

Commentary

## Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club - Name and Legacy Denied

Our hearts are broken. Memories are foregone. Our hero's legacy is being lost.

The alumni of the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Clubs are saddened beyond measure that the heralded namesake who created a well-deserved legacy is being unheralded.

We regret that we failed to impress upon those in the cockpit of the charitable corporation (Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, Inc.) that we as passengers are not just along for the ride. Life is a journey and we all reach a destination. While that destination is important for eternity, the joy is in the journey.

Why delete "Frank Callen"? For Economic advantage, according to Mr. John Herdina, President of the Board of Directors of Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club, Inc.? Or, is the question the expansion of the Boys and

Girls Club to service additional counties? If so, the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, Inc., charter is already set up to provide services to Chatham, Liberty, Effingham and Bryan counties. The umbrella is already in place.

Why deny "Frank Callen?" For the hope that the almighty dollar might be marginally enhanced? At what price? Some prices are too expensive and not related to success.

The Alumni are excited and committed to providing opportunity for as many youth as possible to realize the legacy of Frank Callen, "DO GOOD" in their lives. By 1917, as a local Probation Officer, Frank Callen had locked up so many youngsters who had no wholesome outlets for recreation, that he knew what needed to be done.

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oration.

In the big picture, when Savannah was founded in 1733 with Oglethorpe and Tomochichi, the city was meant to be collaborative and for people to work together -- Savannah has that spirit embodied in it," Kreissler said. "As women are becoming a part of its leadership, it's extending what was started."

Dunn hopes to give more women in the Savannah area the opportunity to succeed in business. Celia Dunn Sotheby's International Realty is sponsoring AWWIN, Inc.'s fundraising gala Sept. 19. AWWIN, Inc. offers struggling single mothers the tools and skills to help them have a successful career, and that in turn helps their children have better opportunities.

"AWWIN, Inc. gives women the opportunity, the knowledge and the capabilities to succeed," Dunn said. "It gives them the self-esteem to be able to speak on their own behalf and on behalf of their children. And then perhaps they will be able to help other struggling single mothers who don't feel capable of standing up for themselves. The only way to break the cycle is education."

Sarahlyn Argrow, CEO

and founder of AWWIN, Inc., overcame hardship herself and then gave back to her community by helping other women.

AWWIN offers a 30-week computer and job readiness training for women. AWWIN also provides financial assistance for the women, realizing that it's hard to focus on learning if they're not able to pay a light bill. The organization also assists women who are going back to school.

Women helped by AWWIN have now become teachers, office managers, Department of Juvenile Justice workers, and more. Their children also have a more stable life and see how education brings more opportunities.

"Since founding AWWIN I have found there is a whole world of opportunities for women leadership," Argrow said. "The AWWIN, Inc Top Ten Working Women of the Year Awards is an example of what women can and have accomplished through the centuries.

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## Michelle Obama...

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ple. She was introduced by her brother, Craig Robinson, as an "impassioned public servant, a loving daughter, wife and mother, my little sister and our nation's next first lady."

Her mother looked on from the audience, applauding her daughter's numerous references to her humble upbringing on the "Southside of Chicago."

Despite the magnetism and Michelle Obama's passion and the standing ovation after her speech, there was a resistance stirring in the atmosphere in the "mile high" city as some supporters of former Democratic Primary rival Hillary Clinton, remained hard-pressed to let go of their now dashed hopes that somehow Clinton would be the nominee.

One woman, who asked not to be identified, said she felt that some in the audience were intentionally cool to Mrs. Obama.

"You watch how they go crazy over Hillary Clinton," she predicted the reaction to Clinton, who was set to speak to the convention on Tuesday night. "I just wished they had been a little warmer and more embracing."

Democratic Party leaders pushed for unity during the convention that prepared for the nominees' message of "change" as well as demonstrated change itself.

Traditional civil rights leaders did not speak during the prime time hours of the convention. But, they were remembered.

"Fellow Democrats, this is an historic moment. I know. I grew up with the lessons of another generation, my father's generation," said U. S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., who spoke early Monday. "I know his stories of struggle and sacrifice, of fear and division. I know America is still a place where dreams are too often deferred and opportunities too often denied."

He continued, "But here's what I also know. I know that while America may not be perfect, our union can always be perfected. I know what we can achieve when good people with strong convictions come together around a common purpose."

That "common purpose" appears illusive to some as pundits are mystified as to why Obama, with impeccable credentials and the ability to inspire millions around the world, is still running neck-in-neck with

Republican Sen. John McCain during a time when the Republican President George Bush is at his lowest in popularity.

Senator Ted Kennedy, still recuperating from brain surgery for removal of a tumor, perhaps best illustrated the level of hope that it will take for all Americans -- including many Democrats -- to believe that Obama can run America.

In remarks before the crowd of thousands Monday, Kennedy said, "We are told that Barack Obama believes too much in an America of high principle and bold endeavor. But when John Kennedy called for going to the moon, he didn't say it's too far to get there. We shouldn't even try. Our people answered his call and rose to the challenge, and today an American flag still marks the surface of the moon. Yes, we are all Americans. This is what we do. We reach the moon. We scale the heights. I know it. I've seen it. I've lived it. And we can do it again."

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"contacts into contracts," the agenda includes workshops, a leadership breakfast and luncheon with keynote addresses by major corporate executives Cornell McBride (McBride Research Laboratories, Inc., and Dr. Eunice Dudley (Dudley Products, Inc.) respectively, a trade fair, a networking reception and a pre-conference golf tournament.

In addition to highlighting the business advantages of supplier diversity, this event will brief M/WBEs on prime operational development strategies, such as obtaining certification, building effective business relationships and creating powerful business plans.

General registration for the October 1st conference and trade fair is \$150 per person for a full day package (breakfast, workshops, luncheon, trade fair and reception ticket) and \$250 for the full day package plus exhibit table. Another distinctive feature is the free



Keynote speaker Dr. Eunice Dudley of Dudley Products, Inc.

trade fair walk-through between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

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additional dormitory units to expand the program.

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