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ST. PETE CELEBRATES MLK

BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL

ST. PETE – Each year, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend is kicked off with the MLK Essay and Oratorical Contest. In its 36th year, once again it attracted some outstanding participants that promise to make a huge impact on the world in the years to come.

Thursday, Jan. 17, was a night of exceptional performances by six Gibbs High School students. Each participant took the stage to bring their speeches to life for a panel of judges and an awe-struck crowd.

Years ago, 36 to be exact, then-Governor Bob Graham appointed then-AARP Executive Director Charlie Carr to keep a group of people who exemplified the leadership of Dr. King and who would create events to honor his legacy. The group became known as the St. Petersburg Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Organization, Inc., and they organized events such as the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Breakfast, the MLK Celebration Vigil and the Interfaith Memorial Service that are still going strong.

One such event that shows no signs of slowing in the county contest. This year’s Round of Roving during the National Anthem is: “In this day of grace, let us still see the passion in the heart of our political division in this county.”

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Deadline approaching for 3 grants available for south St. Pete CRA businesses

The City of St. Petersburg announced a $924,000 grant program to help CRA businesses. Deadline is February 11.

ST. PETERSBURG — The City of St. Pete launched the 2015 cycle of its Small Business Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Grant Program, starting with the release of three phase-based opportunities to help CRA businesses. Deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on Feb. 11.

This year’s phase-based opportunities include three grants:

1. **Commercial Site Improvement Grant**
   - **Grant Amount:** $300,000
   - **Eligibility:** Businesses must be located within the confines of the CRA and must have a lease for at least one year.
   - **Deadline:** February 11

2. **Commercial Building Interior and Tenant Improvement Grant**
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Commercial grants are awarded on a year-by-year basis. Each grant has its own application requirements and deadlines. Phase-based opportunities require applicants to attend mandatory workshops. For a list of requirements and workshp schedules, visit stpete.org/CRA.

**Commercial Site Improvement Grant**

The city will be accepting applications for the three available opportunities starting February 1st. Full applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 11. Applications must be brought to The Greenhouse, located at 440 3rd Ave. N. The Greenhouse is open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

The phase-based opportunities are comprised of three components that make up the CRA Program – it also includes property-based and housing-based opportunities. About the CRA Grant Program

The CRA Grant Program was created in 2013 as part of the city’s innovative, Tryer revitalization plan designed to help boost private investment in commercial and multifamily residential development in South St. Pete. The CRA is generally located between Fourth Avenue North and 30th Avenue South.

The program is comprised of three buckets of opportunities – property-based opportunities, people-based opportunities and housing-based opportunities. The re- release of the remaining opportunities are to be announced.

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Biblical Discipleship, The Missing Cogwheel in the Black Church - Part 2

The Week's Challenge, Thursday, January 24, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of St. Petersburg (CITY) is seeking applications for FY 2019/20 (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020) funding from non-profit organizations who provide assistance to low- and moderate-income persons/households. The City will hold an application workshop on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Thomas "Jet" Jackson Recreation Center, 1000 28th South Street, St. Petersburg. The application and manual are available on the City's website at http://www.stpete.org/housing/documents.php.

All completed applications for funding must be submitted electronically to Lynn Fanter@stpete.org by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020 in order to be considered for funding. Any late submissions will not be considered.

For additional information concerning this notice, please contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at (727) 892-7452. The manual can be downloaded from the City's website (http://www.stpete.org/housing/documents.php).

African American History

FRONT AND CENTER

His death and its meaning

BY ATTORNEY JACQUELINE L. HUBBARD, ESQ.

Most of us can remember the day Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. He was so young, so inspirev, so committed and so gifted. On that day in April 1968, we were shattered.

On April 4, 1968, the day of his death, I was on my way back to my civil rights campaign Office in Memphis, Tennessee. I was walking toward a group of people over a bus when a sharp pain pierced through my body. I fell to the ground. When I awoke, I was in a hospital bed. Dr. King's life was over.

In that instant, it seemed as if the world had come to a standstill. The assassination of Dr. King stunned the nation and the world. People were in shock. They couldn't believe it. They couldn't comprehend it. They couldn't understand it. They couldn't forgive it.

But Dr. King's death was not in vain. It was a turning point in American history. It was a turning point in the civil rights movement. It was a turning point in the struggle for justice.

Dr. King's death was a call to action. It was a call to continue the fight for justice. It was a call to continue the fight for equality. It was a call to continue the fight for freedom.

Dr. King's death was a call to remember. It was a call to remember the struggles of those who came before us. It was a call to remember the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for justice. It was a call to remember the legacy of Dr. King.

Dr. King's death was a call to move forward. It was a call to move forward with hope. It was a call to move forward with determination. It was a call to move forward with purpose.

Dr. King's death was a call to be remembered. It was a call to be remembered as a leader. It was a call to be remembered as a hero. It was a call to be remembered as a friend.

Dr. King's death was a call to be a part of something greater. It was a call to be a part of something eternal. It was a call to be a part of something that will never be forgotten.

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City of St. Pete to honor Ray Charles and his song

ST. PETERSBURG — The City of St. Petersburg plans to host “Ray Charles Day,” with a proclamation and a musical evening, on Feb. 15.

Ray Charles Day will take place in the form of a proclamation and a musical evening, which will showcase the legacy of Ray Charles, who was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, and whose recorded song in 1959 was "Georgia on My Mind," his most famous classic. The city hopes that this event will bring attention to the city's musical heritage and celebrate the contributions of Ray Charles to the world of music.

"We are excited to honor Ray Charles on this day and to highlight his impact on music and culture," said Mayor Dugas. "Ray Charles was a true icon who inspired generations of musicians and artists around the world. He represented the best of St. Petersburg's musical legacy and we are proud to continue to celebrate his legacy through this event."
MLK Street Fest

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Talk to a banker for more details. Offer expires March 22, 2019.

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Statewide Supervisors of Elections Association offering three college scholarships in 2019

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE), comprised of the State of Florida’s county supervisors, will award $1,200 scholarships to three qualified students in 2019. College students majoring in the following political science, public administration, business administration, journalism or mass communications, enrolled as a junior or senior at an accredited Florida college or university and registered to vote in Florida college or university and registered to vote in Pinellas County, you could be eligible for a scholarship in 2019!

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The scholarship application and complete list of scholarship guidelines, which include requirements for letters of recommendation and financial information, are available for download at www.VotePinellas.com/Scholarships.

Scholarship applications must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, March 29 at 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater; 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo or 501 First Ave. N, St. Petersburg. For additional information or to receive an application by mail, please call the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office at 727-464-VOTE (8683) or email VoterEd@VotePinellas.com.
On Monday, Jan. 21, the 2019 MLK Dream Big Parade drew crowds of more than 40,000 people. The parade saw a cavalcade of civic leaders and organizations, politicians, religious leaders and everything in between marching their way from downtown to the Tropicana Field, where crowds enjoyed the Family Fun Day and culmination of the MLK Day of Service projects. For 34 years, the City of St. Petersburg has honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy.

See more parade photos on page 16.
The Keep Hope Alive foundation gave out information about the chronic condition known as fibromyalgia. On Jan. 30, they will complete their project with a Painting with a Twist party, and an exercise workshop that will help strengthen sufferers of fibromyalgia mentally, physically and emotionally.

Although Denise Ford did not receive an MLK Day of Service award, she spent her own money to help parents navigate through the education system and connect with organizations that help educate children. Last week she teamed up with Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters for an interactive session at the Enoch Davis Center to show parents how to work with their children at home.

Legacy-56 was on hand giving out information to help dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline using reading and cultural literacy. In partnership with American Stage, they conducted workshops on Jan. 19 that offered unique exposure to relevant literature, statistics, theater arts and resources promoting the importance of cultural literacy.

On Jan. 8, Next STEPP Pregnancy Center introduced mothers to service providers who helped them learn how to care for themselves and their child before and after delivery. Pregnant women gathered at the All Children’s Hospital Health Education Center to understand and build a system of social support that improves maternal wellbeing.


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The Pinellas County Urban League’s Young Professionals partnered with the Urban League’s Guild to provide an interactive, healthy cooking demonstration for residents at Jordan Park Apartments, who were given the ingredients to recreate the meal at home. Later at Tropicana Field, entitled chefs Dwayne McCray and Romello Clarke cooked the same healthy and economic turkey chili made with brown and wild rice, avocados, kidney, garbanzo and black beans.

911 Angels and Phoenix Uplift partnered together to give out home fire extinguishers and registered parents to receive identification packets for their children. The day before at a local church, kids got a chance to meet members of the fire department, tour a fire truck and learn about fire safety.

Daphne Mitchell, president and CEO of Workforce Solutions of Tampa Bay held an employability skills seminar Jan. 17, and on Monday at Tropicana Field, she handed out job handbooks that will help the unemployed find work. Julian Netter sees Workforce Solutions as a resource in his quest to find employment.

On Jan. 13, the Pinellas County Urban League conducted an Art for the Soul workshop at Painting with a Twist for youths ages 8-14 to help them explore their artistic abilities. They created their artist view of Dr. King’s dream, which also taught them to communicate their feelings and ideas through art.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Fresh off a financial literacy workshop conducted at Jordan Park Apartments, the Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. were at Tropicana Field giving out financial literacy information along with the Youth Development Foundation of Pinellas, Inc., who were distributing energy efficient light bulbs after a beautification project targeting elderly resident’s homes.

Harvest Is Ref Outreach gave out personal hygiene products and nonperishable food to the homeless population. Earlier that morning, the group conducted a workshop and brunch for both adults and children at the James B. Sanderlin Center centered on homelessness, abuse and low self-esteem.
some type of service every day throughout the year. “I want you to serve. Serve in the name of Dr. King; served in the name of opportunity, serve in the name of kindness, compassion and empathy.”

Deputy Mayor Dr. Kanika Tomalin played the role of mistress of ceremony. She was ecstatic to introduce Dr. A. Lois Keith, the national vice president and national co-chair of membership for the NCNW.

“This Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awards Breakfast is probably, I would be safe to say, the largest in the country at this time of day,” she said, adding that she could not wait to get back to Washington, D.C. and tell the national office what St. Pete is doing.

As we continue to re-member and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King for his commitment to equal- ity to justice to humanity and to social change, we are reminded that the struggle for genuine equality is both incom- plete and urgent.”

She urged the Metro- politan Section to keep up the work they are doing, and she challenged them to continue to be that “beacon of light to women and children by leaving no one behind.”

Keynote speaker Rev. Frederick, Douglas, Haynes, III, senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas is a prophetic pastor, passionate leader and social ac- tivist. His response to Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel’s 1968 remarks about America’s future de- pending on how the coun- try responds to Dr. King was one word: chaos. He said it is quite evi- dent that America has re- sponded and produced this present chaotic politi- cal climate: characterized by deep division not just economically but also racially.

“It has left us in the chaotic shadows in em- bolden racism, predatory patriarchy, unvarnished greed, military madness and ugly xenophobia.”

He went on to say that there is something almost hypocritically about celeb- rating the legacy of Dr. King who dreamed of a bet- ter America and yet every day we live with his night- mare.

“The nightmare did not end in the 60s. There is a nightmare that lingers, and it lingers in the present class that we find ourselves in, so be- fore you rush to “I have a dream,” make sure that we are aware of the night- mare of chaos we find our- selves in this present time,” he preached.

Rev. Haynes, III said chaos is manifested not only in the wealth gap and the racial divide, “the chaos is revealed in what we see going on in this country right now,” he said, asking everyone to pray for our federal work- ers who are being held hostage to a “political tem- por tantrum.”

The morning contin- ued with the awards pres- entation to community leaders who have made an extraordinary personal commit- ment to serve hu- manity. Also, this year, a $65K endowment from the Ralph W. Young Fam- ily Foundation made it possible to give out 13 Edu- cational Incentive Awards to deserving stu- dents.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award
Senator Darryl Rouson
Senator Javier富含
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award
Rev. Clarence Williams, Greater Mt. Zion AME
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Incentive Award
Lamara Brooksman
Leah Dudley
Lauryn Latimer
Lauren Lister
Siera Lowery
Antoina Mathis-Taylor
SawCya McClenney
Axavia Poole
Kailie Pricewater
Miles Richardson
Shereitha Ruth
Daniel Sanders
John White
Aniyah Willis
Brittany Bria Gordon Excellence in Achievement Award
Daniel Sanders
MLK Candlelight Vigil illuminates the spirit of peace and love

BY JOYCE JANETTE J ohnson

ST. PETERSBURG—It was an evening of thought-provoking poetry readings and electrifying musical performances at the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum Sunday, Jan. 20 at the annual MLK Candlelight Vigil.

The vigil is a way to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday was Jan. 15, 1929. He would have been 90 years old last year.

The program was opened by Dr. Robert W. Williams, whose baritone voice enthralled the room as he sang the Lord’s Prayer.

Daniel Sanders deftly set the stage with a presentation on the life of his cousin Jayla and her 18-year-old daughter, a visitor from Atlanta Joan Foster. She affirmed, “I want to pass on to my great-grandchildren, “We Shall Overcome.”

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Simeon Moore was the accomplished musician of the evening and provided musical interludes and accompanying music throughout the event.

Three local poets held court as their poems rang true with their truth, dignity and heritage. Paul Hendricks, CC Clark and Walter Wally R. Jennings. Their poems were around their necks like a collar or the message “I AM A Man.”

In Clark’s presentation of his two poems, “Why We Pray/not” and “Your Lor- ence is Deafening,” he examined the injustice of Freddie Gray’s murder and other black people slain by the police.

Jennings recited his original poems “What is Black” and “This is Fergus- son.” He said his poems were created because of a panel discussion he and members of the police department were on discussing the police presence in Tampa.

“They assumed that since this was the Tampa Bay area and not Fergus- son, we were immune to such situations,” Jennings stated. “The issues are prevalent in all African-American communities around the county.”

Hendricks shared two of his own works, “Redemption for Life” and “What Are We Made,” in which he questions how one person’s race or color is valued over another.

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The evening ended on a tribute to the fallen civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr., a slow and measured performance of Tyler Perry film, also graced the stage.

ACT is an organization that provides a educa- tion, empowerment and enrichment through arts education within the community. It seeks to inspire youth and women by giving middle and high school students the basis for creating their future.

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“MLK Day of Service is a way to make a positive impact on the community—the good, the bad and the different,” Head of School for The Waldorf School of St. Petersburg, Winnie Reese (president, City of St. Petersburg) said.

“With narration pro- duced by Senator Darryl P. Fenstermacher, the Martin Luther King Jr. and President Barack Obama film that was announced as well as leader- ship fables such as Eliminator and dell, a local arts and critical thinking initiatives.

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their students to participate and work with them on how to write an essay that stands out from all the rest.

Once the essays are reviewed, and finalists are chosen, they are invited to attend a training session where retired educator Joyce Thornton groomed them on style, presentation, tone of voice and even what to wear. The students also had to choose an unfamiliar topic, which helped push them out of their comfort zones.

Judges Arcilous Mincey, Hillsborough County School educator; Stasia Lambschneider, retired educator and Charley Williams, also a retired educator, had a very difficult task choosing a winner. Usually, members in the audience can surmise the winner, but not this year. All six finalists were on top of their games, had done their research and were passionate about the subject.

However, in the end, there can be only one, and this year 10th grader Stasia Meliana Green rose to the top. Theurray-old Pinellas County High School student brought her A game.

“I heard what we had to write about and I was like ‘OK, I really care about this topic,’” she said. “I put my heart and soul into this.”

As a theater major, Stasia was able to bring her essay to life with facial expressions, perfect intonation and hand gestures.

“I’m an actress, so I’ve been doing this since kindergarten,” she said. “What I usually do is practice in the mirror and practice in front of my mom and dad.”

Stasia plans to attend SCAD University in Savannah, Ga., and become a writer and actor. Judging by the applause last Thursday night, she is well on her way of realizing her dreams.

For her efforts, she was awarded the $200 grand prize, two tickets to attend Monday’s MLK Leadership Awards Breakfast and sit with members of Dr. King’s family and the chance to showcase her oratorical skills once more at the Interfaith Memorial Service held Sunday at Congregation B’nai Israel.

The first runner up, ninth-grade student Sanella Namsah, received $100; sixth grader Noial Randelli, second runner up, took home $75 and honorable mentions ninth graders Leo Smith, Anderson Bray and 10th grader Delilah Bowdon were each awarded $25.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by creative dancer Ra’Nyah Brinson, a student at Thurgood Marshall Middle School, and poetess Terrika Burton-Hobbs.

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**Rene Flowers**

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Sunday School ......................................................... 9:30 a.m
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study ................................ 7:00 p.m

CHURCH NEWS

Weekly Events:
Pastor’s Corn
by Rev. Donald W. Pollard
Spiritual Leader

Welcome, it is always our
practice to open our door to
those having a desire to wor-
ship with us in our hope that
you will continue to do so.
We are a body of Christ who
come to worship in spirit and
in truth. We are a family of
believers who strive to hear
the word, we need to be
wondering if the word is true
and if so, if this will be a leader
in their chosen field
and possess all of the
necessary gifts of leadership.

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