



Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc.

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15th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"Continuing to Build on the Legacies of Our Past"



Months of planning resulted in an extraordinary three-day anniversary celebration of the Alumni Association. Assigned sub-committee chairpersons worked closely with Anniversary Chairperson, Edith Smith (class of 1962), to assure that all planned activities were professionally executed.

REGISTRATION and the MEET & GREET activity was held at Holiday Inn, Colonial Heights, VA on Friday, September 4th. Many alumni and guests traveled great distances to take part in this event. A prayer, blessing the occasion and the food, was done by the Rev. Dr. Ora Peterson (class of 1970). We were honored to have the Mayor of the City of Petersburg, the Honorable W. Howard Myers, extend congratulatory remarks. Available for everyone to enjoy was a variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar for those who desired to partake.

The Registration Committee, chaired by Flossie Johnson-Ridley (class of 1956), made sure that all persons who registered were supplied with a registration folder and small gift bag; alumni tote bag and/or alumni lapel pin, if they desired to purchase one.

The Memorial Service, chaired by Thelma Jefferson (class of 1967), "Gone But Never Forgotten" was dedicated to deceased Peabodians and was the evening's highlight. Three poster boards displayed the class years, names (and dates) of over 600 Peabodians from 1932 to 1970. Available for viewing were photographs of Peabodians who passed away from 2011 to present, which included two persons from the class of 1927. Five memory candles, representing each century, were lit by a classmate from that century. Also included in the service was a poem entitled "In Memory," which was read by Bert Parham (class of 1967) and the memorial prayer given by the Rev. William L. Clarke (class of 1956).

The Meet & Greet / The Memorial Service – An Event to Remember

The entire evening was full of heart-warming camaraderie, love, laughter, and many memorable photographs. If you missed the celebration, hopefully, you will enjoy the photographs in this issue.



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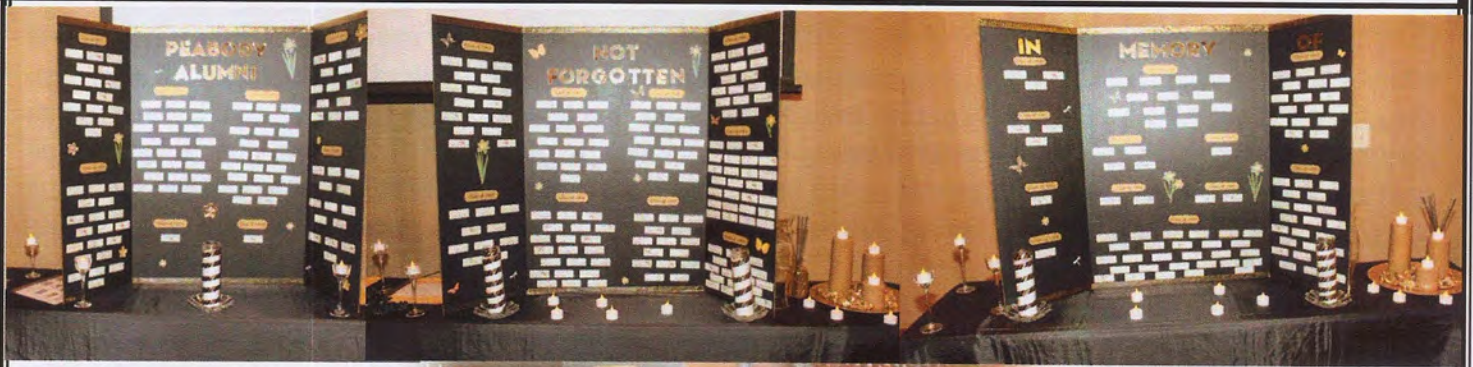
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The Saturday, September 5th Black Tie Gala was held at VSU Gateway Dining & Event Center. The lobby area and dining room were elegantly decorated in black and gold, with a flair of fashionable sophistication. Claudette Stewart (class of 1969), Banquet Committee Chair, and Willis Brown (class of 1961), Decorations Committee Chair, made sure all planned details were accomplished. Again, all alumni and guests enjoyed an evening of delicious food, music (provided by the Forte Jazz Band), and moments of laughter and fun (provided by comedian Micha "Bamm-Bamm" White). Mistress of Ceremony for the evening was "Miss Community" Clovia Lawrence, radio host from 99.3 & 105.7 Kiss FM. Minister Edith Smith blessed the evening and the food, former Alumni Association President, Juanita Owens Wyatt (class of 1956) extended the welcome, and we heard remarks from Senator Rosalyn R. Dance (class of 1966). To highlight the evening, long stem roses and boutonnieres were presented to "Golden Apples" of the Alumni Association. Those present were: Rev. Dr. Herbert Anderson, Lottie Jackson Brown, Maude Banks Brown, Dr. Germaine Stewart Fauntleroy, Antrynette Sydnor Walker Hall, Aubrey Hayes Jackson, Luther Jackson, Frances Henderson Lundy, Bernard Lundy, Sr., Geraldine Maclin, Bessie Moorner, Harry Quarles, Jr., Vashti Graves Richardson, and Joan Frances Walker.

Another Excellent, Well-Planned Event!

CONTINUING TO BUILD ON
THE LEGACIES OF OUR PAST III





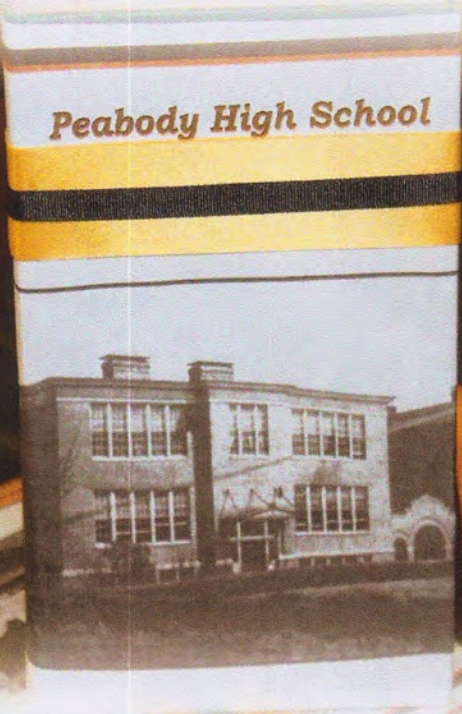
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On Sunday morning, September 6th, the pews at Metropolitan Baptist Church, which is pastored by the Rev. Lamont A. Hobbs, were full of Peabodians attired in their loyal colors of "Black & Gold." A church with a friendly welcome was displayed by church officials, ushers, and congregation members from the time guests and alumni members entered the sanctuary. Pastor Hobbs delivered a spirit-filled message that was uplifting to the hearts of everyone in attendance. Rev. Dr. Herbert Anderson (class of 1948) spoke on behalf of the Alumni Association and presented the donation to the church. He also presented to the church a donation from James White (class of 1957) in memory of Alice Foster.

Immediately following worship service, members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Masonic Temple Lodge. The committee planned a mouth-watering menu, which was prepared and served by Garrett Mason Catering. Blessings for the day and the food were rendered by Committee Chairperson, Yvonne Coleman (class of 1963). Members expressed joy in being able to celebrate this 15th Anniversary. Gratitude was extended to all who had any part in making the weekend enjoyable for them. They look forward to the next celebration. Following comments by VP Jefferson, the group sang the Alma Mater before departing the building.

The three-day anniversary celebration came to an end, but the love, hugs, memories and fellowship experienced by the members and guests and the photographs taken will last forever.





The 50th
Reunion

Class of 1965 Celebrates 50th Reunion

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Members of the class of 1965 celebrated their 50th reunion the weekend of August 14-16, 2015. The theme for the occasion was "Roaring Through Our Golden Years." This was a weekend for them to rejoice, reminisce and rekindle friendships. A total of 150 classmates and guests attended the gala event. Classmates from as far as Las Vegas, California, Texas, Connecticut, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Ohio; as well as DC, Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the Tri-Cities area attended the reunion.

The celebration began with Friday night's "Meet & Greet" at the Gateway Dining & Event Center, Virginia State University. Patricia Bland Woodfolk welcomed the classmates and guests and began a game called "People Bingo." The bingo boxes related to activities classmates were involved in during high school and in their adult lives. Classmates were given an opportunity to share memories from their years at Peabody.

On Saturday night, a RED CARPET FORMAL AFFAIR was hosted at the Country Club of Petersburg. Upon entering the banquet hall and walking The Red Carpet, media personality Mikki Spencer announced all members and guests as they entered the main ballroom. Carmencita Stewart and Louis Whiting served as the mistress and master of ceremony for the evening, while Arthur Balthrop



delivered the invocation and Shirley Creighton Peterson blessed the food. Afterwards, they were favored with a moving musical selection by Sylvia Lester Wiggins and a stimulating welcome by Sheila Martin Brown. Distinguished guests were former faculty members: Mr. Milton Hilliard, Mrs. Marolyn Quarles, Mrs. Canzata Boone Turner, Mrs. Marie Maniego Hall, Ms. Geraldine Maclin and Ms. Mary Gomez Wilson. Oliver Shaw recognized each person with the wit and wisdom imparted upon them during their high school years. (cont'd)

After dinner, William "Murdock" Wyche delivered a stirring champagne toast and Olivia Batts shared reflections and memories of people and activities during those wonderful years in school and how those times differ from school today. She received a standing ovation. George Chambliss and Vera Johnson Dyson recognized thirty-six deceased classmates with a memorial tribute. After the festivities, classmates sang the school Alma Mater and danced to the music of the JTL Band and Show.

On Sunday morning, classmates worshiped at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church where a very warm welcome was extended by the Rev. Father Willis R. Foster, Sr. and the church family. At the altar, Father Foster blessed three couples from the class who were celebrating their anniversaries. A donation was presented to the church from the class by Daphne Neal Jones. Classmates Marie Carol Jones, Cornelia Lorraine Jones, Daphne Neal Jones, Judy Turner Williams and Kenneth Taylor prepared and served a delicious lunch after the service.

The weekend celebration for the 50th Class Reunion was phenomenal, awesome, royal, regal, stupendous, and fantastic. So much love and togetherness not only were displayed over the weekend, but can still be found resonating and resounding in the hearts of the attendees.

Priscilla Lewis Carter, chairperson, gave thanks to all persons in attendance and extended special thanks and recognition to all committees for a job well done for the entire weekend. It was totally---OFF THE CHAIN!

CLASS OF 1969 CELEBRATES 46TH REUNION



The Peabody High School Class of 1969 joined hearts and hands on Friday thru Sunday, July 24-26, 2015 by coming together to celebrate a most memorable 46 years reunion, declaring "We Are The Class."

The three-day event included a Meet & Greet, which was held at 16 West, located in historic Old Towne Petersburg. A Formal Gala Affair took place at The Country Club of Petersburg and the Sunday morning worship was with the congregation of Metropolitan Baptist Church, where Rev. Lamont A. Hobbs is Pastor. Following worship service, the classmates enjoyed a picnic at Ettrick Park.

Classmates attending for the first time added a sense of kinship that set the stage and atmosphere with a spirit of "we are one." Both out of town and local classmates agreed that the reunion weekend was blessed by God. In three days, they pulled together 46+ years and formed a collage of memories, laughs, tears and love.

As quoted in their class poem:

"Peabody We Hail Thee, Our Dear Alma Mater.

No Other School Could Take Its Place

We Played The Royal Hand That Was Dealt

And With the School's Noble History Under Our Belts (We) Are Convinced

They Sent Us Out Learned—With Confidence, Dignity and Grace."

William Nelson Bland, Jr. Literacy Center

The William Nelson Bland, Jr. Literacy Center, now in its second year, is a component of the Halifax Corporation. It was established by CEO Dr. Silas Christian, whose goal was to improve the scores on the Standard of Learning (SOL) test for students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades of the Petersburg City Public School System.

The literacy center uses research-based teaching strategies, Bloom's Taxonomy and Journey's curriculum (already being used in Petersburg Schools), in addition to small group instructions facilitated by interns from VSU and VCU. It employs qualified teachers, who use traditional methods of learning, as well as iPad minis to strengthen the students' vocabulary and reading skills, as well as to motivate students in the learning process. A weekly assessment test is given for the purpose of monitoring students. A nurturing, caring, safe, and Christian environment for the students is provided by the literacy center that also supplies a light healthy snack before the start of each class. Transportation is also furnished for some students.

The William Nelson Bland, Jr. Literacy Center held its first Citizens Charity Gala on Friday, June 19, 2015 at the Sunlight Elks Lodge in Hopewell, VA. Cavell Phillips served as Master of Ceremonies. The events for the night included a welcome from the center's president, Mr. Idof T. Glover; opening song "What about The Children" by Betty Williams Hardy; and old school music performed by Michelle Davis, Frank Rivers, Johnnie Coley, Willis Brown, Larry Blanding and Ronnie Hill. The main feature was the live band and show by C.J.T. Show Band of which two of the band members, Jonathan Williams and Clarence Oliver are fellow Peabodians. Another highlight of the evening was a short visit from the President of The United States, Barack Obama (per life-size stand up) and his Secret Service staff (Willis Brown and Johnnie Coley).

The center wishes to acknowledge Sheila Glover, Roland Edmonds, Lee Dugger and Catherine Tucker for their diligent work carried out at the gala. Also, special gratitude is extended to the Ball Room Dancers (Larry Blanding and Phyllis Branch), DJ Rick Jones, Iris Brown and Janice Mann.

The staff of the William Nelson Bland, Jr. Literacy Center greatly appreciates everyone who purchased tickets to support the Charity Gala and hope you will continue to be a vital element in the future.

Pacing Williams-Dugger
Affairs Organizer

No Christmas Gala This Year!!

Don't cry or be too sad!!



*Since we will not see you in December,
we take this opportunity to extend
to you and your families a safe and
Blessed Christmas Holiday Season.*



Keep your ears open for information about the Spring Fling in May.



PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROJECT

The Alumni Association has chosen a Peabody Middle School student & family.

MOTHER

Clothing: Adult Size 5-6
Shoe Size: 7-1/2 to 8

DAUGHTER

(10 Years Old)

Clothing: Child Size 14-16 or
Junior Size 3
Shoe Size: 7-1/2 to 8
BICYCLE

SON

(12 Years Old)

Regular Sizes: 14-16
Shoe Size: 7
BICYCLE

The Alumni Association will be giving a grocery gift card from either Martins, Food Lion, or Kroger for the family to purchase their own groceries. We are also collecting monetary donations to purchase two bikes. If you desire to be a part of this Christmas Outreach Project, please send a \$10.00 donation to:

PHSNAA, PO Box 972, Petersburg, VA 23804

Your giving is not limited to just the monetary donation. You can purchase any of the suggested items listed below and contact the Outreach Co-chairpersons for pick-up.

(Virginia Barbour – 804-526-7897 or Harry Quarles – 804-526-8457)

We request that you send all donations and gift items no later than Friday, December 18th.

SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS:

jeans, sweaters, shirts, pajamas, socks, underwear, toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, body soap, hand sanitizer, Vaseline, Neosporin, Band Aids, package of assorted safety pins, sewing needles, spools of thread (black and/or white), scissors, games for kids

The family also needs household items. If you have any new or slightly used items, e.g. furniture, draperies, dishes, pots/pans, utensils, area rugs or bathrooms items,
PLEASE LET US KNOW.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR AGREEING TO MAKE THIS
CHRISTMAS A MEMORABLE ONE FOR THIS FAMILY!**





*Let us remember that
the Christmas heart is a
giving heart- A wide
open heart that thinks of
others first!*

**The Alumni Association's
Covered Dish Christmas Fellowship Meeting
will be held at
Peabody Middle School
on
December 1st at 6:00 P.M.**

Please join us for this meeting and afterwards enjoy
delicious food and fellowship with classmates.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OUTREACH GIFT ITEM(S)
AND/OR DONATION.**



Eternal Memories – Things End, But Memories Last Forever

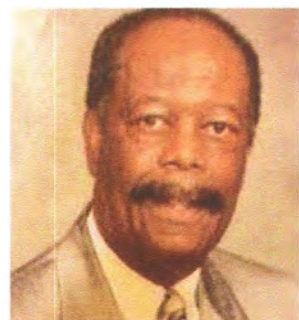
"The moment that you died, my heart was torn in two, one side filled with heartache, the other died with you. I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheeks. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, but missing you is heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart, and there you will remain, until the joyous day arrives that we will meet again."



Ella Mathews Hicks Riddle
October 3, 2015



Arleane E. Gill Johnson
September 3, 2015
Class of 1937



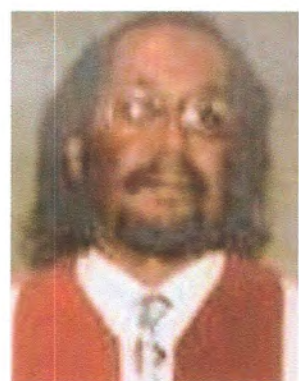
Herbert V. Coulton, Sr.
September 3, 2015
Class of 1951



James Macklin, Jr.
September 3, 2015
Class of 1963



Marian Lundy Walker
September 2, 2015
Retired Educator



Rev. Harry L. Powell
September 1, 2015
Class of 1970



Marshall L. Batts
August 15, 2015
Class of 1966



Eva L. Carter
August 6, 2015



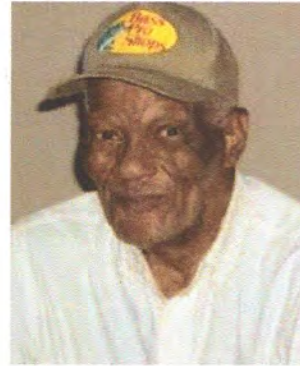
Deacon Johnnie "Shine" Smith, Jr.
August 5, 2015
Class of 1959



Ernestine T. Walker
August 5, 2015
Class of 1949



Grayce M. Townes
July 3, 2015
Class of 1935



Thomas Fowlkes, Jr.
July 3, 2015
Class of 1960



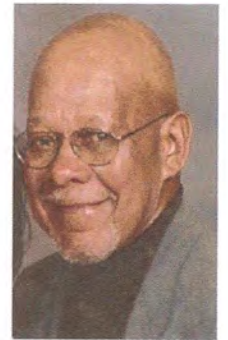
Rev. Gloria G. Smith
January 23, 2015
Class of 1970



Abdul-Muhaymin Ibin West
July 13, 2015
Class of 1968



William R. McKinley
July 11, 2015
Retired Educator



Theodore Giles
July 11, 2015
Class of 1952



Matthew A. "Goonie" Weaver
June 27, 2015
Class of 1969



Doris L. French
June 18, 2015
Class of 1969



Rev. Mildred Theresa Caldwell
June 17, 2015
Class of 1946

*"Those we loved don't go away, They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear."*

Alumni Association Greet New Principal

Peabody Middle School has a new Principal—Mr. Noah V. Rogers left his position of Principal at Smith High School and accepted the position of Principal at Peabody Middle School. Below is the Principal's Message as he greeted parents and guardians at the beginning of the school year.

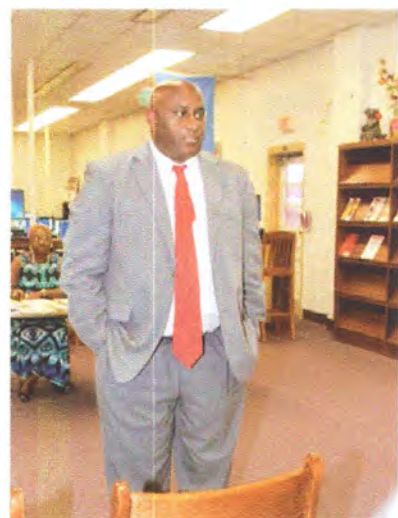


"Welcome to a new year at Peabody Middle School. Great things will be unfolding at our school this year. I am so excited about being a part of the history that we are going to make. I am inviting you to get on board and join us on the victory bus we will drive towards accreditation. We will increase student achievement this year and we need all of you to help us achieve this goal. We cannot do it alone.

I bring a bucket full of educational successes from various schools working towards accreditation. These experiences have given me a wealth of knowledge, skills, and collaboration strategies to promote the concept [It takes a village to raise and educate our children]. These experiences have also enlightened my inner beliefs of what it will take to turn struggling schools around.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss creative ways of working together to ensure our students are getting the best from our energetic staff here at Peabody. We will have open house orientations and meetings that we encourage you to attend. We want to make sure that you stay on top of what is going on at your child's school. Furthermore, we want you to be involved! Please feel free to stop by the main office to visit our administrative staff, talk to our teachers and volunteer your services. WE NEED YOU!"

VP Thelma Jefferson invited Mr. Rogers to the Alumni October meeting to give members an opportunity to get first-hand information about the future of Peabody Middle school. Mr. Rogers shared his goals and other educational strategies he has in store for Peabody Middle School students. Peabody is his 5th "turn around" school and he has not taken charge of a school that he did not turn-around. "We look forward to working with Mr. Rogers and all that he has to bring to Peabody Middle School," Jefferson said.



"Better Every Day – Better In Every Way"

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The Mighty Lions

"Reuniting/Renewing/Restoring/Rejoicing Peabody's Legacy"