MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!

London McKinney

A Clinical Coordinator by trade, Committee Member London McKinney is a sought-out organizer, community builder, and passionate advocate for preserving local African-American history. She is a native of Winston-Salem and a graduate of High Point University with a degree in business administration. She has worked at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist for over 25 years. It is important to her that she continues to grow as a servant leader. She has served as a precinct chair, one of the organizers of Communities United for Revitalization and Engagement (C.U.R.E), a board member for the Horizons Residential Care Center and the Democratic African American Caucus, and as a member of the State Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council. In her spare time, Ms. McKinney enjoys volunteering, traveling, and spending time with her two children and granddaughter Rayven.

Betty Hanes

Committee Member Hanes is very excited to be involved with AAHI. She holds degrees from both Johnson C. Smith University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is retired from the State of Arizona Department of Revenue. She is a product of Winston-Salem and she can offer insight into the lives of the African-American community.

Sheila Williams

Committee Member Williams brings a unique perspective and history of working with historically marginalized communities. Several years ago, she worked for the Human Relations/DEI Department as a Human Relations Specialist. She is a graduate of High Point University with a degree in business administration. She is an expert in mortgage lending and has a very long history of community service.

The exhibit was divided into three different interactive experiences. The Timeline experience chronicled the national, state, and local milestones on the path to desegregation. The Community Voices segment featured interviews of community members who were students, teachers, and staff sharing their experiences. The Reflections portion invited viewers to participate by submitting their answers to thought-provoking discussion questions. There were also several accompanying components including a youth discussion and a community panel.

WINSTON LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS RIBBON CUTTING

On June 4th, Mayor Allen Joines, Council Member Annette Scippio, Director of Recreation and Parks William Royston, and other city officials and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Winston Lake Park improvements. As part of the ongoing effort to document the history of the community, AAHI members were also on hand working to collect oral histories of the city’s residents.

Winston Lake was created in 1904 as a water supply reservoir for the city of Winston. Starting in 1924, the city began...
to allow limited recreational use of the watershed around the lake, and in 1952 the city designated the area as Winston Lake Park. Over the next two decades, the park acquired a golf course, a playground, a pool and bathhouse, a fishing clubhouse, a softball field, and picnic shelters.

During the era of segregation, the golf course at Winston Lake Park became a regular stop on the old black golf tour, hosting some of the best-known black golfers of the time, including Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder, and Calvin Peete. Because of this heritage, Winston Lake earned a place in the National Black Golf Hall of Fame in 2010.

**Joycelyn V. Johnson 1949-2022**

A 1967 graduate of Atkins High School, she earned her B.A. in sociology with a concentration in social work from Bennett College in Greensboro and completed a Gerontology Fellowship at Livingstone College. She was employed by Wake Forest Baptist Health in the Office of Graduate Medical Education as the senior graduate medical education specialist and assistant designated institutional official. She was a lifelong member of Mars Hill Baptist Church, where she actively participated in and initiated numerous programs locally and statewide. She was elected to serve on the Winston-Salem City Council representing the East Ward from December 6, 1993, until December 7, 2009. Her awards are numerous, indicating her service to her community. The City of Winston-Salem named their Public Works Building the Joycelyn V. Johnson Municipal Service Building in recognition of her service to the City and its residents.

**Jane Sandra Dubose Penn 1951-2022**

Jane was a dedicated member of Ambassador Cathedral where she served faithfully for over 50 years. She shared her talents as a playwright and poet regionally. She led poetry workshops and writing seminars locally and directed and produced plays at Ambassador Cathedral. Her works include Magnolia Magnolia, Conversion of Saul, Soliloquy of Mary, and Coming Home. Jane was an entrepreneur who owned her own business downtown, J. PennE’s Gifts and Collectibles. She was also a host of two television programs on the former CAT TV network, Diamond in the Rough and Writers, Poets and Friends.

In the community, Jane served as a volunteer and Vice Chair of the African American Heritage Initiative in the education sector. She also volunteered as the Secretary of With God Crew Incorporated, a grassroots organization committed to giving compassionate relief in the community. Jane led poetry workshops including one at the local YMCA. Jane loved serving the elderly through nursing home visits and providing seniors snacks. She previously participated in ministries sharing the gospel at the former Rolling Hills Apartments and also served Hope Lunches to the youth. She was the president of the Shepherd Mothers of the community gospel group, Willie Mason and Friends, and enjoyed traveling with the choir on their annual tours, enjoying the fellowship and the community impact projects.

**City Council:** Mayor Allen Joines; Denise D. Adams, Mayor Pro Tempore, North Ward; Kevin Mundy, Southwest Ward; Robert C. Clark, West Ward; John C. Larson, South Ward; Jeff MacIntosh, Northwest Ward; Barbara Hanes Burke, Northeast Ward; Annette Scippio, East Ward; James Taylor, Jr., Southeast Ward; City Manager: Lee D. Garrity

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