THE JOURNEY

NAOBI-DC’S JUNE NEWSLETTER JUST FOR YOU!

GIVES BACK!

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARS!

Are You Ready?!!

#BACKTOBLACK WEEKEND!

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How often can one say he or she lived their best life? Joyce Fleming can. A truly genuine woman of class, compassion, and a heart of gold. Known to many NAOBians as either Joyce or Miss Joyce, many can attest to simple, yet memorable encounters with a woman who was always found a way to serve others.

Renee Smith, NAOBI-DC Membership Chair, recalls knowing of Joyce for years, but remembers a distinct time recently passing Joyce by. After a brief conversation, Joyce learned that Renee loved cards. A short time later, Joyce randomly sent Renee a friendly card just to say ‘hey girl’, which lit Renee’s face up with overwhelming joy. How serendipitous!

NAOBI-DC recognized Joyce’s efforts in growing the Deaf and Interpreting ministry at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, and their consistent engagement throughout the Deaf and interpreting community at large. Joyce made sure her cohorts were members of NAOBI-DC, and took advantage of professional development opportunities NAOBI-DC made possible for her team to attend.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church’s Deaf ministry was awarded a Champion of Distinction award at the Night of Champions awards ceremony, February 2016. What made Joyce unique amongst the 20+ organizations and entities who were awarded that night, was that Joyce came back a month later to sponsor the refreshments at the next NAOBI-DC General Body Business Meeting. That is Joyce: a woman who joyously lived in gratuity.
NAOBI GIVES BACK!

NAOBI strikes back again with another culturally rich outing for NAOBlans. Thanks to our former NAOBI Gives Back Chair, Ms. Jenese Portee, we were provided with ten tickets to the National African-American Museum of History and Culture. Our current Chair, Mrs. Renee Smith promoted the free trip to all Members, and a few showed up to have a grand time.

With a boutique, unique mix of NAOBlans, there was DCABDA’s Vice President, John Marcelle, Jr., Jinah Williamson, Eric Wilson, and Leveta Joseph who all met at NAOBI Gives Back Chair, Renee Smith’s house before heading to the museum. Upon arriving, each participant took a journey through the annals of rich lineage and exploration.

We only hope to continue the tradition of touring the museum with Members interested in being enriched through cohesive fun. Good times. Shout-out to Brenda Wharton who was there independently.

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DREAMERS

BLACK INTERPRETERS GRADUATING WITH BA'S, MA'S, AND A PH.D!

HISTORY MADE!
HISTORY IS MADE BY THE DECISIONS WE MAKE.

BLACK INTERPRETING GRADUATES AT EVERY LEVEL IS SOMETHING WE HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE. ALAS! HERE WE ARE.

Seeing a Black doctoral graduate in interpreting should not be as infrequent as a unicorn sighting, though we relish in the event. Especially when we have never seen this day before. How best can me move the agenda to emphasize scholarship amongst Our people? Support them; encourage them, shower them with the love and resources we have to share and empower.

Tyriibah Royal
MA in Interpreting

Pauline Moore
MA in Divinity

LeTesha Dixon
BA in Deaf Studies

DID YOU KNOW?

NAOBI-DC stood in the gap for Shiloh Baptist Church’s Silent Mission at the request of Dr. Leandra Williams with a commemorative letter of acknowledgement and 15-year Anniversary books for their 103rd anniversary.

NAOBI-DC also wrote recommendation letters for both Rodney Lebon and Paris McTizic en route to their application and acceptance into Access Interpreting’s Internship Program. Paris recently completed the Spring 2017 Internship Cohort, and Rodney will join the Summer 2017 Internship Cohort. CONGRATULATIONS!

WHO ARE OUR GRADUATES?

Leandra Williams
Ph.D in Interpreting

Carlee James
MA in Interpreting

Rodney LeBron
BA in Interpreting

Paris McTizic
BA in Interpreting
RECENTLY, DJ SUPALEE HOSTED DEAF NIGHT OUT AT DAVE AND BUSTERS APRIL 20, 2017. MORE THAN FOUR-HUNDRED PEOPLE CAME OUT TO ENJOY. A REUNION FOR SOME, AND GOOD TIMES FOR ALL. NAOBI GIVES BACK WAS THERE TO PROVIDE PRO BONO INTERPRETING SERVICES!

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AFTER A MONUMENTAL DISSERTATION DEFENSE, "EXPLORING THE HEGEMONIC WHITENESS IN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER EDUCATION PROGRAM CURRICULA: A DISCUSSION WITH PROGRAM DIRECTORS, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS," WE ARE LOOKING TOWARDS GREAT THINGS FROM DR. WILLIAMS. OUR GENERAL CURRICULUM THROUGHOUT INTERPRETER TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE IN DIRE NEED OF YOUR EXPERTISE AND SCHOLARSHIP.
A RENAISSANCE WOMAN WHO SHINES AS A MOTHER, AND AUTHOR, A RADIO SHOW HOST AND PRODUCER, NOW HAS PLANS TO PURSUE CORRECTIONAL CHAPLAINCY. FURTHERMORE, PAULINE PLANS TO OBTAIN HER PH.D IN NEUROPSYCHOLOGY. CURRENTLY, PAULINE IS WORKING ON A NEVER-SEEN-BEFORE SURVIVOR KIT FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS. #LOVEIT. WE CAN'T WAIT! NAOBI-DC WILL BE HERE TO ASSIST YOU ALONG THE WAY. TRUST.

KEEP SHINING, PAULINE!
OUR BELOVED MEMBER, "GREENIE" HAS SERVED NOT ONLY NAOBI-DC, BUT HER COUNTRY IN SPLENDOR AS AN E-5 SERGEANT IN THE US ARMY AND A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE US AIR FORCE. WE ANTICIPATE OUR BELOVED SCHOLAR TO CONTINUE HER ACADEMIC PURSUIT WITH A MASTERS DEGREE IN EITHER DEAF STUDIES OR HISTORY/DOCUMENTATION. KEEP SETTING THE BAR HIGH FOR YOUR SON AS YOU HAVE BEEN. JOB WELL DONE, GREENIE. AT EASE!
TWO YOUNG BLACK MALE INTERPRETERS WE ESTEEM HIGHLY AS TOMORROW’S LEADERS TODAY: RODNEY & PARIS. RODNEY HAS SERVED AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, AND PARIS HAS SERVED AS SECRETARY. BOTH SCHOLARS PLAN TO FURTHER THEIR ACADEMIC PURSUIT. RODNEY PLANS TO EARN A MASTERS DEGREE IN EITHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR LINGUISTICS. PARIS PLANS TO EARN A MASTERS IN A DISCIPLINE NOT YET DETERMINED. EITHER WAY, NAOBI-DC WILL BE HERE FOR YOU. TRUST. RECOMMENDATION LETTERS ON DECK!
Gallery ONH 1354 H NE

4 NIGHTS in JUNE (gates 7pm)
FREE MUSIC in the Courtyard

FRIDAY JUNE 9  8-10:30PM
Lewis & Keys Trio
John G Lewis (guitar/vocals)
Marshall Keys (saxophone)
Mark Marella (percussion)

SATURDAY JUNE 10  8-11:00PM
Abinnet Berhanu &
Hebret Musica
Ethiopian sounds w/ soulful modern jazz

THURSDAY JUNE 15  8-11:00PM
Nicole Saphos Trio
Nicole Saphos (jazz bassist & singer-songwriter)
Ele Rubenstein (drums) & John Lee (guitar)

FRIDAY JUNE 16  8-11PM
Mark Meadows & the Movement
jazz composer, pianist, vocalist, collaborator & recording artist
DC Area Black Deaf Advocates, Inc.

Hosts its 24th Anniversary “Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day”

Saturday, June 17, 2017
Theme Park Hours: 10:30am – 9:00pm

Tickets Available NOW for ONLY $40.00/per person

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS | LIVE PERFORMANCES | INTERPRETERS ON-SITE
Improving Services | Local Area Groups | Available all day
Dorian4002000@yahoo.com | DJSupalee@gmail.com | NWShepard@gmail.com
Dorian Fletcher, Exhibit Coordinator | Leyland Leyland, Entertainment | Niesha Washington-Shepard, Coordinator

For Tickets, Contact:
Dorian Fletcher, Chair at Dorian4002000@yahoo.com
Aminah Savannah | Jessica Nortey, Co-Assistants at dcabda6flags17@gmail.com

NEW! Wonder Woman
Lasso of Truth
FEATURING SPEAKERS:
Pamela Collins  Lisa Weems

CROSSING BRIDGES
A time for NAOBlans across the East to reunite!

LUNCHEON
$25.00 PER PERSON

Saturday, July 8, 2017
The Landmark Americana!
3333 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Limited Seating. Please RSVP by June 25, 2017
www.naobidc.org
Theater Arts for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People of Color

LEADERSHIP

July 16-22, 2017
Gallaudet University
Washington, DC

This unique one-week leadership training program is designed specifically for deaf people of color who are interested in professional and/or leisure participation in deaf theaters.

- Explore the history of deaf theater and its cultural contexts
- Practice theatrical expression
- Gain knowledge and skills in actor movement
- Increase physical awareness for stage work
- Learn character development for the stage
- Develop play production skills

Tuition fee: $861*†


Registration deadline: June 25, 2017

Financial assistance is available for tuition, room and board. Contact bummyleadership@gallaudet.edu.

Note: Check-in is Sunday, July 16th by noon for an afternoon orientation. Check-out is Saturday noon July 22.

* A $30 processing fee is not included in financial assistance.
† Tuition for international students is higher.

Register:
http://www.gallaudet.edu/center-for-continuing-studies/theater-arts
THE MOST EXCITING WEEKEND NAOBI-DC OFFERS IS HERE!

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JULY 27 - 29, 2017
GET READY FOR THE DMV’S BEST THEATRICAL & PERFORMANCE INTERPRETING SYMPOSIUM...

DRAMATERP!

KEVIN DYELS & AARON KUBEY
To Do or Not to Do Theater Interpreting:
That is the Question!

MICHELLE BANKS
Theatrical Interpreting:
Keep Your Hands Up!

KATHLEEN TAYLOR
Gearing Up: Role Shifting in Monologues

FRED BEAM
So You Think You Can Theater Interpret!

TIFFANY HILL
TRL - My "GLOSS" is Poppin’?

Friday, July 28, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Gallaudet University

$100.00 for NAOBI Members
$150.00 for Non-NAOBI Members
Breakfast & Lunch Included

www.naobidc.org
THE COOKOUT!
SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017
Takoma-Piney Branch Park * 1:00pm-5:00pm
WWW.NAOBIDC.ORG
J O Y C E  F L E M I N G

Deaf Heart. Full of Joy. Missed.

October 22, 1956 - May 17, 2017