

Alphas at NSU Homecoming



The upcoming NSU Homecoming Celebration will feature the 45th Anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Chapters. On Thursday, October 25, some of the Alpha Greek members joined Brad Laird at the Quarterback Club Luncheon. Pictured are Alpha alumni participating in the Reunion weekend.

Check Presented to PYHO



Peoples Health presented a \$10,000 sponsorship check to Mayor Ollie Tyler for Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport 2019. The PYHO Kickoff 2019 Ceremony marks the program's 27th year. Drs. Elaine and C.O. Simpkins are serving as Honorary Chairmen. More than 1,000 volunteers paint the homes of low to moderate-income elderly and/or disabled citizens of Shreveport. Applications are now being accepted. Homeowners have until December 31 to sign up to have their houses painted at no charge. Approved applicants must be low to moderate income homeowners, 62 years or older, and/or disabled. Houses must be located within the city limits of Shreveport in order to qualify. The goal for the 2019 program is to paint 50-75 houses. Homeowners will receive smoke detectors, and other special services at no cost. Paint Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2019. Organizations that would like to volunteer to paint or become a sponsor should call the Department of Community Development's Bureau of Housing & Business Development at (318) 673-7503, or Marcia Nelson, program coordinator at (318) 673-7528 to apply. Pictured (l-r): Dock Voorhies, co-chairperson; Mayor Ollie Tyler, Marcia Nelson, program coordinator; Leslie Keen, Peoples Health Representative; Paul Pratt, chairperson; and Herman Vital, Community Development Bureau Chief.

Zetas donate to Sickle Cell



Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter (Shreveport), volunteered several hours and gave a monetary donation of over \$1,000 to Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Chapter, Annual Sickle Cell Radiothon on September 29. Pictured (front row l-r): Lindell Anderson, Lillie Bradford, Executive Director of Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Northwest LA Chapter; Dorthea Palmer Foster, president of ZIZ Chapter; and Brenda Crosby; (back row) Isabelle Dinkins, Crystal Crosby Brooks, JoEtta Foster, and Carolyn McNeese.

Listen-Up!

(Why the November 6 Elections Could Be Historic..... Locally, Black Low Voter Turnout is Possible)



Billy Roy Wayne

The talk in some circles is that the November 6, 2018 election could be historic—historic in regards to voter turnout. The voter turnout could be low in Black communities. Nationally, the race for U.S. Congressman Mike Johnson should be a “cake walk”. His bid to return to D. C. for another term should not be in doubt. And he has been favorable for education programs for our youth. The race for Louisiana Secretary of State and Constitution amendments on the ballot have generated amount the same amount of interest, or less, than the coming of the Louisiana State Fair. When is the State Fair? The races for Shreveport Mayor, City Council, and Caddo School Board are being viewed with a good measure of apathy by many. The Mayor's race has just about “formed” itself to death. If voter turnout is as low as some expect, the incumbent, Mayor Ollie Tyler, would have to be considered the greatest benefactor. The Mayor's experience and understanding of “how the system works” could be viewed as invaluable components for future success given the fact that the possibility of six (6) new Council persons looms large. School Board races have historically drawn little attention. The fact that many community schools are no longer viewed as community as well as the gerrymandering of school districts have taken away interest in the local education arena. Honesty compels me to say that site-based school leaders and staffs are going “over and beyond” to achieve the District level success I attribute to Superintendent Dr. T. Lamar Goree and his staff. With only a few days left before the November 6 election (primary) the necessity to remind our communities to get up, get out, and get over to the polls and vote cannot be taken for granted. Nationally, the Red States will do their “thang”. Blue States will try to outdo the Red States. Those undecided, neutral and independent voters can turn Red and/or Blue States Purple. But it could be the Black, Black vote that is, which help to determine the success of these Reds, Blues, and Purples.

Stay Tuned!

(Paid for by friends of Billy Roy Wayne)

Family Reunion Workshop Oct. 27

The Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau will host its first-ever Family Reunion Workshop and Vendor Fair from 10:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, October 27 at the Valencia Recreation Center, 1800 Viking Dr.

Admission for the event is free for reunion planners and vendor registration is \$50. All attendees and vendors must register in advance at www.ShreveportReunions.com.

The Family Reunion Workshop and Vendor Fair will be a one-stop shop for planning reunions in Shreveport-Bossier. Attendees can win door prizes, browse a fair of local vendors, and hear from reunion planning experts in a short workshop. Workshop participants will learn how to use social media to build reunion attendance and learn about the free family reunion planning services that the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau and its partners provide.

“Shreveport-Bossier is the perfect place to host your next family reunion because of our affordable accommodations, unique venues, and variety of family-friendly things to do,” said Erica Telsee, tourism sales manager at the Tourist Bureau. “The Tourist Bureau provides free assistance with planning family reunions including securing hotel accommodations for your group and recommending caterers, venues, and things to do while your family is in town.”

Cost to be a vendor is \$50. Vendors eligible to participate in the fair are companies that provide services for events including catering companies, event planners, venues, promotional product agencies, hotels, photographers, videographers, bands, and DJs.

The Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau is a complete resource for family, class, and military reunion planners interested in hosting events in

Shreveport-Bossier.

For reunion planning assistance, vendor questions and more information contact Erica Telsee, tourism

sales manager, at etelsee@sbctb.org, (318) 429-0652 or visit www.ShreveportReunions.com.

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