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2nd ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET
Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Harrisonburg
Saturday, September 11, 2004

ABOUT THE ARTIST



Shea Ramone Justice was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts in 1970. After attending Boston English High School, he went to Boston University, where the majority of the time he drank, studied and decided to become an artist who starts a revolution with his art, the way Bob Marley did with his music. With his art education degree in hand, Shea has taught in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Boston Public Schools. He now teaches at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. He would gladly give it up if anyone could give him a full-time job as an illustrator of political cartoons and children's books, as long as

there is a good dental plan involved. Currently, he lives in Jamaica Plain where he annoys his wife by constantly trying to teach his son, Shea Jr., how to sing songs by the Temptations at the top of his lungs. He is a member of BMAG, Boston's Metropolitan Artists' Guild, and can be reached at sheajustice@cybercom.net. Please visit www.geocities.com/justiceshea & www.abouthearts.com.

THEME:

"WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING"



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Office of the Governor

Mark R. Warner Governor



September 11, 2004

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I take great pleasure in welcoming the members and guests of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Branch of the NAACP's annual Freedom Fund Banquet. I am confident that all will thoroughly enjoy tonight's keynote speaker, Dr. John Singer.

I commend those who worked so diligently to make this event possible. As the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the NAACP has worked for more than ninety-five years to preserve economic, social, educational and political liberties on behalf of millions of minority citizens throughout our great Commonwealth and our nation. Promoting equality is one goal that I embrace, and one that will ensure a bright future for all citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I commend the members of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Branch of the NAACP for serving your community. Thank you for your commitment to building a better Commonwealth, and best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Warner

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KWEISI MFUME
President & Chief Executive Officer

September 11, 2004

Greetings:

It is with great pleasure that I extend congratulations to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Branch of the NAACP on the occasion of your 2nd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, "Where We've Been and Where We're Going."

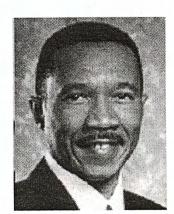
I find this year's theme to be an especially pertinent one, as 2004 is a presidential election year. It is vital that we motivate all people to exercise the essential right to vote, as people of color will continue to be disenfranchised, robbed of resources and benefits, and embroiled in stereotypes until our campaign of voter education, voter registration and voter mobilization helps us to make our opinions known at the polls. Furthermore, we must ensure that our young people are indoctrinated with the knowledge and the passion for justice to continue our work into future generations. We must do everything possible to pass on the torch of our dedication to ensuring the civil rights and civil liberties of all people.

I would like to extend special congratulations on this event to Monica Robinson, President of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Branch, Dr. John Singer of Madison University, tonight's guest speaker, and every other individual who worked to make tonight possible. As always your hard work is evident and appreciated. It is my hope that this banquet will be a time of both education and enjoyment for everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Kweisi Mfume

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Harrisonburg and Rockingham County NAACP Branch #7132 P.O. Box 1010 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

Dear Friends,

I am sorry that a previous commitment will prevent me from joining you at the second annual Freedom Fund Banquet. No doubt, I am missing a wonderful event.

Congratulations to your branch, and all of its hard working members, for your success over the past year. I commend all of the efforts to see that the promise of Virginia – the promise of education, equal opportunity, and civil liberty - is available to everyone in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County and throughout our great Commonwealth. I look forward to our continued working relationship and wish you all the best on your future projects.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kaine

Lieutenant Governor of Virginia







KWEISI MFUME President and C.E.O.

August 9, 2004

Monica Robinson, President Henry Whitelow, Freedom Fund Char Harrisonburg & Rockingham County Branch - NAACP P.O. Box 1010

Harrisonburg, VA 22803A

Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Whitelow:

Thank you for inviting me to attend your second annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, September 11, 2004.

Please know that I wholeheartedly commend the unwavering dedication of the Harrisonburg & Rockingham County Branch and that I recognize your invaluable contributions toward the overall success of our Association. That is why it is particularly difficult for me to inform you that, regrettably, I will be unable to join you due to my attending the annual Congressional Black Caucus weekend on the date of the banquet.

I wish you much success with your event and I look forward to visiting the Harrisonburg & Rockingham County Branch soon. Again, please accept my most genuine apology for not being able to join you. With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

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To our Members, Supporters, and Friends,

I would like to begin by thanking each person here today for being an integral part of our Second Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. 2004 has been and is a critical year personally, locally, and nationally. Our theme: Where We've Been and Where We're Going says a lot about our organization. We, as a people, need to reflect on the changing pace of American life and where that change will lead us. Voting allows us to have a voice in ... "Where We Are Going."

Living in a time of unrest and uncertainty has made me more aware of the freedoms that so many of us take for granted. Being socially conscious and aware is the duty of all citizens of the United States of America. We, as citizens, must learn to use our voices and our minds to ensure that equality is achieved for all. With equality comes religious, economic, political and educational freedom. These are freedoms that many other nations dream of.

Over the last two years we have sought to address and protect the political interests of African-Americans, poor, disenfranchised and other minority groups. We will continue in our quest to educate the community on the importance of voting. We will continue to speak with candidates on issues concerning our community. But most importantly we will work for the enactment of municipal, state and federal legislation designed to improve the educational, political and economic status of minority groups.

Our hope is that, when you leave our banquet today, you will have reflected on where we have been as a nation, as a people, as individuals, and where those choices and endeavors will lead us. Seek to fulfill the dreams of our ancestors and to forge a land of equality for generations to come. Today I challenge you to keep the flames of freedom burning bright.

I am Forever embracing the struggle, Forever remembering the past, Forever fighting against injustice, and Forever carrying the torch. Let Freedom Ring!

With warmest regards,

Monica Robinson

Monica Robinson Branch President



DR. JOHN NATHANIEL SINGER



Dr. John N. Singer is currently an assistant professor in the department of Kinesiology at James Madison University where he teaches primarily in the area of sport management and employs a critical race theoretical framework in studying diversity issues, racism, social change, social responsibility and ethics in various sport and physical activity organizational contexts. His secondary research interest focuses on

the impact of exercise and physical activity on the overall well being of people of color. He earned his Ph.D. at Ohio State University and his Master's and Bachelor's degrees at Michigan State University.

Dr. Singer has conducted research with the Black Coaches Association (BCA), and has served as a mentor to black male student athletes and to "at-risk" students of color at predominantly white universities. As a product of the Benton Harbor area school system located in the southwestern corner of Michigan on the shores of Lake Michigan, Dr. Singer embraces the motto "Life can only be understood looking backward, but it must be lived looking forward."



Harrisonburg-Rockingham County NAACP 2nd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet September 11, 2004

Program

Master of Ceremony
Mr. Henry L. Whitelow, Chair
Freedom Fund Committee

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Angela Hopkins

Moment of Silence For The Victims of 9-11

Prayer

Rev. Walter H. Ghant, Pastor - First Baptist Church

Introduction of Guests

Ms. Beverly Banks, Branch Vice President

Musical Selection

Gospel Harmonizers of Bethel A.M.E. Church

Mrs. Angela Hopkins, Director

Greetings

Rev. Mildred Middlebrooks, President - Waynesboro Branch

Mr. Thomas H. Morton, President - Staunton Branch

Musical Selection

Gospel Harmonizors of Bethel A.M.E. Church

Lifetime Achievement Award Presentations

Mr. Henry Whitelow

Litany (Please Stand)

Mrs. Camilla A. Washington, Branch Press & Publicity Chair

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Program

Musical Selection Gospel Harmonizers of Bethel A.M.E. Church

Invocation & Grace Rev. Arthor Dean, Director - Word Ministries

~ ~ Dinner ~ ~

Introduction of Speaker Mrs. Wilhelmina Johnson

Banquet Speaker
Dr. John N. Singer
James Madison University
School of Kinesiology & Recreation Studies

Remarks and Acknowledgements Ms. Monica Robinson, Branch President

Closing Selection (Please Stand) Lift &o'ry Voice and Sing

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Isaac Paul-Coker, Pastor - John Wesley United Methodist Church

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers died?

We have come over a way that with tears have been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,we forget thee, shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

LITANY

Let us remember that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding". (Psalm 111:10)

Response: Lord God, Giver of wisdom, hear our prayer.

God, prepare minds and souls to be your vessels, ever respectful and loving of others and ouselves.

Response: Lord God, Giver of wisdom, hear our prayer.

May we strive for unity in the family, community, nation and race.

Response: Lord God, Giver of wisdom, hear our prayer.

To love and care, to share and clothe, to feed and nurture, to counsel and teach, to be committed to the health and well-being our our communities.

Response: Lord God, Giver of wisdom, hear our prayer.

O, God, lead our communities to wholesome spiritual, social, political and financial action.

Response: Lord God, Giver of wisdom, hear our prayer.

Lord, lift us out of complacency. Remove all hatred, animosity and anger from our souls. Envelop us in your undying love.

Response: Lord God, Giver of wisdom, hear our prayer.

Open our eyes that we may see the needs of your people; open our hearts and souls that we may serve with dignity and in peace.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

MRS. MARY A. FAIRFAX

Mrs. Mary A. Fairfax of 431 E. Gay Street, Harrisonburg, VA is a lifelong resident of Rockingham County and the City of Harrisonburg. She is the eldest of four children - Joseph C. Awkard, Jr., Leona Awkard Smith (deceased), Fred M. Awkard (deceased) - born to the late Joseph Cyrus Awkard, Sr. and Nadline Wood Awkard. She is the widow of James Fairfax, Sr.

Mrs. Fairfax received her early education in Harrisonburg Public Schools. She graduated from Virginia State University in Ettrick, VA with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education and then from Columbia University in New York with a Master's of Education degree. Mrs. Fairfax taught in the Shenandoah County, Staunton, Rockingham and Harrisonburg Public School Systems. After 42 years of teaching, Mrs. Fairfax retired in 1976.

Mrs. Fairfax is a lifetime member of First Baptist Church, Broad Street, Harrisonburg; and served on the Deaconess Board and as the church's organist for several years. She has been active in civic and community organizations over the years and remains dedicated to her church and community.

Mary Frances Awkard Fairfax is a legend to our Lucy Simms School as she is the last of our charter teachers from Effinger School. All previous students look her up and keep in touch with her. She is loved, loved, loved.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

MRS. AMELIA NIZER JONES

Mrs. Amelia Nizer Jones is a resident of Rockingham County where she resides with her husband, Earl Jones.

Mrs. Jones received her early education in Rockingham County at the Christiansburg Institute. She further studied and received a diploma in Secretarial Science from Norfolk State in 1953. Mrs. Jones worked for Harrisonburg City Public Schools for 32 years prior to retiring in 1990.

Mrs. Jones is a dedicated member of Mount Paran Baptist Church in Elkton, VA and has been active in numbers civic and community organizations, which include:

- Cinderella Program for Young Women
- · Meals on Wheels
- Church Women United
- The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (1977)
- Board Member of the Effinger St/Lucy Simms Incorporation

Mrs. Jones has also won many certificates and awards, including:

- Leadership Skills for Church Members
- Black History Certificate of Recognition (Education)
- Marketing Education Lifetime Service Award
- Outstanding Service Award Harrisonburg High School
- Marketing Education Contributed superior guidance, inspiration and support to the youth of Harrisonburg

Mrs. Jones is also a member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County NAACP.

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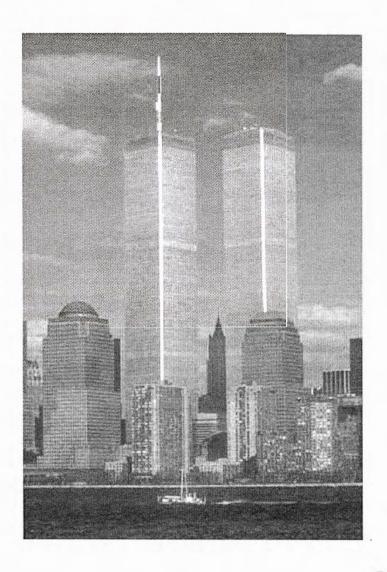
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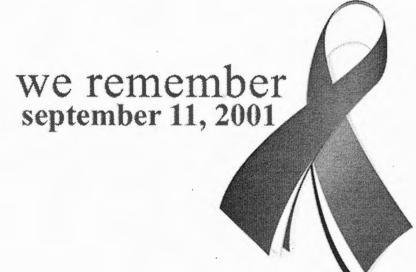
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The Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Branch of the NAACP remembers the victims of the events of September 11, 2001.

We pray for comfort to the survivors and loved ones of those who perished on that day.

We thank our soldiers who have fought and died. And we thank those who continue to fight and defend our freedoms.

In memory of those who passed before us



"AS I GET OLDER"

As I get older I desire to be, The yesterday woman which once was me. But reality sets in and I eventually see The aging and spread, hey that's really me.

As I get older, the face I now see
Proves "the apple never falls far from the
tree!"
Staring at the mirror I observe the other

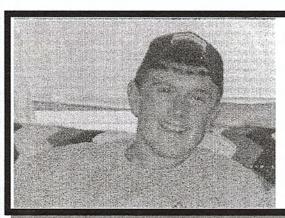
And realize I've become a shadow of mother.

As I get older I have learned to face This thing called aging is no easy race. I am more aware that I've been blessed, Living on earth as one of God's guests.

As I get older, and closer to middle age, I am more thankful as I write this page.
I now look forward to another day,
Of helping another accomplish a way
To deal with this process called aging.

Celeste Kimbrough babyboomingpoet@bellsouth.net

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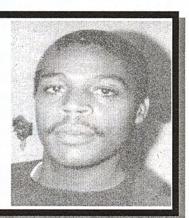
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In Memory of Charles "Duckie" Robinson

Sadly missed by wife, Karen Sue Robinson

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Psalms 23:2

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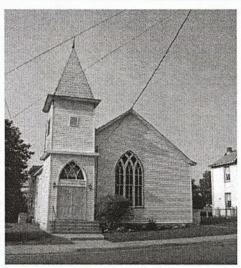
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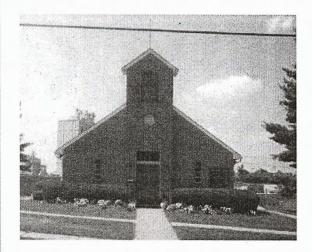
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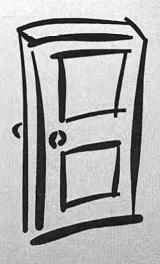
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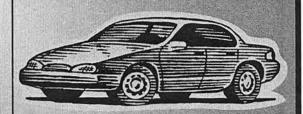


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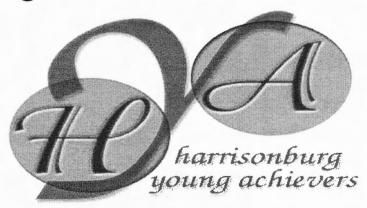
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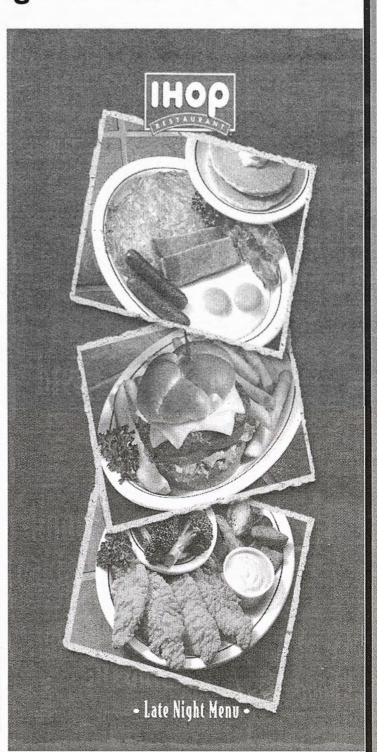
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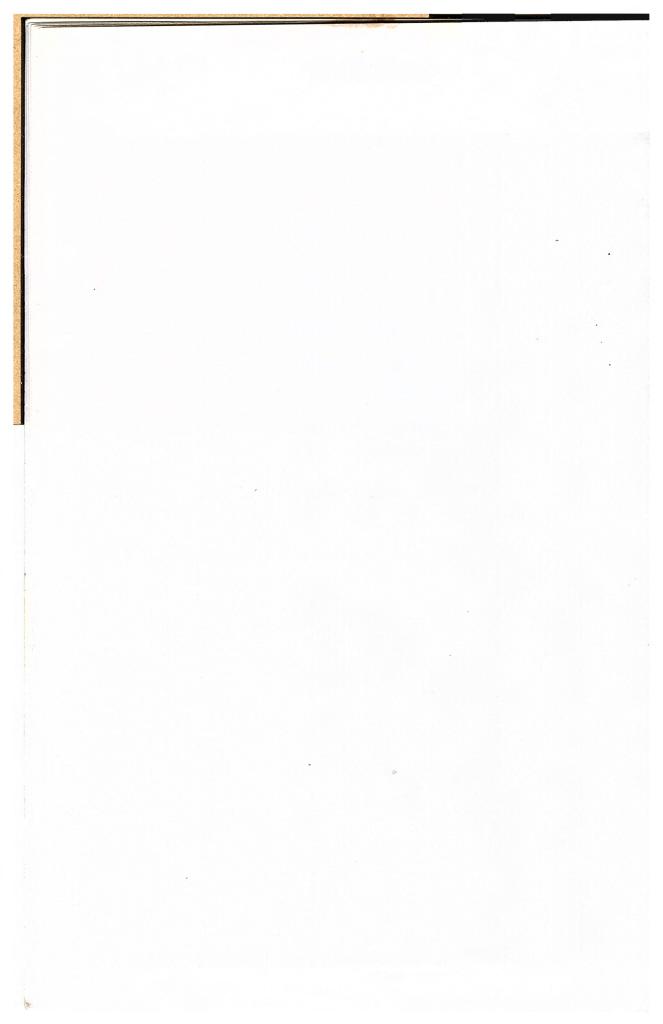


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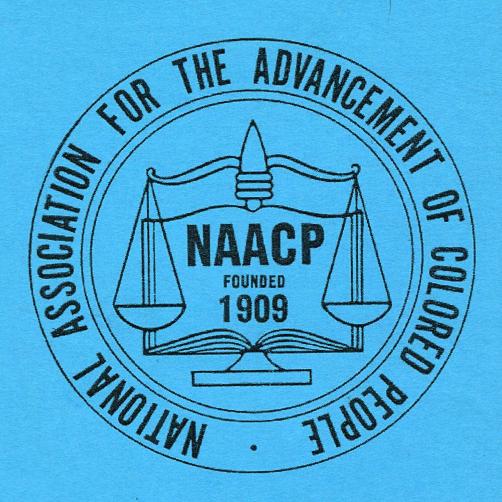
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