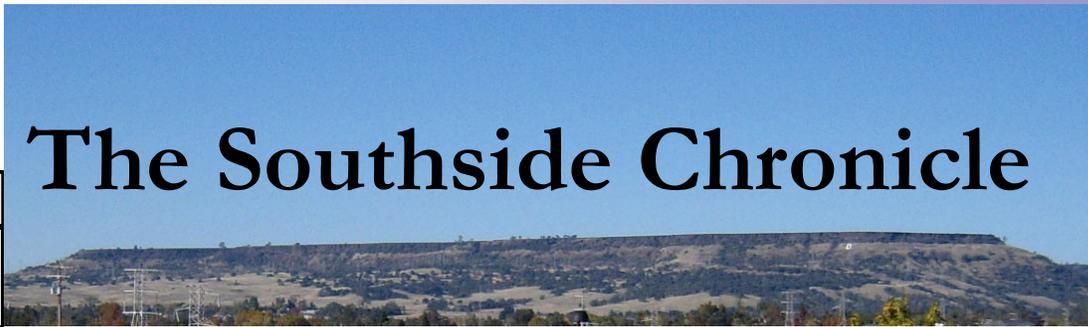


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Presidents Message

Hello Members and Friends;

We have begun planning for the next Southside Reunion and want to get the announcement out early so that you, family and friends can make plans to attend. Last year's event was outstanding. Good food, music, company, and reconnections made the 5th annual reunion one of our best one yet. We aim to top it this year.

The dinner will be held on November 1, 2014 at the Gold Country Casino in Oroville. A donation of \$40 dollars is requested for tickets if purchased before October 15th, 2014, and \$45 dollars afterward. Please plan to attend and use the form enclosed in this newsletter to purchase tickets.

We are also announcing the time period to make nominations for this year's Legacy Award. This award is important because it is yet another symbolic way to remember elders whose character and behavior inspired, supported, and guided others in healthy development and success. You are encouraged to think and remember an elder who positively affected you and others in our community. The social history during the 1940's – the 1970's is quite different from current times. Our elders had to endure, survive, and make progress in Northern forms of Jim Crow after leaving the old Jim Crow South. We must honor them. We, who have benefited from their sacrifices, owe much more to them beyond an award. We must not forget to pass on their lessons and examples to generations after us.

You can nominate elders by providing your story and evidence of their contributions to the Southside Community and beyond. Please compose a letter, which explain how your nominee meet the following criteria:

- Did your nominee demonstrate consistent values that earned them respect in the community?
- Did your nominee demonstrate behavior for other generation to follow?
- Did your nominee help others to solve problems and achieve success in life?
- Did your nominee demonstrate the ability to overcome barriers caused by discrimination and social segregation?

Your nominee can be selected by meeting one or all of the criteria. The Board will receive nominations from the Legacy Committee and select the winner of our 2014 Award at our September Board meeting. The selection committee will receive and review nomination starting August 19, 2014 and continue until September 21, 2014. You can send your nominations to SOAAHS, 936 18th St. Oroville, Ca. 95965, or you can email it to jhrphd@sbcglobal.net. You can also provide a verbal nomination and evidence by calling our office at 530-533-7388. We will make an appointment where we will tape your verbal nomination and review your evidence. Lets make the reunion one to remember!!!!!!!!!!!!

Until next time, be well.

John Rivers Ph. D



2013 Legacy Award Winner Big Papa William Berry. Patriarch of the Berry, Clark, Gill and Colvin families.

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Upcoming Events

August 30, 2014 11am Board of Directors meeting at New Home Missionary Baptist Church, 4380 Lower Wyandotte Rd., Oroville, CA. Society members and the public is invited to attend.

September 20, 2014 11am Board of Directors meeting at New Home Missionary Baptist Church, 4380 Lower Wyandotte Rd., Oroville, CA. Society members and the public is invited to attend.

Fundraiser Bar-B-Q October 2014. Time and place TBA.

October 25, 2014 11am Board of Directors meeting at New Home Missionary Baptist Church, 4380 Lower Wyandotte Rd., Oroville, CA. Society members and the public is invited to attend.

November 1, 2014
Sixth Annual Legacy Awards and Dinner, save this date.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S CORNER

By Van Bilbo

Some members have gotten their renewal notice for this year and know about the changes in the renewal process. Others will be receiving their notices in the coming months with information about the changes of the renewal process.

I would like to briefly explain the changes in the renewal process so that everyone will know and understand the changes. At our March board of directors meeting, the board voted to change the renewal date for all members to March 1st of each year. The change is in the payment date only. There is no change in the yearly membership dues. This change is being made to help streamline the renewal process and to improve on planning and forecasting for the financial needs of SOAAHS. So for the remainder of this year up until March 1st of next year members will be paying a pro-rated amount for membership dues. For example if you are a senior member, your dues are \$35.00 per year and due in August the pro-rated amount you would be paying is \$20.42. Starting on March 1st of 2015 your dues will be \$35.00 and due each year on March 1st there after.

If you have any concerns, please call and leave a message at 530 533-7388.

In Memoriam

We now have information on the passing of another person from the Southside Community. She is Ms. Collette LaSha Brooks. Collette was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steele and the daughter of Joanne Steel. **May She Rest in Peace**

Collette LaSha Brooks December 8, 1972 to December 29, 2012

The Legacies We Respect and Emulate

“No one does anything important without the help of others”. These words have been spoken by many who can bear witness to it’s meaning. The Slave and each succeeding generations passed these words on to others while doing the hard work, and making necessary sacrifices, with the hope that the next generation would experience better life chances. In deed, individuals from each previous generation have experienced better opportunities. Through faith and strength of mind, body, and sprite, our elders used perseverance and wisdom to make a better way.

Now it’s our turn.

Former Legacy Award Winners



2009 Legacy Award winners
Mrs. Joy Charles and Mr.

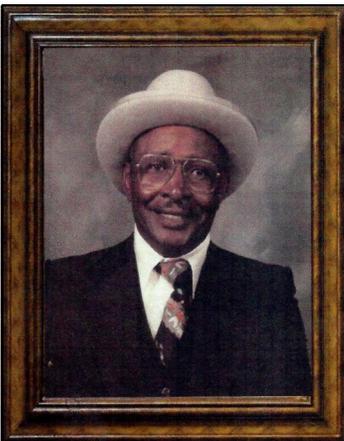


2009 Legacy Award winner Mr.
Roy Johnson with wife Mrs.
Alberta Johnson

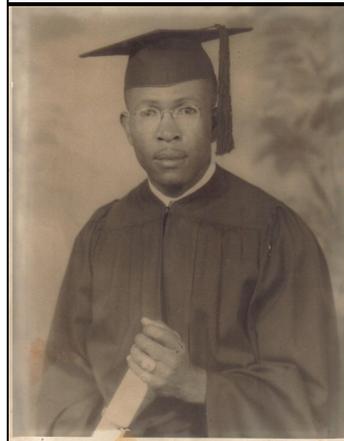


2009 Legacy Award winner Mr. M.C.
McCarter with wife Mrs. Isnell

Not pictured is 2009 Legacy Award
winner
Mrs. Daisy Parker Hill



2010 Legacy Award winner
Rev. Carl Fowler



2010 Legacy Award winner
Rev. P.C. Harrison



2011 Legacy Award winner
Mrs. Faye Steele with husband



2011 Legacy Award winner
Mrs. Versie Bilbo



2011 Legacy Award winner
Mrs. Iva Johnson



2012 Legacy Award winner
Mr. Mert Thomas

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