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5th Ward Alderman

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### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS MOST FIRST & THIRD MONDAYS**

City Chambers second floor –  
8:30pm. Meetings are aired live  
on Cable T.V. Channel 16.

### **5TH WARD MEETINGS 3RD THURSDAYS OF EVERY MONTH**

Fleetwood Jourdain Community  
Center. Meetings start at 7pm.

### **CITY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

“The City of Evanston is committed to promoting the highest quality of life for all residents by providing fiscally sound, responsive municipal services and delivering those services equitably, professionally with the highest degree of integrity.”

### **VISION STATEMENT**

“Creating the most livable City in America.”  
We in the FIFTH WARD will do our best to help fulfill both of these.

## **From the Alderman**

The huge turnout for the March meeting was expected and welcomed. The anticipation of something new and exciting coming to the Dodge/Church corridor brought many Ward members including Church/Dodge merchants, investors, business owners, social advocates, and other, passionate community members; it was a full house.

“*Project Beacon*” is the property at 1911-17 Church Street. It was purchased by *Tawani Enterprises* and they were the first presenters. *Mark Lavender and Mary Parthe*, of Tawani Enterprises, and *Seth Green, Executive Director of Y.O.U.* did the honors. Tawani’s plan is to convert the property into an educational and cultural center. Y.O.U. will be the anchor tenant and will move their offices to the building and along with some programming. Several members of the Y.O.U. Board of Directors attended the meeting to gain, firsthand, an understanding of how the Y.O.U. would be received in the community. There was good dialogue that included many questions, some suggestions, and some concerns, but mainly there was excitement about the possibilities of how this can help change the area.

The second presentation was from *Kevin Brown, Program Manager* of the *Youth and Young Adult Division* for the *City of Evanston*. *Porschia Davis, Assistant Manager* and *Outreach Workers* were also present. Kevin shared an update on the *Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program*, which includes the “Youth Job Fair”, which will be held on April 19, 2014 and for the first time will be at E.T.H.S. Also provided was information about the 50/50 program which allows local employers to hire youth and then be reimbursed for 50% of their wages. Kevin also shared some exciting results regarding the Building Career Pathways to Sustainable Employment Program and the Expungement Project.

## **Together We Will Get It Done!**



## SAVE THE DATE

**April 27, 2014 — 120th Anniversary of Mount Zion M.B. Church**, 1113 Clark Street, Evanston, IL.60201

**Sunday, May 4, 2014 - Family Focus Annual Fundraiser** from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at 2010 Dewey Avenue in Evanston. For ticket price and more details, please visit [www.family-focus.org](http://www.family-focus.org).

**May 17, 2014 - Operation Evanston Award Ceremony** for Veterans who served Honorably outside of the United States The American Legion Post 42 and VFW William Snell Post 7186 would like to honor your service. Contact Comdr. James B. Brusek of the American Legion at [CommanderPost42@yahoo.com](mailto:CommanderPost42@yahoo.com).

**Saturday, May 31, 2014 - Evanston Public Library** 3:00 pm North of Chicago: African Americans in the North Shore, presented by **Shorefront**.

### Community Services

for extensive list, visit:

[www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org)

### City of Evanston

Contact the City of Evanston for all of your service needs by calling 3-1-1.

Or 847-448-4311

### Services

Fleetwood-Jourdain Center  
847-448-8254

Hispanic / Latino Outreach  
847-866-0319

Minority Bus. Asst./MBE Coord.  
847-448-8104

Youth Engagement Coordinator  
847-448-8049

## CONGRATULATIONS

- **Fleetwood/Jourdain**, Annual Women's Day Luncheon, March 5, 2014.
- **Christ Temple M.B. Church's** 29th Anniversary, March 2014, Write The Vision.

## 5th Ward Committees

### 5th Ward Meeting Organizing

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- Emerson Grill. Inc.** - 1608 Emerson Street - 1-847-859-6293

## CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Janet Alexander Davis is working on a writing project for **Shorefront Journal** and she's looking for other writers to work with her on the project. If you like to write and would like to be a part of this, please contact Janet directly at:  
[jalexan801@aol.com](mailto:jalexan801@aol.com). Thanks!

# TRANSITIONS

**Icelia L. Archer**— leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Shelita (Randy); her grandchildren, Vincent L, Craig T (her Bear), Jayda R and Jasmine R; and great-grandchildren, Ajanay and Vincent Jr. Her sisters, Patricia (Hurvie), Charlene (H. Lamont), and Caryl (Lloyd). Her God-daughter/niece, Tracey, a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends. A brother-in-law, Grady Jr. A dear friend, Minnie Northcut. A surrogate Mom, Catherine McKnight.

**Patricia Britton Black**— Daughter of the late Corrine Brooks, Stepdaughter of Alvin Brooks, Mother of Jeffery Black, Sister of the Late Shirley Britton Davis-Morrissey.

**Denzil Barrington Burke**— made his transition from this life on Monday March 10, 2014. Cherishing the memory of his life are his loving friend, Rose Wesby; former wife, Cynthia Burke; his children, Oret, Barbara, Jacqueline Taylor (Seymour), Claire Johnson (Albert), Diane, Franz and Michael; step-daughters, Sonia Whyte and Rosemarie Orgill; his brothers, Arnold Douglas, Norman and Alvin; his sister, Sadie Ebirim (Peggy); grandchildren, Keshan Burke, Danielle Burke, Kamilah Burke, Anthony Green, Djanielle Taylor, Jason Taylor, Brandon Taylor, Natani Burke, Yonathan Burke and David Richards; two great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

**James Alex Calhoun**— is survived by his faithful and loving wife, Gladis, who was always at his side; his children, James Anthony, Jason Ajani, Jonathan Andre, Michael, Deborah, Brigetta, Deshaun and Stephanie; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; niece, Sandra and nephew, Anye; 1 great-niece and 3 great-nephews; devoted and loving cousins, Fred and Leila; and a host of relatives and friends.

**John Henry Frye**— was preceded in death by his mother, Cornelia (Gilly) Frye. Those left to celebrate and cherish his life are his father, John G. Frye, Jr.; a devoted sister, Margaret (Frye) Ransom (Conyers); sons, Jason and Jared Frye; niece, Brianna; granddaughters, Daneh and Amelia; former wives, Joann Frye and Shirley Frye; and a host of devoted relatives, friends, and church family.

**George M. Griffin**— was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen, November 7, 2013. He leaves to rejoice in his memory a son, Michael P. Fuller (Sheila); two granddaughters, Mishelle (Duane) Braithwaite and Jessica Fuller, of Atlanta, GA; sister-in-law, Virginia Griffin; a great-niece, Kaisha Griffin; a great-nephew, Lorenzo Griffin; and a host of family and friends.

**Karen Lynn Harmon**— was preceded in death by her mother, Mattie Jean Harmon; father, Roosevelt Jackson; sister, Cheryl Elaine; brother, William "Bobo" Jr.; and loving niece, Diane Marie Harmon. She leaves to cherish her memory one son, DaJuan Harmon; father, William "Bo" Harmon; sisters, Deborah Ann Jackson and Stephanie Lois Harmon; brothers, Carlos Davis, Don Eric Davis, Robert Jackson, Vernon Davis, and Tony Harmon (Angela); 19 nieces and nephews; 25 great-nieces and nephews; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and an extension of lifelong friends that will surely miss her.

**Peggy Ann Mills**— left to cherish in her memories her children, Gwendolyn and James Hopkins and Sharon and Kevin Mills; her siblings, Gloria Thompson, Rosie Wright, Samuel Walker and Linda Banks; 30 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; six of her siblings; her children, Bernard Mills, Freddie Ann Hopkins and Charles Mills Jr.; and the love of her life, Charles Mills Sr.

**Jakariah Portia Patterson**— gentle spirit will be missed by her devoted mother, Karla S. Patterson-White; brother, Dremone Patterson; grandmother, Carmelita Patterson; grandfather, Glenroy White; uncles, Andre and Ramone, Glenroy White Jr., and Anthony Scott; aunts, Keyanna, Keisha and Natasha White, and Kim Jarrett; great-aunts, Daphne, Marilyn and Dionne "Nicky" Patterson and Michelle White-Gayle; and a host of other family members and friends.

**Darryl Stallings, Sr.**— was preceded in death by his father, LD Roosevelt Stallings. He leaves to cherish his memories, a loving wife, Joan Stallings; his mother, Lula

Gray; three daughters, LaTasha James, Stephanie James, and Sarah Overcash; two sons, Darryl Stallings, Jr. and Josha Overcash; four grandchildren, Jorlyn, Kevin, Cedar, and Jasper; two sisters, Deborah Stallings and Tina Brown; one niece, Kena Hodges; one nephew, Stanton Turner; one great-nephew, Kristian Hodges; four aunts and three uncles; Ruth and Lloyd, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law; his first wife, Jeannie James; and a host of cousins and friends.

**Thelma Sutton Washington**— was preceded in death by her parents, Jonas and Zelline Sutton; Son, William Whiteside Jr.; Sisters, Mildred W. Childs, Josephine Maupin, Tenell Barton, and Mary Lee Cosby; Brother, James E. Sutton; Husband, Jesse Washington. She leaves to cherish her memories and celebrate her Homegoing, a loving sister, Louise Strong; 2 granddaughters, Sharon Whiteside and Charmaine Walker (Rev. Frank Walker); 5 great-grandsons, Paris A. Foxx, Aron Whiteside, Pierre J. Foxx, Christopher Whiteside, and Calvin Whiteside Jr.; 14 great-great-grandchildren; great-niece, Angelique Brown and Family; great-nephew, Byron Bennett; great-nephew, Kevin; great-nephew, Rhone; great-nephew, Michael Sutton; Monique Cokley, from Arizona; a hosts of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

**Clara Mae Wright**— leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Rose L. Mottley, Gloria Doby (Henry), and Carrie Mae McBride, all of Evanston, IL; daughter-in-law, Lillie Wright of Bellwood, IL; sisters, Josie, Mattie, and Climmie; brother, Timothy; grandchildren, Robert Knight, Patrick Wright, Rufus Mottley, Robert Wright, Henry Doby III, Dewitt Brown, Melinda Knight, Lawanda Knight, Leon Wright, Sam Wright Jr., Lucile Wright, Karyn Wright, Terry Wright, Lee Arthur Wright, Michael Wright, Jackie Wright and Terressa Wright; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and dear friends.

## BLOCK CLUBS

### **BROWN NEIGHBORS**

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### **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

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### **HOVLAND NEIGHBORS**

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## READING THE SIGNS

By: Ina Sherman, CADC, Chapman Center, NorthShore University Healthsystem

Most of us know someone in our social circle who often boasts that he/she can really hold their liquor. We might have actually been impressed by the amount they can consume without seeming intoxicated or experiencing negative consequences. But in a study published in March 2013, researchers found that this "talent" is really just a short term benefit that is a sign of trouble ahead!

People who have a "normal" reaction to alcohol feel its effects, such as dizziness or lack of inhibition, and stop because they feel sick, or even embarrassed about their resulting behavior. But individuals who have a low response to alcohol, need to drink more to feel the desired effect, and often develop tolerance along the way. Tolerance is a physiological response to a mood altering substance which requires someone to increase their consumption to feel "high."

The study mentioned above showed that participants who were identified as low responders, or in possession of the proverbial "wooden leg," drank an average of 24 drinks a week - well above the recommended limit which for men is two drinks per day, and one a day for women. That same group also reported fewer immediate consequences like being hung over the day after drinking, passing out or neglecting responsibilities at work or school. While these individuals might consider this "lucky," researchers found that this predicted a higher rate of alcohol dependence later on in life because the lack of consequences despite heavy use allows them to continue this pattern of drinking longer than is considered healthy. This ability was also found to be most common in those with a family history of alcohol abuse, confirming that genetics play a big part in predicting addictive behavior.

The director of the study, William Corbin PhD, therefore suggested that people who can hold their liquor are "really the ones we're most worried about." So - read the signs and avoid the possible hazards down the road!

## MINOUCHIC BOUTIQUE RESALE, SPECIALTY & NEW - 'QUALITY FOR LESS

Minouchic Boutique is an upscale/high end resale store that sells fashionable and designer clothing at bargain prices. The boutique features new and used apparel for men, women and children; shoes; jewelry; accessories; Haitian art; specialty and miscellaneous items. This unique and innovative boutique provides great and friendly service in addition to unbelievable bargains. The Owner/Manager of Minouchic Boutique, Mary Toussaint, has over thirty years of experience in the retail and fashion industry. Through her expertise, she has brought a new and unique retail establishment to Evanston's 5th Ward.

The Boutique is located at **1900B Asbury Avenue in Evanston**. Its hours of operation are Monday through Friday 12-7pm, Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 12-5pm. Shop at Minouchic Boutique and receive 20-70% off selected items. Phone (847)859-2066. Like us on Facebook/minouchicboutique. Email: minouchicboutique@yahoo.com. We accept all major credit cards.

# A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER?

By Janet Alexander Davis

I have been watching, intently, for a change in the weather. Any sign at all that Old Man Winter is about to release his hold and that Spring has sprung. It appears now, that we're finally in for a thaw and the much anticipated warm-up spring always brings with her.

All winter we've had a bunny rabbit visit out backyard and feast on a tree of ours that, I guess, was obtainable and edible. It got me thinking about how other animals managed to stay fed this winter. Did they have problems getting to the ground where they may have stored food for the winter? How did the birds manage to stay fed and warm with such low temperatures? One day last month I saw a robin on the bunny rabbit's tree, just looking around, then flying off. Was this the change I'd been waiting for? Another day, 8-10 black birds swooped over our backyard and began walking across the ground with focused attention, looking for any food, left on the ground by our other backyard guests. I got so excited to see these changes, signaling Spring was indeed coming. I hope Spring brings renewed vigor to the people of Evanston, Illinois as well.

What changes have you observed in the environment and what does this change in our weather do for your disposition? We're always looking for your input so please write and let us know so we can share with our readers!

# A SAINT

By Barbara Blades

What is a saint? In the Catholic Church, saints are people who have been martyred for their faith or have proven to work miracles. April 4th was the anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As the Catholic Church prepares for the canonization of two popes in their recent history, they should consider canonizing non-Catholic saints, like Martin Luther King Jr. He performed "miracles" in his peaceful "fight" to bring equality to black Americans, in confronting white Americans and our national and local governments to change discriminatory laws. He was martyred for his crusade and for his belief that **all** men (and women) are created equal. In my mind, he is "king" among many religious and non-religious "saints", who by their leadership and humanitarian actions deserve to be called saints.

# SENIOR REFLECTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

By Iris Bolden



There is an often heard expression, "When life hands you lemons you, make lemonade", and there is certainly truth to that statement. We will always, always have challenges - personal ones, professional ones and, most recently, political ones. But challenges allow us to find out what we're made of. . . to dig down deep inside to find our inner core, to find out our "true grit", so to speak. The experience itself can bring blessings and allow us to become stronger and wiser. Blessings to my Evanston and beyond friends.

# SPRING, A POEM

crafted by Anna Renee Ross

Spring, Spring, wherefore art thou?  
Have thee forsaken me and my roots?  
Shall my buds stay hidden in my boughs?  
The flowers want desperately to send forth their shoots.

Oh come and breathe your freshness and bring your warmth.  
Make water of the snow to feed the ground.  
Share with us your kind-hearted song of birds and breezes  
And offer a glimpse of that which shows us that Spring has sprung.

## Want to help with the Newsletter?

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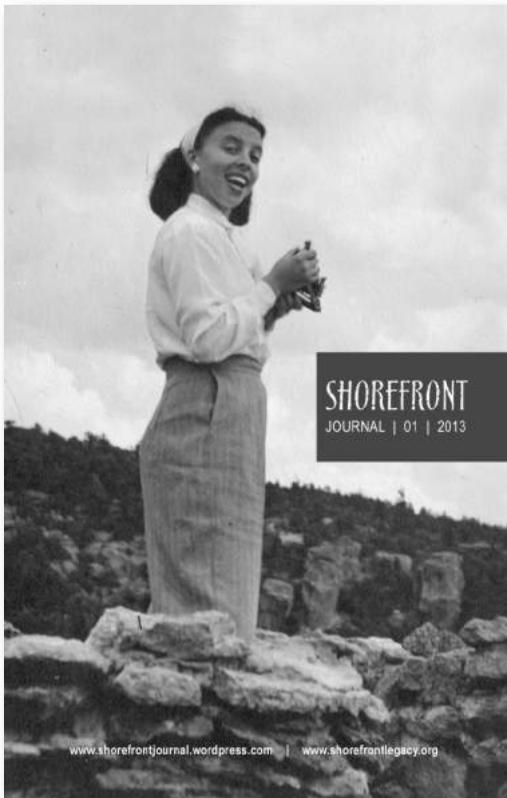
## OPERATION EVANSTON AWARD CEREMONY FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED HONORABLY OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES



The American Legion Post 42 and VFW William Snell Post 7186 would like to honor your service. If you are an Evanston veteran or former Evanston veteran who served tours of duty in foreign war zones, you are welcome to attend an Awards ceremony honoring your military service. The ceremony will be held on May 17, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Evanston Library located at 1703 Orrington Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Evanston, Illinois.

Contact Cmdr. James Brusek of the American Legion at this email:

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