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**Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival returns to Annapolis with high energy!**



*Dancers and drummers from Keur Khaleyi African Dance Co. from Baltimore celebrate African heritage at the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival on September 26, 2015 in Annapolis. The festival returned after a two-year hiatus, with the help of dedicated volunteers and sponsors. (See article on page 10)*

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## New website launched to help Marylanders receive refunds after Supreme Court Decision

Annapolis— Governor Larry Hogan and Comptroller Peter Franchot urged eligible Maryland residents who filed and paid income taxes to another state between 2011 and 2014 to apply for a tax refund against the county portion of their Maryland state income taxes. Refunds are now taking place following a recent Supreme Court ruling related to local income taxes.

“For years I have said that Maryland citizens were being overtaxed and overcharged, and now an estimated 55,000 taxpayers are eligible for substantial income tax refunds,” Governor Hogan said. “The Supreme Court’s decision earlier this year allows us to provide another \$200 million in tax relief, which will immediately go back into the pockets of Maryland taxpayers, and back into our state economy.”

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Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Comptroller Peter Franchot announced a new website: [www.WynneTaxRefund.gov](http://www.WynneTaxRefund.gov) was launched to help Maryland taxpayers obtain refunds if applicable following the Supreme Court Decision. Maryland residents Brian and Karen Wynne won their case in the U.S. Supreme Court after challenging the payment of local income in both Maryland and other local jurisdictions was illegal double taxation. Courtesy Photo/Office of the Governor

to get more information on whether they are eligible for a refund. Individual circumstances vary and taxpayers are encouraged to seek advice from a tax professional regarding how this decision affects them. In general, Maryland residents who have paid taxes on income earned in certain jurisdictions of another U.S. state may be eligible for a tax refund. However, these refunds are not automatic, and taxpayers who believe they may be entitled to a refund are encouraged to file as soon as possible.

Earlier this year, Maryland residents Brian and Karen Wynne won their case in the U.S. Supreme Court after challenging that payment of local income in both Maryland and other local jurisdictions

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# Guest Editorials/Commentary

## We Face Real Challenges to Representative Democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton

People who care about the United States' place in the world often fret about challenges to representative democracy from other countries. I'd contend that the more formidable challenge comes not from abroad, but from within.

For starters, it's hard to make American representative democracy work. Our country is large, growing and astoundingly diverse by every definition of the term. To govern it, we rely on a bewildering array of branches and units of government, which means that to solve a problem you have to navigate a slow, untidy system.

Our challenges come at us with rapidity and mind-boggling complexity. They include racial and class divisions, the social and economic pressures confronting families, a strained public education system, a constant flow of complex foreign and economic policy questions. To deal with them, every level of our system needs to be at the top of its game.

Two of our basic governing institutions, Congress and the presidency, are struggling. Congress has adopted some unfortunate political and procedural habits: it governs by crisis, fails repeatedly to follow time-tested procedures that ensure accountability and fairness, panders to wealthy contributors, and too often erupts in excessive partisanship. There are glimmers that some members are willing to re-learn the legislative arts of negotiation, compromise, and consensus-building, but these need to be front and center, not an occasional hobby: in a government that reflects the American population, Congress cannot function effectively without these skills.

The presidency, too, faces challenges. The executive branch is bloated, has too many decision makers and bases to touch, lacks accountability, and desperately needs better, more effective management.

Moreover, the decades-long march toward increased presidential power at the expense of the legislative branch severely undercuts our constitutional system and raises the question of how far down this road can we go and still have representative democracy. There are valid reasons it has happened, especially because the modern world demands quick, decisive action but our system functions best when we have a strong president and a strong Congress who can interact, consult, and work together.

We face other challenges as well. Too much money is threatening the core values of representative democracy. And too many Americans have become passive and disengaged from politics and policy; representative democracy is not a spectator sport.

Despite its challenges, our political system forms the core of American strength. It enshrines fundamental power in a body elected by the broad mass of the people, and is based solidly on the participation and consent of the governed. Allowed to work properly, it is the system most likely to produce policy that reflects a consensus among the governed. Above all, it has the capacity to correct itself and move on.

In other words, we don't need to reinvent our system, but rather use its abundant strengths to find our way through our problems and emerge stronger on the other side.

It is not written in the stars that representative government will always prosper and prevail. It needs the active involvement of all of us, from ordinary voters to the president. Each of us must do our part.

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## Community Affairs

### Applications being accepted for undergraduate scholarships for high achieving, low income high school students

Lansdowne, Va.— The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation invites applications for its College Scholarship Program, the largest undergraduate scholarship in the country. Students selected as Cooke Scholars are awarded as much as \$40,000 each year for four years for tuition, living expenses, books and other required fees. Cooke scholarships are available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities.

"There are thousands of students with financial need who are among the nation's highest achievers," explained Executive Director Harold O. Levy. "They are the academic superstars who, if given the chance to reach their full potential, could become the next genera-

tion of leaders and innovators."

The program, which boasts a network of 2,000 extraordinary scholars and alumni, also connects students to opportunities they might not otherwise have, such as internships, studying abroad, and funding of up to \$50,000 per year for graduate study.

"We want to not only support them financially, but to raise their profiles, provide them with a community of fellow scholars, and offer support and advising to make sure they attend the highly selective institutions that match their talents," Levy said.

Recipients will be chosen based on exceptional academic ability and achievement, unmet financial need, persistence, desire to help others, and leadership. Applications require students to provide their academic transcripts, standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, self-assessments, and essays.

The application period closes November 3, 2015. Final notification to accepted students is made in March 2016.

For information about the College Scholarship Program, visit <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>.



## Teaching our dollars to make sense

By James Clingman  
NNPA Columnist

When Donald Trump first spoke about his intentions to run for president and called out Mexicans and Hispanics in general, here's what happened. Yes, there were protests in the streets by Latinos who felt they had been insulted by Trump, but further action was taken, not by Latinos but by corporations.

According to an article by Sarah Berger, with the International Business Times, "[Macy's] said they would no longer carry Trump's menswear collection, which featured shirts, ties and watches." Further, "Macy's is not alone: NBCUniversal, Univision, mattress maker Serta and other companies have also cut ties with Trump... The broken deals point to the growing influence of Hispanic consumers in the United States. As the Latino demographic in the United States rapidly increases, so does their buying power, and businesses are starting to realize that value."

Economics raises its head again,

doesn't it? Macy's was not boycotted— it was not targeted by Latinos in any way. Why did they feel obliged to cut ties with Trump when he dissed Hispanics? A better question is: "Why haven't we seen companies take any corresponding action on behalf of black people? Remember the Indianapolis incident earlier this year, when corporations threatened to move their companies out of that city if the law that "discriminated" against gay people was not changed? It

year have, a "depraved indifference" to our plight, as Bob Law says. They do not respond to our issues in the same way because there is no price to pay for not doing so. We get slapped upside the head by politicians and our big bad NAACP tells us to take a 1,000-mile walk. One of our children gets shot down or beat down and NAN says "Let's 'maach' on Washington."

A young black man is killed in a Walmart and our "leaders" rally in front of

problem with our saying it. But we have some black folks who are trying to gain acceptance from others and trying to make others feel comfortable with us by adding to the phrase, "All lives matter," which is obvious to most people anyway. Saying and acting upon the fact that black lives matter "less" than all other lives is important, but we must act appropriately upon what we say.

Carlos Santiago, president and chief strategist of Santiago Solutions Group said, "Latino customers represent an opportunity for Macy's to grow its business model... Macy's Hispanic base of buyers is significant and growing while the 'non-Hispanic' is declining slowly. They [Macy's] have to protect their growing loyal base just as their competitors like Nordstrom, JC Penney's, Target and Walmart are. In this race to capture the new growth, a change in public image is worth millions of dollars in goodwill and loyalty."

The appropriate response to those who transgress against us must be grounded in economics. We spend money at Macy's, as well as many other corporations. Why have they not spoken and acted on our behalf? As I have written many times, until we are serious about gaining the support of those with whom we do business, they will ignore our plight and take our dollars for granted.

Our economic response must be "Black Dollars Matter!" And we must teach our dollars how to make more sense.

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took about 24 hours for it to be changed.

John Crawford was killed in a Walmart for holding a BB gun, 12-year-old Tamir Rice was killed in two seconds for holding a toy gun, Eric Garner was choked to death on national and TV after saying "Why do you keep bothering me?" and Sandra Bland was arrested and died three days later because she failed to signal a lane change and was smoking in her own car. Did any corporations make threats against anyone on their behalf?

Macy's and the others punished Trump without being asked to do so, because they respect the \$1.5 billion buying power of Hispanics. That's it, plain and simple. "But annual black buying power is \$1.2 trillion, Jim; why are we ignored?"

Major corporations with whom we spend much of that \$1.2 trillion each

that store—for a day. Our unemployment is at an all-time high, despite the "great economy" they say we are in, and the National Urban League writes a report each year telling us how bad things are for black America. Our voting rights are being discarded, our HBCU's are losing millions because of Parent-Plus Loan changes, we are ignored and taken for granted by both political parties, and black politicians like John Lewis tell us to vote our way out of our problems.

It's no wonder we don't get the same respect and support as other groups. The ways we respond to negative issues allow the mistreatment we get from others. Take the "Black Lives Matter" mantra. Of course our lives matter and it makes no difference if others have a

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## Baltimore Dance Company marks 15th Anniversary with Cancer Benefit Concert

Baltimore— Since 2001, the Baltimore City Cancer Program (BCCP) has screened more than 31,000 Baltimore City residents and provided more than 10,000 free clinical breast exams, 11,500 mammograms, 6,000 cervical cancer screenings, 3,000 oral cancer screenings, and 460 colonoscopies. Of those diagnosed with breast cancer, more than 70 percent have been diagnosed in the early stages of the disease.

Since 2000, Full Circle Dance Company of Baltimore has been presenting choreography that tackles the serious issues that both divide and unite Baltimore. Under the artistic direction of Donna L. Jacobs, Full Circle marks its 15th anniversary by partnering with BCCP, a group that changes lives in our city, especially for women with breast cancer and their families.

On Saturday, October 3, 2015, Full Circle Dance Company presents Fight and Flight, an evening of inspiring and powerful dancing, with proceeds to benefit the BCCP, which is part of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center.

At the heart of the performance will be a new work that draws on stories shared by the women of the BCCP's "Living and Loving Life" Breast Cancer Support Circle. Choreographer Donna L. Jacobs has drawn on her own experiences with breast cancer as well as on the insights provided by women in the group to create a new work that expresses both the individuality



and universality of the experience of cancer.

Earlier this year, dancers from the company met with women in the support group to hear and record their stories. The dancers translated some of the stories into movement, and the choreographer built on this experience to create the new work.

"The creative process has been quite incredible," said Jacobs. "Some of these stories are very difficult, and there were tears as the women in the group saw the

dancers interpret their words through movement. It can be very validating to see your story onstage, to claim your space. Art can express things in new ways that help others understand and relate to a difficult, seemingly alien, experience. And because the dancers are deeply invested in the work they are doing, they are giving themselves fully to the task of telling these stories with their bodies."

In addition to this premiere, the performance will include some of Full Circle's best repertory works. The concert will be followed by a reception featuring live music and refreshments. All artists are donating their time, with rehearsal space also donated by Morton Street Dance Center and performance space donated by Chesapeake Arts Center.

"We are so grateful that the passion and talent of these dancers will help provide screening, care, and support for people in need in Baltimore City," said Rhonda M. Silva, Division Administrator for the Baltimore City Cancer Program. "What makes this benefit so unique and personal is that it truly reflects the voices of patients themselves and actually gives a voice to those who have yet to muster the courage to speak. The dancers and the patients are sharing their stories, some of them deeply personal, in hopes that others might gain insight, understanding, strength, and even courage to take the first steps in getting screened."

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# Honoring Ravens coach Juan Castillo during Hispanic Awareness Month

By Turrón Davenport

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time when the contributions and achievements of Hispanic/Latino Americans are recognized in the United States.

The Baltimore Ravens are one of a handful of teams with an Hispanic coach on their staff. Offensive line coach Juan Castillo has been a model of consistency and hard work since he came to the team.

The road to the Ravens wasn't an easy one for Castillo. He spent time as a defensive line and linebackers coach at Kingsville High School in Texas before coaching the offensive and defensive line at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Four of the offensive linemen coached by Castillo went on to the NFL.

The Philadelphia Eagles hired Castillo as an offensive assistant in 1995. The following year, the Eagles used a draft pick on Jermaine Mayberry, one of the linemen that Castillo coached in college. Castillo coached the tight ends for the Eagles in 1997 before switching to the offensive line in 1998. It was at that point that he really got to work with Mayberry and helped him to develop into a Pro Bowl player in 2002.

Castillo coached the Eagles offensive line for 13 seasons before becoming the team's defensive coordinator in 2012. Things didn't work out in 2012 for a variety of reasons and Castillo joined the Ravens coaching staff in January of 2013. He and Ravens head coach John Harbaugh coached together for the Eagles.

Fortunately for Castillo, Harbaugh and the Ravens were making their push towards a Super Bowl title.

The Ravens drafted a big, but raw prospect out of Iowa State University named Kelechi Osemele in the 2012 NFL Draft. Osemele was forced into action when starter Jah Reid was injured. Castillo helped Osemele adjust to the NFL, which was key to solidifying the Ravens offensive. Osemele did an outstanding job against one of the top defensive linemen, Justin Smith and the San Francisco 49ers, when the two teams faced off for the Super Bowl trophy. The offensive line play was a key factor in the Ravens winning that game.

Castillo came from a small college called Texas A&I.



**Juan Castillo joined the Ravens coaching staff in January 2013. Castillo and Head Coach John Harbaugh worked together for the Eagles.**  
Photo by Turrón Davenport

He played linebacker in college and got a taste of professional football while playing for the San Antonio Gunslingers of the USFL.

He has always taken an interest in small school prospects because he has the same background. The Ravens selected Robert Myers in the fifth round of the 2015 NFL Draft. Castillo really liked Myers because he reminds him of Osemele.

The work ethic that Castillo displays is inspirational. It's not unusual for him to be the first to arrive at the facility. Getting an early start is something that he learned early in his life. His dad made a living by fishing for shrimp. He would wake Juan up at 3:30 a.m. to go to the fish house. Tragedy struck the Castillo family when his father fell from a boat and drowned, which

left Castillo's mother with the responsibility of making ends meet for the family. She worked two jobs and did her best. Watching her grind instilled the two biggest values that Castillo lives by today. Those values are his work ethic and the importance of always treating people with respect.

Castillo's drive has not gone unnoticed by Osemele.

"He's a hard worker through-and-through; it's to his core. He just wants to make sure that he's doing everything that he can to put us in a position to win." Osemele said. "We have meetings before everybody else gets started, but that's pretty traditional for offensive line in general. He just wants to make sure that we're prepared."

The Ravens offensive line has become one of the best units in the NFL. He shared what stood out the most to him about the line last season.

"Justin [Forsett] led the league last year in explosive runs." Castillo said. "Also, the thing that was key last year was the Ravens led the NFL—in the fourth quarter—in attempts and yards and yards per carry in the fourth quarter."

The value of hard work and respect is something that Castillo has taken as his personal mission to instill in his players. He drives them to be great and has taken the time to learn how to individually coach each of his linemen. Castillo has made a great contribution to the Ravens organization by helping to mold the players into men. His description of the formula for success is pretty simple.

"I found out, if you want to be better than someone, you've got to outwork them," Castillo said. "How can you beat a guy or be better than a guy if you're doing the same work he is? You have to have a plan . . . and the plan consists of a lot of hard work."

Castillo has worked to promote the game to everyone, especially Spanish-speaking audiences. In 2002, Castillo and his wife were special invitees of President George W. Bush for a special Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the White House. He hopes that his achievements will inspire many more people to be great, especially young Mexican-Americans.

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Acknowledging the barriers that structural racism causes does not negate the challenges that families of all races have overcome with hard work. Nor does it minimize the personal responsibility required to succeed. It simply recognizes that many of our laws and policies have been deeply unfair to people of color and that we all continue to pay a steep price for that today.

Until structural racism is named, discussed and addressed, Baltimore cannot successfully “B’more!” Those who have signed this statement have pledged to advocate for real change and investment in Baltimore, for all its people in every neighborhood.

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# Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival returns to Annapolis with high energy, lots of fun!

By Andrea Blackstone

Strong winds did not deter over 4,000 festival-goers from attending the 26th Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival that was held in Annapolis on Saturday, September 26, 2015.

Newcomers like Sean McClanahan accidentally discovered the festivities, after biking from Baltimore with a friend to visit Annapolis. The bikers heard the sounds of drums on the way to grab something to eat and ended up exploring the festival. Curious individuals who had never seen the statue of Alex Haley headed toward the nearby place where his African ancestor, Kunta Kinte, was said to have arrived on the Lord Ligonier ship as a slave in 1767.

Terrell Freeman served as the emcee of the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival. He welcomed everyone back to the festival which had been on a two-year hiatus.

"I thank everyone for the intro and for being out here to celebrate, not only our heritage, but also a part of the heritage and history of the city," Freeman said.

Free entertainment began at 10 a.m. and closed with dancing to music played by the Clones of Funk around 7 p.m. Annapolitans like Thurman George and Zeenita Dorsey were familiar with what previous Kunta Kinte Heritage festivals had to offer. George remarked that he returned to share a part of history.

"I think it's nice. More people need to just start supporting. When it used to be at Crownsville, we all cried about we think it should be here. Now it's here, we just need to build it back up," George said.

The multi-generational event attracted a mixture of performers, vendors, local leaders, organizations, sororities, families, friends, longtime volunteers and groups. Approximately 33 members of the Jewels — a senior adult ministry based at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Fort Washington, Maryland, attended the festival. Betty Cain, president of the ministry, remarked that attending the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival is a tradition for them.

"We came [to the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival] because we like our heritage. It's an honor for the seniors," Cain said.

Debbie Wood, is a 23-year volunteer with the festival. She founded the Annapolis-based Chesapeake Children's Museum. Wood stayed busy in the children's tent as young festival-goers trickled in to make crafts, drum, play dress-up and participate in various interactive activities. Along with a few other volunteers who helped Wood, midshipmen from the Naval Academy offered to help at the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival.

Community involvement and volunteerism was for-



*The Annapolis Drum and Bugle Corps makes a spirited entrance at the 26th Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival. (Below): Youth perform as the Annapolis Drum and Bugle Corps play music in front of a welcoming crowd.*



mally recognized this year. Thomas "Tee" Arthur —the originator of the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival, and Hannah Chambers—a longtime volunteer, received inaugural Shelley White awards. Renee Spears, co-chair of the festival, explained that the honor will be given yearly. White was a veteran of the Annapolis Police Department. He died in May of 2015.

"Shelley White was instrumental in the community in

helping to make sure that he mentored children who were in trouble. He was just a really kind person," Spears said. "He worked with the festival for 20 years or more as security and making sure that everybody was straight. He always had a funny story to tell you, or he always had something positive to give to you. The Shelley White Award is geared toward people who are committed to the community."



*Terrell Freeman (left) and Renee Spears (right) thank festival attendees for supporting the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival. They bid the crown farewell after the Clones of Funk performed.*



Photos: Andrea Blackstone



*African drummers from Baltimore based Keur Kha-leyi African Dance Co.*



*Chris Haley (left) is a descendant of Kunta Kinte and nephew of Alex Haley. He takes a moment to celebrate the day's festivities with the co-chair of the Kunta Kinte Festival, Renee Spears.*



*Hannah Chambers, middle, holds the Shelley White Award that she received at this year's Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival. Thomas "Tee" Arthur was also a recipient of the inaugural award.*



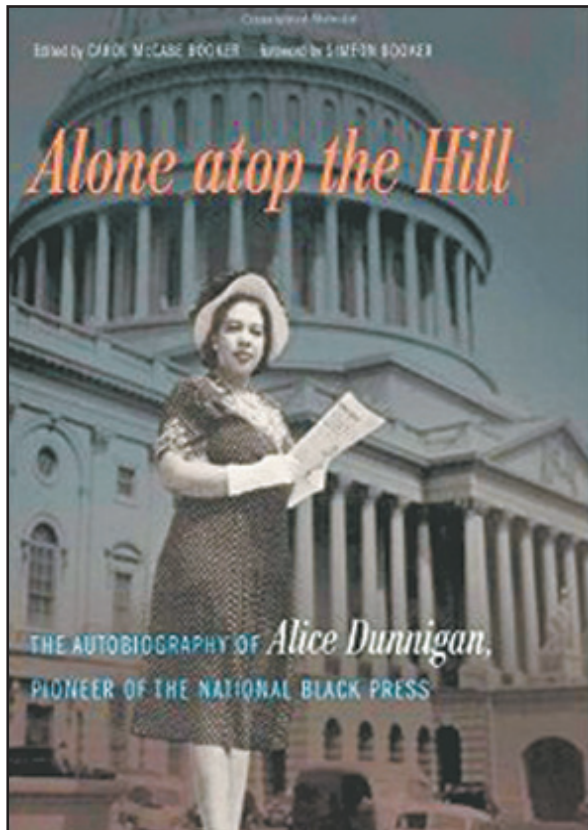
*Students enrolled in the West African Music and Dance class at Anne Arundel Community College perform.*



*Annapolitans, Zeenita Dorsey and Thurman George*



# Pioneer of National Black Press is subject of book discussion



Washington, D.C.— The daughter of a Kentucky sharecropper, Alice Dunnigan rose from typist to Washington journalist as the first African-American female reporter accredited to the White House.

In “Alone Atop the Hill: The Autobiography of Alice Dunnigan, Pioneer of the National Black Press” (University of Georgia Press, 2015), Carol McCabe Booker has condensed Dunnigan’s 1974 self-published autobiography to appeal to a general audience and has added scholarly annotations that provide historical context. Dunnigan’s dynamic story reveals her importance to journalism, women’s history and the civil-rights movement.

Booker will discuss and sign her book on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at noon at the Library of Congress in its Mary Pickford Theater, on the third floor of the James Madison Building, at 101 Independence Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. This Books & Beyond event is sponsored by the Library’s Center for the Book. It is free and open to the public; no tickets are required.

In addition to her White House reporting position, Dunnigan also was the first black female reporter to travel with a U.S. president; to be credentialed by the House and Senate Press Galleries; to be accredited to the State Department and the Supreme Court; and to be voted into the White House Newswomen’s Association and the Women’s National Press Club.

Carol McCabe Booker is a former journalist and Washington attorney. She is co-author with her husband, journalist Simeon Booker, of the acclaimed history “Shocking the Conscience: A Reporter’s Account of the Civil Rights Movement.”

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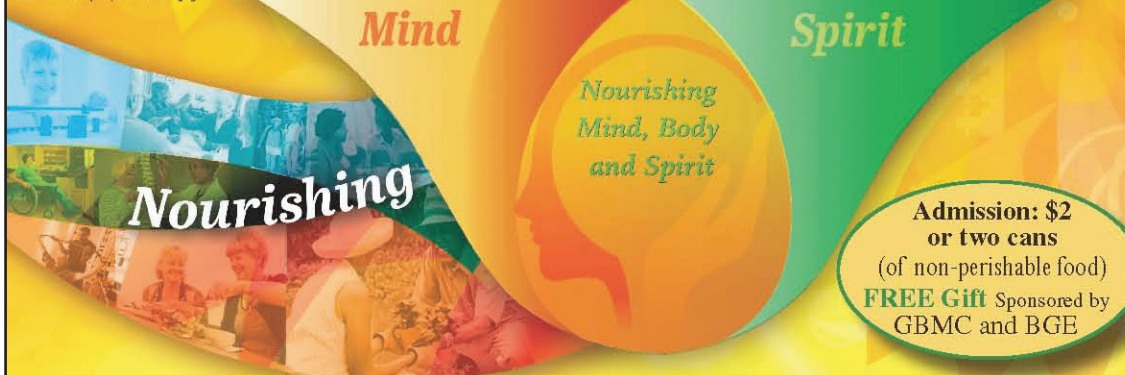
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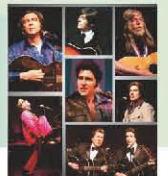


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# Six Local Women to be honored at Fannie Lou Hamer Awards Reception

*Documentary film about Fannie Lou Hamer to be presented at awards Ceremony*

Annapolis, Md.— The 20th annual Fannie Lou Hamer Awards Reception will be held Sunday, October 4, 2015, at the Frances Scott Key Auditorium at St. John's College located at 60 College Avenue in Annapolis from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Anne Arundel County and co-sponsored by St. Johns College, the awards recognize women who have contributed to the advancement of civil and human rights in Anne Arundel County. This year's honorees— Ann Davis, Lisa Ennis, Karen Slade, Mary DesChamps, Dr. Dawn Lindsay and the Reverend Dr. Diane Dixon-Proctor— join the ranks of over 100 other notable women including Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Administrative Law Judge Tracey Warren Parker and former Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer who have been similarly honored over the past two decades.

Fannie Lou Hamer, 1917-1977, was an American voting rights activist, civil rights leader and philanthropist. The awards that bear her name recognize women from various racial backgrounds who, while not necessarily household names, have excelled in their chosen field while working diligently to improve civil and human rights in the region.

"Mrs. Hamer was a feminist and a civil rights heroine," said Carl Snowden, chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee. "Each year, on the eve of her birthday, Marylanders pause to honor this Mississippian, a sharecropper, who shared a passion for economic and social justice."

A committee of community residents chooses six outstanding women each year from a list of nominees who live and/or work in Anne Arundel County. Anne Arundel is the only jurisdiction in the State of Maryland to celebrate Hamer's memory with awards of this nature.

"We are living right now in a world that is fighting for change on many levels, from social unrest in our cities, to expansive international crises," said Sen. Mikulski, a 2009 Hamer honoree. "And while the news may seem grim, there is inspiration every day around the world as people come together to bring about peaceful change."

The awards ceremony will include musical performances by Antonette Maddox and Randi Roberts as well as the Annapolis debut of "This Little Light of Mine: Fannie Lou Hamer's Legacy," a documentary film on Hamer's life by journalist Robin Hamilton.

Fannie Lou Hamer was instrumental in organizing the Mississippi Freedom Summer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and later became the vice-chair of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Her plain spoken manner and fervent belief in the Biblical righteousness of her cause gained her a reputation as an electrifying speaker. She ran for Congress in 1964 and 1965, and was seated as a member of Mississippi's official delegation to the Democratic National Convention of 1968, where she was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War.

Hamer also worked on other projects, including grassroots-level Head Start programs, the Freedom Farm Cooperative in Sunflower County, and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign.



*Reverend Dr. Diane Dixon-Proctor hails from Harlem in NYC. Her Grandmother taught her the importance of making a difference through the Civil Rights Movement, participating in sit-ins and voter registration. She is recognized as a Foot Soldier having participated in the 1963 March On Washington. Currently serving as the Lead Pastor of Lincoln Park United Methodist Church in Washington D.C., Dixon-Proctor resides in Glen Burnie.*



*Dr. Dawn Lindsay is the sixth president of Anne Arundel Community College. A resident of Annapolis, Dr. Lindsay has dedicated over 25 years to the community college system. She is a member of the board of directors for the League for Innovation in the Community College and serves on the American Association of Community Colleges Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity, among other national and regional boards.*



*Karen Andersen Slade's 32-year career with Lockheed Martin has taken her all over the U.S. and the world. She currently is the Network and Performance Analysis Manager, managing the Network Control Center for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) network. Slade, who lives in Bowie, also is the Director of the SladeChild Foundation, which provides food, shelter, clothing, education, and medical care to destitute children.*



*Mary DesChamps, a native New Yorker who now resides in Severn, has worked for several law firms in the District of Columbia. The treasurer of the West County Democratic Club, she helped with fundraising events and voter registration during the 2008 presidential election. DesChamps also serves on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee and the Anne Arundel County Central Democratic Club. Additionally, supports A Legacy Left Behind, a group that helps young adults in crisis overcome their obstacles.*

Hamer died at the age of 57. Her tombstone is engraved with one of her famous quotes, "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Tickets are \$35 in advance, and also will be available at door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-538-6353 or 410-419-2208 or email arankin58@hotmail.com.



*Lisa Ennis is a native of Crofton. Known by her peers as the "Swift Shift Strategist," Ennis is renowned for her sound advice and resourcefulness. She is the president of the Ty-Ci Group, which includes the Spa Sanctuary and Visions Consulting Services. Ennis also takes the time to mentor young women and other budding entrepreneurs.*



*Ann Davis, a Severna Park resident, has accomplished two aspirations: becoming a teacher and an international missionary. In 2005, Davis and a colleague established the Effective Body of Believers Inc. (EBOB). EBOB's goal is to improve the lives of the needy in the Caribbean. In 2011, the organizations expanded its outreach to local homeless men and women.*

Courtesy Photos



# Annapolis 9/11 Heroes Run inspires community service, togetherness

By Andrea Blackstone

“Good job, guys. Way to finish strong!” Brigadier General Dave Papak, USMC (Ret.) cheered as walkers of all ages crossed the finish line of The 9/11 Heroes Run race. The 5K/1 mile fun run took place on September 13, 2015 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis. The race pays tribute to veterans, first responders, service members and civilians.

The event hosted by the Travis Manion Foundation (TMF) was one of 56 of their 2015 9/11 Heroes Runs, including 49 domestic and seven international. Proceeds from the local race will help the nonprofit offer veterans and families of the fallen opportunities to help accomplish personal and professional goals. Since 2014, TMF has invested over \$500,000 into community benefactors. The Annapolis Fire Department has benefited from TMF’s financial contributions.

John Wardell is one of two firefighters who took the Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA) course because of TMF’s financial generosity. The mission of LAA is reportedly to make an impact and change in Anne Arundel County. In 2014, \$8,400 was also donated to the E.S. Garnett Firemen’s Welfare Fund. This fund pays for furniture and food in the fire station to support firemen who are awaiting emergencies.

“To the 1,500 or so runners that are here, I want to let each and everyone one of you know that your actions can have a resounding difference in the life of a friend, a family member and somebody you don’t even know, even if that action results in your unfortunate death,” Wardell said.

Amber Baum was nine months pregnant when her husband, Sgt. Ryan Baum died while serving in Iraq in 2007.

“None has come close to making the impact in my life that The Travis Manion Foundation has. I hope you guys know that when you are here, and you are running today and you’re raising money, you are raising awareness for an organization that changes lives,” Baum said as her daughter, Leia stood nearby.

TMF believes that the best way to honor the fallen is by challenging the



*Darin (left) and At Ford (right) and their children Nicholas, 10, and Hazel, 8) were among those who participated in the 9/11 Heroes Run. The Fords have attended the Annapolis 9/11 Heroes Run as a family for the last four or five years.*

living. The slogan, “If not me, then who...” were words spoken by Marine 1st Lt. Travis Manion. Before his final deployment to Iraq, the Naval Academy graduate visited the New York Fire Department Rescue 1. More than half of their men were lost on 9/11.

Ryan Manion, president of TMF and sister of Travis, explained that after his visit he returned with a deeper passion about why he as fighting in Iraq. In 2007, Travis was killed by a sniper, while protecting his battalion. His mother, the late Janet Manion, founded TMF to honor those who died in the line of duty.

Darin and At Ford and their children were among those who honored 9/11 heroes. At said that the 9/11 Heroes Run is a great event to help Nicholas, 10, and Hazel, 8 understand what 9/11 is all about. Passing along the tradition of serving in the community is important to At and her husband, Darin, founder of Men of Courage International Inc., which supports men in their roles as servant leaders.



*Runners approach the finish line at the Annapolis 9/11 Heroes Run. Photos: Andrea Blackstone*

“We believe in supporting those who support the community and put their lives on the line in harm’s way, so that we can be protected as American citizens and as community members. This



*Several area firefighters ran in full gear*



*A participant happily crosses the finish line.*

is an organization that really supports that and brings that to the attention to the community, so we love that,” Darin said.



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## Hispanic Heritage at Heart of Social Security Mission

*By Fontaine Joynes*

*Social Security District Manager, Baltimore*

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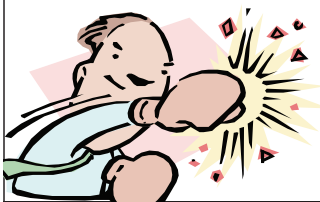
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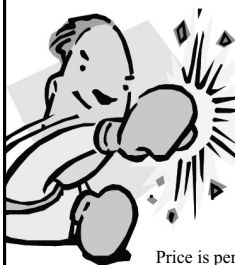
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