

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Hair Affair Celebrates 30 Years of Blessed Business

September 2008 marks the thirtieth anniversary celebration of the Hair Affair Salon, which was established as a locally owned and operated hair salon in 1978. Sharon Hampton, co-owner and proprietor, states, "My staff and I are overjoyed and so blessed to have the salon reach this milestone." She fondly recalls the opening of Hair Affair as the second modern unisex salon to open in Savannah. The salon at that time featured a state-of-the-art carousel station set-up. It also attracted many patrons from all walks of life, most of whom still patronize the salon even today.

Hair Affair was originally located at 3128 Bull Street, but because of its popularity and growth, soon had to seek larger space accommodations, and so it was relocated to the 2110 Sunset Boulevard (near the Skidaway Road and 52'd Street Ext. intersection) where it presently operates. Hair Affair has a productive and proud history of community involvement. Hampton states, "As we reflect on the past thirty years, we can



Sharon Hampton and Cathy Hayes

point to such activities and experiences such as traveling to hair shows annually, working with Carson Products to formulate a few of their hair care products, traveling to Chicago for the introduction of a professional line, and working as platform artist with Lustrasilk.

Additionally, the salon has enjoyed collaborative efforts with many community organizations including the Mandingo Socio-Civic Club, which they provided hair, skin and nail care workshops services during the 80's as a part of the Annual Charm School for Girls. The

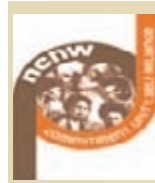
stylists have also served as debutante consultants and mentors for young high school girls, in addition to contributing guidance, inspiration and support to the DECA program as a training sponsor. According to Hampton, "One of our proudest moments was receiving the 1981 Hair Show Award in Atlanta, Georgia."

In 1988 Cathy Hayes become a full partner in the salon and has been with Sharon since Hair Affair opened. The original stylists who opened with the salon in 1978 included: Sharon

Hampton, Cathy Hart Hayes, Marlene Whitaker Lundy, Renee H. Gregory, and Henry "Rat" Martin, along with receptionist Debra "Milk" Johnson. One year later Patricia Ward (a twenty nine year associate), Sheila Grant, Anita Turly, and Shirley Keith joined the staff.

Sharon, and Cathy are also proud of the fact that a very large number of stylists who once were affiliated with Hair Affair Have branched out into their own businesses. This stellar list of entrepreneurs include the owners of such notable salons as: Seven Steps to Reality, Sheila's Talk of the Town, Dot's Hair Care, Essence Beauty Salon, Toni's Salon, Hair Fashion, Escape Hair Salon, Pure Perfection, P. K. Hair Salon, Turning Heads, Sam's Beauty Box, Preferred Styles (Tyler, Texas), and Hair & Nails Obsession (Killene, Texas), just to name a few. One former stylist, former owner of Classic Styles, is now teaching cosmetology in Atlanta; another is making a name for himself in the world of comedy; and yet another barber is working at Mitchell Brothers, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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National Council of Negro Women Hosts 2008-2009 "Meet & Greet"

The National Council of Negro Women's Savannah Adult Section cordially invites the community to attend the "Meet and Greet" premier assembly for 2008-2009. This event will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 6:00 pm at Piccadilly's Restaurant within the Oglethorpe Mall.

Entrée's start at \$4.99 that include two vegetables and a slice of bread, with dessert and beverage for an additional cost.

To confirm your attendance for the "Meet and Greet" please contact President Betty Lasseter at (912) 920-9691. "Leave No One Behind."

EmmaLue Jordan Preer 50 Years: A Celebration of Service



Mrs. EmmaLue Jordan Preer, affectionately known as the Centennial Golden

Girl, is a Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She became a member of Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Savannah State College in 1958. Upon graduation from Savannah State College, she transferred to the graduate chapter, Gamma Sigma Omega, where she has served continuously. EmmaLue has never been an inactive member of the sorority. In Gamma Sigma Omega, she has held the offices of President, Hostess, Historian, and Member-at-Large.

Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter presented a program and reception for their "Golden Girl." The celebration was held Sunday, August 24, 2008, 5:00 PM, at EmmaLue's church, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, Rev. Christian A. Alimaji, M.S.P., Pastor. The Protocol Committee coordinated this event that was chaired by Mrs. Johnne Gillans. The service was orchestrated with love, sensitivity, and reflections, beginning with Centennial

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Six Schools Receive Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards

State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox recently released the winners of the inaugural Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards, a new awards program recognizing schools that had the highest achievement and greatest improvement on state curriculum tests.

These awards are based on the performance of students on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT), the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) and the End-of-Course-Tests (EOCT). Schools are acknowledged in two categories:

IMPROVEMENT: The ten schools in each honored subject area and grade that had the greatest improvement in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards.

ACHIEVEMENT: The ten schools in each honored subject area and grade that had the highest percentage of student scores in the exceeds category.

Haven, Spencer, Gadsden and Garrison Elementary schools along

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