

Nominations for 2011-2013

According to the report from the Nominating Committee, they have not been able to get a complete slate of officers for the 2011-13 term. The committee has been trying to secure nominations since March, and gave an up-to-date report at the June meeting. This dilemma was discussed extensively at the meeting and it was finally decided to propose a change to the Constitution and By-Laws, which will allow a longer term of office for nominees; thereby, allowing the current officers to hold office for a three-year term, if they desired. In addition, a motion was made to keep the same slate of officers for the 2011-2014 term, if the membership approves the Constitution change. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. The details of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes were presented at the Board of Directors meeting on June 28, 2011. According to President Jefferson, "Peabody Alumni Officers must be persons who will embody and exhibit, through their performance, their desire to continually strive to strengthen and promote growth in the Peabody Alumni Association." Therefore, the Board of Directors submits to you the following proposal:

CONSTITUTION

OFFICERS – Article V, Section 3

The President and Board Members shall be elected by the active membership by secret ballot. Board Members shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting following receipt of ballots.

PROPOSED CHANGE

OFFICERS – Article V, Section 3

The President and Executive Committee shall be elected by the active membership by secret ballot. The Executive Committee shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting following receipt of ballots.

2011 Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Peabody Alumni Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Club 17 (Mars Street), Petersburg, Va. The meeting and planned activities (plus fellowship and fun) will be from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. Registration for this meeting is necessary and must be submitted by September 1, 2011. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be available for a small fee of \$12.00/person. In addition to submitting your registration, all persons attending must be current paid alumni for the 2011-2012 year. Please be sure to complete the enclosed Registration Form and send it with the appropriate fee to:

PHSNAA Annual Meeting Committee
P.O. Box 972
Petersburg, VA 23804-0972

If you have questions regarding this function, please call the Committee chair, Maude Brown at 804 526-0274.

If you desire to be on the agenda at the meeting, please contact President Jefferson at her e-mail address:

thelma2033@comcast.net

Time to Renew Your Membership For 2011-12

Enclosed is your Membership Application for 2011-2012. Please make sure your dues are current. If you have questions regarding your membership status, please call or e-mail:

The Membership Secretary,

Vernetta Cox-Dupree
(804) 732-5741

mspboddy59@comcast.net

or

Mildred Allen
(804) 732-4262

miallen@aol.com

You can also visit the web site:

www.phsnaa.org and print an extra application.

It is permissible to mail your Annual Meeting Registration Form (and fee) and your Membership Application (and fee) in the same envelope.

Two-Day Class Reunion

The Class of 1956 will celebrate its 55th Class Reunion on July 16th and 17th. Class members are looking forward to their reunion as they "step back in time" for two days and celebrate fond memories gone by.

UP-COMING CLASS REUNIONS

50th Anniversary

CLASS OF 1961: "Count Down to the Big 5-0"

On the weekend of August 12-14, the Peabody Class of 1961 will celebrate 50 years of memories as they meet and greet on Friday, have breakfast and the banquet on Saturday and



worship together on Sunday. The committee has been working hard to plan this big event and looking forward to seeing their classmates for a fun-filled weekend.

For information, call Margaret Hill Wildy (804) 262-5587, Christine Fields Stewart (301) 559-1798, Willis Brown (804) 732-3750, or Oriette Walker Bellamy (804) 733-2936.

Planning Committee: Standing – Willis Brown, Joyce Brown Greene, Dorothy Lewis, Oriette Walker Bellamy; Seated – Margaret Hill Wildy, Vernetta Cox-Dupree, and Christine Fields Stewart

CLASS OF 1962

The first planning meeting for the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1962 was held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 in Fairfax, Va. Plans were discussed to have the reunion either on the weekend of June 22-24, or the weekend of July 13-15, 2012 in Petersburg. More details will be forthcoming.

Special thanks to Patricia Myers for her hospitality and for being a gracious hostess when they met and fellowshiped in her home.



*Left to Right: Seated – Gloria Phillips, Patricia Myers, Fred Royal, Mary Brown
Standing – Iris Brown, Jean Miles, Virginia Mann, Sandra Mickens, Gayle Patrick, Richard Jackson, Ernest Brooks, Carroll Mickens, Paulette Stewart and John Lee*



1st SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

In May 2010, Oriette Bellamy was appointed as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. President Jefferson asked the committee to improve upon the guidelines and present copies for distribution to the membership. The committee worked very hard and guidelines were put in place to award the very first scholarship to a graduating high school student.

On May 11, 2011 at the Senior Class Awards and Recognition Day at Petersburg High School auditorium, a scholarship for \$500.00 was presented to Sharniece Vaughan by President Jefferson. Ms. Vaughan is an Honor Roll student with a GPA of 3.36. She has held membership in the Key Club, Drama Club, President of the International Club and she is a product of the VSU Upward Bound Program. Sharniece has applied for admission to several universities; however, her number one choice is Elizabeth City State University to major in graphic designing.

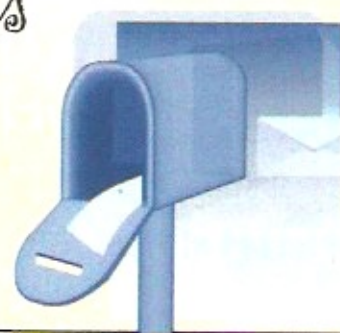
We wish nothing but success and well wishes to Sharniece as she pursue her academic endeavors. We know she will make us all very proud.

Above: President Jefferson congratulates Sharniece Vaughan as she presents her a certificate and check for \$500.00.

New Mailing Address

Please make note that the Alumni Association has a new mailing address:

Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 972
Petersburg, VA 23804-0972



Peabodian of the Quarter

Bernice Battle Richardson was born in Dinwiddie, VA on October 28, but was raised in the Petersburg area. She was a 1966 graduate of Peabody High School and later earned academic credits from Richard Bland College and Virginia State College (now University). Mrs. Richardson was formerly employed as a Director Associate (Program Support Technician, Sr.) for the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services from June 1996 until September 2006. Prior to that position, she has worked as a stenographer, clerk typist, office services specialist, office services supervisor and CETA technician.

Bernice is the second youngest of her siblings: Betty, Lonnie, Jr., and Irene. "Friendly" Fred, Richard and Beatrice are now deceased. Married to Junius P. Richardson, they have two children and are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren. Very active in her church, Bernice is a member of Sharon Baptist Church in Dinwiddie, Va. She is a member of the Inspirational Choir (currently serving as President); the Jr. Missionary; Vice President of the Adult Missionary; and a "helping hand" on the Hospitality Committee.

Bernice is very active in the Peabody High School National Alumni Association and has been a supportive member since 2000. She served as Chairperson of the Membership Committee until her health prevented her from working. Most recently, she served on the Centennial Souvenir Journal 2010 Committee where she worked tirelessly toward its success, and currently serves on the Alumni Board of Directors. She is a supportive participant of activities sponsored by her 1966 class and keeps them up-to-date of Alumni Association matters, serving as their representative on the PHSNAA Board. Her passion for the Peabody Alumni Association has rubbed off on her husband Junius (J.P.) because he too works hard to support activities and functions of PHSNAA. She was a Past Matron of Petersburg Chapter #33, Order of Easter Star, Past

District 16th OES Council, and presently serves as President of District 16th Council Meeting, OES. She also is a member of the Southside Area of Democratic Women. Bernice enjoys working with people—sharing and giving. She loves the Lord and believes in and lives by Luke 6:31 *"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."*





Teacher of the Quarter



Rev. Theresa M. Caldwell was born in Petersburg, reared in the Blandford Community, and is the seventh child born to the late John and Emily Merritt.

Rev. Caldwell attended Blandford Elementary School, Henry Williams and graduated from Peabody High School in 1946. She earned her B.A.

degree in Sociology and her M.A. degree in education and supervision from Virginia State College (now University). She was a former history teacher in the Petersburg Public School System.

Rev. Caldwell is Associate Minister at Greater Faith AME Zion Church in Petersburg, where Rev. John D. Conwell, Jr. is pastor. She is affiliated with many auxiliaries in the church, to include the Women of Greater Vision, whose main focus is awarding scholarships to the youths of the church. To date, this group has awarded more than twenty-five scholarships, and rewarded all graduates with a stipend and the Holy Bible. She is a Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Adult Missionary Society. Additionally, she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Petersburg Chapter; Southside Jail and Prison Ministry, Wives of Beaux-Twenty Club, and Board Member of United Campus Ministry at Virginia State University.

Rev. Caldwell is the owner of "Impressions by Theresa" (a beauty salon located in Ettrick, Virginia). She is married to Dr. Worsham N. Caldwell, Sr. and they are the parents of six children (one deceased).



Memorable Moments – 50th Anniversary

Mr. Harry L. & Mrs. Marolyn Redmond Quarles, Jr. recently celebrated



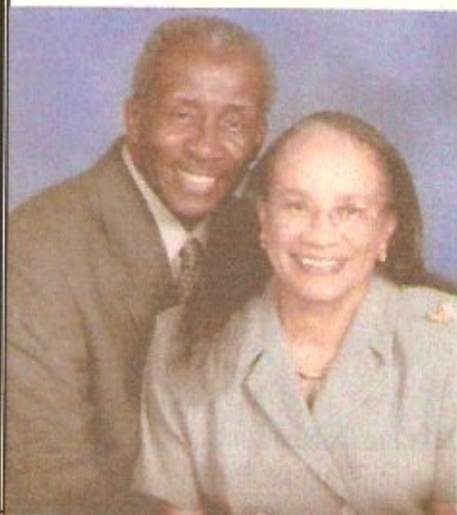
their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Children's Home of Virginia Baptist in Chesterfield County with family and friends on April 9, 2011. The celebration included dinner, cutting of the golden anniversary cake, acknowledgements and a photo presentation of the couple's 50 years together.

They were married on April 8, 1961 and have one daughter and a son-in-law, Mr. Randall T. and Mrs. April Quarles Blair of Centreville, Virginia.



Mr. Raymond
&
Mrs. Irene
Bailey

of Petersburg
celebrated their
50th Wedding Anniversary
on April 21, 2011.
They have two daughters,
two sons-in-law and five
grandsons.



Alumni Spring Fling

If you were not present at the Spring Fling, which was held in May at the Sunlight Elks Lodge in Hopewell, Va., you missed an excellent affair. A special "Thank You" to all who attended. Please know that all proceeds from the affair will be used to support the Restoration Project and the renovation of the old Peabody Building. Enjoy the group photos of classmates as they pose for the camera.



Class of 1954



Class of 1955



Class of 1956



Class of 1957



Class of 1958



Class of 1960



Class of 1961

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Class of 1962



Classes of 1960 & 1963



Class of 1964



Classes of 1963 & 1965



Class of 1966



Class of 1967



Class of 1969



Class of 1970

The Script Committee

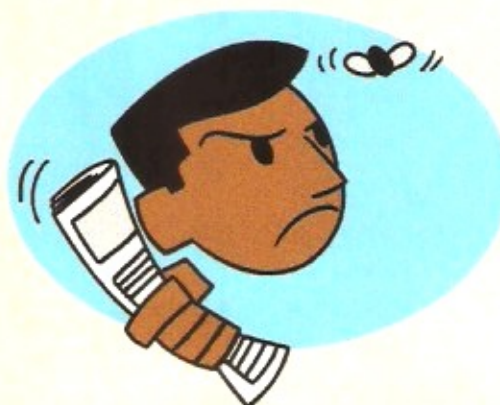
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Send your
news
articles to
anyone on
the
committee.
We welcome
all
suggestions.

"We must not become discouraged." - Booker T. Washington

"On this day, I will remember a time I felt discouraged or defeated. And then, I will visualize myself taking control of the situation and succeeding."

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