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Savannah Alpha and Omega Chapters Battle for a Cause



Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Beta Phi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Mu Phi chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc., both of Savannah, Georgia, faced up again June 6, 2009 to compete in their annual Homeruns for Hunger Softball Game to ben-

efit the Second Harvest Food Bank. Last year the Alpha's were the victors in game one and the Omega's in game two. This year the Omega's came dressed and ready for the challenge.

Despite an early lead by the Alpha's the Omega's ral-

lied for a 10-7 victory in this year's first competition. Beta Phi Lambda President Elijah West, Jr. stated, "the bar-b-que, the fellowship with the (Omega's), and the successful can goods drive helps to take a little of the sting out of the loss, but we will be back for the August rematch."

Mu Phi Basileus James 'Slim' Melvin stated, "It was a great game and everyone including the spectators had a great time. Local Greek letter organizations should get together more to enjoy each other and to give back to our community."

Both chapters have committed to donating 300 canned goods to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Throughout the year both chapters and their individual member contribute countless hours and resources to the local community through service projects, college scholarships, and mentor programs.

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Millers Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, Sr.

Edward G. Miller, Sr. and Loretta Hagins Miller celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary 4P.M. June 8, 2009 at the Mulberry Inn in Savannah.

Over one hundred forty guests attended the celebration.

Juanita Quinn Jackson served as mistress of ceremony, and Reverend Desmond Walker, pastor, Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church, delivered the invocation.

Remarks were made by Rosalie Holmes Stroman, cousin of the bride; Prince A.

Jackson, Jr., friend of the couple; and Gregory Hagins, brother of the bride.

Edward G. Miller, Jr. introduced his parents to the guests.

Hostesses for the occasion were Juanita W. Elmore, Constance H. Cooper, Eddie Lee Marsh, Mary Simmons, and Simone Hagins.

The Millers were married 1 p. m. June 8, 1959 by Reverend Amos Eugene Hagins, Sr., pastor, and uncle of the bride, at St. Paul Baptist Church on Waters

Avenue and Culver Street.

Amos Eugene Hagins, Jr., cousin of the bride, was musician for the ceremony.

George W. Miller (deceased) brother of the groom was best man, and Rosalie Holmes Stroman, first cousin of the bride, was maid of honor.

Edward G. Miller, Sr. worked as a manager of Herbert Kayton and Simon Frazier Housing projects for the Housing Authority of Savannah. Later he served as a teacher, coach, and principal in the Savannah/Chatham Public School System.

Currently, he serves as administrator for the Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care, Incorporated.

Loretta Hagins Miller worked for many years as a case worker for the Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services.

She ended her career as training program administrator at Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, Georgia.

The Millers and Edward G. Miller, Jr., their son, are graduates of Savannah State University.

AARP Moves to Increase Black and Latino Membership

WASHINGTON (NNPA) -
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As the American population continues to brown, an increasing number of organizations are making calculated strides in an effort to ensure that the diversity of their membership mirrors the diversity of the nation.

One such organization is AARP, the premier advocacy group for older Americans.

The largest of its kind in the country, AARP ironically has a membership base that is 88.5 percent White.

Realizing the need for more color in their member ranks the organization has appointed two executives that reach out to Black and Latino communities and spearhead initiatives that will increase Black membership.

"Last year, our executive team recognized that it was going to take an above and beyond effort to realize the growth in membership that we want. So they

restructured and created new positions to be able to accommodate those goals," says Edna Kane-Williams, vice president in charge of African-American outreach. Kane-Williams' counterpart, Raquel Egusquiza, heads the Latino outreach campaign.

"We've always done diversity but these roles are different in that the two vice presidents for African-American outreach and Hispanic and Latino outreach have a really organizational-wide responsibility so it's not just membership and it's not just communications."

AARP is apparently serious about diversifying.

In April, the organization hired the first African-American CEO in its 50-year existence.

"If you look at his history he's brought awareness, renewed interest and just robustness to the organizations that's he's led previously, Kane-Williams says. "So we expect that he will be more than supportive in

making sure that we have the resources and capabilities to really deliver on this promise of growing our membership of African-Americans and Hispanics. He sees that as the future of the organization because that is where the demographics of the country is going and we want to look like America."

In order to increase African-American membership above the 2.5 million it currently has, AARP is focusing on an "on-the-ground" approach in 11 key communities, including Atlanta, Chicago and New Orleans.

The organization is partnering with community organizations and media and hope the on-the-ground engagement with the African-American community will help build membership.

AARP is working with their state offices in those communities to field a community presence.

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