

OUR FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE FAMILY COMMITTEE

The purpose of a Family newsletter is to keep the Allen family updated on the events and share greetings across the miles. We encourage each member of the family to send your events, celebrations and pictures to:

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Send us stories about your life, your children's activities, your travel plans, or whatever you want to share with the family! We want to hear from everyone.

PAST EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- Centenarian Birthday Celebration was given for Ms. Bessie Patterson Moore on 11/22/2015. She is the mother of Betty & Michael Moore and a member of the Patterson side of the Family Tree.
- Mrs. Dorothy Lee Jones celebrated her 80th birthday at Collington Life Care Center, Mitchellville, MD in the Banquet Room, given on November 21, 2015. We enjoyed a seated dinner and ended the afternoon going down memory lane, toasting, singing and music from the 60's and 70's. Childhood friends also attended.
- Ms. Janet Mullen celebrated her 70th Birthday with family and friends in January 2016.
- Ms. Nancy Jackson Thomas celebrated her 70th Birthday last year on April 29.
- Christmas Family dinner at Rips Country Inn, Bowie, MD on Saturday December 12th. We enjoyed the fellowship of family and friends, grab bag exchange and of course good food.
- Yusuph Johnson was presented the Allen Family Scholarship.
- ♣ The Thomas Jefferson trip to Monticello was held in the fall of 2015. A Blessed time of fellowship and meal was had by all who attended.
- Special Thanks to Rhonda Dyer for putting together the Allen family directory.



The Kennedy Center 2015 Oleander Awards
Ceremony - Janet Mullen, Gwen Long and Linda
Norris accompanied Charles Allen on
December 5, 2015 in support of
Wil Haygood author of "The Butler"

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ✓ Family Reunion July 23, 2016 at the West River Center (Flyer in the mail)
- ✓ Myrtle Beach September 8, 9 & 10th (Flyer in the mail)
- ✓ October visit the new African American Museum in Washington, DC (Flyer to be mailed)

!!THE FAMILY IS GROWING!!

- Johnnie Jackson daughter, Jacqueline Carter
- Cecile Allen's daughter
- Pam & Kenny Greene's son
 - Andre & Jasmin Turner



All are expecting babies

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITION

We thank God for our young people and their accomplishments. We pray for their continued success, happiness and prosperity.

- Leon Tucker, son of Kathi Norris is looking towards graduating from the University of Maryland where he has earned his Master Degree.
- Yusuph A. Johnson son of Joseph & LaQuetta Johnson is currently attending Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD where he is majoring in communication/journalism. Yusuph is the grandson of Dorothy Jones.
- ♣ Justin Wright graduates in May 2016 from Dematha and Douglas High Schools prospectively. Justin is looking forward to attending college on a scholarship in the fall majoring in Aviation. He is the grandson of Gwen & Van Long.
- Jovan Jackson a ninth grader at Gwynn Park High School received an Honor Roll award for "Outstanding Academic Achievement" in February 2016. Jovan is the granddaughter of Janet Mullen.
- Ebony Turner graduated in May 2015 from Maurice J. McDonough High School and is attending Hampton University where she made the Dean's List. Ebony is the daughter of Paul and Monique Turner.
- Life Event Sammy Snowden son of Kelly Snowden moved to New Haven, New York on 4/1/16 on a new business adventure. We ask everyone to pray for him. Thank You!!!
- Alisha Johnson, daughter of Joseph & LaQuetta Johnson, teacher, Choptank Elementary, Cambridge, MD. Her career has excelled beyond Fine Arts. Alisha is also a Lead Teacher/Site Leader for Science, Technology, Engineering, art & Math program. She will be attending the B.O.O.S.T. Conference in Palm Springs, CA, later this month. (Fine Arts Degree Major & Masters of Art, Teaching & Urban education).



Yusuph A. Johnson son of Joseph & LaQuetta Johnson



Fred Crenshaw III (Freddie) is beginning another season of cricket (British baseball). He is one of the original players in WAMS, the first middle school cricket league in the U.S. Last season, Fred was the MVP of the championship team. Fred plays for Kenmoor Middle School in Landover MD. He is the son of Fred & Joni Crenshaw & grandson of R. Juanita Cabell



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Feel free to support the committee in its efforts to keep the family updated and together - Send Donations to Janet M. Mullen, Treasurer - 8003 Boundary Drive, Forestville, MD 20747