

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 Jonathan Street neighborhood and other communities that can benefit or affect us all.

**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.buwdtc.org](http://www.buwdtc.org); email address: [blackmencare@aol.com](mailto:blackmencare@aol.com) or page *Andy Smith*, at 301-745-2000.

## WORD ON THE STREET

### **Neighborhood Improvement Team "Community Meeting"**

Monday October 14, 2002 at 7pm in the Bethel Gardens Community Center. The Neighborhood Improvement Team wants to make sure that the issues we represent are the issues and problems the Jonathan Street community wants changed. We need your opinion. Do not let others determine what is good for you or what needs changed, that is for you to say. So tell us how you feel on these issues: School, Jobs, Businesses, Health, Drugs, Youth Programs, Politicians, Church and any other issues. The Neighborhood Improvement Team was formed to help improve the black community and to confront those who should be accountable for making the Hagerstown/Washington County area a good place for blacks to live or operate a legitimate business. Come out and have your say. Call 301-393-9290 for more information.

## POWER TO THE PEOPLE

### **Cigarette Restitution Funds awarded for Tobacco Use Prevention, target areas are to include Minorities.**

The Washington County Health Department awarded community-based grants to organizations to help prevent tobacco use and smoking cessation. None of the local black organizations were applying for the funds and Brother United Who Dare To Care and one other black organization tried to apply in the aftermath of the deadline under the belief that money would be available after the dispersal period. The "committee" decided not to accept the applications from the black organizations even though Maryland State official Lawrence Carter Jr. expressed a mandate to get black organizations involved. BUWDTC has Howard University Film graduate students involved in public service announcements and offer their services to organizations including PSA in their projects with funds set aside to reach minorities. The following is a list of organizations that wrote their grants to include minority adults and minority youth and the overall funding the organizations will receive: The American Lung Association \$7,200; Hagerstown Suns \$7,000; Boys and Girls Club of Washington County \$8000; Tobacco Free Washington County Coalition with the Washington County Coalition of PTA's \$12,574. These organizations are getting money for their coffers in the name of blacks and other minorities. Please black people, make yourselves and your children available to benefit from these programs. Even more, set up your own programs or existing projects and use future funds through the Cigarette Restitution Fund Program to do so.

**SHARE program resumed in September at the Washington Square United Methodist Church.**

*Self-Help And Resource Exchange* is a non-profit food cooperative based on volunteerism and community. Working through a large network of volunteers at community sites across Maryland. *Christ's Reform Church, Ebenezer AME and Washington Square UMC* has joined to provide Share units each month. The Share unit will cost \$16. Contact Mrs. Lucy Jones or Laurie Graves through the Community Enrichment Coalition office 301-665-1747 for more information.

**Youth Leadership Institute.**

A leadership development experience planned for teens by teens. Sponsored by the Maryland Cooperative Extension 4H Youth Development with financial support from the Washington County Community Partnership for Children and Families. The program is free for teens. Begins with a weekend conference December 6-8, 2002 at Shepherd Springs Retreat Center near Sharpsburg then three bi-monthly sessions in the following months. Contact Mary Allen Waltemire, Extension Educator, 4H Youth Development 301-791-1404, email: mw8@umail.umd.edu

# SPEAK UP!

**Everyone answers to someone?**

A friend indirectly reprimanded me for doing something that black folks need to stop doing, fighting among ourselves, most of all publicly. My friend was referring to what was reported about Carolyn Brook's in last month newsletter. The truth is Carolyn is not the problem, even any concerns with the Hot Spot program or her

relations with the black community. Everyone answers to someone. My issue about the surveillance camera installed outside of the BUWDTC office has basically amounted to a peeing match. The dialog prior to the installation of the camera was the issue, not so much as the camera itself. Everyone answers to someone.

Global Terrorism, Wall Street's Financial Terrorism, Psycho Sniper Terrorism, Drug-Thug Terrorism, Racism. I warn you, I warn myself, what goes around comes around. What you get away with now can come back and bite you. Get it together. Sooner or later. Whatever you do. Everyone answers to someone.

*Andy Smith, Editor*

## THANKS

**Thanks to Automated Office Equipment of Williamsport Maryland and Bobby Harmon.** AOE owners gave BUWDTC a great deal on the equipment needed to expand our newsletter/website project and added a free server to the package. It is good to do business with organizations that help their community. Bobby Harmon worked hard to make this deal a success and his effort is appreciated. Thanks Automated Office Equipment!

**Donations have made the Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library the area's largest black literature collection.** Don added two new bookcases and thanks to your contributions and his continuing additions we have over 400 books, over 30 different magazine titles, over 60 videos and numerous research articles. Thanks Don, Carolyn Norse, Arnetta Doleman, Ann V. Doleman, BUWDTC members and all others for this growing success. Thanks and please keep giving. We still need book shelves, magazine stands, display cases and a librarian to help with tracking, deliveries and pick-ups.



**On April 10<sup>th</sup> 2002 "The Beauty Queen" won Howard University's Paul Robeson Award for best screenplay.** The award was presented by this year's Honoree, Writer, Producer, and Director Spike Lee. In preparation for production of the full-length feature, the director is currently raising funds to create a 15-minute film short of *The Beauty Queen*, inspired by the life experiences of Robin Harmon, for entry in domestic and international film festivals. It is hoped that the film short will generate financial contributions and awards as well as create an industry buzz for the film's future marketing. Thus far, the newly formed Chocolate City Films has raised \$1,000 dollars in cash and has received a donation of 35mm film, valued at \$5,000 dollars, from Kodak. However, we anticipate the need for an additional \$5,000 dollars for production and

festival entry fees. The project is seeking donations at all levels to help us meet this goal. Any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated. Except for two businesses, the Hagerstown/Washington County area has not supported this film project, not even local media coverage. For more information or to read a synopsis, please contact Gregory McCampbell 3544 Hertford Place NW Washington D.C. 20010 phone 202-518-6857 email chocolatecityfilms@hotmail.com.

# BACK TO BLACK History & Culture

"It is great to be a part of history, but the nobility of making history is up to you," *Andy Smith*.

## New to the Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library

**BOOKS:** "A Song Flung Up To Heaven" by Maya Angelou; Cornerstones Of Freedom series Children's Books: "The Montgomery Bus Boycott", "Mary McLeod Bethune", "Malcolm X", "The Underground Railroad", "The Freedom Train"; "The WWII Black Regiment That Built The Alaska Military Highway"; "African American Films Through 1959" by Larry Richards; "Within The Circle" by Angelyn Mitchell; "Baldwin – Collected Essays" by James Baldwin; "Du Bois – Writings" by W.E.B. Du Bois; "Slave Narratives"; "Coming Thru The Fire" by C. Eric Lincoln; "On My Own At 107" by Sarah L. Delaney and Amy Hill Hearsh; "We Ain't What We Was" by Frederick M. Wirt; "Beyond The Whiteness Of Whiteness" by Jane Lazarre; "The Time Were Strange And Stirring" by Reginald F. Hildebrand; "The Slumbering Volcano" Maggie Montesinos Sale

## VIDEOS:

"Boycott" starring Terrance Howard, CCH Pounder, and Carmen Jogo; "Harlem Diary"; "Lean On Me" starring Morgan Freeman, Beverly Todd, Robert Guillaume; "Afro-Caribbean Step" with Debra Bono; "Show Boat" with Paul Robeson.

**MAGAZINES:** new titles: American Legion, Car & Driver, Entertainment Weekly, Jet, Maxim For Men, Readers Digest, Savoy, Scouting, Smithsonian, Southern Living, Vibe, Working Mother, and Your Magazine (YM).

## This Month's Contest Questions for a \$10 Cash Prize:

**Q:** Can you name the teacher and at least three students from this 1924 North Street School class of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students? For \$10 let us know. Give your answers to Brothers United Who Dare To Care 131 W. North Avenue Martin Luther King Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Hagerstown Maryland 21740 phone 301-393-9290. Answers to these questions can be researched in the Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library.



## Last Month's Contest Questions:

**Q:** The Red, Black & Green Flag was unveiled by the U.N.I.A. & the A.C.L. on August 13, 1920. What does the colors of the flag represent? **A:** The Blood, The People, and The Land

**Q:** Name the organizations, from the abbreviations, that adopted the Red, Black and Green. **A.** Universal Negro Improvement Association and the African Communities League.

**Q:** What man led this effort? **A:** Marcus Mosiah Garvey Jr.

**Michael Campher and Mei Li Noll provided answers to September's questions.**