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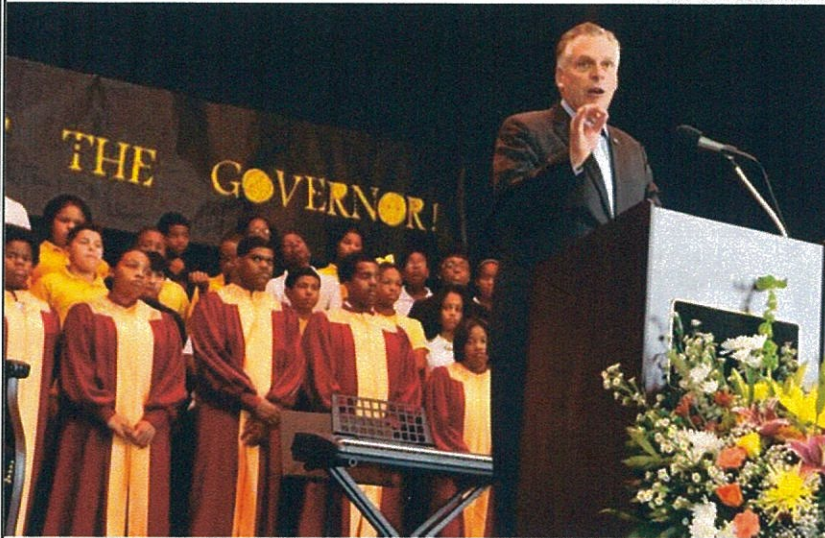


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Governor Terry McAuliffe Comes to Peabody Middle School



During a speech at Peabody Middle School on Monday, September 22, 2014, Governor Terry McAuliffe promised that he would have all of Virginia's schools fully accredited by the end of his term (3.5 years from now). He promised to make sure that every Virginia student is given a "world class education." For 2014-2015, the state has 10 unaccredited schools. "Enough TALK, enough PLANS, it's time to get to WORK. Our children deserve it," he said.

Governor McAuliffe praised the city's school division for the full accreditation of Petersburg High School, which was previously accredited with warning. He shared his goals to improve

Education across the state and to provide prepared workers for Virginia's economy, while closing the achievement gap between schools. He stressed the importance of widely available Pre-K education, improved standardized testing, community partnerships and grass root solutions to improve education.

In addition, he spoke of a recent poverty fighting initiative called the Community Eligibility Program, which provides free lunch and breakfast to all students in qualifying schools. "Poverty is the #1 predictor of academic performance," he said. "A child's zip code or their parent's financial condition should not determine a child's success in the Commonwealth." The Governor will be hosting an education summit on December 11th with the Virginia School Board Association and The Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education. The main purpose of the summit is to have public school officials share what has worked within their divisions to improve education and to identify solutions to instructional obstacles. The Governor said his doors are open for all suggestions. "We can work together and make it happen," he said. **"We have a responsibility to our students."**

Virginia Secretary of Education, Anne Holton, was onstage with Governor McAuliffe and addressed some of his education initiatives.



*The PMS
choir and
Marching
Band
excellently
performed
during the
Governor's
visit.*



50th CLASS REUNION

Members of the Class of 1964 celebrated the 50th anniversary of graduation during the weekend of September 12-14, 2014. Twenty classmates and 14 guests enjoyed a fun-filled weekend, starting with a reconnection activity on Friday and an old fashion picnic on Saturday. The weekend culminated with their attendance at an inspiring worship service at Third Baptist Church, Petersburg, VA on Sunday where Rev. Leroy Cherry (class of '67) is Pastor.



Pictured Seated on Floor – Janice Mitchel Brickell, Vivian Bland Scott, Sandra Lowe, Eva Reid Simmons, Patricia Smith Miller, Susan Smith Higgins. **2nd Row** – Priscilla McLeod Robinson, Diane Foy Byrd, Lena Giles Jones, Sandra Hazlewood White, Bennie Goode, Barbara Ford Madison. **Standing:** Wallace Williams, James Macklin, James Clarke, Willie Massenburg, Sterling Nunnally, Florence Turner King, James Leroy Hill.

JUST KNOW THAT WE CARE



For the past several months, many alumni have been hospitalized, undergone surgery, confined, not in good health, ailing, sickly, peaked, etc. No matter what the extent of the illness, we certainly care about them all.

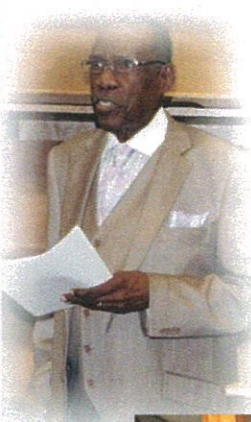
Even though many have already received personal cards from the Association, this is the perfect opportunity to send additional THINKING OF YOU & GET WELL wishes to all members who are or have been ill. If knowing that we all care about you will help in your healing process, we send our prayers, much love and plenty of hugs as you improve day by day.

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22

Officers for 2014-2017 Installed

The installation of new officers is a very important procedure and has a very special significance to both the newly elected officers and to the members. On Tuesday, October 7, 2014, officers for the 2014-2017 (3 years) term were installed in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Vernon "Billy" Lee (class of '56).

Rev. Lee gave the officers their responsibilities and oath with appropriate seriousness. He asked the officers to re-dedicate themselves to the objectives of the Association and continue working to meet those objectives. No doubt, his words were an inspiration not only to those being installed, but also to those present to witness the ceremony.



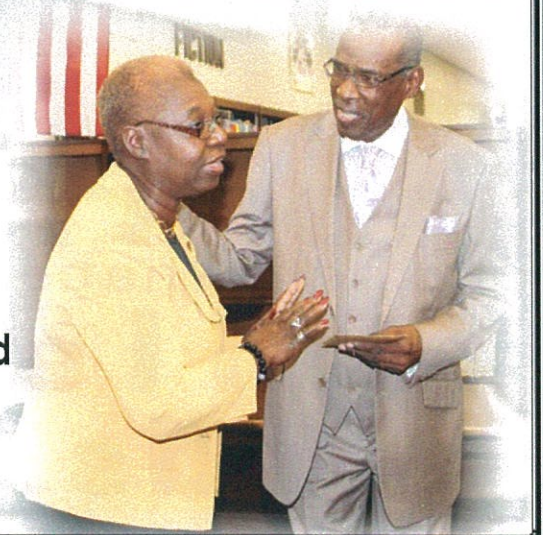
Officers installed were: Vice President, Thelma Jefferson; Recording Secretary, Charlene Buford; Financial Secretary, Patricia Miller; Treasurer, Oriette Bellamy; Membership Secretary, Flossie Johnson-Ridley; Chaplain, Stella Cummings; Sergeant-At-Arms, Thomas Banks; Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, Russell Prude. After the installation, VP Jefferson expressed gratitude to Rev. Lee for performing a most fitting installation and she further expressed gratitude for his interest and support of the Alumni Association.

2014-2017 Committee Chairs

Fund Raising – Priscilla Carter
 Restoration – Lee Dugger
 Scholarship – Linda Smith
 Community Outreach – Virginia Barbour

Class Representatives Serving on the Executive Board

1970 – Thomas Banks	1962 – Virginia Barbour/Harry Quarles
1968 – John Alexander	1960 – Edward Bracey
1966 – Sandra Garner	1956 – Joseph Lyons



Appreciation Luncheon Held for PMS Faculty and Staff

Giving praise is one thing that usually brings comfort and joy to a person. Hearing that someone appreciates your work will light a spark of gratitude that only a few teachers really experience. But it is this same feeling that keeps educators going. It motivates them to strive for excellence and acts as the perfect acknowledgment for all their efforts.

It is not an award that teachers are looking for; but the fulfillment of leaving a mark on someone's life and the satisfaction in knowing that he/she helped to mold that student into a better human being.

On Monday, June 16, 2014 PHSNAA decided to show their appreciation to the Administrators, Faculty and Staff by providing lunch for them, giving a few door prizes, a specially designed souvenir bookmark, and tokens of appreciation to the Principal and Assistant Principals. This event was spearheaded by Community Outreach Co-chairs, Virginia Barbour and Harry Quarles.

**REMEMBER,
SHOWING APPRECIATION TO
OUR TEACHERS IS A
RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL
MUST ACCEPT.....**

**SCHOOLS NEED GREAT
TEACHERS!!**

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

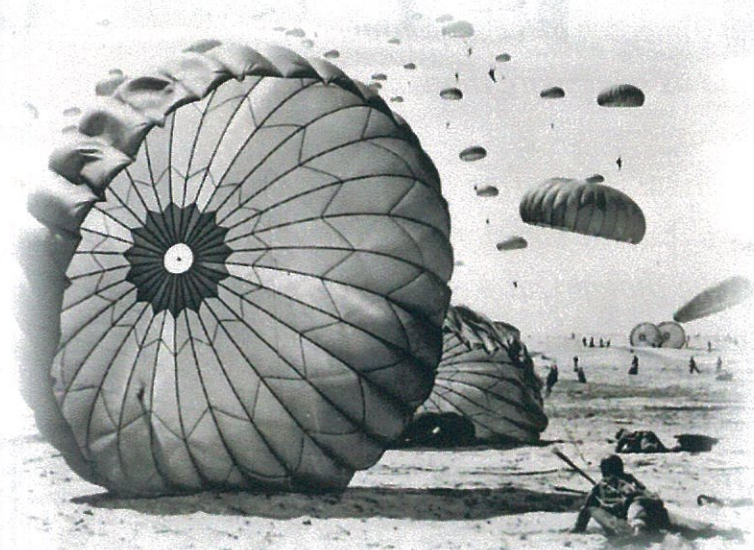
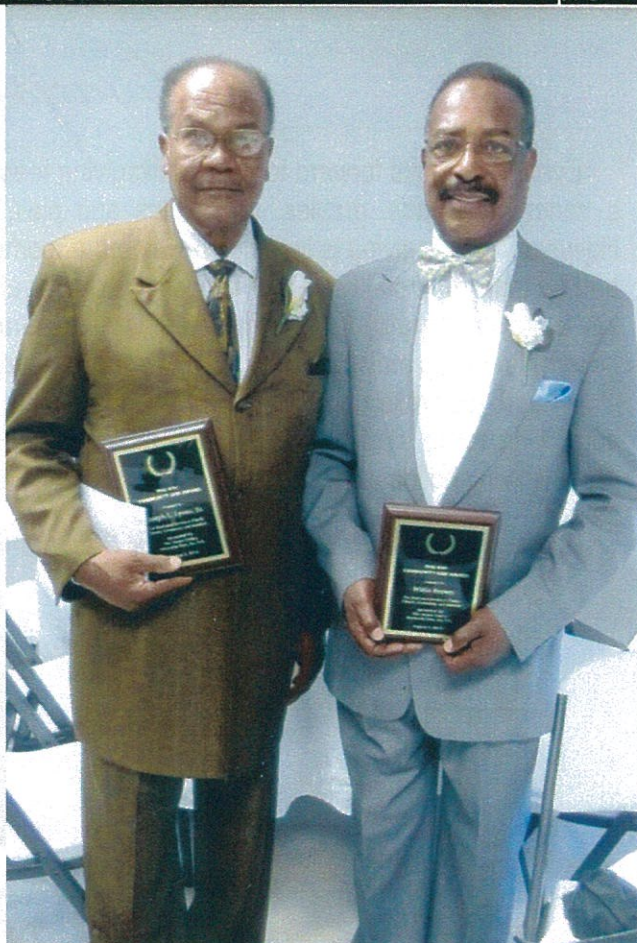


*Boxed lunches were provided by
Garrett Mason Catering.*

Peabodians Honored

The Alease Cooley Memorial Tent #718 of Petersburg, VA held its 4th Community Gems Breakfast Celebration on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church in Chesterfield, VA; Rev. Marcus N. Leggett, Pastor.

Of the five honor recipients, two were Peabody Alumni. For outstanding and loyal service to the community and their church, which is Zion Baptist Church, **Willis Brown, class of '61** and **Joseph Lyons, Sr., class of '56** were honored as Community Gems. Words of confirmation, entitled "Men of Courage" were spoken by Rev. Dr. Andrew J. White, Sr. Family and friends of both honorees were in attendance to witness the celebration and offer congratulatory remarks.



Airborne Trooper, **Ernest T. Shaw (class of '52)**, was honored at the 555th Parachute Infantry Association Convention in Nashville, TN on September 7, 2014. Former US Army 82nd Airborne Paratrooper Shaw was recognized and awarded the Airborne Paratrooper Excellence Award. This is the second time Mr. Shaw has received this award—the first in 2013 in Dallas, TX.

Mr. Ernest Shaw was the first Afro-American sportswriter for the Progress-Index from 1948 through 1964. In 1965, he became correspondent for the Baltimore Afro American Newspaper and the Norfolk Journal Guide Newspaper. In May 1961, he became the first African-American radio announcer on the air in Petersburg; Station WSSV. His on air name was "Mr. Clue." He continued his career through 1991.



Always Be Thankful

Everybody looks forward to the Thanksgiving feast—the traditional mouth-watering roast turkey with all the trimmings, a variety of salads, gravies, vegetables and pies, and of course the celebration of being with family and friends. However, Thanksgiving is incomplete without a moment of reflection and thanks. Reflect on the goodness of the LORD, and be thankful unto Him. This Thanksgiving, with all of the family gathered around the dinner table, take a moment and say a prayer of gratitude for life's little blessings. Gratitude is our most direct line to God. If you take the time, no matter how troubled you may feel, you can find something to be thankful for.

What if you woke up TODAY with only the things that you thanked God for YESTERDAY? There is always, always, something to be thankful for; and we must show our gratitude for His goodness and His mercy toward us. On this Thanksgiving holiday, gather together with grateful hearts.

“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.” - Psalm 107:8

*Thank you, God, for everything, the big things and the small.
For “every good gift comes from God”the giver of them all.
And all too often we accept, without any thanks or praise,
The gifts God sends as blessings, each day in many ways.
And so at this Thanksgiving Time, we offer up a prayer....
To thank you, God, for giving us a lot more than our share.*

*First, thank you for the little things That often come our way,
The things we take for granted, but don't mention when we pray,
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need.
Oh, make us more aware, Dear God, of little daily graces
That come to us with “sweet surprise”
From never-dreamed-of places.*

*Then, than you for the “Miracles” we are much too blind to see,
And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee,
And help us to remember that the Key of Life and Living
Is to make each prayer a Prayer of Thanks
And every day Thanksgiving.*

~ Helen Steiner Rice



Happy Thanksgiving!



Patricia Kizzie Ward
October 27, 2014
Class of 1964



Rev. Dr. Samuel Robinson
October 2, 2014



Sadie Bracey Gist
September 25, 2014
Retired Educator

Gone, but Never Forgotten

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

*If tears could build a stairway and thoughts a memory lane
I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again.
No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it and only God knows why.*

*My heart's still active in sadness and secret tears still flow.
What it means to lose you, no one can ever know.
But now I know you want us to mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times life still has much in store.*

*Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today
A hallowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.*

*God knows why, with chilling touch,
Death gathers those we love so much,
And what now seems so strange and dim,
Will all be clear, when we meet Him.*

HISTORY LESSON FOR PEABODY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

PHSNAA was asked to participate in Peabody Middle School's First Nine Week Intersession, which was held October 6-10, 2014. The theme for the 4-day session was "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture." The Association was excited to participate in the learning process of the middle school students and to educate them about the history of Peabody High School, from beginning to end. During day one, President Thelma Jefferson gave a detailed accounting of how Peabody High School was first organized; and 100 years later, how it was turned into a Jr. High School and, finally, a Middle School. She shared with students as much information as she could in the allotted timeframe—four sessions of approximately 30 minutes each. Also present to assist in sharing historical facts were Alumni members: Virginia Mann, Flossie Johnson-Ridley, Iris Brown, Janice Mann and Willis Brown. Mr. Ernest Shaw, a noted enthusiast in "sports history" shared the podium with Jefferson to educate the students about Peabody HS sports. To reinforce the history lesson, a table display of photos and old Peabody memorabilia was set up for the students to view.

Students also received an intriguing history lesson from Mr. Richard Stewart, owner of the "Pocahontas Island Black History Museum," representing the oldest Black community in America. His display of chains, whips, voodoo dolls and much more left the students and PMS faculty quite amazed.

Each student was given a copy of the original Peabody Building, the Peabody-Williams School, and the Peabody alma mater. A lesson in Black Life, History and Culture gave the students something to long remember and share with their family members.





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Christmas Gala

**Friday, December 26, 2014
7:00 – 11:00 P.M.**



Club 17, Inc.

118 Mars Street
Petersburg, VA



**Music by “The Neal Bowens Project” Band
and DJ – Herman Maclin**

For Ticket Information, call

Priscilla Carter - (804) 919-4042 or

Oriette Bellamy - (804) 733-2936

Donation: \$20.00

B.Y.O.B.

“DRESS TO IMPRESS”

All proceeds will assist in the restoration project.



Remembering the Good Ole Days

Do you remember the Friday and Saturday nights at the Mouse Trap?

..... Mary Wells singing your favorite song?

What was your favorite meal from the Chatter Box?

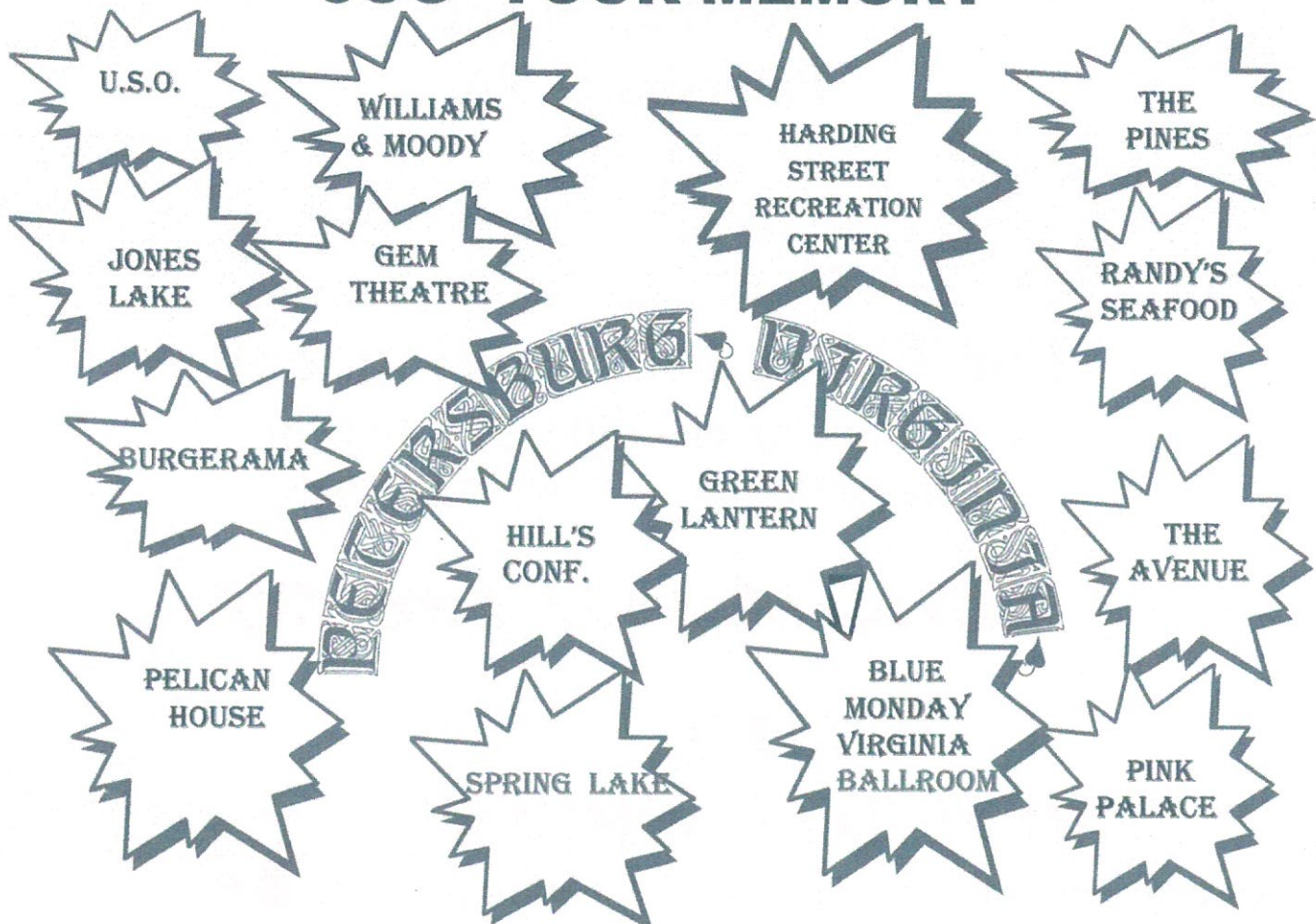
Did you enjoy the milkshakes and ice cream cones from Williams & Moody Drug Store?

What was your favorite spot on "The Avenue?"



Share your favorite story in the next issue!

JOG YOUR MEMORY





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"Reuniting-Renewing-Restoring and Rejoicing Peabody's Legacy"

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - \$15.00

Membership Period: September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015

Payment enclosed:

2014-15 _____
\$15.00

2015-16 _____
\$15.00

2016-17 _____
\$15.00

PERSONAL DATA:

New _____

Renewal _____

Name: _____
Last First Maiden/Middle

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-Mail: _____ Birth date: _____ Class Year: _____

I _____ do hereby solicit membership in the
Peabody High School National Alumni Association, and will support the mission of the Association.

Signature Date

SELECT ONE OR MORE COMMITTEES YOU WILL SERVE

- ☐ NOMINATION
- ☐ BUDGET
- ☐ MEMBERSHIP
- ☐ PROGRAM
- ☐ FUND RAISING
- ☐ RESTORATION
- ☐ SCHOLARSHIP
- ☐ MARKETING & ADVERTISING
- ☐ THE PEABODY SCRIPT
- ☐ COMMUNITY OUT-REACH

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BELIEVE,
Better things come to those who are
PATIENT, and
The Best Things come to those who
DON'T GIVE UP!*

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

The Mighty Lions

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