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Sickle Cell Christmas luncheon celebrates a successful year

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ST. PETERSBURG – More than 90 Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) St. Petersburg Chapter clients came out to celebrate the organization’s success in 2018. Those in attendance were treated to a delicious dinner courtesy of the Salute Soul Food Truck.

Christmas in the Park 2018

BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL
Staff Writer
ST. PETERSBURG – By day, the empty lot that sits between 18th and 19th Street on 18th Avenue South may look vacant and lonely, but when the sun begins to set, the large plot of land turns into a stage on which to worship Jesus Christ in a two-day celebration.

Entitled Christmas in the Park 2018, Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church invited the community out to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in a two-day celebration.

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“How many times do you see fashion shows that are just for kids,” asked McGhee.

And when she says kids, she’s

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ST. PETERSBURG – On a dark and stormy night (Dec. 14) Dana Battle and Terr Lipsey Scott followed behind their husbands who were driving a U-Haul truck to the Panama City. Not knowing exactly how to get there—you know men refuse to stop and ask for directions—the four braved horrid conditions to deliver their cargo.

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Elizabeth Keckley: Her spirit of giving and the Contraband Relief Association

BY JACQUELINE BROWN, ESQ
Author and Publisher

People with little can gain a lot in the spirit of giving. One such person was Elizabeth Keckley, an enslaved woman born in a slave master and one of his slaves in Virginia around 1821.

She learned to read at the age of three. Upon emancipation, she set up her own shop and was soon making dresses for the wives of Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis, among other powerful Southerners. After earning and saving $3,210 from sewing, she purchased her and her son’s freedom around 1867.

Once free, she and her son moved to Washington, D.C., where she became a famous and skilled dressmaker. Soon after Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860, Keckley, along with her husband, Todd McLaurin, President Lincoln’s tailor, was very sympathetic to other former slaves, or “contraband” as they were often called, who fled to safety in Washington, D.C., during the Civil War.

The Contraband Relief Association, which Keckley founded and became president of in 1862, was dedicated to aiding freedmen. Keckley’s own work became more focused on the former slaves and their families. She made the call in 1868 when her 1860 memoir, “Behind the Scenes, or Thirty Years’ A View of the American Slave-Trade with Notes on England,” was published. In this book, she shared the experiences of former slaves, many of whom had been promised freedom.

The next morning, Keckley told Mrs. Lincoln of her project and was immediately given $200. She told Mrs. Lincoln where she would send the money and other Boston philanthropists also gave her assistance in their power. Keckley showed up at the Baptist Church in New York and helped organize a branch of the association, which during the war, was able to do more than 80 large boxes of goods contributed by black people.

The Metropolitan Hotel in New York at that time employed black workers. Keckley supported the object of her mentor, Robert Thomp- son, the hotel’s steward, who immediately raised quite a sum of money among other hotel workers.

Frederick Douglass contributed $200 to the Contraband Relief Association besides lecturing for the benefit of the suffering soldiers. He described the “black woman” as someone who could do “good works” and “do things” because she was not used to it...but if I don’t use it...but if I don’t...

In her 1868 memoir, “Behind the Scenes, or Thirty Years’ A View of the American Slave-Trade with Notes on England,” she wrote about the need to help free blacks and their families. She believed that America can be a land of opportunity, and she worked to make that vision a reality.

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The Burning Spear celebrates 50 years

ST. PETERSBURG – This Saturday, The Burning Spear newspaper will be celebrating its 50th year of publication with a free community event at Alwahsa Hall.

In 1969, Omali Yeshitela (then known as Joe Walker) founded The Spear in St. Petersburg as the official news organ of the Junta of Militant Organizations, one of the three groups to later merge to establish the African People’s Socialist Party. The first issue’s cover featured a photo of a caricature of Africans seen as slaves with headgear that Yeshitela took from St. Pete’s City Hall, leaving a wall that remains blank to this day.

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The public is invited to attend the 50th-anniversary celebration. Chairman Yeshitela will be on hand to discuss the history and significance of The Burning Spear newspaper. He will be joined by Editor-In-Chief Akali Annu, who was appointed to the position following her recent bid for District 6 city council seat.

The event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. in Alwahsa Hall, located at 1245 18th Ave. S. (Tytell Lewis Avenue). The program is free to the public and will include poetry readings by Uhuru Foods and Pies. For more information or to RSVP, call (727) 914-3615.

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Woodson Toy Drive a success

Toy, from front page

What was the cargo you ask? Well, you should know because you donated it. That’s right. The community gave more than 1,000 toys to the Woodson Toy Drive for local children in need and also for those suffering in the Panhandle from the effects of Hurricane Michael.

The folks at the Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum asked the community to bring out the dolls, balls, bikes and books, and you responded. “We can’t thank the community enough for the outpouring of support particularly after many of them came to learn that our contributions were going to benefit those who have been impacted by Hurricane Michael, said Executive Director Scott.

Not only were toys delivered to the relief drive held by their local NAACP in Panama City, but also backpacks and sleeping bags.

The Woodson started their annual toy drive in 2009, and every year they host a party thanking those who have donated and those dropping off gifts, and this year was no different. Saturday, Dec. 8, the museum was packed full of people dropping off presents the museum incurred.

The Woodson is the only museum in town that does not charge an admission fee. Scott said because they never want the residents of Jordan Park to feel like they are isolated from any programming held there.

They gave up their community center in order for us to have a space that we’re calling a museum. “We are a community center with door and boarded up windows,” she said.

But those conditions do not stop the community from showing up to events, and it doesn’t stop them donating their time and money.

Whatever wonderful gifts we get it’s a result of people recognizing our honorable deeds and their willingness to give.

With holiday treats galore and beautifully decorated trees by board chair Battle, the Woodson was transformed into a Christmas Wonderland with excited children chomping at the bit to get face time with Santa.

St. Petersburg Branch NAACP
Emancipation Proclamation Service
Tuesday
January 1, 2018
11:30 A.M.

Location: St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
2101-2107 Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Kwanzaa 2018-2019

Kwanzaa (Day)
Wednesday, December 26, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tampa Bay History Center
1644 7th Avenue South
Tampa, Florida

ALUMNICA (Self-Defense Studios)
Thursday, December 13, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tampa Performing Arts
205 Fifth Avenue North
Tampa, Florida

LUMIA (Kwanzaa Week)
Friday, December 28, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m.
Center for African American Women
2500 Ninth Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida

LUMAIN (Kwanzaa Week)
Saturday, December 29, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.
Center for African American Women
2500 Ninth Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida

DANCEFEST
Saturday, December 29, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m.
Bayfront Park
St. Petersburg, Florida

LUMAFest (Kwanzaa Week)
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MINISTER COREY GIVENS, JR.
Speaker

We thank you for your support.
weekend of Dec. 2.

Terri Lipsey Scott, executive director of the Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum, had a vision for little girls in south St. Pete who do not necessarily experience the silver spoon treatment in their lives to get a chance to do just that.

Four years ago, she created the Silver Spoon Tea Party Weekend where every day little girls are transformed into princesses—with royal courtiers to boot—for one weekend during the holiday season.

Scott’s interaction with young girls in the public school system led her to create an opportunity that many of these children might not ever experience in their formative years.

“It was abundantly clear—and it remains abundantly clear—that our girls need something that’s not their norm, placing them in environments and rewarding them with opportunities that they wouldn’t necessarily be exposed to,” explained Scott.

It was her hope to create a program that gave the young ladies some exposure to places they’ve never been and a desire beyond that weekend to want to experience more.

Each school identified three students to participate in this first-class weekend, which started bright and earlier Saturday morning at Pinellas Technical College (PTC) where the young ladies attended a pamper session. Leading the charge was Frechette Bradley, who has styled the young ladies’ hair from the inception of the program. Starting last year, instructors and students from PTC were added to the mix to expedite the process.

Now once the hair is perfectly coiffed, it was the nail technicians’ turn to transform.

All 18 girls were served in less than four hours, and were whisked away for an afternoon at the cinema to watch “The Grinch.” After the movie, these pint-sized princesses headed to their luxury hotel in downtown St. Pete where they enjoyed a pizza and pajama party. They also worked on vision boards facilitated by Manitia Moultrie, and of course, had a princess party dance-off.

Sunday morning, the young ladies had a crash course in etiquette, enjoyed an arts and crafts session, showered and dressed for their photo session with professional photographer Rossie Newson.

The weekend’s culmination came when Imperial One Limousine Services transported the precious cargo to the St. Petersburg Country Club where the young ladies finally got to spend time with their sponsors over tea. Many of these relationships will go far beyond the tea party.

“We have these girls for about 30 hours from early Saturday until Sunday evening when their parents pick them up from the tea party,” said Scott. “Most of them, trust me when I tell you, don’t want to go. I’ve had parents who didn’t even know their children. It was that kind of transformation.”

And if that weekend wasn’t enough, the pampered princesses played hostesses the next weekend at the Wooden Toy Drive, where each one was surprised with a tablet made possible by a police grant to assist with their studies.
not talking about teenagers. AMP Images will work with children ages 5-12, and every now and then they may have a four-year-old who’s good with taking instructions to participate.

The Winter Wonderland for Tots Fashion Play started in 2015 at the Childs Park YMCA. “I had gotten so many great comments and reviews from the parents and the audience, it of course, encouraged me to have it again,” shared McGhee.

But life got in the way, and two seasons passed by quickly without the fashion play. But when parents came back to her again this year, she agreed to make it happen.

This year’s event took place Monday, Dec. 17, at John Hopkins All Children Hospital Conference center with the support of Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas County.

Attendees were asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to programs such as the Alpha Program of Pinellas County Schools. As well as locating her child models from among community families, McGhee reached out to the support of the Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas County.

McGhee also thanked Deborah Figg-Saunders of Personal Agenda, LLC, for her support and sponsorship. Myra Gomez, who owns a modeling agency in Tampa, assisted with production elements and Clearwater costume rental store, the House of Make Believe, supplied decorations. Master of ceremonies Ricc Rollins of Ricc Rollins Media doubled as the Mayor of Who-ville and one of Santa’s elves, complete with yellow tights and all.

When McGhee was informed that her former supplier wouldn’t be offering the fashions for the children’s holiday show, her show-must-go-on attitude inspired her to go in another direction. “This year, our little tots designed their own outfits with the help of their parents—they’re their own little designers,” she acknowledged.

McGhee and her way of working with the tiny fashion plates was to guide them more than force them to perform, because as she acknowledged, at that age, “you just don’t know how much they will retain.”

The more than 20 model-tots started practicing in November twice a week to learn to master the runway. McGhee gave kudos to Lynette Eva and Erica Davis for helping during rehearsals.

After giving them the basics, McGhee said the pint-sized fashionistas added their own personalities, and for an audience of supportive and exciting family members, teachers and mentors, that was more than enough.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Friendship’s Angel Tree Ministry holds breakfast for children in need

As added outreach, “We look to provide Christmas for children whose parents are incarcerated, and this year our dynamics changed—we also included the homeless children who were identified at Melrose Elementary,” explained Brenda Frazier-Dennie, who has coordinated the initiative for the last six years.

“We were able to collectively handle over 60 families for this holiday season,” she shared.

Angel Tree® is a national initiative of Prison Fellowship; it began in 1976 and has become the largest outreach for children of prisoners. According to the national ministry, 2.7 million U.S. children have an incarcerated parent, and nationally the organization has given out more than 10 million gifts in its 33-year history.

When the coordinator at Friendship stepped down from running their Angel Tree Ministry event, Frazier-Dennie, who is a teacher, took over. She said it was quite simple. A prisoner presents,” she stated. “I'm on standby in case anyone needs counseling,” he said. “I'm here to serve.”

“Tara Frazier-Dennie wanted to specialize (based on Oscar Davisport) for all things being available for anything needed and Rev. Dr. John Evans for watching over his flock.”

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Deltas host 36th annual Breakfast with Santa

SANTA from front page

las Technical College Sat-
urday, Dec. 15. As some tots worked on arts and crafts, wrote letters to Santa, got their faces painted and nails polished, others decorated cookies and cupcakes before devouring them. Parents were happy to sit back and watch their young ones burn off some of the excess energy from all the sweets that were gobbled up.

This year’s chairperson, Tonya Mitchell, said the sisters started prepping for the event back in Oct. With it being her fifth time chanting the breakfast chant, she knew exactly who to call when it came down to the food—Sofia Forre Catering. On the menu this year was eggs, French toast, grits and sausage. Oh, and let’s not forget the waffle bar where the breakfast treats were made to order. Organizing as a fundraising prelude for the sorority’s then-signature event, Mr. Wonderful, Breakfast with Santa’s initial success marked the beginning of an annual holiday community event. The first breakfast was held in 1981 at Campbell Park Recreation Center where Deltas prepared breakfast for about 40 to 50 kids. Today, Breakfast with Santa serves more than 500 persons annually.

Delta GEMS and the Delta Academy, the youth groups associated with Delta Sigma Theta, earned some community service hours by manning the activity stations, while Mr. and Mrs. Claus took photos with those hoping to have escaped the naughty list this year. The seventh sister purchased the gifts, which were given out through a raffle system.

Mitchell said the annual breakfast is a way of giving back to the community.

“It’s for the community, it’s us giving back. It’s not like we’re making any money. It’s more just poured into the community,” she said.

For 25 years, sorority sister Yvonne Apley has played the role of Mrs. Claus, and this year’s Santa, Leander Lester, donned the suit for the second time. They both enjoy interacting with the wide-eyed tykes who are hoping to score that perfect gift on Christmas morning.

So along with hundreds of others, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be back next year when some will be sitting down to their first breakfast and others for their 37th, all in the name of giving back to the community.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

5th annual Bring out the Dolls

DOLLS, from front page

lege of Law and now as an attorney. Aside from being a successful attorney, Ligon founded Legacy Entertainment & Arts Foundation, a 501c3 charity that raises awareness for causes and other deserving organizations and charities who help advance entertainment, the arts and sports.

She envisioned creating an organization that would provide funds to deserving people and organizations to help advance entertainment and the arts throughout the world. Legacy’s goal is to become the premier and most effective charitable foundation of the entertainment, music, fashion and sports industries.

Vanessa Van Dyke’s natural hairstyle was labeled “too big” and she was suspended from school.

“Before the same fundraiser in St. Pete was a natural part of the growth of her organization, according to Ligon. Honestly, I’ve always been compelled to bring it to St. Pete,” said Ligon.

“I wanted so much to give back to my community like it had poured into me,” said Ligon.

As a result, the Bring out the Dolls toy drive was founded in Orlando in 2013 when 12-year-old Vanessa Van Dyke’s natural hairstyle was labeled unacceptable because it was “too big” and she was suspended from school.

“Like the idea of having a doll drive to collect a diverse range of dolls in Vanessa’s honor to donate to different central Florida charities,” said Ligon.

More importantly, Ligon stated that the doll giveaway “is to encourage little girls that beauty comes in all shades, shapes and sizes.”

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“Honestly, I’ve always been compelled to bring it to St. Pete,” said Ligon.

She hosted the event at the Carter G. Woodson Museum for three years. Moving forward, she stated that she wanted to begin incorporating other parts of the city into the organization’s annual children’s fundraiser, which led to the event being held at the Callaloo Restaurant Dec. 9.

“We practiced a similar strategy in Orlando to spread the contributions around to different locations in the city.”

According to Ligon, corporation sponsorships have doubled, and toy collections have tripled since the fundraiser first started. Raffle items for the fundraiser were donated by Louis Murphy, Jr., founder of 1st Downs 4 Life, Ace Ayana of Women’s Empower Network, Taylor McDonald from Paparazzi Accessories, BMW of Sarasota and more.

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Sickle Cell Christmas luncheon celebrates a successful year

CELL, from front page

Sickle Cell Christmas luncheon celebrates a successful year

Translated from the Spanish

A diagnosis of sickle cell disease and their families were treated to an after-
noon of music, inspirational messages, and of course, delicious food.

Held Dec. 1 at the Enoch Davis Center, approximately 28 gifts totaling
$1,000 were given out.

Founded by Mary Murph, the SCDAA has been fulfilling its mission for the last 46 years by bringing hope to those suffering from the
disease. More than two million Americans are estimated to have the sickle cell trait, with the Centers for Dis-
ease Control estimating some 100,000 Americans living with the actual dis-
case. The condition, al-
though present in
Hispanic Americans and those from Mediterranean countries, occurs in about
1 in 12 African Americans.

Antoneshia Jackson, the radiant young 2017-18 ambassador, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out. Entertain-
ment was provided by Ex-
pressions of Praise from
Southside Tabernacle
Baptist Church, Kee Kee
Dance Academy and key-
boardist Mia Poole.

Heavy’s Catering provided
a full three-course meal to
round out the celebration.

Murph closed out the
event humbly thanking
everyone who partici-
pated. The organization looks forward to expand-
ing its services in the growing Tampa Bay met-
ropolitan area.

For more information on SCDAA, call (727) 896-
2355.
The 2018 production of Jai Hinson’s “Family Blessing” was held Dec. 8 at the Mahaffey Theater. Broadway performer and native son Ephraim Sykes was given a key to the city by Nikki Capehart, director of Urban Affairs, and special guest cast members included Paul Anthony of 1990’s R&B group Full Force, Pinellas County School Board Member Rene Flowers and Angela Rouson.
CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Wednesday Bible Study* -7:00 p.m.
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Praise Time .........10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship..............5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship ........9:30 a.m.
Watch Night Service 12/31/18..............9pm
All are Welcome! Shalom!

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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

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Wednesday Bible Study ........7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service ..........6:30 p.m.
Youth Chapel Services - 501 20th Street South
Wednesday Worship Service ........10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Small Group Bible Study ......9:30 a.m.

BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
2901 - 54th Avenue South
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Services
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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INSPIRATIONS

“Joy”

“Joy is the grace of GOD that gives us amazing strength. HE blesses our hearts to trust HIM so we do not ever forget.

We thank GOD for HIS joy and peace that cannot be replaced, our joy will be even greater, when we see HIM face to face.

Joy with gratitude for the season – a gift from GOD, joy will be even greater, when we see HIM face to face. The joy of the LORD blesses our hearts and keeps our minds on HIS promises are sure.

Joy is the grace of GOD that gives us amazing strength. HE blesses our hearts to trust HIM so we do not ever forget.

The joy of the LORD brings our lives with the strength to press on, and keeps our hearts and mind on HIS promises, in whom we all belong. So hold on to your joy and keep JESUS in your heart; The Love and Joy of Our Heavenly Father will never ever depart.

“...For the Joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

AMEN
No less than excellence. We often hear the phrase, “Let's do things in an orderly way.” We usually mean to do things “on time” and “in an organized manner.” But real excellence is something else. Let’s do things in a spirit of excellence. Excellence is doing the very best job that we can do. Excellence is utilizing all the gifts, talents, skills and wisdom that we have and all the knowledge that are available to us.
SEVEN DAYS CAN LEAD TO A LIFETIME OF UNITY.

Every year from December 26 to January 1, Kwanzaa brings families together to reflect on the principles of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Publix joins you in celebrating the unity of Kwanzaa.

HAPPY KWANZAA