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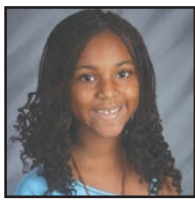
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St. Pete's finest: Adrian Robbins



Adrian Robbins

BY FRANK DROUZAS
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — Adrian Robbins wears many hats, and every one of them seems to be a great fit.

The catering and sales manager at the downtown St. Pete Hilton, Robbins is also the president of the Bay Area Concierge Association, has done modeling for TV and print media and even has the power to bring couples together in matrimony as an ordained minister.

Pretty impressive for a 30 year old. With her easy and welcoming manner, she secured her first job in the business as a hotel operator at the age of 16.

"Originally I started working at the Don Cesar as a PBX operator," Robbins explained, "then throughout college I cross trained through the front desk and the concierge desk, so I was working both of those departments. And then I applied to get my le clef d'or key, which is the highest rank that a concierge can be in the area."

It translates as literally "the key of gold" and signifies that the members have

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Angelia Fletcher-Mavros holding an in-house customized lace front wig, which takes about two weeks to make.

Who's doing your hair: Angelia's Hair Safari

BY MARLO SCOTT
Columnist

ST. PETERSBURG — When you think of Angelia Fletcher-Mavros you think of someone who doesn't do anything small. From the big hair that sits atop of her head, to the large-scaled fashion and hair shows she brought to the Coliseums, on down to directing an Easter play that was standing room only for all four showings.

The 1978 Dixie Hollins High School graduate was awarded a track and field scholarship; Fletcher-Mavros was ranked number four in the State of Florida and had her choice of 10 different schools to attend. She chose Yankton College in South Dakota to study public relations and marketing because it was the farthest from St. Petersburg.

She had siblings who attended Florida schools

such as Florida A&M that had to suffer through the unannounced visit from their parents, so she knew to get as far away from Florida as possible.

While in college her care packages from home consisted of hair grease, relaxers, combs, brushes etc., which she promptly sold to students on campus who could not get those products in South Dakota.

"I became everybody's hair stylist on campus,"

said Fletcher-Mavros. "With no training at all except for what I had seen my mother do, I was creating haircuts and messing up people's hair at the same time."

After attending Yankton College and the University of South Dakota, she went off into the corporate world to seek her fortune. However, she got a bad taste of what the world had to offer.

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NAACP meeting sheds light on city plans



Deputy Mayor
Kanika Tomalin

BY FRANK DROUZAS
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — There was optimism for a growing "city on the move" at the NAACP general meeting held by the St. Petersburg chapter April 15.

Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin addressed the crowd at 1501 16th St. S. and conveyed a vision of hope that she and Mayor Kriseman share for the city. Due to his observance of the religious holiday, Mayor Kriseman was unable to attend.

"One of the first things we focused on during our first 100 days of office is setting a vision," Tomalin stated. "St. Petersburg is a city of opportunity. We will be a creative, innovative and competitive community that honors our past while pursuing our future—that is our promise to you."

Tomalin explained some of the key issues that garnered the administration's attention during the first 100 days—issues she believes will set the course for the next four to eight years—including the Pier, the police department, the Rays, the education crisis and transit transformation. As for what the ultimate design and look of the Pier

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Nite Rider Van Club still going strong

BY JOYCE N. JOHNSON
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The Blue Knight, Blue Diamond and Wildwood were once all van clubs in the St. Petersburg. They were known for giving glamorous balls, jam-packed dances and picnics overflowing with tables laden with barbeque, greens and hot fried fish. Most of them are now disbanded and slowly fading from memory, except the Nite Riders Van Club.

Through the years the Nite Riders Van Club has had some changes; however, they continue to be active participants in the St. Petersburg community. As they near their 30th Anniversary Celebration held this weekend, Donnie "Ironman" Williams, president of the club, talked about their past, present and future.

The Nite Riders Van Club was born in 1984 when a group of men decided that St. Pete

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Nite Rider Van Club members.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Rainey's Bulletin

By Pastor Martin Rainey



Increasing parental and community engagement: A call to action!

Purpose:
Raising the consciousness of the very serious educational problem. The Parent Support for Education Council (PSEC) has invested much time and energy focusing on the important issue of increasing parental engagement, and we the council will continue to go forward in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit of God!

It has been determined that increasing parental engagement is one of the most difficult issues in our local community schools. One obstacles is the lack of parents and community members being aware of the huge problem.

The Problem: (This article is in no way an indictment; rather it is a call to action!)

In order to focus on the facts and the solution to the problem, names of the schools have been omitted. However these schools are in your immediate community!

The following elementary schools listed below are the percent of students who are entering the fourth grade that are NOT READING at a third grade level. (FL Dept. of Ed)

Elementary School (A) - 84%	Parental Engagement – 7%
Elementary School (B) - 78%	Parental Engagement – 7%
Elementary School (C) - 73%	Parental Engagement – 7%
Elementary School (D) - 72%	Parental Engagement – 7%
Elementary School (B) - 82%	Parental Engagement – 7%
Elementary School (B) - 77%	Parental Engagement – 7%
Elementary School (B) - 61%	Parental Engagement – 7%

Consider the following:
The Florida prison system projects the number of beds needed to accommodate these children. (Not reading at a third grade level in the fourth grade)
If each school has an average of 500 children enrolled that would equal to 1000 parents. Only seven percent are engaged!
Seven schools with 7,000 parents and only 7 percent engagement is sinful!
Are you a parent or a friend of one of these children? Is this disturbing to you? It is very disturbing to me! THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION!

Do not move your child, stay there. Do not criticize, organize!
Pastor Rainey serves as Community Outreach Pastor for the Faith Memorial MB Church, Rev. Dr. Bragg L. Turner, Senior Pastor. He also serves as president of the Parent Support For Education Council, Inc., and chairman of JWB South County Community Council. He may be contacted: mrainey390@verizon.net or (727) 420-1326.
The Parent Council meets every third Thursday of each month @ 6:30 p.m., Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist 1800 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, at the (Resource Center), to the far right and adjacent to the Church. The community is welcome.



St. Pete's HIDDEN History

By Jon Wilson

Jordan Park over the years

Many old-timers in the community, and some not so old, recall living, perhaps growing up in the original Jordan Park housing development. The development dates before World War II.

In 1937, the St. Petersburg City Council authorized a housing authority, which went to work on a badly needed public housing project. The idea was not without opposition. At times, it seemed to be the most controversial issue in the city.

But it was clear that attacking substandard housing was long overdue in the city. Every few years, the two daily newspapers criticized what they saw as a lack of action toward eradicating bad living conditions.

Old housing authority records, including photographs, document the conditions in which people lived. Also included are profiles of each family, which include the jobs heads of households held, and the amount of money they earned. The records provide information for a master's degree thesis or doctoral dissertation just waiting to be written. They are on file at the Carter G. Woodson Museum of African American History, which by the way is the old Jordan Park administrative building.

The people leading the charge against the pre-World War II creation of Jordan Park often seemed to be owners of the substandard housing in which African Americans lived.

But the opposition never grew strident enough to hold back construction. The first part of Jordan Park began in 1939 and was completed in 1940. The development was named for Elder Jordan Sr., who donated some land for its construction. The first phase contained 242 units.

Getting the second phase under way proved more troublesome to officials. Opponents came out of the woodwork. More public housing would destroy African American initiative, they said, among other fabrications often designed to protect their own property interests.

The opposition this time became so intense that the city council dodged taking a vote. Instead, council members put the question up for referendum – after a citizens' petition was presented to city hall.

Voters favored going ahead with the second part of the project 2,731 to 2,080. Another 204 units were finished in October 1941, resulting in a total Jordan Park population of about 1,800.

People crammed waiting lists to move in.

And instead of destroying initiative, as opponents claimed would happen, the opposite happened. Often, when families topped the income level they could have and still be Jordan Park residents; they purchased or built their own homes.

An example is the Carver Park subdivision, just south of Jordan Park between 13th and 15th Avenues South. Eighteen of 32 houses built in Carver Park had been built by Jordan Park "graduates," according to a 1955 report. The same report said 181 former Jordan Park residents owned their own homes.

Later in the twentieth century, and particularly with the advent of hard drugs, Jordan Park became a tough section. But in 1955, St. Petersburg's police chief said he did not even schedule cars to patrol the area.

"You didn't even have to lock your door," the late Clarence Jackson told a newspaper several years ago. "You just went inside and slept."

Jordan Park was remodeled in 2002 with a Hope VI grant. It has 237 units, including one, two, three and four-bedroom models.



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Retraction

In the April 17 edition, we reported in an article called "Summer Enrollment Program at St. Petersburg College" that parents must provide transportation for field trips. This is incorrect, field trips are free and transportation is provided by the program. Also, the name of the class is Student Life Skills 1101 instead of Student Leaders Seminar.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Adrian Robbins: One of our city’s finest

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had years of training and are extremely knowledgeable when it comes to advising guests on restaurants, nightlife, sporting and theater events, sightseeing tours and other activities.

Not long after, Robbins obtained her notary license and applied to become an ordained minister. At 20, she performed her first weddings at the Don Cesar when most young adults her age were crashing sorority and fraternity parties. It might be natural to think that some couples were taken aback when they realized someone so young was to marry them, but Robbins asserted that they were just happy to be in the moment.

“They were really relaxed because a lot of them were on vacation and it would be a spur-of-the-moment type thing,” she explained, “so they decided to just get married.”

Sometimes the bride and groom were caught up in the moment, quite literally.

“I did have this one couple that had just met each other at the hotel,” Robbins said, “and were hanging out at the bar and had this long conversation and decided to get married! So they got the marriage license, came back to the desk and I performed the ceremony for them.”

Robbins still keeps in touch with the couple, who now have added a little daughter to the family.

She specialized in performing only intimate weddings, which means the number of guest could total anywhere from two to 30. She said that often it would just be the bride and groom or a couple of close relatives.

“A lot of times it was second time around weddings,” she said, “where they just wanted something simple and easy.”

She has quite a few ceremonies under her belt, having personally performed 150 weddings in 2012 and 105 in 2013.

After Robbins did intimate weddings on her own

at the hotel for about three years, the Don Cesar created an official intimate wedding position, and asked her to come down to do these weddings directly for the hotel. She did it for about two years, until her current position became open at the Hilton.

“I thought it was a good opportunity, so I made the move,” she said in her typical take charge and decisive manner.

As catering and sales manager she is responsible for a variety of tasks which include collaborating with chefs, banquet managers and convention leaders in the planning and execution of hotel functions, designing a tasteful décor and even calculating budgets. She also plans all the weddings, gala events and corporate meetings.

In 2005 Robbins became a board member of the Bay Area Concierge Association (BACA) where she started off as the secretary to the vice president. Vicki Wrede was the association’s president when

Robbins first became a member, and in a way Robbins admits that Wrede was a role model for her.

“When I first attended a meeting, I said: ‘I’m going to have her job.’ So she was my inspiration!” she said, laughing.

True to her word and her goal, Robbins is now the president of BACA, whose members discuss events and happenings in Tampa Bay and seek to serve not only visitors to the area but the community as well.

“We usually host an event once a month to educate the different concierges at all the properties so they know what’s going on in the community and they can better serve their guests who are always looking for area attractions and events,” Robbins said.

As if all this doesn’t keep her busy enough, she also owns her own personal concierge and event company, Short and Sweet Events.

“So I kind of do a little bit of everything,” she said

in an understatement. “In planning events, it’s nice knowing that at the end of the day you’re able to follow through on someone’s vision.”

Speaking of envisioning things, what did she see herself doing when she was a young girl?

“Wearing a suit,” she replied without a millisecond of hesitation. “It’s funny because when I was a little kid I always said that whatever it was that I was going to do be doing, I was going to wear a suit and basically be a model. And I said that when I was in the second grade,” she said, giggling.

These days, she finds a connection in the showmanship of the stage or runway and business meetings.

“I was into modeling and acting as a kid, so I would take acting and modeling classes, and also learned how to do makeup and everything,” she said. “And now when I’m conducting business, I have to put on my game face. And

it’s almost as if you’re acting, putting on a show when it’s time to close the deal! So all those different things kind of set me up for where I am today.”

With all she has going on, she still tries to stay active and counts golfing and snorkeling at Egmont key among her outdoor hobbies. But for a go-getter like Robbins, there almost is no such thing as a day off.

“Even when I’m out at a social event I’m still out looking for business and networking,” she admitted. “I’m so bad about that! I was even on a double date, and the guy’s girlfriend said ‘I work for Crown Accura and I asked: ‘So do you guys host holiday parties?’”

Keeping so extraordinarily busy doesn’t seem to faze her, as she seems to thrive on it. And she wouldn’t have it any other way.

“I truly enjoy what I do, and I think that’s really important,” Robbins stressed. “This is my dream job.”

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Angelia’s Hair Safari

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“I interviewed with Johnson & Johnson at least eight times,” she said “and that was when I was introduced to nepotism in corporate America. I learned that it depends on who you are related to whether or not you get the job.”

She toiled at Home Shopping Network and a local radio station to which she was highly over qualified for. “All of the cut throat behavior that I was exposed to was definitely not for me,” said Fletcher-Mavros.

So she decided to enroll in Mirror Lake/ Tomlinson Adult Education in their cosmetology program with the encouragement and support of her mom, Willie Mae Fletcher, who at the time owned a salon. Once in school, she started testing out of subjects with lightning speed.

“Taking tests was like nothing to me, being fresh out of college. In beauty school they gave you an option to challenge the state board and I did it with only six hundred hours under my belt,” she boasted.

While there, her instructor, Thomas Harding, recognized that she had a gift for design. He thought her type of talent should be on a movie set, so he set up an interview for her with Universal Studios.

When Hollywood didn’t call, she decided to work in her mother’s shop called Willie Mae’s Beauty Salon ran out of her mother’s home.

Her clientele quadrupled over the seven years she worked with her mother, so much so that she had to find a place of her own. So in 1991, Angelia’s Hair Safari, which was located on Central Avenue, opened its doors.

Even though Hollywood failed to call, she did receive one from the entertainment coordinator of the Florida Classic, which was held in Tampa during Thanksgiving weekends. They asked her to

put together a fashion show for the entertainment portion of the yearly event.

There she wowed the crowds. Her fashion shows were theatrical events. For years she coordinated the show until the Classic moved from Tampa to Orlando. Since it would have cost so much to take her show on the road, she decided to move her drama filled theatrical fashion show to the downtown Hilton.

Fletcher-Mavros’ fashion shows lit St. Pete on fire. From Belgium tigers walking the runway to python snakes wrapped around models, it is no wonder she had to rent the Coliseum to hold her fans.

She figured you couldn’t have a wildlife themed show without a tiger, so she called the Wildlife Preserve and asked for one to sashay down the runway. Her request was granted.

“I have always reached for the top,” said Fletcher-Mavros, “so I gave the people a safari atmosphere. From the time you approached the entrance you were greeted by a python snake wrapped around a model’s neck.”

Her models wore the snakes as tops and jewelry such as bangles and necklaces. “My models were fearless, and I would like to thank them: Audrey “Pat” McGhee, Gene Isaac, Ann-Sherman White and Miya Adams.”

It was more than a fashion show because she had a unique blend of theater performance art and hair design. Not one to take all the credit, she gives thanks to her team for working so hard: Carla Baker, Donna Bean, Lauren and Annette, Frenchie Bradley, Cynthia Nixon and Shelia Tampa.

“This was my generation of stylist and this is what we did for each other. Loyalty, commitment, and dedication are what we brought to the table,” she said. “My mother’s generation had it

too. They had the Orange Blossom Beauty Association that the founder of The Weekly Challenger, the late Mr. Cleveland Johnson, was a huge sponsor of.”

Fletcher-Mavros hosted five shows that cost her \$28,000 dollars with ticket sales at \$45 a pop. She did everything on a stage that could possibly be done at a hair show except bring an elephant on.

She always had a passion for hair care, but it amplified one day when a preacher from Lakeland came to her salon and brought an 11-year-old-girl who was experiencing hair loss and was getting picked on at school. And like that, Fletcher-Mavros decided to add a new arm to her business—hair replacement.

“I knew then that I wanted to do something to make a difference when it came to hair loss in the African-American community, so I set out to educate myself as much as possible,” she explained.

She went to California to study under the reputable Edward Katz. She has invested anywhere from \$10-\$15 thousand dollars in hair loss education. She is one of the first African-American hair replacement specialists.

“I have heard that I have a reputation for being expensive, but I’m worth it. When you come to get a service done by me, I guarantee my work and stand behind my product 100 percent. I use high quality hair, adhesives and hair care products,” she quipped.

Many people walking around town are sporting hair replacement pieces by Fletcher-Mavros and you would never know it. In fact, many entertainers have her to thank for their flawless looks when she became a beauty consultant at the Home Shopping Network that is broadcasted all over the world.

“I loved that I have

worked with a host of celebrities such as Shari Belafonte, Diahann Carroll, Gladys Knight, Donald Trump and so many others.”

She was also called into help style Grammy Award winning-singer Chrisette Michele’s hair, which was a lace front wig. A lot of people believe that lace front wigs are new, but she has personally worked with them for a couple of decades now. They were originally used for chemotherapy patients and Hollywood entertainers.

“Out of all the celebrities I enjoyed Diahann Carroll the most. I had a very special relationship with her and became like a family member. At that particular time she was hotter than ever portraying the ruthless Dominique Deveraux on the soap opera ‘Dynasty.’ A lot of the celebrities had an air about them, but not her,” she said.

As Fletcher-Mavros went further and further with her hair replacement education, she noticed that she was always the only African American in class. So she decided to put together a curriculum and opened up an opportunity to educate her colleagues so they wouldn’t have to send their clients to her.

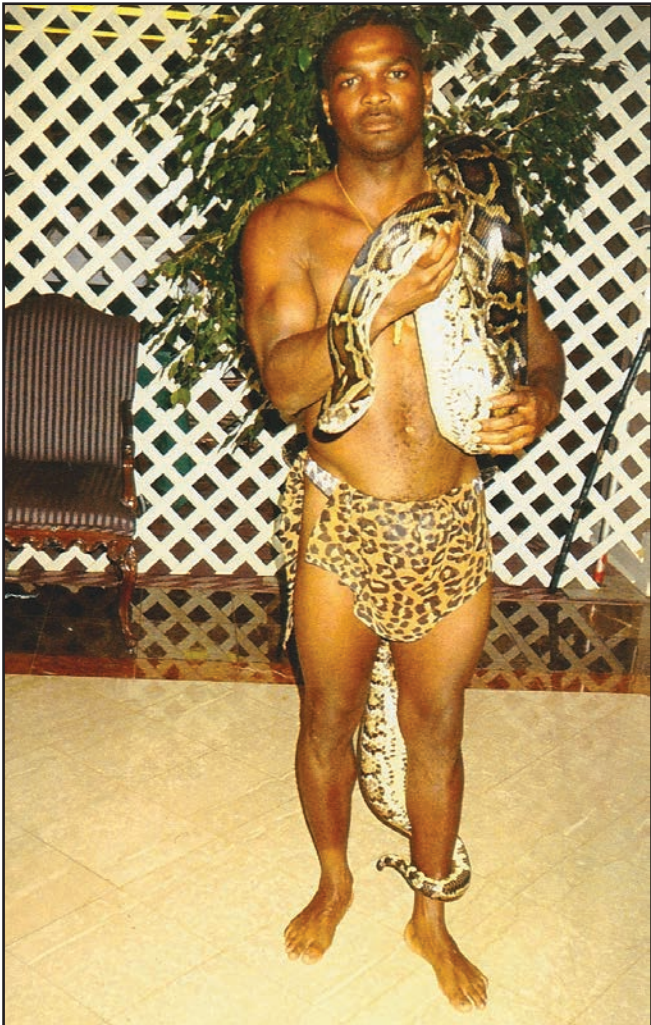
“A hair replacement specialist is on the same lines as being a Trichologist, which is a dermatologist that deals with the scientific study of the health of hair and scalp. All of the chapters in the school cosmetology books that most stylists skim over are actually very important,” she said.

Especially today with the excessive styles of sew-ins, braiding and u-part caps, a hairstylist needs to know that after you remove these fairly long-term styles, the hair in not the same. If the hair is not treated and allowed to breath, the client is at risk of getting alopecia.

“For example, look at Stevie Wonder; his hair line is behind his ears. That is the



Angel Parham gets her hair done.



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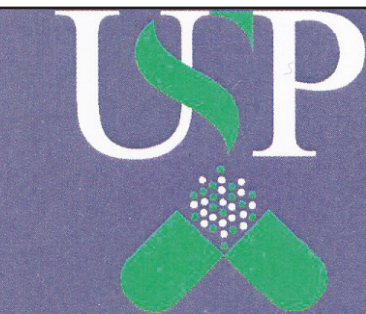


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result of the hair being styled the same way over and over again," she warned. What you are seeing is not hereditary; it is called traction alopecia.

She explained that even the tension in Sisterlocks can weaken the hair. Making sure not to lay blame on any particular hairstyle or hairstylist, Fletcher-Mavros wants the public to know that the strength of the hair is key to these styles. Too much tension on the hair follicle can cause hair loss.

"For example I have a client that had been wearing extension braids for years and I have had to work on restoring and rebuilding her hair for at least three years now. We are just now seeing progress on her edges," she explained.

Fletcher-Mavros realizes that many women are wearing these styles for convenience, but she warns that they are dangerous and very damaging. She believes that some of the healthiest hairstyles are the Afro, traditional locks and the two-strand twist, but all are safe when the hair is given a break in between.

There are two sides to Fletcher-Mavros' business: Angelia's Hair Safari and Angelia's Hair Alterations, which offers hair replacement. Depending on the need, she creates custom pieces, skin nets, etc. They are designed to only cover balding and thinning areas not all over the head especially if there is healthy hair in place.

She has designed her own line of extensions that comes on a weft called a Flex Weft, which was designed for people who are experiencing balding all over or in areas.

She attributes a lot of hair loss to bonding glue. "It is very dangerous! If you carefully read the label, this product has formaldehyde in it and shouldn't be used for more than a week at a time," she preached. "These products always create alopecia! My compassion is driven by the lack of education for male and female patterned baldness, and I am committed to raising awareness."

Not just excessive hairstyling will cause alopecia, she warns that even the food we eat can onset these conditions because the food nowadays are full of additives, preservatives and toxins.

"Our ancestors ate from the fields and the food was much healthier; believe it or not, this all affects our hair and skin reproduction," she said.

Fortunately, you can find almost anything that you want to know about your hair on the internet. At the touch of a button, you can find information to help you be more aware of what's going on in your body.

When Fletcher-Mavros is not doing hair and directing plays, she enjoys cooking for her family and friends.

"I can do some things with chicken that will have you running out the door hollering and begging for more," laughed Fletcher-Mavros.



Photographs of some of Angelia's wild shows.

She also enjoys almost anything that Broadway has to offer. She is also the proud wife of her loving and supportive husband, John Mavros, and mother to a lovely young lady, Alexa. To her, family is everything. She treasures the memories of growing up in a loving family that included six sisters and one brother.

In the near future, Fletcher-Mavros will be debuting her next play "I'm Taking This Train Home." If it is anything like her last play, make sure you get to the venue at least a half hour early because people had to be turned away from her last play, "The Passion."

"No matter what, I always allow the creative side from the Father to flow

into me because whatever it is that I'm doing is not work, it's my passion. In today's society stress plays a major role in our lives; it affects our hair, skin and attitude. We all need to learn to walk as Christ and be more pleasant to each other," she finished.

If you are experiencing hair loss or just want a stylist that has healthy hair on their agenda, please call Angelia's Hair Safari/Alterations at 727-403-8111. The shop is now housed at 406 11th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. For more information, visit her on the web at angeliashairalterations.com.

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30 years and still a part of the community

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needed a club where it was possible to socialize and travel like other clubs throughout the region.

"We had 11 original members who collectively came up with the idea to organize like the other van clubs and to include outreach assistance to the community," Williams stated.

The original officers elected were President Jodie Johnson (Wallace Himes was voted into the presidency soon afterwards), Vice President Donnie Williams, Secretary Bill Simmons and Treasurer James Williams. In 1988 Donnie Williams was elected president of the organization, a post he stills holds today.

At its zenith, the Nite Riders had 65 members and were firmly entrenched into city and civic affairs. In 1994 they decided to establish their own social club on 49th Street South called The Nite Riders Lounge.

"We wanted our own place to gather," Donnie Williams said. "We initially wanted a club house for the members and our guests."

The club flourished for years as the crowds flocked to the dance floor, but eventually the music died. "Economics," Williams stated simply. They were hit with higher rent just as the economy nosedived and most of their customers were feeling the immediate

effects. The lounge closed in 2010.

"Van clubs are fizzling out," Williams said. Once proliferating throughout the state of Florida with clubs in Pensacola, Lakeland, Sarasota, Gainesville and Miami, now are just a memories of days gone by.

"One reason is that conversion vans are no longer being made," Williams explained. "Nite Riders is the only van club remaining."

So why did the Nite Riders not disappear into history? For one reason, owning a van in no longer a requirement to join the club, and the most important reason is because this civic organization continues to benefit the community.

Years later they are still committed to their main focus of giving back to the community and the needs of the children.

The van club's smaller size has not stopped the Nite Riders from donating slippers and gowns to local nursing homes while supporting the Lakewood Junior Spartans, American Cancer Society and the Sickie Cell Anemia Foundation. The van club also made contribution of time, service or supplies to All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg Free Clinic and the Johnnie Ruth Clark Medical Center.

Then there's the annual back-to-school event held every August when the

club hands out free backpacks stuffed with much needed school supplies and hosts a family barbecue. At last year's event they gave out over 500 backpacks to kids.

The accolades, awards and letters of recognition have been many over the years and include receiving the 2006 Volunteer Organization of the Year award from the city and a letter of appreciation from President Bill Clinton in 1999 for being nominated for the Golden Rule Award.

"Nothing makes you feel better than meeting a kid and he comes up to you and tells you that you touched his life in some way," Williams said. "It's a good feeling. We're together for a purpose. We can be more inclusive to help those who can't help themselves and be a role model to kids."

Other officers of the club today are Conell Pierce, vice president, James Williams, treasurer, Herman Williams, vice-treasurer, Shartell Tillman, secretary, James McKenzie, sergeant-at-arms, John Cotton, chaplain and Natalie Washington, social director.

For more information about this weekend's events, which includes a dance, their annual picnic and ball, please contact Conell Pierce at 727-460-8537 or Barbara Wynn at 727-851-4528.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity: A legacy continued



L-R, Glenn M. Bailey, Brandon Joshua Heyward and Marlin B. Heyward

BY **TOM PACKER**
Guest Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – When a son chooses to walk in the footsteps of his father and of his grandfather, a legacy is born. Brandon Joshua Heyward and his nine line-brothers entered the folds of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity-Chi Theta Chapter on the campus of Florida State University April 4, and the legacy was born.

This occasion marked a 52-3year lineage of Omega Men in one family. The grandfather, Glenn M. Bailey pledged Rho Gamma Chapter at Stillman College in 1962 and

the father, Marlin B. Heyward, pledged Eta Rho Chapter in 2008.

To truly understand Brandon's journey, it is necessary to share that he was an outstanding student at Lakewood High School and an active member of Eta Rho Chapter-Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Pathfinders Youth Program. A program sponsored in joint partnership with the AKA AKAdemy of Zeta Upsilon Chapter-Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Brandon is Eta Rho's first Pathfinder to matriculate to college and pledge Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a fraternity that provided

tutoring and guidance during his formative years. After arriving at FSU, Brandon set his sights on the challenging field of engineering. Now in his third year, Brandon is well on his way to completing his undergraduate studies.

While the men of Eta Rho Chapter are very proud to have witnessed Brandon's growth into manhood, the story cannot end here without paying tribute to his mother, Tamaira Bailey-Heyward, President of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., St Petersburg Alumnae Chapter.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Pete is a “city on the move”

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will be, Tomalin affirmed that function must follow the architectural form.

“What is it that we want to happen at the Pier,” she asked. “Do we want it to be a boardwalk with a Ferris wheel and mini golf or do we want it to be an aquarium? As a community we’re going to decide that first and let the form follow the function.”

When the current interim Chief of Police, David DeKay, steps down, Tomalin said the administration will remain committed to finding a chief that “shares our values and building a police department that reflects the best of the officers and the city that they serve.”

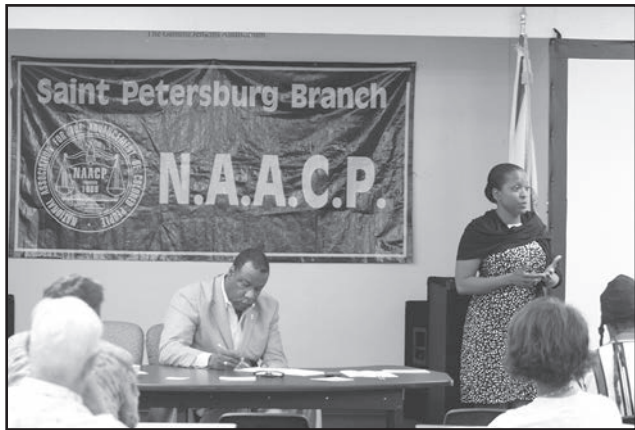
Along with making St. Pete a healthy city, leveraging the momentum of a “city on the move” and economic development, Tomalin listed substantial progress in south St. Pete as a priority the administration has brought to the office.

“What we are able to impact here will set the tone for the entire city,” the deputy mayor asserted. She added that the mayor is always willing to listen to input from residents about how to improve the community. “You have an audience in Mayor Kriseman that is unparalleled.”

Nikki Gaskin-Capehart, director of Urban Affairs for the city, outlined a plan for the prosperity and improvement of St. Pete, which featured cornerstones such as opportunity creation, the nurturing of neighborhoods and families, connecting through cultural affairs and finding catalysts for commerce.

Some specifics include Venture House, a program that will see rehab properties done in a different and innovative way that will help to bring in diversity; an art conservatory for teens; a gallery walk for the showcasing and exposure of local talent and Deuces Live Sunday Market, which offers space for business owners.

“We want to make sure that we are offering opportunities to people who want to start businesses or who have businesses that aren’t necessarily store-



front,” Gaskin-Capehart explained, “because we already know that is a high overhead. So by being able to participate in a Deuces Live Market, it’s only \$60 right now for a four-Sunday commitment. These are the types of things that we want to make sure that we support as a catalyst for commerce.”

Other speakers included Loretha Cleveland, an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company based in Tampa, who outlined a Child ID Program available from her company.

“We try to reach out to the community, because unfortunately we know that our children are at risk,” Cleveland said. “And we want to share with you the opportunity to provide a legitimate ID that can be shared with the authorities in case information is needed on a missing child.”

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fingerprint all ten fingers, obtain the demographic information from the parents and burn all the information on a CD. The free service will be offered at the May 10 meeting of the St. Pete NAACP.

“We can do K-12, but we usually do K through middle school,” Cleveland said. “We’ve done babies six months old.”

Committee chairman Kurt Donely, along with Councilman Wengay Newton and Police Chief DeKay also attended and encouraged the members of the community to get more involved in what’s happening in their city, citing low voter turnout as something that must change for the good of St. Pete. Yet with the new administration in place, council members and the deputy mayor were optimistic that the city is on an upswing.

“It’s a great time to be here,” Tomalin affirmed.

To reach Frank Drouzas, email fdrouzas@theweekly-challenger.com

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TROYON LOWE

Lowe is a father of two children and currently attends St. Petersburg College pursuing an associate of arts degree. Recently he received the “Striving Student Award” for completing his course work.

Lowe stays engaged with his children by visiting the school every two months and consistently encouraging them by telling them they can do anything if they put their minds to it. He stresses the importance of reading and math to his children.

Lowe also attends church and is one of the many fathers who the Lord says in Malachi 4:6; he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Gallerie909's grand opening was a success!

BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The Deuces were alive last Thurs., April 17 with the opening of St. Petersburg's newest art gallery. Situated just down from the Warehouse Arts District, Gallerie909, 909 22nd St. S., will be a force to reckon with on the art scene.

As the champagne flowed and the live jazz music filled the air, owner Carla Bristol worked the room with her high energy and effervescent smile. Numerous times traffic came to a halt because people would stop in the street to peer at the large crowd spilling out onto the patio area that connects her gallery to the soon-to-be Cajun restaurant.

Featured artist William Kwanena-Poh spent the evening showing and explaining his works to the rather large crowd. This self-taught artist focuses on paintings of people and scenes from his native Ghana, Africa.

He started painting as a child, not because his young soul yearned to be fulfilled by the brush and canvas, but to receive gifts from his father.

"I didn't take it seriously. For me it was something to get out of my dad. So if I wanted something, I would just start acting like I was drawing and he would get excited. I would tell him what I wanted and he would say,

'OK, I'll get it for you,'" Kwanena-Poh's laughed. Perhaps his father encouraged him so much to explore his talent because his father too was an artist.

He immigrated in 1980 when his father accepted a Fulbright Scholarship to teach African history at Talladega College in Alabama. He too attended the historically black college and graduated with a degree in sociology.

Kwanena-Poh never put the paintbrush down while hitting the books; in fact, he sold his first painting while still in college. He also started participating in art shows across the country while getting his degree. One particular art show in Florida, where he won an award, he received some advice that made him the artist that he is today.

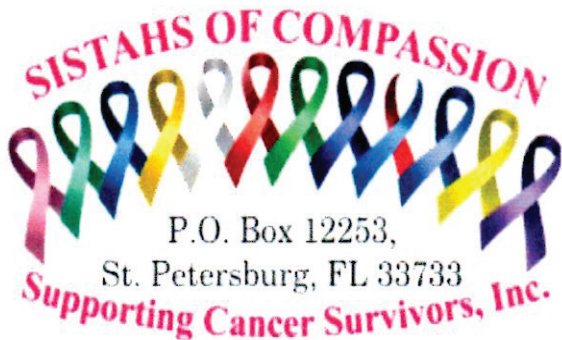
"I asked the judge what art school he thought I should attend, and he told me that art school would destroy my talent and they would teach me how to paint like them. So I listened to him and I kept on doing what I did," said Kwanena-Poh. "I was self-taught and just developed talent over the years."

After graduating, he worked in galleries in Washington, D.C. and Chicago. In 1993, he opened his own gallery, Osibisa Fine Arts in Chicago. He later moved that gallery to Savannah, Ga., where he resides today.

His works have graced the sets of the "Cosby Show," the motion picture "Losing Isaiah" starring Halle Berry, "Living Single," "Martin," and "Moesha" just to name a few. His works can also be found in corporate collections such as Amoco, Ford Motors, Disney and in other prominent and private collections of well-known public figures throughout the States and abroad.

Old friends, Kwanena-Poh met Bristol at St. Pete's Mainsail Arts Festival years ago. She bought some of his work and continues to collect.

With such a fantastic grand opening, Bristol's naysayers will have to rain on someone else's parade. Gallerie909 is currently showcasing the works of artist Sharon Norwood and painter Marian Howard. Their works and others are displayed among sculptures, textured quilts, unique pottery and antique postcards.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

10-year-old author: Nazhia Reynolds

BY FRANK DROUZAS
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — In many ways, Nazhia Reynolds is your typical fourth grader. She's fond of reading children's fiction, enjoys gymnastics and looks forward to P.E. class every day. Pretty normal, right? But how many 10 year olds have a published book to their credit?

Unlike most of her fellow elementary school classmates, the young author has written a book, "Liam the Lonely Caterpillar." The story centers around a caterpillar that can't seem to find friends until one day he connects with another caterpillar—only for the pair to get split up. Their reconnection makes for a touching story of friendship and hope. Many authors draw inspiration from personal experience and/or keen observation, but apparently Reynolds' muse was subtler.

"I don't know, I just came up with it," she stated in explaining how the story materialized. Apparently, a vivid imagination can work wonders as well.

She is currently looking for any libraries or stores that would like to stock her work, of which proud mother Latavia Simpkins is a big supporter.

"The lady that I'm working with, Linda Mobley," she stated, "is going around and seeing if any bookstores want to buy them, but I have books that are available to be sold."

An enthusiastic supporter of Reynolds' efforts, Mobley is herself an author and the president of Students Come First, an organization which helps students get scholarships, offers career planning and financial aid workshops,



Nazhia Reynolds

among other services.

Reynolds said that she drew the book's illustrations but had help with the caterpillar designs from a friend.

"They were all computerized cartoons," she explained.

The young scribe does admit that she is an avid reader, and lists "Dork Diaries," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and the first Harry Potter book as favorites, adding that she likes both realistic and fantasy fiction.

A student at Perkins Elementary School, Reynolds said that reading, math and science are her favorite subjects but also enjoys dance, drama and art.

Not one to rest on her literary laurels, Reynolds is already at work on a follow-up.

"I am actually writing another book," she said. "I got the idea from a book

called 'The Lemonade Wars' and I wanted to try a book like that, but a lot different."

When she isn't busy penning heartwarming stories, she enjoys staying active and is in a dance class, in which she and her fellow students get to interpret such classics as "River Deep, Mountain High" though dance.

For someone so well rounded, she believes that letters will have a place in her life when she grows up.

"I want to be a cosmetologist," she said, "but I want to have a hobby, like a journalist, a writer."

To pick up a copy of "Liam the Lonely Caterpillar" you can give her mom a call at 727-280-7721.

To reach Frank Drouzas, email fdrouzas@theweekly-challenger.com

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Friday Prayer -7:00 p.m.
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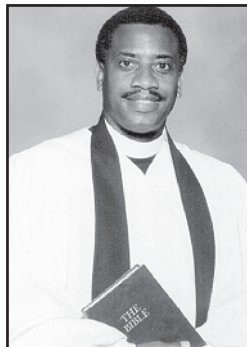
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CHURCH NEWS

St. Mark MBC

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, its pastor, the Reverend Brian K. Brown, its official staff of Deacons and Trustees, and the entire congregation, extends to the community at large, its wish that there would be an overflowing of God's blessings upon their lives. St. Mark is grounded in a Christ-centered doctrine that has as its central theme, a belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a world hungering for and thirsting after the enlightened word of God. At St. Mark, we are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for His awesome gift, His son Jesus Christ.

Calendar Events for April
Apr. 26 - Mission Awards Luncheon held at 12:30 p.m.

at the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall located at 3800 9th Ave N (St. Petersburg)

Apr. 27 - Mission Recognition Sunday during 10:45 a.m. Service. Appreciation Service for Sis. Cynthia Coney 4 p.m.
Apr. 28 - Pizza Ministry 6-8 p.m.

Weekly Scheduled Activities for St. Mark
Sunday School held for both children and adults of all ages. Sunday School starts each Sunday morning at 9:30. All are invited to come and join us.

Baptist Training Union is each Sunday at 5 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out study the Bible with us, and learn "What Baptist Believe."

Children and Youth Ministry Meetings are held every

Tuesday at 6 p.m. Children in the community are welcomed to join us.

Mime/Praise Dance Rehearsal on Sundays from 2-4 p.m.
N.I. K. E. After School Tutoring (4:30-6 p.m.) on Tuesdays & Thursdays (closed during holiday seasons and school breaks)

Young Adult Ministry every Monday from 6:30 p.m. (Bible Study)

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Senior Hour of Power Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study every Wednesday evening at 7.

Children Youth Ministry Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.



Pastor's Corner

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS GIVEN TO OUR PASTOR BISHOP WARREN HAWKINS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE OBEY (John 16)
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Yahweh Sabbath means ...

S=SCRIPTURE (And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us) John 1:14

A=ANGELS (the seven stars are the seven angels of the churches) Rev.1:20

B=BELIEVE (He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me) John 12:44

B=BIBLE (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth)

A=ALL (For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father) Ephesians 2:18

T=TRUTH (Sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth) John 17:17

H=HOLY (But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you) Acts 1:8

S=SAVIOR (For I am the Lord thy God the Holy one of Israel, thy Savior :) Isaiah 43:3

Scripture background text: Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:1-17, Isaiah 58:13-14, 66: 22-24, Ezekiel 20, Malachi 3: 6-9, Mark 2:28-29, Hebrews 4:1- (8)-11, Acts 13:38-52, John 1:1-9, Romans 11, vHebrew 12:14, Matthew 12:39-40, 1st Peter 1: 15-16, John 14: 17, Acts 1:8, 2:34-38, 17: 30

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Pastor's Corner

BY KISHA JORDAN
Real Talk with Kisha Jordan
National TV Show & WRXB Praise 1590 AM

Thank you, Jesus!

Praise the Lord for truly the Lord is worthy to be praised! Greetings from Pastor Kisha Jordan, founder of Kisha Jordan Ministries (KJM) and host of Real Talk with Kisha Jordan radio and televised broadcasts.

When I think of the goodness of Jesus and all that He has done for me, my soul cries out thank you Jesus! What a great and powerful God we serve. Let me start by giving a special thanks to the KJM covenant partners and friends for your continued financial support. Your financial support keeps KJM on the air and going strong for the Kingdom of God.

I pray that you are blessed and prospering in the things of God. KJM is a media ministry of the City of Refuge Christian Church of Florida and is reaching souls for Jesus through radio, television, books, conferences, seminars, online conference calls, bible study and prayer meetings.

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To be a guest on the live radio broadcast or in studio for an upcoming televised broadcast, email us at realtalkwithkishajordan@yahoo.com or call the KJM studio at (813) 380-7771. We look forward to hearing from you and the opportunity to share your powerful testimony of what God has done in your life with others around the world.

For the month of May, KJM will be recognizing and providing a gift to a special mother. If you know of a special someone, please take a moment to write a paragraph highlighting why you feel this person is

truly a special mother. Please include your full name and phone number. Send it to the email address realtalkwithkishajordan@yahoo.com. The winner will be announced during the televised broadcast.

Don't miss the following KJM events. The "We Got Each Other's Back" free marriage seminar Sat., July 19 at 4 p.m. The event will take place at the Clarion Hotel located at 20967 US Hwy 19 North, Clearwater. Seminars will be led by my husband, Dr. Jerome D. Jordan, and I. We have been married for over 25 years and together for over 30 years. We will share the lessons learned, experiences and wisdom gained over the years to better equip others for a life of happy matrimony.

You do not want to miss the "Show Case for Jesus" on Sat., Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. If you have a talent and want to participate in this year's event, the KJM staff is waiting to hear from you. Dial (813) 380-7771 for more information. The event features Christian songs, rap, dance, poetry and so much more. Try outs are available now.

Also, congratulations to my middle daughter Keona Jordan, for her new release song "Stronger Than You Think" it is blessings people all over the world.

Please keep a look out for my new book coming to a store near you this summer, title "Get Delivered From The Saints." You will be blessed. My other book is still in stores now "I Am The Lord That Healeth Thee."

To keep up with KJM events, itinerary, etc., visit us on any one of our Social Media sites:

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2014 "Total Surrender, Total Sacrifice, and Total Stewardship" – II Corinthians 9:6-8.

Mark you calendar
Sat., April 26 at 3 p.m. FMBC Women's Ministry Annual Tea Event: Becoming Women of Excellence, Philipians 1:10. Our Unity guest speaker, Minister Sharon P.

Saulsby with special guests: True Worship Mime Ministries, First Lady Marsha Tarver, and Jalini Pitts. You are invited and we are looking forward to fellowshiping with all in the FMBC Upper-Room. Contact Sister Cynthia Pierce at 727-403-3149.

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Come join us each Wednesday for Bible Study at Noon and 7 p.m. Dr. Evans, Sr., Pastor, invites you to come and share in the study of God's word - The Gospel of Mark - BE DILIGENT, "Serving Others As You Walk With The Master Servant," by W.Wierbe.

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Bethel Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, "God's House to the City," under the leadership of Dr. Rickey L. Houston extends an invitation to the community to join us as we declare the living Word of God. Join us at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and at 10:15 a.m. worship service. Bible Study and Teen Summit/Children Rising are held on Wednesday evening, at 7.

We are committed to a Christ-centered, People-centered, Team-centered Bible-based teaching ministry; with

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The Women's Ministry presents "An Evening of Elegance Featuring Extraordinary Women of Christ" Sat., April 26, 6 pm. We extend an invitation to the community to come and enjoy this illuminating journey.

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Hebrews 11: 1, 6 II Corinthians 4:1

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BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL
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ST. PETERSBURG — For four decades, Starling School and Day Care Center has been educating children. From doctors, lawyers, pastors, city councilmembers and school board administrators, this institution has started them all out in life with a good foundation.

The graduating class of 2014 held its ceremony Sat., April 12 at Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. Twenty-six families had the privilege to watch their children graduate from such a historical establishment.

Pinellas County School Board member Renee Flowers was on hand to say a few words about her alma mater and Pastor Dexter McCree, of Anointed Word Fellowship, gave the commencement speech. He recalled that his first job was at the Starling school and he challenged the audience to be supportive of each other and to continue supporting their young graduates as they move on through the school system.

The graduates showcased “Our Day at Starling School” demonstrating Pledge of Allegiance, songs including “Jesus Loves Me” (the remix), bible trivia, circle time and The Final Hour. Rituals such as these have been practiced since the inception of the school in 1974.

Years ago, the late Jimmy Lee Sr. and Viola

Starling moved to St. Petersburg from Cuthbert, Ga., trusting in God and maintaining a strong faith that they could start a family and life together here in the Sunshine City. After having six children, Viola embarked upon her dream of not just caring for her kids, but for providing a quality childcare program to all children in her community.

After completing Gibbs Jr. College, she decided to find a banker who would finance her dream. She walked and walked to most of the banks in downtown St. Pete and although rejected by five of them, her faith would not let her stop seeking her vision.

She eventually found a banker who believed in her vision and in 1974 Starling School and Day Care was created on the foundation of Proverbs 22:6, which states: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” That lesson is still being taught today to all the children they serve.

Throughout the decades, Starling grew to four locations in St. Pete educating thousands of youths. They continue to provide affordable childcare services for toddlers, preschool and school age children year round. They currently have 80 children enrolled at 615 28th St. S.

With 80 children currently enrolled, they have been blessed to have continuous enrollment from former parents who are

bringing their children back through Starling School.

Their mission is to provide a loving, learning environment with varied opportunities for educational, social, emotional and physical development for every child and student. They pride themselves on making better citizens for the entire community.


Whereas Jimmy Lee Sr. and Viola Starling have passed on, there is four generations of family members in the business today who continues to follow their vision and keep their legacy alive.

“It’s very humbling having the support of the community and our parents at the graduation,” said Jennifer Howard-Black, director of Starling School and Daycare Center. “To look out and see so many people, which represent the lives that we’ve touched is very humbling.”

At the Starling school, children will receive a solid foundation and a great start in the education process. Their children are prepared when they go on to the next phase. “We’ll continue to strive for excellence, serve our families and be present in the community,” finished Howard-Black.

For more information on enrolling your child, please visit starlingschool.org.



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