

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Dedication Ceremony held for Hugh Tracy Blvd. on Hutchinson Island



Back row (l-r): Mark Gompels, Nina Gompels, Patsy Tracy, Rick Winger. Front row (l-r): William and Matthew Gompels.

On Monday, September 8, the Board of Directors of the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA) held the Hugh Tracy Boulevard Dedication Ceremony to officially name the access road from Wayne Shackelford Boulevard to Hutchinson Island Road, and to the SEDA building.

The Authority unanimously voted at their June meeting to honor former SEDA Chairman and long-standing board member, Hugh Tracy, who passed away in February 2008 at the

age of 71.

With Hugh's leadership as Chairman of the Board from 1989 to 1993, SEDA transformed the vision of Crossroads Business Center into a tangible reality, addressing the needs of existing business and making Savannah more attractive to companies seeking a place to operate and grow. Today, Crossroads Business Center is the home to 18 companies that collectively employ over 2,000 people.

SEDA couldn't have benefited more from the experience of a chairman like Hugh Tracy at a time when SEDA's challenges became increasingly real estate related. He'd had success with major business development projects in Atlanta and Savannah. And, that gave SEDA the advantage of a board that appreciated the need for developed real estate and a chairman who knew exactly how to create it.

Hugh was especially proud to have contributed to SEDA in its mission to stimulate economic growth in the region. He outstanding contributions would ultimately earn him a Lifetime Honorary Membership to the SEDA board of directors. Additionally, the Authority dedicated their 2007 annual report in Hugh's memory.

Hugh Tracy was born in Arkansas in 1937 into an Air Force family, living in several places before graduating from Wheelus High School in Tripoli, Libya. He went on to complete his B.S. in Building Construction at Georgia Institute of Technology and start a career in real estate development in the Atlanta area. In 1967, he began a 38-year career as a McDonald's franchisee when he joined Jaycee friends to operate several McDonald's in the Atlanta area. A lifetime of community service com-

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Junior League of Savannah Community Advisory Board 2008-09 Members

We are fortunate to have a group of community leaders that serve on the Junior League of Savannah Community Advisory Board. The purpose of the board is to advise the League on community related issues as well as to act as ambassadors for the Junior League of Savannah to the community at large. The group also serves to select the recipients of the "Kids Who Care" Scholarship where five high school students will be awarded \$1000 each toward college. The Community Advisory Board is comprised of 10 members with terms of two years. Two professional consulting members retain continuing seats on the board.

Community Advisory Board Members for 2008-2009: Traci Amick, Ben Farmer



Front row (l-r): Beth Taylor and Diana Morrison. Back row, (l-r): Joe Usher, Tanya Milton, and Charlie Sutlive.

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As a highlight of the celebration, a Hair Affair Stylist Reunion will be held and they will fellowship in worship services on Sunday,

September 28, 2008 with the St. Paul CME Church family during its 11:00 a.m. services.

"We bless the Lord for favor in having such loyal and

supportive patrons who have stuck with us through the years, and we thank Him for bringing us to this milestone," Sharon, and Cathy remarked.

EmmaLue Jordan Preer

President, Emma Jean Conyers, and ending with the Lord's blessings by Pastor Alimaji. Reflections on the Golden Girl's life as an Alpha Kappa Alpha member, an educator, a friend, a family member, and church member were informative and amusing to a packed church audience. Presentations were made and a letter was read from the Centennial International President, Dr.

Barbara A. McKinzie. In a skit, Gamma Sigma Omega members, who are already Golden Girls, welcomed EmmaLue into the fold.

This fellowship of love was transferred to the reception where her sorors, family, and friends, waited patiently in line to be received by the Golden Girl. Small talk, laughs, and gifts embellished this celebration of service.

EmmaLue received her

Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Elementary Education from Savannah State College. She retired after forty years as Family Advocate from J.H.C. Butler Elementary School in 1999. She returned to teaching, her first love, in 2001.

She is a Life Member of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association and served two terms as President for the Savannah Chapter of SSUNAA.


She has two children: Richard P. Preer, III and Emily Preer-Williams, also an Alpha Kappa Alpha member in Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter, four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

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Ernest Sanders

Mr. Sanders is the husband of Mrs. Ann Sanders and the father of eight children, Al (Chiquita) Mitchell, Beverly (Anthony) Rowe, Jacquelyn (Arthur) Best, Bernard (Patrice) Wright, Sharon Wright, Ken Sanders (Deceased), Mark (Angie) Sanders, Monte (Valerie) Sanders, 26 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren.

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