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**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

Six O'Clock in the Evening

The Jackson Center - Huntsville, Alabama

# *A* **BOUT MRS. ROSETTA JAMES**

Dutiful. Industrious. Courageous. Aggressive. Compassionate. Gracious. Servant. These are just words that describe the personality of Mrs. Rosetta James, a long-time community volunteer in the Huntsville-Madison County community. She moved to Huntsville in 1973, after living in Long Island, New York for twenty-seven (27) years. A native of Hale County, Alabama, Mrs. James grew up in Alabama's Black Belt, where over half of the population is African-American.



Upon relocating to Huntsville, Alabama she worked part-time for the Madison County Extension Office while supporting her late husband, Mr. McKinley James, with his landscaping business. This business afforded them the opportunity to meet and engage with many people in the Huntsville-Madison County community. In her quest to make the community a better place, she rarely says no to volunteer requests.

She became heavily involved in local civic, educational, religious, and political activities and causes, continuing her life-long commitment to volunteerism after leaving New York. Her greatest local challenge was convincing others to allow her to lead and serve the community in diverse capacities with a mere high school education.

In a local environment in which many others were educated far beyond her, Mrs. James responded to skepticism about her ability to lead by taking on responsibility and working harder than everyone else. Enthusiastic and committed to do her best, it was not long before community leaders recognized her abilities and invited her to serve on various boards and committees.

Mrs. James is an effective community organizer, a proactive champion for children, the elderly, the incarcerated, the abused, neglected and disenfranchised. Over the past 35 years, Mrs. James has served numerous community organizations as a volunteer, including Church Women United – Board Member; HELPLINE – Board Member; Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center – Board Member; Madison County Day Care – Board Member; Pathfinders – Board Member; Alabama Democratic Conference – Board Member; NAACP – Board Member; Huntsville City Schools Advisory Committee; and First Baptist Church – Jail Ministry and Missionary Worker.

Because she believes in serving the community as a whole, her community service has continued to epitomize the proverbial 'taking the bull by the horns.' Her political volunteerism has led to the registration of at least 6000 Madison County voters. Today, she continues to single-handedly register hundreds of individuals to vote, including taking ballots to churches and civic organizations and absentee ballots to home-bound and elderly citizens.

After organizing countless voter registration drives, her commitment led the

Madison County Chapter of the Alabama Democratic Conference to re-name their annual membership breakfast “The Rosetta James Membership Breakfast” and to her appointment as Madison County’s first Deputy Voter Registrar. During the primary and election seasons, she continues to work 12-14 hours daily to meet her commitments.

As a Court-Appointed Juvenile Advocate (CAJA) for almost 5 years, she was appointed by former legislator and Judge Hartwell Lutz. CAJAs are volunteer advocates who work on a one-to-one basis with abused and neglected children who enter the juvenile court system. She has been a strong force in obtaining tuition assistance for promising at-risk students. Coupled with her personal jail ministry for female inmates, Mrs. James has made a marked improvement in the lives of hundreds of youth and adults, especially women.

In 2007, her life-long commitment to volunteerism led a group of community citizens to organize a non-profit foundation in her name. The Rosetta James Foundation ([www.rosettajamesfoundation.org](http://www.rosettajamesfoundation.org)) was founded last year and has earned non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service. The annual ‘Rosetta James Honoring Our Elders’ celebration honors local citizens who are at least 70 years old, who are still active in the community as volunteers.

Foundation resources are reserved for providing scholarships annually to local college students who are actively involved in the community as volunteers. An endowed scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 was presented to Alabama A&M University in March 2007 from the Foundation.

Today, Mrs. James is a dedicated member of First Missionary Baptist Church, where she is actively counseling and advising individuals about challenging and relevant ‘life choices and life lessons.’ She is frequently stopped on the streets by hundreds of women whose lives she helped to change – an incredible legacy. During her lifetime, she has received over fifty (50) honors, awards, and commendations from organizations and agencies including WEDC, AAMU, NAACP, ADC; too numerous to list in this nomination.



Her current volunteerism and community service include the following organizations and agencies: Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center – Board of Directors; First Missionary Baptist Church – Active Member; Missionary Circle # 3 - Membership Chairperson; Joint Missionary Society; Congregational Care – Lay Minister; Jail Ministry – Active member for past 30 years; Mustard Seed Ministry - Missionary Work for Africa – Local Coordinator; Church Women United – Chairperson, Nominating Committee; Alabama Citizens for Constitution Reform, Active Member; NAACP – Lifetime Member, Golden Heritage Member; Huntsville Madison County Chapter – Alabama Democratic Conference, Active Member; Madison County Democratic Party – Active Member; Madison County Board of Elections – Clerk; AARP - Active Member for past 15 years; and Madison County Democratic Women – Active Member.



## **P**REVIOUS HONOREES

### **2007**

Rev. Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.  
 The Late Hon. Jim Haney  
 Mrs. Evelyn Streeter Rich  
 Mrs. Rosetta James

### **2008**

Mrs. Thelma Fuqua  
 Mrs. Ada Harris Houston  
 Mr. Lloyd C. Humphrey  
 The Late Charles L. Ray, Jr.  
 Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders

### **2009**

Mr. Albert Farrar, Sr.  
 Dr. William H. Leonard  
 The Late Mrs. Mozel Roper  
 Mrs. Geneva S. Wright

### **2010**

Mrs. Ollye B. Conley  
 Mrs. Jo Anna Lorder  
 Dr. William McCorkle  
 Mrs. Georgia Snodgrass

### **2011**

Mrs. Odell Pearson Booker  
 Mrs. Butch Damson  
 Rev. John Herndon III  
 Ms. Cora Sue McCaulley  
 Dr. Eugene H. Scott, Jr.

### **2012**

Dr. Katie W. Byrd  
 Mrs. Doris Ellison  
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- *Master of Ceremonies* -  
Mr. Joe Newberry  
President/CEO  
Redstone Federal Credit Union

Prelude ..... “Wind Beneath My Wings” ..... Master Jalen Kelly  
*Bette Midler Senior*, Bob Jones High School  
*President*, Rosetta James Foundation  
Youth Council

### \*\*\*Entrance of Mrs. Rosetta James, Former “Elders and Honorees”\*\*\*

Greetings/Occasion ..... Mrs. Butch Damson  
Rosetta James Foundation Elder  
Class of 2011

Lighting of the Memorial Candle ..... Mr. Gary T. Whitley, Jr.  
*Parliamentarian*, Rosetta James Foundation  
-The Late Mrs. Mozel Roper, Class of 2009-

Invocation and Grace ..... Rev. Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.  
*Pastor Emeritus*, Church Street CPCA  
Class of 2007

### \*\*\* DINNER \*\*\*

*Dinner Music (Recorded)*  
*Featuring Elder T. Marshall Kelly)*

Video Presentation of Honorees ..... Mr. Michael Morns  
*Engineer*, Telecommunications Center  
Alabama A&M University

Presentation of Awards ..... Dr. Annie Grace Robinson  
Rosetta James Foundation Board





Presentation of Resolutions ..... The Honorable Dr. Richard Showers, Sr.  
Huntsville City Councilman  
District One

Selection ..... Elder T. Marshall Kelly  
*Honoree, Class of 2014*

Presentation of Scholarship Awards ..... Mr. Jerome Saintjones  
*Vice President, Rosetta James Foundation*

Youth Challenge ..... Miss Aaliyah Toney  
*Sophomore, Pope John Paul Catholic High School*

Remarks ..... Mrs. Rosetta James  
Community Activist/Civic Volunteer

Closing Remarks ..... Dr. Dorothy W. Huston  
*President, Rosetta James Foundation*

Benediction ..... Rev. Earla S. Lockhart  
*Staff Minister*  
First Missionary Baptist Church





## *D***R. DELIA BLACK**

Dr. Delia Black retired as Chief of Education and Development at the U.S. Army Missile Command, where she participated in numerous professional and civic activities. She was selected to serve on the RFCU Credit Advisory Committee in 1979. She presently chairs the Credit Advisory Committee, serves on the Policy and Planning Committee and Marketing Committee, and is 1st Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors for RFCU.



Dr. Black earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Blue Mountain College in Mississippi. She earned master's degrees from the University of Mississippi and Nova Southeastern University of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She also received a doctoral degree in public administration from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Black has played a key role in the development of numerous lending programs, such as Ways to Work and the Advantage Credit Program, enabling many members to re-establish credit after experiencing financial hardships, and rewarding those who have shown credit responsibility with attractive low interest rates. As Chairperson of the Credit Advisory Committee, she has been instrumental in the implementation of the real estate Lending-A-Hand Program and partnering with the Huntsville Housing Development. Both programs have allowed many members to realize their dream of home ownership through financing with RFCU.

Dr. Black has also played a significant role in activities to revise organizational development, employee compensation, and benefits practices to make them reflective of RFCU's role as a leader in the financial community. She realizes that an institution is only as strong as the commitment of its employees and she supports programs and benefits aimed at obtaining and retaining talented, knowledgeable, and dedicated employees.

“RFCU was formed over 50 years ago to provide services not met by other institutions at that time, and today Redstone remains strong,” says Dr. Black. “I believe we should maintain growth and strength while sharing it with others in our community who need our services to achieve financial security.”

Dr. Black has consistently supported the performing arts, civic betterment and various health initiatives.



# *M*S. LETTYE A. BOYD



Ms. Lettye A. Boyd, a native of Auburn, Ala., is the daughter of the late Lois D. Boyd and the late J. D. Boyd. She graduated from Lee County Training School in 1957, attending historic Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., from 1957-58.



In 1961, however, she received the B.S. degree in Elementary Education and Music from Alabama A&M University. She pursued additional studies at Alabama A&M University, Grove City College, Virginia State University and Jackson State University.

Boyd's 33-year professional career includes student teacher, 2nd Grade & Music, 1961, Cherry Street Elementary School, Decatur, Ala.; teacher, 2nd Grade & Music, 1961-63, Laney Elementary School, Waverly Hall, Ga; teacher, Music & Other, 1963-1970, Councill Senior High School, formerly Councill Training School, Normal, Ala.; teacher, Music & Other, Four Summers, Madison County Headstart Program, Madison County Schools; and teacher, Music & Other, 1970-93, Madison Cross Roads School, Toney, Ala., (established the school's first organized music program).

Ms. Boyd's numerous other skills and interests are exemplified by her service as Choral Director, 1978-80, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; Minister of Music, 1980-2000, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; Director, 1988, Alabama A&M University Alumni Choir, Normal, Ala.; Choral Director, 2000-Present, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and Office Manager/Bookkeeper (1993-2011) Rocket City Charter Service, Harvest, Ala.

She is affiliated with several professional, community and civic organizations, among them the Alabama Education Association, Alabama State Teacher's Association, Madison County Teacher's Association, Georgia Teacher's Association, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville Christian Service Singers, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Organized the Chapter's First Choral Ensemble), and many others.

Ms. Boyd's honors and awards received for her choral performances, music education and other contributions to music are legion.



## *M***R. CHARLES E. BRIGGINS, SR.**

Mr. Charles E. Briggins, Sr., is a retired educator who enjoyed a lengthy and exceptionally productive career at Kentucky State University and in the Decatur and Huntsville City School Systems of Alabama. The experiences gained over the decades readily make him both an inspiration and a sought-after source for wisdom and thought-provoking advice.



Briggins held positions ranging from innovative classroom teacher to energetic vocational coordinator and able assistant principal of Lakeside High School in Decatur, Alabama. He earned his Bachelor of Science and the master's degree in trade and industrial education from historic Alabama A&M University.

After retirement, Briggins served as a weatherization coordinator for the Huntsville/Madison and Limestone Counties Community Action Agency, a worthwhile entity that aims to enhance the quality of life through the mobilization of federal, state, and local resources designed to provide advocacy, economic development, and assistance to move low-income people towards self-sufficiency.

Moreover, Briggins is a proud member of the First Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Julius Scruggs, where his faithful service includes a coveted tenure as director of the male chorus. In fact, he still sings in the male chorus and other choirs.

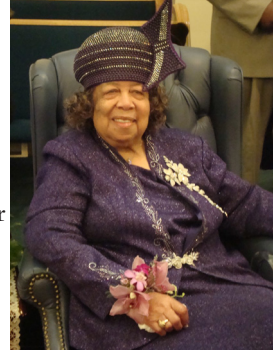
Briggins gallantly served his country and is a distinguished veteran of the United States Army. Additionally, his community service involves active membership in the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, as well as the R.E. Nelms Elks Lodge #977.

The dedicated husband, father and community advocate is also the Grand Deputy Inspector General State of Alabama and Worshipful Master of the Smith Grand Council of the Ancient and Scottish Rite Masons.

# MOTHER WILLIE MAE DRAPER



Mother Willie Mae Draper was born November 25, 1923, in Madison County to the Late Mr. Henry Lee Miller and Mrs. Pearline Binford Miller. During early childhood, she contracted the “fatal” disease diphtheria, but through the faith and continuous prayers of her mother, God miraculously healed her. This divine intervention became the foundation upon which Mother Draper’s built her life.



In 1950, Mother Draper, under the ministry of Elder S. H. Netter, was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. God saved her husband and called him to the ministry and in 1963 Elder Draper became the Pastor of the New Market COGIC, later the Beirne Avenue COGIC. Pastor Draper and Mother Draper served until his death in 1998.

Mother Draper’s most noted dates, appointments, and honors are: 1985-present, President, State Hospitality Department, appointed by the late Bishop C. H. Ashworth Alabama State Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction I; and, in 1990, international missionary work in Schweinfurt, Germany and across northern Germany on a 21-day sojourn filled with teaching and evangelizing.

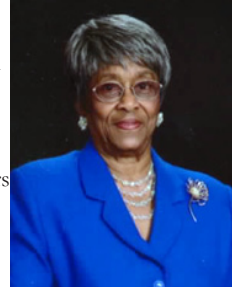
Mother Draper served as an Alabama delegate to the National Women’s Convention of the International Church of God in Christ for 35-plus years faithfully. In 2002, she traveled to Oahu, Hawaii, where the Lord used her to witness to souls.

She is the proud mother of three children—Betty Damper, Pastor Dave Draper, Jr., and Pastor Jesse Draper—and she is a beloved grand- and great-grandmother. Mother Draper possesses a saintly nature which is the mark of a Godly woman. She is celebrated for her quiet dignity, labor of love, and Godly advice. Mother Draper stands tall as a virtuous role model in her church, in her family, and in her community.



## MOTHER HAZEL HAWK

For many decades, Mother Hazel Lullean Ford Hawk has contributed services to the community in a multitude of ways ranging from feeding the hungry, to caring for the young and elderly. Born as Hazel Lullean Ford on October 1, 1933, Mother Hawk was the eldest of 14 children. Her large family, rooted in rural Alabama, contributed heavily to her early first love for feeding people. During Mother Hawk's first attempt to cook at the young age of 3 years old, she set out to independently fry fish. The effort ended in her burning her hair and receiving an old-fashioned whipping. Little did many know, this chain of events was the start of her passions for feeding, educating and caring for the community.



Mother Hawk first attended New Market Elementary/Middle School and then Council Training High School. She later studied business administration at Alverson-Draughon College of Huntsville from 1976-1977. She went on to work a combined 32 years managing food operations for the Madison County school system at Farmer's Capital School (now Lynn Fanning Elementary) and for Kroger, retiring in 1990. She often raised money for Farmer's Capital by selling her famous bread rolls during community fundraisers.

Throughout her career, she fed thousands of people. However, her work did not stop there. She began feeding the elderly and those who were less fortunate out of her own home, often harvesting many of her own crops for the efforts. She created soulful plates throughout the year, especially during the Holidays. Mother Hawk always said, "Even closed mouths need to be fed." As long as she was able, she ensured everyone was fed without ever having to ask.

As early as the 1970's, she began regularly visiting and caring for the sick and shut-in. She currently visits and calls numerous friends, church members and associates weekly, offering positive spirits and good conversation. From 2000-2003, Mother Hawk provided nursing care to seniors with varying levels of disabilities at Agape Village Nursing Home. There she was recognized for her ability to bring joy and uplift those who weren't well.

When she wasn't visiting the elderly; she was making an impact with the youth. For more than 20 years, she has been heavily involved in offering not-for-profit child care services. She co-managed a home daycare from 1990-2001 where she helped numerous parents who could not always afford to pay regular childcare fees. Mother Hawk opened her doors by mentoring, educating and caring for youth. She was heavily involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Huntsville and also taught as a substitute teacher for the Huntsville City School system after retirement. One nugget of wisdom she likes to reinforce to the youth is their right to vote. As an advocate for the Voting Rights Act, she worked with District 1 City Councilman Richard Showers to get citizens registered and ready to vote. Mother Hawk's civic duties also included participating in clothing drives for the needy, 4-H club and AARP membership.

Following retirement, Mother Hawk had the chance to travel the world. Places visited include: Jerusalem (the Holy Land), Haiti, Germany, Paris, London, Hawaii and Washington D.C., just to name a few.

# Elder T. Marshall Kelly



Elder T. Marshall Kelly, a bass-baritone singer and composer, has enjoyed a career as an internationally known soloist, ordained minister, radio personality, and award-winning religion teacher in the Seventh-day Adventist church. From his earliest years, religion and music have been focal points in his life.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Marshall, the only child of Louis and Mary Kelly, began singing in a male quartet at age twelve. He attended Oakwood Academy and Oakwood College, now University, where he sang in the OC male chorus and in its popular male quartet, the Velvetones, before transferring to Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, in the early 1950s to earn an accredited four-year degree.



Following graduation from EMC in 1952 with a degree in religion, Elder Kelly became a pastor in Chicago, and in December 1952, married Garnet Jean Garland from Cleveland, Ohio, a graduate of Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania. They would have a son, Eric, and a daughter, Nadine.

In the next 25 years, Elder Kelly would serve in the Lake Region Conference, pastoring at Fort Wayne, Marion, and Muncie, Indiana; Inkster, Michigan; Chicago again; and in the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit. During those years he enjoyed great success as a pastor and evangelist and as a sought-after singer. A highlight of those years was his assisting E.E. Cleveland, legendary preacher and evangelist, with the music in a nearly two-month long evangelistic crusade in Australia in 1971. Hundreds were converted by their efforts through the power of Cleveland's persuasive speaking and Elder Kelly's deeply-felt singing. Cleveland observed at that time, "The rich velvet voice of T. Marshall Kelly was an indispensable blessing to the success of the campaign. He was accorded the supreme tribute of being rated as 'a second Paul Robeson.'"

In the following year, both men worked together again in another two-month successful crusade in Detroit. During the early years of this decade, Elder Kelly also made two records, "All That Thrills My Soul" and "It Takes Everything to Serve the Lord," which were released by Chapel Records. In 1976, when the Australians planned a huge youth rally, they invited Kelly to return to speak and sing because they had been so taken with his voice during his earlier visit to that continent. While there, he gave a concert in the recently completed Sydney Opera House.

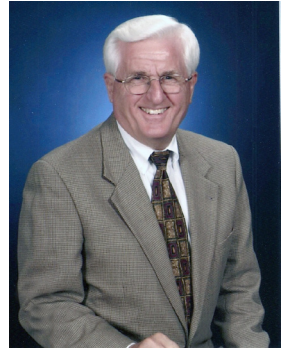
It was at this time that Elder Kelly was invited by Calvin Rock, president of Oakwood College, and Nathaniel G. Higgs, new principal at Oakwood College Academy, to join him in helping raise the spiritual tone at the school. Kelly established a strong Bible program and with Higgs led out in a number of activities, including Agape suppers, student weeks of prayer, youth days, and community outreach activities such as suppers for senior citizens, which united and inspired the students to a renewed spiritual commitment. He received a Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1990 for his work as a teacher, counselor, and campus chaplain at the academy.

For over 30 years he has had a Sabbath afternoon radio talk show program at 5 p.m. on what is now WJOU, 90.1 FM. He has also released other recordings, including "For Your Encouragement" and "Hymns for Him."



## *M* R. CHARLES ‘CHUCK’ VEDANE

Mr. Charles “Chuck” Richard Vedane was born December 6, 1934, on a farm south of Lewis, Iowa, one of the three sons of Victor & Della Vedane. “Chuck” Vedane graduated from Menlo High School in May 1952 and set out operating a farm adjacent to his parents. By 1953, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and took basic training and anti-aircraft artillery radar operations training at Ft. Bliss, Tex. Following this intense training, Vedane was assigned to a base outside of Niagara Falls, N.Y.



From 1955-58, Vedane entered St. Louis University’s Parks College of Aeronautical Technology, from which he graduated with a B.S. in aeronautics, and he secured an airframe and engine license and a private pilot’s license.

Vedane’s productive career includes extensive stints with the Army Ballistic Missile Command in Huntsville, Ala., where he was responsible for systems testing of Jupiter and Jupiter R&D ICBMs; Marshall Space Flight Center, where he tested Mercury Redstone 1 & 2 and the early Saturn 1 vehicles; Teledyne Brown Engineering, where he organized and managed a Space Operations Department that would eventually employ about 220 people., as well as served as technical director for Systems Integration with the responsibility for managing 330 people.

As a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Vedane in 1963 became involved in church and community affairs in response to the racial strife throughout the nation. He prepared a letter from Trinity’s Sunday School Class to the newly elected Governor George C. Wallace informing him that the Governor’s historic “stand in the schoolhouse door” at the University of Alabama did not meet their approval. This decision has led to more than 50 years of work within the interfaith religious community to promote better relations across religious, racial, and cultural differences.

Vedane also represented Trinity Methodist Church during the organization and formation of an interfaith cooperative known as the Interfaith Mission Service. The mission of the cooperative is help the member congregations grow their capability and capacity to provide direct services and systemic change in the areas of social justice, racial and inter-religious relations.

Vedane, who ran for Huntsville mayor in 1976, has been actively involved in a number of other volunteer efforts, as well. For instance, he was an organizer and a founding member of the Huntsville Emergency Line Program (HELPLine); the Huntsville Interfaith Volunteer Transportation Service (HIVTS), later absorbed by the Senior Center; Care Assurance System for the Aging (CASA); and AL IMPACT, a faith-based statewide organization to educate the public and advocate for improved public policies in the area of social welfare and justice.

Vedane and his wife Lucy have two sons (Scott and Kyle) and a daughter (Rebecca).



# 2014 PIONEER AWARDEES



**ATTY. JULIAN BUTLER**

Atty. Julian D. Butler's eventful and impressive career includes significant roles in the field of law, as well as in political affairs at the local, state and national levels. County Attorney for Madison County for some 35 years, Butler has also distinguished himself as president of the National Association of County Civil Attorneys.

The University of Alabama law school graduate and Alabama Law Foundation fellow has headed The Arts Council, the Center for Public Law and Service, the local chapter of the University of Alabama Alumni Association, the Creek District of the Boy Scouts of America and the Environmental Law Section of the Alabama State Bar.

Moreover, he has received numerous honors, including accolades for "exceptional and extraordinary service" in the field of civil rights from the Jefferson County Progressive Democratic Council.



**DR. FREDERICK CARODINE, SR.**

Born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dr. Frederick Carodine, Sr., is a 1951 mechanic arts (printing) graduate of Alabama A&M University. After a stint working in Nashville, Tenn., the veteran returned to AAMU, where President Joseph Fanning Drake urged him to continue his studies at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

Carodine also helped S.C. O'Neal open J.F. Drake State Technical College and worked at the school through the mid-1960s, in addition to operating his own printing shop.

His impressive career at Redstone Arsenal began when "someone else" filed an employment application for him for a job in data reduction and analysis. Carodine, a GS-7 who had to learn the job, conducted complex positioning space data and recorded statistics from the point of missile launch to target impact, along with data on pitch and altitude.

Over the years, Carodine would play a key role in the Knight-Sims higher education segregation lawsuit, the Alabama Democratic Conference, Masons and Rural Senior Services.



**DR. JOHN VICKERS, JR.**

Dr. John Vickers, Jr., is a quintessential renaissance man whose life has spawned successes in several different areas. Vickers is among those rare individuals who have excelled in various fields. His success as an educator runs the gamut from science teacher to elementary school principal to dean status. Simultaneously, among government-sponsored Title III programs, he is still known throughout the higher education community as a foremost authority and perhaps the initiative's most sought-after consultant.

Long before his colleagues were even aware of the implications of a World Wide Web, he had already secured Alabama A&M University's web domain ([www.aamu.edu](http://www.aamu.edu)) and had laid the foundation, through campus-wide fiber optic cables, for the University's preparedness for information technology, academic computerization and next-generation research. Running parallel to his gifted talents as an educational administrator and coordinator of government programs are numerous viable business ventures he has launched over the decades.



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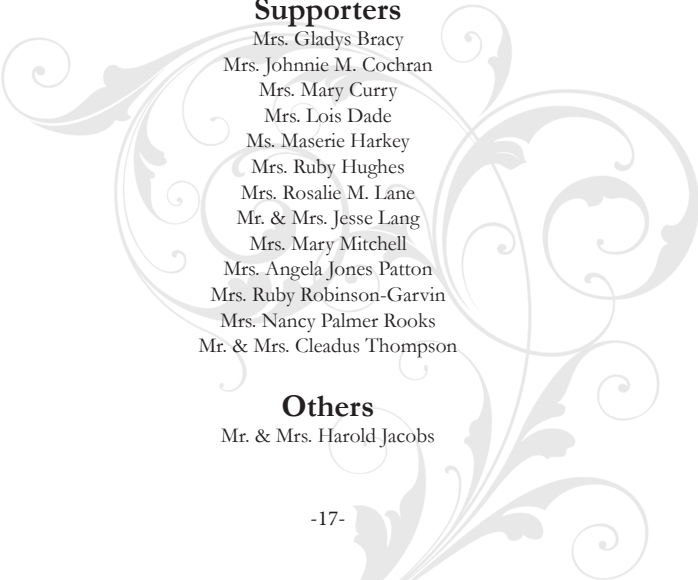
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Miss Aaliyah Toney

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Mr. James Carl (Tony) Smith Scholarship Fund  
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Mrs. Linda Smith Scholarship Fund

## PECIAL PROJECTS



*Red Mountain Theatre's production of "Letter from Birmingham Jail" attracts a large Huntsville audience. The play, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, was offered free to the public at Lee High School's Main Stage Theatre.*

In addition to coordinating its annual "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration in the Huntsville-Madison County vicinity, the Rosetta James Foundation has expanded its reach into other worthwhile projects and activities.

The Youth Council, for example, aims to involve select active and visionary high school students in worthwhile community projects, most notably voter registration and hosting of events sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation.

In 2013, the Foundation sponsored the Red Mountain Theatre's landmark production of "Letter from Birmingham Jail," depicting the circumstances surrounding the literary feat of civil rights martyr Martin Luther King, Jr., during the height of The Movement. The event was held free to the public at Lee High School's Main Stage Theatre, with local dignitaries portraying the 1960s clergy who appealed to King to allow local authorities to handle things.

The play served as a catalyst that has spurred Foundation members to look toward future activities geared toward the overall benefit of the community. For additional information about the Rosetta James Foundation, please call (256) 536-9717 or visit [www.rosettajamesfoundation.org](http://www.rosettajamesfoundation.org).

