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## The Peabody Script



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**The Peabody High School Class of 1963** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion September 27-29, 2013. On Friday, a meet and greet fish fry/cook-out was held at the home of classmate John Pryor, with music by DJ Rob Anderson. On Saturday, a semi-formal dinner dance was held at the Hilton Garden Inn. Music was provided by Albert Vincent, photographs by William Porter and video by Janice Mann.



Program events included a memorial for deceased class members and recognition of special guests, which included teachers: Mrs. Marie Maniego-Scott and Ms. Geraldine Maclin; Delegate Rosalyn Dance and Actor Afemo Omilami.

On Sunday, class members worshipped at the Resurrection Christian Life Center, with Pastors Alice Bland Gray and Gary Gray. Immediately following service, they enjoyed lunch at VSU Gateway Dining Facilities. This was truly a blessed weekend with their classmates, who came from California, Wisconsin, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland and various areas in Virginia.

Celebrated in February.... Black History Month

**Black History Month**, also known as African-American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans, and a time to recognize the central role of African-Americans in U.S. history. Its original purpose was to recall and celebrate people and events in the history of African diaspora.

Black History Month originally was much more modest in scope and time. It was, in fact, called "Negro History Week," beginning in February 1926. It was created by historian Carter G. Woodson and the Chicago-based Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History). Woodson declared that the second week of February would forever be declared as Negro History Week. Why the second week?



Because that week contained the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two men who greatly influenced the Black American population.

The principle point of Negro History Week was to encourage a universal and coordinated teaching of the history of Black Americans in this nation's public schools. In 1976, as part of the U.S. Bicentennial Celebration, the expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the U.S. government. It was the late President Gerald R. Ford who strongly encouraged all Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

#### **Profound Quotes**

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

- President Barack Obama

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this nation. The potential for greatness lives within each of us."

-Wilma Rudolph

"Just don't give up what you're trying to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." - Ella Fitzgerald

"For African to me...is more than a glamorous fact. It is a historical truth. No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has

been and exactly how he arrived at his present place."

- Maya Angelou



**POSITION OF THE HISTORIAN – Elected or Appointed** 

Based on a recommendation from President Jefferson, the Executive Committee, at the April 30, 2013 meeting, approved to change the position of Historian from Elected to Appointed. The recommendation was presented and confirmed by the members at the May 7, 2013 Regular Meeting. The entire membership is hereby notified of the amendment. Voting will be done under separate cover.

#### **CURRENT BY-LAW**

Article V - OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers of PHSNAA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-At-Arms. Duties shall be as described in the By-Laws of the Association (Article III, Sections 1-10).

#### PROPOSED CHANGE

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# Black History Month – We Salute LTC Howard L. Baugh Original Tuskegee Airman



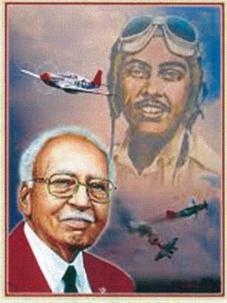
Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Howard L. Baugh, USAF (Ret.) was born in Petersburg, VA on January 20, 1920 and attended public schools in Petersburg and Brooklyn. As a young man, Baugh always had a fascination with flying. After the Army Air Corps began accepting African Americans in 1941, Baugh joined the program after graduating from Virginia State College (University). He entered the Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet in March 1942. He completed pilot training at the famed Tuskegee Army Airfield in November 1942 and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Out of 20 cadets, he was one of four to become pilots. He was also one of the first African Americans to be trained as World War II military pilots in the U.S. Army Air Force Corps. The Tuskegee Airmen never lost a plane to enemy fighters---a record no other fighter unit achieved. In all, the Tuskegee program sent 450 Black pilots into combat.

In July 1943, LTC Baugh was assigned to the 99<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron in Sicily. Flying from Sicily, Italy, he flew 135 combat missions in P-40s and P-51s. In January 1944, he and his wingman were credited with shooting down a German FW-190 fighter bomber over the Anzio beachhead. For his outstanding military service, LTC Baugh was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force

Outstanding Unit Award and other theater and campaign medals.

During 25 years of active duty, he amassed almost 6,000 pilot hours, including 250 combat hours. Throughout his military career, LTC Baugh flew more than 15 different types of military aircraft to include 1,100 hours in four types of jet airplanes. After his retirement from the Air Force in 1967, he was employed by Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, NY. After retiring from Eastman Kodak in 1984, then LTC Baugh and his wife moved back to Petersburg.





L. Cel. Howard L. Baugh, USAF Nobelin Arman

In June 2004, the French Government flew LTC Baugh to Paris, France and presented him with that country's highest and most prestigious military award, the French Legion of Honor. In a March 2007 ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C. honoring the legendary Tuskegee Airman, LTC Baugh was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor the U.S. Congress can bestow on a civilian.

A the age of 88, LTC Howard Lee Baugh passed away on August 23, 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife, Constance Layne Baugh and his older brother, William Baugh. He is survived by his three sons, two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother, plus many nieces, nephews and cousins.

### Celebrated in March ......

**Women's History Month** is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and society. It is celebrated in March, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>. In February 1980,



President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> as National Women's History Week. He asked Americans to recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during March 2-8, 1980. Throughout the next several years, the popularity of National Women's History Week grew and in 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress designated the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month.

This year, the National Women's History Project has chosen for the 2014 theme: Women of Courage, Character and Commitment. They will recognize twelve extraordinary, unrecognized women from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The event will be held March 27, 2014 at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C.

#### **UP-COMING EVENT**

To recognize Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things in the City of Petersburg and also in celebration of Women's History Month, the Second Annual Celebration Tea will be held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things was a vision of **Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith**. Because there are so many powerful women who are doing great things in and for Petersburg, Wilson-Smith said she felt that their contributions should be recognized. Therefore, she organized a committee with four other women and together they planned the first event. At that occasion, five women were honored for their stellar contributions and continuous community involvement.



Don't miss the Second Annual Celebration Tea on the 29th from 9:00-12:00 noon at the Tabernacle Community Life Center when five Petersburg residents will be honored and recognized as "Extraordinary Women." Tickets for this event are available for \$5.00 each and can be obtained by calling 804-862-1192. Requests for tickets must be received by March 15th.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO Dr. Paulette Walker Johnson on Her First Book

Show some love and support for our fellow Peabodian (class of 1969) by attending the book signing and fellowship. RSVP early. If you cannot attend, try to purchase a copy of the book.



Real Women ... Real Talk - The Book!

by Paulette Walker Johnson

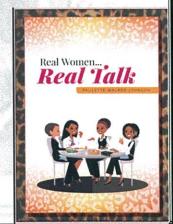
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2014

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: At The Globe

201 North Sycamore Street Petersburg, Virginia 23803

~ Adults Only Please~



#### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

## We salute Rev. Dr. Rebecca Branch-Griffin, Pastor Oak Street AME Zion Church

**Dr. Rebecca Branch-Griffin** is a native of Petersburg, VA and the daughter of the late Douglas and Inez Creighton Branch. She is a graduate of Peabody High School (class of 1970) and Petersburg Public School's LPN Program. She obtained her Associate degree in nursing from John Tyler Community College and Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Chapman College School of Nursing. In an effort to set a positive example for her three children, Dr. Branch-Griffin returned to school to receive her Master of Science degree in Health Administration from the University of North Alabama, and Ph.D. in Human Services (Health Care Administration) from Oakland University.



She has done additional studies at the University of Chicago receiving her certification as a Healthcare Risk Manager; the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and Nova Southeastern University.

She is employed by Virginia State University as Director of Health Services and is Pastor of the oldest Black Methodist Church in Virginia, the Oak Street African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Petersburg. She is the first female to assume that role in the church's 170 years of existence. Rev. Branch-Griffin served as Pastor of three other congregations in Virginia before being assigned to Oak Street in 2005.

Rev. Branch-Griffin is a member of several professional and civic organizations: the American College Health Association, National Black Nurses Association, American Association of Health Care Risk Managers; Board of Directors, Petersburg Public Schools Health Advisory Committee; Secretary, Virginia Conference of the AME Zion Church; Treasurer, Petersburg District Ministers Conference, NAACP, Past Regional and State Chaplain for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., current Chaplain of the Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Inc., and a member of the Petersburg Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She was the recipient of the 2001-02 Virginia Tech Parent of the Year Award and the first Black to receive this honor. She received the 2009 Martin Luther King Legacy Award for Religious Affairs given by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., recipient of the 2009 Educational Administrator of the Year Award, given by the Tri-City Association of Educational Office Professionals (TCAEOP), and the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award, given by the Delta Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Oak Street AME Zion Church

For years, Rev. Branch-Griffin has lived her life by the words of the late Mahalia Jackson, "If I can Help Somebody As I Travel Along, Then My Living Shall Not Be In Vain." She resides in Chesterfield County and is the proud mother of three adult children: Dana (Arkell), Melanie (Shiron), and Justin (Ciarra). She is also the extremely proud grandmother of Keelyn, Shiron II, and Marlya. Her passion includes preaching/teaching the Gospel, women's ministries and mentoring young people. However, her hobbies include reading, golfing, travelling, and buying/selling cars.

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

Michelle Obama - American First Lady

"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform."

Diane Mariechild

# PEABODIAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT – Civil Rights Activist Advocate for Human Dignity



Carl J. Winfield (class of 1968) is best known for the march he organized from Petersburg to Washington with the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King—a march that never happened. According to Winfield, Dr. King was supposed to arrive in Suffolk, meeting him in Petersburg and the march would proceed to Washington. However, plans changed—Dr. King went to Memphis to resolve a strike of the Sanitation Workers; there he was assassinated, April 4, 1968.

Carl is planning another walk on March 7th, travelling from Petersburg to Memphis, Tennessee. This walk, according to Winfield, is in honor of the Memphis Sanitation Strike. He will then travel from Birmingham to Montgomery, Alabama before coming back home. In his estimation, the trip will be completed by the first of April. Winfield said this march is in honor of the late Nelson Mandela, who passed away December 5, 2013. Carl plans to start walking from Good Shepherd Baptist Church, S. Crater Road.





Just recently, Winfield walked from Suffolk to Petersburg, which took 13.5 hours; and then from Petersburg to Richmond International Airport. His walk from Suffolk to Petersburg was to commemorate the 2013 Poor People's Campaign, which was originally proposed by Dr. King in 1967. Also, in the early morning hours of January 11<sup>th</sup> (a little over a week before the inauguration of President Barack Obama), Carl tied on his comfortable hiking boots, put on his warm winter coat and began marching north from Petersburg. About two and a half days, and 131 miles, later he arrived in Washington.



Winfield is also known for his affiliation and support of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which played a large role in the Civil Rights Movement.

## Memorials for Our Loved Ones - Gone But Not Forgotten



I feel a warmth around me like your presence is so near.

And, I close my eyes to visualize your face when you were here.

I endure the times we spent together and they are locked inside my heart,
For as long as I have those memories, we will never be apart.

Even though we cannot speak anymore, my voice is always there
Because every night before I sleep, I have you in my prayer.





Mamie "Flammie" Ingram January 12, 2014 Class of 1970



January 10, 2014 Class of 1968



Barbara Mason Brown January 5, 2014 Class of 1969



Artiemisha Page Davis Harrison
December 22, 2013
Graduate



Mildred Harville Allen December 20, 2013 Class of 1963



Alice Butcher Jones
December 18, 2013
Graduate &
Retired Educator



Vivian Hart West
December 17, 2013
Retired Educator



Maxcine Bullock Coulton December 8, 2013 Class of 1956



Percy E. Cox November 2, 2013



Raymond Valentine Richardson, Sr. October 22, 2013 Graduate



Thomasine Mason Lane Burke July 9, 2013 Graduate



Robert Lee Hunt Class of 1952



Constance Todd Brown November 21, 2013



### **Church Women United**

Petersburg/Tri-Cities Unit Elects New President

Church Women United (CWU) has been revitalized, reorganized since the illness and subsequent passing of their president, Ms. Thomasine Burke. The Regional Coordinator and Richmond President made a presentation at the September meeting, and gave information about the structure and function of CWU. New officers were elected. Charlene Vaughan Buford, class of 1965, was elected as the new president of the Petersburg/Tri-Cities Unit. Charlene is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Other officers elected were: Vice President, Betty Berry; Recording Secretary, Bertha Booker; Treasurer, Annie Parham; and Della Woodruff was appointed Historian. Mrs. Aubrey Jackson volunteered to be Chaplain.



Come One ..... Come All .....

Members of Peabody High School Class of 1965 are planning their



A meeting will be held on

Date: February 22, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m. Place: Club 17

Mars Street, Petersburg, VA

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	Ruth Hairston	1962	Carol Jones	1965	Deloris Moore	1956
	Mary Hall	1953	Shirley Jones	1948	Marian Moore	1936
	Mollie Hall	1965	Florence Jones-Clarke	1960	Walter Moore	1962
	Helen Hamilton	1900	Natalie Jones-Wallace	1960	Ronald Moorefield	1302
	Deloris Hargrow	1961	Christina Judge	1951	Bessie Moorer	1945
	Melvin Harper, Jr.	1967	Katherine Kemp	1960	Walta Morris	1960
	Paige Harper	1958	Jacquelyn Kidd	1959	Shirley Morton	1953
	Blanche Harris	1957	Sandra Kilgore	1961	Eva Murray	1955
	James Harris	1965	Lula Lawson	1959	Patricia Myers	1962
	Joyce Harris	1959	Ruby Lawson	1952		1968
	Mattie Harris	1951	Iris Layne	1953	Margie Myrick Donald Nelson	1900
	Osborne Harris	1958	Carlton Ledbetter	1969		
	Paula Harris	1965	Cecelia Lee	1969	Mary Nelson Bernice Neverson	1956
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	Mildred Hayes	1943	Dorothy Lewis	1961	Joan Overton	1957
	Floyd Henderson	1951	Lucy Lewis	1970	Yvonne Paige	1955
	Margaret Henry	1954	Lorraine Lipscomb	1959	Bert Parham	1967
	Clara Hicks	1957	Bernard Lundy*	1949	Luvenia Parham	1964
	Susan Higgins	1964	Frances Lundy*	1951	Eva Parker	1966
	Arlene Hill	1944	Hazel Lundy	1940	Gennie Parker	1966
	Walter Hill, Jr.	1963	Joseph Lyons, Sr.	1956	Aubrey Perry	1954
	Nathaniel Hines	1963	Rudolph Lyons, Sr.	1961	Herbert Peterson	1967
	Linda Hobbs	1970	Russell Lyons, Sr.	1958	Shirley Peterson	1965
	Marva Hobbs	1955	James Macklin, Jr.	1964	Albert Phillips	1963
	Delores Holland	1956	Willis Madden	1964	Gloria Phillips	1962
	Elva Hollins	1953	Janice Mann	1970	John Phillips	1960
	Julius Holloway	1965	Virginia Mann	1962	John Piercy, Jr.	1955
	Aubrey Jackson *	1948	Germaine Mason	1966	Ransome Poole , Jr.	1959
	Luther Jackson*	1948	Joyce Mason	1957	Calvin Powell	1945
	Marian Jackson	1939	Prince Massenburg, Jr.	1960	Shirley Powell	1950
	Richard Jackson	1962	Lawrence Massey	1967	Russell Prude	1960
	John Jarratt	1969	James Mayfield	1960	John Pryor	1963
	Eloise Jefferson	1956	Jewel Mays	1962	Margaret Pulliins	1962
	Thelma Jefferson	1967	Melvin McCoy, Jr.	1955	Zelda Puryear	1963
	Patricia Jennings	1968	Dorothy McDaniel	1959	Harry Quarles	1952
	Charlotte Johnson	1953	Ruby Miles	1946	Edith Ragsdale	1955
	Cleveland Johnson	1963	Patricia Miller	1964	Carroll Raines	1957
	Paulette Johnson	1969	Robert Mitchell, Sr.	1954	Bernice Richardson	1966
	Flossie Johnson-Ridley	1956	Charles Moore	1964	Gloria Richardson	1969
	Azzie Jones	1954	Charmaine Moore	1970	Sue Richardson	1939

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Vashti Richardson	1952	Willard Taylor	1957	Mary Wynn	1946
Roslyn Ricks	1960	<b>Ernestine Thomas</b>	1955	Brenda Wynne	1963
Louise Riley	1960	Grace Threatt	1954	Chubbie Yarn	1961
James Roberts	1961	<b>Gaylord Tinsley</b>	1970	Shirley Yarn	1965
Priscilla Robinson	1964	Barbara Todd	1967		
Earnestine Rodgers	1962	Eunice Todd	1953		
Mary Duncan Rose	1959	Grayce Townes	1935	*Life Member	
Viola Sanders	1962	Gloria Tucker	1965		
Benny Saunders	1962	Thomas Tucker	1962	Memberships as of	
Jennifer Saunders	1966	Lewis Turner	1962	February 4, 2014	
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Larry Smith	1970	Carl Williams	1959		
Linda Smith	1968	David Williams	1957		
Margie Smith	1966	<b>Deloris Williams</b>	1957		
Paige Snoddy	1957	Donald Williams	1965		
Ruth Spencer	1965	Germaine Williams	1960		
Muriel Spratley	1955	Mildred Williams	1968		
James Starkes	1960	Pacing Williams-Dugger	1969		
Claudette Staton	1965	Ann Wilson	1961		
Camilla Stephenson	1959	Mary Wilson	1950		
Carmencita Stewart	1965	Sylvia Wilson	1967		
Christine Stewart	1961	Zelda Wilson	1956		
Paulette Stewart	1962	Treska Wilson-Smith	1971		
Rose Stewart	1955	James Winfield	1945		
Katie Stith	1944	Frances Winston	1963		
Ida Swope	1948	Samuel Winston	1952		
Esther Sykes	1945	Patricia Woodfolk	1965		
Bertina Taylor	1951	Leo Wright	1961		
Frank Taylor	1961	Juanita Owens Wyatt	1956		
Shirley Taylor	1952	Charles Wyche	1967		

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