

# Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc.

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### Nomination of Officers 2009-2011

If you are interested in holding a position in the association, now is your opportunity to step out and speak up. Election of officers for 2009-2011 will be held in September. You can make a difference in the alumni association by giving of your time and expertise. **Eligible candidates can be any person who has paid membership dues for the current year.**

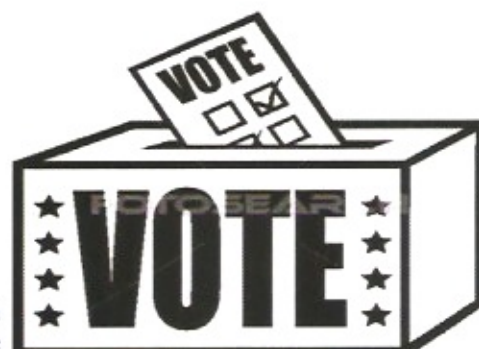
Positions to be filled are:

President  
Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer  
Membership Secretary  
Chaplain  
Historian  
Sergeant-at-Arms

If you are interested in any of the positions listed, you must submit your intentions in writing to the committee no later than July 1, 2009. All letters should be sent to the PHSNAA Elections Committee, P.O. Box 1731, Petersburg, VA 23805, postmarked by July 1, 2009.

Virginia Mann has been appointed Chairperson of the Elections Committee. Serving with her on that committee are Gloria Phillips and Virginia Barbour.

Show your support of the Peabody High School National Alumni Association by holding an elected position.



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### Spring Fling Dinner and Dance

April 18, 2009

7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Sunlight Elks Lodge  
Hopewell, Virginia  
Music by "KD Express"  
Dress to Impress

Donation - \$20.00

For Tickets - Call - 733-0802 or 732-3750

### Raffle - CASH OR GAS

Tickets are still available

Drawing will take place at the SPRING FLING - April 18th

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$500  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$250  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$100

All proceeds will be used to support the Restoration Project and the renovation of the old Peabody Building.

Your support and cooperation in this endeavor will be appreciated.

Need not be present to win



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# Teacher of the Quarter

## Geraldine C. Maclin



**M**iss Geraldine C. Maclin is a native of Petersburg, Va., and a 1946 graduate of Peabody High School. She continued her education, earning degrees in Library Science from Virginia State and Rutgers Universities.

Miss Maclin dedicated her entire professional career of thirty-seven years to education. She contributed thirty-two years of uninterrupted service (1955-1987) to the youth in the Petersburg Public Schools; Westview Elementary, Peabody High, and Petersburg High. She retired as Librarian at Petersburg High School in 1987.

## Cheers to Miss Maclin

# Association Donates Additional Money

**M**embers of the Association showed up in great numbers to support the presentation of \$2,000 to the Petersburg School Board and Peabody Middle School. According to President Jefferson as she made the presentation, "The Peabody High School Alumni Association is still about the business of assisting faculty and students at Peabody Middle School." In an attempt to assist the students,

the Alumni Association pledged \$20,000, and a portion of that pledge was met in January 2007. The \$2,000 was the remaining balance of that pledge, which was presented at the School Board Meeting on January 14, 2009. Principal Cheryl Perkins was available to accept the check as President Jefferson indicated that "the money is for the continued restoration of Peabody Middle School and the educational welfare of the Peabody Middle School students."



Principal Perkins expressed her gratitude and how impressed she was with the works of the Alumni Association. Funds donated to Peabody Middle School assisted with several of the interior renovations of the auditorium, and the installation of new seats. Funds donated also assisted with the purchase of the digital sign that is now displayed on the Halifax Street entrance to the school. Many thanks to Willis Brown and Iris Brown for the enlarged replica of the check and the black & gold ribbons.





## "Seniors: Extra Special Pearls"

This was the theme of a program, sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Omega Chapter and The Ivy Community Foundation, Inc, which was held at the Children's Home of the Virginia Baptist, Inc.

The Peabody High School Alumni Association send cheers of congratulations to Mrs. Hester Wooden Harris, class of 1940, for receiving the Senior Citizen of the Year Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Community. Cheers are also sent to Dr. Margaret Crowder Johnson, class of 1942, for receiving the Chapter's Senior Citizen Award of the Year.



## Historical Marker Coming Soon

The Association has been working very hard to get approval for the placement of the Historical Marker for Peabody High School. We have coordinated with Lucious Edwards, who presented the wording for approval.

According to Lucious, and following the guidelines, this is what he presented for approval:

Peabody High School, originally the Colored High School, was established in 1870 in the old First Baptist Church located on Harrison Street. The second school was built here on this site facing Filmore Street. The current site of the school is on Wesley Street. Peabody is one of the earliest publicly funded high schools for African Americans in Virginia. The city of Petersburg had begun to develop a public school system as early as 1868 and provided the funding needed to build city schools and pay teacher salaried. Alfred Pryor became the school's first African American principal in 1882.



According to many senior Alumni, Peabody High School was the FIRST African American High School in Virginia. Your knowledge of this fact is very important to the approval or dis-approval of the wording for the marker, and you are requested to come to our regular meetings with any documentation you have regarding this issue. If you are unable to attend our meetings, please send a copy of this documentation to: Peabody High School National Alumni Association, P.O. Box 4543, Petersburg, VA 23803.



## NEWS

## LATEST HAPPENINGS

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## 2009 Parent-Community Summit



The Association was invited to attend the Petersburg City Public Schools Parent-Community Summit and serve as Host/Hostesses, which was held Saturday, February 21, 2009. Through the efforts of Ms. Deborah Whitted and other members of the committee, parents, teachers, school administrators and community agencies, an exciting day was held which brought schools and community together. The Keynote Speaker for the morning session was Ms. April Tucker (formerly April Gholson), a native of Petersburg who beat the odds as a teen mom. Having a baby boy at the age of seventeen was not in her plan; however, she overcame challenges by accepting responsibilities for the life she helped create. April has become a woman of perseverance, patience, and unwavering love to her son, Tremaine Neverson, who is now twenty-five years old and is internationally known by another name, "Trey Songz," one

of today's hottest musical talents.

The Keynote speaker for the afternoon session was Dr. Terrence Allen, a motivational speaker from British Guyana, South America. Dr. Allen is also the co-founder of the JOBS program and a well-known national and international conference speaker. Alumni members were very supportive of this activity. They greeted parents and students, visited the display tables and attended the workshops. A Saturday morning well spent. Special thanks to Janice Mann for taking photographs.

## Alumni Members Tour Museum

Based on the long-range goal of the Association, President Jefferson and members of the Restoration Committee met with the City Manager to get assistance in funding for the restoration of the old Peabody High School building. At the meeting, President Jefferson submitted a proposal for the planned usage of the building and the Association's desire to establish the "Peabody High School Museum." The proposal was accepted and he agreed to assist in directing the Association to the proper avenues for funding. To continue into the research of how to establish a museum, alumni members visited Robert Russa Moton Museum on Saturday, April 21, 2009, which is located in the former R.R. Moton High School in Farmville, VA. They were over-whelmed to see the restoration of the old high school and their history and how it was recorded in a video, photos and memorabilia.

A day full of information and FUN.

Pictured are members in front of the R.R. Moton Museum - left to right (front row) Stella Cummings, Iris Brown, Maude Brown, Thelma Jefferson, Bernice Richardson, Virginia Barbour; (back row) Joseph Lyons, Flossie Johnson-Ridley, Russell Prude, Willis Brown





## New Executive Board Members

Persons representing the odd-numbered graduating classes were named to the Executive Board for the second half of the term. The Executive Board met for the first time on February 24, 2009 as they put together ideas and suggestions for improving the Alumni Association. Members and the classes they represent are listed below:

	1944*
Maude Brown	1947
Bernard Lundy	1949
Joan Walker	1951
	1953*
Jean Gee	1955
Gloria Cooksey	1957
Lula Lawson	1959
Dorothy Lewis	1961
Mildred Allen	1963
Patricia Woodfolk	1965
Gloria Brown	1967
Paulette Johnson	1969

\*representatives still needed

Be sure to communicate with your class representative regarding issues you want the Executive Board to address

## 2010 Centennial Committee Appointed

Ideas and suggestions are in the planning stages for the 2010 Centennial. The committee has been appointed.

Members are:

Joan Walker, Chairperson  
Maude Brown  
Lula Lawson  
Walter Moore  
Thomas Banks  
Bernard Lundy  
R.J. Bragg

If you desire to serve on this committee, or have suggestions or ideas, please contact Joan Walker.

Mark your calendar, the planned date is Friday through Sunday, September 3-5, 2010.

Look forward to an exciting celebration.

**Your Ideas Are Important !**

## "Sensational At Sixty"

Psi Phi High School Sorority  
Class of 1966  
Peabody High School

presents

"A Party with a Purpose"  
(DRESS TO IMPRESS)

May 30, 2009  
8:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

Olde Town Catering Company  
9 West Old Street - Petersburg, VA  
Music by DJ Gerald Andrews — Line Dancing with Kemel  
Ticket Cost - \$25.00

For further information contact: Valarie Abbott Jones - 703-963-0672,  
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**O**nce in an age, God sends to some of us a friend who loves in us .. not the man that we are, but the angel we may be.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

**Special Message**

We need your news articles!  
Any corrections or comments  
regarding the Script  
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**The Mighty Lions**

