, planning, or other related discipline, plus four (4) years progressive Management and Supervisory work experience in Section 8 and Public Housing management/administration, or equivalent. Must possess and maintain a valid Ohio or Michigan Driver's License and insurability; must possess HQS and Certified Occupancy Specialist Certifications or receive certifications within one (1) year of employment, also must complete training in HCV Financial Management and Reporting. **Preference will be given to LMHA public housing or Section 8 residents who identify themselves as such on their submittal.** We do background checks and this position is subject to drug and alcohol testing. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and salary history, specifying the position for which you are applying to: LMHA, PO Box 477, Toledo, OH, 43697-0477, Attn: Eleanor L. Gore. **All materials submitted must be received at LMHA by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2009.**

NO PHONE CALLS

Visit our web site www.LucasMHA.org or call our job line: (419) 259-9537 for a complete listing of employment opportunities. Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap or national origin.

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If you are between the ages of 12 and 18 (not turning 19 before July 26, 2009), possess a performing talent, please fill out this form completely and either mail or fax.

Name: _____ Age: _____
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Mail to: **The Miss Junior Toledo Pageant**
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Auditions

K-8th grades with parents
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All areas of performing
Registration fee \$10 – only 30 slots
Saturday, May 23, 2009
A# Sharp Performing Arts Workshop
(A division of The Next Step Program, Inc.)
Summer Theater
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
House of Bread Center
Adjacent to Bethlehem Baptist Church
on the corner of Auburn and Bancroft

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Educational Assessment, Planning and Specialized Tutoring services.

The goals are to (1) conduct comprehensive, standardized assessments of children's educational needs, (2) identify appropriate services to address educational deficits, and (3) provide specialized, subject specific tutoring for children with significant deficits or who are at risk of school failure.

LCCS is seeking proposals from public and privately employed individuals and agencies capable and willing to provide educational assessment and specialized tutoring services for children living in substitute care. RFP materials will be available from April 27 through May 7, 2009 at 705 Adams St., Toledo, Ohio, 40604. To make arrangements to pick up an RFP packet, call 419-213-3658. An applicant information meeting regarding the RFP will be held on May 7, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room #913 at the above address.

The deadline for submitting completed proposals (NO FAX) is 4:00 p.m. on May 28, 2009. No proposal will be accepted after that deadline.

By Dean Sparks,
Executive Director
Lucas County Children Services

ATTENTION ALL MOMS!!!

Are you between the ages of 18-40 and feel that you are HOT?

Looking for beautiful, physically fit and fabulous moms for an equally fashionable project. Call 419.870.8757 for details or an audition if you or someone you know fits this profile.

REVISED-INTERESTED BIDDERS:

Toledo Public Schools – Old Bowsher High School, Birmingham Elementary School, Riverside Elementary School, Old Elmhurst Elementary School And Walbridge Elementary School Demolitions

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Toledo Public School District until **1:00 p.m. on May 20, 2009**, at the Toledo Public Schools Treasurers' Room 3, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608, for all labor, material and supervision necessary for the demolition of the Old Bowsher High School and Birmingham, Old Elmhurst, Riverside, and Walbridge Elementary Schools as more fully described in the drawings and specifications for the project prepared by The Collaborative Inc, Munger Munger and Associates Architects Inc, and MacPherson Architects and will be opened publicly and read immediately thereafter.

Bid Documents for the project may be examined at the F.W. Dodge plan rooms in Columbus, Builders Exchange in Toledo, University of Toledo – Capacity Building, E.O.P.A. – Hamilton Building, Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and The Plan Room in Ann Arbor, Construction Association of Michigan, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Construction News.

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents starting **May 13, 2009 which can be purchased from Toledo Blue Print, 6964 Mc Nerney Rd., Northwood, Ohio 43619, phone: (419) 661-9841. Drawings may be obtained on CD-ROM for no cost with the purchase of the specifications.**

A **MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE** is scheduled for May 8, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at Toledo Public Schools' Board Room, 420 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608. A walk-thru schedule will be provided at the pre-bid meeting.

If you have any questions or a need for additional information, please direct all questions in writing to jessica.dandino@lgb-llc.com, by phone at (419) 776-5600, or (fax) (877) 281-0784.

Birmingham K-8 School

Bid Item No. 1 Birmingham K-8 School Building Demolition: \$ 155,307.00
Bid Item No. 2 Birmingham K-8 School Site Demolition: \$ 61,233.00
Total \$ 216,540.00

Old Bowsher High School

Bid Item No. 1 Old Bowsher High School Building Demolition: \$ 715,215.00
Bid Item No. 2 Old Bowsher High School Site Demolition: \$ 82,428.00
Total \$ 797,643.00

Old Elmhurst Elementary School

Bid Item No. 1 Old Elmhurst Elementary School Building Demolition: \$ 145,034.00
Bid Item No. 2 Old Elmhurst Elementary School Site Demolition: \$ 26,291.00
Bid Item No. 3 Old Elmhurst Elementary School Site Restoration \$ 30,000.00
Total \$ 201,325.00

Riverside Elementary School

Bid Item No. 1 Riverside Elementary School Building Demolition: \$ 211,547.00
Bid Item No. 2 Riverside Elementary School Site Demolition: \$ 25,953.00
Total \$ 237,500.00

Walbridge Elementary School

Bid Item No. 1 Walbridge Elementary School Building Demolition: \$ 226,068.00
Bid Item No. 2 Walbridge Elementary School Site Demolition: \$ 29,359.00
Total \$ 255,427.00

Third Baptist Church Establishes Kenyan Mission

Special to The Truth

On Sunday, March 15, 2009 Rev. Kevin J. Bedford and the congregation of Third Baptist Church commissioned its member Msimbi Shuman to establish a mission ministry in Kenya. Shuman departed for Bungoma, Kenya on March 18, 2009 and will provide ministry support through June 2009.



Rev. Bedford and Msimbi Shuman

Shuman has a passion to provide both humanitarian support and share the Gospel message of Christ's love with the church's Kenyan brothers and sister. The objectives

of this particular mission trip are threefold:

- To assist in establishing and maintaining fresh water wells for clean water supply
To educate and empower Kenyan women with entrepreneurial skills to start their own businesses
To support science education in rural areas

The membership of Third Baptist Church believes that supporting their Kenyan brothers and sisters is the right thing to do. Church member Peggy Coleman said, "It's time we started taking care of our own."

During a wonderful spirit-filled worship experience before departing for Kenya, Shuman said, "I am so thankful for the giving Christian spirit of our church. Even in these tough economic times people are willing to help those less fortunate than



Shuman (center front) with members of Third Baptist's congregation

themselves. This is encouraging and I thank God."

A grant requesting high school scientific lab equipment has been submitted to a national science supply com-

pany. Third Baptist and the Shumans (Rahwae and Msimbi) expect a positive response from the grant request.

For those in the community interested in supporting

this mission, donations can be mailed to: Third Baptist Church (attention: Kenyan Missions Project) 402 Pinewood Ave, Toledo, Ohio 43604.



Msimbi Shuman

Downtown Welcomes The Ford Gallery

Special to The Truth

Downtown Toledo welcomed the newest addition to its art gallery ranks last week as The Ford Gallery - Jack and Cynthia Ford - cut the ceremonial ribbon at 222



Eric Street.

The Ford Gallery will feature art created by area students. The inaugural reception will take place on May 21 at 6 pm with proceeds benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters.

HOSPICE OF NORTHWEST OHIO Ask for us by name

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AKA's Welcome New Members - "Extra Special Pearls"

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter, welcomed 13 new members to the nation's oldest African-American Greek-letter sorority on Sunday, May 3, 2009, during a luncheon at the Toledo Hilton.

The mistress of ceremony for the event was Felicia Dunston, vice president of the local chapter. The welcome was provided by Lisa Dubose, president, and Clara Petty, membership chairman.

