



10th Anniversary Celebration

Peabody Lions: Now and Forever



During the weekend of September 3-5, 2010, the Peabody High School National Alumni Association celebrated their 10th Anniversary and remembered the 100 years that Peabody High School existed (1870-1970). The three-day celebration started with a "Meet & Greet" at Holiday Inn (Southpark). Alumni from all classes shared photos, yearbooks and memorable moments of high school days. The Saturday lunch and tour of the school (now Peabody Middle School) brought back even more memories as members viewed the newly renovated auditorium and the various graduating class photos hung through the halls. Warm greetings were extended from Dr. Alvera Parrish, Superintendent of Petersburg Public Schools, and the newly appointed Principal of Peabody Middle School, Dr. Yardley Farquaharson. To highlight the ten years gone by, President Thelma Jefferson presented a Power Point presentation of activities from "Then to Now." The Saturday night banquet, held at the Regimental Club (Fort Lee) was even more exciting. In addition to recognizing the graduates from the 40's, certificates were presented to the three graduating classes with the highest number of members registered for the reunion. The classes of '66, '62, '56 and '57 were winners.

Sunday morning, members attended First Baptist Church (Harrison Street), the oldest African-American Church in the Nation, and also the site of the first Peabody High School building in 1870. The reunion ended with a delicious brunch in the fellowship hall of the church and expressions of a delightful and memorable week-end.



Great News!!!!

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Granted**

After much hard work, submission of detailed narratives and financial reports, and a visit to the State Corporation Commission's Office by President Jefferson, the request was finally APPROVED. You cannot imagine how thrilled President Jefferson was when she received the letter. Effective April 20, 2010, the Peabody High School National Alumni Association is now exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501-c-3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Association are now deductible under section 170 of the Code. The Association is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.

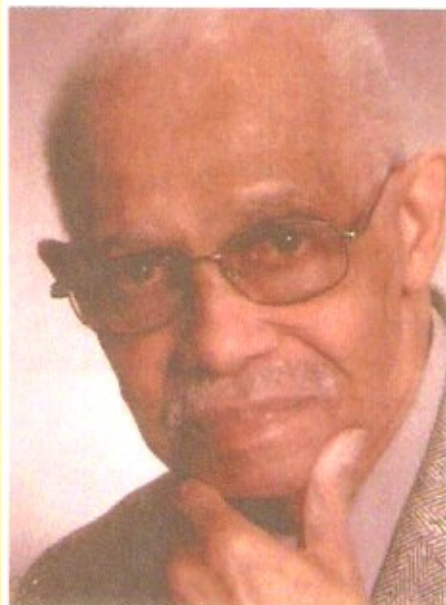
President Thelma Jefferson would like to thank Flossie Johnson-Ridley, Secretary and Patricia Miller, Treasurer, who worked with her and were very instrumental in providing documents, copies and financial reports needed for submission to the review board.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

Karon Lamar Winston, the son of Oriette Walker Winston Bellamy ('61), followed his dream and on August 27, 2010 graduated in Basic Law Enforcement from Crater Criminal Justice Academy. The graduation ceremony was held in the L. Douglas Wilder Building on the campus of Virginia State University. Karon is now a police officer at Richmond International Airport in Richmond, Va.



Remembering the Lives of PHS Faculty



August 7, 1932 – October 30, 2010

Mr. Hermanze Edwin Fautleroy, Jr. ('49) taught electronics and physics at Peabody High School for 10 years before his election to the Petersburg City Council where he served for 20 years.

In 1973, he became the first African-American Mayor of Petersburg as well as in the State of Virginia. He also served as past Chairman of the Petersburg Planning Commission; member and past Chairman of the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority; and past Chairman of the Petersburg Democratic Committee. Additionally, he served on the Board of the Virginia Council of Human Rights for Virginia from 1987 to 1989, appointed by then Governor Gerald Baliles.

In addition to being a dedicated teacher and city employee, he was a loving and dedicated husband (to his wife of 57 years, Dr. Germaine Fautleroy), father and grandfather. Throughout his life, he was a passionate civil rights activist and, along with his wife, was vital to the integration of Petersburg Public Schools in the late 1960s.



Mr. Roland Edward Lewis, Sr. was a graduate of Virginia State College (now University) and did graduate work at New York University. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and served in the United States Army. He was an educator in the Petersburg School System, teaching History, U.S. Government and Art for 30+ years.

He was survived by a loving and dedicated wife of 52 years, Mrs. Thelma Stith Lewis, a son and daughter-in-law and four grandchildren. He was a devoted husband and father as well as a peaceful man who enjoyed his family. Mr. Lewis was also an accomplished artist.



July 19, 1928 – October 22, 2010



PHS—Still Shining Brightly

Dear Peabodians,

We are currently experiencing the exhilarating effects of a road trip; our sleek luxury vehicle (manufactured locally on Wesley Street) is rolling at moderate speed on black and gold wheels. We are savoring a few moments of reflection. Cautiously peering into the rearview mirror, we accelerate...We are reviewing a kaleidoscope of tabloids—vivid snapshots of a powerful and extraordinary Centennial celebration! We are carefully changing lanes, now, forging ahead to uncharted territories. With a pioneering spirit second to none, we are checking the guardrails, and measuring the median strips; we are allowing the GPS to suggest, to advise, to recommend. We are exceptionally vigilant and mindful of direction and purpose.

The destination, of course, is unknown but we are confident that God is preparing a roadmap—a good, useful, productive instrument for us to follow.

Your company is welcome, needed, and required for a memorable journey. Remain connected to the Peabody High School National Alumni Association. Assist your membership with suggestions for a safe, pleasurable transport. Share opinions and ideas with other Lions. Ernestine William Batts ('62), for instance, persuaded sister Delilah Seaflower Walker ('69) to become active in PHSNAA, initiated steps through networking to help her with a class picture restoration project. Those efforts led to a beautifully organized, framed composite which now is displayed with other graduating classes in Peabody's lobby. Delilah's determination quickly opened a new avenue to completion of a vision.

Other Lions colorfully described memories of teachers, parties, music, and scholastic trials and pains and gains. Did you relate to Rev. Theresa Merritt Caldwell ('46), Dr. Aubrey Perry ('54), Christine Fields Stewart ('61), and Deborah Bufford ('70)? Did you hear Deborah reach out to later classes who had spent most of their student life at Peabody, but were ushered into a totally different environment? Your thoughts may spark the growth of something BIG. Did you hug visionary giants, Band Director William McKinley, and Coach Carl Peal—to whom we are all grateful?

Peabodians from everywhere attended the Centennial Anniversary! From the West Coast came Jimmy White, Carroll Crawford, Clifton Morgan, and Byer Yarn. From the East Coast and points South and North came, brothers Carroll and Fred Raines, Carl Savage, Kathy Powell Dickson, Thomas Keiser, sisters Jackie Cephas Threadgill and Judy C. Anderson, Fred Royall, Willie Draughan, Skipper McCain, Albert and Ann B. Morgan, Carolyn Spratley, Dr. Joseph and Gloria W. Cooper, brothers Walter and Stokes Hill, Joyce B. Harris, siblings Margie, Kenny and Frank Taylor, Camilla M. Stephenson, Brenda Fowlkes, sisters Jean Randolph Miles and Joyce R. Cosby. Familiar faces in the hundreds locked arms to support the cause, to remember.....

Through the decades, many faculty, administrators, and parents have steered our vehicle. Now, your commitment and participation play a dual role in this excursion....

Windows down, top back, and unlimited mileage....

Ann J. Ellison, Chaplain

Moses E. Martin: A Portrait of Style for Humanity

by Ann Jackson Ellison

Take a leisurely stroll around South Park Mall, a hurried adventure into Wal-Mart, let's say, or a comfortable seat at a local restaurant; sooner, rather than later, a former student will beat a path directly to Mr. Martin! What ensues will be affectionate hugs, introductions to spouses and kids, and the fondest of memories dating to Mr. Martin's disciplined, inspiring art classes...

His is a legendary odyssey that showcases family, friends, cultural enlightenment, and artistry of the first order. Moses Edwin Martin, (PHS '56) is the son of the late Moses Roosevelt and Mrs. Laura Martin of Petersburg. Martin's academic preparation began at Virginia Avenue School where he was a featured tenor vocalist in Mrs. Gwendolyn Brown Jones' acclaimed choir. His siblings are: (sisters) Mrs. Lorene McClide ('52) and Mrs. Jean Walker ('66) and brother Ronald (63'). A second brother, Jesse, is deceased. From that stellar clan of Peabodians emerged a talent whose artistry has interfaced with hundreds of Virginia's students.



Martin's first teaching assignment was in Portsmouth's I.C. Norcom High School after he was graduated in 1960 from Virginia State College. Subsequent positions at Lawrenceville's James Solomon Russell High School and Dinwiddie High School produced an indelible signature and heralded the development and progress of students excited about the world of light, color, form, and texture. After the inevitable changing of the school's status to "Jr. High", he remained in Dinwiddie until his retirement. In 2004, he returned to the classroom, to teach art at Walnut Hill Elementary School for five years. Stirring a younger generation to greatness, Martin designed, compiled, edited, and published the school's yearbook and organized an after-school art club, and presented his students' art works in public venues. During his tenure, Martin earned an "A" in an art history course at Richard Bland College before a second retirement.

Sporting a winning smile and hearty laugh, Martin is a familiar figure in the halls of Sears, having retired after more than 30 years of service. He is remembered for encouraging the skill of students whose drawings and paintings have been exhibited in prominent places around Petersburg. He excels also in the culinary arts and is a masterful creator of spaghetti; he confesses that he does not care for Chinese cuisine, however.

Martin has demonstrated a love of the outdoors and is a gifted gardener and caretaker of chicks, cats, and canines. His expensive libraries of film and music are equally impressive. He also supports his family's activities and projects, and enjoys a place of mentoring among his siblings, nieces and nephews.

Recently, Martin's generosity was again apparent in his craftsmanship, unveiled at Peabody's 10th Anniversary and Centennial Reunion Celebration. The awesome banner which graced the "Meet and Greet" as well as the Banquet at Fort Lee's Regimental Club embodied the unmistakable crest of an excellent painter.

The Script salutes an exemplar of visual arts, and extends many thanks for his previous workmanship under which proud Peabodians communicate and translate the dream.....

UPCOMING CLASS REUNION

The CLASS of 1961 will be celebrating their 50th Class Reunion on August 12-14, 2011. They are planning a fun-filled event. If interested in attending, please contact Christine Stewart Fields at (301) 559-1798 or e-mail her at stew712@erols.com.

RETIRED – 41 YEARS OF SERVICE

Shirley Yarn, RN, BSN, retired on June 30, 2010 from Southside Regional Medical Center after more than 41 years of service. A retirement breakfast was held at the hospital with many well wishers attending. Shirley is now working private duty (PRN) to keep her skills up and to keep a foot in the door, if needed.

Shirley graduated from Peabody High School in 1965. She dreamed of becoming a Registered Nurse, but her parents were not financially able to send her to the RN schools out of town. In those days, Petersburg General Hospital (now Southside Regional Medical Center), only accepted African-Americans as LPN students, not Registered Nurses. Shirley completed the LPN program at Petersburg General Hospital in 1966.



A year later, Shirley's parents were able to get a student bank loan that enabled her to enroll in the RN program at Norfolk State College (now University). On holidays and summer breaks she returned to PGH to work private duty. After finishing her studies at Norfolk State with her Associate Degree, Shirley obtained a full-time position at Petersburg General as a Registered Nurse. In 1981, she enrolled at Virginia State College (now University) and received her B.S. degree in Nursing in 1983.

Shirley has always tried to deliver quality care to her patients. She is an active member of Oak Street A.M.E. Zion Church. Since her retirement, she enjoys gardening, fishing, attending regular rehabilitation physical therapy sessions, and just relaxing. She will also be busy making some home improvements. Above all, she supports the mission of PHSNAA.

CONGRATULATIONS, SHIRLEY – YOU DESERVE THE REST!!

An Exciting Summer Vacation

This year has been exciting, educational, interesting and fun-filled for two Peabodians. In January, 2010 Shirley Bugg ('60), Annette Duncan Rose ('59), and Violet Wright of Hopewell had an exciting vacation on a twenty-two day tour/cruise to Australia and New Zealand.

During the time of their vacation, it was summer in Australia. They spent time touring the Great Barrier Reef, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. They experienced an aboriginal tour and viewed magnificent monoliths. They spent two exciting days in Sydney, cruised the Sydney Harbor and toured the Sydney Opera House and its amazing interior and theaters. Of course, they had time for shopping and seeing other sights on their own time.

Their vacation was completed with a ten-day cruise. Every other day was spent at sea, enjoying onboard activities and facilities. While visiting Melbourne and Tasmania, they saw koalas and kangaroos and the Tasmanian Devil. In New Zealand, they saw stunning Milford Sound, visited the wonderful museums, art galleries and churches. They took scenic sky rides, shopped and ate good food. They also had time to tour the cities of Dunedin, Christchurch, and Tauranga.

The tour ended in the "City of Sails" Auckland and New Zealand where they explored the sky city Auckland Hotel. They had a wonderful vacation and encourage others to visit the "Down Under" continent.



CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP

From July 18th through August 6, 2010, Eunice Blakes-White ('55) and Mary Hall ('53) enjoyed a fun-filled twenty-day cross-country motor coach excursion with the Elite Tour Travel Club of Clinton, Maryland. They traveled to Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; Reno, Nevada; Los Angeles, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; Flagstaff, Arizona; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Dallas, Texas; Memphis, Tennessee; and Atlanta, Georgia.

Some of the highlights of the tour were the Grand Canyon, the Salt Flats, the Negro Baseball League Museum, and the American Jazz Museum at 18th and Vine. They also had time to tour Beale Street, Hollywood, Beverly Hills' Rodeo Drive, Lorraine Hotel, Gladys Knights' Chicken and Waffles, the homes of President Barack Obama, Louis Farrakhan, and Oprah's Store.

Every moment was a joy, but they had to end this excursion and return home.



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Membership Period: September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011

Payment enclosed:

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

Signature

Date

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CHRISTMAS GALA

Friday, December 17, 2010
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunlight Elks Lodge
Hopewell, Virginia

Music by: "KD Express"

For Ticket Information Call (804) 733-2936

Donation: \$20.00

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