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The Louisville Moles

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"Make It Happen"

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From My Heart To Yours

Sister Moles,

The count is in! Judging by the numbers, I will see many of you at the Derby City Extravaganza. The Louisville Moles and Mules have planned an extraordinary weekend of delights! They have asked me to share that they'll be setting a *Fast Pace* and everyone in attendance will be a *Winner*! If you will not be joining the party in Louisville, we will miss your face in the place. Make your plans now to be "in the running" at next year's Conclave!

It's hard to believe that another year for the Mole-O-Gram (MOG) has come to an end. I know that you love reading the editions from cover to cover as much as I do! Sharing in the joys and special moments of our Sister Moles' lives brings us, all, closer and builds bonds that can last a lifetime. Enjoy this pre-Conclave issue as it sets the stage!

For the past four years Mole Bunny Jones, our National Courtesy Chair, has placed Mole moments, milestones and memories at our fingertips. Mole Bunny, we owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude for meeting and mastering the quest for excellence with the MOG! As you come to the end of your tenure as Chair, thank you for reminding us of traditions, giving us table talk, and honoring chapter celebrations. You will pass the torch knowing that your personal best gave us that third eye!

To the many chapters that submitted your "Good News", we thank you. For those chapters that had to say farewell to fellow Moles and Mules, we share your pain. All the more reason to embrace our Motto: *Enjoy Yourself; It's Later Than You Think.*"

To the Houston Moles, you have been very busy! Sponsoring the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter and, now, hosting the 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Hats off to you for being "Super Moles"!

May this MOG edition hold your attention until October, when the next MOG publication year begins. Until then...

From My Heart to Yours,

Mole Jodi

Jodi D. Gallman



Our Louisville Chapter

CONCLAVE 2019: A DERBY CITY EXTRAVAGANZA!

The countdown is on for **THE MOLES 69th Annual Conclave in Louisville, KY June 20-23!** Louisville Moles are in the home stretch of planning a fabulous weekend for you. From the time you enter Friday's starting gate reception until you cross the finish line at Sunday's brunch, you are guaranteed to have the time of your life!

We will really get the party started with Friday night's "They're Off" dinner dance. Saturday's "Run for the Roses" luncheon will be a showcase of your Derby style as you model beautiful and unique hats and fascinators! There are no losers at our Derby City Extravaganza. Everyone is a winner and your presence at the Winner's Circle Gala Saturday night is proof! Do you like to shop? We'll have vendors in our "Paddock" area inside the hotel throughout the weekend so you can shop till you drop.

In addition, you can enjoy night racing at historic Churchill Downs, golf at one the area's top golf clubs, or explore some of Louisville's top attractions and museums on your own. And, if that's not enough, **Mule Ed Hamilton** has curated a very special tour showcasing several of his most iconic sculptures that grace Louisville neighborhoods. The tour also includes a visit to his studio and lunch at the University of Louisville Club.

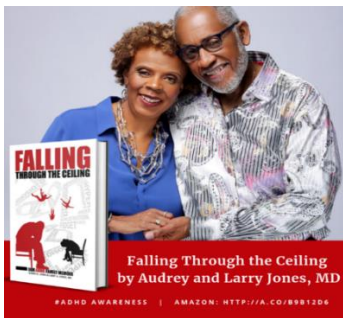
We've left no stone unturned so you can make the most of our **Derby City Extravaganza!** Louisville Moles hope you **"Enjoy Yourself! It's Later Than You Think!"**



CHARLOTTE MOLES ARE "ON THE CASE"



Mole Carlenia Ivory's son Titus, granddaughter Talia and the rest of their beautiful family are profiled on WSOC TV: *Former North Mecklenburg Star Titus Ivory made a Sweet 16 run with Penn State and enjoyed a decade-long professional basketball career overseas before returning home for his true calling – role of father, coach/mentor and advocate for the community. So inspiring.* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBUt4GfwCXQ&feature=youtu.be>



Mole Audrey R. Jones and Mole Larry Jones, MD have published "Falling Through the Ceiling: Our ADHD Family Memoir. The book demystifies ADHD in childhood and beyond. A blend of love, humor and real-life irony, Falling Through the Ceiling makes sense of the nonsensical, shedding light on the challenges of living and prospering with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. It is available through all major online outlets and www.enabletables.com.

Mole Nancy and Mole Francis Webber's son Derek was awarded a 3-year contract with the city of Houston, Texas to showcase his HBCU Battle of the Bands at the NRG stadium September 1, 2019. Each of the eight schools participating will receive scholarship money in addition to the all-expense paid trip to the event. **Excitement is in the air!**

Mole Carlenia Ivory received the Mother's Day "Queen of Philanthropy" award from NBA Hasaan Whiteside Foundation on May 11, 2019. Award was presented by our Mayor and **Mole Vi Lyles**.



Mole Moms Nancy Stroud, Becky Jones and Barbara Warren enjoy a beautiful Mother's Day eve dinner at our May meeting hosted by **Mole Christy and Mole Nigel Long**.

Our Chicago Chapter

CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS AND MORE IN CHICAGO



#MolesLivingOurBestLife in Chi-town...With graduations underway, there are lots of Moles celebrating nieces, nephews, grandsons and granddaughters' milestones.

Mole Linnie, with the youngest - a grandson, *Kingston* -at the age of 5 is going to be trilingual in English, Spanish and French...Trés bon! He was accepted into the Living Language Academy.

Mole Mildred's grandson, *Spencer* is a graduate from the University of Michigan; granddaughter, *Amanda* is at NYU School of the Art.

Mole Lisa's nephew, Christopher, graduated from Columbia College; niece, Janelle, will become a 3rd generation member of DELTA SIGMA THETA as she finishes up her 2nd year at University of Missouri. Hats off and high fives all around for the communities that have provided the foundation for such success.

In other Sparkling news, **Mole Joan**, was once again awarded a big contract with Cook County Courts, providing interpreters for court appearances, in at least 35 languages.... She's also looking forward to representing our chapter as a Board member at the 69th National Conclave.

Mole Lesley celebrated becoming an auntie for the 3rd time welcoming little Isaac into the family. She will also be attending her first CONCLAVE and participate in our Memorial Service along with **Mole Vivian**....

Mole Pat was re- elected as Trustee of the South Holland Library Board in South Holland, IL. She was also part of a 9-agency team who wrote a grant to the McArthur Foundation's Safety & Justice Challenge. The proceeds from the grant was to help reduce the low-level incarceration rates in county jails along with a reduction in the racial and ethnic disparities that exist. As a result, Cook county has reduced its jail population by 32% since 2015 through the efforts of the grant. She is also Board member of CCLF, Chicago Community Loan Fund which has funded over \$400 million dollars in loans... Mole PAT is truly making a difference.

Mole Andrea was recently sworn in as Supreme Court Justice, which allows her to go before *SCOTUS*...That's big time in my book. We also found out the **Mole Lesley** is a Supreme as well.

Mole Kim continues to move & groove with her Pharmacy and Real Estate business. She is also looking forward to attending her 11th **Moles Conclave**.

Mole Monica will be making her debut as a delegate for our chapter on her first **CONCLAVE** appearance. She is excited to see **MOLEDOM** in its glory...

Mole Anne, has been traveling internationally and truly enjoying her best life. She's headed to Hong Kong in June.

Mole Irby, continues to attend and brighten the meeting/outing wherever she goes. As our courtesy chair, she's showing **MOLEDOM** the heart of our chapter. Although she's been sidelined most recently that is not going to stop her from making this year's **CONCLAVE** along with **Mole Verna**.

"ChiTown MOLES ARE PREPARING FOR OUR NEXT INDUCTION, OCTOBER 10, 2019"

Our Columbia Chapter

COLUMBIA EMBRACES NEW LEADERSHIP AND FAMILY SUPERLATIVES!



The **Columbia Moles** warmly welcomed its 2019–2021 officers during its May 3rd chapter meeting. **Mole Tonya and Mule JR Green** hosted the fun-filled ***Emerald City*** themed event which featured, sparkling decorations, delicious southern dishes, a plethora of emerald desserts and ear-pleasing dance music that kept everyone *Up and Movin'*. For her 4 years of exceptional leadership, outgoing **President, Mole Cynthia Bennett**, was given a special gift of gratitude from her **Mole Sisters** by new **President, Mole Vicki Young**. Pictured L–R are: **Moles Alison Summey, Parliamentarian; Tammy Rutherford, Treasurer; Annie Weir, Chaplain; Vicki Young, President; Kim Jones, Vice President; Tamara Stockton, Recording Secretary; Jeanne Felder, Corresponding Secretary; and Tonya Green, Historian.** (Not pictured): **Jennifer Reed, Financial Secretary** and **J. Michelle Childs, Publicity Chair.**

Mole Loretta and Mule Weldon Hammond (right) are blessed to have two beautiful, loving, and really energetic grandchildren added to their family. Davion (3) and Divine (2) (also pictured) are the adopted children of their daughter, **Mole Kartika**, and son-in-law, **Mule David Gibson (Charleston Chapter)**. Additionally, the Hammond's granddaughter, Erianna (18), completed her freshman year in Marine Biology at Savannah State University with a 3.6 GPA. She was awarded a summer internship to research marine mammal life at the Pacific Mammal Center, Laguna Beach, CA. Erianna is the daughter of their son, Weldon Hammond II.



Fifteen-year-old Arrington Jones (left), an honors student at Columbia's Dreher High School, has been very busy with her drama and choral activities. She was featured as the character, *Hodel*, in Dreher's fall production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. For the second consecutive year, Arrington was one of the students chosen to represent SC this summer at the *International Thespian Festival* at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She was, also, one of 10 students from Dreher's renowned choral department selected for the SC All-State Honors Chorus which performed at Winthrop University. On April 7th,

Arrington was privileged to participate with Dreher's choir in the Distinguished Concerts International New York presentation of *MASS IN BLUE: THE MUSIC OF WILL TODD*, at Lincoln Center, NYC. Arrington is also very active in the Columbia Chapter of Jack & Jill Inc., The Girl Scouts of America, and Second Calvary Baptist Church. She is the daughter of **Mole Kimberly and Mule Fred Jones, Jr.** and the granddaughter of **Mole Bunny and Mule Fred Jones, Sr.**



Dr. Tisha Felder (above), the "daughter-in-love" of **Mole Jeanne and Mule Tom Felder**, was recognized as one of the *National Minority Quality Forum's (NMQF) 40 under 40 Leaders in Minority Health*. According to the NMQF, "these 40 represent the next generation of thought leaders in reducing health disparities." The *40 under 40* recipients received their awards at the 2019 NMQF Leadership Summit on Health Disparities and Congressional Black Caucus Spring Health Braintrust Gala Dinner on April 9th.

Our Jacksonville Chapter



"TOUCHING LIVES. BUILDING FOR TOMORROW."



Following a 45-year professional profession, 17 years serving as Campus President of the North Campus and the Nassau Center of Florida State College at Jacksonville, **Mole Dr. Barbara Darby** decided to chronicle her career by releasing a book entitled **My Leadership Journey: Wisdom from the Trenches**. Mole Barbara hopes to inspire and encourage beginning leaders with the knowledge she has gained over the years.



Mole Janet Owens, pictured with husband, Mole Gregory Owens, received the OneJax 2019 Silver Medallion Award for outstanding dedication and community service. Mole Janet is the Executive Director of Jacksonville's Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC Jacksonville), the nation's largest nonprofit community development organization dedicated to helping underserved neighborhoods become strong, healthy communities. Mole Janet's Mom, Mamie Garrett and sister, Leah Garrett, both Moles from the Greenville Chapter, attended the Awards ceremony.



Our beloved **Alumna Mole Maryland Laster Macon**, affectionately known as "Tweety," passed away on March 15, 2019. Mole Maryland was employed by the Duval County School Board as a Teacher and Guidance Counselor, having rendered over 30 years of dedicated service before retiring. Affiliations include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Gamma Rho Omega Chapter, National Council of Negro Women, and Jack & Jill – Jacksonville Chapter. We will miss her dearly.

PROUD MEMPHIS GRANDPARENTS

Mole Dorothy and Mule Jesse Westbrook traveled to Nashville, TN to attend the SPRING SING of the "World Famous Fisk Jubilee Singers." They were proud to support their grandson, Tory Westbrook, II, who is a freshman and member of the group. Award winning India Arie was the guest artist at the event. The choir performed several renditions with Ms. Arie, including her new single "Worthy", after rehearsing with her for several days. The event was held at the historic Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville. Earlier in March 2019, the Jubilee Singers also performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Pictured Below L-R: Mole Dorothy Westbrook, Tory Westbrook, Mule Jesse Westbrook



Our Newport News Chapter



The **Newport News Moles** held their April meeting at the beautiful home of **Mole and Mule Monica and Sam Barnes**. The theme was “Gatsby on the Green” and the **Moles and Mules** had fun dressing up in 1920’s style! Pictured are (standing) **Moles Johnne Ewell, Marqueta Tyson, Brenda Graves, Debra Whitaker, Donna Tapp-Reid, Karen Bland-Green, Janice Grace, Rene Escoffery-Torres and Eugenia Russell**. Seated are **Moles Bonita Hunter and Monica Barnes**



Congratulations to **Mole Tammy Royster!** She and future **Mule Glennon Ishmael** (Both Pictured Above) became engaged in



Big News for the Kanoytons! **Mole Gaylene Kanoyton** was appointed to the State Complete Council Census Commission. Her son Michael Tyler York graduated from the University of Richmond - Jepson School of Leadership (Both Pictured Left). He was accepted into a state of Virginia Government Fellowship program and will be taking classes and working in several state agencies for two years.



Mole Monica Barnes (Left), a retired NASA engineer and the first African-American female graduate of Virginia Tech's Electrical Engineering program was the keynote speaker during Women's History Month at Tidewater Community College.

Our Petersburg Chapter

A MIDDLE EAST EXCURSION



Our very own **Mole Peggy and Mule Frederick Custis** traveled to Israel and Egypt in September 2018. They were able to visit Tel Aviv, Caesaria by the Sea, and explored the ancient ruins of the Ancient City. Among their many stops on this excursion, **Mole Peggy and Mule Frederick** boarded a boat on the Sea of Galilee, cruised to Magdala, drove down the Jordan Valley, and visited the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. Among many other interesting sites, they were able to see the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, the Dome of the Rock, and the Mosque of the Pinnacle. These world travelers had the experience of a lifetime!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VALLEY GIRL!



This year, Jacquelyn Branch, daughter of **Mole Pamela and Mule H.T. Branch** (granddaughter of **Mole Dr. Carolyn and Mule Douglas Johnson of Washington, D.C.**) was selected to play on the Richmond Volleyball Club's 13 State travel team. The team traveled and competed in Virginia Beach, Virginia winning 2nd place at the 2019 Blizzard Blast Volleyball Tournament in January 2019 and competed in the Atlantic Coast Grand Prix in April 2019 at the beach, as well. Jackie's team earned two 1st place finishes at RVC's City Wide tournaments in February and March 2019 and competed impressively in the Monument City Classic. The team will finish out a great season Memorial weekend at the South Atlantic Volleyball Championships at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in downtown Richmond. Go RVC!

Our Philadelphia Chapter

Philly Rejoices in the Life of Mole Magnolia Highsmith!



*Induction – 1976
Mole Magnolia & Mule Charles*



Moledom Sisterhood



Enjoying Conclave



*Mole Magnolia and son Mule Charles.
It's a family thing.*

43 years in Moledom! A life well lived! Mole Magnolia lived the promise of Moledom.



*Enjoy yourself...
Gone, but not forgotten!*

Our Portsmouth Chapter

**MISS ALEXANDRIA STEPHENS
PRESENTED TO SOCIETY
MARCH 30, 2019**



The **Portsmouth Chapter** congratulates Miss Taylor Alexandra Stephens! Taylor is the granddaughter of **Mole Faye S. and Mule Curtis W. Felton** and the great granddaughter of the late **Mole and Past National President Mole Ethelyn R. Strong**. She was presented to society on March 30, 2019 in Tallahassee Florida by the Leon County Chapter of the *Charmettes, Inc.* Dr. Sonya and Dr. Desmond Stephens are Taylor's proud parents.

Miss Stephens is a senior and has been a member of the honor society for several years at Chiles High School. She runs track for her school team, sings, is a photographer and a member of Jack and Jill. Taylor is also a member of the *Delteens*, which is the teen group of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Inc. in Tallahassee. She volunteers and works with several community organizations to help feed the homeless, organized, works and participates in Relay for Life for several years, and is a learning and tutoring assistant for Calculus 1 at FAMU. She has also worked and tutored students at Florida State University. Taylor has been accepted at several universities. She plans to major in Mathematics with a minor in Chemistry. She wants to be a Professor who teaches calculus or a researcher/chemist in the medical field to help find a cure for cancer in children. Taylor received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dreamer's Award and the Excellent Modern Language Expo Impromptu Rating Competition Award. She was escorted by Mr. Miles Christopher Nelson.

The Portsmouth Moles...1951 to the Present

Our Richmond Chapter

LOVING RICHMOND RELATIONS

As we looked around among our members and recognized our connectedness, we had more wonderful relationships to share. The Hendersons – **Moles Andrea and Florence** - are mother and daughter-in-law, and **Moles Lisa Lovings Byrd and Vicki Lovings Winston** are sisters (daughters of our beloved **Mole Cootie Lovings**, longtime **Registered Agent**). The two Lovings ladies and **Mole Sandra Boisseau** are related through marriage and thus are cousins. **Mole Sandra** is married to the nephew of **Mole Madeline Peters** (a **Richmond Chapter** charter member) and **Mole Zelma Littlejohn**. How's that for keeping family traditions going!

We think that it may be possible that we will celebrate a fourth generation among us. Oops, we are not letting out secrets.



**Mole Andrea and mother-in-law Mole
Florence Henderson**



**Sister Moles Lisa Byrd and
Vicki Lovings Winston**



**Cousins: Moles Lisa Byrd, Sandra Boisseau,
and Vicki Lovings Winston**

Our Roanoke Chapter

EDUCATION IS THE KEY IN ROANOKE



Mole Gloria Randolph-King, (Left) President of the **Roanoke Chapter of THE MOLES**, was honored with the UBU Educator's Award 2019 in Roanoke, Va. - May 2019. For over 40 years Gloria tirelessly has devoted her time and energy to Roanoke City as an educator, principal, coach, mentor and advisor. She is dedicated, thoughtful, supportive, creative, hard-working and fun. She loves working with youth. Congratulations **Mole Gloria!**



Mole Mary C. Calloway (Left) was awarded an Honorary Doctor's Degrees from Eastern Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va. **Mole Mary** is a retired College Professor from Radford College, Radford, Va. She is a practicing and well sort after Speech Pathologist. Congratulations **Mole Mary.**



Lance Sako graduated on May 11, 2019 from North Carolina Central University with a degree in Biology. Lance is the son of Dr. Jennifer Alston and Amadou Sako. He also has a sister Jeanette Sako, who is also a student at the college. Lance will continue his college term with graduate studies in the fall 2019



Congratulations to **Mole Lutherie** and **Mule James Smith**, whose son James (aka Jamie), finished Patrick High School this May. Jamie will continue his education at Randolph – Macon School in the fall of 2019. Jamie also experienced “An Exciting Signing Day” and will play his beloved Lacrosse at Randolph-Macon on a Lacrosse Scholarship. In the same month Bradley Patricia Smith, The Smith’s daughter graduated from Perdue University in three years. **Mole Lutheria** was reappointed to the Roanoke City School Board for a second term.

THE ROCKY MOUNT MOLES RECOGNIZE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The **Rocky Mount Moles and Mules** have had an exciting year. Monthly meetings, induction of new members, travels, member and family recognitions, graduations, and social gatherings have all served to make this an exemplary year. In our last **Mole-O-Gram** for the year we have decided to highlight two exceptional young men who have received both academic and athletic accolades this year. We are proud of their accomplishments and know they will continue their journey of success.



Garrett Williams (Left), son of George and Daphne Williams and grandson of **Mole Ernestine and Mule Jimmie Neal**, will be graduating from Hickory View High School, Class of 2019. Garrett has received scholarship offers from numerous universities. However, he chose **Syracuse University** in New York because of the academic advantage and their offer of a full **football scholarship**. Garrett will be joining the **Syracuse football team** as a new recruit in the fall of 2019.

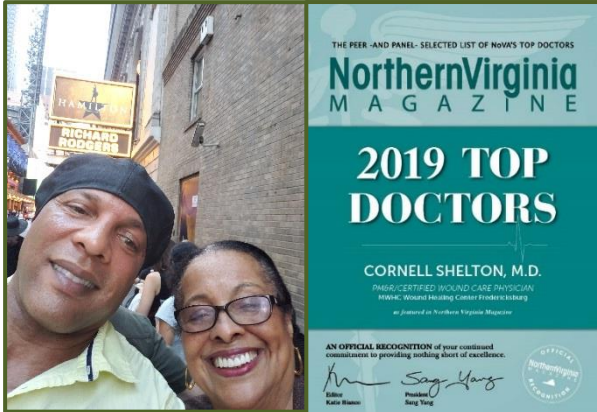
Mitchell Mayes (Right), son of **Mole Sya Myers Mayes** and grandson of **Mole Sylvia Pretlow Myers**, committed to the defending national champions **Clemson University** on March 11, 2019. Mitchell is a 6'4" 306-pound offensive lineman who attends Leesville Road High School in Raleigh, NC. The four-star prospect was heavily recruited and held offers from Auburn, Appalachian State, Boston College, Colorado, Duke, ECU, Florida State, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Mississippi State, NC State, UNC, Penn State, Syracuse, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, and West Virginia.



Congratulations Garrett and Mitchell, we are so proud of you!

Our Washington, DC Chapter

A PROUD MOM



Mole Joan McKinley-Shelton's son, Cornell Shelton, MD, a Physiatrist was named a 2019 Northern Virginia Top Doctor in his field. This is a notable recognition because Top Docs are rated by their peers. Dr. Cornell Shelton received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. As a Physiatrist, Dr. Shelton enhances and restores functional ability and quality of life to patients with physical impairments or disabilities.

Congratulations to Mom and Son!

A GREAT MOM

Moles getting together across Chapters to congratulate **Dr. Carolyn Rudd-Johnson**, our dear **Mole** sister

and 17th National President. **Mole Carolyn** was presented the 2019 Seven Award as Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, CRP, Incorporated at The African American Business Leadership Gala II sponsored by the Datcher Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. This took place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Catholic University of America. Among the attendees were **Mole Patricia Hobson Wilson**, Amy Rudd, **Mole Carolyn's sister, Mole Dr. Carolyn Rudd, Mole Dr. Lynn Locklear-Nehemiah, and Mole Susan Parks from Baltimore Mole Chapter**, guest of Jake Oliver, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board, CEO and Publisher of the Afro-American Newspaper, who served as Moderator. Special congratulations to **Mole Dr. Carolyn Rudd-Johnson!**



Left to right: **Mole Patricia Hobson Wilson**, Amy Rudd, **Mole Dr. Carolyn Rudd**, **Mole Dr. Lynn Locklear-Nehemiah**, and **Mole Susan Parks**

MOLE SHARES HER ROOTS

In an interview conducted by the *Collingtonian*, a monthly publication of The Collington Residents Association, our beloved 93-year old **Mole Dora Halton** talked about her roots. She traced her roots back to the days when



plantations were commonplace in Prince George's County, Maryland. **Mole Dora's** maiden, and family name is Sprigg and she believes that that name is derived from Thomas Sprigg, the owner of the Northampton Plantation. If so, **Mole Dora's** family roots could date to before the Revolution, when the Sprigg's family first bought slaves. In 1673, Thomas Sprigg was granted 1,000 acres of land by Lord Baltimore, Charles Calvert. That land became Northampton. The northern portion of Northampton Plantation is what is now called Collington, with its northern border being Lottsford Road. There is an historical marker indicating the site of the Northampton Slave Quarters. Those slave quarters are on the site of what is now Lake Harbor. **Mole Dora** says that she grew up with her grandmother in a cabin that looks very much like the cabin shown in the photograph at the information sign at the Slave Quarters. **Mole Dora** is certainly true to her roots, having lived in The Collington community as a child and still lives there today.

Our Winston-Salem Chapter

CELEBRATING 66 YEARS OF SPARKLE!



The **Winston-Salem Chapter** took advantage of its April Chapter meeting to celebrate sixty-six years of sparkle!!! In honor of that spring day in 1953, the **Winston-Salem Moles** showed up in their shimmer and sparkles, and their **Mules** donned blazers in accordance with the meeting theme, “Blazers, Blue Jeans and Bling.” With **Past National President Dr. Velma Watts** present for the anniversary celebration, the chapter honored its history with great food and drink, some chapter trivia and door prizes. Each **Mole** was given a green brooch to accentuate her “sparkling” personality, and each **Mule** was given a cigar to celebrate their great fellowship.



April Meeting Hostesses pose for the camera after a job well done! (L-R) **Mole Dr. April Ruffin-Adams & Mule Fred Adams; Mole Shon Gilmore & Mule Dr. Christopher Gilmore; Mole Shannon Meares McCain & Mule Douglas McCain; Mole Candice Wooten Brown & Mule Dr. Ivey L. Brown, Jr., Mole Turquoise Erving & Mr. Carl Williams**

Mole Moments, Milestones & Memories

CHARLESTON

The Gibson family has grown by two! **Mole Kartika Hammond Gibson** and **Mule David Gibson** welcomed son Davion, age 3, and daughter Divine, age 2, to their family in April. These two precious children are the grandchildren of **Mole Loretta** and **Mule Weldon Hammond** of the Columbia, SC chapter. *Get ready for future Mole Divine Gibson, my Sisters!*

The Reverend Brent LaPrince Edwards earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC, in April. He is the brother of **National Treasurer Mole Tomette Carr Richards'** fiancé, "Jay" Edwards. *Congratulations!*

The grandson of **Mole Linda** and **Mule Alan Rousseau** will be confirmed in May in Atlanta, GA. Mason R. Benefield will be confirmed as a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church. *May his faith keep him on the right path!*

Michael "Trey" M. Benefield, III, will graduate in May from St. Pius X Catholic School in Atlanta, GA, and will attend Butler University in Indiana in the Fall. Trey is the son of Michael and Keia Benefield, Jr. Keia is the daughter of **Mole Linda Rousseau**. *Good job parents & Trey!*

The daughter of **Baby Mole "Della" Jordan** and **Mule Cliff Jordan**, Autumn Jordan, is graduating from 8th grade. She will start high school at Pinewood Preparatory School in Summerville, SC, in the 2019 - 2020 school year. *Best of luck Autumn!*

The grandson of **Mole DeAnna** and **Mule Allen Cheek**, Cameron Dixon, will graduate from 8th grade in June from Sarah Banks Middle School in Commerce, MI, and will attend Wall Lake Western High School in the Fall. He is the son of **Mole Candice** and **Mule Eric Dixon** of the Detroit chapter. *Good luck for a great high school future!*

Thomas "Tiger" Tobias Carr, V, graduated with honors in May from Clemson University with a degree in Psychology. Tiger is the grandson of Charter **Mole Rosemary Carr**, and the nephew of **Moles Tomette Carr Richards**, National President, **Elizabeth "Beazie" Carr Stanley** and

Elaine Carr Hardy. *The future is yours, Tiger... go for it!*

The daughter of **Mole Elizabeth "Beazie" Stanley**, **Andrea Stanley Mathis**, will graduate in May with a Masters of Special Education from Converse College. She is the granddaughter of our Charter **Mole Rosemary Carr**, and the niece of **National Treasurer Mole Tomette Richards** and **Mole Elaine Hardy**. *Kudos to Mommy Andrea for her new son in January and her new degree in May 2019!*

Congratulations to the **Jacksonville Moles** on their April 30th Anniversary weekend celebration in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL! Chapter President **Mole Kaye Jefferson** attended AND was there 30 years ago when Charleston Chapter sponsored Jacksonville as the 27th Chapter. Déjà vu moment for **Mole Kaye** was seeing Charter **Moles Pat Mitchell**, **Michele "Mickie" Singleton**, and **Pam Grant Adam**. Also attending from our chapter were **Mole DeAnna** and **Mule Allen Cheek** and **Mole Ethel** and **Mule Everard "Rod" Rutledge**. **Mole Kaye** reports that the luncheon was "simply elegant," the **Jacksonville Moles** were "stunning" in their emerald green outfits, and the **Mules** were super sharp in their designer Bahama shirts, giving the event a truly "island flair." Special love was sent to Charter **Mole Lydia Wooten**.

JACKSONVILLE

Alumna Mole Maryland Macon in our **Jacksonville Chapter** passed on March 15, 2019. **Mole Macon** had been ill for a very long time so therefore had not been active for a while. Her funeral was March 23, 2019.

PORTSMOUTH

Mole Cynthia and **Mule Johnny Morrison** of the **Portsmouth Chapter** are happy to announce that their

Granddaughter, **Peyton Marlene Sandy John**, is expecting a little sister **Samantha Johnnie Yvette John**.

Camille and **Kurt** are happily settled in their home in Fairfax Station, Virginia. We are truly blessed and enjoy being a part of the Grandparents Club. **Mole Cynthia** is also seeking re-election of her fourth term as Clerk of the Circuit Court for the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.,