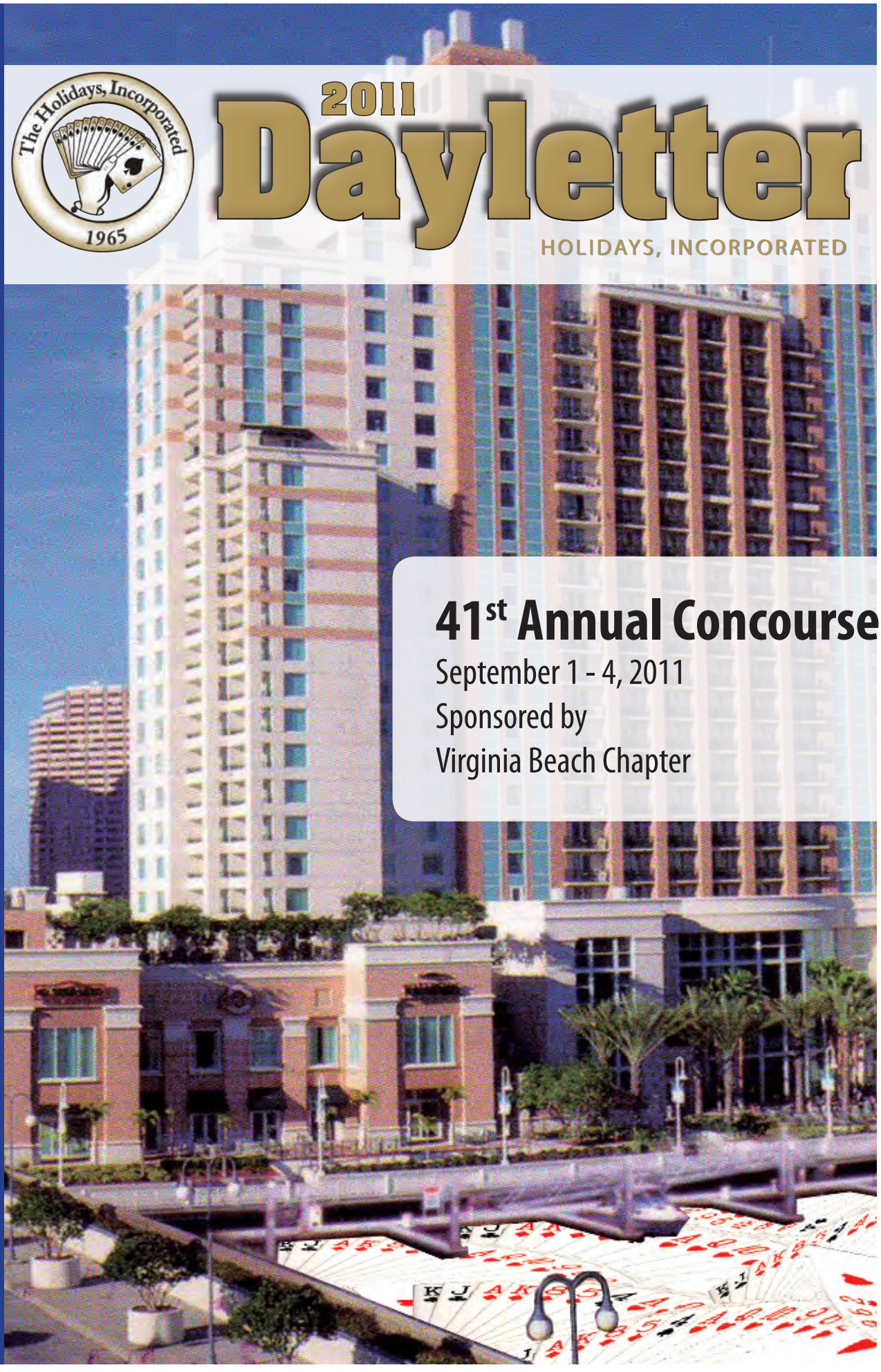
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to the ladies who started it all!!

"Until lions have their historians, tales of the hunt shall always glorify the hunters."

~African Proverb

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Dear Holidays:

I am very excited to share the annual news of **The Holidays, Incorporated** through our official publication, **The Dayletter**. This Dayletter is presented on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of The Holidays in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Dayletters from the era of the sixties to the present have been critically important to our institutional memory and source of pride in our growth and development as the first nationally based African American social bridge club in America.

Your annual personal and professional news has painted a composite picture of the historical impact of African American women in the latter half of the twentieth century. The past fifty years have been characterized as an era of great social and political change. Through it all, the seemingly ordinary events of our lives, as chronicled in The Dayletter, present a powerful subtext of racial and gender empowerment. The Dayletter has truly become our organizational footprint in the sands of time.

I appreciate each of you for sustaining this organization for the past fifty years. Please continue to share your stories to keep us connected through The Dayletter. I must, also, extend gratitude to The Virginia Beach Chapter for the celebratory atmosphere and hospitality at this annual 41st Concourse where we reflect in revelry on our historic past.

May the years ahead bring you more good news to share!

All the best.

Your Holiday Sister,

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AWARDS



In 2011, fifty years after being one of the first African American Women to attend Georgia Tech, Holiday Alyce Ware (fourth from the left) was honored by Georgia Tech.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Holiday Carol Phelps earned a Certificate in Management Consulting (CMC) and was also appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management.

CELEBRATIONS

Holiday Alma Brown joyfully celebrated her 75th birthday with a party attended by family and friends from across the country.

Holiday Delores Epps and Labor Day Craig Epps enjoyed Callaway Gardens the first weekend in May as they celebrated 40 years of marriage.



The Atlanta Holidays held their annual Christmas celebration and party at the Marriott Gateway at the Atlanta Airport. The party began with a gourmet lunch served by the hotel wait staff and bridge afterward. At the conclusion of bridge, the club members exchanged gifts.

IN MEMORIAM

Labor Day Daniel Phelps passed away on November 8, 2010. The funeral was held at the Catholic Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Atlanta, GA on November 11, 2010. **Labor Day Daniel** is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, **Holiday Carol Phelps**, one son **Everyday Marcus Omar** and one daughter **Everyday Aminah Danielle**, his parents, two brothers, two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, a mother-in-law, **Holiday Alma Brown**, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

LIFETIME MEMBER

Holiday Connie Darden was honored with a lifetime member designation this year. Although she is not a founding member she has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter for over 25 years. The Atlanta Chapter was proud to offer this designation to our sister Holiday.

TRAVEL

Holiday Alma Brown traveled to New Jersey to attend the graduation of **Someday Gabrielle Brown** who received her Master's in Public Administration from Rutgers University.

Holiday Caranell Lott traveled to Taipei, Taiwan with **Everyday Deborah Barnes**, to celebrate **Someday Jason's** birthday. He has lived and worked in Taipei, Taiwan for 10 years. Their tours included Taipei 101, the countrys' tallest building, the National Palace Museum, the Puppet Museum, Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial, a 200 year old temple and a pottery store. They dined with a local family and at several very nice neighborhood restaurants frequented by the locals. They met many persons of different nationalities from countries such as Zambia, Japan and England. The trip was very educational and, of course, extremely interesting. After a 19 hour flight, they returned to the states wishing for the soothing and relaxing spa experience that awaited them upon our arrival.

Who can keep up with **Margaret Jacobs, Margaret Gardner and Rev. Cecyla Taylor?** These three traveling buddies continue to crisscross the globe on their every expanding map quest. For a real treat ask them where they just returned from and where they are off to next.

Holiday Bennie Edwards spent a week in Sarasota, Florida visiting a long time friend. While in Sarasota, **Holiday Bennie** caught up on her shopping as well as getting in a few hands of bridge.

Holiday Leah Creque coordinated a conference in Port of Spain, Trinidad in November. She also enjoyed a tour of four Scandinavian countries in May: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Holiday Anne O. Emery was honored with a lifetime achievement award by the Bluford Drew Jemison Science Technology Engineering Math Academy. The Academy now prepares over 900 young men to meet the challenges of today's world. Visit www.bdjacademy.org to learn more about BDJ. **Holiday Emery** is chair of the BDJ Board of Directors. Holiday Delores Baden is Secretary of the BDJ Board of Directors and chairs the Curriculum Committee.

Everyday Dr. Donna DeCosta continues writing her food allergy book and has launched her new website www.foodallergymomdoc.com. **Somedays Frank and Wesley DeCosta** attended Troy Beck Golf Academy. Frank also played for the Academy in a golf tournament. **Labor Day Lawrence Turner** will play in the Inaugural Charity Golf Tournament to benefit pediatric food allergy research at Johns Hopkins Children Center.



Holiday June Turner's brother Colonel Dewitt Hudson presented his grandson Eric Hudson with his commission to the U.S. Coast Guard. President Obama was the guest speaker.

Holiday Deborah Bailey-Taylor retired this year. She and Labor Day Errol welcomed a new grandchild

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS

Ashlee Nicole Freeman, daughter of **Holiday Audrey Freeman**, graduated from Central Michigan University with a Master of Science Degree in Health and Hospital Administration. Ashlee's undergraduate degree was earned at Grambling State University, Grambling, LA. Ashlee was a 5th generation graduate of Grambling College, known today as Grambling State University.

TRAVEL

Holiday June Turner attended the induction of a new member into the **Cincinnati Chapter of The Holidays, Inc.**, and celebrated their 15th Anniversary. **Holiday June Turner** was entertained at the Links luncheon, guest of **Holiday Candie Simmons**, celebrating Apollo to Tiffany Redhatterhosted by **Holiday Geri Shaw** and Women's Day at Quinn Chapel, guest of **Labor Day Reginald Simmons and Holiday Geri Shaw.**

Holiday Goldie and Labor Day Judson Wood took a comprehensive tour of America's magnificent National Parks. Their journey began in Montana, the Big Sky Country. They travelled to Yellowstone Park, a wilderness of craggy peaks, alpine lakes, magnificent canyons, and great wildlife. Some of the geothermal wonders were Firehole Canyon, Fountain Paint Pots, the Middle Geyser Basin, and, of course, OLD FAITHFUL. They travelled from the high plateau of Yellowstone to the valley of Jackson Hole where the Grand Tetons soar above the glacial lakes. While there, they experienced a real "Shoot Out" and visited the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar. Their next stop was Salt Lake City, with a stop at Temple Square, and demonstration researching their family tree at the renowned Family Search Center of the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints. Traveling through Moab to tour the lovely Arches National Park where they marveled over the geological phenomena as Balanced Rock and Parade of Elephants Arch. From there, they continued in a scenic drive though Utah to Kayenta, Arizona and Navajo Nation Land. The next three stops included the majestic GRAND CANYON, the breathtaking views in BRYCE CANYON --Rainbow Point Fairyland, the Natural Bridge, and the renowned eerie wind-carved red-rock formations known as "HOODOOS," and RED ROCK CANYON at Zion National Park. Holiday Goldie and Laborday Judson ended their 'BEST OF THE WEST' final two days at fabulous, glittering, and exciting Las Vegas.

Holiday Carol and Labor Day Joseph Hillery made a pilgrimage to Portugal and Santiago de Compostela, Spain with members of their parish, St. Ignatius, to see some of the amazing accomplishments of the first Jesuits in Portugal and beyond. The first stop was Lisbon where they enjoyed a welcome dinner and a Fado performance. The first Jesuit missionaries set sail from the Belem area of Lisbon. Next was the Jesuit University in Evora. On the way, they saw the Megaliths – mysterious religious hewn stones from 2000-4000 BC. They continued on to the Cathedral of Santarem and the Cistercian Abbey of Santa Maria in Alcobaca. The pilgrims continued on to spend a day in Fatima. They visited the Basilica and the homes of the shepherd children who witnessed the appearance of Mary. From there it was on to Tomar and a visit 15th century Synagogue; then Coimbra – one of the oldest University towns in Europe. The original university was founded by the Jesuits. In Lower Coimbra they visited Biblioteca Joanina – one of the top five libraries in the world. They continued to Porto – Portugal's second largest city and Braga – the oldest Portuguese city.

The last stop on the journey was Santiago de Compostela – famous pilgrimage site and home to the Cathedral that is the end of the Camino de Santiago – the pilgrim trail that extends from Switzerland across Europe to this point in Northwestern Spain where St. James the Apostle is said to be buried beneath the altar. Along the way, the pastor of St. Ignatius was able to celebrate Mass each day in one of the local churches.

WELLNESS

We are happy to say that **Holiday Jackie Hilson** continues to recover from a serious illness.



The Birmingham Chapter had an exciting year highlighted by the addition of new members Queen Stratman, Rosemary Ashford and **Labor Day Rowell Ashford, MD**, to their roster. They joined **Judge Katrina Ross** as the newest members of the Birmingham Chapter, and have enabled the group to expand to four tables of bridge at most meetings. With their bridge playing Labor Days playing bridge with them, they reported having tons of fun together. **Labor Day Paschal McArthur** consistently outscored the Holidays in almost every game that he played.

Holidays Jennie Abron and Martha Wells, charter members of the Birmingham Chapter, continue to be affiliate members due to illness. The group is in constant prayer for them and for **Everyday Robert Stewart**, son of **Holiday Margaret Stewart**, who is terminally ill. Sadness struck the chapter when **Labor Day Arthur Baylor**, widower of the late Holiday Iola B. T. Baylor passed in October, 2010.

President Lydia Lewis Alexander was elected to another term on the Legacy YMCA Board in Bessemer, after having rotated off in 2009. Getting back into the fold at a fast pace, she is already serving as treasurer of the board. Her travels this past year included the Links Assembly in Detroit and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Boule in St. Louis in 2010, the Southern Links Area Conference in New Orleans (where she served as Area Parliamentarian) and the AKA Leadership Seminar in Atlanta in 2011. She was busy at home helping to plan activities in Birmingham that included the AKA South Eastern Regional Conference, her family reunion and the Talladega College Triennial Reunion. In addition to attending the 2011 National Training Conference of the NAP (National Association of Parliamentarians) in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2010, she attended the state and district meetings of NAP in Montgomery. **Holiday Lydia** was also honored as an "Outstanding Woman" by the Metro Birmingham Chapter of the NAACP.

Holiday Rosemary and Labor Day Rowell Ashford fulfilled their dream of visiting Israel and Jerusalem when they took a 16-day Mediterranean cruise on the exclusive Celebrity Equinox to Italy, Greece, Egypt and The Holy Land in October. In addition to experiencing the joy of following in the footsteps of Jesus, they visited such historical sites in Egypt as the Pyramids, the great Sphinx and the Nile River. They were most impressed with the State of the Art Solar Library, the largest in the world, at Alexandria. They celebrated **Labor Day Rowell's** birthday in Las Vegas, one of their favorite places to visit.

Holiday Queen McArthur, Labor Day Paschal and their children traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the McArthur Family Reunion. While there, they spent several days with Paschal's sister, Dr. Jean Grant, and her husband, Dr. Randolph Grant, retired Howard University professors, who reside in DC.

Holiday Denise Poe, a partner in the Killings-Poe Law Firm, has been busy juggling her law practice with her work as coordinator of the website for The Holidays, Inc.

Holiday Katrina Ross was honored as "NAACP Woman of the Year" by the Metro Birmingham Branch NAACP. She was also recognized by the Magic City Bar Association for her work in the area of domestic violence. She is particularly proud of her niece, Alexis Ross, a recent graduate of Tennessee State University, who is currently employed in research at Vanderbilt University. Katrina's new home was the site for the induction of **Holiday Queen Stratman**.

EVERYDAYS

Everyday Natalie Gadd Bibb, the daughter of **Holiday Margaret Fowler Gadd,** was selected as the Birmingham Executive Association's "Federal Manager of the Year" for 2010. Employed with the United States Department of the Treasury as supervisor of a nationwide call center, Natalie was nominated by her manager. The Clark-Atlanta University graduate was selected over numerous nominees for this prestigious award.

Everydays Lynn, Patrina, Quentin and Natalya McArthur are all doing well. **Everyday Lynn** is pursuing a degree in Business and Banking at Strayer University.

SOMEDAYS

Someday Ashlee Alexander, granddaughter of **Holiday Lydia Alexander** and a junior at Madison Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, was selected "Top Defensive Player of the Year" in softball and was chosen for the "All Area Team." Ashlee's brother, Someday Judson "Theo" Alexander, III, is a junior in electrical engineering at Auburn University.

Someday Stephen Derrick Orlando Gadd, the grandson of **Holiday Margaret Fowler Gadd**, received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, on May 14, 2011, with a major in Economics and a minor in Political Science. A signature flight over the graduates at Paulson Stadium by "Freedom," an American Bald Eagle, concluded the University's Spring Commencement Ceremony. The proud family celebrated Stephen's graduation with dinner at the Famous Paula Deen's Restaurant in Savannah, Georgia, and a luncheon immediately following the graduation at The Beaver House Old Slave Plantation in Statesboro, Georgia. Stephen began his graduate studies on May 16, 2011 at The Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Someday Justin McArthur completed his high school football career as Hoover High School's "Zone Back of the Year" with 24 rushing touchdowns, which is believed to be a school record. He received a full scholarship to Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville, Mississippi. After completing two years of football there, he plans to transfer to an SEC University to further his athletic career. Look out, NFL, Justin is on his way.

The grandchildren of **Holiday Margaret Stewart and Labor Day Boykin Stewart** are all doing well. **Someday Preston Stewart** recently completed paratrooper training in the Army and is currently training in special operations at Ft. Bragg. **Someday Kwani Stewart Williams** is a third year intern in family medicine at the University of Texas Hospital in San Antonio, TX. **Someday Jessica Stewart** is a patient access representative at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, GA, and **Someday Tiffany Stewart** is a partner in the Stewart and Smith Law Firm in Atlanta.

Nigel Hodge, the grandson of **Holiday Queen Stratman**, married his high school sweetheart, Mona, in March. Their on-off relationship continued while they were in college and culminated in marriage after they both graduated, she with a degree in architecture from Auburn University and he with an MBA (Magna Cum Laude) from FAMU. Following a blissful honeymoon in Bora Bora, they settled in Nashville, Tennessee, where they are both gainfully employed in their chosen fields.



Stephanie P. Wilson, Vice President - spw915@verizon.net



TRAVEL

Holiday Addie Collins Johnson visited her **Everyday Parker**, wife Karen and **Someday Quincy Anne** in Vancouver, BC; the family then spent time in Freeport, Bahamas while Quincy was on Spring break. Other trips included Washington D.C. and New York City.

Holiday Iris Husbands visited her sister, Irma Anderson, in California for 5 weeks to celebrate her birthday.

Holiday Julia Monroe has a great sense of humor. She traveled to San Francisco to visit family and she continues to participate in the Holidays, in spite of losing her sight.

SICK BAY

Holiday Julia Harris is on the mend after illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

EVERYDAYS & SOMEDAYS/ CELEBRATIONS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Holiday Stephanie Wilson continues to enjoy Opera Boston. She traveled to Cincinnati, in October to attend a wedding celebration of her **Everyday Mark** to Lama Alwaras; they actually married in May. She then went on to spend Thanksgiving in Houston with her sister and Bill. She celebrated the birth of her second grandson, **Zain Aiden** in March.

Holiday Donna Levy Wray continues to enjoy her 5 Somedays. The family celebrated the Medical Degree of Everyday Gregory's wife, Gretchen, from Tufts. She continues to spend a lot of time in DC.



charlotte



Holiday Barbara Davis, a charter member of the Charlotte Chapter and aunt of **President Leah Creque,** became the chapter's 1st Life Member.



The Holidays of Charlotte have been very busy since the last Concourse beginning last September when **Holiday Suzie Parrott and Labor Day William** spent a week at the Sandals Resort in St. Lucia. It was the honeymoon that they missed when they first married.

Last fall, **Holiday Joyce Edmonds and her daughter, Everyday Karra Edmonds,** took a 12-day tour through the stunning land of Egypt. During their Egyptian adventure they cruised along the Nile, visited the Pyramids, the numerous temples and met the wonderful people that make the country so famous. They had a fabulous time! Their timing was perfect – long before the unrest which took place this fall.





In December **Holiday Jean Webber and Labor Day Spurgeon Webber Jr.** were honored at the 30th Annual Jazzy Holiday Luncheon. They were the 2010 Gantt Center Award recipients for being Civic Leaders in Charlotte and Patrons of the Arts. Additionally, **Labor Day Spurgeon Webber Jr.** was honored at the 2010 Urban League of Central Carolinas Annual Meeting as an Outstanding Community Champion.

2011 continues to be very exciting for **Holiday Mary F. Johnson**. In January she and Labor Day Tennyson enjoyed a Western Caribbean bridge cruise with the Southern Section of the American Bridge Association. Last year **Holiday Mary** retired after being employed by the Mecklenburg County School System for 30 years. This year she has come out of retirement to become a part-time High School Homebound Teacher for teen mothers on maternity leave. On July 1, 2011, **Holiday Mary's** daughter, **Everyday Crystal Clark**, will begin her residency in Family Medicine at Pitt Memorial Hospital (East Carolina University) in Greenville, NC. **Holiday Mary** and **Labor Day Tennyson** will welcome their first grandchild in July 2011. They will continue to travel and play bridge.



Holiday Cheryl Sledge and Labor Day George are very proud of **Everyday G. Melvin Sledge, II** who received an AD in Processing Technology from Houston Community College this spring. **Everyday Melvin** is the Someday of **Holiday Caranell Lott** and **Labor Day Clarence**, and the nephew of **Holiday Kaneta Lott Cuffie and Labor Day Thomas** of the Atlanta Chapter. Parents and grandparents traveled to Houston for the commencement exercises.



Everyday Andrea Hunters, daughter of **Holiday Inell Roberts**, received her Master's Degree in Business Administration from UNC-Charlotte this spring.

Holiday Thelma Ladd is rightfully very proud of her grandchildren. **Somedays Carmen Lamothe, Lauren Lamothe, and Jonah Lamothe**. Each had A averages on their report cards this school year. **Someday Jonah Lamothe**, an 8th grader at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Charlotte, NC scored 1500 on the SAT. His career goal is to become an architect.



And sadly, **Holiday Deborah Cureton** lost her mother, Mrs. Fannie H. Lindsay, on June 13. Deborah has been very devoted to caring for her mother and her aunt through both of their illnesses this past year. Our prayers are with her and her family.

And now the City of Charlotte is gearing up for the Democratic National Convention to be held here next year. This has sparked several Holidays to become more politically active and/or volunteer for the convention. This will be a very exciting time for us. We may even have to put our cards down for a few days as we serve up Southern Hospitality to President and First Lady Obama.



Holidays Delores Brown, Sarah Lang, and Carmelita Williams (ckwnsu@cox.net)
Reporters

AWARDS

Holiday Delores Brown was awarded the MSNBC Stronger American Award for her participation as a Norfolk 17 Group that integrated Norfolk Public Schools. The award of $500 was presented recently.

Holiday Gloria Brown received recognition for assisting Dr. Rose Ward in the teaching of bridge to elementary students.

Holidays Vivian West, Evelyn Williams and Lucy Wilson received Platinum Membership Awards from The Links, Inc. This represents 30 years of continuous service to the organization. There is also an age requirement.

Holiday Bertha Escoffery received the Volunteer Award from Plaza Middle School in Virginia Beach for Leadership Award for Young Ladies. She also received the Outstanding Award from the Delicodos for Leadership.

Holiday Sarah Lang received the St. John's Women Day Award entitled Christian Women on the Battlefield of the Lord. She received an engraved plague representing this honor.

Holiday Carmelita Williams received the Apple Award from Michigan State University for Educational Leadership.

Holiday Shirley Winstead received the Chesapeake Alternative School Service Award.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Holiday Delores Brown assisted in the celebration of the Norfolk 17's 50th Anniversary.

Holiday Clairene Billups continues to prepare exotic dishes for guests and others. She continues to strategize her bridge playing in a unique way. She is winner most times.

Holiday Bertha Escoffery chaired a session for the Delicodos at their annual conference.

Holiday Perdethia Lowery still continues to sell real estate in the Tidewater Area. In December she was top listing and sales agent. Perdethia and **Labor Day Joe** spent a week in a log cabin on the Santee River in Santee SC.

Holiday Sarah Lang directed the Southside Boys and Girls Club Mentoring Programs for students ages 9-11 in Norfolk, VA. These programs are held after school and during the summer.

Holidays Evelyn Williams, Vivian West, Lucille Olds and our recently departed **Alice Ferguson** became Lifetime members of The Holidays, Inc. this year. This represents a minimum of 20 years of active membership. There is also an age requirement.

Holiday Carmelita Williams presented a session at the annual International Reading Convention held in Orlando, Fl. The session was geared towards helping African Americans to become proficient readers.

Holiday Shirley Winstead chaired the Norfolk State University Retirees Association Luncheon Committee in celebration of Founders Day.



Holiday Jo Ann Pugh, along with **Everyday Kimberly Pugh and Someday Joel Davis**, went Parasailing recently in Virginia Beach, VA.

CELEBRATIONS OR SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Holiday Delores Brown graced the cover of the NAACP Crisis Journal. She was being honored as a member of the Norfolk 17.

Holiday Sarah Lang orchestrated the distribution of Father's Day cards by the children in St. John's Sunday School classes to President Obama recognizing him as the First African American Father President of the Nation.

Holiday Sarah Lang celebrated the marriage of her youngest daughter in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. It was a most happy time as well as a short vacation. **Holidays Carmelita Williams and Bertha Escoffery** also attended the wedding.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Holidays Perdethia Lowery, Maxine Green, Wanza Dodson and Delores Brown delivered Valentine's cards to the Veterans Hospital in Hampton, VA, as part of the Chapter's commitment.



Holiday Evelyn Brown serves on the Seven Cities Pro American Basketball League Board of Directors, an organization focusing on education and sports.

Holidays Jo Ann Pugh, Bertha Escoffery, Carmelita Williams and Sarah Lang prepared and delivered several beautiful Valentine Baskets to the Norfolk Senior Care Center as the Chesapeake Holidays' Valentine's gift to the seniors.

Several Holidays participate in the Brambleton Community Centers' Line Dance classes as part of our health routine.

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS

Someday Amber Lowery, granddaughter of **Holiday Perdethia Lowery and Labor Day Joseph Lowery**, made the Principal's List or Honor Roll every quarter. She continued her gifted learning in the SIGNET Gifted Education program at the high school. Amber's dance team currently holds the county and state title of first place. Also, Amber's Varsity Dance Team went to a national competition in Myrtle Beach, and took first place in the poem category, second in the kick and jazz categories, and third in the lyrical category.

This past year, **Someday Christopher**, the grandson of the Lowerys, has taken up football. He is a little star, even though it is only his first year! Christopher has often scored the winning touchdown for his team. Sometimes he has scored the only touchdown of the game. Christopher is also an honor roll student.

Holiday Lucy and Labor Day Harrison, Sr., Everyday Benjamin Wilson oversees 150 lawyers located throughout the USA for the Beveridge and Diamond Law Firm in Washington D. C. **Everyday Jennifer Wilson** is a graphic designer for CBS.

Holiday Sarah Lang went to see her grandson **Someday Eric Salter**, play basketball in the area. He is on the team from Livingstone University. She has three granddaughters, Rakia Salter, Rakel and Rilee Wilson, who are all three dancing and playing volleyball.

Holiday Carmelita Williams attended the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, GA. to see her granddaughter, Someday Nikki Williams, perform with the Marching Trojans of Virginia State University.

Holiday Evelyn and Laborday Grady Brown traveled to Kansas City, MO, to visit with their son, **Everyday Jamal Wigglesworth** before his recent transfer to NC. Jamal is a Lt. Colonel in the army and is presently the commanding officer at Ft. Bragg NC.

IN MEMORIAM

Holiday Wanza Dodson recently funeralized her mother. Wanza had lived with her mother and taken care of her during her final days. Presently she is taking care of her father.

Everyday Alvalon Brown passed in December. He was the son of L**abor Day Allen Brown** and chapter president, and National Corresponding Secretary **Holiday Delores Brown.**

Our dearly beloved **Holiday Alice Ferguson** passed in March. She is truly missed. She had served as a National Officer and was dedicated to service to the community and the world.

TRAVEL

Holiday Jo Ann Pugh traveled to Israel and the Holy Land for ten days. It was a memorable trip.

Holiday Delores Brown traveled to Upper Marlboro, MD to see the Christmas and Easter plays featuring African American actors.

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Holiday Gwendolyn Daniels traveled to Barcelona, Spain, to board the Norwegian cruise ship which traveled to Casablanca, Granada and Portugal. In December she cruised to the Greek Isles.

WORDS OF WISDOM, HUMOR AND PROFOUND MOMENTS

Holiday Jo Ann Pugh leaves us with these words, "Give me the strength to stick with a task and the wisdom to know when to let go".

Holiday Bertha Escoffery favors these words, "If it is to be it is up to me."

Holiday Gloria Brown says, "Only one day will soon be past, only what's done for God will last".



Wiona W. Berry *wiona_berry@msn.com*

AWARDS

Holiday Aurelia (Candie) Simmons received the "President's Volunteer Service Award from President Obama. She completed 700 hours per year of volunteer service as an IBM retiree.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Holidays Dorothy Rollinson, Aurelia (Candie) Simmons, and Kathy Young, President taught bridge lessons for eight weeks to eight potential members. The ladies were served dinner each week. For many of them this was their first experience with bridge. They continue to play weekly under the supervision of Dorothy Rollinson, and often serve as substitutes for the Cincinnati Members.

Holiday Wiona W. Berry, Vice President of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Holidays, is also currently serving as President of Phi Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. The chapter just hosted its Tenth Annual Jazz Brunch and Silent Auction with over 500 guests in attendance.

CELEBRATIONS

The Cincinnati Chapter celebrated its 15 year Anniversary on May 21, 2011 by inducting new member **Claudia Moye**. Former members of the Cincinnati chapter were invited to a fun filled evening of dinner and bridge. The evening culminated with a champagne toast.

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS

Ryan Moody, granddaughter of **Holiday Nancy Moody**, is currently enrolled at the University of Michigan and was selected to participate in an Engineering Research Program for the summer.

Kristian Hudson, granddaughter of **Holiday Nancy Moody** graduated from Nordonia Hills High School, located in Sagamore Hill, OH, and will enter college in the fall.

Olani Jones, granddaughter of **Holiday Delores Carr** completed training as a fire fighter, and is now a member of the Washington, DC fire fighters.

Dallas Bush, grand son, of **Holiday Delores Carr** received a Bachelor's Degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta.

The granddaughter of **Holiday Delores Carr**, Laura Carr, received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas.

IN MEMORIAM



The Cincinnati Chapter mourns the loss of **Holiday Rita Parker**. She departed this life on March 6, 2011. Rita was an avid bridge player. She continued to play with the Holidays during her illness as often as possible. She leaves to cherish her memory, three devoted daughters, Charlene Leggette, Deborah Rhodes, Wyndee Parker, and members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Holidays. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

LABOR DAYS

Labor Day Wendell Young, husband of **Holiday President Kathy Young** is busy campaigning and working hard to hold his seat on Cincinnati's City Council. Good Luck on his quest to retain that seat.

TRAVEL

Holiday Nancy Moody traveled to Brazil with a Cincinnati Group. The trip included stops in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Iguassu, and the Brazilian Falls.



Reporter: Virginia Rucker

AWARDS

Holiday Sophia was recognized by her Alumni for service for Winston Salem State. She received the outstanding Alumni Award for 2010 at the Founder's Day. She and **Labor Day Alvin Pierce** were honored by serving as the Grand Marshal for the 2010 Homecoming Parade.

CELEBRATIONS OR SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Lorraine Tillman, mother of **Holiday Marye Jeffries** will be having a very special day on August 23, when she will be 100 years old. She still plays Bridge and wears 3 inch heels. Happy Birthday from all of us.

TRAVEL

Holiday Sophia Pierce enjoyed a Spring Cruise. **Holiday Margaret McDaniels** made her yearly trip to Los Angeles, California to visit her Everyday's and Someday's.

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS

Everyday Tara Walker, daughter of **Holiday Winona Humphrey** husband retired from the Army after 20 years of service. **Everyday Tim Humphrey**, was promoted to Director of Global Innovative Technologies at IBM Research Triangle, Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Kim Leonard, daughter of **Holiday Marye Jefferies** became National Recording Secretary of Links Inc. She was also promoted to Senior Deputy Director of Washington D.C. Department of Health and Addiction and Recovery.

Morgan Wardlaw, 15, Someday of **Holiday Virginia Rucker** was selected for NC Western Region All Honors Orchestra for Violin. The clinic and concert were held at Appalachian State University in March. Morgan sat first chair violin in her orchestra at Northwest School of the Arts in Charlotte. She plays in three orchestras: at school, a string trio, and at church. Morgan is an "A" student and is currently ranked number four in her class at Northwest. She recently preformed in a stage production of "Selkie" at the Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

Her sister, Kelsey Wardlaw, 12, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Sedgefield Montessori School in Charlotte. She maintains an "A" average and was a member of Sedgefield's volleyball and track teams. She also plays the flute in her school's band as well as church. Kelsey performed in the musical "Working" at the Children's Theatre of Charlotte. She and her sister Morgan were recently casted in a movie "The Hunger Games" to be released next year, partly filmed in Shelby, North Carolina.

IN MEMORIAM

The Fayetteville Holidays are deeply saddened by the lost of **Holiday Naomi Hurst**, who help initiate the Chapter in June 1983. These are thoughts from her sisters. Remembering a Queen of Hearts. We miss you already, Rest in God's arms. There was always a smile on your face. To a fantastic sister. Her passing leaves a deep void in the Fayetteville community. Naomi fought a good fight.

GOD SAW THE ROAD



God saw the road was getting rough
The hills were hard to climb;
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace be Thine"
The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights are past.
The ever-patient, worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last!



AWARDS

Holiday Maggie Boone is the high scorer for the 2010 -2011 year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Holiday Laurann Pierce has retired from the North Carolina School System after thirty years of service. She will continue to work part-time as a consultant and contract Speech/Language Pathologist. Laurann plans to spend more time with her "grands" and playing bridge.

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS

Holiday Maggie Boone is the proud Grandma of two granddaughters and a grandson. **Someday Kelsey Porter** graduated from Duke University. She was a member of Duke's Women's Rugby Football Club, Assistant Director of Academic Affairs for Black Student Alliances, President of the Girls Club Mentoring Organization for which she received the prestigious Samuel DuBois Society "Sammy" Award. Kelsey also was presented the Corey T. Williams Award from IOTA XI Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi for Exceptional Academic Achievement and Leadership. She will be enrolled in a post-baccalaureate premedical program, preparing for matriculation to medical school.

Kelsey's sister, **Someday Katelyn Porter** graduated from Northwest High School in Georgetown, Maryland and will attend Wake Forest University in the fall of 2011.

Someday Philip Sharp graduated from Southeast High School in Greensboro, North Carolina and will attend Belmont Abbey College on an academic/wrestling scholarship.

Someday Bryan Trader, grandson of **Holiday Dorinda Trader**, completed his first year of study at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. He is looking forward to returning in the fall.

Everyday Meredith Clark Lowery is the proud mother of **Someday Giana**. **Holiday Griselda and Labor Day Preston** are thrilled.

Everyday Doctor Mischaux Kilpatrick Moore is blessed with twin girls, Trinity Alise and Christian Lillie. **Holiday Lillian and Labor Day George** are proud grandparents.

Holiday Sallie Monroe is pleased to announce that both of her sons have received significant promotions. Her older son, **Everyday Joseph Jr. "JJ"**, moved to a select group within the IBM Database Structure. IBM selected 13 database administrators from its worldwide structure of database administrators to be Global Leaders in terms of solving complex database issues worldwide. JJ was selected as one of the 13.

Her younger son, **Everyday Robert Bruce "Bruce",** who is a career Air Force Officer, is serving as an acquisition officer. He was recently selected for promotion to full Colonel, and he is presently in charge of the largest computer acquisition support group in the Air Force.

Everyday Sharon Watkins Cooper continues to astound us with international recognition of her work as a forensic pediatrician. Newsweek Magazine listed her as one of the 150 women who shake up the world. She has been prominently featured in Vanity Fair Magazine and the New York Times.

Newsweek 2011 Women in the World Summit
Child Trafficking Panel



Doug Justus, Retired Portland Police Sergeant, Ashley Judd, Activist and Actor, Malika Saada Saar, Founder and Executive Director, The Rebecca Project for Human Rights, Sharon Cooper, MD, FAAP, CEO of Developmental and Forensic Pediatrics, P.A., The Honorable Jeanine Pirro, TV Host, former District Attorney and Judge



Holiday Joyce S. Collins - Reporter



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Holiday Martell N. Givhan, retired teacher, Memphis City Schools, will be honored as Outstanding Teacher at the all-years class reunion of Lester High School. **Holiday Givhan** will be recognized for her educational skills and advocacy for the students. The reunion will be held September 2-4, 2011.

Holiday Joyce S. Collins was honored as Mother of the Year at the annual Mothers' of the Nile annual Mothers' Day Banquet. Mothers of the Nile is a program of the National Institute of Law and Equity. The mission is to reduce the number of children entering the Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems. **Holiday Collins** was recognized for her commitment and service to the organization.

Holiday Georgia Elaine Parks retired after 40+ years as an educator. She was the principal of J. P. Freeman Optional School, which is one of the outstanding educational institutions in Memphis.

EVERYDAY AND SOMEDAYS

Someday Chloe Truitt graduated from Bishop Byrnes Catholic High School with honors. Someday Truitt is the granddaughter of **Holiday Juanita Truitt and Labor Day Ulysses Truitt**. She will be attending Middle Tennessee College.

Someday Edward R. Hills, III made the Dean's list at Meharry Medical School. He is the grandson of Holiday Emma H. Stotts, a proud grandmother of other Someday high achievers in the family.

TRAVEL

Holiday Ella and Labor Day Vernon Watson traveled to Belgium and went on a pilgrimage to Israel. **Holiday Watson** says the trip was exciting, spiritual, and one of the best experiences they ever had in all of their travels.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Holiday Elaine Campbell is a dedicated volunteer at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis. The Holidays of Memphis continue to make substantial contributions to improve the quality of life for the citizens in the Memphis community. They are involved in service on non-profit boards, i.e. the YWCA, Rotary Club; financial contributions to Habitat for Humanity; and the Homeless.

We ask for your continued prayers for our **Holiday sister, Dr. Gloria Venson**, who has been in and out of the hospital for more than a year.



The Holidays Miami Chapter, Inc. experienced another very exciting and productive year continuing the legacy of our founders. We enjoyed many different cultural cuisines provided by the designated hostess at their home or in a restaurant during our monthly bridge meetings.

TRAVEL

Holiday Donna Ginn spent a week in Havana, Cuba with the Florida State League of Women Voters. The purpose of the trip entitled "Sisters across the Straits" was to reach out to women's groups and learn more about how they work in the context of their political system. Her personal focus was to learn more about how women of the African Diaspora participated in leadership roles in the country. **Holiday Donna** will continue her travels in Latin America with a ten day trip to Peru. There she will visit friends and colleagues from the time she spent at Proctor & Gamble Latin America.

Holiday Ruth Williams and Labor Day Richard attended The Edward H. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award Ceremony held in the United States Supreme Court quarters of Honorable Sonia Sotomayor jointly honoring her sister-in-law, the Honorable Ann Claire Williams, and the Honorable Anthony Scirica. Another exciting experience this year was their trip to Orlando's Walt Disney Resort where **Someday Laryssa Rollins** from Mattesan, Illinois was selected to participate in Disney's Dreamers Academy Class of 2011. This program in collaboration with Steve Harvey and Essence Magazine will allow "Dreamers" to focus on a variety of subjects including Walt Disney Imagineering techniques, entertainment, entrepreneurship and culinary arts. **Holiday Ruth and Labor Day Richard** later traveled to visit their children in Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio and San Antonio, Texas.

Holiday Regina Jollivette Frazier and Labor Day Ron's travel schedule has been so extensive this past year that they seemed to be dropping into town just to refresh their suitcases before moving on to the next interesting location. Walking on the glacier in Alaska, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia and the Great Wall in China are a few of their truly memorable activities. Delighted that they were in and out of New Zealand before the devastating earthquake, **Holiday Regina and Labor Day Ron** went to Kangaroo Island where they walked among the kangaroos and wallabies and discovered that koala bears only look cute. **Holiday Regina** is still trying to figure out why Oprah would want to hold one. Aside from China, the far eastern leg of the trip also included Singapore, Hong Kong, Machau, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam. SOUNDS LIKE A BUCKET LIST TO ME!

RETIREMENTS

Holiday Mattye Jones retired from Miami Dade County Public Schools after forty-three (43) years in education. The last fourteen (14) years were served as principal of Lorah Park Elementary School. She is looking forward to smooth sailing while traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Holiday Shelain Welters retired from Miami Dade County after working thirty-seven (37) years in the Social Service field. She is excited that she has earned the opportunity to spend more time with family and grandchildren. We wish her all the best upon her retirement.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Chapter adopted Lorah Park Elementary School as our Community Project. We provide needed items such as underwear for the pre-school, sweaters, socks, clothing, and other items to help give children a happy learning environment at school. Although **Holiday Mattye Jones** is retiring from the school this year as Principal, we plan to continue this project in her honor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Holiday Carolyn Blake has a recent addition to her family to pamper and spoil. He is **Someday Christian Allen Waiters** born June 1, 2011.

IN MEMORIAM

Holiday Shelain Welters on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Lorine Hention Smith, on January 12, 2011.

Holiday Carolyn Blake on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Leasie Smith, on June 8, 2011.



IN THE NEWS



Odessa Shannon

Montgomery County Maryland **Holiday Odessa Shannon**, was one of four African American women honored at a "High Tea" on July 19, 2010, at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Maryland. The four women were designated County " Legends" in recognition of their long standing dedication, participa-tion, and achievements as "firsts" in several of the political , educational and social welfare arenas of the county. **Holiday Shannon**, along with the other three, was presented with a large vase of flowers and a hand-crafted sculpture of welded metals by the renowned artist, Gary Rosenthal. The Tea, attended by over 200 guests, was catered by the winner of TV's Top Caterer contest. The event was sponsored by the Mayor of Somerset, Jeffrey Z. Slavin.

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Holiday Elaine Conway was awarded the Ace of Clubs Certificate by the Washington Bridge League of ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) for accumulating the most master points earned for the year in her category 500 to 1000 points. **Holiday Elaine** attributes her success in earning this award by playing bridge frequently and reading bridge books. She recommends reading " 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know" by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith. To improve your bridge she also recommends devel-oping expertise in some of the basics: Stayman, Transfers, Week Two Bids, Michaels Cue Bid, Gerber, Blackwood , Negative Doubles, Unusual No Trump and Inverted Minors.

Chapter Members: Ruby Brooks, President; Beverly Stripling, Vice President; Carolyne Jordan, Secretary; Cemora Newsome, Treasurer; Elaine Conway, Financial Secretary; Helen Holston, Historian, Betty McClendon, Amenities; Gerry Fowlkes; Nancy Douglas and Odessa Shannon.



The Metro Nashville Chapter Holidays are ladies in action. Nearly all are leaders in other organizations, yet still find time to fellowship and play bridge. Top Scorers for the Chapter this year were Pat Cunningham, followed by Loretta Brown and Vicki Campbell.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to **Holiday Cheryl Seay** for earning her Ph.D. in Instructional Systems from Florida State University. Kudos to **Holiday May Alice Ridley**, Executive Director, on the successful opening of Drexel Preparatory Academy (K-4) where a capacity number of students attended the first day of school. **Holiday Pat Cunningham** is Assistant Principal and several Holiday sisters have offered their talents to the school. A Bridge Club, "Drexel Diamonds", for students in the 4th grade will be offered this year. Drexel Prep will add a grade each year to eventually serve students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

CELEBRATIONS

Holiday Patty Turner transformed her home into a winter fantasy as she hosted a magical Holiday bridge meeting with bundles of sisterly sharing and caring and holiday cheer.



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EVERY DAYS

Holiday Rhesa and Alden McDonald's son, Dr. Alden "Chip" McDonald and wife Autumn will move to San Francisco from Houston, Tx. On June 19, 2011. Chip is joining a cardiology group there. Son Todd Ortique McDonald will begin working on his MBA in September at Kelloggs – University of Chicago. **Holiday Valerie & Ron Sholes's** son, Bradley, received a Master's Degree in Classical Music from Temple University. He plans to join a Symphony in the fall. Daughter, Brittany, received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from Meharry Medical College and just began a residency practice at John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit.

SOMEDAYS

Holiday Rhesa & Alden McDonald celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Parker Ortique Smith. He was born on March 4, 2011 & weighed 5 lbs. 3 ozs. Parents Heidi McDonald Smith & Marcus Smith live in Houston, Tx. **Holiday Pat Brooks's** grandson, Anthony, graduated from Navy Boot Camp. Brother, Alex, is a sophomore at the University of Virginia. **Holiday Gail Broussard's** 5 year old granddaughter, Skylar, graduated from Kindergarten. Brother, 7 year old Nicholas, and 17 month old cousin, Isabel, were thrilled.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Holiday Gail Broussard has volunteered to work on the Obama campaign. She is also taking classes for a docent program at Le Musee fpc, a local historical museum that tells the story of people of African descent that were early residents in New Orleans. On your next visit plan on visiting the Museum. **Holidays Pat Brooks, Barbara Carmon, Delores Heglar, Gail Williams, Sandra Cade, Valerie Sholes, & Rosa Edwards** worked on the Links Southern Area Convention which was held in New Orleans in May. **Holidays Gail Broussard, Rhesa McDonald and Olga Pierre** are on Alumna status.

TRAVEL

Holiday Valerie & Judge Ron Sholes travelled to India, London, Paris & (3 weeks later) the South of France.. While in India, a member of the Indian Royal Family took them on a guided tour to see the Taj Mahal, Jaipur and Mumbai. Holidays Pat Brooks & Rosa Edwards and their husbands, Eugene & Preston, went to South Africa. The highlight of their trip was a Safari where they saw "The Big Five". **Holidays Pat Brooks, Olga Pierre, Delores Heglar, Gail Broussard & Barbara Carmon** went on a Bridge cruise to Mexico. Needless to say, there was lots of Bridge, Mariachi singing & Margueritas!



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

On December 4, 2010, for our 2010 holiday season celebration, the members of the New York Holidays hired a van and travelled into New York City to see the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater. The dance troupe was performing at the New York City Center. We enjoyed the following shows: (1) Uptown, (2) Wade in the Water, and (3) Revelations. The dance performances were really spectacular.

After the show, the van driver drove past Rockefeller Center so that we could see the world famous Christmas tree and other seasonal decorations. We then headed to the Dallas BBQ Restaurant for a delicious dinner.

The evening ended with a quiet ride home. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful holiday season celebration.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY CAROL PERDUE

In September 2010, **Holiday Carol Perdue** took a cruise to New England from New York. The ports of call included Boston, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

In October 2010, to get a little rest and relaxation, **Holiday Carol Perdue** flew to Aruba for seven days.

In March 2011, **Holiday Carol Perdue** flew to Dallas, Texas to spend time with her daughter before she was deployed to Iraq on March 26th (her birthday) for six months.

In April 2011, **Holiday Carol Perdue** went to the Jazz Blues Festival in the Catskills in Monticello, New York. She had a great time.

In July 2011, **Holiday Carol Perdue** was honored as a life member at the Nassau Negro Professional and Business Women convention.

HOLIDAY DELORES WARFIELD

In September 2010, **Holiday Delores Warfield** went to St. Louis, MO to participate in the Women's Conference sponsored by Joyce Meyer Ministries.

In November 2010, **Holiday Delores Warfield** traveled to Aruba where she stayed at the Marriott Stellaris and Casino Resort, which is a hotel centrally located in the midst of shops, restaurants, and casinos.

On January 17, 2011, **Holiday Delores Warfield** participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. annual parade and commemorative program sponsored by the United People Organization, Inc. of Hempstead and vicinity.

On May 3, 2011, **Holiday Delores Warfield** supported the annual fundraiser for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), which is a non-profit organization that oversees the volunteers judges appoint to advocate for the safety and well being of children who have been removed from their homes due to parental abuse and neglect.

In July 2011, **Holiday Delores Warfield** took a ten-day trip to Alaska, which began with a flight to Fairbanks, Alaska. After enjoying a free day exploring Fairbanks, **Holiday Delores Warfield** began her tour with a Sternwheeler riverboat cruise along the Chena River. She then spent a day at Denali National Park where she took a "Natural History Tour" of the park. The next day, she was off to explore the natural wonders of McKinley National Park. **Holiday Delores Warfield** then boarded the McKinley Express Rail for a journey through stunning scenery to her cruise ship, the Island Princess. Her inside passage Alaskan cruise included port of calls at Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan. While on the cruise, **Holiday Delores Warfield** took excursions to the suspension bridge, rainforest gardens, glaciers and the Misty Fjord wilderness explorer.



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AWARDS

Holiday Lucille Webb and Labor Day Harold Webb will be inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame on October 17, 2011. The Raleigh Hall of fame inductees, past and future, represent the finest citizens and non-profit organizations in the city. Their stories of hard work, leadership, sacrifice, perseverance, service to others and commitment are an inspiration for all citizens.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Labor Day Herbert J. Odom currently serves on the Raleigh United Negro College Fund steering Committee. He also serves as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher and is a member of the Laymen's League at First Baptist Church. He, with a fellow Deacon, conducts workshops for Deacons and Laymen throughout the State of North Carolina.

Holiday Peggy O. Odom, continues to enjoy retirement, her civic engagement in several social organizations/projects, traveling, entertaining family and friends in their home, and of course, playing bridge and participating in many enjoyable social events with other Holidays.

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS



Everyday Shands M. Odom, the daughter of **Labor Day Herbert J. Odom and Holiday Peggy O. Odom** graduated from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice (New York City) in December 2010, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration. **Everyday Shands** is employed with the New York City Police Department. Having chosen Law Enforcement as a career, she is following in the footsteps of her father.

Everyday Samantha Rush, who baked Maya Angelou's 80th Birthday Cake, has a top selling desert (kringles) in the Neiman Marcus Christmas Catalogue. In June, she was voted Top Chef of the Day by a Dallas News poll. Her bakery, Rush Patisserie was cited for having the best macaroons in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

The Un-Cupcake, her signature dessert, is being sold as wedding favors and corporate gifts. The popular flavors are red velvet, chocolate ganache, wedding cake and lemon coconut. Samantha's pastries can be found in her own bakery (Rush Patisserie), Urban Dog, Murray Street and Drip Coffee Shops, The Dallas House of Blues, Urban Acres Market, and Zanata's Restaurant.

Rush Patisserie's deserts have been showcased in the Dallas Morning News, The Advocate, Sam's Club and D Magazines. Call Samantha at (214) 749-4040 for your pastry needs. Samantha is the daughter of **Holiday Shirley Rush**.

Holiday Ruth Payton is enjoying her lovely granddaughter, **Someday Alanna Janae Davis**. She was born April 18, 2011 at 12:31 P.M., weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz and measuring 18 inches long. Alanna is the daughter of Christopher and **Everyday Yvonne Davis**. They also have a two year old son, Christain Alexander Davis.

Holiday Melbadene Battle proudly became a grandmother in April. **Everyday Gregg** and his wife welcomed a baby boy. The family resides in Silver Spring, Maryland.

IN MEMORIAM



We pause to remember and celebrate the life and legacy of Charter member **Holiday Lillian Bias Abron** who died on March 19, 2011. She began her Holiday journey on July 9, 1977 when the Raleigh Chapter was established. Lillian was a loyal and dedicated member who served as President and in other capacities in the organization. We could always count on Lillian's presence at the Concourses, serving either as the delegate or a member in attendance. We rejoice, give thanks and celebrate this remarkable woman who contributed much to the Raleigh Chapter and to The Holidays, Incorporated.

TRAVEL

Holiday Shirley Rush and Everyday Samantha Rush will be traveling to Point Lucia, Jamaica, WI, on July 8, 2011, for the wedding of Tameka Simpson and Stephen Dale Funny. We are looking forward to seeing our friends from New York.

WORDS OF WISDOM

From Lillian Bias Abron

"If you do the very best you can, God will do the rest."



Holidays Margaret S. Miller & Edwina Stanley, Reporters

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Holiday Audrey Coleman, organizer of the Sarasota Chapter and Past President, was appointed by the Governor of Florida and passed by the State Legislature to the Board of Trustees of New College of Florida. She was also honored by the Jewish Family Children's Service as one of 25 "Women of Valor" for her commitment to community outreach programs and philanthropic activities.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Two new members, **Holidays Jacqueline Jones and Jean McMurren**, were inducted into the Sarasota Chapter on April 26, 2011. This event is captured in the featured Chapter.



Holidays Mary "Jackie" Davis, Barbara Mask, Florence Jackson, Nancy Rodriguez, Audrey Coleman, Constance Anderson, Margaret Miller, Arlene Greene, Edwina Stanley, Joan Byrd, & Not shown, Brenda Brown. Seated, L-R: newly inducted Holidays Jacqueline Jones & Jean McMurren.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

This year's Bar-B-Que and Afternoon of Games proceeds of $500 were donated to The American Diabetes Association.

SOMEDAYS

Someday Mia Mask, daughter of **Holiday Barbara Mask**, is Chair of the Film Department at Vassar College and is Associate Professor of Film. Mia recently published a book, Divas on Screen. gives culture comments from time to time on National Public Radio and has been invited to be Visiting Professor at University of Pennsylvania next year.

TRAVEL

Kudos to **Holiday Edwina Stanley**, Director of the Gulf Coast Community Choir in the Sarasota area, whose group joined with singers from New York in May at the International Music Festival held in San Marino, Italy where fifteen choirs from various countries enjoyed cultural exchanges. The group has the distinction of being the only performing group to receive a standing ovation. Following the festival, she and **Someday Nakisha** spent five days sightseeing in Rome.



Ada Puryear Burnette - draburnette@wmconnect.com

AWARDS

Holiday Delores Dean was awarded a Service Award for her work with the Black Male College Explorer's Program at FAMU. Young men from all over America have achieved success due to this marvelous program at Florida A&M University which was started by original Harlem Globetrotter Tommy Mitchell under the FAMU presidency of Dr. Frederick Humphries. Dr. Edward Tolliver is the current director in this program of over 20 years.

Holiday Ada Puryear Burnette was honored at the Board meeting and opening of the international headquarters of the National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates (National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, National Association of Native American Studies, and International Association of Asian Studies). She was presented a large framed plaque to honor her service to the organization as one of three executive board members.

Holiday Ada Puryear Burnette was honored as a special woman and her picture hangs in the gallery at Bethel Baptist Church among other women who have been selected for their contributions to the community. Several Holidays enjoyed this celebration with Ada.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Delores Dean is the Financial Secretary of the Tallahassee Holidays and is also working on learning conversational Spanish as she plans to make a trip to a Spanish speaking country.

Holiday Makeba Earst celebrates her private practice with its outstanding success after three years in her own office that is always busy.

Holiday Sharon Saunders was promoted on her job this year. She is a known and extremely capable public relations head at Florida A&M University. She keeps all the good news about FAMU, its employees, graduates, and students at the forefront.

Holiday Erica Uzzell and her LaborDay are tops in their advertising business. At a time when the economy is down, they are working very hard and getting good contracts.

Holiday Patty Ball Thomas received tenure and promotion as a professor of reading at Florida A&M University. She is also a special leader in her church, Unity East of Tallahassee.

Holidays Patty Ball Thomas and Ada Puryear Burnette have made many presentations, published work, and attended conferences in their fields of endeavor.

Holiday Ada is Public Relations Director for the Tallahassee Links. She and Patty Ball Thomas served as hostesses at the Meeks/Eaton Black Archives at Florida A&M University when it reopened after major renovations.

CELEBRATION OR SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Our greatest celebration has been to bring in **Holidays Carolyn Daniels, Delores Dean, Shirley Gooding-Butler, Makeba Earst, Sharon Saunders, Patty Ball-Thomas, and Erica Uzzell**. Some are very young and others are more seasoned. However, each is an outstanding, lovely lady who is enjoying learning the game of bridge and being a Holiday. We are so glad that we have these wonderful women as members and hope to add others as we increase our brain power, fellowship, friendship, and love as Holidays. We have a joyful time every time that we meet because we like and love one another. We laugh a lot as we eat, play bridge, and share our lives together.

Holiday Margaret and Labor Day Howard Lewis are enjoying their retirement years since Margaret's retirement as Dean of Nursing and Howard's retirement as Chair of the Art Department at Florida A&M University. Their home is a museum of great art work of many types.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Tallahassee Holidays are known in the Tallahassee Community. **Holiday Betty** provides volunteer services at her church, Bethel A.M.E., where she helps many young people and others who need her kind voice and words of wisdom.

Holiday Ada Burnette works with the Big Bend Coalition for the Homeless and the Hope Community where she helps with 5 rooms that she helped to set up. The Tallahassee Holidays contribute to this cause. **Holiday Ada** also helps students from Rickards High School in a Health Professions program in which they were helped from grades 9 through 12 when all of them graduated and all except one went to college and he joined the military.

Holidays help at Miracle Hill Nursing and Convalescent Center by visiting some of the residents to let them know that we still care. **Holiday Ada Burnette** helped set up the library a few years ago and got others to contribute lap robes and bibs at parties.

Holiday Makeba Earst gives of her time and skills in her dental practice to help some children and adults who could not afford to pay.

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS

Everyday Fred Thomas made a musical production for the Salvation Army in Tennessee that received wide recognition for its originality and beauty. He is also a private music teacher for many children in a town near Jacksonville, Florida.

The Everydays of **Holiday Erica Uzzell** have excelled in school and in community activities as seen by their receiving recognitions.

Everdays Saunders are doing well in school. After returning to Tallahassee from North Carolina Central University four years ago, they have shown all types of skills and received awards.



Everyday Eric Puryear and Nicole were married in Jamaica and **Holiday Ada Burnette** celebrated their union by attending a huge wedding reception for them in Illinois. Ada was treated by her taxi driver from O'hare Airport who stopped to get her food and took her on a tour of a marvelous park in Illinois near Wisconsin. **Someday Lily Puryear** was born in July to Eric and Nicole Puryear in Davenport, Iowa in July. She is the most beautiful baby. Eric is Holiday Ada's grandson who calls her "Mom" and stayed with her some of his high school years in Tallahassee. He established his law firm in late January 2011 and now supports 7 employers and works 7 days a week. He is doing super with clients in Illinois and Iowa. His sister continued her college education at Radcliffe and his younger sister completed high school in Connecticut this year.

The two Everyday Dean sisters are doing well professionally. Both completed college a few years ago and are outstanding in their work and lives.

IN MEMORIAM

Holiday Shirley Gooding-Butler lost a very dear relative in Nashville, Tennessee during this year. He has a business near Fisk University and Meharry Medical College for many years.

Holiday Laverne Delaughter-Lamb had a most difficult three months in which she lost three relatives including her former husband and friend, sister, and aunt. We wrap our arms of love around her.

LABOR DAYS

Labor Day Howard Lewis is still enjoying his cats and dogs for whom he built an air-conditioned and heated home in his back yard. In the heat that we have had, he surely knew what he was doing a few years ago because these pets live the life of real family members.

Labor Day Walter Thomas had his debut as an actor this year after studying acting. He was great. He also went to New York to receive additional training and to see plays. His involvement with his exercise classes are also well known.

Labor Day Saunders is continuing the work of the Lord in his leadership as pastor of his church. His services are noteworthy as he delivers sermons that remind one of great orators of the past as he saves souls and does God's work on earth.

TRAVEL

Holiday Bettye Stevens enjoyed her trip to the meeting of the Charmettes. She formerly served as national president. She had a wonderful time and was honored at the event.

Holiday Carolyn Daniels traveled west and stayed so long that we thought she was not going to return to us. She visited several cities and attended a convention where she saw many friends of long standing.

Holiday Ada Puryear Burnette serves as President of the Tallahassee Drifters and attended the Drifters' convention at the same hotel for the Holiday's convention.

Everyday Paula Puryear Martin and husband Eric Martin flew in to spend some Mother's day time with Holiday Ada. Paula was honored as the writer, producer, and director of a film in Hollywood. She and Eric went on a trip to Miami, Savannah, and Atlanta. They are on their way to two weeks in Brazil during the Holiday convention.

WORDS OF WISDOM/HUMOR AND PROFOUND MOMENTS

The Tallahassee Holidays are truly sisters who love, respect, and honor one another. Each meeting is all we could wish. We talk with each other all during the week and look forward to our monthly meetings and small gatherings between meetings.

We are rich because we have each other and we celebrate each other.



AWARDS

Holiday Marion W. Vassar received the 2011 Woman of Influence Award from the Alpha Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. during the Hats off to Moms Luncheon. Family and many former students were in attendance.



Tidewater Concorse 2010.

EVERYDAYS AND SOMEDAYS

A highlight of **Holiday Marion's** summer has been a visit from granddaughter, **Someday MaKara Rumley**, and three of her great grands, Chace, Robert and River who live in Atlanta, GA.

Everyday Darrilyn Vassar-Jackson enjoys promoting individual and community wellness. At a recent Healthy Eating demonstration for seniors at the Marilyn Praisner Center in Silver Spring, MD., participants asked for seconds of the Taco Salad and Berry Smoothies.

Everyday Bobby Vassar continues to work hard, traveling within and outside the U.S. Among his favorite leisure activities, are the fishing trip/reunions with his law school buddies.


Then....

The Tidewater Chapter was formed in 1979 under the leadership of Mrs. Phyllis Sherrill of Virginia Beach. The fourteen members were from several cities in the area known as Tidewater. Induction was performed under the leadership of then National President, Mrs. Rose Hogg of Nashville, Tennessee.

Front row left to right: Lucy Wilson, Annie Barnes, Cecelia Tucker, Estella Reynolds, Rose Hogg-National President, Phyllis Sherrill- Chapter President, Marguerite Young, and Irene Hoffler. Back row: Theodora Howell, Sharon Lowe, Carolyn Southall, Elaine Eatmon, Marian Capps, Gloria Selden, and Delores Saul.

NOW...

Clockwise: Therese Addison, Marion Vassar, Jacqueline Bontemps, Evelyn Blacken, Ann Davis, Nettie Smiley, Marlene Little.

Tidewater Concorse 2010.

Someday James E. Blacken, III, made the Presidential Straight-A honor roll again. His brother Benjamin, 13 years old, made the A-B honor roll. They attend school in Laguna, California and will be visiting their grandmother, **Holiday Lois Blacken** is in Hampton for two weeks in August. While on vacation, James will be celebrating his 15th birthday at Red Lobster with other family members in Hampton. The Blacken boys will also be spending their vacation time at Great Wolf Lodge, Bushe Gardens, and Water Country in Williamsburg and exploring the sights in Jamestown, Virginia Beach and Norfolk. The two weeks will be filled with lots of surprises, fun and excitement. As the Blacken boys return home safely, Grandma Lois Blacken will be busily packing to go on an East Coast Casino tour to recuperate. She says it will be well deserved.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"… people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou



virginia beach

Where has the time gone? Time passes quickly when you are having fun and working towards a great Concourse and the 50th Anniversary of Holidays Incorporated.



Holiday Wivona Ward, who is the co-chairman for the concourse, has been the guiding light in using her organizational skills to direct, plan and ensure that this will be an exceptional concourse. Even though she is a "task master," she does it with love and admiration.

The other co-chair, **Holiday Angela Spruill** has stepped in as a new member and exhibited her outstanding computer skills to the success of the upcoming Concourse. Her **Labor Day, John** has been busy caring for his mother who is quite ill at this time. John Jr. has just obtained his doctorate from Perdue University and is engaged to be married in California. "Way to GO!"

Holiday Christine Booth is a busy young lady who is president of the Upsilon Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha as well as fulfilling her position as an educational consultant at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. She also finds time to work for the betterment of her community.

The "youngster" of the group is **Holiday Margaret Davis** who is able to perform all the line dances, writes plays for her church, works in her community, and loves to cook. Each member would love to have her energy. Where does she get it?

Holiday Paulette Ellis, who is an educator in the Virginia Beach School Division, works tirelessly in her church, Grace Episcopal. She enjoys her girl scout troop, takes them on trips and is very faithful in engaging them in fun activities. The girls love to go camping with Paulette

Holiday Dana Gray is very busy with her husband, **Labor Day James** who is assistant city manager in Hampton, Virginia. **Everyday Khalid** has just completed his first year of college. Dana keeps a busy schedule and finds time to travel all over the country.

Holiday Lyn Simmons Jones, who is a prosecuting attorney with the city of Norfolk, is dynamic in handling those severe cases. She and **Labor Day Jerrauld** love traveling to New York City to visit their **Everyday Jay** who now works for Goldman Sacks. This also gives Lyn a chance to shop.

Holiday Harriett Goodrich has been a little ill but this does not stop her from playing bridge. She loves the game and has been instrumental in assisting other members in improving their bridge skills. Harriett is very active in the Links and in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Holiday Kitty Hill is the writer and composer of the group. Even though she has had surgery on her shoulder and this has slowed her down from writing, it has not stopped her from reading at least a book a day. **Labor Day Carl** has just retired from the Norfolk Public Schools and now both will have more time to travel.

Holiday Evelyn Haskins has had some medical problems, but she is able to use her walker to assist with mobility. She is active in her church, faithful in attending meetings and concerts, and is truly enjoying life.

Holiday Pat Wise Green is finally enjoying retirement. She was bored at first and looking for something to do. NOW SHE DOES A LOT! She sings in her church choir, transports senior citizens to meetings, dances at the senior center, and assists **Labor Day Bernard** in cooking for many of the community based and church activities.

Holiday Olivia Sarfo retired from the city of Norfolk but is now head librarian for the Clarence Cuffee Library in Chesapeake, Virginia. Olivia is an active member of Grace Episcopal Church, a member of the vestry, and holds a position on a National Episcopal Church Board. She is so proud of her son who just received his doctorate from NYU.

Holiday Charlotte Maull is very active working in her church serving on several boards and is president of the Coalition of 100 Black Women. She has limited time in her private practice due to her busy schedule but finds time to travel.

Holiday Bessie Tatem, who is president of the Virginia Beach Chapter of Holidays, continues to work as a senior supervisor in Portsmouth Public Schools. Bessie has not retired, but it is not far away. She is looking forward to the Concourse but can you imagine chairing another convention that is only two weeks before the Concourse?

Holiday Gloria Payton is adjusting to the loss of her husband, **Labor Day Willie Payton**. It is time for her to travel and enjoy all the things that she enjoys doing.

Holiday Shelia Mingo Jones, who possesses excellent computer skills, loves to travel, cook, and entertain. The Holidays love to meet and have committee meetings in her home.

Holiday Ann Wallace has enjoyed traveling with **Labor Day Lindell** all over the world. She and Lindell have found a new way to spend the day and that is keeping the young neighbors' child while the mother goes to school and the grandmother works. GOOD JOB ANN!



Submitted by Holiday Doris Ferree, President and Holiday Monte Creque Williams

ACHIEVEMENTS

The illustrious career of **Holiday Velma Watts** was recently highlighted in an article by the Dean of the School. **Holiday Velma** is Associate Professor Emerita of Wake Forest Medical Center, former Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and former Dean of Minority Affairs. Her accomplishments continue to facilitate many who seek careers in medicine. Some innovative programs initiated by **Holiday Velma** include the Post Baccalaureate Program, Medicine as a Career Program for high school students, and research apprenticeships.

CELEBRATIONS



Holiday National President Leah Creque-Harris and Holiday Monte Creque Wiilliams, Everydays of Founder Florence Creque at the 50th Anniversary Celebration

SOMEDAYS

Holiday Dorothy Jones and **Labor Day James Jones** are proud of Someday Micah Byrd. Micah graduated from A&T University with honors. He will attend North Carolina Central University School of Law this fall.

Somedays Keenan Jones Corrigan and Cole Corrigan continue to delight grandparents **Holiday Billie Jones and Labor Day Harvey Jones.** In May 2011, Keenan graduated from Duke University with a major in history and a minor in Political Science. This summer someday Keenan will move to Washington, DC to begin her job with the Department of Defense. **Someday Cole Corrigan** graduated from high school in June 2011. He will attend Old Dominion University this fall.

Somedays Briana Nicole Jackson and Sierra Ferree White kept grandparents **Holiday President Doris Ferree and Labor Day James Ferree** busy and proud. **Someday Briana Nicole Jackson** was first runner up in the Delta Sigma Theta Jabberwock. Briana graduated from high school June 11, 2011 and will attend East Carolina University this fall. Another great celebration occurred May 28, 2011 when **Someday Sierra Ferree White** married Philip Lawrence Ashe in an impressive wedding ceremony in Alexandria, Va. These two engineers also share a marriage of minds a **Someday Sierra** received her degree in engineering from Old Dominion University.

TRAVEL

Some Holidays began this anniversary year with travel and fun. **Holiday Billie Jones and Labor Day Harvey Jones** enjoyed a Caribbean Cruise in January 2011. Similarly **Holiday Ruth and Labor Day Raymond Oliver** escaped January's frost when they traveled to Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas. Losing no momentum they also ventured into St. Thomas, St Martin, St. Lucia, Barbados and Martinique during a 10 day southern Caribbean cruise in February.



Submitted Photo

Seated, from left: Clara Gaines, Burthel Hoffler, President Doris Ferree, Olivia Thompkins, Billie Jones (standing, from left): Marion Williams, Velma Watts, Ruth Oliver, Renita Linville, Toy Beaty, Dorothy Jones and Constance Johnson.

Bridge club celebrates golden anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the Holidays, Inc. celebrated their 50th anniversary with an elaborate Bridge Luncheon at the Piedmont Club on Saturday, July 30.

The Holidays, Inc. originated in Winston-Salem. The founders were the late Bessie Allen, the late Florence Creque, the late Bernice Murrell and the last living founder, Demerice Erwin. Since its inception in 1961, more than 30 chapters have been established across the country.

A power point presentation highlighted the history of the Winston-Salem Chapter and the beginning of the national organization of The Holidays, Inc. The national president, Leah Creque of Atlanta, Ga. (a native of Winston-Salem), honored the chapter with her presence. She was presented with a gift and in turn presented gifts to chapter members. Founder Erwin, who was unable to attend, was also honored with a gift to be sent to her. She had a beautiful floral arrangement delivered for the affair.

Other honored guests were members of the Charlotte and Greensboro Chapters of The Holidays. Marion Thompson of the Cincinnati Chapter and friends from the community were also in attendance.

After the program and a delicious lunch, the guests participated in a bridge tournament. Many prizes were awarded. Doris Herrell, Sandra Brown and Dorinda Trader won first, second and third prizes. An enjoyable afternoon of fellowship, fun and food was shared by all.

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2011 Top Scorers

Congratulations to the Holidays who achieved the highest scores within their chapter!

Chapter	Holiday Top Scorer
Atlanta	Holiday Bennie Edwards
Baltimore	Holiday Carol W. Hillery
Birmingham	Holiday Lydia Alexancer
Boston	Holiday Louise Johnson
Charlotte	Holiday Cheryl Lott Sledge
Chesapeake	Holiday Carmelita Williams
Cincinnati	Holiday Aurelia Candie Simmons
Fayetteville	Holiday Aurelia Cooley Holiday Margaret McDaniel
Greensboro	Holiday Maggie Boone
Memphis	Holiday Juanita Truitt
Metro Nashville	Holiday Pat Cunningham
Miami	Holiday Mattye Jones
Montgomery County	Holiday Elaine Conway
New Orleans	Holiday Valerie Sholes
New York	Holiday Sylvia Simmons
Raleigh	Holiday Melba Battle
Roanoke Valley	Holiday LaKetha Miller
Sarasota	Holiday Margaret Miller
Tallahassee	Holiday Bettye Stevens
Tidewater	Holiday Evelyn (Lois) Blacken
Virginia Beach	Holiday Wivona M. Ward
Winston-Salem	Holiday Doris Ferree

I'm Giving Up Bridge

Written by: unknown

I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night
It's Amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles.
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
Who's played and what's trumps
And what's gone on my right!
So for now its all over - I'm off to the backwood
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
I'm giving up bridge - tonight's a bad night.
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope
And when s/he says "double," I know we're in trouble.
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why
S/he kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays
We're winning all tricks; the defenders feel sick
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night.
Farewell to conventions - I give up the fight!
So I leave with few words but some that are true,
Bridge is a game not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek
For it's only a game - oh! ... and see you next week!

Submitted by Gail Brousard, President - New Orleans

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