

PEABODY SCRIPT



Christmas with Peabodians and Friends

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house,
not a creature was stirring not even a mouse.
But, the night after Christmas, the shopping was done,
all we wanted to do was to have a little fun.
Peabodians and friends came from far and near,
to greet school buddies and spread Christmas cheer.

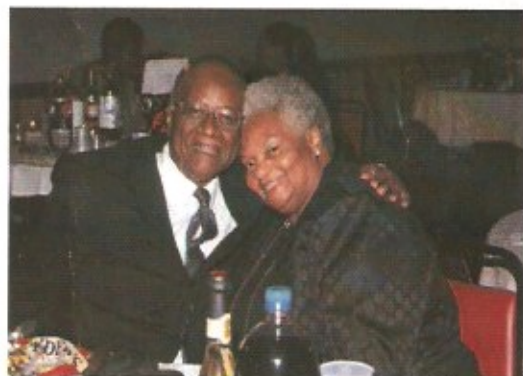


The yule-tide spirit filled the air at the Christmas Gala on Saturday, December 26, 2009 at the Elks Lodge in Hopewell, VA. Greetings were extended by President Thelma Jefferson, class of '67 as she wished blessings and prosperity to all and asked their continued support of the Alumni Association. Prior to dinner the Chaplain, Ann Ellison asked blessings over the occasion and the food, and Osborne Bailey, class of '57 asked that we pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of our deceased classmates, family and friends. There was nothing but fun and fellowship throughout the entire evening!



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Everyone was overflowing with gaiety, smiles, and love.



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Teacher of the Quarter

Miss Grayce M. Townes

Miss Grayce M. Townes, was well known and loved by all who attended Peabody High School. She was always well dressed, and in the eyes of the students, one of the best dressed teachers in school. Students would stop by the library just to see what she was wearing. Miss Townes managed the library with charm and compassion, and students knew that she did not play when it came to education.

Miss Townes is a life long resident of Petersburg, VA. She was educated in the Petersburg Public Schools; graduated in the class of 1935 from Peabody High School. She attended Virginia State College (University) and later completed her studies and received her degree.

Miss Townes' teaching experience began in Blackstone, VA where she taught a fifth grade music class and played the piano. She came to Peabody and was assigned to teach Mathematics. She later became the Librarian, one who all students grew to admire and love.

Miss Grayce M. Townes is an active member of the Retired Teacher's Association. She became a member of Delta Sigma Theta while in College and has maintained membership since. She is an active member of St. Stephens Church, where she is known as one of their Jewels.

Miss Townes, all the students who entered the Peabody High School Library sends to you
Best Wishes and Much Love !



EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL MEET

Even though representatives on the Board are not complete, President Jefferson is calling a meeting of the Executive Board on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 202 Harris Hall, Virginia State University. All Officers and Board Representatives should make plans to attend this meeting.



If you have concerns, please contact your class representative so that your issues can be added to the agenda.

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| 1952 | Harry Quarles | 1962 | Walter Moore |
| 1954 | Stella Cummings | 1964 | Albert Dawson |
| 1956 | Connie Easter | 1966 | Bernice Richardson |
| 1960 | Raymond Bailey | 1970 | Thomas Banks |

Representatives are still needed for the following classes: 1942, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1958, 1968

The Souvenir Journal

2010 Centennial Reunion Celebration

The 110th Year Centennial Reunion will be held on Friday-Sunday, September 3-5, 2010 (the Labor Day week-end). A committee has been formed to develop a Souvenir Journal. The committee's desire is to make sure the finished product will leave a memorable impression with everyone. We believe all alumni will want an opportunity to be involved in an endeavor of this size. You can take an active part in this venture. We ask that you purchase and submit one 2" x 3" business card size ad at a cost of \$25.00. These funds will help defray the cost of the Centennial Souvenir Journal. The layout for the ads will look great – nine cards well designed on one page. The information on the business card is left up to you; it can be from your business or the business of your friends. You may either submit memorials, congratulations, or your name, contact information, and class date as an ad.

We want your assistance as we create for you a first-class Souvenir Journal; one that you will be proud of and will keep available for others to see. The only way we can insure excellent results with this undertaking is to start today securing ads to cover production costs.

If you have someone who would like to submit a full-page ad, we welcome their submission at a cost of \$110.00. In addition, you may also submit a half-page ad at a cost of \$55.00.

It is our sincere expectation that all alumni will submit their 2" x 3" business card ad. We ask that you submit your ad, (full-page, half-page or business card), along with the appropriate check or money order amount, made payable to Peabody High School National Alumni Association. In the memo section, write SOUVENIR JOURNAL. **Send all items to P.O. Box 4543, Petersburg, VA 23803 by March 31, 2010. Time is of the essence!**

Thank you, and May God Bless You!

Souvenir Journal Committee:

R.J. Bragg, '59; Iris Brown, '62; Maude Brown, '47; Lula Lawson, '59; and Bernice Richardson, '66.

2010 Centennial Celebration Peabody Lions: Now and Forever



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 3-5, 2010

A detailed itinerary of the weekend activities will be forthcoming.

Lapel pins and documents bags are still available for purchase.

Send your requests to PHSNAA

P.O. Box 4543

Petersburg, VA 23803



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LATEST HAPPENINGS

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Inspirational Thought . . .

from the Chaplain, Ann Jackson Ellison

Dear Peabodians,

New Year's greetings are extended to you and your families for a blessed and fruitful season of renewal!

In September we embarked on a new academic year with bold initiatives to serve our Alma Mater. Ours is a genuine affinity for the school that groomed, nurtured, and shaped us. Now we celebrate a new milestone, 2010. Some familiar lyrics still ring old truths for us:

"Our love for thee is the song that we sing..."

We continue to rally around the ideals that molded character and spiritual qualities.

"Faithful to thee we will all ever be..."

We continue to lift the ideals of which we are certain; those values that sustained us as we ventured onto separate paths.

"All of thy children are loyal to thee..."

We are honored to have a treasured legacy. Our gratitude lives in what earlier visionaries set before us, and in what our parents, teachers, and community unselfishly provided.

Have a prosperous New Year!



Basketball Excellence - A Family Tradition

The Threatts, Jimmie, class of '52 (now deceased) and Grace, class of '54 have always had a love for basketball. They were very active in the sport during their last three years at Peabody High School, and their love for the game was passed on to their two sons, Tony and Jay, who played and acquired the same love for the game during their school days. However, it did not stop there. Jay Sr., who was a "hoops ace" at Petersburg High School from 1976 to 1978 and at Virginia State University has two sons, Jay Threatt, Jr. of Delaware State University and Jarvis Threatt of Highland Springs High School in Henrico County, with that same passion, love, and excellence in basketball that was displayed by their father, uncle Tony, and grandparents, Jimmie and Grace.



Jay Threatt, Jr. is now manning the point at Delaware State for coach Greg Jackson. After ten games this season, Jay was averaging seven points per game and pacing Delaware State in steals and assists. Jarvis, a little, lean, 6-foot 1, 155-pound junior, who is already two inches taller than Jay, has seen his role upgraded from spark off the bench to starting point guard – the same position Jay held from 2005-2007. Jarvis now wears the same No. 4 as his older brother.

Anything Jay does, Jarvis tries to do better, but they are both excellent when it comes to playing basketball.



Membership Has Advantages

Encourage other Peabodians to join !

Membership as of January 12, 2010

A

Lucille Allen
Mildred Allen
Pearl Amos
Arlene Anderson
Constance Anderson
Marion Anderson
Othello Anderson
Isadora Armstrong
Senora Avery

B

Irene Bailey
Osborne Bailey
Raymond Bailey
Bessie Baker
Mattie Balthrop
Calvin Banks
Gloria Banks
Thomas Banks
Earl Barber
Virginia Barbour
Earnestine Batts
Olivia Batts
Brenda Baxter
Oriette Bellamy
Charles Bethel
Jacquelyn Bethel
Arnette Bishop
William Bland, Jr.
Nancy Bond
Nellie Boone
Alice Bowles
Maurice Bowles
Lottie Bragg
R.J. Bragg
Cynthia Branch
Carolene Brewer
Jacquelyn Brooks
Carey Brown
Ernest Brown
Gloria Brown
Iris Brown
Mary Brown
Maude Brown
Willis Brown
Jacquelyn Buford
Raymond Buford
Shirley Bugg
Robert Bullock
James Byrd, Jr.

C

Eva Carter
Priscilla Carter
Bruce Cartwright
Robert Cheives
William Clarke
Della Claiborne
Clementine Coates
Louise Coggins
LaVera Coleman
Yvonne Coleman
Patricia Conley
Gloria Cooksey
Mary Cooley
Gloria Cooper
Herbert Coulton
Maxcine Coulton
Joyce Cox
Mary Cox
Vernetta Cox-Dupree
Carroll Crawford
Ronald Crenshaw
Charles Crews
Stella Cummings

D

Delma Dance
Ruby Dance
William Darkins
Dorothy Davis
Melvin Davis
Albert Dawson
Alma DeRamus
Kathy Dickson

E

Constance Easter
James Easter
Carl Edwards
Lucious Edwards
Marie Edwards
Mildred Ann Ellison
Antoinette Evans
Shirley Ervin

F

Germaine Fauntleroy
Herrmanze Fauntleroy
Gloria Felder
Brenda Fowlkes
Zealier Fowlkes

G

Jean Gee
Roger Geter
Bennie Goode, Jr.
Joseph Goode
Mary Grant
Beatrice Graves
John Graves
Waverly Graves
Alice Gray
Constance Greene
Joyce Greene
Yvonne Greene
Bernice Griffin

H

Ruth Hairston
Mary Hall
Mollie Hall
Yolanda Hampton
Gertrude Harris
Phyllis Harris
Osborne Harris
James Harris
Joyce Harris
Paula Harris
Ireatha Harrison
Judy Hawks
Mildred Hayes
Burton Hayes, Jr.
Clara Hicks
Mildred Hill
James Hill, Jr.
Walter Hill, Jr.
Delores Holland
Elva Hollins

J

Martha Jackson
Richard Jackson
Romona Jacobs
Jocelyn Jarratt
Eloise Jefferson
Thelma Jefferson
Paulette Johnson
Flossie Johnson-Ridley
Azzie Jones
Levy Jones
Melvin Jones
Shirley Jones
Valarie Jones
Florence Jones-Clark
Natalie Jones-Wallace

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Membership Roster

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Edwin Jordan
Christina Judge

K

Thomas Keiser, Jr.
Katherine Kemp
Jacquelyn Kidd
Geraldine Kirksey

L

Lula Lawson
Ruby Lawson
Iris Layne
John Lee
Vivian Lesane
Dorothy Lewis
Lorraine Lipscomb
Joseph Lyons
Russell Lyons

M

Robert Mabry
Iretha Maclin
Janice Mann
Virginia Mann
Germaine Mason
Joyce Mason
Kate Mason
Prince Massenburg, Jr.
James Mayfield
Jewel Mays
Melvin McCoy, Jr.
George McLaughlin
D.H. McDonald
Patricia Miller
Teresa Milner
Charles Mitchell
Willette Mitchel
Lois Mondesire
Charmaine Moore
Deloris Moore
Ernest Moore
Marion Moore
Walter Moore
Margaret Moorefield
Clifton Morgan
Walta Morris
Eva Murry
Patricia Myers

N

Priscilla Neal
Donald Nelson
Bernice Neverson

Sterling Nunnally

P

Yvonne Paige
Etta Parham
Luvenia Parham
Eva Parker
Gennie Parker
Linwood Payton
Aubrey Perry
Shirley Peterson
Albert Phillips
Gloria Phillips
Ransome Poole, Jr.
Calvin Powell
Shirley Powell
Russell Prude
Johnson Pryor

Q

Harry Quarles

R

Edith Ragsdale
Ruther Rice
Bernice Richardson
Julia Richardson
Roselyn Ricks
James Roberts
Priscilla Robinson
Mary Rose

S

Viola Sanders
Carl Savage
Gladys Scott
Hugh Scott
Delores Skelton
Cecelia Smith
Edith Smith
Linda Smith
Paige Snoddy
Ruth Spencer
Muriel Spratley
James Starkes
Claudette Staton
Camilla Stephenson
Carmencita Stewart
Christine Stewart
Rose Stewart
Katie Stith
Ida Swope

T

Frank Taylor

Kenneth Taylor
Ernestine Thomas
Grace Threatt
Bessie Thweatt
Barbara Todd
Eunice Todd
James Todd
Gloria Tucker
Thomas Tucker
Shirley Tukes
Norma Turner
Bernell Tyson
Lewis Turner

V

Wilhelmina Vaughan

W

Delilah Walker
Loretta Walker
Antrynette Walker-Hall
Nora Washington
Charles Wesson
Esther White
James White
Sylvia Wiggins
Margaret Wildy
Garnell Wilkerson
Carl Williams
David Williams
Delores Williams
Donald Williams
Germaine Williams
Ann Wilson
Mary Wilson
James Winfield
Irene Winston
Patricia Woodfolk
Leo Wright
Juanita Owens Wyatt
Mary Wynn
Brenda Wynne

Y

Chubbie Yarn
Shirley Yarn

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Vernetta Cox-Dupree
Membership Chairperson

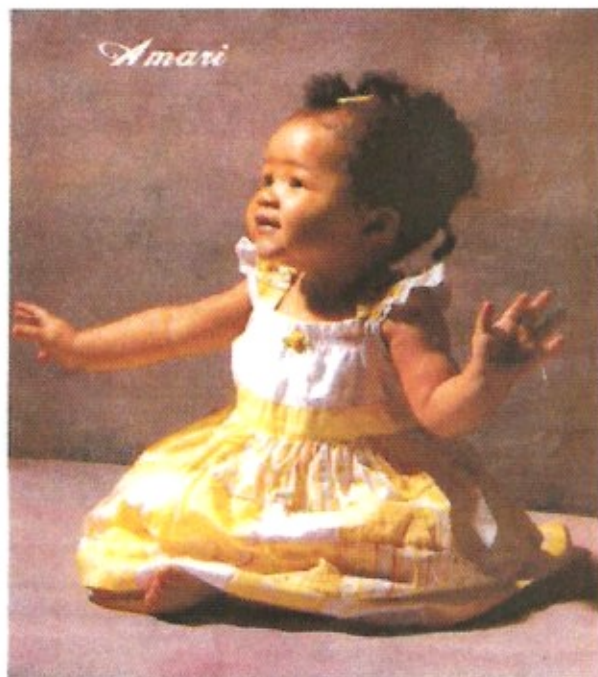
Mildred Allen, Co-Chair

Amari Lachae Lawson wins Baby Contest

Amari, the daughter of William and Alenda Lawson, and sister of Alayshia, grand-daughter of Lula Lawson (class of '59), and the late William Lawson Jr. (class of '56), Charlotte Peterson, and the late Robert Peterson won the 2009 Delta Community Service Foundation Baby Contest. Amari celebrated her first birthday on December 15, 2009, just nine days after winning the contest, which culminated on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at Gillfield Baptist Church, Petersburg, VA. Amari and the four other contestants were highlighted in a skit entitled, "No Matter What." Each contestant was costumed as an animal. Amari was a cute little Unicorn, who enjoyed waving to the audience. Her sister, Alayshia, also participated in the skit as a Kangaroo.

Amari was fortunate to have a team of Deltas who put forth a one hundred percent effort in assisting her in raising funds for the Foundation. Team members were: Doris Adkins, Ettora Elliott, Catherine Fort, Cecelia Johnson ('66), Lula Lawson, Virginia Mann ('62), Lois McClellan, Romaine Pickett, Yvette Robinson, Annette Rose ('59), Beatrice Whitfield, and Gertie Williams. This dynamic team raised a total of \$11,115.00 for the Foundation.

Amari and her family greatly appreciate the well wishes and monetary donations that were received. She was successful because of so many caring people.



Class of '69 Presents Photo

Through the years, it has been a deep concern

of the members of the class of 1969 that their photo is not displayed in the hall of Peabody along with the other graduating classes. Deliah Walker, spokesperson for the class,

indicated that she did the research, made several calls and contacted "Jostens," the photography company responsible for graduation photographs. They did what was needed, and the class photo was completed and framed. Mrs. Walker, along with other classmates from the class of '69 came together to make the presentation on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Ms. Heather Lamb, Assistant Principal of Peabody Middle School was available to receive the photograph.



Now, the photograph of the graduating class of 1969 can be proudly hung among all of the other graduating class photos.

Pictured left to right: Ms. Heather Lamb, Delilah Walker, Jackie Bethel, Antoinette Evans, Melvin Jones, Charlotte Anderson, Cynthia Branch, and Yolanda Hampton.

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The Mighty Lions

"People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

Joseph Fort Newton

Special Message

We need your news articles!

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regarding the Script
should be sent to**

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