

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

AKAs... Continued from page 1

uct of a previously enslaved generation - to form the first African American sorority. This small group of women who organized the sorority was conscious of a privileged position as college trained women of color. They were resolute that their college experience should be as meaningful and productive as possible. Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded to apply that determination. As the sorority grew, it kept in balance the important themes: the importance of the individual and the strength of an organization of women. The organization continues to capitalize on its strength by sponsoring initiatives such as seminars on home ownership, computer training programs and the reconstruction of housing projects in New Orleans and Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. Annual scholarship programs from the sorority's foundation exceed \$130,000.

Highlights of the convention included: the Centennial Ecumenical Service featuring Bishop



Sarah F. Davis, the Centennial Public Meeting at which service awards were presented to Dr. Wangari Muta Maathai of Kenya, Senator Barack Obama, Dr. Condoleeza Rice, Dr. Norma Solomon White of Jacksonville, Mayor Terry M. Bellamy of Asheville, N.C., Senator Frederica S. Wilson of Florida and others. Honorary membership was bestowed upon Dr. Zoanne Clark who is a physician and medical consultant for the hit TV show, "Grey's Anatomy," Deborah Stewart-Parker, President and CEO/Consultant, International Business Solutions, Inc., C. Vivian

Stringer, Rutgers University Women's Head Basketball coach, and Carol H. Williams, founder, CEO, President and Chief Creative Officer of the Carol H. Williams Advertising Agency.

Members participated in several forum sessions designed to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood and the system of service delivery to constituents.

Several Savannah members were spotlighted in the national media. A telecast on CNN website entitled "Sisterhood Turns 100," July 20, 2008, featuring members Johnny Holmes, Patricia DeVoe, Margaret Ann Pearson, and Harriet Brinson. Carolyn Bell was quoted in the July 18, 2008 edition of the Washington Post in an article by Sindya N. Bhanoo and Keith Alexander entitled "Sorority Leads March For Change."

Savannah members returned home energized to continue the work of the organization in the local community.

Teshawanda Shuman Certified as Master Teacher

Teshawanda Shuman, an Effingham County teacher, joined the ranks of more than 50 teachers from throughout the state who earned Master Teacher certification in 2008.

Shuman earned the distinction by showing sustained academic progress of her students, illustrated by standardized tests among other requirements.

She teaches at Ebenezer Middle School in Effingham County.

"These 54 teachers joined the nearly 300 Master Teachers before them who have clearly demonstrated their expertise in helping our children achieve at higher levels," Gov. Sonny Perdue said in a released statement. "They are experts at inspiring students to learn, and I'm proud to recognize them for their outstanding work in one of our most honorable professions."

Mrs. Shuman took on education as a second career. Shuman earned an undergraduate degree in English and started working in a registrars office.

She completed the Pathway to Teaching program through Armstrong Atlantic State University and embarked on a teaching career. She has been teaching for six years.

Shuman said creating lifelong learners and motivat-



Teshawanda Shuman

ing students to get excited about education were two of the things she enjoyed about being a teacher.

Superintendent Randy Shearhouse said the Master Teacher certification proves teachers are making a difference.

"The important part about being named Master Teacher is you are showing the gains of your students," Shearhouse said. "It's a great honor on her part. She is making progress with the kids."

When One Teaches, Two Learn.



Do You Want To Buy A Home?

Let's Get It Done!

"Now" Is The Best Time!
What Are You Waiting For?
Call Dot Owens

912-236-5731

1702 Bull St. at 33rd St.
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dot Owens Realty, Inc



"A Name You Know, A Name You Trust"

THE SMILEY G TOUR scheduled for Savannah and the Coastal Empire

IT'S a Bird? IT'S a plane?.....IT'S a SMILE?????

Savannah, Georgia-Hollywood has ALI G, Goodwill has SMILEY G. Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. announces THE SMILEY G TOUR. THE SMILEY G TOUR is scheduled for Savannah and the Coastal Empire beginning August 13, 2008 and concludes September 3, 2008. SMILEY G is a 5ft Goodwill SMILE that will be traveling across Savannah and the Coastal Empire sharing a SMILE and promoting awareness of Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc.

Local individuals, community leaders/volunteers and businesses will have the opportunity to sponsor the tour by contributing the suggested sponsorship donation of \$100 or more, the sponsorship AKA AGENT FEE allows participants the opportunity to share a SMILE and pass it on to family, friends, customers/clients, associates, etc. SMILEY G will be delivered to the sponsored

location. When SMILEY G arrives at designated location, that individual or business is asked to pay the suggested AGENT FEE to have SMILEY G delivered to another individual or business.

"Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. is looking forward to THE SMILEY G TOUR as a creative fundraising and awareness approach to raise funds by sharing a SMILE and passing it on to others, what a wonderful feeling to have everyone SMILING", says Joe Driggers, Director of Marketing & Development.

THE SMILEY G TOUR complements the Goodwill focused theme for 2008-2009 (DONOR) which honors all Goodwill DONORS; whether it be DONORS donating clothing, furniture, household items, cars, computers, etc., DONORS shopping in the 14 Thrift Stores, DONORS volunteering their time, DONORS making financial contributions, DONORS participating in fundraising efforts, DONORS partnering with Goodwill and DONORS promoting the

Goodwill name and mission.

"This unique grassroots fundraising initiative allows our customers, local businesses and supporters the opportunity to share countless smiles across the Coastal Empire as we promote our mission which is to assist people with disabilities and other barriers to employment to live independently and become employed", states Bill Oakley, Goodwill President/CEO.

Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. provides job training, employment services, job placement opportunities and post employment support to strengthen communities and families by training people to become independent, tax-paying members of society. Those services include Second Chance, a community re-entry program for people with acquired brain injury. When someone is having a hard time finding a job - either because of a disability, poverty or lack of experience - Goodwill is there to help. To locate the Goodwill nearest you and for information on

See G Tour, page 16

Be Safe, Drive Direct to Coastal Insurance

COASTAL INSURANCE AGENCIES

6811 Forest Park, Dr. Ste 204
Savannah, GA 31406
Phone (912) 692-1407

The Lowest Rates in Town!
call Today & Save !!!

Low Rates/Low Down Payments
Auto, Home, SR22A, SR22, Motorcycle, Commercial, Bonds

Fred Brown, Agent Beshon Cherry Gibbs, Office Manager

Bynes-Royall Funeral Home, Inc.
A Savannah Landmark Since 1878

B-R

204 West Hall Street
Call Day or Night
Business Phone: (912) 233-2175 or (912) 233-2176
Fax Number: (912) 234-9343

For Over One Hundred Years
We Have Been Meeting the Needs of This Community

Mrs. Frenchye M. Bynes, President
Mr. Raleigh D. Bynes, Vice President / General Manager
Mrs. Frenchye Bynes-Jones, Treasurer / Secretary
Mr. Alfred L. Mullice, Manager
Mrs. Olga F. Williams, Senior Director of Administration
Mrs. Tara Bynes-Jackson, Human Resources Director
Mr. Edward Musgrow, Funeral Service Apprentice

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a great local **FREE EVENT!**

*ARTS DEMOS
*HANDS ON ACTIVITIES
*LIVE PERFORMANCES
*HEALTH EDUCATION

August 23 2008 * 10am - 3pm
Rain or Shine
719 East Broad Street

For more information call 912-495-8887 or visit www.unionmission.org

J.C. Lewis Health Promotion's Arts & Wellness Expo:
Rediscovering and Reclaiming!

Project funding provided by:
CITY OF savannah union mission Starfish JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SAVANNAH