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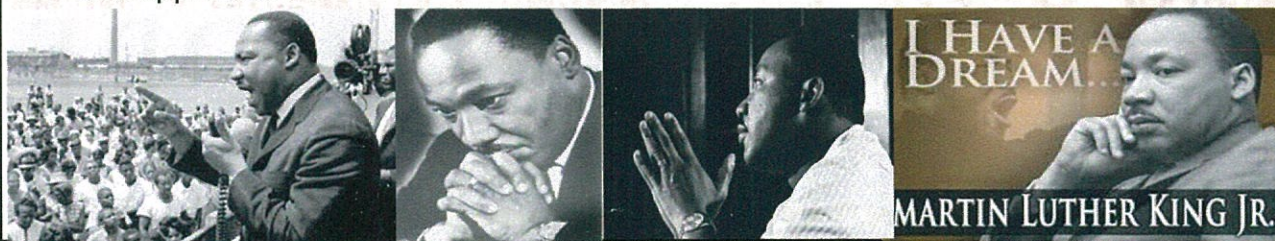
A Voice That Continues to Cry Out

Take a moment to remember some of Dr. King's most inspiring quotes.

- "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
- "The ultimate measures of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at time of challenge and controversy."
- "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."
- "Let no man pull you so low as to hate him."
- "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."
- "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."
- "Only in the darkness can you see the stars."
- "No one really knows why they are alive until they know what they'd die for."
- "The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good people."
- "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."
- "Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows."
- "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed."

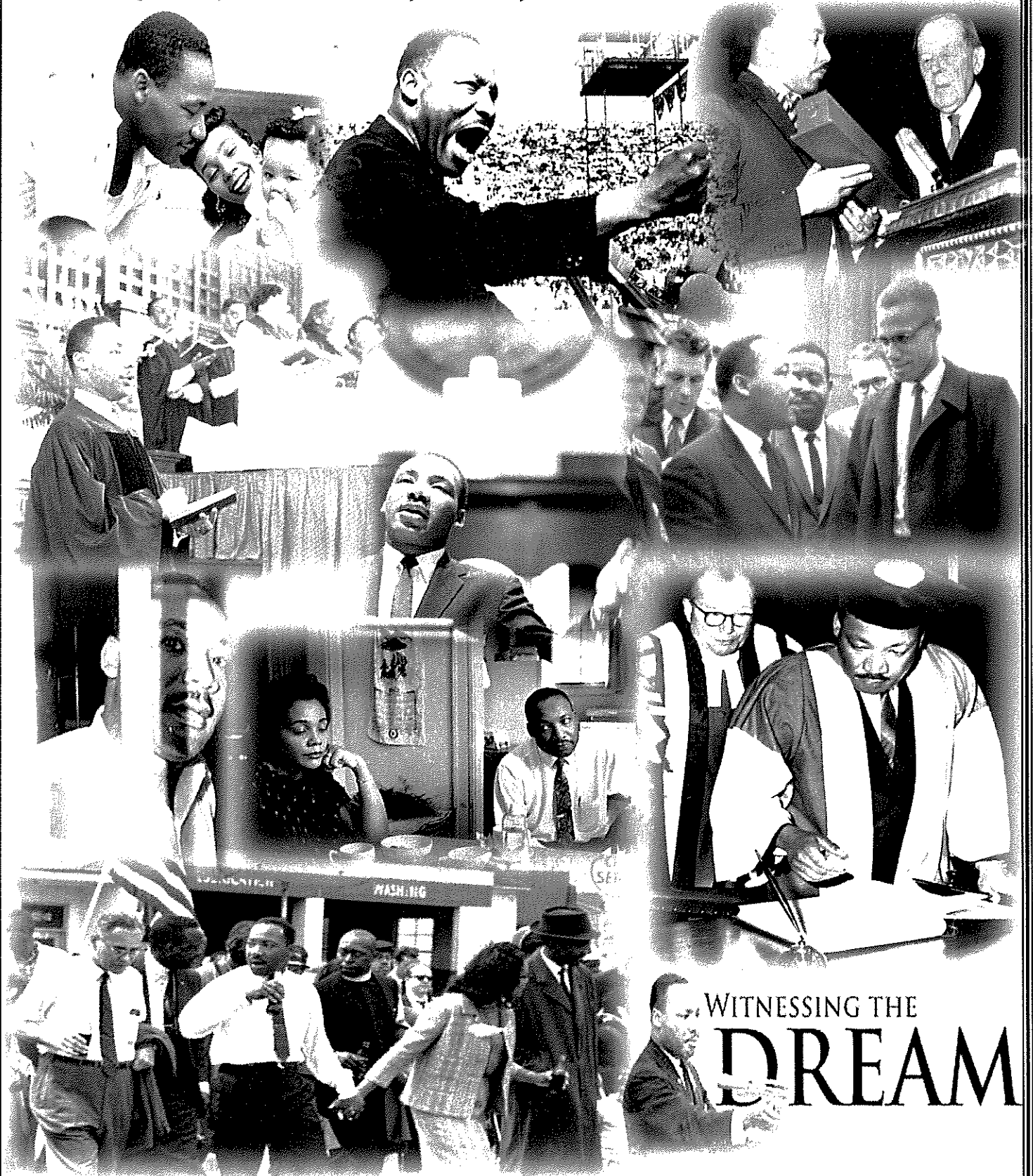
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Honoring His Legacy

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American pastor, activist, humanitarian, modern day prophet, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights movement. We are honored to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day each third Monday in January.



Peabodian of the Quarter Marie Matthews Maniego

Marie Matthews Maniego was born in Petersburg, VA and received all of her early education in the Petersburg Public Schools. Upon graduating from Peabody High School (Class of 1949), she pursued her undergraduate degree in sociology at Virginia Union University. After completing her undergraduate studies, she went on to earn her Master's degree in English at Virginia Union, and did further studies at the University of Virginia and Virginia State University. In addition to her successful matriculation in academia, Marie received state of the art training in Theatre and Direction by greats such as Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Abbey Mitchell, Howard Marshall, Robert



Hooks, and Pearl Mankins. She incorporated her training as well as her innate talents to found Playmakers Fellows Ltd., a 29 year old non-profit, where she served as Artistic Director. In addition to her successful teaching career in the Petersburg City Public Schools, St. Leo University, and Central Texas College, the stage was yet another classroom for Marie Maniego. On the stage, she not only taught aspiring thespians character development for productions, but also character development for their personal lives.

Marie Maniego is an active member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. She also holds membership in the NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Theatre Communications Group, and panelist to Virginia Commission for the Arts. Amongst many other awards, she was awarded the YWCA Outstanding Women Award, the Hero Award, Martin Luther King Achievement Award, and was given the key to the city of Birmingham by the renowned pastor and gospel singer, Pastor Shirley Caesar.

Marie Maniego is married to Ellis T. Scott, Sr. and resides in Petersburg, Virginia. Although she is retired, Marie continues to teach and inspire everyone she comes in contact with in her own special way.



Valentine's Day - Love is NOT Just for Couples.

February 14th is traditionally the date set aside to express romantic love by presenting gifts, flowers, candy, and beautiful cards. However, who says this day should be restricted only to romantic love? Valentine's Day is not only a day that we can express romantic love between couples, but also love in all of its forms. For many, a display of love towards, children, parents, or friends can be equally rewarding. This Valentine's Day, send "non-romantic expressions." But, in the midst of displaying love to others, don't forget the benefits of looking after your own needs. Offer yourself the same thing you give to all of the loved ones in your life. Make an effort to show yourself a little love!

To Our Daughter Lesia

Honor your father and
mother.

Love your neighbor as
yourself.

Happy Valentine's Day
Willis & Iris Brown

To My Daughter Sabrina
You've Got Heart – It Gives, It Loves,
It's the Best
That Makes You Amazing!
Happy Valentine's Day

Muriel "Peachie"
Spratley

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Happy Valentine's Day
To My Husband Willis

Happy Marriages Begin

when we marry
the one
we
LOVE
and

Blossom
when we
love the one
we marry.

To Our Niece Alexis

If God had a wallet, your
photo would be in it.

Happy Valentine's Day

Uncle Willis & Aunt Iris

Rosalyn R. Dance Elected as State Senator



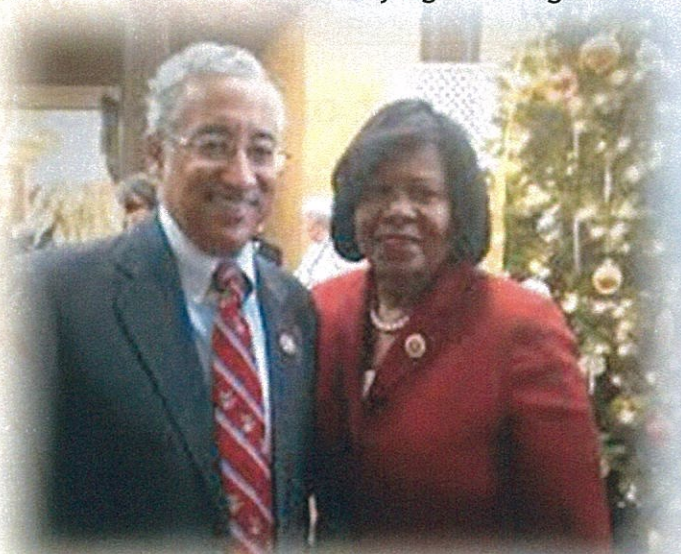
Congratulations to **Senator Rosalyn R. Dance** (class of 1966), the first African American and first female to serve as State Senator for the 16th Senatorial District. She was the Mayor of Petersburg for 12 years (1992-2004) before serving 10 years as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates in 2005; representing the 63rd District southeast of Richmond, which is made up of the City of Petersburg, part of Hopewell, plus parts of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George Counties. She has served on the House Committee on Appropriations (2006-), General Laws (2006-), Health, Welfare and Institutions (2013-), and Privileges and Elections (2006-2012). Senator Dance is filling the seat once held by Henry Marsh, who resigned.

In an interview, Senator Dance said that she was “overwhelmed” by the support—chalking up the result to “family, friends and supporters that have been there for me over the years.” She said her campaign was about running on her own track record rather than trying to bring down opponents.

Dance’s victory appeared to be fueled by strong support from her home town of Petersburg, which now has the opportunity to send a hometown representative to a Senate seat that had been represented by a Richmonder for 22 years.

“I would like to thank Senator Marsh for his dedication and service to the Commonwealth for over 40 years,” Dance said. “His commitment to civil rights and equality will continue to be an integral part of the 16th District.”

Senator Rosalyn R. Dance was sworn in on Sunday, November 9, 2014, “a day I will remember fondly for the rest of my life,” she said.



Dance is shown with Congressman Robert Cortez “Bobby” Scott, U.S. Representative for Virginia’s 3rd congressional district.

Senator
Dance,



For Your
Service!

Save the Date



Upcoming Event

*PHSNA
15th Anniversary
Celebration*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th
THRU
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

Your suggestions are welcome. Sub-committees are in the preliminary planning stage. If you desire to be on a sub-committee, please contact the Anniversary Committee Chairman, Edith Smith, by calling (804) 520-1210 or e-mail her at msede2@yahoo.com

Show support of your alma mater by:

- ❖ Encouraging classmates to join PHSNAA
- ❖ Coming to Alumni Association meetings
- ❖ Encouraging participation in this upcoming activity



The City of Petersburg mourns the sudden passing of the Vice Mayor (The Honorable Carl "Mike" Ross) on Friday, January 23, 2015.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire Ross family as they go through this time of bereavement.



November 9, 1951 - January 23, 2015

Department of Defense Spirit of Hope Award

Presented to

Joyce W. Massenburg



On December 11, 2014, **Joyce Wynn Massenburg** (Class of 1965) was the U.S. Army recipient of the “Spirit of Hope Award.” This award is presented to individuals or organizations that epitomize selfless service and dedicated commitment to the military. Joyce selflessly contributed an extra-ordinary amount of time, talent and resources to significantly enhance the quality of life to service members and their families serving around the world. She epitomized the values of Bob Hope: duty, honor courage, loyalty, commitment, integrity and selfless dedication. The Spirit of Hope Award is presented for outstanding service to the United States of America. Only one recipient is chosen from each of the five branches of the military and The OSD/Joint Staff annually. According to Massenburg, she was fortunate to have a wonderful family growing up and she was

taught by her parents, those at her church and school that it is important to help those less fortunate— “it’s a civic responsibility, she said.” All of the love and guidance that Joyce received from her family, she has tried to pass on to her three children: son, Will, and daughters, Joy and Jewel.

Today, Joyce is a training analyst at the Combined Arms Center, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. As she received her award, her citation was read:

- She developed command climate surveys during the tour of three separate quartermaster generals which aided in prioritizing efforts to boost the morale of soldiers.
- She was the first to chair the Fort Lee Federal Women’s program, and successfully developed a Day of Religious Service for all at Fort Lee.
- For 17 years, she served on a Community Service Organization board that provided economic development and health & physical awareness training.
- She annually participated with Soldiers Walk for Hunger and supported the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Veteran Bingo Event at the Veterans Hospital for the Spinal Cord Injury Ward.
- She has been visiting the United Nations every year with others from her sorority (Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.) working to improve the lives of women and children worldwide.
- She assisted the Army Equal Opportunity Officer in developing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training.
- She has been holding reading workshops for youth for 33 years in Petersburg.

She received the Federal Service Employee of the Year award from the Virginia Jaycees in 1980 for her volunteer work with children and young people. Even though Massenburg has done a lifetime of volunteering, she did find time to earn her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees, and then became an adjunct professor at Saint Leo University and Chapman College. Among the subjects she taught were effective communications and human relations training.



Remembering the Good Ole Days - Flashback Photo Peabody High School Marching Band - 1960



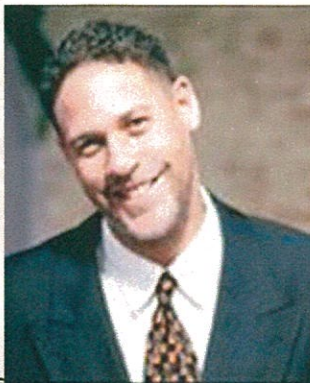
The proficient marching band and majorettes (under the direction of Mr. William McKinley), were great entertainment at the football games and many parades.



Congratulations to New Petersburg Mayor and Vice Mayor

Councilman Howard Myers, Ward 5, was appointed by council as the city's new mayor, by a 4-3 vote on Monday, January 5, 2015. Councilman Carl "Mike" Ross, Ward 2, will serve as Vice Mayor, based on City Council's vote. Myers, who has been on council for four years, replaces Brian Moore, who served two consecutive terms—2011 and 2013. Myers was elected for a second term as Ward 5 Councilor in November 2014. In his first interview Mayor Myers said, "I love Petersburg. The people here are great, supportive, truly work together, and the possibilities here are endless."

"I AM PETERSBURG"



Howard Myers



Carl "Mike" Ross



Remembering Those We Dearly Loved Memories We Will Never Forget

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday, and days before that too. I think of you in silence—I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping. I have you in my heart.



Fannie Scott Harris Carl
January 7, 2015
Class of 1942



Willie M. Shepperson
December 29, 2014
Class of 1952



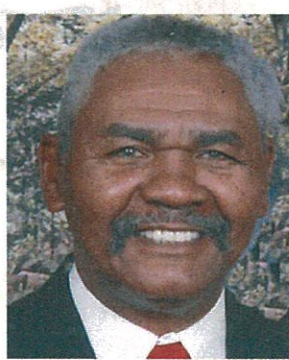
**Deaconess
Mozelle P. Edmonds**
December 24, 2014



Eloise C. Haskins
December 24, 2014
Class of 1946



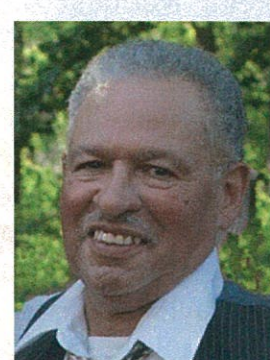
Joyce A. Taylor
December 20, 2014
Class of 1969



Paul H. Berry
December 15, 2014
Class of 1962



Deacon George Crocker, Jr.
December 7, 2014
Class of 1952



Hugh H. Hachette, Jr.
November 29, 2014
Class of 1957



Albert J. Nunnally, Jr.
November 18, 2014
Class of 1961



William J. Taylor, Jr.
October 26, 2014
Class of 1944



Peabodian and World War II Veteran Dies



William James Taylor, Jr., born December 12, 1926 to the late William James Taylor, Sr. and Mattie Pegram Taylor in Petersburg, VA passed away on October 26, 2014 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He was predeceased by his older sister, Geraldine T. Campbell and younger brother, Edward T. Taylor.

William graduated from Peabody High School in 1944. He was soon drafted to service for World War II. When he joined the Marine Corps in 1944, he was not allowed inside the traditional boot camps at Parris Island, SC or San Diego—James Taylor was Black and the Marine Corps was segregated. He did his basic training at Montford Point, a facility at Camp Lejeune, NC. That was the only facility at which African-Americans were allowed to train after President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a directive allowing African-Americans to join the Marines. Taylor was one of about 20,000 African-Americans who entered the Marines through

the black-only training center, from 1942-1949.

Last year, by order of President Barack Obama, William Taylor and other surviving Montford Point Marines (those who could be found) received one of the nation's highest honors—the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor as one of the first African-Americans to integrate the Marine Corps and for his service at Montford Point—a segregated training facility for Black Marines. Taylor proudly received his medal from Congressman William Lacy Clay during an award ceremony where he was surrounded by family and friends. At the ceremony, U.S. Representative Clay called Mr. Taylor “a brave veteran who fought two battles at the same time. While he was defending freedom and saving the world in World War II, this brave American and his courageous comrades were also fighting the battle for equality and full citizenship for African-Americans.”

Taylor's Christian experience began at an early age at Zion Baptist Church in Petersburg. He later joined the Presbyterian Church and served as a Deacon. In St. Louis, he was a member of Berea Presbyterian Church.

William graduated from Virginia State College (now University) on May 29, 1950 with a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. His parents were very proud he was the first college graduate in his family. He worked as a cab driver during college and later became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He began his YMCA career at the Harding Street Y in Petersburg, VA where he was a youth secretary before moving to the Lee Street Y in Richmond, VA. William later served as Executive Director of YMCA's in Annapolis, MD; Canton, OH; and St. Louis, MI. He was also in the Association of Professional Directors as well as the Regional Representative of the National Council of the YMCA. He retired from the Y in 1991 and then assumed a position as a St. Louis Public School administrator before full retirement in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bracey Taylor of St. Louis; two daughters, Sherida T. White of Shaker Heights, OH and Briana Taylor of Richmond Heights; two sons, William J. Taylor III of Houston, TX and Christopher Taylor of Seattle, WA; a sister Mattie Harris of Colesville, MD; six grandchildren, nieces, nephews and countless other relatives and friends.



WHO ARE YOU?

Are you an active member ...
The kind who would be missed?
Or, are you just content
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help and work along?
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you push the cause along
And make things really tick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "Clique?"

There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about;
And we'll appreciate it if you, too
Will come and help us out?

Think this over—each of you—
You know right from wrong?
Are you an active member,
Or do you "Just Belong?"



TEAMWORK
coming together is a beginning
keeping together is progress
working together is success

- Henry Ford

TEAMWORK
Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.

Helen Keller

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“You will face many
defeats in your life,
but never let yourself
be defeated.”

- Maya Angelou

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