

# The Mole O Gram

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## "The President's Corner"

*Mole Doris R. Asbury  
Moles National President*



Dear Mole Sisters,

Now that summer is over and we are getting into the full swing of activities in our chapters, we are ready to begin sharing our great news with our **Sister Moles**. This is the one sure way to remain connected and to continue to enhance relationships.

We want to begin this operational year with articles from all of our chapters. We know that every chapter has some good news to share about its members as we embrace our motto: **"Enjoy Yourself; it's Later Than you Think"** and the theme for this administration: *"Capturing the True Spirit of Moledom through Enhanced Relationships"*.

**Mole Bunny** has sent the guidelines and timelines for this publication and has made the process easy by having a dedicated email address for your submissions. All you have to do is to send them to her. Please adhere to the timelines.

The **Mole-O-Gram** is our means of keeping in touch during the year and staying abreast of what is going on in the lives of our members and their families on a quarterly basis. We can get a summation of all of your activities in the official publication, **THE MOLERAMA**, later in the year. We just want to stay in touch and build solid relationships.

I am very grateful to Mole Bunny and the Courtesy Committee for what they will do to keep our members informed with the editions of the **Mole-O-Gram**.

Thank you my **Mole Sisters** for all that you do in the true spirit of this phenomenal organization.

Sisterly,

*Mole Doris*

Mole Doris

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*A Special Message of  
"Gratitude"*

*from*

*The Charleston Moles*

**National President, Mole Doris Asbury**

**National Officers**

**National Committee Chairpersons**

**Sister Moles:**

Thank you for your prayers, your concerns, and your monetary contributions to Mother Emanuel Church and to the families of the Emanuel Nine. I'm pleased to let you know that by Sunday morning and by the end of the 2015 Conclave, you raised a total of over 1,200 dollars. With contributions from our **President, Mole Doris, Immediate past President Mole Carolyn, Past President Mole Sandra**, and the Charleston chapter, the National Organization contributed a total of \$2,000.00. Our contributions were sent along with a letter from our National President **Mole Doris**. I am so proud of the resiliency of the people of Charleston. We showed love, compassion and most of all forgiveness during this tragic time.

However, once again, we have been faced with another devastating event; the rains and the flooding that took place October 2nd -5th as a consequence of Hurricane  
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Joaquin. As you know a number of South Carolinians both in Charleston and in Columbia had damages to their homes or lost everything in them as a result of the massive flooding that occurred. Charleston **Mole Ethel Rutledge** and **Mule Everod Rutledge** lost everything in their home. **Mole Ethel** also lost her car. Most importantly they are safe and have been going through the process of retrieving what they can and dealing with insurance agents and contractors. Just as Charleston has been resilient, so have the Rutledges.

Two-Thousand Fifteen has certainly been a challenging year for all of us here in Charleston. I'd like to thank all of the Chapter Presidents as well as all of the individual **Moles** who contacted me by e-mail and/ or by telephone during this time. I'd also like to especially thank **Mole Doris**, our National President, for contacting me, and for reaching out to us here in Charleston. The members of the Charleston chapter and I have been touched by your concern, love and friendship. Your continued support and encouragement will help us get through this challenging time

**WE ARE CHARLESTON STRONG!!!!**

Sincerely,

*Mole DeAnna*

DeAnna E. Cheek, MD

President of the Charleston Chapter

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## *Mole Moments, Milestones and Memories!!*

### Baltimore

Congratulations are due to three of our **Mole Sisters: Mole Sonya and Mule Jesse Merrill** celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September.

**Mole Frankie and Mule Jesse McCurdy** have a son and daughter who celebrated

their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year.

**Mole Bea Grant** retired at the end of August from the University of Maryland Hospital

### Charleston and Columbia

"We, the members of the **Charleston and Columbia Moles**, extend our sincere gratitude to all our **Sister Moles** from around the country who extended prayers, emails, calls, and contributions during SC's recent flood crisis. It was a true blessing to know that we were being thought of when we needed it the most!!! God Bless you and we love you!"

### Chicago

Chicago Moles are pleased with this recent news from **Mole Andrea Flynn**. **Mole Andrea** was accepted into The Impact Fellowship, a one year long Leadership Development Program with the University of Chicago - Booth School of Business and the Chicago Urban League. **Mole Andrea** is a graduate of DePaul School of Law and is employed in the Risk Management Department of Cook County, Chicago, IL.

### Indianapolis

Holy Matrimony: **Mole Bonnie Horner** and the late John H. Horner's Son, Dr. Gregory Horner and Miss Elena Finch, the daughter of Dr. Mark and Mrs. Dory Finch were united in Holy Matrimony on September 13, 2015 at Solage Calistoga, located in Calistoga, CA. The couple will reside in Oakland, CA.

### Savannah

Savannah **Mole Kathryn B. Johnson** is proud to announce that her granddaughter, Karis Joi Johnson, was awarded dual degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Public Administration from St. Mary's University in May 2015.

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## *"Good News" From Moledom Columbia*

**COLUMBIA MOLES AT ROANOKE CONCLAVE: GOOD TIMES, FELLOWSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENT!**



Columbia Conclave Delegation - L to R: Moles Cynthia Bennett, Chapter President; Dr. Vicki Young, Chapter V. President; Sandy Taylor, New Member Orientation Committee Co-Chair; Jodi Gallman, National/Chapter Parliamentarian; Dr. Linda Bell, Chapter Publicity Chair; Dr. Sharon Earle, Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair; and, Bunny Jones, National/Chapter Courtesy Chair.

The **Columbia Chapter** is extremely proud of **Mole Jodi Gallman** who was installed as **National Parliamentarian** at the 2015 Moles Conclave, hosted by the **Roanoke Chapter** in beautiful Roanoke, VA. **Mole Jodi** has served superbly in many important capacities at the national level including: Inaugural Chair, Ad Hoc Protocol Committee; 2 consecutive terms as National Publicity Chairperson; and, Inaugural Chair of our National President's Chapter Expansion Committee. **Mole JODI** will continue to serve at both the national and local levels with "Jubilance, Optimism, Dedication and Integrity".



Newly Elected National Officers - L to R:  
Moles Jodi Gallman, Parliamentarian, Columbia;  
Doris Asbury, President, Charlotte; Tomette Richards, Treasurer, Charleston



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## Columbus

**ENJOY YOURSELF, WESTERN STYLE!**



Columbus Chapter of The Moles and Mules

On August 15, 2015, the **Columbus Chapter of the Moles** hosted the annual "Quint City" event at Hickory Lakes. This tradition dates back 3 decades where Moles chapters from Columbus, Louisville, Indianapolis, and Wilberforce rotated hosting an annual event known as "Quint City." The event was on hiatuses for several years until 2014, when Cincinnati graciously hosted the 4 chapters for a river boat dinner ride. This year, the host city was Columbus and the theme was "Quint City Picnic, Western Style." The **Moles, Mules** and guests were decked out in their western attire and prizes were awarded for the best dressed. Cowboy hats, jean skirts, bandanas, boots, and string ties could be seen in true form. Other activities included a skit featuring **Columbus Moles and Mules**, card playing, dancing, hayrides, musical cakewalk, food and fun. Everyone had a wonderful time!!



"Quint City Members Hayride"



Mules: Harvey Alston, Mike James, Walter Cromwell and David Cromwell



Moles and Mules Saloon Skit"



Moles: Karen Jeffries, Jennifer Combs and Brenda Rivers

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## Newport News

### POST CONCLAVE HAPPENINGS

After a wonderful time in the "Star City of Roanoke, our Members have been traveling, celebrating, relaxing and serving their community.

**Moles in attendance at Roanoke Conclave:** Debra Whitaker, Martha Brookes, Glorya Roberts, Cosette Livas, Brenda Graves, Ruth Chance, and Johnetta Ewell. The ladies are pictured with Mules Aaron Whitaker, Richard Brooks, Michael Graves, Dr. Don Chance, and Dr. Cleve Ewell.



**Mole Alexis Swann and Mole Vivian Blake** shared a fun filled vacation with their spouses and children on the beautiful beaches of the Outer Banks in North Carolina. They enjoyed water activities, relaxing in the sun, playing games and eating good food.

**Mole Gaylene Kanoyton** continues her work as a community advocate and serves as the President of the Hampton Democratic Party.

**Mole Erma Williams Covington** has checked off one item on her bucket list. **Mole Erma** has always wanted to attend the Wilton school of cake decorating. She is retired now and so when the opportunity came, she went to Chicago to take a course. She is now a Wilton's Certified cake decorator.

**Mole Kellie Mason** recently finished requirements for obtaining a PhD in Educational Leadership from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. She has celebrated with family and friends since the big day.

**Mole Martha N. Brooks and Mule Richard T. Brooks** joined friends and family in South Carolina at the promotion ceremony of Charles Q Brown to Air Force Lieutenant General Brown. He has been assigned as the Base Commander for the United States Air Base in Qatar

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## *Portsmouth*

### **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND WELL DESERVED RETIREMENTS**



**Mole Costella Williams**

**The Honorable Mole Costella Williams** retired June 30, 2015 after 31 years of dedicated service with the City of Portsmouth, VA - Behavioral Healthcare Services. Mole Costella played a key role in the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accreditation of the agency and maintaining quality services for the citizens of Portsmouth. **Mole Costella** retired as Business Office Supervisor and was the recipient of numerous awards and honors during her tenure with the city. **Mole Costella** remains an elected official serving on the Portsmouth City School Board and will seek re-election in 2016. An alumna of Virginia State University, matriculated in Business Administration, **Mole Costella** is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Portsmouth Chapter of Links, Inc., Martin Luther King, Jr., Leadership Steering Committee, Church and Community in Action, and Grove Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA. She is married to **Mole Junius H. Williams, Jr.**, an Executive with Dominion Virginia Power.

**Mole Malcom P. Mitchell, Jr.**, General Manager of QVC Chesapeake has retired after more than 25 years of outstanding service. Prior to QVC, he had a wealth of experience with American Express, Household Finance and Ford Motor Company. **Mole Malcom** and **Mole Cherron Mitchell** have three beautiful children, Malcom III, William, and Brianna. **Mole Malcom** enjoys kayaking, cooking, photography, and traveling. "Enjoy Yourself, It Is Later Than You Think", is truly the well-earned and lived motto of the Mitchells.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Mole Beverly Corprew, National Courtesy Committee**  
**Mole Mildred B. McGriff, Mole O Gram Coordinator**  
**Mole Cherron B. Mitchell, Reporter**



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## *Raleigh*

### **MOLES AND MULES ENJOY A "VEGAS STYLE" AFFAIR**



"Vegas Style" was the theme for **Mole Pamela Batey-Bright** and **Mule Bernell Bright** as they hosted the **Raleigh Moles and Mules** for a "Black & White" evening of elegance at the Wake County Shrine Club on Friday, October 9, 2015. **Moles and Mules** were greeted with casino style decorations, party favors, picture-taking, raffle tickets, play money and chips. The evening began with a "Casino Royal" of black jack, roulette, poker tables and favorite cocktails.

Chef Irvin J. Williams, Jr. prepared an exquisite five-course dinner. Chef Irvin, a Persian Gulf Naval War veteran, has an extensive resume which includes the position of banquet chef at the White House during President Clinton's administration and personal chef to the admiral of the 7th Fleet. Before each course, he came out to share the ingredients and how the food was prepared. Fine dining was accompanied with fine wine and praline flavored coffee, a toast to his New Orleans heritage.

The bidding was fierce and fun for prizes auctioned off by **Mole Pamela**. The evening was made complete with "Sounds by James Brown" a local singer who worked magic with his saxophone. In addition, to his music and performances, line-dancing was a featured part of the evening. This "Vegas Style" affair was truly a tribute to our motto – "Enjoy yourself; it's later than you think!"

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## *Roanoke*

**THE ROANOKE MOLES AND MULES HOSTS OF THE 2015 MOLE CONCLAVE**



*The Renaissance Academy of Roanoke, Va. received the 2015 National Mole Monetary gift. Mole Carolyn Patterson, President of the Roanoke Chapter and The National Recording Secretary of the Moles, Jerel Rhodes, founder of the Academy, Donte' Johnson , Renaissance Academy student look on as Mole Doris Asbury, National President of the Moles makes the presentation.*



*Mole Marzetta and Mule William Sinkler celebrated their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Ordway in Roanoke, Va..*



*Roanoke Moles Francine McLaughlin and Janice Burks (above), Rhonda Poindexter, Mary Calloway (right ), Dorothy Johnson (Center) and Past National Presidents Velma Watts (14<sup>th</sup>), Carolyn Rudd Johnson (17<sup>th</sup>) and Sandra Fenner Butcher (15<sup>th</sup>) (left) enjoy the 2015 Mole Conclave in Roanoke, Virginia, June 18-21, 2015*



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## *Washington, DC*

### **D.C. MOLES RECEIVE A SURPRISE "HOLY" VISIT**



Guess who came to the D.C. Moles' September meeting at Mole Edna's beautiful home? Pope Francis' cardboard cutout granted an "audience" with the DC Moles during his recent visit to the Nation's Capitol. Featured with the "Pope" from left to right are Moles Edna Moffitt, Verna Stokes, Pamela Bethel, Patricia Wilson, Joan Shelton-McKinley, Sandra Lawson, "The Pope", Joy Austin, Mary Myers-Nelson, Kaye Hayes, Barbara Wright-Whiting, Norma Stewart, Devera Redmond, Earlene Wadsworth and Jacqueline Daughtry-Miller.

### **D.C. Mole Receives Invitation to Pope Francis Welcoming Ceremony**



**Mole Joan McKinley-Shelton** and her friend, Vanessa Moy, were privileged to receive an invitation to the White House to welcome Pope Francis.

**Mole Joan** (forefront) was interviewed by CNN and WHUR regarding her perspective on the Pope's visit.

**By Mole Mary Myers-Nelson, Chapter Courtesy Chair &  
Mole-O-Gram Representative**