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New strategies for the new Guild year

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president. Although I am only a few months into my new role, I'm loving every minute of it! I am very fortunate to have served under Elizabeth Caples' leadership. She has prepared me well for the challenges of this role. But key in my mind is to look at every challenge as an opportunity. We have a dedicated Executive Committee that has this "focus" and is already working hard to more effectively manage our operations and explore new opportunities.

I am happy to advise that under the direction of Emma Spears, we have launched a membership recruitment program and developed a new brochure to assist in this regard. In addition, Bobby Atchley and I met with the newly elected president of the Young Professionals, Tawanda Lewis. Within the first five minutes of this meeting, we felt her passion and energy. She fully understands our desire to keep the LUL movement going with their already- and "soon to be" retired members becoming Guilders. We also discussed working together on our programs and fundraisers and work towards having a meet-and-greet mixer.

I have mentioned a few of our new strategies and hope you are pleased with our progress so far. But we also have great pre-existing programs and fundraisers that do a great job in meeting our mission. Our Moonlight Derby Cruise is undeniably steeped in tradition. Forty-three years ago, it was the only Derby event for African Americans. Fortunately, as a society, we have progressed to the extent that this is no longer the case. Given there are other events, we need to "focus" on finding ways to better advertise so that we broaden our area of coverage. Not everyone can afford the high cost admission of these other events, and so we already have a niche market at our fingertips. Through effective advertising, I believe we can also grow our Old School Dance.

Our motivation is that we realize that in order to continue to be successful, we must all embrace each facet of the Guild to support the LUL. I hope that all of you will take part in each and every event. Again, thank you for allowing me to have so much fun, and I look forward to a successful year with each of you!

Regards,

Patty Van Vooren

**Don't miss the
National Council of
UL Guilds 2006
Leadership
Luncheon Videotape
Presentation - Sept.
11 Guild Meeting**

THIS MONTH

Guild Meeting - September 11

NEXT MEETING

Guild Meeting - October 9

2006/07 Officers and Executive Committee

President -

Patty Van Vooren (502-829-9323)

1st Vice President/Program Chair- Bobby Atchley (821-4926)

2nd Vice President/Membership Chair - Emma Spears (776-2520)

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Hazel Calloway (776-5229)
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Claudia Geurin (239-2846)

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Bylaws - Claudia Geurin

Courtesy - Jerry Wright

Finance & Budget - Mary Mahin

Membership - Emma Spears

Program - Bobby Atchley

Public Relations - Barbara Eberhardt

Scholarship - Deathra Shipley

Star Jones-Reynolds keeps on shining

Star Jones Reynolds, a lawyer and former prosecutor, is known to many as former co-host of *The View*. Star also recently wowed the audience as keynote speaker of the National Council of Urban League Guilds Leadership luncheon held during the 2006 annual National Urban League Conference.

For nine years, Star co-hosted *The View*, along with Meredith Vieira, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and executive producer Barbara Walters. *The View*, recipient of the 2003 Daytime Emmy Award for "Outstanding Talk Show," is the original forum where real women discuss relevant, everyday issues and share their daily, no-holds-barred opinions and lively, colorful conversations. Star helped launch the program as an original host when it premiered in August, 1997, and in the words of Executive Producer, Barbara Walters..."The View would have never become the success it is without Star".

Star debuted on television in 1991, when she started moonlighting as a studio commentator for Court TV during the William Kennedy Smith rape trial. She was quickly lined up as a guest on the *Today* show and, a few months later, she became the NBC legal correspondent for *Today* and *Nightly News*, covering the latest developments in the Mike Tyson rape case and the Rodney King police brutality trial. She landed an exclusive interview with Tyson after the imprisoned ex-heavyweight champion had dodged the press for a year, and an exclusive interview with King after the sentencing of the two Los Angeles cops convicted of violating his civil rights. That success led to her own syndicated show, *Jones & Jury*. In 1995 Star was named a senior correspondent and chief legal analyst for *Inside Edition* and assigned the O.J. Simpson criminal and civil trials. She was the only news correspondent to obtain an exclusive interview with Mr. Simpson during the civil trial.

Born in Badin, North Carolina, and raised both there and in Trenton, New Jersey, Star earned a B.A. at American University, got her law degree at the University of Houston, passed the New York Bar and went straight to the Brooklyn District Attorney's office. After three years in general trials, she moved to the Homicide Bureau, where her work earned her a promotion to Senior Assistant District Attorney in 1991. She was one of the attorneys D.A. Joe Hynes personally selected to prosecute high profile and

community-sensitive cases. As a lawyer, she gained attention in court with a number of highly publicized victories. In one case she became the first New York Assistant District Attorney to obtain the maximum sentence for a 13-year-old defendant tried as an adult in the murder of another teenager. In another case she won a 66-year prison term for a serial sex abuser known as the "Bicycle Rapist", after other lawyers had failed to get convictions in four other cases.



With the 1997 launch of *The View*, Star expanded her scope to include commentary on the law, self-esteem, race, family, education, religion, the media and other social issues relating to the community at large. In May of 2003 *The View* received its first Daytime Emmy Award for *Outstanding Talk Show*. In addition, *The View* has received 18 Daytime Emmy Awards and has been nominated each year for "Outstanding Talk Show" and for Star and her co-hosts "Outstanding Talk Show Host." In 2001, Star and her fellow co-hosts were awarded the Safe Horizon Champion Award for their continued efforts to raise awareness on issues of importance to girls and women.

Some of her television appearances include *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Live With Regis and Kelly*, *Celebrity Jeopardy*, *Charlie Rose*, *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, *Larry King Live*, *Hollywood Squares* and *The Late Show with David Letterman*. Star allowed the "acting bug" to bite her when she appeared in ABC's *Less Than Perfect* and *All My Children* and the Lifetime series *Strong Medicine* and the Showtime series *Soul Food*. She made her feature film debut

this summer in the movie *Relative Strangers* with Danny DeVito, Kathy Bates & Ron Livingston. In 2000, Star was honored to be chosen as a subject of a Lifetime Television *Intimate Portrait* profile and for three years hosted a home shopping television show entitled *It's All About You With Star Jones* on cable's ShopNBC.

Star was also "Chief of Consumer Style" (national spokesperson) for Payless ShoeSource, the number one shoe retailer in the United States. As a popular commercial personality, Star was the "face" of Payless ShoeSource and appeared in all of their print and broadcast advertisements. Her "shoe style" is watched so closely that in 2003, Star launched her signature line of shoes "Starlet by Star Jones™" that is sold exclusively at Payless ShoeSource.

Star has graced the cover of numerous magazines including Newsweek, TV Guide, People, Ebony, Essence, Black Enterprise, Life and Style and New York. September 1998 marked the publication of Star's first book, *You Have to Stand for Something, or You'll Fall for Anything* (Bantam), which received widespread critical acclaim and became a bestseller. Her new book *Shine...a Physical, Emotional & Spiritual Journey to Finding Love* (Harper Collins) hit bookstores on January 6, 2006 and immediately became another bestseller.

Star is heavily involved in numerous philanthropic efforts. As the goodwill ambassador for "First Star", she is the voice of the effort to give basic rights to children in America's foster care system. She is on the Board of Directors/Trustees of The East Harlem School, The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research, The HollyRod Foundation for Parkinson's Research and God's Love We Deliver and contributes regularly to the NY Amory Foundation, Hale House and various Youth Foundations. Additionally she is on the National Advisory Boards of Girls, Inc. and Dress for Success. In 2002, Star launched her own not-for-profit foundation, "The Starlet Fund," which makes financial grants to individuals and organizations that are dedicated to the support and encouragement of women, girls and families in need.

On November 13, 2004, Star Jones married Al Scales Reynolds. She and her husband live in New York City and East Hampton, NY.

LUL Guild Calendar

Program Committee

A Program Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:00 pm to discuss our fundraisers, public relations, and community service projects. This is a very important meeting and all are encouraged to attend.

Spooky Treats

The Program Committee needs your help with donations of wrapped Halloween candy or trinkets. Treat bags for The Healing Place children will be prepared immediately following the Oct. 9 Guild meeting.



Thanksgiving Dinner



Please join in helping serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the needy in our community on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6:00 pm at the Salvation Army/Portland Boys & Girls Club. Contact Bobby Atchley if you would like to help serve.

Breast Cancer Walk

Please call Patty Van Vooren if you would like to participate in the American Cancer Society's Oct. 22 walk-a-thon. This is great exercise with the added benefit of supporting a worthy cause!

Congratulations!

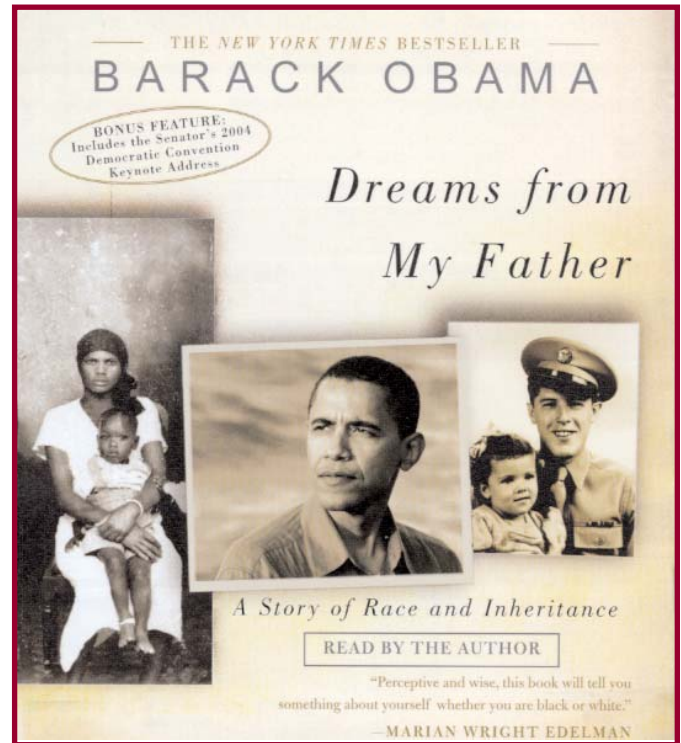
Claudia Geurin and Deathra Shipley received the National Urban League's Quarter Century award presented at the 2006 NUL Convention in Atlanta, GA. This award is presented to volunteers who have given at least 25 years of service. Congratulations and thank you for your commitment and service!

Members in the News

We have three members with deserving news spotlights: Sheila Carson and Claudia Geurin attended the Oprah Winfrey Show in April 2006. Additional newsworthy information for Claudia includes the recently printed Sunday, Aug. 20 edition of the Courier-Journal where she was selected to be a blogger for the editorial page. Claudia along with 15 other CJ readers will voice their opinions on subjects selected by the editor. And lastly, Shirley Fuqua-Jackson entered a quilt in this year's State Fair.

LUL Annual Membership Meeting

The LUL annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will last approximately one hour and refreshments will be served. All are encouraged to attend.



Guild Library



We're starting a listening/viewing/reading diversity library. A six CD set is available of Barack Obama's "Dreams from My Father." The following is an excerpt:

"The first time I came to Kenya was in 1987. I had just finished three years of work as a community organizer in low-income neighborhoods of Chicago, and was about to enroll in law school. My sister, Auma, was teaching that year at this university, and so I came to stay with her for a month. My experience then was very different than it has been on this trip. Instead of a motorcade, we traveled in my sister's old VW Beetle, which even then was already ten years old. When it broke down in front of Uhuru Park, we had to push until some joakalis came to fix it by the side of the road. I slept on the couch of my sister's apartment, not a fancy hotel, and often took my meals at a small tea-house in downtown Nairobi. When we went upcountry, we traveled by train and matatu, with chickens and collard greens and sometimes babies placed in my lap. But it was a magical trip. To begin with...."

Please contact Patty Van Vooren if you would like to include a document in our Guild Library to share with other Guilders.

All classes of people under social pressure are permeated with a common experience; they are emotionally welded as others cannot be. With them, even ordinary living has epic depth and lyric intensity, and this, their material handicap, is their spiritual advantage.

Alain Locke

LUL Guild Calendar

September

- 11 Guild Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
- 25 Program Committee - 6 p.m.

October

- 9 Guild Meeting and Halloween Treat Bags for THP - 6:15 p.m.
- 23 Angel Tree Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 30 Old School Dance Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.

November

- 6 Angel Tree Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 13 Guild Meeting/Orientation - 6:15 p.m.
- 21 Portland Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner - 6 p.m.
- 27 Derby Moonlight Cruise Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.

December

- 2 Nursing Home Cheer - TBD
- 4 Angel Tree Gifts Due - 6 p.m.
- 11 Guild Meeting/Angel Tree Party - 6:15 p.m.
- 18 Old School Dance Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.

January

- 8 Guild Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
Old School Dance Reservations Due
- 27 VITA
- 27 **Old School Dance** - 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

February

- 3 VITA
- 10 VITA
- 12 Guild Meeting/Valentine Bags - 6:15 p.m.
- 17 VITA
- 24 VITA
- 24 Health Fair
- 26 Derby Cruise Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.

March

- 3 VITA
- 10 VITA
- 12 Guild Meeting
- 17 VITA
- 19 Derby Cruise Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 24 VITA
- 31 VITA

April

- 2 Derby Cruise Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 7 VITA
- 7 Easter Egg Hunt and Cookout
- 9 Guild Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
- 14 VITA

May

- 5 **Derby Moonlight Cruise** - 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
- 14 Guild Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
- 19 LUL Diversity Soiree - TBA

June

- 11 Guild Meeting/Annual Reports/Election of Officers - 6:15 p.m.

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Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

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Sunday, October 22, 2006

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Happy Birthday

Jerry Wright - 8/2
Lynn Tyler - 8/4
Eunice Payne - 9/10
Wilda Brown - 9/16

You may pay your dues, fundraiser reservations, and/or raffle tickets by check or credit card.

Please return to:

Louisville Urban League Guild
1535 W. Broadway
Louisville, KY 40203
Attention: Mary Mahin

Fax: (502) 585-2335



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- Dues \$35
- Old School Dance # _____ @ \$30/each (minimum 1) \$ _____
- Derby Moonlight Cruise # _____ @ \$30/each (minimum 1) \$ _____
- Raffle Tickets # _____ @ \$1/each (minimum 5) \$ _____
- Total \$ _____

Payment:

Check enclosed for \$ _____ payable to "Louisville Urban League Guild"

MasterCard Visa Expiration Date: _____

Account Number: _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____



You may also join online at www.lul.org