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DRUID HEIGHTS Spotlight

In our continued efforts to salute individuals in the community who are making significant contributions, *The Trumpet* salutes 7 congregations and clergy persons who are shining their lights in Druid Heights.



Father Ray Bomberger was born 1944 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Baptized in St. Gabriel's Church in nearby Stowe, Pennsylvania, he went to its parish school and graduated from St. Pius X High School in Pottstown in 1962. Ordained in 1971, he was Novice Master for five years at Mary Immaculate Novitiate in Newburgh, New York beginning in 1976. For the next four succeeding years he spent a year each in Louisiana (St. Peter Claver, New Orleans), Delaware (Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Clayton), Washington, D.C. (Incarnation), and back to Delaware (Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Clayton). For the next 15 years Father Bomberger was in Houston, Texas, where he was novice master at Mary Immaculate Novitiate and pastor at St. Francis Xavier. During this time he was rector of St. Joseph's Seminary from 1991-1993. Father Bomberger was pastor at Corpus Christi and Epiphany parishes in New Orleans for eight years and for the last three years he has been pastor at **St. Peter Claver & St. Pius V Parish** in Baltimore. Druid Heights CDC and the residents of the community would like to thank Father Ray for opening the door for more than 100 children at summer camp.



Reverend Alston Jacobs
"Built As A Lighthouse On A City Street Corner in Baltimore", **St. Katherine's of Alexandria Episcopal Church** welcomed to the congregation our thirteenth Rector in 2009, The Reverend Alston A. Jacobs. Father Jacobs was born in Antigua in the West Indies. He is married with two adult children. Father Jacobs was trained for the priesthood at Codrington College in Barbados and was ordained Priest at St. John's Cathedral in Antigua in July 1976. In 1986 he received his B.A. in theology from Somerset University (England); and in 1990 he received his M.A. Rel. Ed. from St. Mary's Seminary (Baltimore). He was installed as Canon of St. John's Cathedral (Antigua) in 1997. During his years in ministry, Father Jacobs has served at several parishes and served on local and regional councils in the West Indies. Fr. Jacobs came to St. Katherine after serving at St. Martin - SS.Simon & St. Jude with SS. Phillip & James and St. Barthelemy. For the past eighteen years this church has hosted to community's summer camp program. Father Jacobs takes pride and joy in watching the children from the community learn and have fun in the safety of the church's rectory. Father Jacobs encourages growth, outreach, and spiritual development where all can experience the presence and love of Christ.



Reverend Dr. Qismat Alim
The Reverend Dr. A. Qismat Alim is a native of Hartford, Connecticut. Rev. Alim received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut, her Master of Arts Degree from St. Mary's Seminary and the University of Baltimore, Maryland, a Master of Science Degree in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland and Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio with an emphasis on Pastoral Care and Counseling. In May 2005 she was appointed to serve the Historic **Payne Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church** in Baltimore, Maryland, her current pastorate. Dr. Alim is a member of the Board of Examiners and instructor for the Baltimore Conference. She is the grateful mother of a son (a physician), a daughter (an Eastman graduate classical vocalist) and Nana to her grandchildren Morgan, Jordan and Justice Trinity. Under her leadership, the church provides a myriad of services and outreach programs. Dr. Alim offers a warm heart and generous hand to that extends beyond the walls of the church.



Pastor Joel Kurz leads **The Garden Church** by teaching, vision casting, leadership development, and community involvement. Prior to working with The Garden, Joel graduated from Spurgeon College in 2003 with a B.A. in Biblical Studies, and worked on pastoral staff for five years as a youth pastor at Greensboro Baptist Church in Maryland. He has lived in Baltimore City since July of 2008, the same year he opened the door to the Garden Church. Joel and his wife, Jess, have three children, Jady, Eden, and Haddon. Some of his works includes hosting a "God and Hip-Hop" group discussions for young people in the community and leading a "Trail of Tears" to commemorate the victims of murder. The community residents attend the Free Markets the ministry provides regularly. Pastor Joel has compassion and commitment to the families of the community and avails himself to anyone who needs a helping hand and an understanding heart.



Reverend Dr. Kevin Daniels
For the past ten years, Dr. Kevin Daniels, Pastor of **St. Martin Church of Christ**, has served as a catalyst for change touching and transforming the lives of countless numbers of individuals throughout the 44th District of Baltimore to include the communities of Madison Park, Druid Heights, Reservoir Hill, and Sandtown. Further, Dr. Daniels serves as an Assistant Professor at the esteemed

Upcoming Community Meetings

Sat., February 23, 2013
Black History Month Celebration
@1:00 p.m.

Sat., March 23, 2013 @1:00 p.m.
Sat., April 27, 2013 @1:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Community Clean Pitch In Dates

Sat., March 30, 2013
(Roll off on 500 Laurens Street)

Thurs., July 18, 2013
(Roll off in the Alley on 1900 Druid Hill Avenue)

Tues., October 29, 2013
(Roll off on Division & Baker Sts.)

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Morgan State University's Department of Social Work; Active Member of Madison Park Community Association; Board President of Communities Organized to Improve Life, Inc.; Board member of The Walbrook Maritime Academy; and member of the Maryland Judiciary Review Board. Dr. Daniels holds many positions of importance; however, he holds most firmly and dear to his heart the well-being of Baltimore's communities, continually dedicating time and talent to its revitalization. He is a Board member of Druid Heights CDC and he is overseeing the development of the Franklin Entrepreneurial and Apprenticeship Center. Under his leadership, the church has developed 40 new businesses and a business roundtable. Dr. Daniels is a visionary who stresses the importance of unity in the community. Dr.



Daniels is a visionary in the community who stresses the importance of "unity in the community." He can be heard each Sunday afternoon from 12:15 until 1:15 p.m. on WWIN 1400 AM Radio.

Elder Clyde Harris and Mrs. Amelia Harris
Newborn Holistic Ministries, Inc.

a non-profit 501 C 3 organization, emerged from the Newborn Holiness Church in July of 1996 led by Elder Harris. Their mission is to preserve and enrich the Upton and Sandtown community life by providing services that enable residents to meet their material, social, and spiritual needs. The

Newborn Holistic Ministry provides shelter for women at the Marth's Place; housing for women, arts, clayworks and dance at the Jubilee Arts Center and the Strength for Love program for ex-offenders. Elder Harris and his wife, Amelia, volunteered as Mr. and Mrs. Santa for the Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street program and are consistently reaching out to residents in the community to provide care and support.



Pastor Saura Morgan Holly was born to the union of Elder and Mother Richard L. Morgan of Baltimore, Maryland. She is a native Baltimorean who has chosen to make a change in an inner city environment as well as touching lives throughout the world through ministry. Pastor Morgan-Holley yielded to the call of ministry in 1995, and in 1999 was consecrated as Evangelist under the Bibleway Churches World Wide Inc., and Apostle

Franklin C. Showell. In the year of 2005 she was appointed by God to establish the **Greater Manifestation Worship and Praise Ministry Inc.**, Church Of The Lord Jesus Christ and serves in covenant fellowship with the New Beginnings Fellowship Churches Inc., Bishop Darnell Leach. She received her degree and other biblical educational training throughout the State of Maryland. The community can rely on Greater Manifestation for food and clothing giveaways. Thanks to this great union of congregations, and the leadership of Pastor Holly, the church as a beacon of light in Druid Heights.

Executive Director's Corner

Kelly D. Little

HELLO NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS Residents Coming Together as One in 2013

I would like to commend and congratulate all staff, volunteers, and active community members of Druid Heights CDC and The Druid Heights Community for another successful year. 2012 held tremendous memories for us all from participation in the Mayor's Clean Community Competition to successful graduates of the We Can Achieve GED Program.

In 2012, we have had many community residents step up in the efforts of community beautification, cleaning and environmental stewardship. We continue to encourage community resident involvement in upcoming events and activities. Make it your civil duty to attend as many Community Meetings as possible in 2013 to have your voice heard! We will be conducting a survey to find out how to improve our neighborhood. General questions will be asked like: What would you like to see as an addition to the Druid Heights Neighborhood this year?, How can we make this a safer environment for our children? And, do we need more programs for our youth? Your opinion on this survey will help make the positive difference we need as a community.

There will be major improvement in safety and stability through the return of the Druid Heights Community Peace Patrol. In addition, all returning and new programs will be discussed at each Community Meeting.

I am looking forward to a good year.

Community residents, GET ACTIVE! Our Community, Our Responsibility! Let's Keep Druid Heights on the rise. Our increased participation and support will cause more residents to come together as one this year.

SENIOR LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Eight seniors and their guests, all of whom were first time cruisers, enjoyed a trip on the seas aboard the Carnival-Cruise Line's Carnival Pride. On October 7, 2012, they traveled from Baltimore on to Grand Turk Island, Half Moon Cay, The Bahamas, and Freeport. While sailing, there was lots to see and participate in on the ship. As advertised, it is a floating city with exceptional dining, The Captain's Ball, cocktail hour and sales galore. The seniors were so enthusiastic that they have asked to sail again. They next sail will be leaving for Bermuda in 2014.

3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA



The Honorable Larry Young served as Master of Ceremonies for the 3rd Annual Christmas Cantata on Saturday, December 22, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This annual event took place at St. Martin Church located at 2118 Madison Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland. The program featured a variety of talent uniting to raise money and awareness for the upcoming Franklin Entrepreneurial and Apprenticeship Center. (FEAC) FEAC is a joint partnership with the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation and St. Martin Church. The center is coming to the corner of Madison Avenue and Gold Street. Druid Heights CDC and St. Martin Church intends to transform this

existing structure into a haven for artists of all disciplines, training in trades, skill development and, entrepreneurial and apprenticeship opportunities. This amazing facility will light up the northeast corner of the community and, most importantly, create approximately 300 jobs. We thank everyone who joined us in celebrating the holidays.

The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore City, spoke at the Cantata.



... WHAT'S NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD! ...

YOUTH FYI's

Youth Works Registration

January 2 - March 15, 2013

12 available positions for the summer.
Inquire with Office of Community Resources.

Application:
youthworks.oedworks.com

Must have valid email address and provide social security number

For Resume Assistance see Tavon Benson or Shaleece Williams
Mon.-Fri. 2pm-5pm

We Can Achieve

Out of 20 students, 4 excelled and progressed from Pre-GED to GED Courses. There were no fees for any of the students during the semester.

1st Cohort for 2013 Pre-GED & GED Courses January 14, 2013 - April 22, 2013.

G*SQUAD Step Team

Monday, April 15, 2013

G*SQUAD Open Registration Begins at 5pm for Middle School Girls Grade 6-8 interested in Dance, Stepping, & Modeling

Thank You

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous support for our wonderful programs.

- Abell Foundation
- Drescher Foundation
- Verizon Foundation
- Home Depot #2501
- Home Depot #2577
- Mel's Liquor
- Maryland Institute College of the Arts/Professor Allison Yasukawa
- The Larry Young Morning Show
- State Senator Verna Jones
- Sisters Together & Reaching, Inc.
- Mr. & Mrs. Dennis and Nicole Drake/Property Owner
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Joe Squared Pizza
- Mrs. Virginia Rollins and Mrs. Laura Scott

QUANTUM TRAVELS NORTH - to New York, New Jersey and Newtown, Connecticut

The original plan that started in the month November was for this group of high school students from Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts (AFSIVA) to represent their school and their after school program (Quantum) and travel to New York to assist during the relief efforts following the catastrophe that was Hurricane Sandy. Sadly, with the large group size and the ages of the students presenting difficulties in partnering with relief organizations, it became obvious that the students would have to find another way to give back. While the students brainstormed ways to serve, even coming up with a "Quantum's Toys for Joys" toy



give away at a Hospital in the state of New Jersey where we would be staying, a tragic situation captured headlines around the world: 26 people including 20 first graders were tragically slain while attending school at Sandy Hook Elementary School in in Newtown, Connecticut.

The Quantum students had the opportunity to visit Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum in Times Square and even attended a Brooklyn Nets professional basketball game to end the trip, but two things really stuck with them: the overwhelming sadness that enveloped the dozens of people standing there with us when placing our memorial with the hundreds of other memorials that lay in remembrance for the lives lost in Newtown AND the much needed warmth and happiness that occurred when passing out toys to infants and toddlers at the Meadowlands Hospital in Secaucus, New Jersey. Service and triumph in the face of tragedy... THAT'S what Quantum means to us.

DRUID HEIGHTS RE-ENTRY

On Wednesday, December 19, 2012, The Druid Heights Women Re-Entry Program, under the direction of Case Manager Bettye Alston, honored seven outstanding women who have worked long and hard to become the program's first graduates. The Druid Heights Re-Entry Program works with women/men who were formally incarcerated and are now transitioning back into the community to provide support as these individuals transform into productive members of society. Photographed from left to right are Sonceray Rice, Terri Austin, Michele Figueroa, Ms. Bettye Alston, Case Manager, Valencia Alston, India George, Konica Rice and Tawanda Williams.

