



# ALLEN FAMILY NEWSLETTER 2014

“Allen Family Footsteps and Footprints”

March 2014

## Eugene Allen - The Butler

Charles Allen-In Rewind 2013

### Lets talk about.....

- Charles Allen (2013 in Rewind)
- Movie premiere
- Big Screen
- Book signing
- Olender Foundation Awards
- NAACP Image
- Irene Chambers Jackson



It's been a stellar year for the Allen Family with the making and release of the movie Lee Daniels "The Butler"

August 5th, 2013 Charles attended one of the first premiere screenings of Lee Daniels' The Butler at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York, NY.

Later in August about 50 Allen family members joined Charles to view The Butler on the big screen in Bowie, MD afterwards we went to a nearby restaurant to celebrate. That was an exciting time for all of us.

The book signing was in October at Poets and Prose Book store in DC. Gwen Long and Lynda Norris joined Charles Allen to hear Wil Haygood (author of The Butler) speak on the making of the book at this standing room only event. We were able to get our books signed by Wil Haygood, Shelia Johnson and General Rashon (Chief Usher at The White House) Little known fact - Denzel Washington was an unofficial advisor to the movie..

In December 2013 some family members attended The 28th Annual Olender Foundation Awards held at the Kennedy Center. Unsung Hero 2014 Eugene Allen Represented by his

son Charles Allen and Presented by Wil Haygood. The evening started with dinner at the Ancora Restaurant and then awards show at the Kennedy Center. Charles in turn donated the monetary award to Cardozo High School. In February Charles attended the NAACP Image Awards in Pasadena, Ca. where The Butler won 2 awards. THE BUTLER gets recognized at the Oscars! Salley Fields gives a tribute to Ordinary Hero's. Charles said this has been a beautiful moment for the Allen Family.

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### Irene Chambers Jackson

I think it was the summer of 2012 Barbara, daughter of John Robert Allen along with granddaughter Gwen and grandson Wayne ,visited with Irene (she is the daughter of Willie) Willie is the sister of John Robert Allen. Irene has a lovely home and yard in Esmont, Va..where she resides with her daughter Wanda. Her other daughter Jackie lives near by. From her front porch we laughed and listened as she took us back to a time that only she could recall. They are some of the most beautiful people you could ever meet. After all they are family. Thank you Irene for all of your stories of our family. Thank you for the picture of Albert and Sophie from the late 1800's. This is now a family treasure that all of the Allen Family will be able to cherish. Thank you for your foresight to know the importance of preserving and for Jackie and Wanda who safely guarded it for this time in life.





**NAACP IMAGE AWARDS**



**Charles with  
Cathy Hughes  
and Tom Joyner**

**Allen Family Reunion Details**

**Saturday, July 26th 2014 11am-9pm**

**James River Inn, Buckingham, Virginia**

**Cost per adult \$40**

**Cost per child age 6-12: \$25**

**Children under 6 free**

Includes: Southern fried chicken, grilled smoked sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, toss salad, fresh fruit bowl, desserts, ice tea, and lemonade

Deadline for payment is June 15th (No refunds)

Please make checks payable to: Dorothy Jones  
2142 Victoria Court, Bowie, MD 20721

Questions or Concerns: contact: Gwen Long  
301.741.1337 or Janet Mullen 301.367.4882

**Back Page Story- Celebrating Our Youth**

**Alisha Johnson** graduated in 2011 from Morgan State University with a Masters Degree in Art/Education. We salute you! (daughter of Joseph Johnson) granddaughter of Dorothy Johnson Jones

**Yusuph Allen Johnson, III**, 16 years old is a junior at Fairmont Heights High School in Riverdale, MD. Joseph speaks fluent French, Japanese and Spanish. Yusuph is also trained in Russian. (son of Joseph Johnson) grandson of Dorothy Johnson Jones

**Justin Wright** 16 years old he is a sophomore at DeMatha HS. In

Hyattsville, MD. He participates in crew, wrestling, singing, and has an interest in aviation. (son of Talithia Long-Palmer) grandson of Gwen Norris-Long)

**Jasiah Allen** 8 years old she attends Mary C. Greer Elementary in Albemarle County, Va., she enjoys singing and dancing. (daughter of Portia Allen) granddaughter of Wayne and Nan

◆ **Please send me information /picture on the young person in your life and I will place it in the next newsletter. Let's**

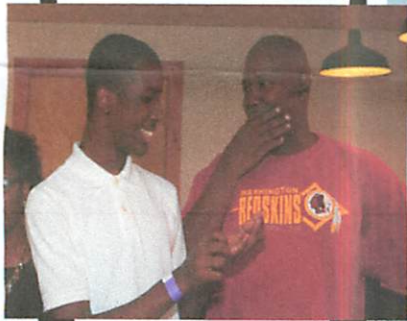
**support our youth.**

◆ **We are still working on the Allen Family Cookbook. Email me your recipes and family pictures. We pray that with the help of Charles we get the book published.**

◆ **Thank you Clasteen and Eugene Scott for all your support.**

**Blessings,**

**The Allen Family Committee**



**Yuseff Johnson with his father Joseph Johnson at 2013 family reunion. Alisha Johnson (bottom)**



## Family Connections "Down Under"

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I now know that the purpose for taking this journey to Australia was not just for fun; it was to be united with my first cousin, Linwood Allen, the son of Carlton Allen. Half-way around the world, God cleverly orchestrated our connection. While I was taking pictures, I overheard the conversation between a tall, handsome stranger and our celebrity traveler, Frank Ski (WHUR). We quickly learned that we were both from the Annapolis area, and as he said that his last name was Allen, I knew we were related! I told him we were first cousins because his dad and my mom were siblings. What started out as a meeting with a friendly stranger turned out to be an Allen Family Reunion in Australia! This is what I call DIVINE INTERVENTION.

Much love and blessings, Lynda

### Allen Family Committee Members

President-Gwen Long

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Secretary-Kelly Snowden

Co-Secretary-Barbara Norris-Chapman

Treasurer-Dorothy Jones

Co-treasurer-Juanita Cabell

Chaplin-Kathi Norris

Historian-Wayne Allen

### Auxiliary Members

GeMary Allen

Angel Snowden

Elma Gates

### Satellite Member

ToJoe Jackson

*\*We welcome Elma Gates, our newest member. Elma is the daughter of Carlton and Audrey Allen*

### Events

◆ Mini Capitol Tour-Saturday, April 26, 2014

◆ Annual Yard and Bake Sale-Saturday, May 10, 2014

Where: 5967 Tyler Rd, Deale MD 20751 8am-2pm

◆ Allen Family Christmas Dinner Party-Saturday, December 6, 2014

Where: Pirates Cove, Galesville, MD (on the water-seating is limited)

### Noteworthy News

Our Family Tree is in the works! We currently have over 260 names on the tree. Janet Mullen is currently hard at work on it.

Leon "Boss" Tucker, son of Kathi Norris, recently received a personal letter from President Barack Obama thanking him for 3+ years of dedicated service in our nation's Peace Corps. Leon served faithfully in Mongolia and is now back safely at home with us. Thanks, Leon for making our family proud!

### A Word of Thanks

Special thanks to everyone who contributed and helped to make the newsletter possible. Let's stay connected.

Special thanks to Clasteen Gray and Eugene Scott for valuable information

### **And the last word goes to...**

*A family is a living thing; much like a garden. Effort must be made to understand it. Care must be given in tending it. Then it grows lush and provides nourishment for both the body and the soul. —Maya Angelou*

Warmest regards,

Allen Family Committee