

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Frank Callen Alumni presents 6th Meritorious Service Awards Luncheon

By Walter B. Simmons

On Saturday January 24th at 11:00 AM, Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club Alumni and Friends Association will sponsor their 6th annual appreciation luncheon. The honorees for 2009 are Lawrence Hutchins, Richard "Foster" Singleton, Mrs. Lois Wooten and the Unique Dolls Socia/Civic Club.

This luncheon represent an effort by those who were served and were aided, tremendously, by volunteers and certain staff members, to say "Thank you!"

You are urged to come and share this celebration with us. You will be very impressed with the significant contributions these individuals made in support of the boys and girls at the Club. The luncheon will be held in the beautiful Eden Room at The Temple of Glory Community Church, 1105 Stiles Avenue.

Donation remains at \$30.00 person.

For more information or tickets, contact, Charley Brown, Chairman at 398 3388 or Eugene Jolmson at 355 6451.

Fort Pulaski National Monument to hosts Meet and Greet with Mickles and Brown

In conjunction with the 20th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival, Fort Pulaski National Monument will host a special meet and greet with local author Robert Mickles and historian Johnny Brown on Sunday, February 1, 2009.

Robert Mickles, author of Blood Kin and Isaiah's Tears, along with Johnny Brown, conductor of Savannah Freedom Tours, will meet with the public to discuss the African-American experience during the Civil War, as well as relating their own family ties during this period. The

discussion will take place inside Fort Pulaski National Monument's auditorium, located inside the park's visitor center, from 1:30-4:30pm. A book signing will immediately follow. Don't miss an opportunity to meet these accomplished Savannah historians.

The Savannah Black Heritage Festival runs from January 30th-February 15th. For more information concerning Fort Pulaski's event, please contact Eastern National Store Manager Denise Steitz at 912-786-5787.

Fort Pulaski National



Robert Mickles

Monument is located on U.S. Hwy 80, 15 miles east of Savannah. The park is open 9-5 daily; park gates close at 5:15 PM. An entrance fee of \$3 per person is charged; ages 15 and under are free.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Completes Successful Sweater Drive

The Alpha Iota Sigma Chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. wishes to thank St Philip Monumental A.M.E. Church, Butler Presbyterian Church, Savannah High School, and individuals of the community who donated sweaters during its sweaters drive in December 2008. Many beautiful and decorative sweaters for boys, girls, men and women were donated.

The sweaters were given to Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc., 3709 Hopkins Street and to the Inner City Night Shelter, 124 Arnold Streeel in Savannah. "Greater Service, Greater Progres" is the sorority's motto.

Shirley V. Taylor, Chairperson; Jeanette Scott, Co-Chairperson; and Priscilla Williams, President.

Family "Fun in Learning" Night at Hodge Prep Elementary

Please join us at Hodge Prep Elementary School on Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. Our focus will be showing parents how to encourage higher order thinking skills in a fun manner. We will meet in the gym for an introduction by our principal, Ms. Oliver. Afterwards parents will have the opportunity to move through two of seven high interest stations- writing and

rap, hands on science, community resources, math and grocery shopping, integrating art, music, and PE with academics, and newspapers in education. Parents will leave with a list of activities and games as well as a full stomach.

Hot dogs, potato chips and drinks will be served at 8:40.

Baby sitting is available.

NCNW -Savannah Section Seeks Former Members

The National Council of Negro Women is diligently seeking all persons who were members of the Savannah Section to be part of a special unity celebration. On February 28, 2009 at 9:00 am, NCNW Savannah Section will host a special Harambee Breakfast at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Multipurpose Annex celebrating fifteen years of the Section's existence in Savannah.

In commemoration of fifteen years, NCNW Savannah Section will honor Chartered Members, Life and Legacy Life Members

and the Section's organizer. A pictorial souvenir book with photographs of members and former members will be published. The keynote speaker for the occasion is Lois Keith, National Membership Chair from Atlanta, Georgia.

The Savannah Section invites the community to come and join the celebration. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at Lester's Florist, The Savannah Herald or Signature Furniture at 9307 Abercorn Street.

Please contact Estelle Mannion by February 1, 2009 at 912-441-6813 or email e.mannion@att.net.



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