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MLK Scholarship Breakfast



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Resistance

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

He didn't just talk brotherhood; he was a brother. He didn't just talk change; he was a change agent. He didn't wish for changes; he changed things.

- Jessie Jackson on Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Donzaleigh Abernathy brought the testimony of a first hand witness to an eager crowd of nearly 1,800 at the 2017 MLK Unity Celebration at The University of Toledo. Abernathy's parents, Juanita Jones and Rev. Ralph Abernathy, have been described as King's "closest friends" and co-creators of the American Civil Rights Movement. The families were almost inseparable during one of the darkest periods in American history.

Abernathy's eyewitness account of King and the historic struggle for civil rights brings racial realism and provides clarity for a contemporary generation that has been spoon-fed sanitized Eurocentric versions of the Movement.

Abernathy, now, a critically acclaimed actress, author and activist, agreed to share her personalized story to The Truth's readers and those "hungry for an authentic witness." This is part two of the interview.

Perryman: You have talked about the trauma as well as the joys of your dad and Dr. King. Can you please tell our readers about your own life as you grew and transitioned from the battlefield of the civil rights movement to the glamour of the performing arts industry? Your bio lists some amazing credits.

Abernathy: Well, I always knew I was an artist before I could write. I could draw, so my dad always said "Donzaleigh's going to be an artist" and I knew I was an artist. And I didn't want to go outside and play with other children, I had this creative thing inside me and there was nothing I could do to shake it. So, Yolanda (Yoki) King started taking acting lessons and she decided we were going to put on these plays, so every year we would make a Christmas and an Easter play for our parents.

And we did that for like, four years, and I watched the acting classes that Yoki would take. I was too young to participate, but I sure watched, and I loved the acting, and so then I decided as a little girl that I was going to be an actress or a painter. Or I was gonna be a dancer. But I knew that I was never going to be that person that sat in a corporate office or who was a doctor or a lawyer. I liked doing artistic things.

And after a short period in my life, I gave up on my art and my dad said to me, "You've convinced me that you're an artist and that you're an actress, and I need you to pursue your dreams." And so he

put me in a car, shut the door and said, "Now I've lived my life and I want you to go live yours, and I want you to live your dreams, so I need you to go to California and pursue your dream, because you can't achieve it here in Atlanta, Georgia."

And I drove across America and decided that if I have to live in the land of the earthquakes, I'm going to fulfill my dreams like my dad did, and that's how I became a professional actress, and I'm



Rev. Donzaleigh Abernathy

glad. It's been a hard, yet a wonderful journey. It's a great profession and I feel blessed.

Perryman: Are you active in the movement today?

Abernathy: In the Civil Rights Movement today?

Perryman: Yes. Contemporary social justice of any kind, whether that's Black Lives Matter or any other activity.

Abernathy: Well, I'm active in what's called The Resistance Movement.

Perryman: Please elaborate.

Abernathy: Well, The Resistance Movement are the people that are trying to do everything we can to keep America an integrated place and where people of color get to live together; where Latinos are respected, Native Americans get to live and have wonderful clean drinking water and where immigrants are welcomed. I go out of my way to embrace every Muslim that I encounter just to let them know that you're welcome in my land and if you need to cover your head with a chador or cover your body with a burqa, that's okay with me.

I'm interested in a place where Planned Parenthood and their services are available to women, and that a woman has a right to choose what happens to her body and the right to govern her own body.

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Community Calendar

January 26

"Diverse Teachers Matter - An Evening with Gloria Ladson-Billings: 7 pm; UT Scott Park Campus; A discussion on why diverse teachers matter to the success of all students

January 27

Meet The Stars: The Toledo Opera and the Truth Gallery hold a discussion with Laquita Mitchell and Darren Stokes, the stars of the upcoming production of The Marriage of Figaro; 6 to 8 pm: 419-243-0007

January 28

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Toledo Excel 33rd Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth; 8:30 am to 1 pm
Phillips Temple CME 3rd Annual Cjili & Cornbread Cook-Off: 2 to 5 pm; Trophies awarded; Food, games and prizes; Competition fee - \$20 for chili, \$10 for cornbread, \$25 for both: 419-242-7906 or 419-902-5772

Toledo Department of Neighborhoods 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Mandatory Application Review Sessions

Friday, January 27, 2017

The City of Toledo announces the availability of federal funds for CDBG and ESG for grant period July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. Interested nonprofit agencies are welcome to apply for eligible activities.

A mandatory application review session for CDBG Non-Homeless Service Providers will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at United Way of Greater Toledo at 424 Jackson Street, Toledo, Ohio.

A mandatory application review session for ESG/CDBG Homeless Service Providers will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Toledo Business Technology Center at 1946 N. 13th Street, Toledo, Ohio.

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I'm interested in working hard for maintaining the right to vote and to make it easier for everyone in America to have the right to vote. I'm interested in working hard for equal pay for women and men, equal opportunity for all people of color in the workplace, as well as in education. I work so that higher education is available to all, and that it's more than just 10 percent of people of color and women that are entitled to education, jobs, fair housing, public accommodations, voting rights, because we make up...women make up more than 50 percent of the population, and women are entitled to at least 50 percent of the jobs, 50 percent of the income.

Minorities - people of color are not minorities, actually. We are the majority because there are huge numbers of Latino people and black people and Asian people, and when you add us together, we're more than 50 percent of the population. We're entitled to more than 50 percent of the jobs and income. And, we are...the majority of black people are poor, the majority of Latino people are poor, and the majority of poor people in America are white, that's the common ground that unites us. So I work for those things.

Under the Obama administration, we were blessed to have the Affordable Care Act. It's a wonderful blessing, and for a period of my life I did not have health insurance. I could not afford it, and then Obamacare came to be, and I was blessed to be able to have health insurance. So, I don't need anybody to tell me that it's despicable and it's a horrible thing, I know that it was a wonderful thing and it afforded me the opportunity to be covered when I was over 40 years of age and needed to have health insurance.

I'm not a billionaire, so I can't buy and sell the doctors. I'm just a black woman who struggles every day to earn a living, and therefore needed it, and I have too many friends who need mammograms and Pap smears and birth control and things like that, that are provided through Planned Parenthood, and when they defund Planned Parenthood, the healthcare for women will not be available.

So droves of women of all colors will start to die because they will not get their Pap smears, they will not know that cancer and disease are growing in their body. Without the Affordable Care Act, there will be no healthcare for these women and there will be no replacement, because billionaires don't care what happens to poor people. And we learned that the trickle-down theory does not work. It did not work before and it's not going to work again.

So, that's the Resistance Movement that I'm a part of, and wherever I can go and be a part and help I do, I'm not trying to lead, I'm just one of the team. I'm just an American citizen.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman at drdlperryman@centerofhope-baptist.org



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Feed Lucas County Children Changes Name to Connecting Kids to Meals

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Feed Lucas County Children was founded in 2002 in order to bring nutritious meals to children in Lucas County living at or below the poverty line. This month, the non-profit agency, which has served more than two million healthy meals to children across northwest Ohio, announced that it has changed its name and will be expanding its mission over the next year.

The agency's new name, Connecting Kids to Meals, reflects its intent, said Interim CEO Wendi Huntley at last week's press conference, "to connect children not just to meals but to other resources."

Along with the name change comes a new tagline – Nourishing Families. Building Communities – indicating, as Huntley said, "a deep commitment to our mission and public engagement on the issue of child hunger."

One sign of the non-profit agency's expanding outreach is its partnership with Cherry Street Mission Ministries. In the fall of 2015, the two agencies joined forces and moved into the building at 1501 Monroe Street that used to house the former Macomber-Whitney Vocational School. The partners have broken ground on a state-of-the-art kitchen that will be used to feed those in need and improve their lives.

In recent years Connecting Kids to Meals has expanded into Wood County and in 2016 the agency provided more than 5,000 children with meals at 105 different locations during the summer months. During the academic year nearly 1,000 meals are provided to children in low-income areas enrolled in 26 after-school programs.

"We are confident that our new identity will cast a broader net, inviting the public to better understand and commit to helping us fight hunger," said Huntley.



Wendi Huntley



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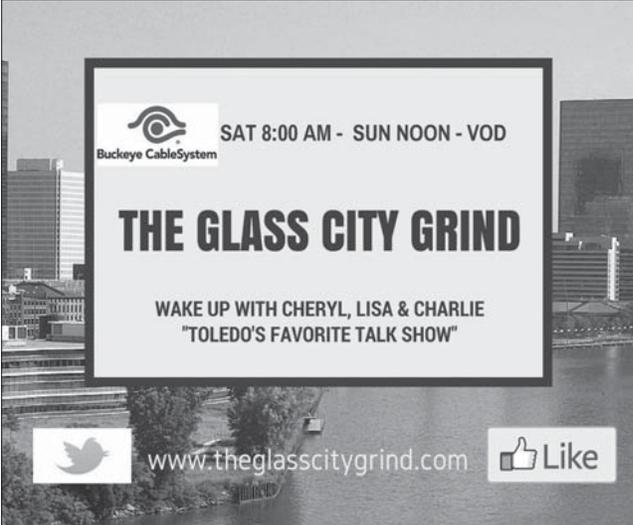


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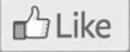
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The 52nd Annual Cotillion Informational Tea

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The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. -Toledo Club (NANBPWC, Inc.) held their 52nd annual Cotillion Informational Tea on Sunday afternoon, January 8, 2017 at Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Over 200 guests were in attendance which included junior and senior high school students, parents and family members from the Toledo area high schools.

The Cotillion is open to any girl attending parochial or public school, has a 3.0 GPA, is not pregnant or has a child and is of good moral character. Cash scholarships will be presented to the three top winning debutantes in the senior class. The junior students will be Debs-N-Waiting and the seniors qualify as debutantes.

The Introductory Tea Chairman Karen Jarrett served as MC for the program. Jarrett and her husband Dennis (who was her escort) were participants in the Cotillion during their senior year and are still happily married for over 40-plus years. They also teach ballroom dancing.

Special greetings were given by Denise Black-Poon, Toledo Club president and by former North Central District Governor Barbara Tucker.

Information on what is expected of the program was given by Wilma Brown -Cotillion chairman. Brown highlighted the criteria, rehearsals, expectations and special events that will take place from January through May for this scholarship program. The Cotillion Committee works year round to make this program successful with close communication with the schools starting in September each year. Her dedication for supporting young students educational needs goes back a long way. She has been the Debutante Cotillion chairman for most of its many years.

The Deb's-N-Waiting are guided by Denise Cardwell who also teaches

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The Soulcial Scene

Fros, Fashions and Finds

Beauty is Rare: Why KoolKids Rip The Runway

By Megan Davis

The Truth Contributor

The standard of beauty has long been set by the television, film and music media. Regardless of what ethnicity one is, being tall and thin with long, straight hair is the acceptable bar that people have tried and still try to meet.

In attempting to meet these beauty requirements, many undergo a complex regimen of applying makeup, getting hair extensions, tucking in lady lumps with a girdle and adding lashes to finish the look. Some, when done well, look like super models and some may wind up looking like a combination of Big Bird and Mr. Snufflepagus.

In recent years, however, more people are embracing their God-given assets. From going natural with their hair, to changing eating habits, the return to Mother Earth's wealth of resources, is an increasing trend. This trend is picking up in the African-American community, where moms are foregoing the industry's beauty standards and they are learning to be beautiful from the inside out, and it is trickling down to their sons and daughters. These children, who have their whole lives ahead of them are now learning to love themselves, just the way they are.

That is what makes them cool, and being cool is rare. One thing that we don't see often are those who may have a disability who are also considered handsome or beautiful among our peers. When people see a person with a visible disability, they may not immediately think that person is beautiful, they see her impairment first. But a local woman who once was a rare kid with cancer, is now a mother and licensed cosmetologist with a mission to give other rare kids an opportunity to shine with her annual

event, KoolKids Rip the Runway.

Keisha McCoy, was in the fourth grade when she was diagnosed with cancer. As a result of the disease, she had to have her finger amputated. She then had to stay home from school for safety reasons. While at home, she was bored often and had nothing to do but play with her dolls. It was then that she taught herself how to twist and braid their hair. Later, she started learning actual styles, and thus, her gift was revealed.



Megan Davis

In 2014, Keisha graduated from Regency Beauty Institute and received her cosmetology license. This certification has afforded her the opportunity to establish Transform My Beauty, a non-profit organization which was birthed to serve individuals with hair loss due to cancer and rare disorders.

Her vision is to "visualize a world where every child has the 'freedom to be me' and her mission is to change lives, build confidence, restore self-esteem, inspire and provide support. Transform My Beauty is rendering support by making custom wigs and sew-ins for individuals who have lost their hair due to rare diseases or cancer.

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Taylor Hillary Boykins

We will integrate a Q&A session on the history of African Americans in opera and parallel opera with hip hop!

Presented by The 22nd Century Learning Institute and Parker Premier Planning. Saturday, February 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. The University of Toledo Scott Park Campus Auditorium.

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Each year, Keisha holds two events; one is Choose Your Beauty, an event designed to provide women with free, handmade wigs. These free wigs are made possible through many donations of hair and other supplies and what isn't donated, is covered under Transform My Beauty. After the event, Keisha accepts applications for wigs which take four to six weeks to customize and deliver and some forms of insurance are also accepted and will cover the cost.

The second event is KoolKids Rip The Runway which was first held on February 28, 2016. This annual charity event helps expose the real people behind the condition and allows them to take part in things they usually would feel embarrassed or stray away from. The goal is to encourage children that represent the effects of a terminal illness or rare disease.

These children are also known as KoolKids. This event is not a competition, although raffles and prizes will take place and the purpose is to educate and empower by providing children with the tools and resources for success, as well as to provide a strong foundation for confidence and leadership.

What makes these events so beautiful is the fact that the founder is not just someone with an idea, but she has a passion for them. She has truly learned the art of being confident in who she is.

Keisha states, "When I was 10, I had to have my right index finger removed due to a rare form of cancer. Since then I've always dreamed of producing an event in honor of children facing hardships and battling terminal illnesses. "Cancer" had a very special place in my life. It's not that I can imagine the battles these children face, I literally lived them. My passion for hair, to make others feel good about themselves along with my personal understanding of the strength it takes to overcome extreme challenges is the driving force behind this organization. I will be the voice of the rare and break down barriers expressing to the world how important it is not to not judge because of how someone looks, instead, get to know the other side of their condition which is the human being itself!"

This drive and passion has taken Keisha to local and national competitions, such as the prestigious Bronner Brothers Show in Atlanta where she has placed five times, including placing first, second and third with her "Glam Fam", respectively.

Transform My Beauty is hosting the second annual event Kool-

Kids Rip the Runway, a Fashion/Hair Show for children battling a rare disease or disorder. Children that present a rare disorder may participate in this event which coincides with National Rare Disease Day, February 26, 2017.

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A Soul Food New Year's Day Celebration

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2017 got off to a grand start at John Moore's residence as family and friends gathered to celebrate with a soul food dinner. After blessing the food, guests lined up for fried chicken, jambalaya, collard greens, ham, fish, red beans and rice, among other down home delicacies. There were, of course, more sweets for dessert than anyone could have possibly sampled.

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SOULFUL MUSIC AND ROMANTIC SPOKEN WORD!

Join us on Friday, February 10 at 9 p.m. for an intimate evening of SOULful music and romantic spoken word poetry that is sure to groove and move your SOUL. Featuring playwright John Scott and other amazingly gifted artists. Those in attendance will be entered into a drawing to win tickets to Valentine's Love Affair featuring Joe, Ro James, Chrisette Michele, and Vivian Green at Fox Theatre (Detroit, MI) on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. This is a night for lovers of self and significant others. Save the date and plan on attending this SOULful and romantic candlelit Valentine's Day weekend event. Log on to www.eventbrite.com, type "Art & SOUL at The Truth Gallery: For Lover's Only" in the search bar, and purchase your tickets in advance.

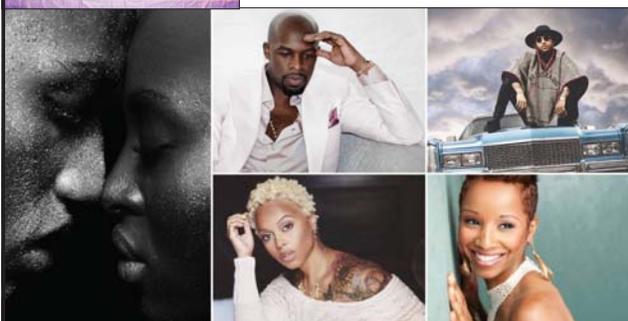
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The Soulcial Scene

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For some, January 20, 2017 was a day of celebration, with a bit of pomp and circumstance. For Attorney Richard Mitchell and friends, it was an opportunity to gather, converse, enjoy some excellent food – catered by Charisse Palmer of My Perfect Event, watch a little comedy on the in-office screen and ignore the comedy going on in the Nation's Capital. It was definitely not an inauguration party.



Charisse Palmer



Richard Mitchell and friends

The next day, the rest of the nation had the opportunity to voice their disdain for the events of the previous day as millions gathered in cities everywhere for a series of Women's Marches.



Notice of Public Hearing, Wednesday, February 15



The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority will hold a public hearing at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at the Authority's Administration offices, 1127 W Central Ave, Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of discussing with the public, information on service modifications of various routes to be effective March 19, 2017. The site is accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Interpretive services for the hearing-impaired and Limited English Proficient person/s will be provided upon a 48-hour advanced request notice. Individuals wishing to comment in person on the proposed changes should be present.

Proposed Service Changes:

- Introduce experimental route **6** King Road/City of Sylvania, to replace **2C** name, routing, and schedule adjustments. Modification in routing with timepoints of Franklin Park Mall, Flower Hospital, Lourdes University, Meijer, and Wal-Mart (map available at TARTA.com)
- Schedule adjustments to route **3** on all trips; no longer interlining with route **2C/6** King Road/City of Sylvania
- Schedule adjustments to **10L**
- Discontinue route **7** due to low ridership and new route **20M** service
- Discontinue route **42** due to low ridership, Berdan ramp closure and increase service from routes **26D/L** and **17B/E**
- Schedule adjustments for other routes **5, 10, 11/12/13/14, 15A/E, 17E/B, 22F, 24/T, 27H/N, 28/30, 34, 43, and 44X**



Comments may also be made by writing to James K. Gee, General Manager, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, PO BOX 792, TOLEDO OH 43697-0792. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, to be included as part of the official record for final route adjustments and implementation purposes.

1127 W Central Ave is accessible via TARTA 20MT and 20/24.



The Soulcial Scene

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Every Voice and Sing" and the invocation by Clyde Kynard before the meal was served.

Michael Stubblefield, the chapter's director of educational affairs, acknowledged the seven scholarship recipients: Keyaunte Jones is a senior at St. John's Jesuit High School maintaining a 3.9 GPA, and plans to enroll at Grambling State University to major in biology; Mateo Garcia is a senior at Clay High School with a 3.1 GPA, and plans to enroll at The Ohio State University to major in political science; Andreas Juarez is a senior at Waite high school maintaining a 4.5 GPA and plans to enroll at OSU to major in actuarial science; Jacoby Myers is a senior at Start High School with a 3.1 GPA, and is currently undecided on college but plans to major in sports medicine; Jonathan Mitchell is a senior at St. John's maintaining a 3.67 GPA, and is currently decided between three colleges and plans to major in marketing or finance; Steven Thomas is a senior at Toledo Early College high school with a 3.47 GPA, and plans to enroll at OSU to major in business and musicology.

"I'm honored to receive this scholarship. It's a great opportunity for a better collegiate future. These men of Alpha Phi Alpha give back, and this is just one way," said scholarship recipient Keyaunte Jones.

"I received my scholarship in 2015. College is a lot of fun but more work. It was a huge adjustment from high school. My advice to the recipients is to learn to manage their time and learn quickly. Always complete homework and don't procrastinate," said 2015 recipient Orlando Hayes who currently attends the University of Toledo.

The Rev. Joshua Harris of St Timothy Missionary Baptist Church delivered the keynote address, and Dennis Hopson, former basketball standout at OSU and graduate of Bowsler High School, was award the Drum Major Award, named in honor of Dr. King. Chapter President Jose Rosales delivered the closing remarks, and the program closed with benediction delivered by Clyde Kynard.

"I enjoy attending this breakfast every year. So proud to see young men earning college scholarships and meeting the annual Drum Major honor, who displays encourages us to better or communities," said Artina McCabe.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was founded December 4, 1906 at Cornell University, by seven men known as "Jewels" of the fraternity. The brotherhood has several well-known members including

Martin Luther King Jr. Locally, Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter was chartered in Toledo in 1928 and supports several local and national initiatives including: American Heart Association Heart Walk, school supply drives, March for Babies, project Alpha monthly mentoring program, Susan G Komen Race for the Cure, and voter registration.

In addition to the annual breakfast, the chapter also sponsors an annual golf tournament, set for Saturday, August 19, which will also support their scholarship efforts. The 2018 breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2018.

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Tom Cole and Rhonda Sewell

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Vincent and Victor Ward... continued from page 16

This event proved very historic when their bios were read to disclose a rich history among the brothers.

Vincent C. and Victor A. Ward, identical twins, were born on January 14, 1927 to Chester and Mearita Ward in Toledo, Ohio. They moved to Miami, Florida when they were teenagers and attended high school there.

After high school Vincent worked for a few years before enlisting in the United States Army. He was medically discharged after an injury. Vincent then enrolled in Morehouse College and majored in history. He was classmates with Martin Luther King, Jr. and the late Judge Robert V. Franklin, Jr.

While in college he met and later married Mary Evelena Jones. Out of their union are seven children: Douglas, Vivian, Carolyn, Helen, Anita, Vincene (Kim) and Dayna; 52 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

Vincent retired from the United States Postal Service after working for 30 years from 1959 until 1989. While employed with the Postal Service he was awarded a Hero Award for assisting in saving the life of a family involved in a serious car accident. He pulled them out of a burning car before it blew up and was engulfed in flames. Vincent is currently enjoying retirement. He often enjoys his days at the J. Frank Troy Senior Center. He was recently honored as a Founding Member and Deacon for Body of Christ Fellowship Church.

After high school Victor enrolled in Florida A & M University from 1946 – 1949 where he was part of the marching band playing the trombone. He left Florida A & M University to play the trombone with musical dance bands until 1951 including the

Count Basie Band when Uncle Sam called him into the military. While in the military he joined their band and played the trombone. During his last active duty reenlistment he was with the 75th Army Band at Fort Belvoir, VA where he played the trombone.

After active duty in 1958, he joined the military reserves. Victor was part of two historic events while in the military reserves: 1) He was with the band that played for the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy. 2) His reserve unit was armed and guarded the city of Washington, D. C. for 75 days during the riots of 1968.

In that same year of 1958, Victor became employed with the United States Treasury where he received several awards for his service. He retired from the United States Treasury in 1983.

After retirement from the Treasury he worked part-time for the Arthur Anderson Accounting firm. He has spent 10 years or more volunteering at the Walter Reed Military Hospital. He is actively involved with Emory Heights AARP as an officer and member.

Currently, he is a deacon at Historic Berean Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. under the Rev.

Jesse J. Jackson. He has been married to Elizabeth Newkirk Ward for 62 years. They have one son: Darryl (wife Data), three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Victor's motto is "To God Be the glory."

The gala event included a program and dinner. The program was inspirational with an opening prayer and presentation from Shahim Hampton, senior pastor of Body of Christ Church where Vincent is a deacon and founding member.

More laughter and inspiration followed when Vincent's brother, Rev. Earl Duane Ellis, Sr. and his wife Rev. Catherine, co-pastors of Titus Precepts Soul Care Church in Chicago, IL associated with Titus Precepts Ministry, Inc. told stories of Vincent and Victor's childhood and all their great accomplishments during the reading of their bios. Catherine introduced Vincent's children and spoke of fond memories

of their childhood. The program concluded with presentations and a final touching prayer from Vincent and Victor's youngest sister, Reverend Bernice Spann, from Miami, Florida.

The event was most touching for Vincent when a Proclamation from the Toledo mayor's office was presented. That was followed by the reading of the Resolution from the Lucas County Commissioners and was followed by the presentation of the Resolution from Toledo City Council Members: Theresa Gabriel, Larry Sykes and Tyrone Riley. Vincent accepted these honors on behalf of himself and his brother.

After the reading of a letter to honor them from Reverend Jesse J. Jackson, pastor of Historic Berean Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. where Victor is a deacon and long-time member Vincent was asked to make some remarks.

Vincent shared that he was almost speechless and could barely find words to express how grateful he is for his children, his grandchildren, great grandchildren, great, great grandchildren, his twin brother and his family, his brothers and sisters, his nieces and nephews, all his family that traveled to this gala event from Washington D. C., California, Chicago, Atlanta, Alabama, Tennessee, Michigan, Seattle, WA, and elsewhere, the thoughtfulness of everyone in attendance, the honor of receiving the

Proclamation and Resolutions.

Vincent went on to say that he regrets that his twin brother was not in attendance but he humbly accepted these honors and gives God all the praise and all the glory.



Vivian Crawford and daughter Chloe

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es etiquette classes, provides workshops, activities and is also Cotillion co-chairman with Karen Jarrett. Dennis Jarrett is available for the escorts and fathers throughout the program to assist with the waltz, men's tuxedos, pictures, etc.

Deborah Carlisle and Beverly Tucker (both specialists in music) oversee the talent portion that is held on May 22. The event is free and open to the public at Keyser Elementary School. The Debutante Cotillion Ball will be held on Saturday, May 27 at the Stranahan Great Hall.

Brown discussed the financial requirements of sponsors, BIDS and the souvenir brochure. Other Cotillion programs are the Screenings, Etiquette Seminar, Mother/Daughter Luncheon, Talent Rehearsals, Talent Night, etc.. that lead up to the Cotillion Ball.

The scholarship program welcomes the community to support the event with donations, souvenir ads and patrons ads to help support the educational scholarships that are given each year. NANBPWC, Inc. is a 5013c non-profit organization. A fundraiser will be in place at the Annual Founders Day/Women's History Program that will be held on Sunday, March 5 at the Radisson UTMC on Glendale at 3:00.

A Silent Auction and raffle will also take place. The Sojourner Truth Award will be given to Senator Edna Brown, which is the highest award the national organization gives. Special awards will also be given to Toledo area principals for Women's History. The theme is "Women Trailblazers In Labor and Business." Tickets are available from any member of the Toledo Club. The community is welcome to attend.

The Cotillion began in April 1965 with the intent of presenting young ladies from the community into society and provides scholarship funding for the Debutantes' college education. The club wanted the young ladies to be aware of the fact there were social advantages that existed that they may not have been exposed to during their childhood.

"The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc - Toledo Club wishes to thank the community for supporting the many programs, services and community activities each year. Our success is because of you and we hope you will continue to be there with us for many years to come," says President Black-Poon .

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Who would you say you look up to?

Is it a teacher who really inspires you? A coach who helps you reach for the stars? Maybe you admire your Mom or your Dad, who've guided you through life; or a sibling or grandparent who makes you proud. Whoever it is you look up to, you know that that person makes you want to be your best, and in *The Book of Heroes* by Stephanie Warren Drimmer and *The Book of Heroes* by Crispin Boyer, you'll find even more inspiration.

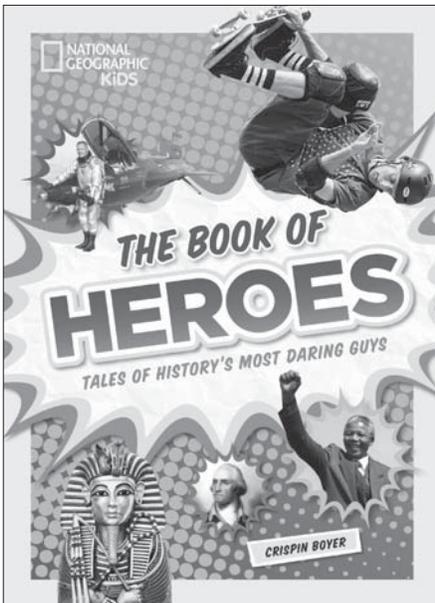
What do you think of when you hear the words "hero" or "heroine?"

You might think of someone in a cape and tights, able to walk on the side of buildings or beat up bad guys. Those are great comic-book examples but *real* heroes and heroines are humans (and animals!) who do brave, smart, strong, or compassionate things.

Let's say, for example, that you're in need of a leader to follow. You might like Eleanor Roosevelt, who "changed the role of the first lady forever" through thoughtful deeds and actions. Or how about Mayor Cory Booker of Newark, New Jersey, who saved lives and fought crime in his city, and beyond.

If sports are more your thing, you'll find many inspirational stories. Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson both fought against racism in their respective sports (track and baseball). Surya Bonaly broke figure skating records with her feats on the ice, and "she did it on her own terms." Pat Tillman was a football player and a soldier.

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a book and find Mavis Batey, who was a secret code-buster during World War II. Robert Gould Shaw led a charge of Black Union soldiers during the Civil War. Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane were both gun-totin' women of the West. Witold Pilecki was captured on purpose during World War II, so he could spy inside Nazi prisons.

And if they don't inspire you, keep looking. You'll find plenty

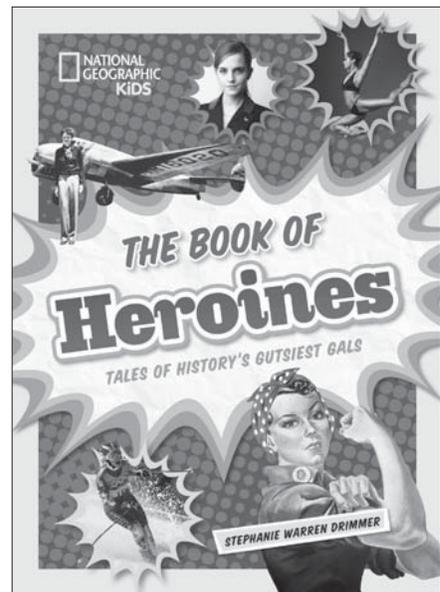
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It may, in fact, be hard for kids to pick who to read about next.

Also nice: these books cross-reference one another, and are actually relatively gender-balanced, so give *The Book of Heroes* and *The Book of Heroines* to your eight-to-14-year-old. These are surely books to look up.



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Qualified candidates must possess current Ohio licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse with Meds, current CPR and First Aide certification. At least one year of experience working in an acute care setting required. Additional experience in a psychiatric setting preferred. Position requires ability to work week-ends and alternate shifts at times as needed.

REGISTERED NURSE

Full and part-time opportunities available on various shifts for experienced nurses to provide client care within a 16-bed sub-acute detoxification unit. Selected candidates will perform duties such as induction of medications, drug screens, performing EKG & ERGs, completing CIWA and COWS assessments, reviewing OARRS for prescription-filled verification and preparing prior authorizations.

Qualified candidates must possess current Ohio RN license, CPR and First Aide certification. At least three years of experience in a critical care setting required. Psychiatric nursing experience preferred. Position requires ability to work weekends and alternate shifts at times as needed.

AOD THERAPIST

Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc. is seeking full and part-time therapists to work on various shifts providing services within an adult 16-bed sub-acute detoxification unit. Therapists will provide individual and group counseling, complete diagnostic assessments and perform case management. Services provided by therapist will encompass all 12-core functions of a chemical dependency counselor.

Candidate must possess a Master's Degree and have a minimum of two years' experience working with adults with mental health and substance abuse issues. Must have either a mental health license (LISW, LPCC, LSW, LPC) or a chemical dependency license (CDCA, LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC). Dual licensure preferred. Current CPR and First Aid required.

Previous experience within a residential, MAT, or detoxification unit preferred. Position requires ability to work weekends and alternate shifts at times as needed.

AOD CLINICIAN

Full and part-time opportunities on various shifts are available for individuals to work within an adult 16-bed sub-acute detoxification unit providing chemical dependency treatment and a full range of case management services.

Candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree, a minimum of six months experience working with adults with mental health and substance abuse issues and be at minimum a CDCA. Dual licensure as either a PC or LSW preferred. Current CPR and First Aide certification required. Previous experience within a residential, MAT, or detoxification unit preferred. Position requires ability to work weekends and alternate shifts at times as needed.

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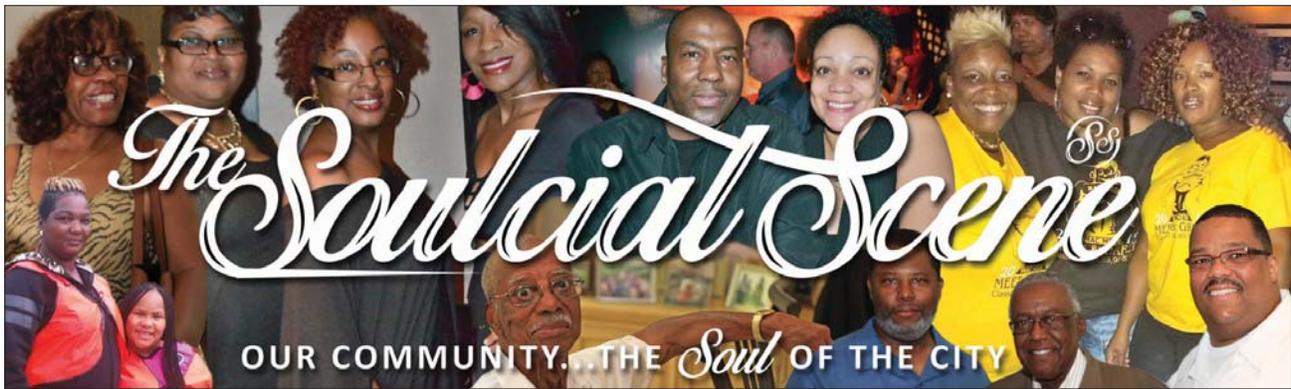
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Annual MLK Breakfast Honors Drum Major and Scholarship

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The 25th annual MLK Scholarship Breakfast, sponsored by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter, was held Saturday, January 14, 2017 in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The event opened with warm greetings from mistress of ceremony Kri-tian Brown of Channel 13 news, sponsor recognitions presented by La-Mar Anderson, an angelic rendition of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift

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Dennis Hopson, Rafiq Abdul Lartey, Birama Ndiaye



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Vincent and Victor Ward 90 Years Young

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Vincent and Victor Ward were honored by over 100 guests on Saturday, January 14 at All Occasions Banquet Hall on Hill Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. The twins were born in 1927 in Toledo, Ohio. Vincent, the older of the twins by only a few minutes, arrived at the hall to find his family waiting to surprise him.

Earlier in the day he was told that he was going to a church concert and all the family was planning to attend. He was never aware of the surprise party his children had been planning for months to honor him and his twin brother Victor who lives in Washington, D. C. Unfortunately, Victor was unable to attend the event due to some recent health issues.

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Victor and Vincent Ward



Grandson William and wife Nikki



Vincent and daughters the day after celebration



Five generations - great, great grandson Cameron, great granddaughter Marissa Berry, daughter, Vivian Crawford, granddaughter Tashonda Minnifield



Tashonda and her husband Dre with Vincent