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Phyllis Wheatley YWCA Board of Directors, Inc. Newsletter

Message from the President: Sustaining a Legacy!

Dear Friends,

As your newly elected president of the Phyllis Wheatley Board of Directors, I would like to thank the members of the great Board for all of their hard work during the last nine months. We were faced with some challenges, but with your diligence, and perseverance we prevailed.

We just finished our renovation project of the Historical section. The Board thanks Mrs. Dorothy Patton, our former president, for her work and dedication to the renovation project. Special thanks to our Renovation Committee: Aida Dunn, Chair;

Reba Diggs, Barbara March, Evelyn Dorsey, Virginia Butler and Ernestine D. Lyon. The Board thanks our Management Team, Vision Realty for their assistance during this period.

Currently, we have entered into a new phase and I know I can depend on all of you for your support and prayers for this new phase. More details will follow, but please continue to pray for the "Y". Your donations are needed during this time of transition.

This month is Membership Month! It is vital that membership dues are sent which will assist us in our



Ernestine D. Lyon
President

efforts to continue the mission of the Y!

April brings us our annual Jazz Brunch which will be held on April 19, 2008 at the Washington Navy Yard. See more details in the newsletter.

Sincerely,
Ernestine D. Lyon

Phyllis Wheatley Mission Statement Revised!

The mission of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA is to provide affordable housing and programs to women regardless of race, creed or color. We also serve children, the community, and women in transition. To operate the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA Building at 901 Rhode Island Venue, NW, Washington, DC as an independent living facility.

The Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association, is rooted in the

Christian faith, and nourished by the resources of that faith. The Association brings together into responsible member-ship women and girls of diverse cultures and faiths, that their lives may be open to new understanding and deeper relationships and that together they may join in the struggle for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

We fulfill our mission through after school

programs and activities for elementary and junior high school students, Booklovers Club, and other community-based education services and programs. To adhere to this mission the board members of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA give of their time and resources to service the community.

JAZZ IN the AM! -A Jazz Brunch is coming!



The annual Jazz Brunch will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008, 10 AM, at the Washington NAVY YARD, Washington, DC.

This year's brunch is loaded with some added features! THERE will be TWO jazz bands playing continuous music. Plans include a silent auction which will feature unique opportunities to bid on gifts donated by merchants from the

metropolitan DC area! Bring your checkbook and be surprised! Come and enjoy yourself to the music of: Lori and friends and a surprise up and coming jazz band!

Tickets are \$55.00 and can be obtained from any board member or call the chairperson: Theresa Leeke, 301-350-0925. Tickets must be obtained and paid for by April 9th.

For the business community, there is a program that allows a business to become a Corporate Sponsor and receive special recognition throughout the year at and for the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Contact: Mrs. Theresa Leeke or review information found on our website- www.pwywca.org.

Board of Directors Committee Listings!

Happiness is like a sunbeam, which the least shadow intercepts, while adversity is often as the rain of spring.

Chinese Proverb

Committee Assignments for 2007-2009 are as follows:

Fund Raising:

Theresa Leeke, Janet Vernon, Ernestine Lyon and M. Frances Frazier

Amenities:

Maxine Steel and Brenda Fortenberry

Soiree:

Janet Vernon and Imogene Akins Hutchinson

Community Outreach: Barbara Johnson Jones and M. Frances Frazier

Program Committee: Brenda Fortenberry,

Barbara March and Dr. Judith Webb

Liaison to Management Vision Realty: Patricia Plummer

Residence Committee: Patricia Plummer; Jessica Brewster-Johnson, Esq., Barbara March, Maxine Steel

Tenant Advisory Board: Imogene A. Hutchinson, Evelyn Dorsey, Janet Vernon, Virginia Butler

Membership Committee: Evelyn Dorsey; Virginia Butler, Dorothy Patton, Barbara Johnson-Jones; and M. Frances Frazier

Budget Committee: Reba Diggs, Virginia Butler, Imogene Akins-Hutchinson, Evelyn Dorsey, Ernestine D. Lyon, Patricia Plummer

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Web-Site Update: Ernestine D. Lyon

.Ernestine D. Lyon, Board President made the committee assignments for the years-2007-09.

66th Annual Mid Summer Soiree

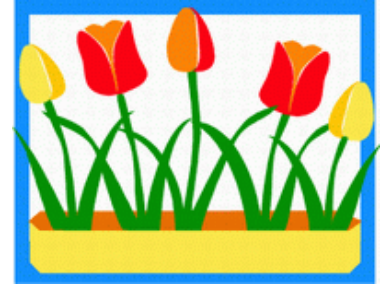
The Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association, Inc, will celebrate the 66th Annual Mid-Summer Soiree at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Sunday, July 20, 2008, at 5:00 PM. Last year, the Board of Directors honored PGWM Ada Whitley and the Georgianna Thomas Grand Chapter, OES, PHA. This year, we will honor our other partner organizations-the Ideal Benefit Society, the National Council of Negro Women

Washington Unit, and the Savannah State University Alumni Association –DC Chapter.

The Mid-Summer Soiree is our primary fundraiser for the year. Funding generated is used to offset operating costs and create more outreach programs for residents and the community. New this, donations may be made online. www.pwywca.org/donation.htm. Your support is critical to sustaining the YWCA mission to provide affordable housing for women

in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

We hope you will attend and/or participate. Advertising rates and other information are available on the website: www.pwywca.org or contact the co-chairpersons: Janet McNair Vernon (301-324-2088) pr Imogene Akins Hutchinson (202-547-4863). Thank you for your support.



Board of Directors News Corner!

The Book Lovers Club meets monthly with the residents of the Y. Books are selected and members discuss the books monthly. Sometimes local authors are invited to read portions of their books and discuss with the club various aspects of their books. Everyone is invited to attend these discussions as they are open to all. Contact: Mrs. Brenda Fortenberry by leaving a message at the Y for her. She can bring you up to date about the latest in reading materials, dates of the discussion plus other

activities with the *Program Committee.*

Board of Directors along with some volunteers from the DC Government and Visions Realty served Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents. The *Board of Directors* also worked with a partnering organization to host a Christmas Party, served a pre-Christmas meal as well as distribute gifts to all residents in attendance.

Our president, Ernestine D. Lyon was the special guest speaker at the Black History Prayer Breakfast of the

Alliance of Women Ministers in February at the Foster House. Their theme was **Strengthening our Tradition and Creating our Legacy.**

The Board of Directors presented their annual Black History Program in February for the Shaw community as well as the residents.

Contact the Y for up and coming programs. Programs are free and open to the community.

Spring would not be spring without bird songs.

-Francis M. Chapman

