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Synopsis of Convention 2010

By: Getahn Ward

By several measures, you could call Convention 2010 a success. Pre-registrations reached their highest level ever. A record for fundraising set in Maryland three years ago was nearly broken. The youth movement continued with two classes officially attending for the first time — and it appears that everyone had a good time.

“The camaraderie, the dancing, the fun, the good times...It was the best!,” recalled Albertha Kamah Gillespie whose Class of '87 for three years before coming to Atlanta only held their own reunion. The Class of '89, the last to graduate from B.W. Harris School before the Liberian civil war began, also made their official debut. A few months earlier, they had held their own first class reunion.



Chairman's Ball 2010- Grand March

The Diggs administration's push to get more alumni to register ahead of convention continues to pay off. About 158 people did so, the highest level ever. A competitive challenge provided classes and chapters extra incentives to encourage as many classmates or members as possible to pre-register, Chairman Handel Diggs said.

The host Georgia chapter grossed more than \$21,000 over the three-day Fourth of July weekend excluding pre-registrations and donations to capital campaign programs, said Yvonne

Hansford, the association's financial secretary. That was just shy of the more than \$22,000 raised during the convention held in Detroit in 2007.

With the theme *On the Move: Stepping Into the Future*, the 2010 convention began with a Friday night welcome party. On Saturday, a general meeting and the Chairman's Renaissance Ball took place. The convention wrapped up Sunday July 4th with a church service, sporting events and a farewell party with Class Night as the theme. At that party, each class wore T-shirts in their class colors: beige and brown for the Class of '72, beige for the Class of '80, navy and sky blue for the Class of '79, olive green for the Class of '77, blue for the Class of '88, and red for the classes of '87 and '89 among others.

The basketball game featured the Spartans against Atlanta-area Liberian oldtimers. The female alumni cheering on the boys and jubilation after the game reminded Georgia Chapter president Gail Farnigalo about watching the Spartans play at Monrovia's YMCA or Sports Commission during school days. “Everybody said this was one of the best games they experienced at convention,” she added.

Highlights of the Chairman's Renaissance Ball included presentation of several categories of awards. Receiving the Chairman's Medal of Honor — the association's highest merit award — were: Yvonne Hansford, Darren Wilkins, Gail Farnigalo and Charles Johnson. Chairman's Leadership Awards went to Bendu Hansford, H. Budu Shannon, Mohamedu Jones, David Moore, Eugenia Jelani, Stephen Taylor, Famatta Zeon, Eudora Gardiner, Dorothy Richards Tolbert, Rowena Kelley, Getahn Ward and Elyne Padmore.

Chapter presidents that received Chairman's Leadership Awards for meeting the \$1,500 convention 2010 assessment were Gudrun Harris, Tri-State; Joe Walker, Metro; John T. Gabbidon, Rhode Island; and Comfort Kenneh, Midwest. National Chairman Handel K.C. Diggs received

the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Minnesota Chapter. Those receiving Bishop Dillard H. Brown Distinguished Service Award as most valuable chapter members were: Louisa Merchant, Tri-State; Marie Gabbidon, Rhode Island; Addo Davies, Metro; Dora Ernst, Midwest and Cassius Sirleaf, Georgia.



Spartans Henry Kimber and Rosetta Mason

The Georgia chapter willingly shares credit for success of the convention, citing suggestions and other input from other chapter and national association officers. “We banded together and worked toward making the convention successful,” said Farngalo, who also penned a new song called *The Allegiance Song* for the convention.

2010 Gold Club and Hall of Fame Inductees

By: Darren Wilkins

Eighteen individuals were inducted into the B. W. Harris Alumni Association USA’s Gold Club during Convention 2010 held in Atlanta, Georgia. The newly inducted members include: Spartans, Handel K.C. Diggs, H. Kwaku Addy, Mohamedu F. Jones, Mona Diggs, Stella Marjon Wiles-Greaves, Massa David, Joyce David (Proxied for the late Wokie David) Euphemia Jones, Gudrun

Harris, David Moore, Bendu Hansford, Elaine Padmore, Muriel Wayne, Dorothy Richards-Tolbert, James Skirving Smith, Nee Allison, Michael Sawyer, and Darren Wilkins.

Membership into the Gold Club requires a contribution of at least \$800. This amount includes \$500 for the Hall of Fame, and any two of the association’s “Giving” initiatives, including the Wall of Recognition (\$200), Wall of Memorial (\$150), or Spartan Pride (\$100).

Performing the induction ceremonies were Cllr. Mohamedu F. Jones and Cllr. Cyril Jones. Cllr. Cyril Jones who is based in Liberia, had come to the United States to attend and participate in Convention 2011.



Newly inducted members of the Gold Club

The ceremonies also included the induction of 12 members into the association's prestigious Hall of Fame. Those inducted into the 2010 Hall of Fame include: James Skirving Smith, Bendu Hansford, Georgina Roy-Aikins, David Moore, Everlina Dixon-Cole, John Jelico Bright (not pictured), Eugenia Burphy-Andrews, E. Christopher Cone (not pictured), Joseph J. Davis (not pictured), Michael Sawyer, Famatta Zeon, Dorothy Richards-Tolbert, Catherine David (Proxied for the late Wokie David), and Darren Wilkins and Judith Karpeh.

programs including technology, building renovation, teachers' salary subsidies and scholarships. The generosity of Hall of Fame donors offers the association flexibility and the capacity for special opportunities; this constitutes the leadership circle of alumni donors.

ALUMNI PROFILE: Gail Farngalo

By: Getahn Ward



Newly inducted members of the Hall of Fame



Miss Gail Farngalo, President, GA -Chapter

Membership into the Association's illustrious Hall of Fame is made possible with a gift of \$500. This level of contribution includes the annual registration fee of \$70. Contributions from "Hall of Famers" support all aspects of the Association's

Gail Farngalo grew up loving drama, music and dance and often being told by relatives that she was a reincarnation of an old Zoe, a traditional leader in her native Liberia regarded to be highly skilled especially in dance, storytelling and culture.

That's why it's no surprise that she's emerged as official songstress of the B.W. Harris School Alumni Association USA. During the recent Convention 2010 in Atlanta, Spartans danced to Farngalo's latest production *The Allegiance Song*.

It's the sequel to the *Spartan Song* she penned five years ago — the official anthem the last time that convention came to Atlanta. "They were very receptive to the new one as well, but the original (song) is still their favorite," Farnvalo said.

What both songs have in common is Farnvalo's adoration for B.W. Harris High School, which she attended four years through 1980 when she graduated as salutatorian of her class. "My love for Sparta is very special. My love for Sparta will live forever," goes one recurring verse in *The Allegiance Song*.

Farnvalo also shows that love through her service to the alumni association. She's serving her third term as president of the Georgia chapter and has held other leadership roles.

A Knack For The Arts

Farnvalo got an early exposure to music in a household with a mother who loved music of all genres and appreciated culture. Her mother's favorites in the Rhythm and Blues and Soul genre included songs by Al Greene, The Temptations, Percy Sledge, Gladys Knight & The Pips and the Staple Singers.

Farnvalo herself started singing in elementary school. "I was always in plays, singing, and variety shows and continued performing arts through college," recalled Farnvalo, whose undergraduate degree in political science was from The American University in Cairo, Egypt, and master's degree in public administration from Northeastern University in Boston.

Farnvalo's Facebook photos include one with her dressed in a burgundy top and busting Mariachi moves during a 1983 performance by a Mexican folk dance group of Mexican-American study abroad students at American University in Cairo. Her dad the late Gabriel G. Farnvalo served as ambassador to Egypt and the first superintendent of Liberia's Nimba County.

Before arriving at B.W. Harris in 1976, Farnvalo attended school in Freetown, Sierra Leone, where her mother worked at the sub-regional economic organization Mano River Union.

The Farnvalos were Catholics and upon returning to live in Liberia had sought to enroll their children at schools such as St. Teresa's Convent and St. Patrick's. But difficulty getting accepted in the middle of the school year led them to B.W. Harris. The family nixed plans to transfer their children later after Farnvalo's older siblings fell in love with the Spartan spirit and the camaraderie that everyone shared. "That's a testament to that magnetism B.W. Harris has that attracts people," she said.

Classmate Sonie Karbbar remembers Farnvalo as both a "smart cookie" and social butterfly with a good work-life balance. "She used to like to party, but that never stopped her from studying," Karbbar recalled.

Karbbar remembers Farnvalo's initial career dream of being a linguist, which she saw as no surprise given that Farnvalo excelled in English. After Farnvalo was told that she had failed the entrance exams to the University of Liberia, English teacher Dr. John Varfley, who also taught at the university, requested to see her actual test because of his confidence in her ability. It was discovered that Farnvalo actually had passed, but her paper was never graded.

Karbbar also remembers Farnvalo as someone who didn't limit herself whether it was in learning a new dance or learning to speak Arabic during her studies in Cairo. "She liked to get involved in other cultures," Kabbar added.

In those high school days, the Farnvalo family's home became a gathering spot for classmates and other students. "My mother just embraced all of our friends and was a Spartan mother," said Farnvalo, whose fondest memories of her school

days include joining others to cheer on B.W. Harris athletic teams during games.

Songs Boost Spartan Spirit

Years later, Fargalo would weave together the songs and chants students sang during basketball games into the *Spartan Song* for convention 2005 in Atlanta. "I wanted something that would rev up everybody, add a little pizzazz and oomph to the convention, something memorable," Fargalo said about the song with a catchy chorus that starts with "So, so Spartan Children."

With convention coming again to Atlanta this past summer, Fargalo got many requests for another song. "I went back to trying to get something that was appropriate and would be just as motivating," she said of *The Allegiance Song* that debut at this year's convention along with a remix of the *Spartan Song*.

The Allegiance Song refers to B.W. Harris as the glue that binds and sticks, taunts other schools and contains an ode to former physical education teacher Mrs. Leona Tay. "I pledge allegiance to the Blue and White," goes the chorus, a reference to the school's colors. Bosca Banks, a Sierra Leonean afro-pop artist who helped arranged and produced of the *Spartan Song*, also joins Fargalo by singing as well on *The Allegiance Song*.

A dozen copies of a CD that includes *The Allegiance Song*, *Spartan Song* and a version of the B.W. Harris school ode were sold during the Liberian Independence Day Celebration held at the Liberian embassy in Washington, D.C. Saturday, July 24.

Fargalo likes overall direction the association has taken under the Diggs administration, whose tenure ends next year at convention in Providence, R.I. "We have good momentum right now and I just hope that will continue," Fargalo added.

2010 General Meeting Highlights

By: Gudrun Harris

Cllr. Mohamedu F. Jones newly appointed Capital Campaign Chair

During the annual general assembly meeting on July 2, 2010, several changes were made by National Chairman Handel Diggs. These changes included the appointment of Cllr. Mohamedu F. Jones as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee and Mrs. Comfort Kenneh as chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Cllr. Jones had previously served on the committee under the leadership of Rev. H. Budu Shannon who, at the time of the meeting, was in Liberia attending the funeral services of two family members. Mrs. Comfort Kenneh, the newly appointed chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, served as co-chairman prior to her appointment as chairperson. Both newly appointed chairs have pledged to bring new ideas and sweeping change to their individual committees in an effort to bring continual improvement to our alma mater.

In his newly appointed position, Cllr. Jones invited several members to serve on the Capital Campaign Committee. Those members included: David Moore; co-chair; Elyne Padmore, executive officer; and Mai Yancy; Georgina Roy-Aikins; Judith Karpeh, Getahn Ward and Joseph Walker.

Comfort Kenneh as the newly appointed Scholarship committee's chair also made changes to her committee. They included the naming of Wilhelmina Wilson as co-chairman and addition of members Dorothy Richards-Tolbert, Varney Gobbah, Mary Gabbidon Sowah, Caroline Kobbah, Magdalene Coleman, and Eugenia Burphy.

General Assembly Adopts A New Resolution For The Constitution

A resolution regulating chapters' annual assessments was passed unanimously by the general assembly during Convention 2010. Under the resolution, chapters that fail to meet the required \$1,500 assessment will no longer be eligible to receive the full \$5,000 contribution made to chapters as a subsidy for hosting convention. In other words, if a host chapter only pays \$1,000 toward its required assessment, it will receive only \$4,000 from national association toward convention.

The resolution was adopted in response to a growing concern that there were no consequences imposed for failure to meet annual assessments. Over the years, several chapters have fallen short of making the full payment of assessment fees and were still given the full \$5,000 subsidy for convention. The resolution was added to the association's constitution and was effective immediately. Therefore all conventions following Convention 2010 will be held to this resolution.

Formation of The PennDel Chapter; North Carolina Revives

By: Darren Wilkins

Pennsylvania-Delaware: In an attempt to broaden its membership base, the B.W. Harris Alumni Association-USA through its membership committee and Spartans residing in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and South New Jersey, have formed the PennDel chapter representing states previously mentioned. Spartan David Moore, chairman of the National Membership Committee, is leading this project. It officially began in August of 2010. Several teleconferences were held regarding the scheduling of meetings, selection of venues, and the subsequent election of officers to handle the affairs of the prospective chapter. Founding

members of PennDel include: Berma Findley, Alfred Major, Everlina Cole, Thomas and Edith Grant, Candy Boayue, Gloria & Fahnwu Caine, Charles Coleman, Marcontee Okai-Fahnbullah and Rebecca Ellis

More updates on the establishment of this new chapter will follow in the next edition of *The Mighty Spartans* newsletter.

North Carolina: After years of inactivity, the North Carolina chapter of the B.W. Harris Episcopal High School Alumni Association-USA is now reactivated. The chapter, which had hosted previous conventions, became temporarily quiescent as a result of the relocation of members as well as other matters that were personal to them. Behind the reactivation of the chapter are Spartan Wanda Jones and a host of other Spartans. Spartan Jones, who lives in North Carolina, became involved in the reactivation of the chapter based on a request made by Chairman David Moore. Chairman Moore had earlier challenged the chapter to consider reactivation. He followed up by consulting with the remaining members of the chapter and persuading them of the need to have the chapter reactivated. And after several persistent phone calls, the chapter was able to schedule and hold its first meeting. The meeting was held on August 21, 2010, at the home of Henrietta Thomas in Durham, North Carolina. Those in attendance included: Owen Neal, Wanda Jones, Henrietta Thomas, Aleda Luke, Mary Washington, Ima Neal, and Danlette Wah-Cisco. Georgina Roy-Aikins and Letia Assaf-Bates joined the meeting via teleconference. Issues affecting the chapter and its future goals were discussed at that meeting.

Another meeting was scheduled for September 25, 2010 at which time officers were expected to be elected. More updates on North Carolina's progress will follow in the next edition of *The Mighty Spartans*.

New Changes To PayPal- An Explanation

By: Darren Wilkins

B. W. Harris Alumni Association has updated its method for payment and donations currently made via PayPal. PayPal is a money transfer site, which allows an individual to send funds to others or make online purchases. It serves as an online financial middleman between B. W. Harris Alumni Association and members who make donations using PayPal. This means, PayPal facilitates the transfer of money between the two parties and ensures that private financial information is only shared with PayPal and not the association or any other party.



The association has designed a new donation system, which allows donors to contribute easily without confusion or problems. The new system categorizes the types of payments that can be made for each “Spartan Giving” as well as registration for convention.

To use the new payment system, a user must first decide on what “Giving” he or she would like to donate to. After deciding the type of “giving,” a member will then click on the DONATE button on the home page of the association’s website by going to www.BWHarrisAlumniUSA.Org. Once a member clicks on the DONATE button, he/she will be rerouted to the DONATE page which lists

all of the Givings as well as registration. Next, clicking on the appropriate DONATE button will initiate the payment process through PayPal where the member will be required to enter information such as name, payment type etc. Each member is encouraged to include the chapter and class or year of graduation so that credit will be given to his or her class during convention.

If you have any questions regarding DONATION, please contact:

PublicRelationsCommittee@BWHarrisAlumniUSA.Org or
BWHCapitalCampaign@CapitalCampaign.Org

B. W. Harris Alumni USA Purchases Smartboard and Pull-down Screens

By: Darren Wilkins



B. W. Harris Alumni Association USA recently purchased a Smartboard and six pull-down screens for the school in Liberia. The technology items are a part of the association’s Smart Technology Program, which is intended to enhance 21st century education at the school. The board and screens have been shipped to Liberia and will be installed sometime in December this year. Following the installation work, the association is expected to sponsor a two-day teacher training and a two-day national technology awareness workshop for high school students in Liberia.

Class of 1985 Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

By: Staff Writer

The Class of 1985 of the B.W Harris Episcopal high school celebrated its 25th class anniversary during the weekend of August 20-23, in Burlington, New Jersey.



Class of 85- USA

The weekend event was kicked off with the “Meet and Greet” ceremonies at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sawyer in Burlington, N.J. It was such a blessing to see old friends once again and to share the laughs and jokes of yesteryears.

A meeting was held later in the afternoon and it was well attended. An executive team was setup to handle the affairs of the class as they embarked on a new phase of their existence. Those elected were – Mr. Prince B. Yates Sr., president; Miss Comfort Brown, VP; Miss Hneade Wilson, secretary; Mr. Fred Gwyan, treasurer; and Rev. Momo Bracewell, chaplain. Through the effort of Mr. Stanley Grimes and unbeknownst to the group, the members of the Class of ‘85 in Liberia had also gathered around the same time. Those in attendance were able to liaise up with the group via telephone.

A formal ball was held that night at the “Touch of Class by Candelite Ballroom” in Delran, N.J. The program commenced at about 10 p.m. with the Rev. Charles Levi Martin serving as the master of ceremonies. The class’ president, Mr. Yates, delivered the welcome remarks.



Keynote speaker, Chairman Handel Diggs

The keynote speaker was National Chairman, Mr. Handel K. C. Diggs. Mr. Diggs spoke briefly and stressed the need for achievement through positive perceptions.

Also, in attendance were the Tri-State chapter President, Ms. Gudrun Harris, and a host of other members of the association. Ms. Harris spoke briefly about “GIVING BACK” to B. W. Harris School.

There was roll called and present members answered. There was a moment of silence in observation of class members who passed: Lauren Kromah, Lawrence Lazalee, Bill Godfrey, James Gittens and Castro Sayeh.

Members of the class in attendance are listed below:

Michael Sawyer	Edem Essien- Sasso
Prince Yates	Stanley Grimes
Adrian Hoff	Fred Gwyan
Mackie Dieng	Comfort Brown
Adolphus Addy	Wade Bright -Neal
Marie Gabbidon	Maima Harris- Loewy
Rev. Momo Bracewell	Aloysius Duncan

Andrew Gassim

Later during the program a check of \$700 was presented to the national chairman by Mr. Andrew Gassim as the class' contribution toward national projects. Mr. Diggs expressed his thanks and appreciation for the donation. The evening climaxed with Mr. Fred Gwyan giving the vote of thanks and acknowledgements.

The weekend ended where it all began; at the Sawyers' residence. The goodbyes and near-tear hugs concluded the 25th anniversary class reunion of the B. W. Harris School's Class of '85.

The class of '85 would like to thank all of those who came out to make this program a success. Special thanks go to members that joined in on the teleconference meetings and for their moral and financial contributions. The class would like to thank all of its guests and those who helped make the occasion a success.

Echoes From Sparta

Bravid Washington Harris Episcopal High School Celebrates its 50th

By: Romelle Horton



B.W. Harris School students during the parade

Snapper Hill was the place to be as Spartans once again took center stage to celebrate their Golden Anniversary. One could taste the excitement and the air was cackling with electricity as Spartans in Liberia came out to paint the school gold. To commemorate this August occasion, a slew of events took place. The kickoff event was a queen contest at the school's auditorium among the elementary students. It generated \$6,600 in Liberian dollars. The winner of this contest is the lovely Miss Janet Swaray of the third grade class and she holds the title – Junior Miss B.W. Harris. There was also a rally held to buttress the contest and pledges were made from alumni from as far back as 1967 to the present, about \$2,300 U.S. dollars and \$2,000 Liberian dollars was pledged.

The contest was followed by a one-day Olympic ceremony where Cathedral played J.J. Ross in basketball and won and the ladies of Sparta proved they still know how to kick by winning Bromley in the kickball match. After the Olympic games, everyone went home and got beautified for the beauty pageant, which was held that night at the school's auditorium. The gorgeous and oh-so-graceful Miss Fatumata Tarawally of the tenth grade class claimed the coveted crown — Miss B.W. Harris.

Now we all know nothing goes down in Sparta without some Holy Ghost fire, so it is no surprise that a Thanksgiving Service was held at Trinity Cathedral next door and what a fire it was. Dr. Herman Browne, the newly minted dean of the cathedral, preached on the theme, "Burn It UP!" Dean Browne told Spartans to burn up all those things that were hampering us from reaching our full potential, burn up all that was holding us from giving back to the school, burn up anything that will hold us back from perseverance, achievement and quality – BURN IT UP!!

The festivities climaxed with a Gala Day program in the auditorium and the prolific Dr. Billy Johnson of the Class of '69 was the speaker. Dr. Johnson pledged \$500 U.S. dollars toward the

goals of the festivities, which was to raise funds for the refurbishing of the science lab and to purchase a PA system. In a related development, the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia has made a commitment to B.W. Harris that they will be responsible for coming in and carting away all disposables from the refurbishing of the science lab. Commendations are to be given to Mr. Anthony W. Deline and his team for putting on an awesome show. The program was a resounding SUCCESS. Yes, Spartans did it again – Happy Golden Sparta!!!

Featured Student – Joseph Johnson

By: Darren Wilkins



Joseph B. Johnson

Joseph B. Johnson was born on October 14, 1992, less than a week before Liberia experienced one of its worse fighting during its civil war. During this time, his family and many others had to flee the country for safety. However, he returned home to spend most of his childhood days living through Africa's oldest nation's most difficult of times.

Joseph is no stranger to trials and tribulation and being raised by a church-going single parent, he learned the essence of hard work, dedication, and respect. Born unto the union of Mr. Sackie G. Johnson and Spartan Nancy Deline Freeman, Joseph's is a story of perseverance, achievement, and quality; the very motto of what is now his alma mater, B. W. Harris School.

Joseph began his primary education at the Calvary Baptist church school and recalls the disappointment he experienced when he was required to change schools because of the unstable situation of the time. Nevertheless, Joseph's academic journey continued at Calvary Baptist church school to Effort Baptist Church School to the Assembly of God Mission High School and finally to B. W. Harris Episcopal School. His enrollment at B.W. Harris Episcopal High School as a 9th grade student was made possible through his mother, Nancy, who apart from being an actively involved parent, is also a Spartan and a very active member of the Liberian chapter of this illustrious alumni association.

Carrying a full schedule of classes — 16 subjects — during his senior year Joseph also served as the vice president of the student council and a member of the journalism club. Moreover, at a time when Liberia faces several social challenges, especially with teenage drinking, pregnancy, etc, Joseph remained steadfast, focusing on his studies which allowed him to maintain his status as an A-B honor student. The 16 subjects mentioned above include: Doctrine, English, Algebra Geometry, Composition, Vocabulary, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History, French, Economics, Literature, Physical Education and Computer Education.

Joseph recently graduated with an **A-B** academic record, which he accomplished amidst the many vicissitudes of life in Liberia, which anyone who has visited in recent times can attest to. He not only completed the academic requirements of the school but he also completed and passed the West African Examination Council (WAEC), a national examination required to be taken by every senior student in Liberia to prove competency and to be allowed to graduate. Joseph's love for reading, writing, public speaking and comprehension skills and his good moral conduct remained evident throughout his academic journey.

Blessed with three lovely sisters, Karla, Dowahlyn and Faith and two brothers, Nathan and Sackie, Joseph's academic pursuits serve as an example to them as well. According to Joseph, his thirst for education has not yet been quenched. He is seeking an opportunity to garner a foreign scholarship to pursue a degree in civil engineering. He exhibits a refreshing passion and desire to pursue his education and has vowed to succeed no matter the obstacle.

His philosophy of life is simple: "Self-perseverance is the key to success." Joseph presently lives with his mother and can be contacted on the following mobile phone numbers: 231 6 599 528 or 231 6 554 350 or via email at josebanks_1992@yahoo.com or eyahtunde2000@yahoo.com (his mother's email).

CHAPTERS UPDATES

GEORGIA

As Georgia Chapter regroups following Convention 2010, it intends to keep the momentum going. Stay tuned for announcements of upcoming fundraising events that will be sure to excite, motivate and inspire.

METRO

DC Metro could not provide any information prior to the publication of this edition of the Mighty Sparta. However, there are plans by the chapter to present a calendar of events at the upcoming board meeting in Providence, Rhode Island on October 16, 2010.

MIDWEST

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MINNESOTA

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NORTH CAROLINA

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PENNDDEL

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RHODE ISLAND

Pre-convention Activities of the Rhode Island Chapter

**By: Miyesha A. Cheeks
Honorary Member**

As we finally settle down from an amazing time in Atlanta, we must remember that our work never ends. This is precisely the time planning begins for the next annual convention and the Rhode Island chapter has been given the distinction of host for 2011. To make convention successful, the host chapter is charged with a large task. They bear the bulk of the responsibilities from securing the venues to procuring the necessary items needed for convention. The chapter's success as

host depends largely on the support of their fundraising initiatives throughout year.

According to Charles Johnson, Rhode Island's outgoing chairman; October 16, 2010 marks the first Live Board Meeting of the year. The meeting will be followed by a food sale and the night will end with the officer installation and fundraising soirée. The events will be held at The Davey Lopes Recreation Center location at 227 Dudley Street, Providence, R.I., 02907. The events of the day will be held from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. – until, respectively. If you have any questions contact the following persons: Nadine Wilson, (401) 861-0052; Marie Gabbidon, (401) 952-0421, Prudence King (401) 632-9273, and Charles Johnson, (401) 529-3515. We are hoping for a great show of support from Spartans and friends of Spartans.

This year also marks the first time registration is open year-round. The Rhode Island chapter is asking all members to please pre-register. You may make a donation each month for the next seven months for as little as \$10. Your registration makes possible the programs and projects the association endeavors to do; hence, we implore you to register even if you know you will not attend. As Nelson Mandela so eloquently said (as I paraphrase), the key to any country's future is in educating its youth; therefore you are not only investing in the students who attend BW Harris but in the future of Liberia.

TRISTATE

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Commentary

Your Capital Campaign

By: Cllr. Mohamedu F. Jones

It is emblematic of the significant steps of maturity for our alumni association that notably, during the chairmanship of Handel K. C. Diggs, we now have in place systematic means for contributing to the association. It is with the realization of this maturity that the Capital Campaign Committee has proposed expanding the voluntary, affordable and targeted opportunities for our members to contribute.

As alumni, our support for B. W. Harris has a positive and real-life impact on the school in real-time. It is widely known that without the support of the alumni association, our alma mater would not survive. This is the single most important tilting point for why we should continue to robustly contribute to our alma mater.

However, giving to B. W. Harris is totally voluntary, as it should be, and therefore a member ought to contribute only when it is economically and financially neutral on them and their families. This means that members should make contribution only when they want, only in the amount they want, and only when they believe they are able to.

We have had serious beginning successes in targeted giving (contributions to the Hall of Fame, Wall of Recognition, Wall of Memory and Spartan Pride), showing that many members are motivated to contribute to targeted funds, offering vast potential to grow. The Capital Campaign Committee has proposed to offer Lifetime Membership and Annual Gifts, as well as to implement and promote a Capital Campaign web site.

Lifetime Membership: The Alumni Association's lifetime membership program is intended to honor those who wish to memorialize their lifelong love for B. W. Harris Episcopal School. Life Membership would be opened to members who have demonstrated the highest level of financial commitment to the association by contributing to the Hall of Fame, Wall of Recognition, and Wall of Memory OR Spartan Pride (attained "Gold Club" status). Life Members will be entitled to attend and participate fully in conventions without paying registration fees, as well as attend chapter events and functions without paying entrance fees. Life membership would be achieved by making a total payment of \$1,200 in one or more installments, completing full payment in a maximum of 24 months. Life Members will receive the Wokie David Memorial Medallion.

Annual Giving: Annual Giving would offer a unique opportunity to give whatever amount one wished. Annual gifting would offer an opportunity to contribute an annual gift in the year that a member did not participate in the Hall of Fame, Wall of Recognition, Wall of Memory or Spartan Pride, or have achieved Life Member status.

Capital Campaign Website: The Capital Campaign Committee is proposing a Capital Campaign website as an adjunct to complement the association's website. The Capital Campaign website would provide easily accessible and streamlined information about opportunities for giving to B. W. Harris, offer dynamic editing and updating of Capital Campaign-related information, and deliver a direct link to the association's PayPal page to facilitate payments. A prototype website has been developed and can be reviewed at www.bwharrisalumniusacapcamp.org. Links for complete and easily accessible information about the various Capital Campaign programs and the current donors would be the hallmarks of the website.

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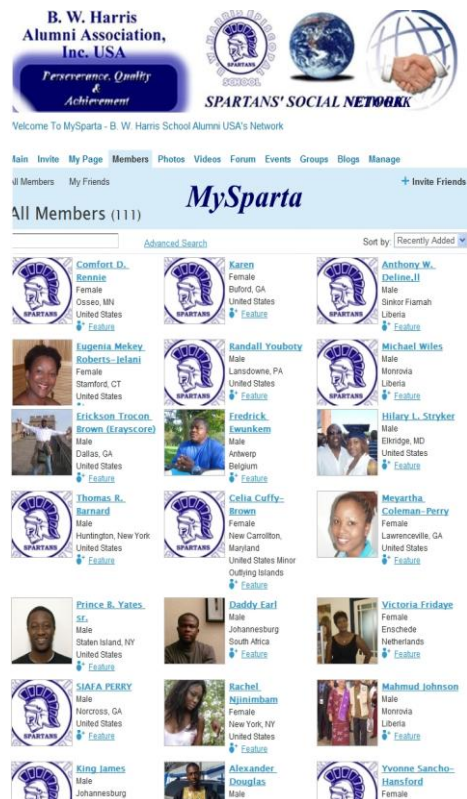
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2010 Contributors to B. W. Harris Alumni Association

Members who contributed \$800 or more from 2008-2010		
<u>Name (First)</u>	<u>NAME (Last)</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Kwaku	Addy	Minnesota
Nee	Allison	Metro
Massa	David	Tri-State
Handel	Diggs	Metro
Mona	Diggs	Metro
Bendu	Hansford	Metro
Gudrum	Harris	Tri-State
Euphemia	Jones	New England
Mohamedu	Jones	Metro
David	Moore	Tri-State
Elaine	Padmore	Tri-State
Dorothy	Richards-Tolbert	Metro
Michael	Sawyer	Tri-State
James Skirving	Smith	N/A
Stella Marjon	Wiles-Greeves	N/A
Darren	Wilkins	N/A

2010 HALL OF FAME Contributors -\$500 level of giving

<u>Name (First)</u>	<u>NAME (Last)</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Class Of:</u>
Georgina	Briggs	NC	1980
John J	Bright	ATL	1986
Eugenia	Burphy	Tri-State	1972
E. Christopher	Cone	Grace Episcopal Church NJ	
Joseph J	Davis	Tri-State	1979
Bendu	Hansford	Metro	1980
Judith	Karpeh	Tri-State	1980
David	Moore	Tri-State	1978
Dorothy	Richards	Metro	1978
Michael	Sawyer	Tri-State	1985
James Skirving	Smith	N/A	1977
Darren	Wilkins	N/A	1988
Famatta	Zeon	MN	1988

2010 Wall of Recognition Contributors -\$200 level of giving

<u>Name (First)</u>	<u>NAME (Last)</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Class Of:</u>
Terry	Brown	Tri-State	1980
John	Burphy	Monrovia	
Chalnescia	Davis	Tri-State	1973
Ciatta	Diggs	Tri-State	1978

Eva	Diggs-Jardia	NC	1979
Varney	Goba	TX	1977
Yvonne	Hansford	Midwest	1979
Charles	Hansford Jr	Midwest	1978
Angie	Harris	Florida	1972
Eugenia	Jelani	Tri-State	1972
Cyril	Jones	Metro	1975
Joyce	Jones	Metro	1982
Comfort	Kenneh	Midwest	1975
Henry	Kimber	California	1988
David	Moore	Tri-State	1978
Michael	Sawyer	Tri-State	1985
Elizabeth	Sherman	N/S	1972
Victoria	Simpson-Brown		
James Skirving	Smith	N/S	1977
Kumba O	Urey	Tri-State	1978
Mary	Washington-Brown	NC	1983
Muriel	Wayne	Tri-State	1975

Wall of Memorial 2010 Contributors - \$150 level of giving

Contributor

IN Memory Of:

Handel K Diggs	Osborne K. Diggs Sr
Mohamedu Jones	Alliette Benson-Jones
Mohamedu Jones	Ovetta Jones-Williams
Mohamedu Jones	M. Fahnbulleh Jones

2010 Spartan Pride Contributors -\$100 level of giving

<u>Name (First)</u>	<u>NAME (Last)</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Class Of:</u>
Ophelia	Acolaste	Metro	1983
Kwaku	Addy	MN	1978
Nee	Allison	Metro	1983
Massa	David	Tri-State	1976
Wokie	David	Tri-State	1969
Mona	Diggs	Metro	1975
Handel	Diggs	Metro	1975
Joanna	Freeman-Richards	New England	1983
Gudrum	Harris	Tri-State	1980
Euphemia	Jones	New England	1983
Pat & Robert	Nelson		
Elyne	Padmore	Tri-State	N/A
Dorothy	Richards	Metro	1978
Michael	Sawyer	Tri-State	1985
James Skirving	Smith	N/A	1975
Joseph	Walker	Metro	1981

Muriel	Wayne	Tri-State	1975
Marjon	Wiles-Greeves	N/A	1975

Convention 2010 Pre-Registrants - \$70

<u>Name (First)</u>	<u>NAME (Last)</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Class Of:</u>
Ceola	Acolaste	N/A	1987
Ophelia	Acolaste	Metro	1983
Kwaku	Addy	MN	1978
Nee	Allison	Metro	1983
Baindu	Barclay-Brown	Tri-State	1978
John	Beh	N/A	1987
Thomas	Bernard	Tri-State	1972
Angie	Bishop-Oshoko	Metro	1980
Georgina Roy-Akins	Briggs	NC	1980
John Jellico	Bright	ATL	1986
Alexander	Brown	New England	1983
Erickson	Brown	ATL	1988
Eugenia	Burphy-Andrews	Tri-State	1972
Miyesha	Cheeks	ATL	N/A
Everlinah	Cole	Tri-State	1979
Varney	Coleman	Metro	1975
Catherine	Coleman-Cisco	ATL	1982
Meyartha	Coleman-Perry	ATL	1987
Charles	Collins	MN	1988
Anna	Cooper-Joyner	Tri-State	1974
John	Cuffy	N/A	1983
Joyce	David	Tri-State	1977
Massa	David	Tri-State	1976
Pearl	Dennis	Tri-State	1987
Glady	Deweh	N/A	1987
Ciata	Diggs	Tri-State	1978
Handel K C	Diggs	Metro	1975
Mona	Diggs	Metro	1975
Osborne K.	Diggs Jr.	Tri-State	N/A
Everlinah	Dixon-Cole	Tri-State	1979
James	Duncan	Atl	1978
Dora	Ernst	Mid-West	
Fred	Ewunkem	N/A	1987
Siah	Fallah	N/A	1988
Gail	Farngalo	ATL	1980
Tonea	Fowler	Mid-West	1978
Cecil	Frank	Metro	1987
Nancy	Frank-Femwick	MN	
Joanna	Freeman-Richards	New England	1983
John T.	Gaddidon	New England	1978
Eudora	Gardiner	ATL	1975
Aquila	Gibson	N/A	1975

Aram	Gibson	N/A	1978
Patricia	Gibson	Metro	1981
Alberta	Gillespie	Mid-West	1987
Louise	Gittens	Tri-State	1980
Bendu	Hansford	Metro	1980
Daffeh	Hansford	Metro	1983
Maima	Hansford	Metro	1989
Yvonne	Hansford	Mid-West	1979
Richmond	Harding	N/A	1976
Gudrun	Harris	Tri-State	1980
Glenn	Hickson	Metro	N/A
Velma	Hoff	Metro	1979
Romelle	Horton	Tri-State	1984
Eugenia	Jelani	Tri-State	1972
Charles	Johnson	New England	1988
Jestina	Johnson	ATL	1980
Robert A.	Johnson Jr	Tri-State	
Cyril	Jones	Metro	1975
Euphemia	Jones	New England	1983
Joyce	Jones	Metro	1982
Mohamedu	Jones	Metro	1971
Wanda	Jones	NC	1978
Sonie	Karbbah	MN	1980
Judith	Karpeh	Tri-State	1980
Rosalita	Kennedy	ATL	1981
Comfort	Kenneh	Mid-West	1975
Tonia	Kiawu	NC	1987
Henry	Kimber	Tri-State	1987
Edward	Ledlum	ATL	1979
Mrs. Rodney	McIntosh	ATL	N/A
Rodney	McIntosh	ATL	1989
Louisa	Merchant	Tri-State	1977
David	Moore	Tri-State	1978
Marvis	Odedekah	N/A	1989
Ebele	Onyejekwe-Ward	N/A	1988
Elyne	Padmore	Tri-State	N/A
Victoria	Peah	New England	1970
Siafa	Perry	ATL	1988
Tara	Rainsbury	Metro	1980
Dorothy	Richards	Metro	1978
Gbigbi	Richards	Metro	1987
Janelle	Salley	N/A	N/A
Famatta J	Sambola-Lincoln	ATL	1978
Michael	Sawyer	Tri-State	1985
James Skirving	Smith	N/A	1977
Stephen	Taylor	Mid-West	1981
Joseph	Walker	Metro	1981
Getahn	Ward	N/A	1988
Mary	Washington-Brown	NC	1983
Muriel	Wayne	Tri-State	1975

Rhodel	White	NC	1987
Marjon	Wiles-Greeves	N/A	1975
Darren	Wilkins	N/A	1988
Wilhelmina	Wilson	ATL	1970
Mai	Yancy-Anderson	Mid-West	1975
Hazel	Yedey	N/A	1976
Famatta	Zeon	MN	1988

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