Gibbs 2019 Hall of Fame induction ceremony

BY HOLLY KESTENIS
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — For more than a quarter of a century, the Gibbs Gladiator Alumni Association has been celebrating the best athletes in Pinellas County. This year, 13 new athletes were inducted into the Gibbs High Hall of Fame.

The ninth annual Baby Talk Workshop held Feb. 28 was standing room only.

BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — More than 250,000 children enter the foster care system annually in the U.S., and according to the National Foster Youth Institute, 23,000 will age out of foster care nationally. This will result in 20 percent of these young people ending up homeless.

According to the most recent data, only 58 percent will complete high school, less than three percent will earn college degrees, and 25 percent will suffer from mental illness and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Enter Juanita Suber, executive director and co-founder of Golden Generations, Inc., which has developed the My Sistah’s Place to address some of those frightening statistics in Pinellas by offering “wraparound services” for a population in need.

“My Sistah’s Place is a pilot project through Golden Generations, Inc. We provide housing support, education and employment opportunities for young women who have transitioned out of foster care or who are transitioning out of foster care—as they leave care as early as age 18, often unprepared to be on their own,” explained Suber.

Suber’s program helps youth put the pieces in place to graduate from adulthood without a parent or the family setting. It can be hard, especially when they have no family to hold them up.

“There is a risk of homelessness and for them, there is also a need for services such as career coaching, counseling and short-term housing,” she said. “We offer support in building relationships, which is important for building success into adulthood.”

The social worker and 24-year-old advocate said the program evolved out of work tutoring and mentoring adolescent girls. They have been doing it over the years using intergenerational models.

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The Gibbs Gladiator Alumni Association inducted 13 new extraordinary athletes into the Gibbs High Hall of Fame Feb. 27.

Family Matters: Sharing joy and trading wisdom

BY JACOB JOHNSON
Staff Writer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of St. Petersburg (“City”) has available affordable housing programs for owner-occupied single-family households. The City and Community Development Department (“CDD”) offer several loan programs to homeowners for: 1) home repairs, and 2) first time home buyers for down payment and closing cost assistance. Applicants must be income eligible to qualify. For full program requirements go to the City’s Housing and Community Development Department (“CDD”) website at http://www.stpete.gov/housing/index.php to learn about the opportunities, contact HCD at (727) 893-7247 or visit our website at Housing@stpete.org.

AVISO GENERAL

La ciudad de San Pablo de los “Ciudadanos” tiene programas de vivienda accesible dirigidos a familias y a familiares de las víctimas de la esclavitud. Estos programas ofrecen cero por ciento (0%) préstamos de intereses a las preferencias por: 1) reparaciones en el hogar, y 2) compradores de vivienda por primera vez para el pago inicial y asistencia con el pago de la hipoteca. Para obtener los requisitos completos del programa, vaya al sitio web del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario (“CDD”) en el sitio web http://www.stpete.gov/housing/index.php para obtener más información.

Paso aprovechar estas oportunidades, comuníquese con HCD en (727) 893-7247 o para centro electrónico a Housing@stpete.org.

By JACQUELINE HUBBARD, ESQ
ADVERT, please

The 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was adopted on December 6, 1865. 

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, existing at the time of adoption of this Constitution shall be lawful, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The 13th Amendment abolishes slavery and involuntary servitude in the United States. It was introduced in the Congress in December 1864 and was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on December 18, 1865, and January 11, 1864. There was widespread public debate during this period on the subject of abolishing slavery in Congress. Massa- chusetts Senator Charles Sumner and Thaddeus Stevens, a New Hampshire Senator, pushed for the passage of the 13th Amendment. In fact, on Feb. 8, 1864, Sumner proposed the following language: “All persons are equal before the law, so that no person shall be deprived of any right as a slave.” This language passed.

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South St. Pete has a new option for healthcare

BY KARI DAVIS-WHITE

ST. PETERSBURG — Residents at St. Pete now have a new option when searching for a place that can meet their healthcare needs. Nurse Practitioners of Pinellas (NPP), LLC, recently opened for business, providing a variety of services and treatment for patients.

The new business, located at 4134 4th Ave. S, Suite B107, was the vision of Ronsha Brown, owner and senior nurse practitioner. She said the goal of NPP is to give patients information on how to prevent certain illnesses along with treating what ails them.

“We hope that all of our patients walk away having a better understanding of healthcare,” Brown said.

Patients can come in to see one of our nurse practitioners for a variety of health and wellness needs, including immunizations, primary health, women’s health exams, IV hydration andimbus laboratory services.

“We are a graduate of Florida A&M University and the University of South Florida, began her journey as a nurse and then moved right into the practice,” Brown said.

The staff also includes an office manager, registered medical assistant, and a dental assistant.

Ronsha Brown, owner and senior nurse practitioner, Nurse Practitioners of Pinellas

A nurse practitioner can provide a variety of services and can diagnose and treat acute, episodic and chronic illnesses independently or as a part of a healthcare team. They can order and interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and X-rays.

Brown and her staff hope to eventually expand the practice and offer franchising in the near future.

At NPP, patients can receive a free initial consultation and, upon return, will also be able to access their appointments, health records, lab tests and prescription refills online.

For more information on NPP or to schedule an appointment, visit www.nursepupina.com.
Distict 5 candidate Trenia L. Cox

After much soul-searching and urging of community leaders and friends, Trenia L. Cox filed campaign paperwork yesterday to run for the City of St. Petersburg Commission District 5. District 5 includes the neighborhoods of Laketown, Laketown Terrace, Pinellas Point and the downtown area.

Filing the day after the M.S.K. Day of Service, Cox said, “Today I do all that I could to do to help the homeless and hungry, there is room there to apply all the 18 years of experience to strengthen neighborhoods and our city’s downtowns.”

Cox pondered further that although the economy was consid- erably awesome here in St. Petersburg, but after 18 months core- lines have warranted na- tional and global recognition.

Socio-economic engines, the city’s neighbor- hoods as the city’s down- town. Cox feels that St. Pe- tersburg is a destination lo- cation for art and murals that are un- prece- dented and diverse.

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The St. Petersburg Branch NAACP is respect- fully and respectfully write- ing Mayor Kriseman and Mr. Love and Kriseman: Push the reset button

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Watoto Children’s Choir recharges Bethel Metropolitan

BY ALLEN A. BUCHAR

ST. PETERSBURG — The Watoto Children’s Choir of Uganda spiritually electrified an audience of more than 100 people at Bethel Metropolitan Mis- sonary Baptist Church last month. Their strong, youthful voices could be heard a half block away as they sang songs of praise from their latest album “We Will Go.”

More than 15 years ago, Ugandan villages and cities were being torn apart by gangs and genocidal warfare, and many of the children were left orphaned by the AIDS epidemic.

At the same time, the Kampala Pentecostal Church changed its name to Watoto Church to reflect its humanitarian mission to rescue tens of thousands of abandoned, abused and starving children in Uganda, Africa.

The church raised enough donations to begin building “safe areas housing” known as Watoto vil- lages. Watoto means “the children” in Swahili. At each of these villages, youth made up the majority of the population.

The African youth started attending the newly re-branded Watoto Church because they found it to be a haven amid turbulent times. According to drum- mer and group leader Edwin Smith Kigozi, the first youth choir was formed in 1994.

Since that time, a total of 26 Watoto choirs have traveled to 120 coun- tries around the world, said Kigozi, adding that the ministry has helped thou- sands of children and hopes to help thousands more.

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The neighborhood home consists of one house that women who take care of up to eight children. How- ever, the neighborhood can include 30 or more homes plus a church.

Children raised in differ- ent areas around the world. This particular choir is winding down a six-month tour around the United States. If you are interested in helping shape the paths of brilliant hearts and minds, you can contact Watoto USA at (930) 898-6413, and process. You can also email them at UG@WATOOTO.COM.

You can see the Watoto Children’s Choir in Tampa at the Ebell United at the Springs, 2005 N. 15th St. at 10 a.m. To reach Allen Buchanan, email abuchanan@theweekly- challenger.com.
Debbie Allen teaching a group of youngsters at her dance academy. She has been a formidable dance educator and choreographer through her wide range of skills and techniques, including classical ballet, tap, jazz, modern dance, and hip-hop. She has also been a strong advocate for educational opportunities for young people. She has received numerous awards, including two Tony Awards, an Emmy Award, a Golden Globe Award, and a Grammy Award. She has been named a Kennedy Center Honoree. She is a powerful voice and a champion in the arts, and she continues to inspire and mentor young people through her dance academy and her work with the Emerging Free Foundation.
**Expert in Life-Changing Care**

By LaShante Keys, Empath Health Community Outreach Specialist

The theme of this year’s Baby Talk workshop focused on “Family Matters,” and there were many participants willing to offer it. Keys stressed that not all family cultures are others that don’t have intact or a good family, and those willing to offer it.

Keys wanted workshop attendees if they become a stable.

Or, “Adopting what you can do to make sure the safety in your care,” Keys stressed.

Story after story put the mask on the faces of strangers, gave good advice to each other.

“Thankful to myself and my friends to understand what people were getting,” Keys said, “to watch a half-decent and be an advocate for your family. This is how to use our care. ‘They weren’t having rules, they weren’t being disrespectful. It was out of context.’

Keys posed questions to the collective group encouraging them to share their stories on how they’ve learned from your child and family culture. Participants remained seated with their ‘Family Matters’ family, and the conversation was continu-
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First May we ever enter our

in their summer program:

 Montana's 'Hymns From the

Mountain Valley' will perform

April 11, 2019 5:00 p.m. with

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For additional information on the events, please contact the follow-

by Pastor Willie McClenin and

the congregation of Shiloh M.B. Church of the Kingdom of God

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teaching the saved to serve by demonstrating the Love of Christ.

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3300 31st Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Monday Worship .................................. 10:30 a.m.

Senior Hour of Power

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Schedule of Services

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

SUNDAY SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Tuesday (First Tuesday Only)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (First Sunday Only)

Sunday School 9:15 a.m. / Devotion 10:15 a.m. / Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Saxons of Prayer 12:00 noon

Tuesday Bible Study - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsals - Thursday 7:30 p.m.

One Mission: Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is a family of believers or Church in the process, prayers for the answer and teaching the sacred to verify the liveness of the Christ.

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THE WEEKLY CHALLENGER, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019 9

CHURCH DIRECTORY

St. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Church School:....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship:..10:45 a.m.

Baptismal Presentation:........11:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Church School:....9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship Service/Activity

church) at 12:00 noon and

(8am service is available by calling: (727) 927-0215)

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While at Aristotle University, Drayton continued to participate in many activities. He was a member of the Senior Class Christian Club. During his tenure at Aristotle University, he held several positions in various clubs and organizations. After leaving the University, he became an assistant coach at Aristotle State University in Tepe, Ariz.

Larry Oliver

Larry Oliver, 1968

In 1968, Larry Oliver, a native of St. Petersburg, Florida, was named third team All-State in football. While attending Gibbs High School, Oliver excelled in football and basketball. After graduation, he attended the University of Miami, where he was a three-time selection to the All-American team. During his college career, Oliver played on the defensive line and served as a captain for the Miami Hurricanes. He was credited with 15 sacks and 26 tackles during his senior season.

Ishac Machon

Ishac Machon, 1971

Considered a late bloomer, Ishac Machon was a key player for the varsity football team. Despite his limited experience, Machon earned a starting position on the team. He was a valuable member of the varsity team and contributed significantly to their success. Machon's determination and hard work earned him recognition as a valuable player for the team.

Patricia Patterson

Patricia Patterson received her varsity letter in basketball after she was featured on the local sports page. She was a consistent performer for the school and was known for her ability to make clutch shots. Patterson's dedication to the sport was evident in her workouts and practice sessions. She was a valuable member of the team and played a crucial role in their success.

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Rufus Lewis, Yvonne Odell, Hildegard and Alvin and Minnie and Rubin Smith

Alphonso Campbell accepting for his late husband "Skip" Campbell

Upon graduation, he attended Tallahassee-Cookman College where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and went on to graduate school from cooking college. Lester was a student at Tallahassee Community College and graduated with a degree in business. During college, he worked as a manager at the Pepsi Cola plant. After graduating from Tallahassee Community College, he was employed by the Coca-Cola Company and worked as a sales representative for Pepsi-Coke. He was also a member of the Tallahassee Police Protective Association and served on the board of directors for the Tallahassee Community Foundation.

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Leroy Shealey

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