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Synopsis of Convention 2011

Theme: "Educate For The Future"

By: Miyesha Cheeks and Charles Johnson



Is Convention time nearing already? It certainly is! Spartans around the world should be gearing up for Convention 2011! Many Spartans should have already pre-registered for convention, but if you haven't done so by now please visit www.bwharrisalumniusa.org.

Spartans should be looking for their outfits and securing lodging for the weekend. This year's convention promises excitement and a renewed vigor to run this association. As we bid adieu to the wonderful, charismatic, transformative leadership of KC Handel Diggs; Rhode Island has the honor of ushering in those who will lead the association for the next two years. Anticipate having a great and festive time with us.

On Friday July 1st, come dressed in your best blue and white "duds." On Saturday July 2nd, prepare for the association's general meeting and the most controversial election to date.

Expect to be fed an array of tasty delights with the highlights being "bitter leaf, cane juice and palm wine."

Expect to end the weekend on Sunday July 3rd attending church service, watching a competitive game of basketball between the following teams: St. Patrick's, Ricks Institute, Lonestar and B.W. Harris led by Leo Eastman, and closing the night at the "ALL WHITE AFFAIR" farewell party. Let's make this a weekend to remember and the

convention amongst conventions.

Three Alumni Purchase Jerseys For BWHES Girls' Basketball Team

By: Staff Writer



In response to an SOS message from the B. W. Harris School Sports department for jerseys for the girls' basketball team, three alumni have combined to purchase a new set of jerseys. The three alumni are Sara Laurine Horton (\$300), Muriel Wayne (\$50), and Darren Wilkins (\$70). The jerseys, which were shipped from Gainesville, Georgia, will be delivered to the school and officially presented in a few weeks.

ALUMNI PROFILE Comfort Kenneh

By: Getahn Ward



Mrs. Comfort Kenneh
Featured Spartan

As the daughter of first grade teacher Caroline Cole, who was well known as a disciplinarian, Comfort Cole-Kenneh had little choice but to try

to be a model student during her days at B.W. Harris High School.

Her mother's dedication to the school apparently rubbed off on Cole-Kenneh, who after 17 years of serving the alumni association in various roles plans to run for national chairwoman during this year's convention.

"She always said to us that without a good education life would be difficult and that no one can take away what you know," Cole-Kenneh said of her mother who died a year ago. "As I started working for B.W. Harris, I did it to give back to the students and to the school because I believe in a sound education — that it will actually change their lives and I want them to have the same quality of education that we had."

Cole-Kenneh is into her second term as Midwest chapter president. She also had held national offices such as first vice chairman, financial secretary and treasurer before scaling back her commitments to focus on caring for her ailing mother. "That's why I decided to run now," Cole-Kenneh said. "I have the time I need to dedicate myself to B.W. Harris."

Her mother's discipline, but quiet nature, and commitment to values such as doing the right thing are among Cole-Kenneh's memories from growing up in a close-knit home where education was considered No. 1.

And whether at school or at home, the veteran educator was always teaching lessons on life and about the importance of following the rules.

Although generally well behaved, Cole-Kenneh at times ran afoul of those rules — and faced the consequences. Once, teacher Cole slapped her daughter in public after learning she was suspended for joining her classmates in failing to bring their literature books to class. "That was a lesson to me in that she was saying that you have

to respect authority," said Cole-Kenneh, whose excuse was that the textbook was too heavy.

In many ways, teacher Cole epitomized the Spartan spirit. While at B.W. Harris, she also had taught at public schools and declined a chance to become a principal because of her dedication to B.W. Harris School.

Cole-Kenneh started attending B.W. Harris in kindergarten. After passing her mother's first grade class, she kept coming back to that class, so she was sent to Hilton-van Ee School through the sixth grade before returning to B.W. Harris where earned her high school diploma in 1976.

Cole-Kenneh said former principal Father E.G.W. King also had a big influence on her in high school. "Whether your parents were rich, poor or middle class or where you lived, it didn't matter to him," she recalled. "As long as we came through the walls of B.W. Harris, we were all one."

That created togetherness among students at football and basketball games that's part of Cole-Kenneh's fondest memories of school days past.

Upon completing B.W. Harris, Cole-Kenneh returned to the United States where she had spent her senior year of high school as an exchange student in Blythe, Calif. "When I first came to this country, I was amazed how much freedom the kids had," she said, citing drugs and fights among the behaviors that shocked her. "Coming from the discipline I came from, it actually helped me and kept me focused on the reason that I was here."

Cole-Kenneh earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from California State University, San Bernardino, worked for a while and returned to Liberia after the death of her father in 1983. She worked for an insurance company back home until the outbreak of civil war brought her back to the United States in 1990. Today, she works as an employment services supervisor with the Franklin County Department of Jobs and

Family Services in Ohio, assisting families with needs and providing training on policies and procedures in state and federal government regulations.

In coming months, Cole-Kenneh plans to roll out her vision for the association. “What I bring to the table is experience and passion — I’m passionate about what I do,” she said. “One thing I’ll like to see happen within the organization is an increased ability to bring people together.”

She also wants to work with school administrators and the Episcopal diocese to better measure results of the association’s investments in the school.

Under Cole-Kenneh’s leadership, a revitalized Midwest chapter was host to the successful 2007 national convention. It also has undertaken projects such as sending a set of encyclopedias for the school’s library.

The chapter, which covers Ohio and Michigan, has 40 members and more of them are active. An annual spaghetti dinner held in partnership with a Baptist church in Detroit is among established chapter events.

“I keep talking to the members about us meeting our obligations to the national and to our school,” Cole-Kenneh said. “That’s my pet peeve.”

Yvonne Hansford, the chapter’s treasurer and also national financial secretary, said Cole-Kenneh is known as a mother to all of her members.

“She gives sound, nonjudgmental advice and is very caring and loving,” Hansford added. “She gets along well with anyone and loves to party.”

Hansford recalls Cole-Kenneh yelling “Midwest” one night while she was asleep while attending an association weekend board meeting in New York in 2008. “I thought this interesting and strange, but I guess she had a taunting problem on her mind

about the chapter she was trying to solve,” Hansford recalled.

Cole-Kenneh raised this possibility: “They always tease me that I live and die B.W. Harris — I guess I was dreaming B.W. Harris,” she said.

Hansford credits Cole-Kenneh’s grooming by her mother at an early age to become a Spartan for her dedication. “When there’s something on her mind about B W Harris, it haunts her until she gets it solved,” said Hansford. “She looks beyond the past to seek the future; in other words she can build a bridge that most people would think impossible to do.”

COMMENTARY

The Spartan Reunion *The 19th Annual Convention of The B. W. Harris Alumni Association, USA*

**By: M. Daniel Nelson, Jr.
Student Council President, 79**

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

-Henry Ford

To the ordinary observer the 2011 Convention is the usual reunion of students, friends and family of the B.W. Harris Episcopal High School. But don’t be fooled by the familiarity of events taking place, this year’s meeting is no ordinary gathering.

Against the sunny landscape and boat lined-shores of the historic State of Rhode Island, the smallest state in the United States with only 1,214 square feet, about 35 times smaller than the home country of the school, the 19th Annual Convention will be hosted July 1st to the 3rd. This year’s Reunion is generating more excitement than have been seen in more than a decade. For one thing more people are expected to attend than ever

before. There's a heightened sense of expectation, of magic in the air— an excitement born of nostalgia and yet for present and future things to come for the organization and the people involved, both at home and in the states. Maybe it's the idea of the highlights of the convention that's all the buzz: re-connecting with fellow alumni, capital campaign competition among the classes and chapters, the introduction of Hall of Famers (\$500 donors), Gold Club members (\$800 donors), the chairman's Medal of Honor—the highest award for service, and the biggest surprise to be unfolded at the Grand Ball on Saturday night. As if this wasn't enough excitement, there will also be the election for the next chairman, well in this case, chairwoman. For the first time, both contenders could be females — both of whom are evenly matched, passionate about, and dedicated to, the school. Mrs. Comfort Kenneh and Ms. Gudrun Harris from the Midwest and Tri-State chapters, respectively, will be front-and-center at the convention and the atmosphere will be electric! This is one convention that is bringing some of the oldest and most inactive members out of seclusion and doldrums and into the spotlight. To paraphrase Mohammed Ali, when you come to this convention you need not block exits or doors because no one will be leaving.

Who would have thought that in just 19 years the organization would have grown from its humble beginnings to achievements not imagined back then: first major renovation of the school in Liberia to the sum of \$23,000.00. This is no more small change either, considering most schools in the country are struggling to even seat their students. Among other projects are Smart Technology project (smartboard Project, teachers' boot camp, students' technology boot camp, computer lab, and teachers' training) to tie it all together. In fact, Darren Wilkins, developer of Mighty Spartan online newsletter, an alumnus and 2nd vice chairman of the organization, traveled to Liberia to install new technology, and train students and teachers on how to use them. In fact, it can be safely said that the school is more high-tech than some schools in the United States.

Thanks to the dedication and efforts of the members and supporters of the alumni association in the United States.

What creates such devotion? Who are these people, whence their passion, dedication and love? It is hard to believe, but the entire membership body seems to exude these attributes. From the very first graduate to the latest, they all have the "Spirit of Spartan", that spirit that connects teachers, faculty and students in an endless loop of love and camaraderie. Of these people, H. Budu Shannon, a graduate of the class of '75, former student council president and past chairman of the organization, is considered a "Spartan Daddy", granddaddy of the body, so to speak. No one casts a larger shadow on the alumni association than Budu. Speaking to him in preparation for this article, I got the impression immediately that Mr. Shannon holds the organization and the school very close to his heart. He talked about the early years, the various folks who have made major contributions to get the school moving forward. He spoke about the "wind of change" that has shaped the school and taken years to arrive to this day. But of all the early folks, the "big three", as he put it, were the ones who left their mark on the school, and hence, the organization: Mr. Emmanuel Johnson, Mr. E. G. W. King, or Father King, and Mr. J. Wah-Doe Bedell, all of whom were principals of the school at one point in time.

We also had the opportunity to speak to the current chairman, Handel K. C. Diggs, or "K.C." for short. Some would argue that under Mr. Diggs' tenure, the organization has moved into a whole new era. K.C. revealed that a more solid structure for the organization has been put in place, along with a standard operating procedure, a "roadmap", providing for a smooth and easy transition from one administration to the next. This also allows for better accountability. And now the association, through the convention, has moved from a social-oriented body to a more project-oriented one. Projects like the aforementioned ones are the result of such procedures. The organization has but one main goal: making the B. W. Harris

Episcopal High School the premier educational institution in Liberia. This year's theme: "Educate for The Future". *Dynamic!* KC steps out of office this July and replacing him could be one of the ladies discussed above. His will be a tough act to follow.

Keeping everyone, in touch and connected to people and events surrounding the school is the Mighty Spartan Newsletter, an online newsletter like no other amongst alumni associations in the states run by volunteers of former students, of course. And keeping this journalistic marvel running smoothly is the capable trio team of Dr. Rowena Y. Kelley, Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Getahn Ward, head of the Public Relations Committee, and Mr. Darren Wilkins, website developer, along with other staff members. The newsletter is the artery through which information and announcements flow to and from the association members. Without it, news will travel by word of mouth.

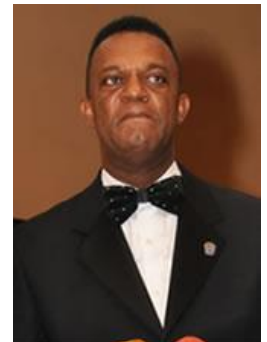
Represented at the convention this year will be the eight active chapters that make up the organization:, Metro-DC, Midwest, Georgia, Minnesota, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Tri-State and the newest chapter PennDel (Pennsylvania and Delaware).

Forget about the Democratic and Republican conventions in the United States. Forget about the NBA finals, the Super Bowl, or the National Baptist Convention. The B. W. Harris Alumni Convention overshadows them all! This is the main event, the place to be and occasion to cherish for a lifetime. The people attending these conventions display feelings of such positive intensity that one can't help but get caught up in the spirit -- the Spartan Spirit. Nothing on Broadway or Mardi Gras can prepare you for the joy and festivities that go on for one weekend. If you have not attended one of these events, don't miss this one. Come and experience what love, dedication, focus, devotion and faith can do. The Spartans are on the move! The Mighty Spartans says all are invited to participate. The school's ode sums it all up:

Smart Technology Project SMARTTECH 2011

By: Staff Writer

In an effort to modernize its alma mater, B. W. Harris Alumni Association Inc. USA, recently took on yet another pioneering initiative by implementing its 2010 project known as, "SmartTech III." SmartTech, which is the abbreviation for the Smart Technology Program, is a five-year technology program funded by B. W. Harris Alumni Association- USA (BWHAA-USA) that aims to transform the school from a traditional learning environment to a 21st century learning environment.



Mr. Handel K. C. Diggs
National Chairman

The 2010 project (SMARTTECH III) included the installation of a Smart board 600 Series interactive whiteboard with hand recognition features from Smart Technologies Inc., seven pull-down screens installed in the school's, auditorium, media center, science laboratory and four classrooms. The project also introduced the "one-computer mobile classroom" which is a mobile heavy duty cart housing a computer and an LCD projector. Also installed in the computer lab during the project was a new ceiling-mounted LCD projector connected to the smart board and the teacher's presentation podium.

The installation of the equipment was followed by a professional development boot camp for teachers and a technology boot camp for students. The boot camp for teachers held under the theme, "Enhancing Education Through Technology" or "E2T2" was designed to provide training for teachers in 21st century instruction as well as the

integration of technology in the classroom. Held from January 10-14, 2011 at the B. W. Harris School on Broad Street, the Teachers' Boot Camp featured several facilitators from the United States and Liberia. Facilitators from the United States included Mr. Desmond Diggs, a graduate of Morehouse College in Georgia who discussed distance learning and its prospects in Liberia, and Ms. Miyesha Cheeks, a family nurse Practitioner and a graduate of both Georgia State and Pace universities. Presenters from the University Of Liberia Teachers ' College included Mr. Mulbah Forkpa, who lectured on Lesson Planning and Assessment, and Mr. Joseph Younn, who presented an exciting class on classroom management. A demonstration of the smartboard and other technologies was done by Darren Wilkins, the association's 2nd vice national Chairman and Shadrach Wolo, the school's technology department head.

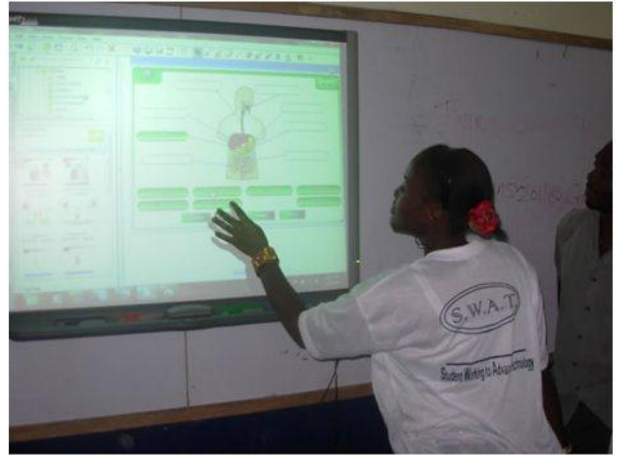
Over 25 faculty and staff from B.W. Harris School and Ricks Institute participated in the boot camp. According to the BWHAA-USA's national chairman Handel K.C. Diggs, "it is a good idea for schools to interact and collaborate to ensure best educational practices are utilized in their respective schools since we are all working towards bringing 21st Century education to our students." The Teachers Boot Camp ended with the presentation of certificates by BWHAA-USA's former national chairman, Mr. H. Kwaku Addy. Speaking at the closing ceremony, Mr. Addy thanked the participants and facilitators of the program and encouraged the teachers to continue to develop their skills so as to be equipped with knowledge that will enable them to produce quality education for Liberian students.



H. Kwaku Addy
Former National Chair
BWHAA-USA

A week after the Teachers' Boot Camp, a two-day technology boot camp was held for a group of B. W. Harris School students known as Students Working to Advance Technology

(SWAT). This was the second time a students' technology boot camp was held at the school in Liberia; the first SWAT boot camp was held in 2008.

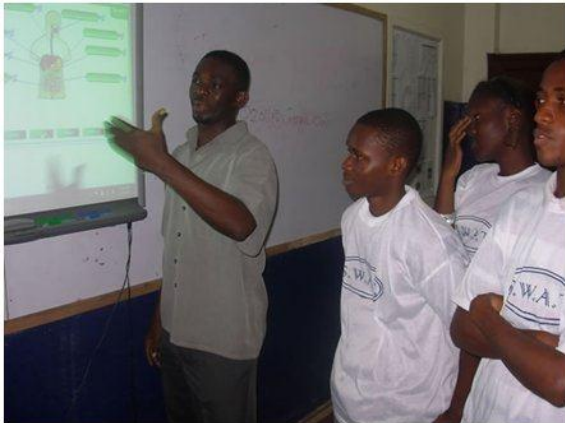


SWAT member Mabana Konneh demonstrates the interactive features of the Smartboard

At the students' technology boot camp, several exciting things happened. The students, in addition to receiving certificates of participation, explored new activities and technologies which they are expected to advance and promote at the school. Below is a list of activities and technologies explored during the boot camp:

- Introduction to AUDIOBOOKS using President Barack Obama's audiobook, "Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance."
- Introduction to WordPress using technology (blogging) to express themselves in the written word.
- Leveraging Facebook to enhance education
- Introduction to the smart board, the smart board software (Smart Notebook) and how they can be used for interactive and collaborative learning.
- Using the smart board to create a global repository of academic work.

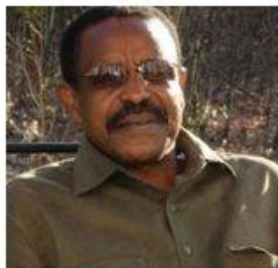
- Building and maintaining computers



Wilkins explaining hand recognition features of the Smartboard to students of B. W. Harris SWAT Team

The Smart Technology Program is in its third year and since its beginning the school has made great strides in achieving its goals. Some of the strides made include being certified as a vocational institution by the Ministry of Education, and the integration of technology education in the school's curriculum. Currently, technology education is being offered to students from the 7th through 12th grades. Courses being offered include typing, computer literacy and computer applications. An "After School Program" is expected to begin at a later date to offer vocational and advanced information technology classes. "By the beginning of academic year 2013, we expect full technology integration at the school," says Jimmy Neal, the association's special representative to the school's board of trustees.

The B. W. Harris School Smart Technology Program which began in 2008, is one of several contributions made to the school by its alumni association in the USA. Other contributions made by the BWHAA-USA include a \$17,000 teachers' salary supplement, a principal's salary supplement, and over 20 scholarships for needy students.



Jimmy Neal
BWHAA-USA
Board Representative- Liberia

B. W. Harris Alumni Association, USA is a non-profit organization which generates revenue through contributions made by its members and generous donations of other stakeholders. The association has an aggressive capital campaign committee headed by Cllr. Mohamedu F. Jones. The committee uses its "Spartans Giving" initiative to generate funds for the Association. Some of the "Spartans Giving" initiatives include: the \$2,000 Lifetime Membership, \$800-Gold Club membership, \$500-Hall of Fame membership, \$200 contribution to the Wall of Recognition, \$150 contribution to the Wall of Memory, and \$100 contribution to Spartan Pride.

Harris and Kenneh Aim For National Chair Position

By: Getahn Ward

Gudrun Harris wasted no time in declaring her intentions with run for national chairwoman of the B.W. Harris School Alumni Association Inc.-USA.



Ms. Gudrun Harris

First came the YouTube video sent to members via an e-mail blast. Then, an ad spot on TLCAfrica.com that included a link to her campaign Web site at: <http://votegudrunharrisbwharrischair2011.com/>.

At convention in Providence, R.I. in July, Spartans will elect a new corps of officers. First vice chairman for programs, second vice chairman for

membership and public relations, executive secretary, treasurer, financial secretary and chaplain are among other positions up for grabs.

Nominations are due by April 2nd. The nominating committee will publish the official roster of nominated candidates no later than May 2nd.

In addition to Harris, Midwest Chapter President Comfort Cole-Kenneh declared her intention to run for national chairwoman through an electronic flyer sent to members by e-mail and also posted on Facebook.



Mrs. Comfort Kenneh

Harris, a 1980 graduate, is serving her second term as president of the Tri-State chapter, one of the association's most active. "I have a vision to make B.W. Harris once again the shining school on the hill — to make it a difference and a distinction to be a student at B.W. Harris, transforming it into a 21st Century educational academy," she said in the announcement of her candidacy. "Working together, we can transform B.W. Harris."

Between now and elections, Harris promised to put together a slate of candidates, lay out her platform, provide opportunities for members to offer feedback and share ideas and offer evidence that demonstrates her experience. "My platform will consist of clear objectives and an action plan," she said.

Tri-State member David Moore, a Harris supporter and senior board member of the

association, credits her for his involvement in the chapter since 2008. "She has a great talent for reaching out to others, bringing them in, and maintaining their interest and support," he said.

He also referred to Harris as someone that leads by example and that is willing to roll up her sleeves and do whatever needs to get done and considers the opinion of everyone in her decisions.

Moore lists among Harris' achievements pre-registering the most Spartans for any convention, including members from outside her chapter and encouraging others to become active in their chapters. "She recognizes that increased registration means more revenue and more Spartans participation in the Association, which benefits all of us," Moore said.

Finally, he said Harris is also gifted in planning and executing fundraising programs. "Our George D. Browne program is now a model for chapters to follow," he said, citing the Emmanuel Johnson program the Metro chapter launched last year. "All that I can tell you is the name Gudrun Harris means experience, visionary, proven productive leadership, accomplished and trusted leadership," Moore said. "She embodies Spartan Pride."

Elections 2011

By: Darren Wilkins

BW Harris Episcopal School Alumni Association Inc.- USA Elections 2011 Nomination Rules and Regulations FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINATING PROCESS have been placed on the website. Please go to: www.BWHarrisAlumnUSA.Org and click on frequently asked questions.

Scholarship Committee Gives Scholarship to 2010 Graduate

By: Darren Wilkins



Mrs. Comfort Kenneh

The Scholarship committee of the B. W. Harris Alumni Association under the chairmanship of Mrs. Comfort Kenneh has awarded a four-year post-secondary scholarship to an alumnus of the association. The scholarship, which is a full academic scholarship at the Cuttington University College in Bong County, Liberia, was awarded to alumnus Joseph B. Johnson. Johnson, a 2010 graduate of B. W. Harris School had previously written the association in search of a scholarship to pursue higher education.

According to Mrs. Kenneh, the scholarship is a “one-time pilot project based on the exigency of need.” Funding for the scholarship does not come from the association’s coffers but rather, a \$1,000 donation made from alumnae Sophia Cole-Konuwa, sister of Mrs. Kenneh, as well as the commitment of a class within the association.

Meanwhile, Chairman Kenneh, who is also president of the Midwest Chapter, urged Spartan Johnson to take advantage of the scholarship and work hard to prepare for a better future.

Echoes From Sparta Presented by: Darren Wilkins

B. W. Harris School gets a new interim principal. Rev. Dr. Herman Brown takes over as Pro Curator from Mr. Anthony Deline, who remains a member on the board of trustees. Dr. Brown is also Dean of the Trinity Cathedral, and son of the late Bishop George D. Brown.



Rev. Dr. Herman Brown

Meanwhile, the board of trustees of B. W. Harris School is currently interviewing candidates for the positions of principal and vice principal for administration respectively. According to Spartan Jimmy Neal, who is the association’s special representative to the board of trustees, several applications have been received by the board of trustees for the above-mentioned positions. He explained the process of selecting a principal is very tedious as each candidate has to be properly vetted.

News From Chapters

GEORGIA

New Leaders Elected- Just after hosting Convention 2010, the Georgia Chapter has elected

a new corps of officers. Those elected included: Jerome Cole, president; Vah Kelly, vice president; Jared Brandy, chaplain, Rosalita Kennedy, secretary; and Ora Scott, treasurer. Also elected as board members were: Antoinette Barrolle and Wilhelmina Wilson. Georgia plans to have its installation program on March 26, 2011.

METRO

DC Metro could not provide any information prior to the publication of this edition of the Mighty Sparta.

MIDWEST

MIDWEST Chapter could not provide any information prior to the publication of this edition of the Mighty Sparta. However, the chapter plans to have a candy sale on April 16, 2011.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Chapter plans to have its Mothers & Father's Day celebrations, as well as its recognition program between the months of April and June of this year.

NORTH CAROLINA

BWHAA-NC Chapter Re-established, Installs Officers

By: Gudrun Harris

On October 2, 2011 elections were held and Ms. Wanda Jones was elected president along with a corps of officers. On January 29, 2011, a few months later, installation of the elected officers was held in Cary, North Carolina. Those installed were: Wanda Jones, president, Georgina Roy-Aikins Briggs, vice president, Lydia Elliott, secretary, Henrietta Thomas, treasurer, and Irma Neal, chaplain. Two members of the chapter were also installed as board members. They include: Stephen Neal and Letia Assaf-Bates.



Newly installed president Wanda Jones

In her installation address, the newly installed president of the chapter Ms. Wanda Jones said that her primary objective was to increase membership. She stated growth in member results in increased funding and support for our alma mater. She assured association's national chairman, Handel K. C. Diggs, who was also present, that North Carolina would be meeting its 2011 convention assessment obligation.



Mrs. Bendu Cooper-Sherman

Also during the ceremony, the installing officer, Mrs. Bendu Cooper-Sherman, spoke on the theme, "Perseverance", which she did not realize, is part of our B. W. Harris School's motto. Mrs. Cooper then encouraged the members to give back.



Handel K.C. Diggs, National Chairman

For his part, Chairman Diggs spoke about some of the major projects that the association has recently embarked on. He referenced projects such as the renovation of the school, the Smart Tech project (Smartboard, teacher training, students' bootcamp), scholarships, and the teachers' salary supplement. He also challenged the chapter to meet its convention obligation and be actively involved in the capital campaign. Chairman Diggs also acknowledged some members of the capital campaign's Gold Club who were present.

PENNDEL

The PennDel Chapter (Pennsylvania and Delaware) of BWHAA-USA Installs Officers

By: Gudrun Harris



PennDel's members being sworn in

On February 12th, 2011 the officers of the newly established PennDel (Pennsylvania and Delaware)

chapter were installed by our former Principal Mr. J. Wah-Doe Bedell Sr. Speaking on the theme, "Consistency and Teamwork", Mr. Bedell cautioned the officers not to leave the responsibilities of the chapter to the members, and also that members should not leave the responsibilities to the officers. He concluded by informing the audience that working as a team will certainly strengthen the chapter.

Officers installed

Alfred Major – president

Everlinah Dixon-Cole – 1st vice president

Thelma Collins – 2nd vice president

Thomas Grant - Treasurer

Financial Secretary – Loffa Konig – Cooper

Secretary – Edith Grant

Chaplain – Juliana Boyd

Varney Coleman – Board Member

Charles Coleman – Board member



National Chair, Handel K. C. Diggs speaks

The national chairman, Mr. Handel K. C. Diggs, who was the keynote speaker, spoke about where BW Harris is today and the challenges the new chairman should expect. He stated that each leader must strive to outdo past leaders, so that we always have leaders who continue to set the bar higher. He challenged the new chapter to be the number one chapter in the association by having the highest number in registered members. He also spoke about accomplishments of his administration, and how important it is for us to

“Give Back” to our alma mater. Chairman Diggs provided information about the levels of the “Spartan Giving”, and pointed out that 30 members of the association have contributed \$500.00 each.



PennDel Chapter’s president Alfred Major

In his inaugural address, the newly installed president of the PennDel chapter, Mr. Alfred Major, said that the purpose of being in the association is all “about B.W. Harris School and not you, me or I.” He challenged members do it for someone else not for themselves. Major concluded by reminding Spartans that the students back home looked up to them more than anything else.

RHODE ISLAND

Charles Johnson takes over Rhode Island Chapter again- As the chapter prepares for Convention 2011, Mr. John Gabbidon, who replaced Charles Johnson, has stepped down from the position because of personal reasons. As a result of this decision, Mr. Charles Johnson was asked to “reassume” the position of president of the chapter.

TRISTATE

Tristate Chapter is expected to have its annual Bishop George D. Brown Achievement and Honoring Awards Program in Staten Island, New York on April 30, 2011. This program is the chapter’s central and most successful fundraiser. The chapter is encouraging members of the

association, family, friends and the community in general, to come out and support this unique event. Tristate is also urging everyone to purchase raffle tickets and enter the raffle draw to win prizes such as a flat screen TV. The exact venue and time are listed below.

Venue: 59 Wright Street, Staten Island, NY.

Time: 8:30 PM -2:00 AM

Tickets: \$35 each

B. W. HARRIS SCHOOL’S ODE

Progredimur B.W. Harris School
Forward, Forward March We Go
To Victory B.W. Harris School
Thy Praise We Sing Forever More

Let Us Shout
Let Us Sing
Let Our Cheer---full Voices Ring
Sweet Music Swells, The Chorus In The Air
Trailing The Whole Creation Fair

Refrain

B.W.--- B.W.
Harris School---- Harris School
Our Cheerful Hearts Unto Thee We Raise
B.W.---B.W.
Harris School----Harris School
O May Thou Name For...ever Reign

Praises To God B.W. Harris School
Praises To Him O King Of Love
Thanks Be To Thee For B.W. Harris School
Sing praises To Our God Above

Sing O Sing---Sing O Sing
Unto Our King-----Unto Our King
Let Our Cheer...full Voices Ring
Until At Last We Meet Him In The Sky,
To Win The Everlasting Prize

B. W. Harris Alumni Association, Inc. USA

4th Quarter Financial Report

Income

Bank Balance 09/30/2010

Checking Account	18,006.85
Scholarship Account	433.85
Savings/Money Market	386.30

Combined Accounts Total: 18,827.00

Convention 2010	660.00
2011 Pre-Registration Payments	1,267.00
PayPal Pre-Registration 2011	1,502.00
E G W King Scholarship Contribution	1,275.00
Metro Chapter Contribution-SmartTech	330.00
Tri-State Chapter Contribution-SmartTech	600.00
Repayment-Returned Checks & Fees	450.00

Total Other Income: 6,084.00

Less Transfers & Fees:

Bank Maintenance fees	84.00
Wire Transfer Fees	45.00

Total Fees: 129.00

Total Income: 24,782.00

EXPENSES:

Teacher Caroline Cole Salary Project	4,250.00
Project Spartan Pride	100.00
Honorarium Oct Board Meeting-RI	1,600.00
Printing	74.33
TLC Africa Advertising	160.50
SmartTech Project---Upgrade	1,055.00
SmartTech Project---Touch Boards	1,140.00
Reimbursement-Yvonne Hansford	120.26

Total Expenses: 2,550.09

Net Balance 12/31/10 22,231.91



“Educate for the Future”

HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, JULY 1st

Board Meeting

Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux & West LLC
12 PM – 3 PM

Registration

Davey Lopes Complex
11:30 AM – 4 PM

Welcome Party
Admission: \$15

Davey Lopes Complex
8 PM – 3 AM

SATURDAY, JULY 2nd

General Meeting
2011 Debate/ Elections

Davey Lopes Complex
10 AM – 3 PM

Chairman’s Renaissance Ball

Formal Attire
Admission: \$35

Rosinha’s Place
7 PM – 3 AM

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd

Worship Service

ST. John’s Episcopal Church
10:30 AM

Sport Event: Basketball Games

Classes: 70’s vs. 80’s
90s Vs. 2000s

Admission: \$5/Kids \$2

Davey Lopes Recreation Complex
2 PM – 6 PM

Farewell Party
Admission: \$15

Davey Lopes Recreation Complex
8 PM – 3 AM

CONVENTION VENUES

Davey Lopes Recreation Complex:
227 Dudley St Providence, RI 02903

Rosinha's Place
999 Main St Pawtucket, RI 02860

Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux & West LLC suite. 301
317 Iron Horse Way Providence, RI 02908

St. John's Episcopal Church
271 North Main St. Providence, RI 02908

LODGINGS

Westin Hotel: \$119.00 per night
401-598-8000 (5 miles from event)

Hilton Hotel: \$109.00 per night
401-831-3900 (6 miles from event)

Wyndham Garden Providence: \$99.00 per night
401-272-5577 (8 miles from event)

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National/Alamo- 1-800-227-7368
Dollar Rent a Car –1-800-800-3665
Avis 1-800-331-1212
Thrifty Car Rental –1-877-283-0898
Budget- 1-800-527-0700
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