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From the Desk of the President Greetings Fellow WestSiders

You will not want to miss this very important event: Our Spring/Summer Celebration. Where? The Detroit Yacht Club located on Belle Isle. When? Sunday, June 24, 2012. Time? 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Why? Rejuvenation. WestSiders will come together to meet greet and express our thankfulness for our families, health, our friends and any significant events in our lives. The second Dr. Charles A. Green Annual Scholarship Awards will be presented to two deserving Northwestern High School graduates. (\$1000 each, one male and one female) that are college bound.

For tickets to the Spring/Summer Celebration, contact Joseph Hutchison 313-893-1880 or Donald McSwain at 313-506-3565. Come on out, I want to see you there!

Thanks to Clyde Newman for providing snacks at our monthly meetings. Summer is here! Let's take a break from meetings and enjoy our family and friends near and far. Our regular WestSiders meeting will cease during the months of July and August. Regular meetings will commence on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. As customary, WestSiders meet at The Tabernacle Baptist Church located at West Grand Boulevard and Grand River. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

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New Annual Members

Betty A. Etheridge, Della McGraw Goodwin, Dr. Ruth Dent Liles, Doris Lipkins, Irma Watson.

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New Life Members

Joy Boykin-Turner, Ophelia Camp, Patricia Foster, Michael A. Harper, Jacqueline Hicks, Joan C. Price

In Remembrance

Bernard Coker

Dr. Charles A. Green Scholarships

As a result of our Christmas Party Fund Raiser chaired by Dr. Horace Jefferson, we are able, once again, to award two \$1000 scholarships; one to a Male and one to a Female graduate of Northwestern High School.

Carnell Wright has participated in baseball, basketball, track, cross country and tennis. He was captain of the baseball and basketball teams. Carnell ranks #10 in his class of 143 and earned a 3.09 GPA. All of this while holding a job with DPS in the School Center Building. His immediate plan is to enter Henry Ford Community College to begin his studies toward a B.S. in Computer Engineering.

Jasmine Sparks was Valedictorian of her class with a 3.8 GPA. She will enter Wayne State University to begin her studies toward a Medical Degree.

Jasmine has received the Principal's Award for excellence in Science and English. Track and field and golf were her sports and she volunteers at Youthville, Children's Hospital and YMCA. She recently, organized a blood drive for the Red Cross. She plans to become a Pediatrician and Entrepreneur.

Congratulations to these two fine Scholarship Awardees.

At Roberts River Walk Hotel With Purdue University Black Cultural Center Director



Purdue University Wants Our Help

Purdue University Black Cultural Center's Director, Renee Thomas and Assistant Director William Caise met with several WestSiders to gain information about Detroit.

Their plan is to bring 45 of their students to Detroit in October to tour our Underground Railroad stations and to learn about our cultural arts. They are gathering information to plan for tours and programs.

Their special request of The WestSiders is for us to feature a panel regarding oral histories. You are invited to be on this panel if you wish. This is a grand opportunity for us and them as well. You see our story is known in many parts of the country.

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Legacies: The West Side Values Live On

Two legacies were recognized, recently, by The Michigan Chronicle celebrating their 5th Annual Women of Excellence. They are Sharon Dade and Judge Shannon Holmes.



Sharon Dade, daughter of Life Member, Malcolm Dade, is Director of Social Services, Volunteers of America Michigan. She directs a \$4 million department of 10 programs designed to assist homeless veterans, families and individuals in southern Michigan.

With 25 years experience managing projects and departments, Dade has the ability to direct complex projects from concept to operations. She enjoys spending time with her daughters, Ashley and Levette. She loves to sing, pray, read and is known to be a mother to many.



Shannon A. Holmes is daughter-in-law of Life Member, Lorraine Huntington Holmes and wife of 2007 Icon Rev. Dr. Edwin Holmes. She currently serves as Judge of the 36th District Court. Shannon has had a distinguished career as a public servant. This service includes Federal

Investigator for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Detroit, Human Resources Director for the City of Detroit and Chief of Staff to the Honorable Mayor David Bing, among others. She is a licensed minister at Renaissance Baptist Church where her husband serves as senior pastor. The Holmes have 3 children, Troy (wife – Autumn), Jordan and Joi Ivory. They also have a granddaughter Aubrey.



Charles DeWitt Watts, III recently graduated from Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Cum Laude. Chaz is the grandson of the late Dr. Reginald Ernst and Bessie Ernst. This young scholar has accepted an offer to pursue a

Ph. D. in Mathematics at Georgia Tech which is fully

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funded and a fellowship. He also had the opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Budapest, Hungary studying mathematics.

Kahlil DuPerry, grandson of the late Geraldine McDaniel Slaughter and Dr. Peter Slaughter and son of Karen Duperry, 2007 Icon, graduated from Brother Rice High School. He has been accepted by The University of Michigan the Alma Mater of his grandfather, Mother and Father. Kahlil says, “Go Blue”.

WestSider Childhood Sweethearts Celebrate 60 Years of Love

Congratulations to WestSiders Kenneth and Jean Walls Leonard on their 60th wedding Anniversary in January of this year! They celebrated the event in March with family and friends at The Charles Wright Museum of African American History. 100 people, including WestSiders Ernest Mitchell, Goodwin Greer, Constance Thornton Campbell and others.

The Leonards have five children ranging in age from 46 to 56 years, including one child who is unfortunately deceased; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren!

The Leonards first met in the fourth grade at Sampson Elementary School on the old west side of Detroit. They graduated from Northwestern High School in 1949. Mr. Leonard is retired from the United States Postal Service, and his wife worked as a homemaker. When asked what has kept their marriage together, Mr. Leonard replied simply, “working at it.”

We wish them many more happy years!

Diane Proctor Reeder

Many, many thanks to our WestSiders who take the time and effort to place an advertisement in the Quarterly newsletter.

It is a joy to read about your business (we should all support) on your personal remembrances of friends and loved ones.

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This is our 23rd issue of The WestSider. Members step up each quarter to pay the \$300 cost of publishing and sending it to our membership. This issue is the first to be paid by our treasury. Some of the **Munificent Sponsors**, listed above, have made it possible to publish more than one issue.

This is a plea to all of our members to consider helping us get our news out. Note that the Craig Family went together to pay for an issue. Others teamed with another member. Some of the ladies have paid for an issue in memory of their husbands. **We are a 501(c3) organization so your contributions are tax deductible, for further information contact:**

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Sports Success ...At Any Age

WestSider, Horace Jefferson and wife Betty are holding their collective chests out about son, Eric. He's not as young anymore, even though we know that you 'Old WestSiders' will ALWAYS see your children as just that...children; but he was the number one rated goalie in Ford employees hockey league. Most of the men are 10 to 15 years younger than Eric, and most have either played as semi-pros or on college hockey teams. Kudos to newly-minted 'senior' Eric, who is demonstrating that we can excel at any age....just like our parents. -

Diane Proctor Reeder

Heard Across the Boulevard

StoryCorps will visit Detroit once again this Fall. Watch for the opportunity to tell your personal story to be included at the Library of Congress.

The Other Big Three is planning another ourstanding program in the Fall at the Southfield Public Library. These 3 neighborhood Groups are enjoying cooperating: The WestSiders, The Conant Gardeners and The Near EastSiders.

We have at least 2 esteemed horticulturists in our membership. They are Felix Seldon and Paul Dillard. Their gardens should be in Home & Garden Magazine.



Clyde Newman is a gourmet chef as witnessed at our last 2 meetings. Corned beef and steamed shrimp were enjoyed by all. Join us on June 21 at 2:00 for our final meeting of the fiscal year. Do not forget to check our website on a regular basis.

www.thedetroitwestsiders.com .

Thanks to Kenneth Leonard, we are finally accessible.



The WestSiders have had only 2 Treasurers. Both outstanding. Our present treasurer, Jean Flagg Rogers gives us regular reports that let us know where our money comes from and where it is going. What a pleasure to have her working with us.

Northwestern High School Alumni Association

is having their picnic on Sunday, June 24th on Belle Isle from 3-9 in Shelter 7. So after attending the WestSiders Banquet drop over to the picnic.

Julian Witherspoon of NWHSAA is Chair of their Music Legacy of Northwestern Tribute. If you, your brother, your sister, your cousin or friend participated in a NWHS music program contact Julian at 313-598-6867. The celebration will be in Spring 2013.

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