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Eleven and Counting... Another Year for Me and The Truth

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture



Being the story teller I am, I have occasionally dotted a few anniversaries with tales of how I came to be involved with this publication 11 Aprils ago.

To say that The Sojourner's Truth began in the midst of haters and naysayers would be an understatement.

"Toledo isn't big enough for more than one black newspaper" was a common gripe. "Aren't you all really owned by white people?" was a ridiculous rumor.

There were detractors saying we shouldn't appeal to the more intellectual side of the African-American community. But more than a decade later, here we stand.

I was about a year from graduating The University of Toledo when I first heard about this paper.

It hadn't officially gone into circulation yet, but there was already a buzz around it.

Let me be clear (Obama voice), I was not a journalism major.

My field was/is in the public relations part of communication.

I actually hated my news-writing course. My career goals didn't involve writing.

Well, songwriting of course but that's it.

But when I met with Fletcher, Kevin and the rest of people behind The Truth

and I understood what they were setting out to do I knew I had to be involved.

I remember the meeting where I proposed that I be allowed to basically write the way I speak (a battle I won). I remember the meeting where Fletcher proposed that my role have the title "Minister of Culture" (a battle I lost).

I already had the credentials to review entertainment and music but in order to critique films there was a lot I had to learn at first. I actually had to study classic American cinema and learn the elements of film and what critics typically do before I was given free range to review movies.

Since this has never been a job I could live off of, I learned early to cherish the perks.

My first perk was a National Amusements critics pass!

That allowed me to spend the next few years going to the movies absolutely free of charge. Back in those early days The Truth staff kicked it at El Caminos (before it became the hangout for all the populars). We had holiday parties and other events that helped us bond. Toledo accepted us with open arms but it was a process gauged in years, so in that meantime we formed a tight-knit collective.

But things change, paths diverge and priorities get re-mixed.

These days we may have an intern, a guest columnist, a new photographer that I've never even met. I'm starting to feel like the old fogey, Lol.

The grizzled old soldier with war stories for days.

Over these years I've had hate mail (email and mail) because of some things I've written.

I've had quite a few random Toledoans see me out

and tell me they hated my last article or just openly insult me for some things I've written.

I've had quite a few random Toledoans see me out and tell me how much they appreciated my last article openly compliment me for something I've written.

I've had members of Congress and former teachers contact me because of my column.

I won't name drop (because it's lame) but I've interviewed my fair share of celebrities.

I did public speaking here and there in college but I've been invited more and more places to speak to various audiences due to this column over the years.

Once again, this is NOT my full-time job. I don't consider myself a journalist or reporter, so it took a while but now I wonder if I could ever do this for real.

The Source, Ebony, Billboard and others have all received writing samples and a resume from me in the recent years. It finally dawned on me that maybe I could actually earn a living writing. Never hurts to try, right?

Until then, as long as you keep reading I'll keep writing.

I've done hundreds of interviews on local artists and members of the Toledo's entertainment scene. Instead of reviewing their actual album, I just give people a chance to highlight or promote whatever they want and let readers judge for themselves.

I also try to touch on subjects beyond the local/major music industry.

Taking my title to heart, I see myself communicating about our culture.

Whether it be Toledo's culture, Black America's culture, or American culture overall.

That's why I touch on subjects involving government and political issues that seep into popular debate. That's why I may at times highlight what's going on around us that some may be hip to but others need to know about. I really take this column as if I'm having a conversation with the readers. You are

getting from me the kind of discussion we would have if we sat somewhere and chopped it up in person.

It's been a great 11 years, and I appreciate every reader we have... even if they don't read my section their support allows this paper to exist. I would like to think that The Sojourner's Truth has added

something valuable to this community, and I'll continue to be apart of it for as long as there's room.

Hit me up:

mercuryspeak@gmail.com

Peace.

Community Calendar**April 24**

Health Fair: 11 am to 4 pm; 930 S. Detroit: 419-381-1881 or 419-283-2122

April 26-28

Calvary Baptist Church Women's Ministry 16th Spring Retreat: 419-531-9443 or 419-865-0019

April 27

NAOMI "Learn, Lunch and Be Well:" 11 am; Friendship Baptist Church; Panel discussion – juvenile diabetes, breast cancer, lupus: 419-304-2733

April 28

City of Refuge Church "Come Back to God" Revival: 5 pm; Ramada Secor; Speaker Evang. Monica Towson: 419-862-5936

April 30

Self Improvement Workshop Series #3: Frederick Douglass Community Association: 6 to 8 pm; "Gang Violence and Its American Roots;" Presenters – Wayman Farmer, Ben Hester

May 3

Real Relationship Talk Event: First Church of God – lower level; 6:30 pm; Assorted relationship topics; Panel of experts

May 4

National Train Day: Amtrak Station; 9:30 am to 4 pm; Tran cars, engines, food, music, art & history, rides: 419-241-9155 ex 134

UAW Local 14 Chaplaincy 2013 Prayer Gathering: UAW 14 Union Hall; 11 am; Guest speaker Chaplain Don Rice; Light brunch served

Moving forward Ministry Pre-Mothers' Day Musical: 6 pm; Featuring Bubba Johnson & The Omega Singers, Nikki D & The Browns, the Newson Family Singers, Mildred Stegall & the True Voices, and more

May 7-8

St. Paul Episcopal Church Maumee Rummage Sale: Tues – 9-7; Wed – 9-i: 419-583-6154

May 11

Lucas County Foster Parent Association 13th Annual Walk-A-Thon: Liz Pierson Shelter House at Ottawa Park; 10:15 am registration; Walk at 11 am: 419-213-3347

May 18

Path to Life Annual LifeWalk: 9 am registration/check in; GM-UAW Park; To raise awareness and funding to support women facing a crisis pregnancy: 419-693-5433

May 19

Phillips Temple CME Women's Day Service: Featuring Tersa Snorton, first woman bishop of CME: 419-242-7906

Third Baptist Church Women's Day: "In the Potter's Hand;" 11 am; Speaker Pastor Marcie Dinkins of St. Paul

June 15

3rd Annual Fatherhood Walk: Central Catholic High School: Guest Speaker Bill Harris: 419-377-1488

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Did You Hear About This...?

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



You know, I don't make these things up! When I read that, Phil Copeland, our local county recorder has shamelessly reneged on his election promise of resigning as the business manager of Local 500 to take on full-time the job duties of the County Recorder, I said to myself, "self, what we have here is a failure to communicate!"

Now, I know that the big bucks that Copeland is pulling in (\$126,000.00 as business manager of the local and \$71,000 for part time work as the county recorder) can be a strong temptation to hang around the county office and keep the dollars flowing into your piggy bank but, please, Phil, have some shred of decency and trustworthiness so that when you speak, your word is your bond.

But you know what the worst part is. The part that sets your jaw on edge is the fact that when one of his vice presidents said that he would run against Phil "fork tongue" Copeland for the job of being the business manager of Local 500... Phil, in a snit of outrage, fired the guy!

It is obvious that Phil Copeland will truck no dissension in the ranks and if you so much as exercise your right to run for a union office, Phil will cut you off at the legs under the guise of the person not being loyal or being trustworthy.

Memo to Phil: It is not about being trustworthy. It is about you being truthful and not being fearful that the Local 500 minions are no longer going to carry your water for you and be docile and complacent while you rule the roost... in two places.

To plaster over his incredulity in such a firing, Phil extended a broken olive branch in the form of two months of extra tenure so that the fired vice president could qualify for a five-year severance package. Oh, Phil, that is so lovey-dovey of you!

I mean, what is Phil so worried about when someone says that they want to run against him?

Does Phil think that he is vulnerable and does not want to lose such a cushy job?

Why would not Phil say "bring it on!" to this business manager contender?

Not being satisfied with the stock in trade answers you get from media sources, I put on my reporter's cap as a card carrying member of the All Negro News Network (known as: ANNN) and set out for the union hall located on Ashland Avenue to talk with some of the common laboring folk or as we called them back in the day... the lumpen proletariat.

Some of the comments were startling as you are about to read. Remember, you heard this first on the ANNN!

Within a few minutes, I spotted my first worker who was coming out of the union hiring hall wearing a large green (stands for money) COPELAND...NOW AND FOREVER! button.

ANNN: Excuse me, sir. May I ask you a few questions about this tiff with Copeland the vice president who wanted to run for the job of business manager? First of all, what is your name?

UNKNOWN WORKER: My name? Are you kidding! I got a wife and four kids to support.

You get no names and no photos.

ANNN: (I turn off my camera). What is going on in the union hall about this blow up?

UNKNOWN WORKER: It is a mess! Copeland has declared union martial law and everyone is on a shutdown until further notice. He is asking everyone to sign loyalty cards (see example of the card below) to him and if you don't sign, you will not be assigned jobs

on construction sites.

I signed it under protest and used a misspelling of my name so that if I am challenged, I can say that the signature is not mine.

ANNN: Smart move! Tell me, why is Phil doing this to his fellow workers? Did he not come up in the ranks in the local?

UNKNOWN WORKER: It makes you wonder. Fat money can really change a person. He won that county job only because of the name recognition of his uncle, Bill Copeland, who was a former County Commissioner. If his name was Smith or Jones or Peterson, he would not be in a county job right now. Phil's making close to two hundred thousand dollars a year on both jobs and he is not about to have anyone trip him up. Money is as money does!

ANNN: What is all the noise about Phil wanting to finish some projects and that is why he has put off resigning as business manager and doing the county work full time?

UNKNOWN WORKER: That is news to us! Everyone knows that we cannot afford that training facility Phil is talking about. It is just a smoke screen for him to stay on as business manager. We need a full-time business manager and the vice president who is running for that slot is our guy!

At this moment, Phil pulls up in the parking lot and sees my conversing with this worker and

Phil lowers the car window and shouts out, "I know who you are! Don't even think about getting that job at

UT/MCO (a large building program is underway on the campus)!" My unknown worker covers his face and runs to his car and Phil smiles and goes on to park his car.

Thankfully, the unknown worker left me a copy of the loyalty card and I have taken the liberty to reprint it below. I note that the card was printed by non-union laborers out of Defiance, Ohio.

RIGHT TO WORK

I, (insert your full name here and card number), a member in good standing at Local 500 which is also known As The House that

Phil Built, do, hereby affirm my allegiance and loyalty to Brother Phil and will do everything in my power to preserve, maintain and further the worthy goals of Chairman Phil and will work against all outside agitators and internal enemies who want to dethrone Phil from his post as business manager, regardless of their stated reasons.

I affirm that I am a loyal soldier of comrade Phil and will join hearts and hands with all of my

Local 500 brothers to insure that Phil continues to make the big bucks and so that he can also continue to

work that part time county gig as the county recorder.

I affirm that Local 500 is all about Phil and we are his dutiful servants (who need to work!) and we will bow and scrape when needed or told to do so.

A humble servant

ANNN: Well, there you have it dear readers! So, the next time you see Phil driving around town, simply yell at him and say, "Hey Phil, can you spare a brotha' a dollar!"

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Rep. Ashford Announces Funding to Repair University's Infrastructure Issues \$163,000 to University of Toledo's Health Science Building

Special to The Truth

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) announced today that the State Controlling Board has released funds in the amount of \$163,000 to provide professional design and engineering services for the Core Research Laboratory Renovations project at the University of Toledo. The project will address Health Science Building infrastructure upgrades that are now required due to the Core Research Facility renovation.



"UT students deserve to study in an environment that is conducive to learning," said Ashford. "This is a safety issue, and it is imperative that all necessary infrastructure repairs are addressed without delay."

The Health Science Building was built in 1970, and is located on the Health Science Campus. The building's original HVAC system is still in place, and has become inefficient and undersized. The project will include the replacement of select HVAC systems within the building as deemed necessary.

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Anita Lopez Announces Mayoral Candidacy

By Artisha Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez launched her mayor campaign before a crowd of over 450 people during a rally at the Aurora Gonzalez Community Center in south Toledo on April 16. Supporters filled the center with signs, balloons and chants in encouragement of Lopez.

Rev. John E Roberts, pastor of Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist Church, opened with prayer, asking God to keep Lopez in his hands. "It is good to be in God's hands. Amen," said Roberts.

Margarita De León continued by providing an introduction of Lopez which included praise and credentials. "Anita will be the second woman to run and she will win. This is historic because a Hispanic is running for the mayor's office. Anita is always trying to help young people and demonstrates strength and leadership," said De León.

Lopez opened the rally by walking through a sea of supporters and was received with a standing ovation. She explained her connection to the rally location, the former

Boys and Girls Club: "I stand here today in the Aurora Gonzalez Believe Center to say I believe in Toledo, because we can do better we must do better. It is because I believe from the bottom of my heart, that we can do better, that I am today announcing my candidacy for mayor of Toledo."

Lopez addressed concerns about the future of Toledo, and explained why Toledoans should elect a new mayor this November. "This election is a critical decision for our city, will we continue down the path of stagnation, decline and divisiveness, or work again to make Toledo a great city."

Lopez credited her family's history, starting her first job at age 14, her nurturing Toledo residency and her motherhood experiences as a connection to Toledo-area voters. "I want what you want, the very best for my children. My experience in growing up in this city and my concerns for my children is what drove me to enter public service. This understanding of the everyday struggles of dreams of

Toledoans is what I personally want to take to the mayor's office."

She addressed concerns she has heard about crime and safety that city decisions impact. "Fellow Toledoans we cannot continue down this path, it is clear what we are doing is not working," said the mayoral candidate. "Fellow Toledoans, we can do better, and we must do better. Our next mayor must have a vision for the future of our city. The mayor must attract good jobs and economic development for the city by supporting our existing local

businesses."

Lopez, a Democrat, graduated from Central Catholic High School and The University of Toledo. Before her current position as county auditor, she was elected to Toledo Public School Board and also Lucas County Recorder. The committee to elect Anita Lopez will sponsor a kick-off event on Thursday, May 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Teamsters Local 20 on Hawley. Tickets are \$15 per person, call 419-246-9301 for details.



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Lucas County Announces \$1.7 Million TANF Summer Youth Employment Program

Special to The Truth

The Board of Lucas County Commissioners – President Carol Contrada, Commissioners Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Pete Gerken – announced the allocation of \$1.7 million from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for the 2013 Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) Summer Youth Employment Program. TANF funds will pay \$8.00 per hour to more than 500 eligible youth ages 16 to 24, who will work a maximum of 40 hours per week.



Five Things You Should Never Say in a Job Interview

(StatePoint) Are you having trouble landing a job and you're not sure why? The right skills and an impressive resume may get you an interview, but getting hired is another story.

Experts say it's all about presenting your character, personality, abilities and values in a positive, relatable light that is attractive to employers.

"There's no such thing as the perfect response to any question in a job interview," says Andrea Kay, career columnist and consultant, and author of the new book, "This is How to Get Your Next Job: An Inside Look at What Employers Really Want," (AMACOM). "But what you talk about in the interview could cost you the job offer if you aren't careful.

These are the top five things Kay says you should never talk about or say in a job interview:

- Don't talk about things you can't back up. Before you state your claim to a quality that sets you apart, think it through. Just saying you're a great team player or terrific problem solver doesn't make it so, even if it's true.

Discuss where, how, and exactly what you did that made you so effective. Be ready to cite one or two examples of how you've done what you say you can do.

- Never say "I have good people skills." The words are so overused they mean nothing. Consider what it is you do that makes you effective when dealing with others. Are you good at working through difficult issues with co-workers? Do you have a knack for writing and talking to customers in a way that explains things? Tell interviewers about that instead.

- Never say "I just want to learn." Employers aren't in business to teach, but rather to deliver a service or product.

An interview is an opportunity to show an employer how you can apply what you know to the business. So rather than focus solely on your eagerness to learn, tell an interviewer how you will use the skills you have begun to develop to solve problems.

- Avoid too much personal information that has nothing to do with your qualifications. Don't talk about why you need the job (even if you do have a hard-luck story about sick children or a spouse whose been laid off). Don't talk about politics, religion or sexual preferences.

When a person can't leave personal issues at home, it makes an employer wonder: does he lack the necessary maturity and good judgment? Is her personal life such a wreck that she may not be dependable?

- Don't talk about irrelevant things that pop into your head. To be less impulsive, literally practice interviewing. Slow down, count to five, and give yourself a chance to consider how your comment will sound.

If your search for employment has been frustrating, consider your interviewing technique. A few tweaks to your approach could mean a fantastic job offer.

with various public and private sector employers around the County. The 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program employed approximately 500 youth at more than 100 job sites.

The Lucas County Workforce Development Agency has identified local employers eager to provide summer work experience for youth, matching them up with entry-level jobs at local or-

ganizations to provide valuable work experience, a source of income, and skills necessary for academic and professional success.

Registration for both eligible youth and interested employers is available online at www.thesourcenwo.com. Final eligibility will be determined after all necessary documentation is received. Registration is first-come,

first-serve, so interested applicants are encouraged to apply early.

Summer employment is scheduled to begin on June 17 and work assignments will continue through mid-August.

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On April 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Robinson Elementary School located at 1075 Horace Ave., The Toledo Community Development Corporation launched an energy efficiency program targeting the Detroit Avenue Corridor residents. The Detroit Avenue Energy Efficiency Program (DEEP) is designed to provide income eligible residents free residential energy audits and low interest loans for the purpose of reducing energy consumption and saving money on energy bills.

The DEEP program will give homeowners in the central city options to purchase energy efficient equipment such as, windows, doors, hot water heaters, better insulation, appliances and/or other improvements that will make their homes more comfortable while reducing their gas and electric bills.

This program is for residents who need assistance with reducing their energy bills but cannot afford the extra costs and debt burden that traditional loan products bring when trying to retrofit an existing home.

The Better Buildings of Northwest Ohio energy efficiency program is providing support to the pilot DEEP

program in central city Toledo beginning with the East London Square area. Toledo CDC's mission is to foster a healthy, vibrant community through affordable housing, job creation, and economic development by utilizing green and sustainable practices.

Presenters included Karl Parker of Parker Energy Solutions, Kevin P. Moyer, executive director of Better Buildings of Northwest Ohio and E. Mickens, executive director of The Toledo Community Development Corporation.

If you would like more



Presenters, Deborah Rivers and Exec. Dir. E. Mickens



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information about this program, please contact E. Mickens at (419) 255-7500 or via email at e.mickens@toledocdc.org.



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Kevin P. Moyer, Exec. Dir. of Toledo LC Port Authority Better Buildings Program

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The Soulcial Scene is about sharing in the events and activities that are important to you. It's about coming together comfort-

ably in our surroundings. We've been doing this for nine months now - scouring the city for events and celebrations that we can share with our readers.

Our Community being The Soul of the City refers to an understanding of our contribution and our connection and not being ashamed of whom we are. It refers to not minimizing our impact

and openly embracing, celebrating and exposing the great and exciting events and activities that take place throughout our neighborhoods in our city.

It's about not being defined by the current negative state of affairs that have impacted our community but rather uncovering the hidden treasures of our trust legacy, which is our dance,

our song, our style and inspiration. In a word... our *Soul*-cialization.

It's also about taking and fostering pride in our communities and most importantly it's about the people of our community, IT'S ABOUT YOU!!

I invite you to continue joining me monthly as The Truth recaps the events that highlight who we are as we

share your accomplishments and the moments that make you laugh, instill pride and bring you joy.

I believe a city's strength and success are reflective of the people of that City. I also believe the *Soul* of our city is found right here - in our communities, OUR SCENE!

Diva of Toledo Opera Guild's Annual Fashion Fete Reached Out to Toledo's Pregnant and Parenting Teens

New York Fashion Designer Michelle Cole to Give Motivational Presentation to Students of Polly Fox Academy

Special to The Truth

Before Michelle Cole unveiled her fall and winter 2013-2014 collection at an event that will benefit The Toledo Opera Guild, she shared her story of personal achievement, and a very brief "sneak preview" of a couple of her designs with the students of Polly Fox Academy, a local charter school that helps pregnant and parenting teenage girls prepare for success by completing their high school education.

Her presentation was at 10 a.m. on Wednesday April 17.

Many Polly Fox students are African-American, which is why Cole was anxious to discuss with them her rise as a young lady of color in a small Caribbean nation to find success as a New York designer in the highly competitive international fashion business. A native of the South American republic of



Guyana, she is today CEO of Colefacts, the creator of a trendy yet affordable line of fashion apparel that is marketed worldwide.

Polly Fox Academy is a school dedicated to helping pregnant and parenting teenage girls graduate from high school and achieve financial independence so they can support themselves and their children. It is free of charge to all pregnant and parenting teenage girls in northwest

Ohio.

Besides the usual high school curriculum, Polly Fox offers classes that prepare students to cope with the special challenges that face teenage mothers. Social service support and linkages to appropriate community resources are also provided. Subsidized daycare through Toledo Day Nursery is available to care for the children of students while they attend classes. In addition, the Acad-

emy offers flexible scheduling that is adaptable to the needs of both mother and child.

Polly Fox has a school-based health clinic with a nurse educator who provides health education with a focus on pre-natal care. She is avail-

able to answer students' questions about pregnancy as well as medical concerns they might have about their children. The nurse educator can also diagnose medical problems and refer students to a doctor so they don't have to rely on emergency room care.

The Polly Fox Academy program also includes skills assessment for the mother and job readiness training and mentoring opportunities. Job shadowing and internship placements are offered.



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Linda Ewing, who retired earlier this year as vice president of community affairs for Fifth Third Bank

after a 30-year career, officially began her next career on Tuesday, April 9 when she introduced the public to her Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems franchise.

The event, held at the Toledo Club and attended by dozens of friends, family members, former and current colleagues, was not, however, the start of business for the franchise.

Ewing's grand opening event at the Toledo Club brought two former bankers together in an effort to bring the news of the local franchise to the public.

Deborah Barnett, who retired from Huntington Bank, also as a vice president of community affairs, founded her public relations firm – N-SYNC – shortly after her retirement four years ago. She assisted Ewing with the preparations for the grand opening.

The Gathering Place Opens with a Bang

Sojourner's Truth Staff



"Nothing but pure fun," is the way Bishop Marjorie Holt, Ph.D, describes The Gathering Place, an adult spot she and colleagues recently opened at the corner of Hill and Reynolds in the Meadowbrook Plaza.

The club, which will have annual memberships available, will feature such adult entertainment as comedy, spoken word and musical talent. Guests can hold wedding receptions, book signings, birthday celebrations, etc.

On Friday, April 19, Antwan Johnson, assistant basketball coach at Rogers High School, was honored by his colleagues for his years of selfless service as a mentor to young boys and fathers.

"Tonight is an honor from my fellow coworkers and it's a great honor that they appreciate the things that I try to do," said Johnson of the honor. "I also want to say how proud I am of our boys for their accomplishments this year and how hard they worked. They were very deserving of their accomplishments and we want to wish them well and hope they keep pushing it to the next level for wherever their endeavors are in life. I also want to thank everyone who supported us this year and we greatly appreciate all the support."

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The Gathering Place

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

The song always pops up when you least expect it.

There you are, minding your own business, you hear a few notes, and you're pulled back to a wonderful-horrible time, starchy dreams, laughter, bitterness, love lost. That old love song might be just a "precious melody," but it almost brings you to your knees.

Love is such a complicated thing: easy to fall into and easy to fall out. And in the new anthology *Where Did Our Love Go*, edited by Gil L. Robertson IV, you'll see that you're not alone in being alone.

The statistics are quite sobering.

Forty-two percent of black

women ages 25-34 are unmarried. The number is similar for black men, higher for those over age 34. African Americans simply are not keeping pace, marriage-wise, with their white counterparts.

But why? Is it a legacy of slavery, a cultural issue, "being picky," or economic fallout? Or is marriage historically "ill-suited" for people of color?

Perhaps, as one writer hypothesizes, relationship woes could be an issue because many young blacks have never "actually seen... one family unit consisting of a father and mother, plus two children." Or maybe the timing for marriage was wrong, as another

believes. There's too much judgment, too much "craziness," too much self-reliance from too early an age.

And it gets even more complicated.

The old "there aren't enough decent black men to go around" is bunk. Malcolm X proved it wrong, though many continue to believe it. Black men often think black women only want someone equal or better, financially, and how can they play against that? Black women consider "swirling." Neither can talk about what they really want.

But then - every once in awhile - something magic happens. You meet the right person; you do a dance of



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courtship, and you find yourself in front of a minister, priest or judge. You nurture that union, but sometimes you let it go and look for another.

And somewhere along the

line, if you're extraordinarily lucky, the answer to *Where Did Our Love Go?* is "Nowhere. It's been here all along."

You know them. You want

one. You can't live without it. And when it comes to that, *Where Did Our Love Go* explains why relationships are so fragile.

With the help of dozens of activists, professionals and essayists (including himself), editor Gil L. Robertson IV examines love in all its messy categories, including the beginning, the goodness, and the end.

Readers, I think, will like the varied tones found in this book: some are humorous, with a bit of sarcasm befitting love gone wrong. Others are so sweet that you'll feel almost voyeuristic while reading. Still others are laced with anger, bitterness and fist-shaking. And then there are the hopeful ones, which round out the selection and make this book browse-able to match your mood.

In the end, Mary, Flo and Diana were justified in asking the question about amour. And if you're still looking for the right answer, you'll find *Where Did Our Love Go* to be supreme.

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The Lighthouse Road: 'Circle of Friends' Needs You!

By Dr. Anita M. Lewis-Sewell, MD

Most of us have tossed a pebble into a pond or a rock into a river and watched those resultant ripples with fascination.

As rings of concentric circles expand, flowing forward from their point of origin, we witness visual and dynamic evidence of kinetic energy in motion. Often we continue to hurl one projectile after another because it is mesmerizing to watch such an immediate change result from a seemingly simple and direct action.

Circle of Friends is just like that – only it involves circles of life.

Reflect for a moment on the power and parable of this imagery as I invite you to join forces with the **Circles of Friends** program and help change the future for African-American women in Toledo who are needlessly dying from breast cancer.

Circle of Friends is a sister-to-sister leadership development program designed to empower and equip African-American women as health mentors and wellness coaches in the fight against breast cancer and other health disparities.

This program recruits African-American breast cancer survivors to form small groups where education is shared about healthy living, which includes basic education, early detection, and breast cancer risk reduction, along with other valuable information and community resources. The groups are open to women of all ages.

Although Caucasian women are diagnosed with breast cancer more often, black women are diagnosed at much later stages, are dying at faster rates and tend to have more aggressive (or serious) forms of breast cancer.

Despite the availability of a mammography, which allows for early detection of breast cancer, and programs to assist low-income or uninsured women pay for screening, black women are still experiencing worse outcomes, especially in several designated "hot zip codes" in the Toledo area.

Circle of Friends was launched because of the great need for increased breast health education and awareness with a start-up grant from the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation two years ago.

Recently, the American Cancer Society has provided new funding to continue this important effort in our community and we need you to join forces with us.

You can get involved in several ways. You may choose enroll in the training program to become a group leader. Or you can decide to join a group, start a group, or host a group by inviting **Circle of Friends** to share this education with women you already know.

Groups meet regularly in homes, schools, churches or other community centers, engaging in lively discussion, sharing wisdom, while making new friends or enjoying the company of current friends and family members.

So go ahead. Toss that proverbial rock in the river. Share this important message with your own special circle of friends. Help create more circles. This program is provided free of charge to participating groups and individuals.

You will save lives. You will help change the cancer outcomes for women in your family, your friends, your neighborhood, your church and your community just by getting involved.

My hope and prayer is this: if you remember nothing else from reading this column, remember this - **Mammogram. Mammogram. Mammogram.**

"**Good Health Begins with You**" is the motto of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, which sponsors Minority Health Month activities annually in April to improve the lives of the people in our state.

Take care of yourself. See your healthcare provider for recommended physical examinations and screening tests, including an annual mammograms when appropriate. Early detection is critical and key to saving lives.

Mammogram. Mammogram. Mammogram.

Contact Dr. Amy Thompson, The University of Toledo associate professor of health education, and learn how to bring the **Circle of Friends** program to your group or organization by calling 419-530-4171 or send an email to amy.thompson4@utoledo.edu.

I want to dedicate this column to Della Williams. I was just getting to know her through our mutual involvement with the African American Women's Cancer Support Group and the Clarence Smith Community Chorus. Della recently lost her battle with breast cancer. She was a special person who had to leave us all too soon and she will be greatly missed.



April 27, 2013

Minority Health Summit: Health Equity through Community Partnerships

9:00am-Noon PROMEDICA

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Wiram E. Fitzgerald, Ph.D. is Associate Professor for University Outreach and Engagement and University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at Michigan State University. His research also focuses on Head Start effectiveness, fathers and child development, community engaged scholarship, ecology of institutions, and infant mental health.



Merris Jenkins, Ph.D. is the Chair for the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work and an Associate Professor in Criminal Justice. His research interests include, civil education as a means to violence prevention, restorative justice, gangs, and juvenile justice policy. He has provided multicultural diversity training to many police, probation, and corrections staff across the nation.



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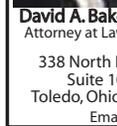


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ASSETS Toledo's "Spring Into Elegance" Fundraiser

By Carla Yvette

ASSETS Toledo held its "Spring into Elegance" Fundraiser Event, Saturday, April 20 at the Pinnacle, 1772 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee. Guests enjoyed dining, dancing and networking and had the opportunity to honor individuals and companies who have generously and unselfishly

given of themselves to support the program.

The honorees were: U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur; Dan Anderson of The Anderson Company; Erie J. Sauder (Posthumous) and Dan Sauder of Sauder Manufacturing and Sauder Woodworking Company. Good Steward awards were pre-



Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Dan Sauder, Olivia Holden and LC Auditor Anita Lopez.

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- Breakfast and lunch
- T-shirt
- Supplies
- Field trips
- Transportation to and from home high school to camp location

For registration, pick up form at location listed below or contact:
Toyya Kessinger (419-578-4980)
 Director

Natural Science Technology Center
 5561 Elmer Drive, Toledo OH 43615

Registration forms due by May 24, 2013

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