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# The Mole O Gram

"Capturing the True Spirit of Moledom through Enhanced Relationships"

-Mole Doris Asbury



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*Featuring:*  
**The Charlotte Moles**  
*Home of Our National President*  
**Mole Doris R. Asbury**



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# Our Featured Chapter: Charlotte

## TRIBUTES, RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVICE

Under the leadership of our **President, Mole Elizabeth Stanley**, and our dynamic **National President, Doris Asbury**, we are serving the community as we enjoy ourselves because we know it is later than you think!!!! **The Charlotte Moles** have a lot to celebrate! **National President, Mole Doris Asbury**, continues to do great things for our organization as well as throughout our state and city. She is highly respected for her leadership and service.



Mole (Dr.) Lauri Givens



**Chapter President, Mole Elizabeth Stanley's** daughter, Andrea, was engaged to be married June, 2016, to Mr. George Mathis of Anderson, SC. The happy couple will wed on May 27, 2017 at the Clevedale Historic Inn and Gardens in Spartanburg, SC. Congratulations!!

“Growing the Dream Luncheon”- January 2017- An event sponsored by the City of Charlotte and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools to recognize grass-root citizens who serve our community with little recognition. Participants included our Mayor, **Mayor Pro-Tem Vi Lyles- (our Mole sister)** many Charlotte dignitaries. Derek Webber, son of **Mole and Mule Nancy and Francis Webber** was recognized for his outstanding service to the Charlotte community.

Derek Webber (pictured below) accepting award from City Councilman James “Smuggie” Mitchell.



**Charlotte Mole Carlenia Ivory** was elected to the Board of Visitors of her alma mater, Johnson C. Smith University, and appointed to the Trustee Board of the Greater YMCA of Charlotte.

**Mole Nancy Stroud** and **Mole Carlenia Ivory** pictured below with JCSU President, Dr. Ronald Carter,



# The President's Corner



Dear Mole Sisters,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

It is my fervent hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends and that you are now ready and eager to enter 2017 with an abundance of energy to work for **The Moles**.

Last week we witnessed the end of the administration of our first African American President who was a champion for the less fortunate. We also saw hundreds of thousands marching to protest the inauguration of our new president. Both of these were firsts for us, but it gave us cause for concern and a new reason to focus on the goodness in our lives and the great times that we enjoy.

Although we are primarily a social organization, we still must advocate individually and collectively for the rights of our people. We must be a voice for the voiceless and give hope to all that we meet.

As we approach the end of this administration, I encourage all chapters to become engaged in community activities that will make a difference in the lives of our citizens. I further encourage you to induct members that will bring new ideas to our organization to make it stronger.

You will soon be receiving information from the **Detroit Chapter** regarding our **2017 Moles Conclave**. Our sisters in Detroit have been working to ensure that our **Moles and Mules** have a wonderful time in the Motor City. Prepare now, if you have not done so already, to attend this grand affair. Hotel information will be arriving soon so that you can make your reservations. When you receive the information, please reserve your rooms. The hotel should be large enough so that all of us can be under roof.

I am getting excited about going to Detroit because this city is where a good time can be had by all. They know how to throw a party in Detroit and **The Moles** lead the way.

You are now receiving requests from the committee chairs for information. It is imperative that you adhere to the guidelines and the deadlines. Please send in your recommendations and bylaw changes if you have any to enhance organizational operations.

Each chapter can honor two persons in your communities with resolutions. Send that information to the Resolution Committee Chairman. Please use the template provided for your submission.

I do hope that our chapters have submitted articles for the **Mole-O-Gram** to share your activities with your sisters and lastly, you have received preliminary information from the Publicity Committee Chairman in preparation for the submission of your two pages to the **MOLERAMA**, our official publication. Once you get the theme, you should be ready to send your information to the committee.

My **Mole Sisters**, I am very appreciative for all you do for our organization and I am grateful for your support and willingness to serve this great organization.

Sisterly with Love,  
**Mole Doris**  
Mole Doris

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## NATIONAL PRESIDENT DORIS ASBURY RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



**Moles' National President, Doris R. Asbury**, was presented the **Local Champion Award** by the **Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority** at its **Partners and Tourism Awards Program**, January 25, 2017. The prestigious award is given to citizens who make a significant contribution to promoting the economical growth of the city. **Mole Doris** was one of two African Americans recognized during the program.

# Our Columbia Chapter

## CELEBRATING GREAT TIMES AND GREAT KIDS



### WELCOMING 2017 WITH THE EARLES - "MOLES WINTER WONDERLAND"

**Mole (Dr.) Sharon and Mule Ivan Earle** hosted the Columbia Chapter's first **Mole** meeting of the New Year! Themed, *Moles Winter Wonderland*, ladies were beautifully dressed in *winter white* and gents were handsome in their black. **Moles, Mules** and guests dined on several different courses of gourmet Asian cuisine and danced to the music of an eight piece band. The event space was aglow with breathtaking decorations reflecting the winter theme. As always, **Mole Sharon** and **Mule Ivan** were the perfect hosts and we *all had a ball*. (Pictured left: L to R, Standing): **Mole DeAndrea Benjamin, Guest Cynthia Gist, Chapter President Mole Cynthia Bennett, Mole Sharon Earle, Mole Tonya Green and Mole Edna Langley**. (Kneeling): Band Leader Mike Stone and **Mule Ivan Earle**.



### EXQUISITE WEDDING VOWS

Dr. Robin Patrice Lowman, daughter of **Mole Irma Smith Lowman**, was joined in holy matrimony with Mr. Richard Andrew White, III during an enchanting candlelight ceremony at the Sanctuary Hotel on Kiawah Island, SC on December 3, 2016. The wedding party, their families and special guests dined and danced the weekend away in celebration of the couple's happy union. **Mole and Mule Carolyn and Andrew Young** of the **Atlanta Chapter** and Mr. Mack Wilburn hosted an elegant dinner party in Atlanta in the couple's honor. Robin and Richard honeymooned in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands and make their home in Atlanta, GA.

### LENA PINKSTON ~ ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT JOHNSON AND WALES UNIVERSITY

**Mole Jean and Mule Lewis Pinkston** are extremely proud of their very talented, very busy daughter, Lena Camille Pinkston (Pictured left). She has recently accepted an Adjunct Professorship with the School of Business at Johnson & Wales University in Miami, developing and teaching Fashion Merchandising courses. Lena holds a BS in Family & Consumer Science Business/Fashion Merchandising from SC State University and a Master of Science in Retailing from the University of South Carolina. She has been an Adjunct Professor with the online divisions of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh for 7 years and, more recently, SC State University, developing and administering Fashion Marketing and Entrepreneurship courses. As a licensed cosmetologist for over a decade, Lena aspires to advance her current knowledge of hair, skin and scalp care and is, also, enrolled in the Post Baccalaureate Pre-Med Program at Florida International University pursuing medicine, with an emphasis on Dermatology and Women's Health. Congratulations, Lena! Don't forget to take your vitamins!



# Our Houston Chapter

**“NEW YEAR, NEW US!”**

The **Houston Chapter** is embracing the philosophy, “*New Year, New Us*”! We ended the year by celebrating the holidays and welcoming four new **Moles** into our chapter at a *Christmas Brunch* at the beautiful home of **Mole Deena Buford** and **Mole Reginald Buford**.



**Pictured are: Mole Diana Ramsey**, new member, **Rhea Ramsey**, daughter of **Mole Diana**, **Chapter President**, **Mole Jackye Alton**, new member, **Mole Tracy Payne** and her sponsor, **Mole Sydrah Williams**. Not pictured are new members: **Moles Carolyn Yarbro Smith** and **Rhonda Hailey Sewell**, daughter of chapter founding member, **Mole Debbie Hailey**



**Houston Mules and Moles at 2016 Christmas Brunch**

# Our Jacksonville Chapter



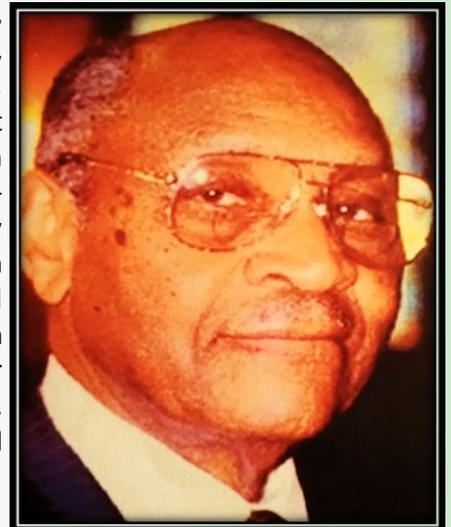
Mole Sharon and Mule Henry Sellers



Stephanie Speights-Sellers

**A LIFE OF SERVICE** Mole Sharon and Mule Henry Sellers' daughter, **Stephanie Speights-Sellers**, received her Post-Graduate Certification in Family Nurse Practitioner from South University on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She also has a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and a Master's Degree in Nursing Education. Stephanie has always embraced the Nursing field. She wanted to make a difference in the world and touch the lives of people. Stephanie has worked in the Nursing profession for the past nine years, and truly has the passion and drive for it. To her, it's not a job, it's a calling.

**A LIFE OF SERVICE** Mule Dr. Wendell P. Holmes, Jr., who passed away on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, was dedicated to service, leadership, and excellence. In 1956, **Mule Wendell**, along with his partner Alphonso West, created Holmes and West Funeral Home, which served Jacksonville families for years. In 1969, **Mule Wendell** became the first African American Duval County School Board Member, as well as the first African American elected to any Florida County School Board. In 1984, **Mule Wendell** established Wendell Holmes Funeral Home, where he served the Jacksonville community until his retirement in 2009. **Mule Wendell** made history in higher education when he became the first person to chair the boards of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities concurrently. He served on the Board of Trustees for Bethune-Cookman College for 27 years and served on the Board of Trustees for Hampton University for 37 years. **Mule Wendell** was a successful entrepreneur and educational trailblazer. He was one of Jacksonville's most distinguished citizens. The **Jacksonville Moles and Mules** miss his wit and charm.



# Our Newport News Chapter

## JOYOUS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our very own Santa Claus visited the **Newport News Moles** Christmas party. Of course, our handsome **Mules** were in attendance as well. A great time was had by all! Pictured right are: **Moles Jeannie Russell, Marqueta Tyson, Donna Tapp-Reid, Alexis Swann, Brenda Graves, Michelle Hammond, Gaylene Kanoyton, Erma Covington, Kelly Mason, Lisa Sapp, Bonita Hunter and Debra Whitaker**



## FABULOUS ADVENTURES

**Mole Karen and Mule Frank Greene** (pictured left) regaled **Mole** members with tales of their adventurous African Safari. Sighting animals during the day (their jeep was even chased by a wild elephant!) and gourmet meals and wine under the stars at night. Ah, what a wonderful experience.



## MILESTONES IN THE SISTERHOOD

**Mole Johne and Mule (Dr.) Cleve Ewell** celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Cleve's birthday at Secret Wild Orchid Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica along with their daughter Olivia, other family members and **Moles and Mules Bonita and Jack Hunter, Janice and Bill Grace and Jeannie and Eddie Russell.**

**Mole Erma Covington** celebrated her Silver birthday in December (her age and the last two digits of the year of her birth match) with multiple celebrations and parties.

**Mole Vivian and Mule Dwayne Blake** welcomed their first grandchild, Mason Alexander Blake, on December 8, 2016 just in time for his first Christmas!

# Our Petersburg Chapter

## CELEBRATING PETERSBURG'S "YOUNG ACHIEVERS"



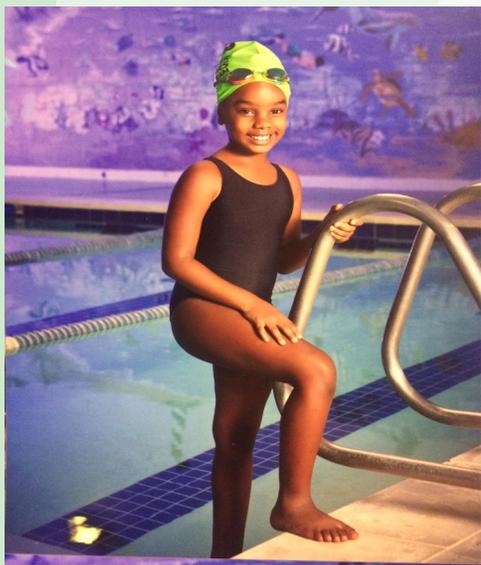
Jackie Branch

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, Jackie Branch, daughter of **Mole Pamela and Mule H. T. Branch** and granddaughter of **Mole Carolyn Rudd and Douglas Johnson, Sr., (Washington, DC Chapter)**, was crowned "Little Miss Dinwiddie Trojan" for the Dinwiddie Chapter of the Virginia State University Alumni Association. Both of Jackie's grandmothers, **Mole Carolyn Rudd Johnson** and Mrs. Florence O. Branch, are VSU alumnae. Jackie competed in the Little Miss category of the Little Miss/Junior Miss Dinwiddie pageant which was designed to raise scholarship money for Dinwiddie High School students who will attend Virginia State University. Her team raised over \$7,000.00 in scholarship money for deserving students.

Alana Gabrielle Bradley, granddaughter of **Mole Cynthia Clear Booker**, recently received the Cheerleading Coach's Award at Rocky River High School in Charlotte, North Carolina. Alana is an honor roll high school junior.



Alana Gabrielle Bradley



Kennedi Milan Jackson, granddaughter of **Mole Jacquelyn and Mule Stuart Billips**, continues to make her grandparents proud with her outstanding performances as a member of the Chester (VA) Gators Swim Team. Kennedi is a fourth grader at Curtis Elementary School where she is also an outstanding student.

Kennedi Milan Jackson (Pictured Left)

# Our Philadelphia Chapter

## PHILADELPHIA HIGHLIGHTS

Upon returning from Raleigh, the **Philadelphia Moles** started off their year with **Mole Moments and Milestones** which give us many memories. In September our **'Mole Treasure' – Marilyn Alston** treated us to a scrumptious fun-filled meeting and reconnected us with much 'sparkle'.

As the fall of the season settled in **Mole Kweli Archie** entertained us with a **'Mole Moment'** – an artist sketching each member and presenting each with a personal portrait. **Philadelphia Moles** are on a mission to create memories. November festivities at the home of another **'Mole Treasure' Connie Baker** found us feasting with fellowship and fondness for our **Mole** sisters. As we jingled and mingled adorned in our Christmas sweaters another **'Mole Treasure' Gertie Baker** made our Xmas holidays very special with much sparkle. Our Philly **'Mole Treasures'** were honored for their tenure, tenacity, and tireless commitment to Moledom especially in preserving our Philadelphia Chapter as we look forward to 2018, our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Celebrating Xmas with our Sweaters at Moles Holiday Gathering

### Mole Treasures

M. B. Alston | J. S. Amonitti | I. Atterbeary | C. Baker

G. Baker | N. Benning | M. Hartfield

M. Highsmith | I. Hobbs | R. Johnson | H. Mason

D. Rush | T. Young



Above: Mole Lisa Reeves (3<sup>rd</sup> from the left) & family admiring the Obama's dogs

### Philly Milestones – 2016

Mole Ruth Johnson – 94 years

Mole Thelma Young – 90 years

Mole Shirley F Archie and Mole Robert Archie Jr. – 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### Philly Moles Moments

Sisters at the Spa in October

White House Tour in December – Farewell to the Obamas

## Our Portsmouth Chapter

### SON OF MOLE DELOIS BAILEY INSTALLED AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF MASONS



**Mole Delois Byers Bailey** and **Mule Don L. Bailey**, Portsmouth, Virginia Chapter, proudly announce the installation of their son, Brandon Scott Bailey (Pictured left) to the 2017 office of *Worshipful Master* of the Albert Pike Lodge No. 33 Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia on December 8, 2016. Brandon was initiated into the Albert Pike Lodge No. 33 in 2011 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2013.

Brandon is a graduate of Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia; and is currently an Applications Administrator for the University of Maryland University College. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Brandon is married to Chamade Brown Bailey and they have a 5 year-old son, Sebastien. He and his family reside in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Please join us and the **Portsmouth, Virginia Chapter of the Moles and Mules**, in congratulating and celebrating, Brandon and his accomplishment.

## Our Roanoke Chapter

### ROANOKE CELEBRATIONS AND HONORS

The Roanoke Chapter of the Moles had a grand celebration at its Annual Christmas Party held at the Holiday Inn, Valleyview on Saturday, December 17th, 2016. **Mole, Mules** and guests had a most festive time.



Seth Beth, grandson of **Mole Althea Polk** of Roanoke, Va. was inducted into The National Technical Honor Society DECA. He represented his high school, Harnett Central High School of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina, at the DECA regional conference and placed in the overall top ten in the marketing competition.



**Mole Lutheria Smith** was treated by **Mule James Smith** to a Royal 50<sup>th</sup> Year Birthday Celebration at the Roanoke Country Club in Roanoke, Va. Many friends and relatives were in attendance.



**Roanoke Moles** held a Friendship Activity to acquaint prospective **Mole** members with **Mole-dom** at the home of **Mole Carolyn Patterson**. The chapter will welcome three new members on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **Mole Gloria Randolph-King** and the Social Committee did an outstanding job of planning the evening of fun.

# Our St. Louis Chapter

## ST. LOUIS INTRODUCES NEW MOLES



**Mole Leandra Haynes Lee**

**Mole Leandra** is a St. Louis native is the dedicated mother of two college students, Drew and Delaney. Lee has spent more than twenty years in the advertising sales and marketing sector of St. Louis. She has worked at KPLR-TV, St. Louis Magazine, and KSDK-TV. Currently she is the Director of Resource Development – Annual Gifts at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. Lee loves to bake and has her own baking company, Delicious Lee Desserts, LLC., where she makes all kinds of sweet treats. She is very excited to be a **MOLE** and is looking forward to getting know all of her **MOLE Sisters** and participating in the fun activities!



**Mole Sandra Moore**

**Mole Sandra** is an attorney with extensive experience in public policy and program development. For 30 years, she has focused her career on urban inner city revitalization. After 16 years of service, Sandra recently resigned as President of St. Louis-based Urban Strategies, a national leader in human capital building for residents redeveloping urban core communities. In the spring of 2017, Moore will return to national work focused on comprehensive community development. Sandra is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, MO, with both B.A. and J.D. degrees. She and **Mole Eric Moore**, an entrepreneur and jazz musician, have been married for over 40 years, and they are proud parents and grandparents.



**Mole Hillary Scott-Ogunrinde**

**Mole Hillary**, daughter of **Mole Geraldine Scott**, is an experienced professional in marketing, business development, and healthcare management. Her professional and personal commitment to improving her community through the growth of small and minority owned businesses is well documented. After graduating from Xavier University of LA, she completed her Masters in Health Administration at Saint Louis University. Currently, she is Director of Marketing & Business Development for MGM Healthcare. Hillary is the mother of two active, young sons and the wife of **Mole Wale Ogunrinde**. As the Minister of Music at Black Jack Baptist Church, she continues her family's tradition of expressing their faith through music.



**Mole Ingrid Taylor**

Ingrid is the daughter of **Mole Yvonne** and **Mole Farrell Chatwell**. She is a board certified family medicine physician, and the author of *My Health Companion: A Portable Paper Health Organizer*. **Mole Ingrid** is a graduate of Xavier University in Louisiana and the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine. She enjoys traveling and is an eclectic art collector.

# Our Savannah Chapter

## **FUN HAPPENINGS WITH THE SAVANNAH MOLES AND MULES**



The handsome **Savannah Mules** pictured at our 2016 Christmas Luncheon Celebration. The elegant event was held at the beautifully decorated ballroom of the Landings on Skidaway Island.



**Mole Marcia Thompson** enjoying Hawaii for the holiday with her parents (Reva and Arthur Lewie) and daughter (CPT Christel Thompson), who is stationed in Oahu, Hawaii. Family and military friends gathered to host 18 for Christmas dinner at her daughter's new home.

### **HIGHLIGHTING MULE OTIS JOHNSON**

**Otis S. Johnson, Ph.D.**, former mayor of the city of Savannah, Georgia, has written a book entitled, *From "N Word" to Mr. Mayor*. The book is a biological journey of **Mule Johnson** through Jim Crow to the 21st Century. It tells the story of his quest for the "American Dream" and the struggle to make that dream a reality as a black American.

**Mule Johnson** writes about how he grew up in the Jim Crow era, participated in the Civil Rights Movement and benefited from the opportunities made available as a result of the movement. His experience is similar to that of many African Americans during that period of American history.

The book is written in an easy-to-read style and is heavily documented with references to give credibility to the views of the author. *From "N Word" to Mr. Mayor* gives hope to the idea that through preparation and struggle one can still achieve the elusive American Dream. **Dr. Otis S. Johnson** is the **Mule** of **Mole Shevon Carr**. The book can be purchased online at [www.facebook.com/authorotissjohnson](http://www.facebook.com/authorotissjohnson).

# Our Washington, D.C. Chapter

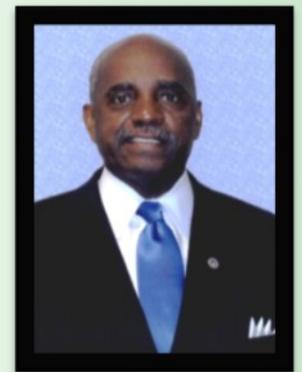
## HAVING A GOOD TIME AT THE "EMERALD CITY PREVIEW" MOLE MEETING



**Mole Jacqui Daughtry-Miller and Mole James Miller, Esq.**, hosted a fabulous Mole June meeting at their lovely home in Northwest Washington, D.C. The theme of the meeting was "Emerald City Preview," in anticipation of the June Conclave. **The Moles** donned green, black and white to match the color scheme of the Miller's beautifully decorated home. Before the meeting, the **Moles** were served champagne and an assortment of delectable hors d'oeuvres. A grand time was had by all! Pictured Left: **DC Chapter Moles**

## MULE RETIRES FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Mole (Dr.) Michael Frazier** (pictured right), professor of International Security and Development, retires from the Department of Political Science, Howard University with 28 years of service. During his tenure he published 4 books, taught and lectured in 14 countries including China, Japan, and Serbia, and directed 30 dissertations and over 50 master degree theses. Dr. Frazier will continue his work as an educational advisor and consultant. He is the spouse of **Mole Verna Frazier**.



## DC MAYOR SWEARS IN MOLE TO OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

**Mole Patricia Hobson Wilson** was sworn in by the Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor of the District of Columbia, on December 16, 2016 to serve a 6-year term as one of five Commissioners of the Office of Employee Appeals. The Office hears and resolves appeals filed by District government employees involving adverse personnel actions. Pictured Left to Right: **Mole Glenda Owens'** daughter, Alexandra Owens, **Mole (Dr.) Sandra Owens Lawson**, MIT Eddie Stevenson, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, **Mole Patricia Hobson Wilson** and **Mole Jackie Daughtry-Miller**.



## 20 YEARS AND COUNTING

**Mole Mary Myers-Nelson and Mole Leslie Nelson** (pictured right) celebrated 20 years of marriage on September 24, 2016. They renewed their wedding vows at Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards they vacationed in Hilton Head, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia, taking in the beautiful scenery, fine dining and romantic carriage tours. The Nelsons are looking forward to celebrating many more happy and fun-filled years together.



# Mole Moments, Milestones, & Memories

## CHARLOTTE

**Accolades** keep piling up for **Mule Harry Jones**, husband of **Mole Becky Jones**.

- **Mule Harry Jones** was honored by Mecklenburg County manager and County Commissioners with the highest award “Order of the Hornet” that the county gives to a Mecklenburg County citizen on December 20, 2016.
- **Mule Harry Jones** was also honored at the Martin Luther King “Growing the Dream” Luncheon with the highest award “The community Seed Award” for his outstanding service to all citizens of Mecklenburg County on January 14, 2017.
- **Mule Harry Jones** lovely wife **Mole Becky Jones** and their children sponsored a “Celebration of Life” event for **Mule Harry** on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Ballantyne Spa and Country Club. **Mule Harry** received toasts and many accolades from his childhood friends, neighbors, community leaders, etc. Over 300 people attended this festive occasion.

**Charlotte Mole Carlenia Ivory**- was elected to the Board of Visitors of her alma mater, Johnson C. Smith University, and appointed to the Trustee Board of the Greater YMCA of Charlotte. She was also honored by her alma mater as one of Charlotte’s Women making Undeniable Progress within the Charlotte and surrounding community at the Mint Museum on November 10, 2016. **Mole Carlenia** was also selected to serve as Charlotte’s Ambassador to secure 1000 Books for 1000 kids.

**Charlotte Mole Treva Pettis** was elected National Vice President for Epicurean. Congratulations

**Mole Carlenia Ivory, Nancy Stroud, Barbara Warren, and Nancy Webber** have been eager beavers in the community- Joined forces with South Charlotte Jack and Jill Junior Teens and sponsored “Heartfelt Early Season of Giving” event on November 13, 2016.

- They attended and served as hostess for the “Who’s Who Red Carpet” event in November 2016 sponsored by Who’s Who of America publication.
- Worked vigorously through November and December 2016 when they gave out over 500 Thanksgiving meals to underserved families in the greater Charlotte community.

- Winter Academic Athletic Camp (December 27 and December 28, 2016)- they solicited funds and sponsored a two-day educational, recreational, and cultural camp for 75 underserved youth. This event was in collaboration with the historic Hyde Park Neighborhood Association.

**Moles Nancy Webber, Barbara Warren, Carlenia Ivory, and Nancy Stroud’s** new motto is: *“STOP ME BEFORE I VOLUNTEER AGAIN”*

## COLUMBIA

In December, 2016, SC’s Governor, Nikki Haley, awarded **Mule Jerry Adger**, husband of **Mole Sheila Adger, The Order of the Palmetto**. It is the highest civilian honor awarded by the Governor of SC and is bestowed upon persons who make contributions of statewide significance. We are extremely proud of **Mule Jerry**, who serves as the Executive Director of the SC Department of Probation, Pardon and Parole Services, for receiving this great honor.

Congratulations are extended to our **chapter Vice President, Mole (Dr.) Vicki Young**. **Mole Vicki** was awarded the National Association of Community Health Center's (NACHC) esteemed *Henry Fiumelli Patient Advocate Award* at a November, 2016, conference in Pasadena, CA.

Established in 2008, the award is presented to an outstanding staff member of an NACHC-chartered state/regional Primary Care Association (PCA) who exemplifies passion and commitment to improving the care and quality of life for health center patients. Through her efforts in the PCA arena, **Mole Vicki** has improved access to quality primary care for vulnerable populations. She was selected due to her many years of service, critical responsibilities, and specific contributions to the community health centers around the US.

**Mole Vicki** currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer at the SC PCA headquartered in Columbia.

# Mole Moments, Milestones, & Memories

## JACKSONVILLE

**JAX MOLES ON THE ROAD:** On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Jacksonville Moles Pat Hicks Harley, Gail Mathis, Ruby Newman, and Madeline Scales-Taylor traveled to Port St. Lucie, Florida to spend a day of fun and fellowship with Detroit Moles Dr. June Aguayo and Dr. Leslie Hollingsworth, and their friends. The day was hosted by Mole June, who served up lots of laughter, delicious foods, and wonderful spirits. Everybody agreed this event would be treasured for years to come.

## RICHMOND

Richmond Moles have had a real mix of fun and other kinds of news and our monthly hostesses have continued to add Mole “style” for sparkle to each third Friday. Even new venues for meetings gave opportunities for extra “enjoy yourself” times.

Over the summer we lost two favorite Mules – William “Bill” Lovings (Cootie) and Ivan “Bertelli” Mills (Dorothea) as well as Frank Vaughan, father of our Chapter President, Mole Lynne Morris. We’ve had our share of illness as well for Mole Marie Moore has been hospitalized. We look forward to her complete recovery soon.

It has been a good thing for us to have added new and younger members to our chapter. Mole Jackie Johnson-Curl was recently a major sponsor of JAZZ INSIDE OUT here in Richmond. This event, held at the Willow Oaks Country Club, raised funds to offer scholarships for students in the Richmond metro area. We are very proud to have Mole Jackie as one of our newest members.

Kyra Marietta Walden, daughter of Mole Karen Pettis-Walden and Mule A.J. Walden and granddaughter of Mole Thelma and Mule Albert Pettis, has earned the name of STAR as she has led her volleyball team at Atlee High School to the very top of the heap. She recently had a match-high 11 kills against their conference rival team. We anticipate that her senior year will be another great year for Kyra.

Recent snow kept us in, but we are ready to see everybody at the January meeting for more “sparkle”. Setting aside time at our meetings for “sparkle” has been a chance to get us to be more in touch with each other. Maybe we will share some of our “sparkles” in another issue of the Mole O Gram? News about weddings, vacations, achievements, retirements, etc., will be coming also.

## ROANOKE

Mole Bobbie Richardson was honored by the Rocky Mount NAACP with the Courage Award and by the National Foundation of Women Legislatures with the Women of Excellence Award. Additionally, she was voted to be one of the Minority Whip leaders for the North Carolina Democratic Caucus and will be participating in the Women March on January 21, 2017 in DC.

Mole Francine McLaughlin and Mule Andre (Sandra Claytor) Perry received the Drum Major for Justice Awards at the Roanoke Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Banquet on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Holiday Inn Valleyview, Roanoke, Va.

Excerpts from

### *The Moles Creed*

**“There is a destiny that makes us sisters.**

**None goes her way alone.**

**All that we send into the lives of others**

**Comes back into our own.**

**Care not what our temples or our creeds,**

**One thing holds firm and fast,**

**That in our fateful heap of days and deeds,**

**The soul of man is cast.”**

*(Poem by: Edwin Markham.*

*Paraphrased to use the word Sisters)*

# Dates of Interest

## FEBRUARY 15, 2017

- ⇒ Chapters should elect officers by this date. Chapters are asked to review local by-laws for consistency with national in regards to when the term of office begins; chapters are to comply with national by-laws. Please reference Article II Section B in the *Handbook of the Moles*
- ⇒ Names and current addresses of chapter new inductee(s) must be sent to the **Financial Secretary, Mole Angela Gibson** - [angelagaka@msn.com](mailto:angelagaka@msn.com), with a copy for the incoming Conclave hostess chapter

## MARCH 1, 2017

- ⇒ Deadline for submitting nominations to the **Chair of the Moles Nominating Committee, Mole Juanita LaRoche** - [jwla111@bellsouth.net](mailto:jwla111@bellsouth.net). Chair will send each chapter appropriate correspondence with guidelines.
- ⇒ Invitations to Conclave must be sent by the host chapter (**Detroit Moles**) no later than **March 1st**

## MARCH 15, 2017

- ⇒ Chapters must submit *Mole O Gram* Information for April Edition to National Courtesy Committee at - [Themoleogram@att.net](mailto:Themoleogram@att.net)

## APRIL 1, 2017

- ⇒ Deadline for national assessments (per capita tax and project assessment); this includes chapters' contribution to the national project fund given to a local charity of choice by the Conclave host chapter; please note that the correct amount per chapter is \$67
- ⇒ **MOLERAMA** materials must be sent to **Publications Chair, Mole Cynthia Clear-Booker** - [Cynthiacbooker4@aol.com](mailto:Cynthiacbooker4@aol.com), from chapters
- ⇒ National slate of officers to be circulated to chapters by the **Chair of the Nominating Committee , Mole Juanita LaRoche**

## APRIL 15, 2017

- ⇒ Conclave registrations due to host chapter (**Detroit**)
- ⇒ Board of Directors (non-officer vacancy). Chapters are encouraged to review Article VI, Section 9 for details and instructions if a change of Director is warranted; page 37 of the *Handbook of The Moles*.