

First "First Lady Tea" at SSU a Success

A "First Lady Tea", hosted by Savannah State University's First Lady, Mrs. Patricia Yarbrough and the Savannah Chapter of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association, was held on August 30, 2008 in the President's Dining Room at the university. The room was beautifully decorated in orange and blue, including breathtaking fall centerpieces that adorned each table. Female ministers, pastors and other clergy, ministers' wives and widows, SSU alumni and members of the community met for mid-morning tea and fellowship. Miss SSU, Tirrany Thurman, extended greetings and talented SSU Choir member, LaToya



Patricia Yarbrough

Bradshaw, rendered a soulful solo. Mrs. Yarbrough was a congenial host and at the end of the program she presented each guest with a special gift. This event was a first attempt by the

Savannah Chapter to make the community at-large more aware of the university and what it has to offer all students seeking higher education. Since proceeds from the Tea will be used for student scholarships, attendees were able to make contributions to the scholarship fund.

Chairperson Alvernia Jackson received positive responses from those in attendance and recommended to the Chapter that the Tea become an annual fundraiser for scholarships. Anyone who would like to support our scholarship efforts are encouraged to send donations in any amount and at any time to: SSUNAA - Savannah Chapter, P.O. Box 585, Savannah, GA 31402.

106-year-old Women Casts Vote in Historic Election



Accompanied by Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and friends, 106 year-old Mrs. Ann Cooper cast her vote at the Fulton County Courthouse. Mrs. Cooper said she has voted in every presidential election since she registered to vote. She never imagined seeing an African-American running for President in her lifetime. Mrs. Cooper encouraged young and old to exercise their responsibility and VOTE! "By all means, no matter what, get out and vote. Vote your choice," said Cooper. Photo credit: Susan J. Ross

It's Time For A Change!

ELECT

GWEN FORTSON WARING SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE



Motivated to Serve Justice

Gwendolyn Steele Fortson Waring was born in Harlem, N. Y. She attended public schools and graduated from the Brearley School in 1973. She graduated from Princeton University in 1977 with a B.A. in politics, teacher certification, and certification in African American studies. In 1989, after a twelve year career in retail management and merchandising, she returned to school and obtained her Juris Doctorate (J.D.) degree from Georgia State University College of Law in 1992, while raising her daughter, Brooke Fortson, as a divorced mother.

After clerking as the staff attorney for the Hon. Don A. Langham in Fulton County Superior Court from 1992-1994, she moved to Savannah, GA and opened her law practice, concentrating in the areas of Employment discrimination, Family Law and Criminal Law, under the tutelage of the late Fletcher Farrington, Esq. During her sixteen year career as a lawyer, she has been committed to improving the community and the legal profession. Since 1999, has been married to Savannah native Lawrence Waring.

"Gwen Fortson Waring knows her community. She is active throughout Chatham County. She has passion for the Law and she will make sure that Justice is truly blind." Georgia State Senator Regina Thomas



"Gwen Waring has the honesty and integrity to be a good judge in Chatham County. I have worked with her on community projects and seen her get things done. I support Gwen and hope that she is successful in her election campaign."

Patrick Shay - Chatham County Commissioner

"Attorney Gwendolyn Fortson Waring is one of the outstanding citizens of Chatham County with a brilliant legal mind, who will always temper justice with mercy. She has always shown her willingness to serve beyond the call of duty to foster programs for community development and instill Christian principles in youth. I highly recommend her for judge."

Rev. Dr. Henry R. Delaney, Jr. - Senior Pastor



"I served as a member of several organizations with Attorney Waring and worked with her as president of the Metropolitan Community Improvement Association as Alderman in the City of Savannah - 5th District. I can assure the Chatham County Community that she possesses the necessary qualifications-learning, patience, a fine personality, integrity and ability to serve as Superior Court Judge. When elected, I believe she will serve well and bring credit to that office." The Hon. Clifton Jones, Jr., District 5 Alderman, City of Savannah

"I am supporting Gwendolyn Fortson Waring because first of all she is qualified. Secondly, because she is a people's person, one who can feel the touch of the high and the low. Gwendolyn Fortson Waring is kind, just, fair and honest. She loves and serves her Lord and Saviour. Join me in support of Gwendolyn Fortson Waring."

Rev. Matthew Southall Brown Sr.



"Gwen is a visionary. She is visible and accountable to make a difference for people. She has a proven track record for working with all people. She will be a full time judge, her work will not end when she leaves the bench!"

The Hon. Dorothy Pelote

"According to my observation, of my dear friend and sister, I do believe she will make one of the best judges on the bench because she is fair, honest. She will make the best possible decisions, because she is God fearing. And that's who she is. She demonstrates character daily in her life and she is a woman of integrity."

Prophetess Hazel Scott



"I have had the honor of serving on several committees and commissions with Attorney Gwen Waring over many years. She is always an involved leader who grasps issues and proposes fair solutions to complex situations. Her people skills and concern for the community are assets that will make her a quality Superior Court judge." Hugh S. Golson

2008 Women's Forum at SSU University Village Banquet Room

The SSU College Democrats will host a 2008 Women's Forum at Savannah State University's University Village Banquet Room at 3219 College Street, on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, from 7:30PM-9:30PM. The 2008 election year has been a historic and progressive event with presidential hopefuls like Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin in the mix among very distinguished male candidates. This year the SSU College Democrats would like to get a local opinion on the role of women in the 2008 presidential election.

The Topic of the forum is the Role of Women in the 2008 Presidential Election. Panelists are Dr. Theresa Winterhalter of the Women's Studies Department at Atlantic Armstrong University, Congresswomen Regina Thomas, Attorney Gwen Fortson Waring, Jennifer Durden of the Savannah Boys and Girls Club, Lex Gibson of Savannah College of Art and Design, and last but not least Mayor Edna Jackson.

The sponsoring partners are the Savannah Women for Change, SSU Political Science

Association, SCAD College Democrats, AASU College Democrats, SSU Student Government Association, SSU Graduate Council, SSU Junior Class, and Chatham County Young Democrats. We are sure this event will be informative and enlightening to Savannah State Students as well as the Savannah Community. The strength of local female leaders on the panel is certainly a historic and monumental event that you will not want to miss and will want to bring your daughters, sisters and friends to.

Hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed for Tax Season

Looking for a different kind of volunteer work? How about volunteering to do taxes for Savannah, Chatham County area residents this tax season?

The Chatham Savannah Asset Development Coalition is looking for volunteers to spend a little time learning about taxes. If you're interested, you'll be trained with Internal Revenue Service tax materials to help people whose incomes are \$39,000 or less with their federal and state of Georgia individual income tax returns.

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, you will learn to prepare simple federal and state of Georgia tax returns. In return, you will be asked to donate about four (4) hours a week helping at a VITA site from January 20 through April 15. All VITA sites use computers to prepare and electronically transmit tax returns (e-file). If you're interested in learning to e-file tax returns on a volunteer basis, then VITA can teach you.

You do not need accounting experience. All

that's required is a desire to help others who cannot prepare their basic tax returns or afford to pay a preparer. VITA volunteers participate in a short training session-in class or through self-study-then are tested on what they learned. Once certified, volunteers are assigned to VITA sites in neighborhood community centers, libraries, churches, and in locations convenient to VITA customers.

Don't wait!

For more information or to volunteer, please call 912-447-5577.

Early Vote at the Voter Registration Office, 1117 Eisenhower Sat., October 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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