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Cool Under Fire

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

Every black person who rises is subject to a greater degree of criticism and more than any other segment of the population.

- Coleman Young



Incumbent Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson faces stiff competition in the upcoming election from Sandra Drabik Collins, positioned as the "second coming" of late Mayor D. Michael Collins and Carty Finkbeiner, the resurrected former mayor from Toledo's "good old days."

However, the most intense skirmishes in the campaign seem to occur, not in the day-to-day battles between candidates, but from sniper attacks launched against Hicks-Hudson by her own "supporters" in a cultural conflict over how the city's first black woman mayor exercises power and authority.

For certain, black women leaders are in a no-win situation where leadership is often perceived as a matter of specific personal behavioral traits synonymous with white male-dominated stereotypes.

If a woman leader is a young, fresh, hip and stylish, her youthfulness and femininity are likely to invite criticism that evolves from a hyper-scrutiny that is not usually subjected to white males. If she is assertive and direct, the woman leader will be accused of being "bitchy" and aggressive but if thoughtful and reflective, she is likely to be deemed too weak for the leadership task.

Hicks-Hudson, who suddenly found herself in the eye of an economic storm with the untimely death of previous Mayor Collins has forged ahead in solidifying the ProMedica move downtown and presenting a viable package to keep Jeep production and jobs at current levels.

Are the public whispers and water cooler critiques of Hicks-Hudson's mayoral performance legit? Or are these criticisms merely resistance to and discomfort with black female leadership and a management style that is non-conforming to traditional white male-dominated stereotypes?

In the following discussion Mayor Hicks-Hudson addresses her critics head on.

Perryman: The January 2014 arson that killed two Toledo firefighters appears to have you "jammed up" by the fire union's call for Chief Santiago's resignation. Various factions have criticized you for not making an emphatic statement by either firing Santiago or supporting him 110 percent. Your response?

Hicks-Hudson: I impaneled three people to examine, not only the report that the union is using to go against him, but also to look at some other things and come back with a recommendation of next steps, not just for the personality of the fire chief, but for fire service in general.

There is -- at the core of this issue, a personal dispute, I think, based on personalities. They [union] just don't like the chief. But, whether this guy is doing his job or not doing his job is based upon what I would call just cause. And, at this point I don't have any information

to say that just cause termination is appropriate. Or, I guess, if I asked him to resign, he would. But I don't feel that I should be bullied, and that's what these guys [Firefighters Union] are doing.

Perryman: Right.

Hicks-Hudson: But the reality is that the union head doesn't like the chief, and the chief doesn't like the union head. I've talked to Captain Jeff Romstadt, president of Toledo Firefighters Local 92, a number of times, and in those conversations it goes back to, 'you have to hold this man accountable for the deaths of those two officers.' And there were so many factors that went along with that, but the main thing that everybody seems to forget is that a fire was started, and that's the reason for those deaths is that someone started an arson. They basically set that apartment house on fire. If they hadn't done that, no one would have been there. But Romstadt dismisses that because he wants to get the chief.

And so there's a lot more internal stuff. And, in fact, I'm going to talk with some of the black firefighters just to get their take. But the people I've talked to all seem to think that it's a personal. But I'll know more as soon as I get the report back from the panel.

Perryman: It puts you between a rock and a hard place as so many of these issues do, because to get rid of him will alienate you from the Hispanic community, and not to put you on the outs with the firefighters union, which you're probably not going to get their support anyway.

Hicks-Hudson: Anyway. From the very beginning I have said, this is not about getting or garnering their support. They've not ever given support to an African-American candidate as far as I know. And with Sandy Drabik in the race, they're going to go with Sandy, or they'll go with Carty. But as for the firefighters, most of them don't live in the city. Many of them are Republican, from a political standpoint.

And so, therefore, if I put that in the calculation, it's easy not to dismiss what they want. But if I'm really looking at and listening to what they're saying and their concerns, I'm just going about it the way I'm going, which is to have that committee look at -- not only that report, but some other reports, interview both the chief as well as some of the -- I don't know if they're going to interview any of the firefighters that were there on the scene or not, because I'm leaving it up to them how they do their investigation.

But the bottom line is that this is something that I'm doing. I think it's the right thing to do and not be pressured because of someone's personal agenda. Or if it's not a personal agenda, what they perceive is the right thing to do themselves.

Perryman: The perception of many is that by not coming out either for or against makes you appear as weak or waffling.

Hicks-Hudson: No, I have come out. I have said on two different occasions that I support the chief, and then I'm looking at this re-

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Community Calendar

May 31

United Church of God Family and Friends Day: 10 am service
Ebenezer MBC Musical: "Going Back to the Old Landmark;" 5 pm; Featuring singers from around the city

June 20

Annual Block Party/East Side Reunion: Edgar Holmes Park; Free food, family games, entertainment, vendors and raffles; All day - opening ceremony at noon: 419-309-4021 or 4567-395-0363

June 28

Calvary MBC Annual Women's Day Program: "Christian Women Transformed by God;" 4 pm; Guest Speaker Evang. Sheila Cook of New Life COGIC

Oh, Please, Give It A Rest!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Well, let's all release our breath! Release the pigeons! Strike up the band!

Get the pom-poms out of the closet!

Why? What the auspicious occasion? Didn't you hear? Sandy Drabik-Collins or is it Sandy Drabik or is it now (at least for the political season) Sandy Collins, is running for mayor.

To avoid any possible name confusion, I will call her, Sandy.

Sandy wants to be your next mayor. See Sandy run. Run Sandy run. Sandy will run. Why will Sandy run?

Good question. Any good answers? None yet save for the political pabulum of (get out your crying towels everyone!), "wanting to carry out her late husband's campaign platforms."

Is that it, you say? Yeah, that is it! Sandy wants to be mayor to fulfill some nebulous legacy idea that she and only she can execute upon.

It is as if Sandy was the brooding or hovering savant or brains behind her late husband's platform and as such only she is qualified to sit in the mayor's chair and fulfill D. Michael Collins' vision for the city.

Can anyone see me yawning at this political hubris?

Come on, Sandy...give it a rest! You do not possess any special insider's knowledge or have any special political skills that, unless you are in the mayor's chair, no one else but you will be able to transform Toledo in the image that Mike may have had for the city.

Pull...leeze!

You know, I don't mind the shameless political shenanigans of Sandy Drabik changing her name to that of Sandy Collins since it is designed to get voters to emotionally link her up with any of Mike's residual or lingering charisma.

I even don't mind the brassiness of Sandy Drabik Collins even changing her political affiliation from that of a Republican to that of an independent (that was Mike's political label when he won the mayor's office). Note: Why can't or won't Sandy run as a Republican since her hero is the former Republican Ohio Governor George Voinovich.

But I do get a severe case of political heartburn when a wife or a husband want to play coy and run on the coattails of their deceased spouse as if somehow it is just the right thing to do.

Sorry to say, but I do not think the City of Toledo is still grieving over Mike Collins not being in the mayor's chair or that the citizens are longing to return to an era of politics where there is a Collins...even if it is his wife... in the mayor's chair.

Don't think so!

If you examine Mike's "platform" for Toledo, it was pretty nondescript and includes the tried and true political agenda items of (a) a clean and safe city (b) keep the roads repaired and the garbage picked up on time (c) keep the water clean (d) attract businesses to Toledo and (e) good schools and good neighborhoods.

You do not need a "legacy" mayor to spout those sound bites to a voting populace. Mayor Hicks-Hudson is doing a commendable job in all of those areas and when one person is already committed to those tasks, you do not need another person to jump in and say, "My ice is colder than your ice!"

In the interest of journalistic transparency, I have devised a questionnaire for Sandy to answer and return back to me. Below are just a few of those questions and possible answers.

I want to run for mayor because:

- (a) I am bored with my current job.
- (b) I like the view from the mayor's office.
- (c) I want a city car to run around in.

My opinion of Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson is:

- (a) None. I just want her job.
- (b) She is not Mike.
- (c) She is not uttering Mike's name at every city event.

What would I do different as mayor?

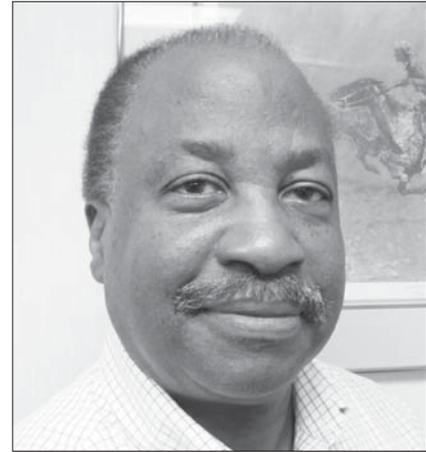
- (a) Don't know yet. Haven't thought it through.
- (b) Rename the city, Collinsville.
- (c) Have a séance so I could channel Mike's wisdom to city council meetings.

What makes you qualified to be mayor?

- (a) my name is Collins.
- (b) my name is Collins.
- (c) did I say that my last name is Collins?

If nothing else, voters of Toledo will have a chance to examine the engine that makes Sandy run and if she believes that voters will be starry eyed because her name is Collins; and she has a secret "mojo" to drastically turn the city around, there will be some skeptical voters if all she does is spout what Mike would have done.

Mike's platform or campaign promises are not forged in steel and there is no guarantee that a candidate's platform promises all come to pass; but to run on a "legacy"



Lafe Tolliver

gives the impression that the spouse of the deceased has secret inside knowledge about Mike and unless the legacy candidate is voted into office, the City of Toledo voters will never know what could have been.

Sandy or Sandy Drabik or Sandy Drabik-Collins and now Sandy Collins...please turn off your political smoke making machine and give it a rest.

P.S. Everyone, watch out for that perennial political opportunist, Carty Finkbeiner who is waiting in the wings to spring out like a Jack-In-The-Box at the opportune time. Voters need to give him the cold shoulder...now! Carty, then or now or in the future, will not be a cure all for the problems of Toledo. Carty also has no secret "mojo" that if he were elected (does anyone besides me have...

"Carty Fatigue"? he would be a political superhero.

He is doing what Carty does best: blow a lot of smoke and hopes that you get high off of it.

Carty knows that if he runs, he will split the vote between Mayor Hudson and himself, allowing Sandy Drabik to win.

Don't play his game.

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Fifth Third Bank's "eBus" Returns to Toledo During June: 2015 Tour Reaches out to Neighborhoods with Financial Information

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Fifth Third's eBus tour will focus on the financial and physical well being of northwest Ohio residents and veterans. Visitors to the eBus will partake in free one-on-one personalized counseling including advice about savings and budgeting, home buying and borrowing, understanding your credit, protecting your identity, and an array of community services.

Fifth Third will also offer access to its popular initiative "NextJob" to any interested residents seeking help with résumés, cover letters, interviews, networking and other related topics.

The June schedule for the eBus is as follows:

Monday, June 8, 9am – 2pm: Fifth Third Bank and Lucas County Job and Family Services will host the eBus at **3210 Monroe Street, Toledo.** Fifth Third will also be joined by Northwest Ohio Development Agency and United Way 211. Interim HealthCare will be onsite to provide free health screenings including blood sugar.

Tuesday, June 9, 9am – 2pm: Fifth Third Bank, YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo, and Achieve Academy will host the eBus at **301 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo.** Fifth Third will also be joined by Northwest Ohio Development Agency, United Way 211, and Family House. Food for

Thought will bring its Mobile Food Pantry to distribute food and will provide information and assistance on food resources. Mobile Dentists will be present to provide free youth dental screenings and cleanings. Interim HealthCare will be onsite to provide free health screenings including blood sugar. There will be lots of fun activities for youth including beading, face painting and an obstacle course.

Wednesday, June 10, 9am – 2pm: Fifth Third Bank and Veteran Services Commission will host the bank's mobile e-Bus at **2595 Arlington Avenue, Toledo.** Additional participating partners include: Department of Veterans Affairs-Toledo CBOC, VA Homeless Program, YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo, Northwest Ohio Development Agency, United Way 211, and Red Cross. Tireman Auto Service Centers will provide a free car care clinic. Interim HealthCare will be onsite to provide free health screenings including blood sugar. There will be lots of fun activities for youth including beading, face painting and an obstacle course.



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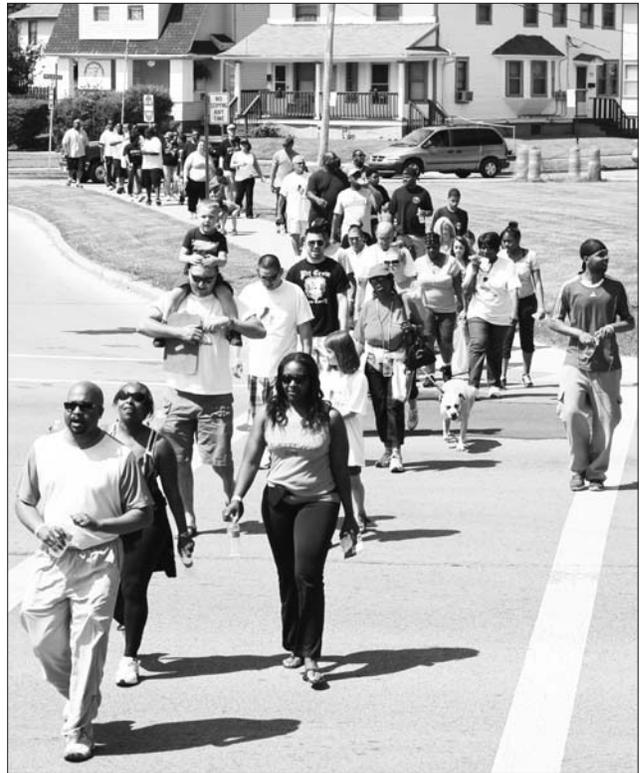
The two-mile walk through the surrounding neighborhoods will start and end at Central Catholic High School. Family fun activities will take place immediately following the walk on the lawn of Central Catholic. R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc founder, Mark Robinson, will be the speaker, addressing the crowd on the important roles fathers play in the lives of their children.

The event is expected to draw hundreds of responsible fatherhood supporters. Sponsors and supporters include The City of Toledo, McDonalds, Seaway Marketplace, Lucas County Family and Children First Council, House of Day Funeral Home, Systems Dynamics Communications, Lamar Advertising, the Toledo Fire Department, Care Source, The Ridge Project, The National African Male Wellness Walk Initiative, Franklin Park Lincoln Mercury, Buckeye CableSystem, Tolloedo Area Ministries, NPI, The Andersons, Kroger, and Target.

"We want to draw attention to the significant roles fathers play in the lives of their children. Research confirms that

children do better in every measure of development when there is a responsibly involved father in their lives", said Robinson. The "Fatherhood Walk" is free to the community to show support of fathers, father figures and mentors.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. was founded in 2006 by Responsible Fatherhood Advocate Robinson. Robinson is a social worker by profession and currently serving as executive director for Toledo Area Ministries. He is currently on the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Board, which is a statewide collaboration that seeks to advance a fatherhood and family agenda at the state and local level. Vendor tables are available for a small fee. For more information about R.E.S.T.O.R.E. and/or the Fatherhood Walk, please contact: 419-377-1488 or restorefathers@aol.com or www.restorefathers.org



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A Gospel Debut: Claudette Garcia

By Carla Yvette

Saturday May 9 at the Tabernacle of Praise, Prouty St., PT Music Entertainment Management presented "The Rebirthing of Claudette Garcia," a gospel concert featuring the musical talent of vocalist Claudette Garcia.

Patrick Thomas, CEO of PT Music Entertainment Management, said of Garcia, "Mrs. Garcia has been sitting on her gifts way too long. There are songs waiting to be birthed that will bless the world and I felt led to present her."

Vocal veterans, Marcia Bowen- Jones and LaToya Williams, were on hand to offer their talent and support and inspired the congregation with amazing praise and worship. Garcia, backed by the Joshua Generation Praise Team, kept the atmosphere infused and sang an original piece entitled, "Way Before the Son", accompanied by her son Deon Garcia on guitar.

Said Garcia, "I am so grateful for the opportunity to stand before God's people and lead them into an afternoon of praise and worship and I'm looking forward to what lies ahead." Thomas said his plans for Garcia include producing a CD, which will include her original piece.

Other talent on hand included rap duo, brothers Chris and Corrice Allen, and a T.O.P praise dance. The mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Chanelle Quinn.



Vocalist Claudette Garcia accompanied on guitar by son Deon



Dr. Patrick Thomas with Claudette Garcia, Pastor Charles Allen and Daniel Garcia



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ASSETS Toledo Alumni: Speed Networking Event

By Carla Yvette

ASSETS Toledo Alumni held their first Speed Networking event May 11 at Evolution, Reynolds Rd. The event was an opportunity for entrepreneurs to meet, greet and collaborate in order to build new business relationships with other business owners around Toledo but with a twist from your typical networking event.

Participants had five minutes each to pitch their business to other business owners looking to expand their networks. Tara Johnson, president of the Alumni Association said the purpose of the event was to raise money for the Alumni Association and to let people know that the Alumni Association is relevant.

Said Johnson, "This is ASSETS way of participating with the community to bring businesses together that otherwise wouldn't know each other. It also gives our members an opportunity to practice pitching their business."

ASSETS Toledo is a Service for Self Employment Training and Support that provides practical, experience-based training for those starting or expanding a small business. Their mission is to assist self-motivated individuals in northwest Ohio who have a personal vision for self-employment and small business initiatives, but limited resources. ASSETS provides hands-on-training, peer networking, and support network and capital.

ASSETS alumnus Dennis D Seldon, an Independent Aflac Agent said he attended the Speed Networking event to communicate to business owners the importance of voluntary supplemental insurance. He said: "For Business owners looking to attract, retain, and increase an overall productivity of their business, Aflac will be a good fit for them. Supplemental insurance helps provide peace of mind to their employees, at no cost to the business owner." Seldon said the networking event was a great tool in helping businesses promote their products, and services.

Other alumni businesses represented were Jonathan's Administrative Services, Events Unlimited, Your Computer Needs of Toledo and Morning People Marketing just to name a few.

ASSETS Alumnus Imani Lateef of Morning People Marketing said, "Attending the networking event really helped me to network with other businesses and share my marketing expertise with other African-American small businesses and I'm looking forward to more events from Assets Toledo."

Future ASSETS Alumni events include a Business Matchmaker that will take place this fall. Small businesses will be introduced to big businesses and have the opportunity to sit down face to face with representatives from large Toledo companies.

Make your plans to attend the next Speed Networking event June 1 from 6-9 at Evolution, 519 Reynolds Rd.

For questions, please contact ASSETS Toledo at 419-251-9870 or assistant@assetstoledo.org.



Amber Thomas with Amber Hawkins of Your Computer Needs



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Latino Caucus Endorses Paula Hicks-Hudson for Mayor

County, State Leaders Rallied Behind Local Caucus, Announce Formation Of Statewide Caucus

The month of May entered early and with a bang as the Lucas County Hispanic Latino Democratic Caucus (LCHLDC) celebrated Cinco de Mayo and announced its endorsement of Paula Hicks-Hudson for mayor at its annual fundraiser on Thursday, April 30, at El Camino Real at Sylvania and Douglas in Toledo. Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez coordinated the evening's festivities as emcee. Other highlights of the evening included:

- The formal announcement of the creation of the Ohio Democratic Party's Latino Hispanic Democratic Caucus by Lisa Canales (LCHLDC president) and Isabel Frammer, who was appointed by the Democratic National Committee and President Barack Obama to serve as DNC Member At-Large, DNC Credentials Committee Member and the Secretary/Treasurer of the DNC Hispanic Caucus.
- An award presentation to honor the ongoing accomplishments of Lucas County residents and Hispanic Latino leaders Usevo "Chevo" Torres, Sue Cuevas and Ismael "Izzy" Ortiz.
- A special presentation about the great strides Latino Hispanic residents in Northwest Ohio are making and their impact on the local, state and national elections by State Representative Dan Ramos (D-Lorain).



Leo Pierson D'Cruz, Rachel Martinez with Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, Isabel Frammer, Anita Lopez and Lisa Canales



Gabriel Torres and Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson with Usevio Chevo-Torres, Alfonso Torres and Roberto Torres



Francis and Dora Martinez



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Fundraiser for Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson

By Carla Yvette

Five community members pooled their support to host a fundraising event for Mayor Paula Hicks – Hudson, May 14. The event, co-sponsored by Pariss Coleman, Tina Butts, Richard Mitchell, Mark Looky, and Bernie Quilter began at the Toledo Club to provide an opportunity for supporters to meet and engage with Hicks-Hudson in an intimate environment and ended at Our Brothers Place where NAACP President Ray Wood introduced Hicks-Hudson to the crowd of supporters.

Coleman said the purpose of the fundraiser was to provide an opportunity for people to get to know and support Hicks –Hudson. He stated, “We came together as individuals, not representing any one organization but believe that we represent a tremendous cross section of Toledo and people in the region who are very interested in Mayor Hicks-Hudson, mayoral candidate.”



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Gabrielle Howard and Tina Butts



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Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson with sponsors, Rick Mitchell and Pariss Coleman



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When she's not studying, participating in cross-country track or singing, Carter is, naturally, volunteering with a dozen organizations and agencies around town.

She plans on attending Capital University in the fall. As always, the Cotillion was the culmination of months of activities hosted by the NANBPWC, including an introductory tea, waltz rehearsals, an etiquette seminar, photo sessions, a mother/daughter luncheon and talent night. This year, due to the fact of the 50th anniversary, a reunion was added to the calendar to bring back former debutantes.

Denise Black Poon, president of the Toledo Club, welcomed debutantes and guests to the special occasion and Barbara Tucker, the North Central District advisor offered greetings.

The evening's mistress of ceremonies was Rhonda Sewell of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library who introduced the debutantes, their presenters and their escorts to the audience.

Then the winners were announced. This year's Miss Congeniality, the award voted on by the Debutantes,

was Kyndra Gaines, who attends Notre Dame Academy. The escort of the year was Shane Russell, Jr, who was Carter's escort.

The winners in the talent competition were Carter, second place finisher Derrianna Sanderfer, of Central Catholic High School and third place finisher Aloe Jackson, of Start High School.

Jackson and Gaines were the second and first runners up, respectively, for the crown of Miss Debutante 2015.

This year's Toledo Club's Cotillion Committee consisted of: Cotillion General Chairman Wilma Brown, Co-Chairman Karen Jarrett; Denise Cardwell, Etiquette chairman; Deborah Carlisle and Beverly Tucker, co-chairmen of the Talent Committee.

Brown, Cardwell, Jarrett and Black Poon conducted rehearsals, along with volunteers Larry Cardwell and Dennis Jarrett. The choreographers were Bill Miller and Elizabeth Schlagel.

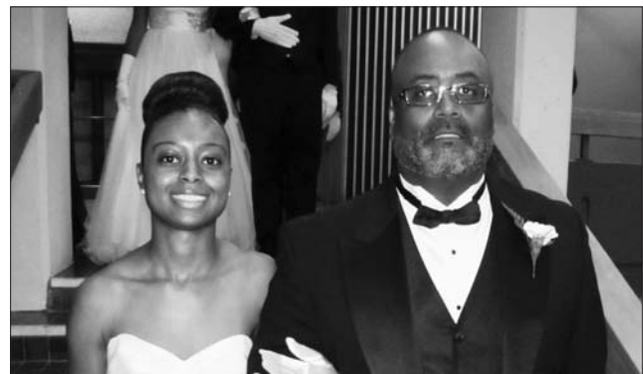
In addition to Carter, Gaines, Jackson and Sanderfer, this year's Debutantes included: Arielle Bradley of Springfield High School, Shayna Brooks of Rogers High School, Christa Cunningham of Bowsher High School, Isis Dixson of Bowsher High School; Jalynn Hicks of Notre Dame Academy, ShaRon Shelton of Central Catholic High School, ShaLise of Toledo School for the Arts, Gabrielle Skibinski of Start High School, Taylor Lonas of Notre Dame Academy, LaShay Mason of Toledo School for the Arts, Taylor Riggs of Rogers High School, Ausha Jade Sallee of Early College High School and Deonne Williams of Bowsher High School.



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Gabrielle Skibinski and Maurice Allen



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*By Barbara Tucker
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On Sunday, April 19, 2015 classical music filled the air as the Toledo Club and the Maumee Bay Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC, Inc.) joined in a partnership to sponsor the Vocal Arts Competition for Emerging Artists. The program was held at the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

The Vocal Arts Competition for Emerging Artists is the signature program of the NANBPWC, Inc. established in 1982 under the leadership of Past National President Mary E. Singletary. The purpose was to provide a competitive arena for talented young vocal artists of African-American heritage to showcase and demonstrate their artistic abilities in classical vocal performance as well as assist them with music scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on the National Level as follows: \$2000.00 for First Place, \$1000.00

for Second Place, \$500.00 for Third Place and \$300.00 for remaining contestants.

This year's competition presented Nnenne Edeh, a soprano who is a junior studying Music Education at the University of Toledo. Her voice teacher is Micah Graber. Edeh performed selections from a repertoire consisting of an aria from a major opera, an Oratorio Cantata, a German Lied, a French Melodie and a Negro Spiritual or work by an African-American composer.

Her accompanist was Robert Ballinger, who is widely known to audiences throughout the area as a conductor, solo pianist, chamber musician, accompanist/coach, lecturer, adjudicator and violist. The interlude entertainment was provided by the Total Praise Dance Ministry from St. Paul MBC.

Edeh was adjudicated by Minister Joyce Rush, and Joan Simonis, PhD, who are both renowned in the Toledo area for their music expertise. After being adjudicated and certified as qualified, Edeh will advance to the 50th North Central District Conference Vocal Arts Competition to be held on May 15, 2015 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. If successful there, she will represent the North Central District of the NANBPWC, Inc. at the National Convention in New York, NY in July 2015..

The Steering Committee was composed of the following members from the two collaborating clubs.

The Maumee Bay Club was represented by Gwendolyn Wilson-Banks, president; Linda Collins, first vice president; Trevor Black, second vice president and Pattie Poston. The To-

ledo Club was represented by Barbara Tucker, chairman; Denise Black-Poon, president; Wanda Terrell first vice president; Frances Collins, EdD; second vice president; Lillie Watkins and BJ Tucker. Toledo Youth Club members Jada and Jordan Collins served as escorts for the contestant, accompanist and program participants.

The Maumee Bay Club and the Toledo Club both actively perform services to benefit the community under the umbrella of the national program mandates: LETS: Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Technology and Service that encompasses the areas of Health, Education, Employment, Economic Development, Founders' Day and Women's History. In April 2015, the Maumee Bay Club took a group of local high school students on its Annual Black College Tour. In March 2015, The Toledo Club celebrated its annual Founders' Day and Women's History Program honoring women in the military. The Toledo Club held various activities and programs leading up to its 50th Golden Debutante Cotillion on May 23, 2015, 8:00 at The Great Hall at the Stranahan Theater.

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port for ways in which to move forward. So if people are saying that, then they're not listening, or they're not completely informed as to where I am.

Perryman: How about coming out firmly with a press conference or something similar?

Hicks-Hudson: I've given a press release. The press conference will happen when I get the report.

Perryman: Next item, involves your inner circle of advisors. The word on the street is that Ohio Democratic Chairman David Pepper has told you that you need a full time campaign manager and that he is willing to get you one, but you said no. This, they say, is creating the perfect political storm for your campaign.

Hicks-Hudson: That is not true.

Perryman: I'm looking at an announcement that was sent out advertising a position for a full-time campaign manager for a mayoral election.

Hicks-Hudson: That advertisement was to find one. So people are saying that because there is an advertisement for a campaign manager that I rejected someone?

Perryman: That Pepper wanted to get a full-time campaign manager specifically for your campaign.

Hicks-Hudson: And we're getting one. We're in the process of - - we made an offer and waiting for the response from that person.

Perryman: So is it a possibility that Peter Rancatore will be replaced?

Hicks-Hudson: Peter will be supplemented. He's not being replaced. He's being supplemented, yes. We're hiring a campaign manager. I'm just waiting for the person to say yes or no. And if he says no, we've got a second person that we're talking to today. The goal is to have that person on by the first of June, if not sooner.

Perryman: Great. Another issue is "Exercise-gate" and the case of the two city employees who, people are saying "stole from the city," by purchasing exercise equipment with city funds. Allowing them to keep their jobs, it is alleged, makes you appear to be weak. Particularly because one is a "double-triple pensioner." This sends the message that "the safe door is cracked open, the jail cell is not locked" and that you will just punt instead of making these kinds of difficult decisions. How did they get their jobs back? Why weren't they fired?

Hicks-Hudson: They were not fired because, number one, they didn't steal funds. We could not prove that they stole funds. The funds were used to purchase the health equip-

ment, and it was returned. The process sucked, and that's what we're working on to fix. If I could have fired them, they would have been fired. I wasn't supposed to suspend them the way I did, but I did because they had to fix that.

So, no, if they had done something wrong, they would not be in that position. So I was not protecting them. But if I don't have the information to do what I needed to do, I can't just go and fire them. So, it's not clear whether or not one had civil service protection. And the other employee had documentation to show what he had done. So that's why.

Perryman: Last item.

Hicks-Hudson: You said three. That was third. You're being such a preacher (laughter).

Perryman: Oh, no, one more. We saved the best for last. The criticism is that you need to have the right people around you both in your campaign and in the administration rather than having the foxes guarding the various henhouses. First of all, Carty was in your inner circle for a while, and now he's running against you. He was also in Sandy Drabik's inner circle, and now he's running against her. Bob Reinbolt, described as a "fox guarding the henhouse," has a history and connection to all of the mayoral candidates. When are you going to move Reinbolt somewhere other than within your inner circle?

Hicks-Hudson: I'm not moving him. The reason I'm not moving him is because he has the knowledge, and he was running the city all last year. I'm just going to put it out there. And I find it really - - see, one of the things that you have to think about, not only for me as strategy, is you keep your enemies close. This man is - - there is no big secret. I'll just tell you. There are no major secrets that are strategy-wise. He is not involved in my campaign at all.

He is helping to run the city. He's not running the city without me checking in on things and making sure that they don't do anything without letting me know. Now, some things that are happening just from an operational standpoint are not getting to the 22nd floor. And that to me is more of a concern than Reinbolt. And a lot of the people that are saying "you need to get rid of Reinbolt" are the very ones that call and talk to him that have said they're my friends, who before I locked up the

Democratic endorsement were talking to him about seeing whether or not he would be willing to work with them.

So until I'm elected as mayor, Reinbolt - - and I'm going to say this. If something should happen between now and then, he - - we've had the discussion. He knows to pack his stuff, and he's out, and there's no question about it. But right now strategically it is not a smart thing to do on a couple of fronts, one, which I've just told you about.

And, secondly, I'd rather he be working for me and I have him in my line of sight than where he'd be out making mischief, and I don't know what he's doing. So, yes, he worked for Collins, but he also worked for Jack. He did work for Carty. And while that constant is there, people are talking in Sandy's ear. And since she started to run, according to him, they've cut off ties.

Carty continues to call because that's Carty. And so I can't worry about what Carty says or does. And I'll be very honest with you; Carty was never in my camp, never. So if people are thinking that he was or he said he was, he never was. He started from the very beginning always wondering and giving me time to prove myself. Well, good for him!

So I hear what you're saying, and I'm aware of it and just being straight with you, readers of The Truth and others. People seem to think that I just fell off the turnip truck. I didn't.

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Conditions of Employment

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Overview

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Scope of Work

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Qualifications

Must be at least 18 years of age; be legally authorized to work in the United States without restrictions; hold a High school diploma or equivalent; and hold a current driver's license.

Completion of a state approved Instrument Mechanic apprenticeship program or a 2 year Technical Degree in Process Control with no less than 4 years work experience. Equivalent work is no less than 8 years as an Instrument Mechanic. Successful candidates must possess First Class Instrument Mechanic work experience and First Class Instrument Mechanic skills. Candidates must be able to demonstrate First Class performance. Candidates must have the ability to read blueprints as it pertains to instrumentation and follow written and verbal directions to complete tasks. Candidates must also have the ability to coordinate work; function as a member of a team to get work done; perform tasks in any craft as incidental work; and must have working knowledge of equipment and tools required to expedite the efficient installation and repair of refinery equipment. Candidate must also have the physical ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

Unusual Working Conditions

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Conditions of Employment

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Scope of Work

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Qualifications

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Sojourner's Truth Editor

Djhream Sinquis Carter was the third debutante presented to society on Saturday night during the 50th annual Debutante Cotillion hosted by the Toledo Club of the National Association of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc.

After that recap of her scholastic and extracurricular activities, including the fact that the 16-year-old graduate of Toledo School for the Arts has managed to accumulate almost \$1 million in college scholarships, and the later notification that she had taken first place in the talent competition, the only matter at issue in the highly anticipated Miss 2015 Debutante announcement was which of the other 16 young ladies would be named this year's first and second runners-up.

Carter's resume is nothing short of breathtaking: honor roll for four years, National Society of High School Scholars, the Principal's Award, TSA High Academic Award. President Obama's Education Award; she was accepted to 10 colleges of universities and she received full-ride scholarships to four of them.

An accomplished vocalist, Carter has received a TSA Music Certificate, a Toledo

Opera Scholar Award, a Mary Ann Russo Jazz Scholar Award and has been named a New York Jazz Ensemble Vocal Scholar.

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Aloee Jackson, Kynndra Gaines, Djhream Carter, Shane Russell



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The Debutantes



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