

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

**SPEAK UP!**

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Serving the need for a black publication, this newsletter features several sections to share information and ideas:

**WORD ON THE STREET**, section passes along information as to what is going on in the community that can benefit or have an affect on us.

**POWER TO THE PEOPLE**, section includes employment opportunities, agency assistance, articles about training, self-help programs and any other information that can possibly empower and increase the reader's potential.

**BACK TO BLACK** History & Culture, section on local, regional and national black heritage.

**Youth News**, the opportunity for younger readers to contribute their view point.

**SPEAK UP!** The opinion and editorial section, if you have something to say, SPEAK UP!

Subscription is free and remarks are welcomed. Contact: Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. 131 West North Avenue, Martin Luther King Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, phone 301-393-9290, or visit our website: [www.blackmenwhocare.org](http://www.blackmenwhocare.org). E-mail address: [blackmencare@aol.com](mailto:blackmencare@aol.com). Pager 301-745-2000.

## WORD ON THE STREET

### **MOTA representatives are to meet with Brothers United Who Dare To Care.**

Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA) representatives will meet at the BUWDTC office Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12noon to discuss how to provide outreach and technical assistance to blacks and other minorities who have been targeted by the tobacco industry. The mission of MOTA is to facilitate involvement of minorities in local health planning and related activities in their communities, in ways that ensure the reduction of smoking and control cancer among minorities in Maryland. Susan Stewart will be on hand to help with the Mini-Grant application for MOTA funds. Please call the BUWDTC office to attend the meeting, phone 301-393-9290.

### **New website [www.blackmenwhocare.org](http://www.blackmenwhocare.org) to launch December 8<sup>th</sup> replacing [www.buwdtc.org](http://www.buwdtc.org).**

The new Brothers United Who Dare To Care website includes: web pages for BUWDTC Community Partners; the Speak Up newsletter, the Youth News page, BUWDTC organization information, a Blacks In Business listing, the Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library listing, Copier access for our Community Partners and more.

### **Year End list of activities for Brothers United Who Dare To Care.**

2002 Participated in the "2002 Western Maryland Fatherhood Conference"  
Started the Youth News section in the "Speak Up!" newsletter  
Helped to host "Buffalo Soldier Day" at the Martin Luther King Center in Hagerstown  
Started "BLACK TALK" sessions  
Began Black History literacy contest  
Granted \$7,500 from Gaming Commission to expand the "Speak Up" newsletter/website project  
Rallied at Hagerstown City Hall for the rights of black citizens  
Started "BLACK MEN WHO CARE" initiative  
Hosted "Community Partners" mixer for County Commissioners  
Set up website pages for "Community Partners"  
Helped send black teens to the Youth Leadership Institute conference  
Launched website [www.blackmenwhocare.org](http://www.blackmenwhocare.org)

# POWER TO THE PEOPLE

## **Homework Club at Asbury United Methodist Church update.**

The Homework Club at Asbury UMC provides an opportunity for assistance with schoolwork and spiritual support. The Homework Club is open to all children K-8<sup>th</sup> grade and is not limited to a given number who can participate. Homework Club time is 2:30pm to 6:30pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Asbury United Methodist Church 155 North Jonathan Street. For more information call 301-665-1747 or 301-791-0498.

## **Internet website pages for Community Partners.**

Brothers United Who Dare To Care is offering website pages to organizations that serve the black community and do not have a website. BUWDTC will give you an Internet website page at our website. December 8<sup>th</sup> visit our new website: [www.blackmenwhocare.org](http://www.blackmenwhocare.org) and see the pages we have created for other Community Partners. This program is open to all. Please contact Llew Browne or Sandi Browne for more information 301-393-9290 or email [llewsandi@msn.com](mailto:llewsandi@msn.com).

## **First Data Merchant Service is seeking the following career minded individuals:**

Contact Center Associates to provide detailed, accurate and professional response to merchants in a competent manner by investigating and resolving issues over the phone. Apply online at [www.firstdatajob.com](http://www.firstdatajob.com). First Data Merchant Services 1 Western Maryland Parkway, Hagerstown MD 21740.

**Washington County Government "POSITION AVAILABLE":** No positions are currently available. Please call the Job Hotline at 240-313-2350 (menu option 2) for inquiries or apply at the Washington County Department of Human Resources, 100 W. Washington St., Room 202, Hagerstown MD.

## **Lost Sprint phone.**

A Sprint phone with the number 301-991-0053 was found, if this is your phone, provide the type and color of the phone or a copy of your phone bill and claim it by calling 301-393-9290.

# SPEAK UP!

## **2002, what did you do?**

What did we do? We speak up! We are spreading black history and culture through out the County and the Internet community. We have helped support and encouraged the need for responsible fatherhood. We have helped young black people take a responsible lead in their lives. We gave computers and technology to those in need, not just black people, to help improve their

quality of life. We have people discussing the issues that affect black people. We helped get a white supervisor suspended from work for calling a subordinate employee a "nigger". We stood up for ourselves on the steps of Hagerstown City Hall defending our claim that the local government is not doing enough to help the black community. We convinced the Gaming Commission to help fund

our newsletter/website project, that servers the entire County. We are helping other organizations reach the Internet community. We invited the Washington County Commissioners to see how much we were able to do without their help in an effort for them to take a part in helping the black community. We were true to our mission. We are reaching our goals. 2002, what did you do?

*Andy Smith, Editor*

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for being a part of our "Community Partners" mixer: Llew & Sandi Browne, BCD Web; Gary Graves, Community Enrichment Coalition; Art Smith, Hagerstown Police Department; Paul Pittman, Head Start of Washington County; Ruth Monroe, Memorial Recreation Center; Jim Sterling, Washington County Government; Carl French, Washington County Community Mediation Center; Toni Smith & Mike Campher, Youth News editors and the members of Brothers United Who Dare To Care who were on hand to host our guest.

# Youth News

**Whatever happens to us, we will always remember** those who lost their lives for us on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This may not be much of a speech, but it is what I thought when I sang my heart out when I sang a song about September 11<sup>th</sup> and remembered how they lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by Josie Smith*

**Have your own web page posted on the Youth News website.**

December 8<sup>th</sup>, go to the new Brothers United Who Dare To Care website: [www.blackmenwhocare.org](http://www.blackmenwhocare.org) and click on the **Youth News** link for more information on how you can post your own web page. If you want to have your story, poem, drawing published in this section of the newsletter or put on the Youth News website page, submit your work to Brothers United Who Dare To Care 2<sup>ND</sup> floor 131 West North Avenue Hagerstown MD 21740 phone 301-393-9290 or visit our website: [www.blackmenwhocare.org](http://www.blackmenwhocare.org).

## *BACK TO BLACK* History & Culture

"I have been a revolutionary not because it was something I wanted to be but because I felt it was something I had to be."  
-Assata Shakur.

**Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library located in the Brothers United Who Dare To Care office. Library hours 4pm to 6pm Monday thru Thursday or by appointment call 301-393-9290. Monthly arrivals listed below:**

### **BOOKS:**

"Counseled By The Spirit" by Dr. Gertrude Dixon;  
"Incident At Harpers Ferry" by Edward Stone;  
"Please Forgive Me, God" by Sister Mary Rose McGeady;  
"Tales And Stories For Black People" edited by Toni Bambara;  
"Tropical Africa" Life World Library;  
"Negro Heritage Library Collection" encyclopedia set;  
"Free At Last – A History In Civil Rights Movement" (20 text books);  
"Black Literature For High School Students" (40 text books);  
"How To Read The Bible For All It's Worth" by Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart;  
"Healing For The Nations" by Dr. Gertrude Dixon;  
"The End To White Supremacy – four speeches" by Malcolm X;  
"Chappie – America's 1<sup>st</sup> Black General" by J. Alfred Phelps;  
"Black Genius" by Dick Russell;  
"The Brownsville Raid" by John D. Weaver;  
"Upon These Shores" edited by Scott & Shade;  
"Representing Black Men" by Blount & Cunningham;  
"Granny, Midwives and Black Women by Valerie Lee;  
"On Our Own Terms" by Leith Mullings;  
"Dark Journey" by McMillen;  
"African American Religious History" edited by Sernett;  
"African American Religion" edited by Fulop & Raboteau;  
"The New Calvacade" (2 volumes) edited by Davis, Redding & Joyce;  
"Black Union Soldiers In The Civil War" by Hargrove;  
"To Serve My Country, My Race" by Moore;  
"A Boy Lieutenant" by Bowley;  
"Men Of Color" by Gladstone

### **VIDEOS:**

"Africans In America" (4 tape set) from 1460 to 1865;  
"Ali" starring Wil Smith;  
"An Evening With Nat King Cole";

# BACK TO BLACK History & Culture

## VIDEOS: (continued)

"B.B. King – Blues Master" his style and technique;  
"Comfort Zones", "Self Esteem", "Creating Respect", "Self Talk" (Total Family 4 tape series) by Lois E. Tice,  
"Cora Unashamed" starring Ragina Taylor, Cherry Jones and CCH Pounder;  
"Denyce Graves – A Cathedral Christmas; Intelligent Heart Productions;  
"Mississippi, America" narrated by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee  
"Nat King Cole – Loved In Return";  
"Scottsboro – An American Tragedy" the 8 black youths falsely accused of rape in 1931 Alabama;  
"The Incomparable Nat King Cole";  
"Three Mo' Tenors" starring Rodrick Dixon, Victor Trent Cook and Thomas Young;

## MAGAZINES:

American Legion Nov 2002; American Photo Nov/Dec 2002; Blender Sep 2002; Christianity Today 2000, 2001 back issues; Ebony Oct, Nov 2002; Esquire Nov, Dec 2002; ESPN Jun 10, 2002; GQ Nov 2002; Latina Oct, Nov 2002; Muscle & Fitness Dec 2002, Jan 2003; Newsweek Oct 14, 18, 25 2002; North & South Oct 2002; People Sep 2, 30 Oct 21 Nov 18, Dec 2, 2002; Scouting Nov, Dec 2002; Source Nov 2002; Sports Illustrated Nov 25, Dec 2; Sporting News Nov 4, 18, 25 2002; U.S. Weekly Nov 2, 11, 18, 25 Dec 2-9 2002;

## This Month's Contest Questions: (only one winner per category)

**\$100 Cash Prize:** Find & read the brochure (in the Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library) about the U.N.I.A. – A.C.L. and name their first president. Then find information on the brochure about when and where U.N.I.A. – A.C.L. study group meets. Attend the study group meeting. Give the study group a December 2002 copy of Speak Up. Return with a copy of the study group's agenda, signed by the group leader. Turn in agenda for \$100.

**\$50 Cash Prize:** Who is Washington County's Medal of Honor winner? Provide a rubbing of his gravestone and the name of the man who found the missing grave. Turn in rubbing with grave finders signature for \$50.

**\$50 Cash Prize:** Who is Washington County's Tuskegee Airman? Return with a photo of you and the airman and a short story on his role as a Tuskegee Airman for \$50.

**\$20 Cash Prize:** What BUWDTC officer wrote the screenplay "Beauty Queen" and what award was won for the screenplay and who presented the award? What BUWDTC officer played the character "Tuffy" in the film? The script is in the DBBH library. Turn in the answers and "Tuffy's" autograph for \$20.

**\$20 Cash Prize:** What Local author lives in Hagerstown has two books in the DBBH Library and is the pastor of an area church. Get the author to autograph both books or get a bulletin from one of the Doctorate's church services and get \$20.

**\$20 Cash Prize:** What New York author was a guest speaker at a "Black Talk" session? What is the title of speaker's two books in the DBBH Library? What is a "Black Talk" session? If you were paying attention, answer the question for \$20.

**\$20 Cash Prize:** In the October 2002 Baltimore based newsletter "Fighting Back" what is the closing remark Bill Goodin wrote in his article titled "Citizens United Have The Power"? Turn in a statement including the remark and the December 2002 issue of "Fighting Back" for \$20.

**\$20 Cash Prize:** Comment on the 2002 Speak Up editorials. Hint, there were only eleven. Your commentary is worth \$20.

## Last Month's Contest Questions:

**Q:** What is the name of the first black elected official in the United States. He was also served as a "first" in several other arenas, name two other "first" accomplishments for a total of **\$20** (one \$20 winner only for this month).

**A. John Mercer Langston** became the first black elected official in the U.S. in 1855 when he was elected township clerk of Brownhelm, Ohio. Langston went on to become: Virginia's first black congressman; Dean of the first black law school in the nation at Howard University; first president of what is now Virginia State University. Later, President Teddy Roosevelt appointed Langston minister of Haiti.

**Toni Smith, Carissa Smith, Mark Stoner, Alicia Chacon, and Mike Campher provided answers.**

**Answers to contest question can be found in the Don Browne BLACK HISTORY Library.**

## Calendar Of Events

December 6	Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance reps meet with BUWDTC at MLK 12noon
December 9	Community Enrichment Coalition meet at CEC office 5:15 pm
December 23	Brothers United Who Dare To Care meet at MLK 6:30pm