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TREASURED SHSAA, INC. MEMBER, EDITH MCDOUGALD, PASSES AWAY

On September 30, 2009, SHSAA, Inc. lost one of its most faithful members, former SHSAA, Inc. President and Life Member # 14, Edith Moore McDougald. In addition to serving as our 10th National President from 2001-2005, Edith also served as Vice-President from 2005-2007, and at the time of her passing was the Chairperson of the Social Committee.



Edith was a wonderful and kind person who will be sorely missed. She will never be forgotten. May she rest in peace! *see Edith's obituary on page 3*

PHASE TWO COMMITTEE'S SPAGHETTI PLATE FUNDRAISER WAS MODERATE SUCCESS

Submitted by: Rose Williams

THE SHSAA, INC. PHASE TWO COMMITTEE held a Spaghetti Plate Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at Alumni Headquarters at 615 McKoy Street in Clinton, NC. It was a moderate success. The Committee managed to raise a total of \$1,114.81, with approximately \$612.33 being net profit. The Committee hoped to obtain somewhere between \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00, but is thankful that it did not lose any money by having the fundraiser.



SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SHSAA, INC., the Pinochle Club, and local businesses were instrumental in helping the Committee to raise the funds that it did. Those Members, who will not be named individually for fear that a name will be left out, donated more than \$400.00 to help with the Fundariser. Those Members know who they are; please know that your generosity is greatly appreciated. The money that Members donated was used to purchase groceries and other items and was also used to buy plates for the elderly or infirmed. The local businesses that either donated supplies or money vouchers were: Walmart, Piggly Wiggly, and Food Lion. The Pinochle Club helped by donating \$32.00 of their pie sales.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Reginald Chestnutt

On behalf of all officers, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year. In 2010, we have three major tasks. Please remember that we are all in the right place, doing the right things to help make our dreams come true. Keep our vision true to our hearts. *see President's Corner, page 2*



President Chestnutt

Each one of the tasks are equally important, the first being to continue to work on growing the educational grants funding; secondly to secure a grant to help restore, rejuvenate, and create a place where the citizens of Clinton and Sampson County can enjoy a rich legacy. We have a great opportunity to collectively give back to the community that helped shape our futures. And finally, never stop working toward achieving your dream. I think it goes without saying, we all believe in this organization. Here is how I think we can easily accomplish these goals and dreams. We have the resources or know someone who can help write grants, raise funds, and explore some new ideas to help with this effort. As President, I am asking everyone to dig deep in your treasure chest and let's combine our resources and make this happen. Please forward the information you have to our Vice President, Mr. Robert Bennett. We are open to all suggestions! Please submit your idea with a plan on how we can review these ideas as soon as possible and make it successful in 2010.

I look forward to working with everyone this year and helping make our plans a success.

God Bless!

Reginald Chestnutt, President, SHSAA, Inc.

PHASE TWO COMMITTEE LAUNCHES ON-LINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

MagFundraising.com ON OCTOBER 20, 2009, THE PHASE TWO COMMITTEE launched an on-line fundraising campaign with magfundraising.com. The fundraiser is easy and simple: for every magazine, book, music, or cookie dough that is bought from the site, the Phase Two Committee will receive 40 % of that sale. The website offers over 650 magazine subscriptions at up to 85% off newsstands prices. See for yourself how easy it is to support the Phase Two Committee, and the SHSAA, Inc. in general, by ordering or renewing your magazine subscriptions – you can even offer magazine subscriptions as gifts!

SO FAR THE COMMITTEE ALERTED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS of our fundraiser by sending out approximately 107 e-mails three times each in the month of October. However, currently the Committee has only made four sales, netting \$30.00 total. The Committee encourages everyone to participate in this fundraiser so that the goals and missions of the Committee can be met. Here are instructions on how to participate:

- Type www.magfundraising.com/SHSAAInc in your internet browser address bar
- Press the enter key and you will go directly to Phase Two's fundraising page
- Once on the page you can begin to browse and purchase the items provided

THE FUNCTION OF THE PHASE TWO COMMITTEE is to oversee the rehabilitation and renovation of the "Old" Sampson High School, and we need your help to get this work done and to realize our dream of turning the school into a Community Resource Center.

PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION is the key to our Committee's success! In addition to you purchasing items from the website, you can also help by inviting your friends and family to shop at the online magazine too. We are counting on YOU!

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ROSE WILLIAMS AND MAGGIE WILLIAMS made all of the spaghetti sauce for the Fundraiser. Several people, some SHSAA, Inc. members and some who were not, generously gave of their time on the day before and the day of the event, of which the Committee is most appreciative.

NINETY-ONE PLATES SOLD. Next year if the event is held, the Committee would love to double that number. .. and they know that they will with everyone's help.

THIS YEAR THE COMMITTEE EMPLOYED a neat publicity mechanism to help get the word out about the Fundraiser. The Committee used "Calling Post," an automated telephone calling service, to call 200 SHSAA, Inc. members and friends. The Committee is not sure how many of those calls generated someone coming out to buy a plate but it hopes that its efforts were not in vain. The Committee plans to use this tool for publicizing future fundraisers.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" IS EXTENDED to Mr. Johnny Pridgen for all his hard work. He worked the entire day taking up and keeping track of the money and he prepared the Spaghetti Plate Dinner Fundraiser Report.

THE COMMITTEE IS THANKFUL that it was able to raise over \$600.00 for the missions of the Phase Two Committee and also sends out a special "thank you" to all that participated in and/or supported our event.

2010 Spring Executive Board Meeting to be Held in Atlantic City, NJ

The Southern New Jersey Chapter will host the *2010 Spring Executive Board Meeting* in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the weekend of **April 16th and 17th, 2010**. Hotel arrangements information is listed below:

Clarion Hotel & Convention Center
6821 Black Horse Pike
Atlantic City West, EHT, New Jersey, 08234
Phone: 609-272-8200 - Fax: 609-646-3783
Reservations: 800-782-9237
Room Rate: \$ 105.00

All rooms are based on single, double occupancy.

Complimentary full American breakfast included.

Please note that reservations received after **April 2, 2010**, will be made on a "space available" basis.

A Casino Shuttle will also be available during the weekend. Departure times to the Hilton Hotel & Casino are as follows:

Fridays: 6 PM & 8 PM

Saturdays: 4 PM, 6 PM, & 8 PM

Shuttle return times from Hilton are 11 PM and 1 AM.

Cost of Shuttle: Pay the driver \$12.00 and you receive a voucher to redeem your \$12.00 back. You must be 21 years old to have the \$12.00 voucher redeemed. The estimated ride time is 20 minutes.

The Southern New Jersey Chapter is looking forward to hosting the Board Meeting. See you there!



CHAPTER CHATTER

Clinton

Submitted by: Helen M. Faison

Reunion Update

Clinton Chapter has graciously accepted the honor to host the 2010 Reunion. The Reunion information will be sent out soon. You can mark your calendars for the Reunion dates, **August 13-15, 2010.**



Guests socialize at the Clinton Chapter Christmas Party.

Christmas Cheer

Clinton Members were busy spreading the Christmas spirit to some of our SHSAA, Inc. senior members. They received fruit baskets donated by Clinton Chapter Members and also delivered by the following Members: Ronald "Cup" Brewington, Sadie Lee, Mattie Murphy, Maggie Williams, Marvin Williams, and Raymond Williams.



Junie Melvin & Ronald "Cup" Brewington converse during the Christmas Party.

Christmas Parade

The Clinton Chapter Members who represented the SHSAA, Inc. on the float in the December 12th Christmas Parade, braving the cold weather, were: Louise Backman, Macerine Brooks, Jatun Tucker, Malik Bonaparte, and Tyler Raynor. The colors on the float were blue and white with a little red.

Annual Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party was a blast! It was held on Christmas Eve at the Alumni Building. The food, DJ, and dancing were enjoyed by about 50 Members and guests.



Linda Lyons and Mattie Murphy partake in the Christmas Party Fun.

Fundraising

The Chapter will really be busy for the next few months planning and carrying out fundraisers.

Pay Your Dues!

Chapter Members, if you haven't paid your dues since September 1, 2009, PLEASE PAY YOUR 2009/2010 DUES.

Our wish for all of you is a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

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CHAPTER CHATTER

Fayetteville

The 2010 edition of the Ram Nostalgia Calendar is now available. The cost of the Calendar is **\$8.00** and an additional **\$2.00** will be charged for the handling and mailing of each Calendar. If interested in obtaining a Calendar, mail your order to:

Robert E. Bennett, President
Fayetteville Chapter, SHSAA, Inc.
P.O. Box 2791
Fayetteville, NC 28302



Make check payable to: Fayetteville Chapter, SHSAA, Inc.



February 14

**Happy
Valentine's Day
to all our
SHSAA, Inc.
Members!**

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN SHSAA, INC.

- Receive Membership Card;
- Receive Newsletter, *The Communicator*, three times a year via e-mail or via U.S. Mail;
- Receive copy of the Board Package via e-mail
- Receive updates on SHSAA, Inc. members who are sick or notification on members who have passed away;
- Receive complimentary copy of the Reunion Booklet;
- If Life Member, you never have to pay National Dues again;
- Able to vote in National Elections; and,
- Able to vote on amendments to the Constitution & By-laws.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES TO *THE COMMUNICATOR*

The deadline for article submissions to the next Newsletter is **Friday, May 14, 2010**. Please send your article to shsaanewsletter@classygraphics.com or to SHSAA, Inc. Newsletter, P.O. Box 7751, Columbia, SC 29202-7751.



DEADLINE FOR BOARD REPORTS

All Committee Reports, Chapter Updates, and Officer Reports, for the period *beginning January 1st and ending March 31st*, must be submitted for the 2010 Spring Executive Board Meeting, *no later than Monday, April 5, 2010*, for inclusion in the Board Report Package.

Reports should be submitted to: National President, Reginald Chestnutt at: Reg1982@aol.com
and to
Recording Secretary, Faye Faison at: FaisonF47@aol.com.

IN MEMORIAM



GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN...

Annie Ruth Joyner Hall, Life Member # 248, passed away on **11-4-09**;
Richard Harvey, Life Member # 43, transcended on **12-15-09**.

BENEVOLENCE

Rev. Louise Backman, National and Clinton Chapter Member, was hospitalized in January 2010 and is now at home;

Robert Bennett, Life Member # 65, had foot surgery on 11-17-09;

Rosetta Draughon, Life Member # 164, suffered a heart attack on 1-12-10;

Helen M. Faison, Life Member # 179 and Clinton Chapter President, had major foot surgery on 12-8-09;

James "Jokie" Vann, Jr., National and Clinton Chapter Member, was hospitalized in December but is now recuperating at home; and

Raymond T. Williams, Clinton Chapter and Life Member # 69, was hospitalized at Duke University Hospital on 12-30-09 and is now at home.

BEREAVEMENT

Those members or alumnae who have lost loved ones.

Robert (Bobby) Brown, Sr., National and Clinton Chapter Member, grieving the loss of his brother, William "Rabbit" Brown, who passed away on **10-18-09**.

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Edith McDougald's Obituary is re-printed here:

'FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT. WE ARE CONFIDENT I SAY, AND WILLING RATHER TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY AND TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD.' I Corinthians 5:7-8

ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 IN THE QUIETNESS OF HER HOME, our beloved Edith was called from earthly labor to her place of eternal rest. Edith DeLois Moore McDougald was born to the late Julius and Carrie Moore on November 17, 1941 in Clinton, North Carolina. Her husband, Leonard E. McDougald and Brother Harold Best preceded her in death.

EDITH GRADUATED FROM SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL and earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina and a Master's of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. She was an active member in various community and professional organizations to include, Maryland State Teach Association, National Education Association (Delegate to NEA Convention for over 20 years) Teacher Association of Anne Arundel County (Chair-Minority Affairs Committee, Board of Directors) North County Political Forum, Maryland Business Professional Women, President Elect for Anne Arundel County Retired School Personnel Association, Annapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (former, President, Vice President), NAACP (former Vice President, Executive Committee), Sampson High School Alumni Association (former Vice President, Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary), and Phi Delta Gamma, Gamma Chapter of the National Graduate Honor Society at Johns Hopkins University (former President).

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EDITH RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING awards and recognition, Fannie Lou Hammer Award, Woman of the Year (Business and Professional Women's Club), Teacher of the Year (Hilltop Elementary School) the Mills King Human Relations Award (Anne Arundel County Public Schools), 2004 Shero Award (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) and 2006 President's Award (NAACP).

SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER AT Glen Burnie Baptist Church, participating in Sunday school, Adult Choir, Worship Team and Women's Ministry.

SHE RETIRED FROM ANN ARUNDEL County Public schools after 38 years of dedicated service. After her retirement she continued providing education services as a substitute teacher and tutor.

EDITH LEAVES A LEGACY OF LOVE and cherished memories to her children Timothy Moore (Victoria) of Richmond, VA and La Tonya Lynn of Clinton, MD, three grandchildren Tiena, Jasmine and Trevon; one great-grandchild Malik; goddaughters Cheryl and Tiffany; three sisters, Ara Lewis, Carolyn Cox (Roland) of Clinton, NC and Maggie Silas of Fayetteville, NC; three brothers Arthur (Mary), Willie and David of Clinton, NC, 2 brother-in-laws, James McDougald (Patty) and Roland McDougald (LaNita); 2 sister-in-laws Erata McDougald and Juanita Wilkerson and several special nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2009 FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The 2009 Fall Executive Board Meeting was hosted by the Washington Area Metropolitan Chapter (WMAC) of SHSAA, Inc. on Saturday, October 3, 2009. It began at 9:20 A M and was held at the Courtyard Marriott hotel in Waldorf, Maryland. Here are a few highlights from that Meeting:



*President Chestnutt presides over
Fall Executive Board Meeting*

Opening Address of New President, Reginald Chestnutt

President Chestnutt stated that he wanted to be an inclusive leader with everyone working together, heading in one direction, for the common goal. His desire is to move forward together as one organization. He wants us to get the word out about the things we are working on and what we want to accomplish. He also stated that we must get cooperation from the total community and get their attention and involvement and keep them.

Chestnutt suggested a "Walk for Education" as a possible fundraiser. The President stated that he was grateful to be back and working with the organization and humbled by the experience.

Elected Officer Reports

BUSINESS MANAGER

Dr. Jesse Williams, Business Manager, reported that he met with the former Business Manager to transfer over all items, of which all items transferred were listed in his written report. He explained that there had been a reduction in the insurance coverage and that he was planning to contact the insurance company regarding the coverage and hopes to obtain coverage in the amount of \$300,000.00 without an inspection of the building. He reported that there is no coverage on the cafeteria building. It was decided that the mailbox contract should be put in the name of the organization and that the missing key should be located or the box changed. The report was accepted as information.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Angela Davis-McCoy, Financial Secretary, and Leslie D. McCalop, Treasurer, reported the following:

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Beginning Balance ----- \$71,516.44
Ending Balance ----- \$90,400.83

Both reports were accepted subject to audit.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Maggie Williams, Parliamentarian, presented "Rules for Debating Motions." The "Rules" were accepted via a properly made and seconded motion.

Committee Reports

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Doris Butler, former Constitution and By-laws Committee Chairperson, was not present but sent in her report. The report noted the following:

- A person is needed to manage the policy/procedure updates.
- There are 2-3 procedures that currently need to be added to the Handbook

The changes to the Honorary Life Membership procedure that were recommended at the General Membership Reunion meeting on August 8, 2009, were accepted via a properly made and seconded motion to accept with noted changes. The report was accepted as information.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Rose Williams, outgoing National President, reported and did the following:

- Turned in the teleconference card;
- Made a CD that included archiving of the Board Packages for 2005-2009, the current Constitution and By-laws, and the Handbook;
- Presented a copy of the CD to current President Reginald Chestnutt. Two copies given to the Business Manager to be placed in archives. Also given for archives were 2 copies of a CD of all newsletters published since 2005 and a copy of the most recent 990 forms, amended and un-amended.

Proposal

Ms. Rose Williams presented a price proposal from, Ms. Linda Chandler, of Classy Graphics and also SHSAA, Inc. Webmaster, for the design of the Life & National Members and the Grant Recipients databases. The two databases with input and opening screen form would be \$140.00. The two databases after data input has been performed (described in proposal on file) would be \$365.00. After discussion, it was decided that the organization would review all options and consult with other persons.

It was also suggested that a Golf Committee database should be added. A motion was properly carried to accept the proposal as information.

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MEMBERSHIP

Helen Faison, Membership Committee Chairperson, was absent but her report was presented by Clinton Chapter Member, Leeomina Byam. Ms. Byam passed out a new directory of SHSAA Life Members. The report was accepted as Information.

REUNION

Freddie Lee, Baltimore Chapter President, gave the Reunion 2009 Financial Report. The Board requested that the report be redone to account for the \$1,500 scholarship donation. Also, all invoices and receipts were requested. The report was tabled.



Members eat, drink, and socialize after the 2009 Fall Executive Board Meeting.

Chapter Reports

ATLANTA

President Chestnutt stated that he was reaching out to family members and others in the Atlanta area to help revitalize the chapter. He solicited any information known of the membership of individuals in the Atlanta area that they could encourage in helping in the revitalization of the chapter,

CLINTON

Ms. Leeomina Byam stated that NAACP played a vital part in Clinton obtaining its first Black Fire Chief, Todd Solice, Class of '79. The Chapter is still working with the shoe fund and soliciting donations.

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA

Mr. Al Rich stated that he hoped everyone had enjoyed his or her stay in the Maryland area and reported that the Chapter is still working toward regaining old members and recruiting new members.



Members enjoy fellowship after the Fall Executive Board Meeting.

New Business

- The New Committee Chair Appointments were tabled.
- Mr. Robert Bennett moved that the at-large scholarship for 2010 be named in honor of the late Ms. Edith McDougald. A motion was properly seconded and carried. *continued on page 10*

Love at first sight is easy to understand; it's when two people have been looking at each other for a lifetime that it becomes a miracle. Amy Bloom

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Announcements

- A list of proposed committee chairs is forthcoming.
- An external audit for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 was prepared previously. An external audit will need to be done for fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.
- The Vice President, Business Manager, and one person from the general membership is being added to the Financial team.
- Leeomina Byam stated that the Reunion 2010 package and information regarding the Class of 1960's fiftieth year anniversary would be available by the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

KUDOS KORNER [Kudos n. praise, credit, glory, fame, honor]

McCallop Assumes Command of Ammo Company

CAPTAIN JAMES S. MCCALLOP, who is the son of National Members Shelton and Jimmie McCallop, assumed command of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 163rd Ordnance Company (Ammo) Irvine, California, on June 28, 2009.

CAPTAIN MCCALLOP entered the United States Army in October 1989 and attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He entered as a Private First Class and rose to Sergeant First Class in the Recruiting Command before obtaining his direct commission as second lieutenant in March 2002. His military education includes completion of the Administrative Specialist Course, Reserve Component Battle Focused Instructor Training Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Personnel Administrative Specialist Course, Army Recruiter Course, and the Ordnance

Office Basic Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

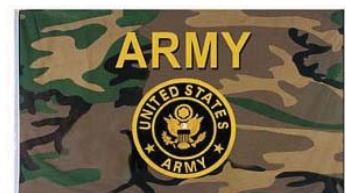


PRIOR TO HIS CURRENT assignment, Captain McCallop held a variety of positions at company, battalion, group, and at the Expeditionary Sustainment Command level. His assignments included Platoon Leader, Maintenance Management Officer, Operations Officer at several different army bases, and his previous assignment as the As-

sistance S-2/3, 1173rd Deployment and Distribution Support Battalion, Brockton, MA.

CAPTAIN MCCALLOP has received many awards and decorations including Meritorious Service Medal and Army Good Conduct Medal. He is married to the former Patricia Ann Rutherford with whom he has three children, a son and twin daughters.

WE SALUTE CAPTAIN MCCALLOP on all his achievements and wish him continued success with his military career. We also thank him for his meritorious service to our great country!



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GRANDDAUGHTER OF LIFE MEMBER SELECTED AS PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AMBASSADOR TO EUROPE

CAILAH HANDON was recently recommended and accepted to participate as student leader in the *People to People* Ambassador Programs in Europe. This summer she will study in Greece, Italy, and France. Her 20-day exchange consists of meeting with government officials, interaction with other students her age and educational activities. *People to People* Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance into the program. Cailah and her family are honored that she has been selected. As an Ambassador she earns high school and college credit because of the many educational elements in her program.



Cailah Handon

TO HELP DEFRAY THE TUITION COST OF \$6,800.00 which includes meals, transportation, accommodation and educational activities; Cailah is soliciting financial sponsorship and hopes she can count on your support. The total tuition cost must be paid by May 1, 2010. Checks may be made payable to **People to People Ambassador Programs and mailed directly to the People to People Ambassador Programs, P. O. Box 34902, Seattle, WA 98142-1902**, or you may call direct to 1-800-669-7882 with your sponsorship or log on to www.payment.peopletopeople.com, insert Cailah Handon and her delegate ID# 10066432. You must give her name and delegate ID number on all forms of contribution.

IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT HEARD OF *People to People*, President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded *People to People* in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would nations. Cailah plans to share her experience with contributors through her journal, photographs, and any questions they may have about the program.

CAILAH IS A 7TH GRADER AT BENJAMIN TASKER MIDDLE SCHOOL in Bowie, MD where she is in Advanced Placement Courses. She is the granddaughter of Faye E. Faison, SHSAA, Inc. Life Member # 74, and the daughter of Chris and Jacinta Handon. Jacinta was a 1991 SHSAA Scholarship Recipient.

SHSAA, INC. APPLAUDS CAILAH for being selected to serve in the *People to People* Ambassador Program. Cailah, keep up the good work!!!

David Mason Becomes a Colonel



A pinning ceremony was held on October 13, 2009, at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, to denote the achievement of Lt. Col. David Mason becoming **Colonel** David Mason. Colonel Mason has continued up the ladder of success since joining the Army. Some of his achievements have been chronicled in *The Communicator* as recently as the September newsletter where it was reported that he was presented with the General Charles A. Horner research and writing award during the Air War College graduation ceremonies on May 28, 2009.

Mason is a proud graduate of Clinton High School, a 1989 graduate of N.C. A&T State University, a 1995 graduate of Lesley University, and a 2009 graduate of Air War College. He is the son of Life Member # 243, Mrs. Clementine Mason, and Clinton Chapter Member, Mr. Edward R. Mason of Clinton. David has two children, Morgan and Jefferson.

We are so very proud of Colonel Mason and wish him the very best in all his endeavors!

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EDWARD FAISON FEATURED IN STARRING ACTING ROLE



SHSAA, Inc. Life Member # 61, Mr. Edward Faison, Jr., was featured in a starring role in the Mystery Dinner Theatre presentation of “A Lesson In Murder” by Britt Honeycutt. The show was sponsored by the Sampson County Arts Council and was performed from November 5th through 7th, 2009. The show was held at the Victor R. Small House located at 709 College Street in Clinton, North Carolina.

This original play by Ms. Honeycutt is about a real incident, involving real characters, which occurred in Clin-

ton, North Carolina. Mr. Faison played the character of Dr. George W. Herring (see the box on right) who is the deceased grandfather of Ercelle and Georgetta (Merritt). The show sold out all three nights, with tickets at \$75.00 each. Those who attended were wonderfully entertained.

We encourage Mr. Faison to continue exposing the arts to Clinton residents and the surrounding community!

Some history on the character, George W. Herring, in the words of his granddaughter, Georgetta Merritt:

“Yes. My grandfather was George W. Herring, son of Decateur Herring, called "Cato" or "Cater" the first black man to start a school for black slaves before slavery ended. He built a school on his own land in Franklin Township, Sampson County near Harrells, NC.

George W was one of his sons, about five years old when slavery ended, who attended Fayetteville's normal school going by boat on the Cape Fear River, their best means of travel, to become a teacher. George then moved his father's school to Clinton. The school was called the "Cate School" and was located near Lisbon Street Church and the Methodist Church . . . It was near the railroad...”



Black History

On January 28, 1944 Explorer, **Matthew Alexander Henson** Received A Congressional Medal for his work on a History making Expedition with Admiral Robert E. Peary, in 1909. Henson was born on August 8, 1866, in Charles County, Maryland.

Edward Mason Honored as 2009 Citizen of the Year

Mr. Edward R. Mason, father of Col. David Mason and husband of Life Member # 243, Clementine Mason, was honored on October 10, 2009. The Kappa Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity honored Mr. Mason as the 2009 Citizen of the Year for Sampson County.

How wonderful to be so recognized! Congratulations to Mr. Mason for this honor. Keep up the good work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

T. Pamela Bennett, Life Member # 162, on being approved by the SHSAA, Inc. Executive Board to serve in the position of National Corresponding Secretary!

Thank you, Pamela, for agreeing to serve.

COMMITTEE NEWS

FOURTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RESULTS

Submitted by: *Helen M. Faison*

The Membership Contest was a success! We had more participants this year than in years before. “Thank you” to all members for helping to increase our National paid Membership to 65 and for recruiting 3 new Life Members during the Contest. The Life Members are: *Blanche Boone*, # 257; *Pearlie Morrisey*, # 258; and *Shelton McCallop*, #259. Welcome ladies and gentleman to our wonderful organization.



Maggie Williams

The winners of the contest were: **Maggie Williams** who received the 1st place prize of \$75.00; and **Philisa Parker** who received the 2nd place prize of \$50.00. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all participants and paid members.



Philisa Parker

Thank you everyone for your dedication to the organization. Have a wonderful year and don't forget to pay your 2009/2010 dues. Remember, September 1st began the new fiscal year for SHSAA, Inc.

Membership Contact information

E-mail: faisonhm@aol.com

Telephone: 910-592-6060

Membership Committee: Chairperson, Helen McNair Faison; Members, Joe King Jr. & Philisa Faison Parker.

Ingredients

- 2 skinless and boneless chicken breasts, butterflied and then cut in half
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- All-purpose flour, for dredging
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup brined capers, rinsed
- 1/3 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Chicken Piccata



Directions

Season chicken with salt and pepper. Dredge chicken in flour and shake off excess. In a large skillet over medium high heat, melt 2 tablespoons of butter with 3 tablespoons olive oil. When butter and oil start to sizzle, add 2 pieces of chicken and cook for 3 minutes. When chicken is browned, flip and cook other side for 3 minutes. Remove and transfer to plate. Melt 2 more tablespoons butter and add another 2 tablespoons olive oil. When butter and oil start to sizzle, add the other 2 pieces of chicken and brown both sides in same manner. Remove pan from heat and add chicken to the plate. Into the pan add the lemon juice, stock and capers. Return to stove and bring to boil, scraping up brown bits from the pan for extra flavor. Check for seasoning. Return all the chicken to the pan and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove chicken to platter. Add remaining 2 tablespoons butter to sauce and whisk vigorously. Pour sauce over chicken and garnish generously with parsley.

SODUKU PUZZLES FOR FUN AND PLEASURE!

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