

## Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

**Press Release** 

## "RHS Class of '59 Celebrated Its 50th"

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Riviera Beach (USA) July 9, 2009: The outstanding Class of '59 from Roosevelt High School, West Palm Beach celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion for a whole week – June 21 – 28, 2009. The middle aged "Maroon Devils" prayed, sang, cried, danced and told stories for seven days. They paid tribute to their deceased classmates as well.

The Alumni Chapter Officers: Barbara Fowler Barnes, President; Loretta Wright Sermon, Vice

President; Josephine Taylor Allen, Secretary; Saundra Haines Davis, Corresponding Secretary; Nelson Dozier, Treasurer and Adolphus Montgomery, Chaplain planned an outstanding schedule of activities that included Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> Church Service, Hill Top Missionary Baptist Church, Riviera Beach, FL; a "Meet and Greet" at the American Legion Hall, West



Palm Beach; a Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> Brunch, American Legion Hall; Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> "Chat & Chew/Card Party"; Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> "Hard Rock Casino", Ft. Lauderdale; Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> "Oldies but Goodies Night" at the American Legion Hall; Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Banquet at the Embassy Suite Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens.

Many memories were revived during the "Golden Reunion Banquet of Friendship" with our original -1959 President, Johnny L. Singleton and Secretary Josephine Taylor presiding was outstanding. Its program included awards, testimonials, singing, dancing and toasts. Hearing words of wisdom from two of our instructors (Mrs. Ineria Hudnell and Mr. Bruce McDonald) brought

back memories. Some class member's parents accompanied their children to many of the functions.

One would have thought that everyone would have gone home after such a fantastic banquet but we continued on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> with a family picnic at Dyer Park, Riviera Beach and a "soul music stop" at Wade's home. Sunday Service, June 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and afternoon farewells did bring the event to a glorified but happy ending. Barbara Barnes and Sandra Davis served as the "50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Chair and Co-Chair for the overall celebration.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF MY CLASSMATES!



Classmembers came from far and near Allen, Josephine Taylor; Anderson, Kenneth; Archer, Lillia Geraldine Wyley; Barry, Charles; Bass, Charles Major; Beckett, Hattie Franklin; Bell, Alonzo; Banks, MaryAlice Jackson; Barber, Eleanor Barber; Barnes, Daniel & Barbara Fowler; Bell, Elizabeth Collins; Lewis, Mary; Bellamy, Audrey Brown; Bellamy, Rufus; Bowen, Bobbie Jean Dudley; Brooks, Billie E. Wright; Brooks, Donald; Coleman, Deloris Moses; Brown, Deloris Byrd; Bunche, Julius; Collie, Charles; Cummings, Verna Stephenson; Carter, Mattie Griffin; Daniels, Patricia; Cheatham, John; Davis, Saundra Haines; Cheatham, Marilyn Stephens; Debousee, Dora Thomas; Clark, Dair Wright; Dillard, Bettye Jean; Dixon, Virginia Jones; Farrell, Jeannette Wilder; Folson, Lorenzo; Donald, Theodore; Dozier, Nelson;

Dunbar, James, Jr.; Duncombe, Donald; Eads, Deloris Strickland; Eagle, Gregory; Ealy, Willie Ben; Frederick, Betty Beckett; Gamble, Robert; General, Joyce Styles; Goodman, Barbara Littles; Grady, Joan Cleveland; Haddocks, Madeliene; Harper, Roy; Heath, Warner; Highsmith, Levi; Holmes, Ethel LaDorne Donald; Jackson, Catherine McCray; Jemison,

Edith Rivers; Jenkins, Idus; Johnson, Barbara Jean; Johnson, Earl M.; Kea, Lois Garvin; Kirkland, Woodie; Knowles, Jacquelyn Pollard; Knowles, Malachi; Marshall, Mary Jane Perkins; Mays, Betty Wester; McCray, Elder Herman C. Jr.; McKain, Marguerite W.; McRae, Elois Madison; Merchant, Bennie; Montgomery, Adolphus; Morrison, Eddie Nealy, Napoleon; Perry, Calvin; Pleasant, Margaret Braswell; Powell,

Clarence; Rhoden, Ora Jean Hines; Robinson, John Henry; Rolle, Yvonne; Rozier, Gilbert Donald; Sampson, Frank Leonard Jr.; Sampson, Lerlene Padgett; Sermon, Loretta Wright; Seymore, Castoria;

Sigler, Gloria Matthews; Singleton, Johnny; Smith, Mattie Higgins; Spradley, Rufus; Sweeting, Lucille Young; Taylor, Henry Arthur; Thomas, Thelma; Veasy, Minnie Godfrey and Victor, Deloris French. Sonny - we missed you! Planning has

begun for the next celebration! SEE YOU THE NEXT TIME!





