Trailblazers in local history honored

BY FRANK DROUZAS

ST. PETERSBURG - The Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum held its fourth First Ladies in African American History event honoring local trailblazers in Pinellas County last Sunday.

ST. PETERSBURG - Old-timers like to regale the younger folks with stories of prosperity the African American community enjoyed up the 22nd Street corridor in the mid-20th century. Once the main thoroughfare for black residents, 22nd Street - affectionately called "the Deuces" - became a safe haven during the Jim Crow era.

In 1917, black restauranteur John Johnson opened up a small store at 22nd and First Street and soon the women in the neighborhood were buying supplies there. Life on Deuces back when

BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL

ST. PETERSBURG - Mary Smith, 89, and John Smith, 90, have been each other's rock for 50 years. The couple, who celebrated their golden anniversary April 19, 1917, had a whirlwind romance. They were married May 2, 1917, and are still married today.

"We have our ups and downs, but our relationship was built on trust and communicating with one another," said John. "She was always patient and understanding."

"I had my moments, but he always kept me on track," said Mary. "He was always there for me when I needed him."

"We had a lot of challenges, but we overcame them," said John. "We had to work together to make it work."

"I can't imagine what life would be like without him," said Mary. "He is my best friend and my soulmate."

"I love you more every day," said John.

The couple, who reside in St. Petersburg, have two children, 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. They are both retired, with Mary working in the postal service and John working as a farmer.

"We have been through a lot in our 50 years together," said Mary. "We have seen our children grow up, get married and have children of their own."

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- 17,000 children in Pinellas County are in need of homes.
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- The weekly Challenger is partnering with One Church One Child to challenge communities to seriously consider adopting children.
- “This is an urgent and important issue that must be raised time and time again, but each time there is a different child or children. One Church One Child of Florida is reaching out to families and individuals in local communities across the state in efforts to encourage them to share the truth that the children out here and others like him are in need. Only over half of these children are in need of a family. These children are in need of a family, of hope and of love. Will you take the challenge of opening your home and family to them?”

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BY DEXTER MCCREE

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ST. PETERSBURG – Hundreds of residents converged on Lakewood High School’s track field once again to help raise funds for the annual Relay For Life fundraiser to combat the devastating effects of cancer.

Local black Greek organizations were on hand to help facilitate the event. Alpha Kappa Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho were all present in their colors at their individual stations around the track.

Clear skies and a light wind made for a comfortable evening outdoors. Several information booths were set up to provide tips on the prevention and maintenance of cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society projections for 2017, approximately 1,688,780 new cancer cases are projected to be diagnosed and 600,920 cancer deaths are forecast to occur. The top five states for cancer deaths in 2017 are projected to be California (59,400), Florida (43,870), Texas (40,260), New York (35,960) and Pennsylvania (28,510).

Luminaries bags lined the track like they do every year as an annual reminder that cancer is an indiscriminate killer that robs males, females, young and old of their lives despite advancements in treating and managing the disease.

Moreover, treatment and management of the disease are costly. As of yesterday, fundraising efforts by 21 teams in south St. Petersburg resulted in raising $15,195.36. Every hour the goal to raise $20,000 is becoming closer to reality.

The top five fundraising teams include Mt. Zion Progressive MBC ($3,911), Victory Lane ($2,857), NCNW St. Petersburg ($1,220), ETA RHOS ($1,050) and Mt. Pilgrim MBC ($1,000). In addition, the top five individual participants are Timeka Walker ($425), Dorthy Short ($425), Kalani Tupasi ($390), Angela Reeves ($350) and Charlene Harrison ($225).

Entertainment highlights included the Girls Dance Ministry of Mt. Zion Progressive and Sahibah Sadiah’s Zumba Dancers from Childs Park. Both groups drew cheers and encouragement from all ages as the day gradually transitioned from a sunny evening into night.

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Life on The Deuce: Interview with Ernie and Frances Bowers, Ex-Owners of the Deuce

The City of St. Petersburg will release a Request for Proposal in late April / early May for the current Tangerine Plaza property at 5794 22nd St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712.

TIMELINE

Pre-2005

- Ownership (house, residential corner)

March 2003

- Purchased all the properties in the block from Howard Quaner-Williams
- 2200 Avenue South to the North, 22nd Street South to the West, 12th Avenue South to the East, 22nd Street South, then replatted and the block to a commercially zoned block.

March 2004

- Urban Development Solutions (UDS)/Queensboro 1 LLC signs the Lease to develop the property.

2005

- Queensboro 1 LLC builds tangerine Plaza (44,100 sq ft)

Oct 2005

- Tangerine Plaza Supermarket (38,100 sq ft)

Feb 2013

- 2200 Avenue South

Jan 2014

- Neighborhood Market Grand Opening

Feb 2017

- Neighborhood Market Closing

Feb 20, 2017

- First Tangerine Plaza Community Conversation Session held at SCP Mallhub

Property conveyed to City of St. Petersburg

July 2020

- Grocery Shuttle to Shopping Pilot Program

October 2021

- 80 acres of Tangerine Plaza and surrounding neighborhoods

Late April/ May2021

- Request for Proposals Available

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kitchen Table Literary Arts

The City of St. Petersburg's Historic 22nd Street South" by Roanell Peck and Jon Wilson, she was inspired to open her own business on the corridor. The first thing she thought to open her shop downtown where she knew she’d get a lot of foot traffic, but once learning about the community and the culture on the historic street, she decided to follow the footsteps of John Black, creator of BBQ, Paul Barco (Barco’s Grocery), Maggie Nick (Maggie’s Beauty Bon), and just open a wine event store.

Hollawyer gave a brief history of literature on Deuces and Anderson instructors attended on hands-on writing exercises. She also over writing techniques such as daging, personalization and imagery. Work shops were given to write about their home town and get a chance to share it with the city.

For information on workshops and the monthly book club meetings, visit kitchen-table.org, or culturalbooks.com.

TANGERINE PLAZA: MOVING FORWARD

The City of St. Petersburg, FL 33712.

The Weekly Challenger, Thursday, April 26, 2018

May 4: Orientation for STARS (Success Teaching And Retention Strategies) at 30 a.m. at PCRC, 1051 S 56th St.
- WANTED: Unemployed Persons Age 18 who are Motivated and Wanting to Work. STARS provides FTE Employment Training, Job Placement Assistance and two years of continuing support. No HOCD/ GED/ Criminal Record. For more information call 303-706-5499 for the nearest location.

May 5: STARS Orientation. 5 p.m. at St. Petersburg College Gibbs Campus, 6055 54th Ave. N, Suite 251.
- Enrollment is open now for STARS (Personnel Incorporated In College, Hiring, a free program that provides healthcare and technology training for African American males age 13-24 who reside in St Petersburg. 5PC partners with the City’s Cabinet of Champions to deliver specialized programs such as Mobile Device Repair Training, Clinical Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy, GED classes and character development training. Classes start in June, call (727) 937-6300 ext. 25 to request information.

May 23: The 2020 Plan Annual Meeting. 9 a.m. at The Historic Manhattan Cades, 604 22nd St. S.
- Registration and continental breakfast begins at 9 a.m. The 2020 Plan is a community-wide effort to reduce poverty in South St. Petersburg by 50% by the 2020 census. Community organizations, businesses, leaders and residents are invited to attend. For more information, contact Senator Caryn Tyson. Learn about “unfinished business” and "full circle" approaches to collectively making waves and solving challenges. Learn what some of the largest positive outcomes of the past year toward the vision to accelerate poverty reduction in South St. Petersburg.

- Location and time details to be announced.
- Contact: Street爸 bg. 727-981-7758

Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong takes a break from a Manhattan Casino gig in the company of two tons, Josephine Smith, left, and Esther Peck Thomas. Courtesy John L. Smith Jr.
BY ALLEN A. BUCHANAN

ST. PETERSBURG – As an undergraduate writing major in New York City who grew to love jazz, I was not around during the heyday of Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker or Billie Holiday, but I frequently visited the Apollo Theatre and more intimate jazz clubs in the Village.

When I walked into the nightclub-like setting on the lower level of the Palladium Theater on the evening of April 18, I felt as if I had stepped back in time. The Henry Ashwood Quartet was jamming and people were intensely engaged with every smooth note that bebopped around the room.

Sitting in one section of the room was a group of high school musicians engaging every note that emanated from the quartet on stage. As for me, I was back home in an intimate jazz club in the Village. Last Wednesday night, however, was very special. It was about a gradual changing of the guard in the local jazz scene. Enthusiastic, talented and young high school jazz musicians gathered together to compete in the Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt of 2018.

Unlike most competitions of this nature, these young men and women were not scattered across the room or in separated dressing rooms. They were all sitting together at one table, sharing their experiences, encouraging each other with smiles, handshakes and hugs. The post-millennial generation is going to be alright and great leaders one day, I could not help but think!

James Jackson, III was the Master of Ceremony for the evening, while Tony Love set the mellow tone by welcoming everyone to the competition. The talent hunt adjudicators were Phyllis Gessler, Bill Shideler and Dawne Wisner Eubanks. Gessler recently retired as a voice instructor to musical theater majors at Gibbs High School. Shideler is a life-long performing artist in musical theater in the U.S. and abroad on international tours. Eubanks currently teaches voice at Eckerd College and Gibbs. She has graced the stages of Carnegie Hall and all the major stages in the Tampa Bay area.

As Frank Braman and Grant McMillen proceeded to the stage to present the top jazz awards, the contestants held back their tears. The big winners for the evening were instrumentalists Johnny Liles (2nd place) and Garvin Ard (1st place). Other recognized musicians included Maya Baptiste, Ja’NabreFlores, Asiaha Glover, Erik Hempel, Megan Holmes, Xavier Kornedle, Dylan McMahoon and Jessika Parker.

Congratulations to all who participated in the 2018 Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt. You are clearly all winners.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring: Time to train for service

PINELLAS COUNTY—This is the time of year when we focus on high school and college graduations and the excitement of life-changing experiences. Some are beginning again after incarceration, others are widows and widowers looking for direction, still others just want to make a life-changing career shift.

Spring is the time for growth! For the first time this year, Int’l Kingdom Builders partners with legal scholar, apostle and author Sheila D. Griffin to present: IMPACT Empowerment Study (90 Day Spiritual Make-Over). Testimonies continue to come in about the transformative power of this course. This faith-based Judeo-Christian curriculum delivers on its promise in 12 weeks to prepare participants to live an empowered life that begins with knowing purpose and planning destiny.

"I found out that what I loved doing does not have to take place in church and that doing good does not require permission," said former participant Sharon Green.

A young collegiate taking the course said: "This was the perfect time to learn how my personality, career and temperament all work together to form my personal mission and vision."

The primary goal of IMPACT is to help the participants develop greater boldness in fulfilling God’s purposes in our lives through testing, classes and looking deeper into the uniqueness of God’s assignment for each person. Last, there were 27 students from different churches and different ethnic backgrounds at the course, touted Griffin.

"It was such a unique privilege to see each person mature into their calling so they could be more laser-focused on their call and begin serving as community and the church with greater power to make an IMPRINT; make a difference," she said. "Our newlywed participants were amazed at how their individual visions merged to become a family mission and direction."

Five components prepare participants to serve in their local churches and community with intentionality and joy. On May 1, the next class begins in Central Pinellas County at 6:30 p.m. at 10300 49th St. N. (Corner right behind Quaker Steak and Lube Restaurant). Fun for those who become very courageous when armed with information, knowledge and understanding. There’s a revolution coming on your elevation. Reserve NOW. Limited Seating. Regularly registration was $429.00; but with the new location, it now only $199.00 per person; and a guest can attend for only $39.00. For more information or registration visit the website at time4kingdombuilders.com or call/text (727) 207-2721.

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Tonjua Williams

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The first African-American and the first woman president of St. Petersburg College, Dr. Tonjua Williams credits much of the success to the support of her mother, Marion Lee Johnson and Mayor Rick Kriseman Deputy Mayor Dr. Kanika Tomalin.

Williams is active in her community and has received many awards and recognition including the Junior Achievement Educator of the Year for Pinellas County, the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce Iconic Woman of the Year and was chosen as one of Academy Prep Center’s 5 Fabulous Females.

Winnie Foster

Braze, courageous, tenacious and unyielding, Winnie Foster received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Through the Sojourner Truth Fund, the newest nonprofit, she has built a large garden containing six raised beds in her side yard. Named for the abolitionist and women’s rights activist, she invites local youth to help tend the garden and gains inspiration from them and about growing food.

To hear, this knowledge is crucial. She believes local youth—especially south of Central Avenue where low-downs reign—are suffering a deep disconnect that could have a detrimental impact on their physical, mental and emotional development. In the election for Pinellas County Judge in 1971-72, Foster found her self contributing significantly to help Attorney James B. Sandlin become the first black judge in Pinellas County.

Winona Foster

The recipient of the inaugural Winnie Foster Lifetime Achievement Award, Lorna Taylor, is the president and CEO of Premier Eye Care, a leading expert in ophthalmological procedures.

Lorna Taylor

"For me, it’s just how I live out my dream to be a global citizen," she stated. "I always humbly acknowledge the support of her colleagues." "I couldn’t do anything I do without the support of my company. My commitment to social responsibility and investment in my community is something that permeates our entire corporate culture."

"To rise above…to reach services and administration of everything from routine vision exams to complex ocular surgical procedures." "A graduate of Prince-ton Theological Seminary with a master’s degree in divinity concentrating in social ethics, she is highly involved in charity work," Taylor has taken her to London, where she met the Prince of Wales, to attend an art and cultural ex-change in Cuba.

"As a member of the International Green Belt Movement, she has served on the national board." "Her charity work has been noted through organizations including the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which raises private funds to support the 42 domestic violence shelters in Florida, as well as the Tampa Conservatory for Teens, and Vision Florida, Florida’s Executive Leadership Program and the American Association of Community College’s Thomas Lakin Leadership Program.

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 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
 with FREE Summer VPK

 Yes, my child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018.

 Yes, my child has not attended Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK).

 Yes, I want my child to be ready for Kindergarten.

 Marion Lee Johnson and Mayor Rick Krisaman
 Deputy Mayor Dr. Kanika Tomalin

Each honoree was presented a token of appreciation from the city, county and state legislator.

Sierra Doni provided the entertainment for the evening.

MORE FROM LOCAL BUSINESS AHEAD...

For the most current information, please visit www.pcsb.org/summervpk

THE WEEKLY CHALLENGER, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 9
### CHURCH DIRECTORY

**BETHEL METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH**
1121 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 327-8708
Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
**Pastor**
Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes
First Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
3414 Third Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 727-323-7518
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Praise Time: 10:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday Night Live: Prayer Service & Bible Study 7 p.m.
Come: Worship With the First Baptist Family

**BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**
2901 - 54th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 866-2567
**Services**
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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**GOD’S HOUSE TO THE CITY**
Rev. Rickey L. Austin, Pastor
825 20th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 321-0911
**Ministries at Victory Christian Center, please call (727) 321-0911.**

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**GENESIS WORSHIP CENTER CHURCH**
1481 99th Street South
Gulfport, FL 33707
(727) 723-9457
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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### INSPIRATIONS

**BY DIRENCE DOWING-JACKSON**

**A Heart that Believes**

- A heart that believes, knows that in Jesus is victory; He died on the cross so that we may be free.
- A heart that believes, keeps no count of wrongdoing; this heart for Jesus knows that counting blessings is worth living.
- A heart that believes, shows the world how to love; God’s promises demonstrate Jesus’ miracles from above.
- A heart that believes is a heart that forgives; this heart trusts that Jesus truly does live.
- A heart that believes has unshakable faith; God honors the heart that believes, with unmerited favor and His amazing grace.
- A heart that believes gives God all the praise, thank You Lord Jesus for a heart that believes and forever yearns for Your loving embrace.

**AMEN**

- “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that He is risen from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”
- “For if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that He is risen from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”
- “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that He is risen from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

**ROMANS 10:9-10 KJV**

- “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
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SUNLIT FESTIVAL ON THE DEUCES!

BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL

23rd Street South.

Please keep your eyes on the Friends of the Johnson Library, youth, spelling and geography bees this summer!

making things fun. “We still have to fight,” said Catherine. “And after all of these years, it’s still a struggle for one another. Of course, we have our disagreements, but we stay together that long, you really have to like each other.”

Their son Donahue is proudly real of his parents and he feels they set a good example for what living together looks like. When he married his wife 15 years ago, he made sure she understood his friendship was to be for life and a lot more.

“Some of the readers opened doors for us,” he said. “We know my ability to get an education was a big deal, but the signing and meeting people changed our lives forever.”

So, the Smiths stepped up to the microphone to thank them for such a loving and righteous example of how a marriage should work.

Start building your family just young, but thank you Jesus 4 worked. "No, 50 years later, also for the Smiths' celebration of 50 years, they were blessed with great joy, as they continue to pass down the legacy to future generation. "We know my ability to get an education and support of family and friends was an important element of our journey that they help us get through. We didn’t have our focus on the phone company, and after graduation, John began his career with the Department of Justice, where he remained for 30 years, "he said.

We know that there were people praying for us to continue moving forward. They were not going to get divorced. ‘I saw it because it was to be mar- ried to make a mark in our lives,” John and Catherine said.

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