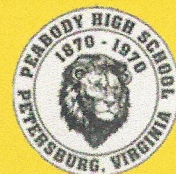


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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFERS LIFE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Effective September 1, 2013

Life Membership Status provides an opportunity for acknowledging PHSNAA senior members. It is a voluntary process and is not required of PHSNAA members.

Individuals who request Life Membership Status should be those who perpetuate the visions and objectives of the Association.

Applicants must be 75 years old at the time of application, and have held active membership in the Association 1 year immediately prior to making application for Life Membership.

The cost of Life Membership Status is a one-time fee of \$200.00, payable in full upon submission of application, or in approved installment payments. If the applicants select to pay in installments, they are required to make an initial payment of \$35.00 and the remainder over an 11-month period of \$15.00 per month.

Installment payments are non-refundable. If all payments are not received in full by the end of the installment period, the total amount paid will be applied toward the annual membership dues and prorated for the number of years paid.

Life Membership Status is achieved and designation awarded only after full payment is received. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon completion of the agreement.

All applications for Life Membership must be signed by the President and Membership Chair.

Life Membership is a category of membership available to current PHSNAA members who meet the following requirements.

To become a Life Member, an individual must ...

- have reached the age of 75 years
- have held membership in PHSNAA 1 year immediately prior to making application
- have paid the full Life Membership fee of \$200.00



ORGANIZATION HONORS FORMER PETERSBURG RESIDENT

The AMS Special Session on Nonstandard Finite Difference Discretization and Nonlinear Oscillations in San Diego, California honored Dr. Ronald E. Mickens in celebration of his 70th birthday. Ronald Elbert Mickens was born in Petersburg to Joseph Percival Mickens and Daisy Brown Mickens. His siblings, Carroll Lee Mickens, Sr. and Calvin Lee Mickens are residents of Petersburg and graduates of Peabody High. Ronald was the valedictorian of the Peabody High School class of 1960.

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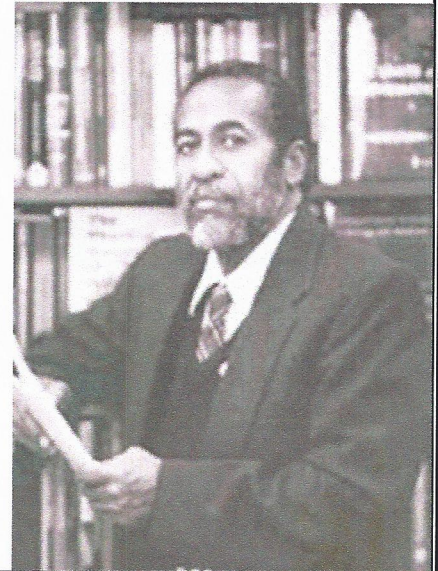
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Dr. Ronald Mickens was honored recently by the AMS Special Session in celebration of his birthday at the 2013 Joint Mathematics meetings.

He received his B.A. degree in physics from Fisk University (1964) and a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Vanderbilt University (1968). He held postdoctoral positions at the MIT Center for Theoretical Physics (1968-1970), Vanderbilt University (1980-81) and the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics (1981-82). He was professor of physics at Fisk University from 1970-1981. **Presently, he is the Distinguished Fuller E. Callaway Professor at Clark Atlanta University.**

Mickens and his wife, Maria, have two children, Leah and James.



AFRICAN-AMERICAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Hopewell City Public Schools proudly honored **Mrs. Oriette Bellamy as the 2013 recipient of the African American Distinguished Service Award.** Mrs. Bellamy's career included more than 30 years of service to Hopewell Public Schools, teaching at James E. Mallonee Jr. High School and then at Carter G. Woodson. She also served as Head of the Art Department.

Oriette is a graduate of the Peabody HS class of 1961. She received her B.S. degree in Fine Arts Education, and her M.Ed. from Virginia State University. She is a strong supporter of the Alumni Association, and is currently serving as Financial Secretary and Chairman of the Scholarship and Fundraising Committees. Oriette is very active in her church, Oak Street AME Zion Church where she serves on various committees and sings in the choir.



Congratulations Oriette!



Alumni 3rd Annual Community Outreach Project Underway

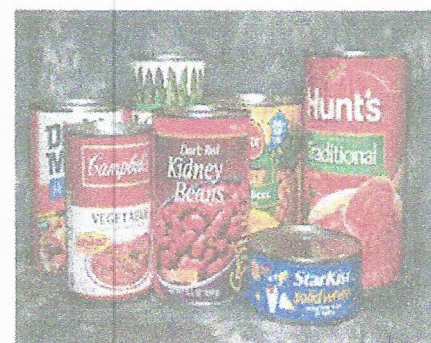
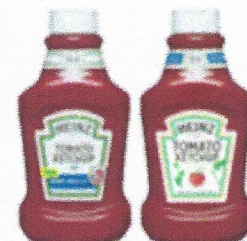
The 3rd Annual Alumni Community Outreach Project will be launched during the month of October, 2013. This year plans are being made to donate needed items to the Fisher House, located on the grounds of McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond. The Fisher House provides support, respite and lodging for the family members of patients receiving care at the medical center. **All members are asked to bring or send the following items to the October 8, 2013 meeting, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Peabody Middle School Library.** If you are out of state (town) and sending items will be inconvenient for you, monetary contributions will be appreciated. Contributions can be made payable to PHSNAA and mailed to:

Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 972
Petersburg, VA 23804

Please note in the memo section – “Community Outreach Project”

Non-Perishable Items

Pancake mix and syrup
Dry cereal (oatmeal, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Frosted Flakes, etc.)
Coffee, tea, can or bottle sodas
Sugar, salt, pepper, garlic powder, cinnamon, parsley, dried onions
Catsup, hot sauce, mayonnaise, mustard, steak sauce, vinegar
Can vegetables
Pasta Sauces
Can Milk, Dairy creamer
Can tuna, salmon
Crackers, potato chips, popcorn, Fritos, Cheetos
Pastas (macaroni, spaghetti, ziti)
Rice (brown or white)
Raisins and other dried fruits
Trail mix
Applesauce, Jell-O packs
Bottled water

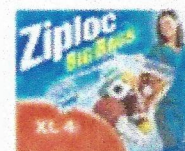


Paper Products

Foil, wax paper, paper towels, toilet paper
Ziploc bags, trash bags – small & large
Plastic containers (to store food in)
Handi-wipes

Cleaning Products

Dishwashing liquid, soap powder, soap pads, bleach, hand sanitizer



Please contact Committee Co-Chairs, Virginia Barbour (526-7897), or Harry Quarles (526-8457) if you have any questions.

2013 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The 2013 Senior Awards & Recognition Program was held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at Petersburg High School. During this recognition program, various organizations and educational institutions presented scholarships to graduating seniors, which will help them meet their educational goals as they enter the next level of higher education.

President Jefferson presented scholarship awards to the two students selected by the Alumni Scholarship Committee, which is chaired by Oriette Bellamy.

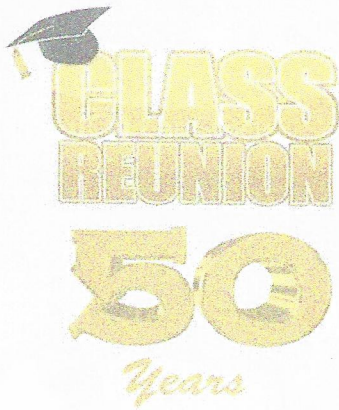


Mercedes Alexis Kates was awarded \$500.00. Mercedes is President of the National Spanish Honor Society and President of HOSA. As part of her application packet, Mercedes wrote about "What Does it Mean to accept Change." This is an excerpt from what she wrote. *"Change is something that is different from what is or from what it would be if left alone, to transform or convert. After establishing an understanding of change, I decided to look back and see how I utilized change within my own life. I want to invite you into my life by sharing my personal goals and how I want to make a change. My career goals are to become something that will change the lives of another younger person. I want to become a Pediatrician because I feel that I can not only change but also save the life of someone. I chose Norfolk State University because I feel that I can strive and fulfill greatness at this University--my boldness to step out of my comfort zone. I know that there will be many opportunities that will surround me and help me move forward to my future."*

Quanesha Shaquell Knight was awarded \$300.00. Quanesha is Vice President of the National Honor Society and Senior Class Secretary. Quanesha's goal is to attend Old Dominion University and pursue her dream career of becoming a Psychologist. As part of her application packet, Quanesha wrote an essay entitled, "Why I Want to Attend College." This is an excerpt from that essay. *"College is the means of achieving one's goals. Having the goal of a college education will keep my life on a straight line to my success. I want to go to college because what I learn there will aid me in helping others. I know that I would need skills in the areas of the field that I would pursue, and I feel that only continuing my education will help me achieve this. I know that without college and an exceptional education along with training, I wouldn't be able to become an adolescent psychologist—something that I've wanted to do since I was a little girl. Attending college can make a dream become a reality."*

"Education is our passport to the future; for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Planning 50th Class Reunion



It is time to catch up with old friends and to recollect the fun times that we had at Peabody High School. It is time for the class of 1963 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation. We are confident that this will be the best reunion ever, but we need you there to make it the event that it should be. The reunion is being planned for September 27-29, 2013.

For further information, please contact Planning Committee member, Yvonne T. Coleman, 804-862-2457.

PEABODIANS TAKE TIME OUT FOR SOME FUN

The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra's "Cabaret" was held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Petersburg Regional Art Center. **Willis** (class of '61) & **Iris** (class of '62) **Brown** attended the cabaret and shared in a photo with the hosts.

"Let the Music Play," included selections from Mozart to Michael Jackson. The event was hosted by Mitch Malone, also known as the "Quiet Storm Personality" of 99.3 and 105.7 KISS FM, today's R&B and classic soul radio station, and Sabrina Squire, who co-anchors NBC-12 News at 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 and 11:00 pm. Also performing that evening was the Sankofa Dance Theater from Virginia State University. The event is a special fundraiser to benefit the orchestra, and of course, keep the arts alive in the City of Petersburg.

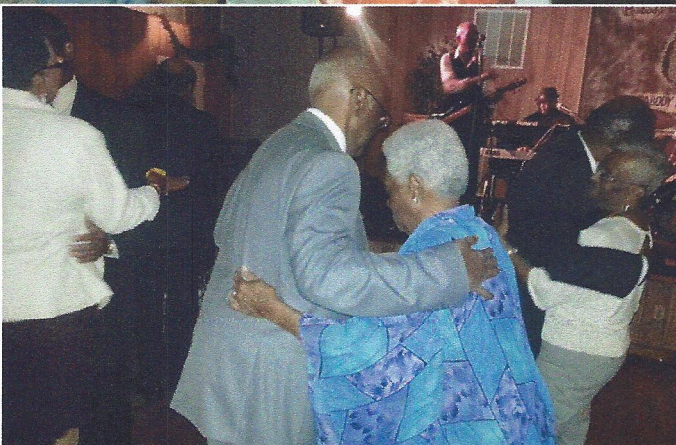
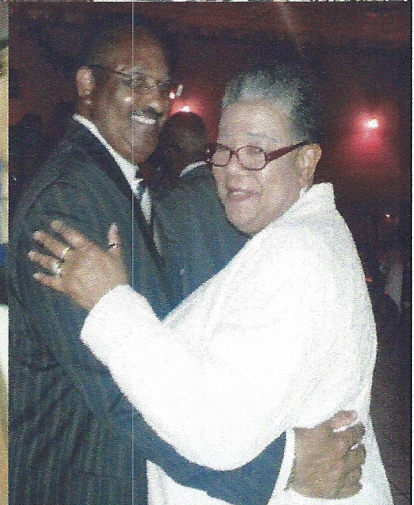
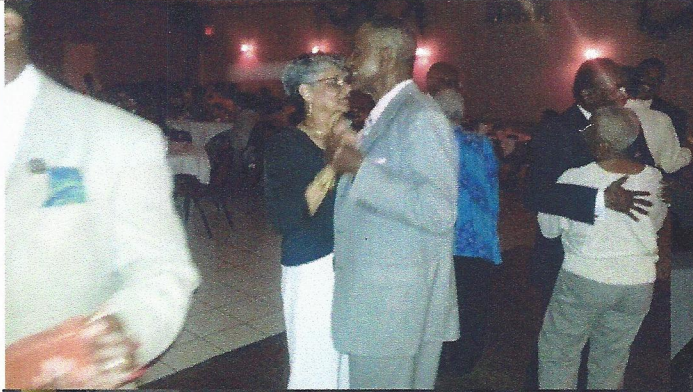


2013 SPRING FLING

Featuring Katz Band & Show
Saturday, May 10, 2013 - Sunlight Elks Lodge



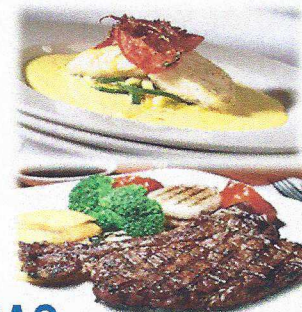
Spring Fling A Night to Remember!



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ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S – ALLURE OF THE SEAS

7 NIGHT CARIBBEAN CRUISE (PASSPORT REQUIRED)

Broadway Musicals, Aqua Theater Dive Shows & Other Shows, and Much More

Cruise Itinerary – May 18-25, 2014

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart	Activity
May 18	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	-	5:00 PM	-
May 19	Cruising	-	-	-
May 20	Labadee, Haiti	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
May 21	Falmouth, Jamaica	10:30 AM	7:00 PM	Docked
May 22	Cruising	-	-	-
May 23	Cozumel, Mexico	8:00 AM	7:00 PM	Docked
May 24	Cruising	-	-	-
May 25	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	6:15 AM	-	-

Prices (Call for interior and/or single pricing)

BALCONY - \$1,315.89 per person/double occupancy

OCEAN VIEW - \$1,115.8 per person/double occupancy

PAYMENT (Credit Cards Accepted)

First Deposit:	\$250 per person	Due Date: July 15, 2013
Second Deposit:	\$150 per person	Due Date: August 10, 2013
Third Deposit:	\$200 per person	Due Date: September 10, 2013
Fourth Deposit:	\$200 per person	Due Date: October 10, 2013
Fifth Deposit:	\$200 per person	Due Date: November 10, 2013
Sixth Deposit:	\$150 per person	Due Date: January 10, 2014
Final Payment	15 February 2014	

Price includes: Cruise, entertainment, food, all fees, taxes, port and fuel charges. Credit cards are accepted (cruise only).

Additional Optional Costs: Travel Insurance - \$89-\$129 per person (Recommended).
 Air (Richmond to Fort Lauderdale, approximately \$295 per person)
 Hotel – Hampton Inn \$70 (double); \$135 (single) – Pre-cruise stay May 17, 2014

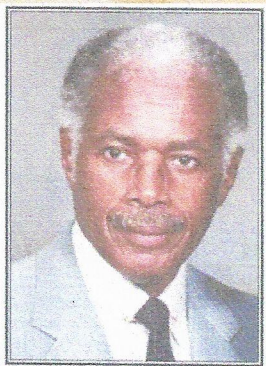
Make All Inquiries/Payments to: Walker Tours sswalker@comcast.net
 20808 Vernetta Lane, Petersburg, VA 23803 (804-590-9421 / 804 691-2998)

Travel insurance may be purchased any time prior to final payment, however, insurance is not effective until purchased and paid in full.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Although no words can really help to ease the pain you feel when you lose a loved one, we want family and friends of our departed Peabodians to know that we are close in our thoughts and prayers. Even though many months have passed since the loss of our classmates, we will always be as close as a memory.

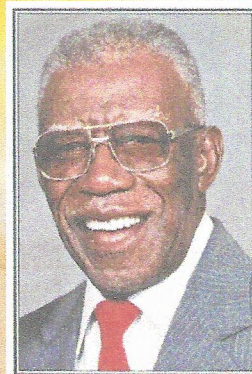
Cherish the moment of togetherness, because the sun will fall beneath the ocean, creating a sunset, and the moment might be "Gone Too Soon."



Richard "Bro" McKenzie
Class of 1940



Janice Stith Jones
Class of 1967



Robert L. Johnson
Class of 1939



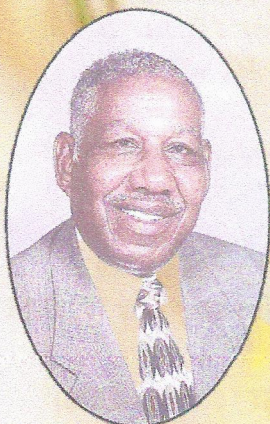
Dr. Maxcine Cannon
Maxfield
Class of 1964

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1



Avonne Scott
Class of 1952



Kenneth Lee Myrick



Dr. Grace Vernell Norbrey
PCPS Educator for 20 Years



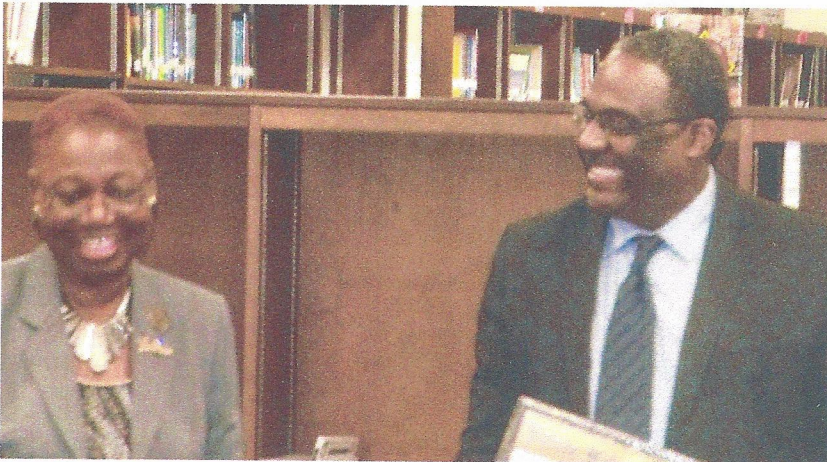
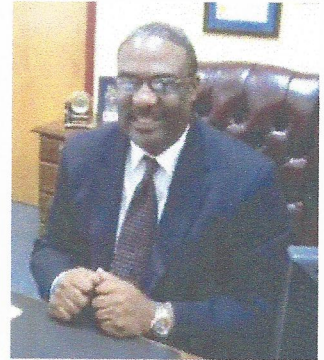
Sandra J. Mickens
Class of 1962

PUBLIC FORUM WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Petersburg Public Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Melvin, was invited to speak to alumni members at the April meeting. Five months after taking the leadership position, Dr. Melvin began holding public forums and roundtable discussions to address school district issues and the future of Petersburg City Public Schools. His goal was to get input from all constituents regarding what works well in the school system, what improvements are needed and how to accomplish those needed changes within the school division. According to Melvin, "The first priority is to ensure that strong and consistent leadership is provided for every school and department. The second priority is to increase student achievement at all levels and grades."

His discussion included his Seven Point Priority Plan, which according to Melvin "will be the **driving force** to guide our school division to succeed in all aspects." The priorities are:

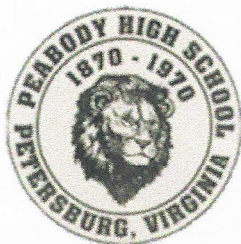
1. Provide strong leadership
2. Increase student achievement at all levels
3. Meet state accreditation standards
4. Intense focus on early literacy at grades PK-5
5. Build 21st century technology environment
6. Maintain a safe and disciplined environment, and
7. Improve communication among all division stakeholders.



President Jefferson expressed the association's gratitude to Dr. Melvin for speaking to the group and presented him with a framed photo of the original Peabody High School and an Alumni Association Brochure.

Commemorative Brick Purchased

The Petersburg Library Foundation announced their new Brick Fundraising Campaign. This is a unique opportunity for the community to show their support of the new Library by purchasing a personalized engraved brick that will be placed outside the new Library entrance. According to the Foundation, by purchasing a commemorative brick, we will not only be helping them in "Paving the Way to Knowledge," we will also leave a permanent legacy in our community. This is the logo and inscription to be engraved on the brick purchased by the Alumni Association.



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