Election Day 2013 - The Candidates

The Truth Endorses:
- Mike Bell ✔
- Jack Ford ✔
- Theresa M. Gabriel ✔
- Adam Martinez ✔
- Steve Steel ✔
- Larry Sykes ✔
- Vallie Bowman-English ✔

Vote Yes on Issue 1 ✔
Vote Yes on Issue 24 ✔

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Plots, Plans and Payback III

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor

“We see things not as they are, but as we are. Our perception is shaped by our previous experiences.”

— Dennis Kimbro

Did y’all hear about the latest happenings on Toledo’s political reality experience The Haves and Have Nots?

Evidently the Ohio Democratic Party and the unions attempted to pimp slap Toledo City Councilman/candidate Adam Martinez for his frigid support of hand-picked Party favorite D. Michael Collins while cultivating a warm and fuzzy political relationship with their avowed enemy, Mayor Mike Bell.

“Adam has been a naughty boy,” was essentially the response coming from the Ohio Democratic Party, who then removed Martinez from the Party’s membership roster. In addition, two local labor unions revoked their endorsements of Martinez, requesting return of their campaign contributions and, virtually saying, “You betta have my money too — all $250.”

Martinez then “went off” on the Party, the unions and Collins and replied as if to say, “I’m a grown a** man!” The councilman then further castigated Mr. Collins for being insensitive to the issue of racial profiling. “While there may not be many reported cases of racial profiling within our police department, it is still a very real concern to many in our community that should not be shamelessly dismissed,” said Mr. Martinez, according to The Blade.

I decided to speak directly and candidly with D. Michael Collins about the subject of race and his quest for mayor, a topic that has unyieldingly attached itself to his campaign.

The issue of racial profiling has come to the forefront of the election in part because of Trayvon Martin and other tragic high-profile incidents involving innocent boys or men of color.

A memo from the Toledo Police Department you’ve been referencing, states that there were “no citizen complaints that alleged bias-based actions” on the part of the Toledo Police. The same report also states that, “black men are stopped more frequently than any other demographic.” Do you believe, aside from that memo, that racial profiling occurs in Toledo?

COLLINS: That question that was posed to me at a forum held at Indiana Baptist Church and I only had two minutes to answer. I could have very easily said, “Mayor Bell, you’re better situated to answer that question now. Your safety director, your chief are both standing there. So really, you would be a far better source for an answer than I.” I didn’t do that. I said at that time that it would be my opinion, because of the diversity within our department, that should racial profiling occur, it would be reacted to by the professionals on the police department.

If we had individuals involved in that, they would be very quickly found to be not wearing the uniform of a Toledo police officer. I realize that they’re all human beings, but I’m also realizing that the department that I spent almost 28 years in, I never saw that.

Perryman: You never saw any profiling?

COLLINS: I never saw it. Now if it occurred, it occurred without my knowledge. I would have never tolerated it and I never saw it.

Perryman: Do you believe that it occurs now?

COLLINS: Now that I’ve had the opportunity to reflect back, I can’t say that it exists, but I will tell you, when I look at this report and I have read this report…. This is not my report.

Perryman: It says that there were no allegations reported to Internal Affairs, but that doesn’t mean that racial profiling does not exist. Does racial profiling exist or doesn’t it in Toledo?

COLLINS: If it does exist, I want those people to come forward that feel that they have been inappropriately stopped.

Perryman: If you were mayor, how would you ensure that we avoid profiling and that all citizens receive equitable treatment?

COLLINS: I would want to review the current training personally and also bring in an advisory group. Since this issue is more exclusive to the African-American community and to a certain extent the Latino community, I would bring in members of the African-American community and the Latino community.

I would ask them to review our policy, review our training, analyze what we can do to improve it and then, with consensus, move our entire training program to a different level. Because apparently the community is now saying to me it exists and who better knows than the community? We have to, as a community, purge ourselves of any experiences that are contradictory to people’s freedoms. You can’t have a community without that. Diversity is what makes us a stronger community.

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Community Calendar

November 2
Phillips Temple CME Meet and Greet Celebration for New Pastor: Rev. Antoine Shyne; 4 to 7 pm; 419-242-7906
Evangelical Church of God – Overview of Christianity Seminar: 9:30 to 11:30 am; 419-297-3530

November 2-3
United Community Church 28th Pastoral Anniversary: Supt. Daniel Cunningham; 4 pm Saturday; 5 pm Sunday

November 3
Trinity Faith Tabernacle Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Patricia Smith; 4 pm

November 9
Evangelical Church of God – Understanding Prayer Seminar: 9:30 to 11:30 am; 419-297-3530

November 10
Mt. Nebo Baptist Church 83rd Church Anniversary: 4 pm service; Guests The Worship Center and Pastor Pat McKinstry

November 16
Evangelical Church of God – Working Through Un-forgiveness Seminar: 9:30 to 11:30 am; 419-297-3530
Calvary Baptist Church Annual Cancer Awareness Luncheon: 10 am – agency resources; 11 am – programs; Noon – lunch; J.A. Dotson Fellowship Hall
The TPS renewal levy presents some interesting personal challenges.

I am a strong supporter of the members of the new management team and have been for several years. Romules Durant is a stand-up guy. Someone I would hold up as a role model for children and adults alike. His team shares those characteristics. This group has worked to be open and transparent. They have not always succeeded but that is because of the box they are in called the Toledo Board of Education.

These administrators have reached out and developed relationships with both friends and those perceived by Board members as critics. They have listened, implemented suggestions and responded to concerns. If only the Board would follow their lead.

The Board, as a whole, has been and is an embarrassment and community liability that owes its realty not to voters, but to entrenched self-interests. They are petty grudge keepers, incapable of working together and finding compromise, and more interested in future political advancement than service to community resulting in decisions based upon political goals and not the interests of children and constituents. They hold the authority and thus hold the keys to the box.

So I find myself in a conundrum: one that has no easy resolution.

Most of the reforms and cost savings made in the past few years have come as pressure has been applied through levy failures. Savings gained from the transformation plan - whose major impetus was the change to K-8 model - and the recent performance audit demonstrate that those of us that cam to the recent performance audit demonstrated that those of us that cam - and those increased were not sustainable without significant cost savings or new funds or a combination of both.

I can give you oodles of facts and figures to support these claims. Some of them can be found on the web in a posted copy of the TPS-TFT fact finder report issued September 18, 2013.

The recent performance audit identified $91 million in potential savings over 5 years and offered many recommendations to improve the district. However, it only opened the door to needed changes. The report never addressed changes in instructional delivery, technology in the classroom, classroom management and other areas that would improve overall student academic outcomes. It is far from a perfect document.

Nonetheless, it identified savings that could be redirected toward effective programs totaling about $5 million that are at risk even if the renewal levy passes because federal grants funding the programs are expiring.

Both the Toledo Federation of Teachers (TFT) and the Toledo Association of Administrative Personnel (TAAP) have vehemently criticized the report. A large majority of projected savings must be negotiated with these two unions.

Two of the leading candidates to fill three Board seats in November are backed by the TFT and are not supportive of the audit recommendations. One sitting Board member is heavily dependent upon TFT support. The audit could easily be dismissed in January if candidates beholden to entrenched self-interests win election in November.

Based upon TPS’ own projections, a new levy is not necessary for two years. Two seats on the Board will open in two years. Consequently, if the levy passes in November, the community has no leverage for two years - except for public pressure - to put the process back on track. The recently announced audit “advisory” board could easily be dismantled and the process ended.

The Board and their TFT handlers hold all the cards for two years. They will bank on a short public memory and be back in two years or less asking for new money despite their failure to realize the savings available.

Do I vote to support the management team? Or do I vote to force the hand of the Board? Either way it is easy to see how our children don’t come first.

Not an easy decision to make. It boils down to providing short term relief or forcing long term gain. In such a quandary, you have little left but to let your conscience guide you.

Jack Ford
Elect a Proven Trusted Servant

Community Organizations
- Treatment, intervention and Residential care for addicted Citizens;
- Led team to build J. Frank Troy Center
- Organized Adelante in 1990
- Full service treatment center for Toledo’s Hispanic citizens
- Organized Commission of Youth 1989
- Organized CareNet in 20003

Gives full health coverage to Lucas County citizens since 2003

Education
Undergraduate in Social Word
Masters in Public Administration
Law Degree - University of Toledo

Political Achievements
- Toledo City Council 1987 - 1994
- Ohio State Rep - 1994 - 2001
- First Black Democratic Leader in House of Representatives - 1998 - 2001
- First Black Mayor of Toledo - 2002 - 2006
- Toledo Board of Education - 2007 - 2011

Teaching Experience
34 years of teaching full or part-time at Bowling Green State University of the University of Toledo
The Sojourner’s Truth

For the Tree is Known by His Fruit (See Matt. 12:33)

By Jay Black
The Truth Contributor

TAACC Mission Statement

The Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce (TAACC) advocates and promotes the economic growth and development of African American owned businesses by focusing on the development of business opportunities, business alliances, and legislative advocacy.

Last year around this time representatives of the TAACC and the NAACP hosted a series of community forums with the agencies that had levies on the ballot and with some of the candidates who were running for office at the time. The purpose of the meetings was to learn of their platforms and to share with them what our issues were. The following institutions made presentations at the forums:

Imagination Station, Children Services Board, Toledo Public Schools (TPS), Toledo Metro Parks, Lucas County Library, and the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB).

In addition, we invited all the candidates who were running for County Commissioner (Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Kevin Haddad, and Pete Gerken). Only Skeldon Wozniak and Haddad met with us. Gerken cancelled the day before his appointment with us and declined to meet with us prior to the election (he wanted to meet after the vote).

We asked all of the levy sponsors whether or not they had a policy that governs their desire to include minority business enterprises (MBE’s) as part of their procurement processes. If they did not have an inclusion policy we asked them to follow The University of Toledo’s lead and adopt a policy similar to UT’s. We asked the candidates for county commissioners to do the same. Listed below is what has occurred since the community forum’s relative to the inclusion policy issue:

Tina Skeldon Wozniak – We asked Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak to champion an inclusion policy with the county commissioners since they did not have one. We also asked her to help former Toledo City Council President Wilma Brown to find a job. We previously asked Commissioner Gerken to do the same and he said the County could not adopt goals for MBE’s since it “didn’t have home rule authority like the City of Toledo”. We also asked him to help find Brown a job.

To her credit, Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak was successful in helping Brown find employment. We were informed in June 2013 by new County Administrator Laura Lloyd Jenkins that the County could not set formal percentage goals for purchases and contracts according to state law, she did outline several initiatives that the commissioners have taken to be more inclusive of MBE’s to include a tracking process to monitor the County’s spend with MBE’s.

It should be noted that the County has adopted a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) resolution that effectively seeks to protect the unions’ interest in County sponsored construction projects. Also, the County seeks to follow the State of Ohio’s lead in many instances when it comes to procurement procedures.

It should also be noted that Governor Kasich is... continued on page 5
actively trying to make the State’s 15 percent set aside for goods and services with MBE’s a reality. We are hopeful that we can work with Lloyd Jenkins to find some sort of middle ground that will ensure that the county commissioners will be “intentional” about their desire to include MBE’s as part of their procurement process. We have meetings scheduled with her in November to discuss this issue further.

Imagination Station - They did not have an inclusion policy, did not know at the time how much they spent with MBE’s, and as far as we know, do not have an inclusion policy today.

TPS – Has adopted an inclusion policy since our meetings with them.

MHRSB – Does have an inclusion policy that governs their Board make-up, desire to have a diverse employee base, and desire to include MBE’s in their procurement process.

Toledo Metro Parks – Did not have an inclusion policy but stated as recently as last week that they fully intend to develop an acceptable procurement policy that includes MBE’s.

Children Services Board – Did not have an inclusion policy, but stated at the time that over 60 percent of their contract services went to MBE’s, and that they had a high rate of minorities in their employee base, administrative positions, clients served, and on their Board.

Lucas County Public Library – Did not have an inclusion policy, and did not know how much of their expenditures went to MBE’s. They did say they would consider our request to adopt an inclusion policy similar to UT’s policy.

In January 2013 TAACC leadership met with Administrators Clyde Scoles, Margaret Danzinger, and Charlie Oswanski, along with Board Members Dennis Johnson of Brooks Insurance, and George Tucker of the AFL-CIO, as a follow-up to our dialog at the community forums.

We again asked them to adopt an inclusion policy similar to UT’s and explained why it is important to our community. The library administrators said they would consider our request. Charlie Oswanski informed us last week the Lucas County Public Library has decided not to adopt any formal inclusion policies.

As we approach the November Election Day we should ask ourselves what kind of tree are we going to vote for? Are we going to vote for a tree that has corrupt fruit or one that has good fruit? A tree that has good fruit is one that is fair with the distribution of its economic resources. A tree that has good fruit will hire your son or daughter or will ensure that the kids from our community have the same employment opportunities with their office or institution that kids from the Caucasian communities have.

A tree that produces good fruit recognizes the importance of exercising leadership by having business inclusion policies that outlive the current management team and are that demographically reflective of their constituents (people who vote for their levies, and vote them into office) and promote an overall sense of fairness. A tree that produces good fruit will seek to use its economic resources to act as a catalyst to its underserved communities which in turn will strengthen the entire community.

Conversely, a tree that produces corrupt fruit continues to do business using the FBI method (only do business with friends, brothers, in-laws), or the good-old-boy network. A tree that produces corrupt fruit is the candidate or institution that only comes around when they need our vote. A tree with corrupt fruit is one does not represent our communities interest even though we consistently support their levies or vote them into office. A tree with bad fruit takes our public resources and returns none or very little of those same public resources to our community. Lastly, a tree that produces corrupt fruit is one that flat out lies to us and does not deliver on its promises and commitments to the African-American community.

Finally, beware of levy sponsors who have not represented our community’s interest. We send an incorrect message when we support candidates and levies that don’t support us. They will surmise that we must approve of what they are doing since we helped pass their levy or voted them into office. And always remember that they will forget about us once they get what they want from us.

I encourage you to emulate other communities who receive infinitely more public resources from levy sponsors and candidates than the African-American community does, and stop voting for candidates and institutions who have a track record of not including our businesses in their distribution of public financial resources or hiring kids from our community. And always remember, “For the tree is known by his fruit”.

VOTE FOR LARRY SYKES
For Toledo City Council

My life has been dedicated to public service. I want to continue to serve the public on City Council and bring to Council the experience and expertise I have accumulated during these decades of public life. A banker with 30 years of experience as a vice president of community development, longtime member of the Toledo Board of Education, a management consultant, community activist, member of a multitude of community and civic boards, I have the knowledge and the plan to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Toledo.

1. I will seek to increase police and fire department staffing levels by reallocating funds already available to the City of Toledo.
2. I will work to create jobs by cutting the tax rates for small business owners.
3. I will work to create multiple business districts in order to provide funds for street and other infrastructure repair around the city and in the neighborhoods.
4. I will work with companies to develop job opportunities for our youth.
5. I will partner with local, regional and global organizations to help create jobs and opportunities for Toledoans of all ages.
6. I will focus the city of Toledo’s resources on the scourge that is domestic violence and make sure that proper education, training and law enforcement resources are implemented to address this crucial issue.

Paid for by the committee to elect Larry J. Sykes, Verna Prude, Treasurer, 2368 Valley Brook Drive, Toledo, OH 43615
The Truth Endorses … Ford, Gabriel, Martinez, Steel and Sykes for City Council

Sojourner’s Truth Staff

Endorsing incumbents Steve Steel and Adam Martinez is an easy call in both cases. By now, both Democrats have a wealth of experience in elected office and the public policy arena.

Steel, prior to being appointed, then elected to Toledo City Council, served on the Toledo Board of Education, the last several years as president. Martinez, prior to his election to Council four years ago spent a number of years with Toledo Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) engaged in public policy issues.

Although both were endorsed by the Democratic Party, Martinez went a bit off the tracks and declined to support the Party’s endorsed candidate for mayor, independent D. Michael Collins. But since we are endorsing the same man Martinez endorsed, we have no bone to pick about that call.

As for Ford, Gabriel and Sykes, these three candidates possess a wealth of experience in the public sector with the bonus of Sykes considerable experience in the private sector.

Ford, an unendorsed Democrat, of course has been, as an elected official, a leader on City Council previously, a leader in the County Assembly, mayor of Toledo and a member of the Board of Education.

Gabriel, running as an independent, has served for decades as an employee of the City of Toledo, heading a number of departments such as Parks and Recreation and Human Resources. Her last position with the City was as assistant chief of staff.

Sykes, another unendorsed Democrat, has been a member of the Board of Education for four terms, has been a vice president of community relations for Fifth Third Bank before retiring and has served on numerous important boards such as Metroparks and Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority.

However, it is more than mere experience that prompts our endorsement of these three candidates and it certainly more than the fact that the three are African-American, although we are more than a little bit intrigued by the fact that if the three are elected, there will be – for the first time – five African American Toledo City Councilmen.

The fact is that The Truth is most importantly impressed with the issues these three have claimed. Ford and Gabriel have decided to focus their considerable talents on correcting the calamitous housing situation in Toledo, particularly in the central city. To this end, they will be turning their colleagues’ attention to the Department of Neighborhoods and to the impact that vacant, boarded up houses have on neighborhoods.

Why, they ask, should the City be using funds – even though they may be federal funds – to build more tax credit homes in neighborhoods where recently built tax credit homes are sitting vacant?

Sykes has put forth a six-point program that includes increasing safety staffing levels, job creation and curbing the critical problem of domestic violence. We applaud that focus, particularly on the issue of domestic violence.

The Truth Endorses … Mayor Mike Bell

One well-placed city employee told us not too long ago that things are beginning to happen here in Toledo under this current administration as she detailed a number of projects involving millions of dollars that are just around the corner – projects such as Collingwood Green, part 2; the Commons at Garden Lake; the Parkwood Apartments, for example.

We see that and believe that in the four years under Mike Bell, the foundation is in place not only for growth in public projects but also to attract a host of private entities to the Glass City. Whether the administration will follow up aggressively to build and sustain momentum is as yet unknown but we feel that Bell fully deserves a second term in order to fulfill such promise.

The Truth Endorses … The TPS and Port Authority Levies

Issue 1 is a renewal of 0.4 mill levy for the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority and Issue 24 is a renewal of 6.5 mills levy for the Toledo Public Schools. We are asking our readers to support both issues for two reasons.

First, neither levy will cost citizens additional money since they are renewals. Secondly, both institutions are performing admirably these days.

The Port has implemented a DCAP program (Diversified Contractors Acceledated Program) over the past several years that has successfully provided capital for minority entrepreneurs in order that they may bid on projects that may have previously been beyond their capacity.

TPS is on the move upwards and has managed to gain much better control over the past few years of its finances and has managed to upgrade its academic performance as well.

Vote YES for both levies.

The Truth Endorses … Vallie Bowman-English for Toledo Municipal Clerk of Court

Vallie Bowman-English has been in office for almost a decade and deserves to be re-elected just as often as she desires. She has done a marvelous job as Toledo’s Clerk of Court.

Just this year she conceived of an idea, a mobile app named TMC Courtwatch, that enables users to view full case and court files on their mobile devices, thus enhancing the flow of information and decreasing the burden on employees. It was the first such implementation of the app in Ohio and an example of Bowman-English’s creative approach to her position. This is the easiest call on the ballot.
Mecca Court’s 50th Annual Commandress Ball

Special to The Truth

Mecca Court No. 73 held its 50th Annual Commandress Ball, Honoring Illustrious Commandress Dt. Tanya R. Roach, amid flowing gowns, gentlemen in tuxedos and glamorous accessories, on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at Best Western Premier Grand Plaza Hotel.

The court awards scholarships annually. This year the court was able to award three scholarships – two traditional scholarships from the “Charlesena Harrison Smith Scholarship Foundation” and one non-traditional scholarship from the “Gladys L. Mitchell Scholarship Fund”.

This year’s recipients of the traditional scholarship were Daylen Scott who attends The University of Toledo majoring in mechanical engineering and Kayla Huston, who also attends UT, majoring in criminal justice and pre-law. The non-traditional scholarship was awarded to Kerri Ellison, who attends Owens Community College with a major of occupational therapy assistant.

The Daughters of Isis is a women’s auxiliary of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions Incorporated, Prince Hall Affiliation with over 200 courts located in the United States, Canada, Bahamas, Germany, Italy and Japan.

The Daughters of Isis’ purpose is to practice charity and benevolence and

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LIUNA LABORERS LOCAL 500
BUILDING AND PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY
We strongly encourage you to take this slate to the polls with you

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
Shaun Enright
Jack Ford
Theresa Gabriel
Steve Steel
Larry Sykes

Election Day:
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

TOLEDO SCHOOL BOARD
Aji Green
Randall Parker
Polly Taylor-Gerken

JUDGE - MUNICIPAL COURT
Amy Berling
Gretchen Debacker

CLERK - MUNICIPAL COURT
Vallie Bowman-English

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
Vote Yes, Toledo City Schools (Issue #24)
Vote Yes, Toledo Port Authority (Issue #1)
Vote Yes, Board of Developmental Disabilities (Issue #2)

In Solidarity - LABORERS LOCAL 500’S PAC
Earlie Reeves, Lee Johnson, Jr., Mark Hoover,
Justin Rogers, Tony Coleman, David Estis, David Fleetwood
Scott High School Celebrates 100 Years

By Sojourner’s Truth Staff

Jessup W. Scott High School’s Centennial Program took place October 19 at the Seagate Center as part of the weekend-long Centennial Celebration.

The Scott High School Orchestra was on hand providing music during cocktail hour which was followed by recognitions, speeches and proclamations given by Stan Odesky, Centennial general chairman; Treva Jeffries, Scott High School principal; Romules Durant, Ed.D., interim superintendent Toledo Public Schools; Edna Brown, state senator District 11 and Bill Harris, media chairman.

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The Luncheon

Saturday’s luncheon guests were greeted by the musical prelude of cellist Damon Coleman as they arrived to honor the 2013 Legends: Wilma Brown; Crystal Ellis; Lola Glover; Joseph Sommerville, Ph.D; Samuel Price and Myra Waters, Ph.D. Honored posthumously this year were Daniel Mack (1896-1966) and Robert Powell, Sr. (1917-2003). Bill Harris was joined by Kristian Brown as emcee for the afternoon events with additional remarks given by Mayor Mike Bell, Ve’Shante Wynn and Dave Murray and intermittent song selections by vocalist Marcia Bowen-Jones.

The Concert

Saturday evening’s event began with a reception welcoming Joey Sommerville (son of the honoree) home which featured an outstanding performance by local jazz legend, bassist Clifford Murphy. The rest of night was charged with the music of Sommerville and Meadows playing to fully-engaged audiences for both evening shows.
MLK Kitchen For The Poor Strikes Out Hunger

September 28, locals gathered at Interstate Lanes, Rossford to “Strike Out Hunger” for the MLK Kitchen for the Poor annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser.

Executive Director Harvey Savage Jr. says this is a fun event supported each year by individuals and sponsors and that those who couldn’t come out to the fundraiser may still support their mission by going online to kitchenforthepoor.org and making a monetary donation or by taking food directly to the kitchen. In addition to serving warm meals, counseling programs are available to help individuals make connections with other agencies and programs in the area. Additionally, MLK Kitchen for the poor helps needy families in the community by providing clothing, toys and counseling support throughout the year.

AKA’s Fall Into Fabulous Dinner

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. held its third annual Fall Into Fabulous Dinner and Dance on September 28 at The Hotel at University of Toledo Medical College. Over 250 guests enjoyed cocktails, dinner, mixing and mingling while helping to support the efforts of the Sorority in raising money for scholarships and community service projects.

While some guests enjoyed the smooth, jazz sounds of guest artist jazz and blues singer Ramona Collins in one room, others hit the dance floor to the music of DJ JROC of WJUC 107.3, in another.

Since receiving their charter in 1952, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc have been able to give over $200,000 in community service and scholarships.

Event Chairman Lisa Dubose, Chapter President Deborah Nimely-Washington, Co-chairman Marie Bush

Lisa Dubose, Chairman - Fall Into Fabulous with Clara Petty - committee member

Lisa Dubose, Katina Johnson, Felicia Dunston

Executive Director, Harvey Savage, Jr. with staff and volunteers

ISSUE 1 HELPS THE PORT AUTHORITY
BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY
HERE IN LUCAS COUNTY

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority sponsors the Diversified Contractor Acceleration Program (DCAP), which helps small minority contractors participate in major construction projects and creates jobs in our community.

The program has brought more than $1.6 million in support to minority contractors in this community.

The Port Authority has also supported the Warren AME Senior Center Community and the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.

The Port Authority is endorsed by the Lucas County Democratic Party, Laborers Local 500, along with other labor and civic organizations.

Jerry Jones, Jerry co-chair, with Ray Hodges of REM Systems Solutions and Andrew Bryan of Bryan Tucker. Both companies have benefited from DCAP.

ISSUE 1 SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY
Vote FOR Issue 1

NO NEW TAX MORE JOBS NOW.

Paid for by Committee for Jobs, 4637 West 3rd, Toledo, OH 43623 Co-Chair: George Chappell, Mike Mcrae, Marianne Bulley, Jerry Jones and Mark Subiarak.
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While enjoying dinner and dessert, guests were able to relive history as the story of “Scott High School: The First 100 Years” was retold by speakers, Dick Eppstein, ’65; Brenda Morehead Campbell, ’75; Carmel Smith, Ed.D., ’85 and Santoya Rivers, SBG Representative through a combination of slide presentations and music being performed from those eras.

The event raised $30,000 which will be put into a scholarship fund initiated by the committee and will go to a deserving student from Scott based on the criteria that they will establish, focusing primarily on academics and school involvement.

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promote general welfare. The Daughters of Isis also promote the development of powerful leaders and career planning to area youths and encourages health awareness in the community.

This year Mecca Court No. 73 was involved in a variety of community service projects including preparing a home to be painted with Habitat for Humanity, Mott Branch Library Summer Reading Fair, planting a community garden at Pilgrim Port & J Frank Troy Center; preparing meals for fami-
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Perryman: Well, let’s stay with diversity because every segment of the community values public safety and I have not heard from you any acknowledgment of the achievements of Chief Derrick Diggs. Speaking of diversity, he’s the first African American to lead the police department and, in fact, I think that you have made an issue about crime being worse. But do you acknowledge that the programs he has implemented in the last year have reduced crime?

Collins: Let me go back to the beginning. When Mike Navarre retired, I was fully supportive of Derrick Diggs.

Perryman: And what happened?

Collins: Derrick Diggs I supported all during his tenure as chief. I didn’t feel it was appropriate to reappoint him.

Perryman: Why not?

Collins: I don’t have anything against Derrick Diggs as an individual, but I want to see a department move and I want to see opportunities. You ask me about diversity and you ask me about opportunities, and then should I be of a mindset then to not look in and say, “What other Derrick Diggs‘ do we have?” We have to have a succession policy in the City of Toledo.

Perryman: But, I would argue that before we start looking at succession and changes, we need to look at the job that the current person is doing. And if crime has been reduced in the last year, why would we want to get rid of Derrick Diggs, when he... you’re talking about recruiting minorities, when they have that type of individual to look at in a leadership position to which they can aspire and a role model for many – regardless of race? I mean that’s a little…

Collins: I am not going to deny that, but there are the numbers.

Perryman: I’m not going back to 2010. I’m talking about when many of these new programs and initiatives were put in place. January to June 2013, compared to January to June 2012. Crime is down 22 percent. We’ve got new cameras. We’ve got data-driven policing and other new things and they are working. So why would we want to get rid of the police chief?

Collins: I will sit down with Chief Diggs. I’m not going to summarily say he’s not going to stay. I will sit down with him and I guess I’ll just tell you since you’ve asked, that after the departure of Mike Navarre, I went to Chief Diggs’ office and I told Diggs, “I want you to be mindful that there are certain people in this department that will try to compromise your ability to lead. There are people in this department that are not your friends. As a matter of fact, they’re your mortal enemies. No one else will tell you that, but I am.” I would like for you to ask him about this.

Perryman: I will.

Collins: I made an appointment, went into his office. We closed the door and I said, “Derrick, I’m probably the only guy in the world who’s ever going to tell you this because we’re friends. You better watch your back, because you got people here that are not loyal to you.” I said, “I’m not going to tell you who they are, because I think we both know, but that’s what’s going on.”

Perryman: Are those people your supporters?

Collins: No.

Perryman: Are they your advisors?

Collins: No. I have nothing but utter disrespect for those people.

Perryman: So why would you play directly into their hands?

Collins: I’m going to sit down and talk with Chief Diggs again if I’m the mayor. But that conversation occurred and those people will not be in the positions they’re in today under the Chief of Police if I’m elected. I assure you of that. All you have to do is go over and ask Perlina Griffin of Civil Rights and ask her if she knows what I’m talking about.

Perryman: Does it have anything to do with race?

Collins: Yes. It has to do with race and it has to do with... as far as I am concerned, people that were put in positions of authority that should have never been allowed to be in those positions.

Perryman: Put into those positions by whom?

Collins: They went through the system and most of them have never been police officers in their lives.

Perryman: I’ve heard you talk about thinning the executive staff. Mayor Bell has assembled a very, very diverse cabinet of directors and commissioners. What would you do to ensure that your cabinet is equally as diverse?

Collins: My cabinet will be equally as diverse.

Perryman: What will you do to ensure that?

Collins: Combination of things.
Movie Review: Captain Phillips

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

I’ll never forget that morning. I was working a 9-5 job where I actually had my own office and I had developed the habit of checking headlines on yahoo.com at the start of my work day.

Clicking and scrolling, I remember some loose arrangement of the words “modern day pirates” and “attack” sandwiched between random political and sports news blurbs. I assumed it was a joke, but I clicked anyway.

I was shocked to see that this was actual. High stakes crime on the high seas in these days and times. Not even a year into the first term of America’s first black president, there were still strains of “Wow, just when you think you’ve seen it all” floating through the air and this was no exception.

Unlike that bullshit propaganda the previous administration tormented us with, this was real and actual terrorism affecting multiple countries. A war-torn African nation unable to enforce laws on its own citizens had started to produce waves of syndicate operations specializing in armed ship jacking.

As the international community became aware and compromised by this heinous phenomenon, the real life Captain Richard Phillips found himself in the middle of a modern-day pirate attack with the eyes of the world watching. I followed the story as it unfolded and once it was concluded, never gave it much further thought.

So here we are a few years later.

Somali pirates have stayed in the news longer than Captain Phillips and his book.

If you know where to look, you can actually find interesting blogs breaking down the socio-political angle of the pirate attacks.

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Inquiry # FY14-31, (Project # 1130-13-872) for Campus Energy Cost Reduction for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping container. Bids shall be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2013. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of $75.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained by calling David Desjardins of JDRM Engineering at 419-899-6641.

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**Canine Care Center Supervisor - Lucas County**

The Lucas County Dog Warden is accepting applications for the classified, FLSA-Exempt position of Canine Care Center Supervisor. Applications will be accepted through November 6, 2013. Additional information regarding the duties and responsibilities is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on “Apply for a Job” and then select “Canine Care Center Supervisor” from the list to read more. Apply on-line or send a resume and cover letter to: Lucas County Human Resources, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH 43604, attn: Birdena Martin.

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**Public Notice**

The public is hereby invited to review and comment on the proposed Community Services Block Grant for the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Greater Toledo, Inc. (EOPA). The plan may be reviewed at EOPA’s office located at 505 Hamilton Street, Toledo, OH, Friday, November 8th, and Tuesday, November 12th, 2013 between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Comments should be submitted to the above office before 5:00 pm. November 15th, 2013. All comments will be kept on file and will be open for public review. For further information, contact Eric W. Slack, Director of Planning at (419) 424-7304 ext. 1402. Lucas County Emergency Services is accepting applications to fill the position of 9-1-1 Training Officer through November 8, 2013. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on “Apply for a Job” and then select “9-1-1 Training Officer” from the list to read more or apply. An Equal Opportunity Employer
Leading By Example: 2013 AALP Legend’s Weekend

By Carla Yvette

The community celebrated Legends and Emerging Leaders during the African American Legacy Project’s (AALP) ninth annual Legend’s Weekend, October 4 and 5. The weekend began with a reception on Friday evening at the Toledo Club followed by the AALP’s “legendary” luncheon on Saturday at the Hilton Garden Inn. The celebration closed with a concert featuring Joey Sommerville and Marion Meadows Saturday evening at Forester’s on the River.

The Reception

Eight individuals were honored this year as Emerging Leaders at the weekend, delivered by Bill Harris and Charlie Mack - Rodney Eason Jr; Merida Allen; Kenyetta Jones; Keith B. Jordan, Sr.; Alicia Smith; Joshua Petersen; Hope Bland, Ph.D and William B. Pierce. Guests were treated to hors d’oeuvres with special music provided by musicians John Cunningham and Wayne Harris.

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