



Happy New Year! *Wishing you a fabulous 2011, full of great achievements and experiences; with new and meaningful accomplishments waiting to be written.*



Alumni Christmas Gala

We all stopped the hustling and bustling of Christmas shopping and gift wrapping momentarily to enjoy the fellowship with family, friends and Peabodians at the Annual Christmas Gala on December 17th at the Sunlight Elks Lodge in Hopewell. If you were not at the Gala, you missed a great affair. Days before the event, Petersburg and surrounding areas got up to 3 inches of snow, cancelling some events and slowing the flow of traffic. Nevertheless, by Friday, roads and parking lots were clear and the gala went on as planned. We enjoyed the music of KD Express, and as an added attraction, we were WOWED by Betty Williams-Hardy (Class of '70). She sang that ole time favorite by Etta James, "At Last." Betty (Beterine is her stage name) has been singing Gospel and Jazz professionally for 25 years. She has performed at "The Day of Prayer" at The Pentagon, a fund raising benefit for the Urban League and the 2nd Street Festival in Richmond. Right here in Petersburg, you may have seen her performing at the Halifax Street Jazz Festival or the Juneteenth Summer Festival. Most recently, she was the featured vocalist at an affair sponsored by the DOE Local Chapter #109. As the evening progressed, everyone continued to fellowship, enjoyed food from the buffet table and "danced the night away." Holiday greetings were extended by President Jefferson as she brought forward an encouraging word asking persons to continue supporting the Alumni Association and renew memberships.

Thanks to all for adding to the success of this affair!



1967 Class Picture on the Wall at Peabody

Motivated by the members of the PHS Class 1969's effort to create their class picture, Othello A. and Arlene Lesane Anderson were challenged by Thelma Mayfield Jefferson ('67), President of the Peabody High School National Alumni Association (PHSNAA), to coordinate the PHS Class of 1967 Picture Project. On Tuesday, December 7, 2010, some members of the 1967 class presented the picture to Dr. Yardley Farquharson, Principal of Peabody Middle School, at the monthly meeting of the PHSNAA.

We applaud the twenty-two (22) classmates who financially supported the project and express appreciation to Delilah Walker, Coordinator of the Class of 1969 Picture Project, and Jason Baranowski, a representative of Jostens of Central Virginia, for their assistance and support in bringing the project to fruition. We hope this project will serve as a springboard for their 45th Class Reunion in 2012.

1967 Class members (left to right) Othello A. and Arlene L. Anderson, Melvin Harper and Thelma M. Jefferson present class picture to Dr. Yardley Farquharson, Principal of Peabody Middle School.



Top photo left to right: Thelma Mayfield Jefferson, Majorie Taylor Goodwin, Othello A. Anderson and Arlene Lesane Anderson



Congratulations, Peabody Middle School Girls Basketball Team



The Lady Lions participated in the Fall-Line District Tournament in November and won the championship game, with a final score of 38 to 19 over Dinwiddie. This is the fourth straight year Peabody Middle School has been champions, competing against Colonial Heights, Prince George and Dinwiddie. The girls finished the season with a 12-2 record.

**We are proud of you,
Lady Lions!**

Herbert V. Coulton Honored at The Pentagon

Herbert V. Coulton ('51) was honored by the United States Army Test and Evaluation Command at The Pentagon on January 12, 2011. This event was a part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. Coulton was honored for his work as a former member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He served as the field director for the states of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee and played a big role in the movement. He received a plaque for outstanding work in the Civil Rights movement and The Bronze Soldier for his service in the military. Coulton's wife, Maxine Bullock Coulton ('56), several family members and friends were present to witness this wonderful tribute.



Remembering the Life of a Peabodian *(Last Member of the Class of 1927)*

Miss Florence M. Gill, 104 years of age, also known to many as "Aunt Bay" passed away on Monday, November 29, 2010 in Hopewell, Va. Raised in the Blandford Community, Miss Gill graduated from Peabody High School, Class of 1927. She was the last member of the June graduating class. She attended Virginia State College (now University), taught several years in the public school systems of Nottoway County and retired from Fort Lee—Civil Service.



Miss Gill was a member of First Baptist Church, Harrison Street, Petersburg, for over 80 years, where she served as Sunday School Teacher, member of the junior and cathedral choirs for over 75 years, church treasurer, member of the B.R. Powell Bible Class and the Maude E. Taylor Memorial Club. She is survived by one devoted sister, Mrs. Arleane Gill Johnson of Petersburg, a Peabody High School graduate, Class of 1937; many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Martin Luther King Day



On Monday, January 17th, thousands of people throughout the nation participated in various activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Beginning January 13th, the Tri-Cities and Richmond area churches, organizations and schools had a full schedule of events that were open to the public. Some were free while others required an admission or advanced registration. Whatever event you attended, Dr. King's memory was the focal point. All events reminisced of the words and deeds of Dr. King during the civil rights movement and his desire for peace, love and justice throughout the nation. In addition to Martin Luther King Day being a day of celebration and remembrance, education and tribute; we should have also made it a day of service by participating in a community service project. In his life, Dr. King was a husband, a father, pastor, a civil rights leader, and a Nobel prize winner. In his death (April 4, 1968), he is a legend.

How much do you know about Dr. Martin Luther King? Take this quiz.

1. Where was Dr. King born?
2. What early event established King as an important civil rights leader?
3. King earned his doctorate from Boston University. In what field?
4. King served as the President of which organization?
5. What was King's final speech?
6. True or False – Malcolm X teamed up with King to organize the 1963 March on Washington.
7. When was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day made a federal holiday? Signed by which President?
8. Where was Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech given? What was the date?
9. What year did Dr. King receive the Nobel Peace Prize?
10. What was Dr. King's first name before he changed it?



The Lorraine Motel



- Answers:
1. Atlanta
 2. The Montgomery Bus Boycott
 3. Theology
 4. SCLC
 5. "I've Been To The Mountaintop"
 6. False
 7. November 3, 1968; President Ronald Reagan
 8. Lincoln Memorial; August 28, 1963
 9. 1964
 10. Michael



The next issue will feature a
“PEABODIAN OF THE QUARTER”

If you would like to be featured in an article, or have someone in mind who should be featured in an article, let me hear from you. Send info and photograph to:

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