# MOTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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### President's Message

It has been a while since our last newsletter but please know that we are still in the business of raising money for our scholarship fund. There are about 12-14 members who are helping to raise funds for scholarships.

Many individuals are not aware of what we have done since our election in 2001. Just so that you know, we have:

- Provided 8 students with a \$500.00 book award totaling \$4000.00
- 32 students with \$1000.00 scholarships totaling 32000.00
- gave one student \$400.00 to purchase books
- Donated \$100.00 to Waters U.
  M. Church to assist them when their heating system had to be replaced
- A donation to the restoration of John Wesley Church in Oxford, Maryland
- Donation to the Auxiliary of Blake Blackston Post to assist two students to attend Girl's State
- Donation to Talbot County
  Public Schools on their laptop
  initiative

We have received two certificates for our interest and support in helping students continue their education from Bethel A.M.E. Church and Scotts United Methodist Church.

We are still trying to continue to meet our goals.

### APRIL 2011

We are very grateful to the American Legion Blake Blackston Post #77 for their donation and the use of their facilities for our meetings and fundraising.

We are requesting donations from our members to help with the void in fundraising. Please send a donation to help us with our scholarship program.

We encourage a class or several classes to organize and plan an activity. We will be glad to support your efforts. The classes of 1966 and 1967 are planning activities for 2012. If you have a year in mind, please let us know.

Our Basketball classic was a success and we hope that you will plan to support us again this year.

On May 6, 2010 we will have a dinner to raise funds to benefit our scholarship program. Details will follow in this newsletter.

The Executive Board is very interested in identifying the first organizer and all Presidents that have served this great Alumni Association. We want to plan an activity to recognize them for leading us to where we are. Contact James Kenny Camper at 410-463-0396 or Walter Black at 410-822-7601.

We plan to continue to keep our high school, an active and viable association for years to come. Let's keep our school spirit alive.

Gladys H. Giddens, President Class of 1960 

## Walter (Bobby) Rasin Class of 1948

Walter (Bobby) Rasin is a native of Easton, Maryland and a graduate of Robert Russa Moton High School, Class of 1948. Being a lover of sports, he played and was cocaptain of the Moton Tigers Basketball team for two years. He played softball and soccer. The soccer team held the State Championship for 1947 and 1948.

After high school Bobby enlisted in the military. After serving in an all black unit in Florida, he was one of the first African Americans to integrate McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

During his terms of service he was assigned at Baffin Island, Germany(3 towns) and England. He served on the Surgeons General Inspection Team as a Medical Emergency Inspector in England.

Bobby played base level and squadron level basketball for sixteen years, coached the Medical

Squadron basketball team in England to two consecutives Championships.

On August 3, 1957 he married the former Doreatha Alford of Oxford, Maryland. They have a daughter, Katurak Jones, son Angelo Rasin and granddaughter Tiana Rasin.

After retiring from the Air Force (21 Years) in 1969 they made their home in Los Angeles, CA. Bobby was employed at Northope Air Craft as a supervisor and retired after 23 years(1993) While working he attended South West College in Los Angeles and received his AA degree. He then enrolled at California State University Dominique Hills in Carson, California graduating in 1980 with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Behavioral Science.

Once he and his wife both retired, they decided to return to Maryland in 1998 making Oxford their permanent home.

Bobby is a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and associate member at Waters United Methodist Church where he is a member on the Trustee Board, sings on the choir and member of the Methodist Men.

He is a member of the following organizations: Easton Star Lodge #16, King David Consistory 284 32 degree, Abulahab Temple #206, Shriners, Blake Blackston #77 American Legion, Veterans Foreign Wars 5118, Trustee Board Parks and Recreation (Oxford), Trustee John Wesley Restoration Board (Screamersville). Organizer of Veterans Memorial Service (Oxford), and Member of Robert Russa Moton Alumni Association.

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We appreciate the donation given by some of the class of 1960 in the amount of \$310.00. Other Classmates are encouraged to make your donation.

The Business Report MOTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION This report reflects a financial report for: May 31,2010- March 31, 2011 The beginning balance as of 05-31-09 was \$ 3557.19. The total income realized during the period is \$ 6149.51. The total disbursements during that period are \$ 6047.14 The ending balance as of March 31, 2011 is. \$ 3659.56 . Treasurer's reports are available upon request.

# ACTIVITIES for 2011 MAY 6, 2011 FISH AND PIG FOOT DINNER

Beginning at 11:00 a.m.

## November 25, 2011 BASKETBALL CLASSIC

Easton High School 5:00

## November 26, 2011 Dance

Easton Fire Hall Beginning at 730

#### Friday, May 6, 2011 Blake Blackston Post 77

Glenwood Avenue Easton, Maryland

**FISH AND PIG FOOT DINNER** 

MENU FISH or Pig Foot Choice of Mac and Cheese or Fried Potatoes or Potato Salad Green Beans Stewed Tomatoes Corn Bread Cake

> Donation \$10.00

## Benefits Scholarship Program



By Denise Watson Batts

This article appeared in the Virginia Pilot in the Sunday Break on 02-20-11. Mr. & Mrs Daniel Ridout sent this article to me for our scrapbook. After reading the article, I thought you might enjoy this reading.

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From the road it looks like history has this place all wrong.

The street view offers abandonded dormitories and a cracked tennis court that hasn't seen a backhand volley in ages. It doesn't look like a destination where some of the nation's pre-eminent leaders, scholars and legends would meet, sometimes under the secrecy of night, to resolve some of the country's critical problems.

A turn on to the paved driveway is more promising. Roll beyond the ravaged court and empty apartments, toward the York River, under the umbrella of holly branches, and the stories become more real.

The path ends at Holly Knoll , a gorgeous Georgian Revival home resurrected to look as it did decades ago when its owner had a dream. Not that dream, or that man, though even he, too, was drawn here.

He is one of the reasons why this sequestered spot off a meandering lane in Gloucester often is called the cradle of the civil rights movement.

The story of Holly Knoll often goes unheard of now, but 60, 70 years ago an invitation here was a coveted request.

The legal maneuvers from Brown v. Board of Education, 1954 Supreme Court decision that ruled segregated schools unconstitutional, were discussed here. The seed for the United Negro College Fund, which continues to send thousands of students to schools each year, was born within these walls. Strategies for the sit-in movement of the early 1960s, which desegregrated lunch counters, and for voter registration drives targeting Southern blacks percolated on these grounds.

Robert R. Moton built Holly Knoll as his retirement home in 1935, but it's obvious from the design that he intended it to be more than a place to fish.

No one now is sure-it's been remodeled time and again-but at one point the home might have had as many as a dozen bedrooms and almost as many bathrooms. The living room still is spacious enough for large debates. Moton's study spreads wide, a perfect place for propping up feet to do some heavy pondering. The first floor contains plenty of space for eating. A second –story balcony runs the length of the house, and the upstairs rooms all empty onto it.

" It's obvious that this was meant to be a gathering place," said Gindy Miley, director of the house and The Moton Conference Center, the official name of the property.

To understand the legacy of this house is to understand Moton.

He was born in August 1867 in Amelia County, the son of former slaves who still worked on plantations as they had before emancipation.

He'd grown up listening to the histories of his people, including the story of his great-greatgrandfather, an African chief of a powerful tribe who would seize his rivals to sell into slavery to white merchants. One day he found himself chained in the hold of a ship with some of the men he'd captured. He was a proud man who passed a strong sense of self to his children, and they passed it to theirs. Moton 's mother learned to read, a talent she hid from her whites, but she insisted on teaching her son at least an hour every night by the light of their fire. When the landowners discovered the lessons, they surprisingly encouraged more and pushed Moton to attend a school recently opened for blacks. He developed several close friendships with whites, a collaboration he thought was necessary even as Jim Crow laws began to separate the races even more. He enrolled at Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute and worked with its white founder, Samuel C. Armstrong. After Moton graduated in 1890, he taught at Hampton and later was named commandant and put in charge of student discipline. He traveled with Armstrong during the founder's fundraising trips and befriended another of his protégés, Booker T. Washington, a fellow Hampton graduate who was now leading a small Alabama school named Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

Washington was emerging as one of the country's leading black voices and became impressed with Moton, particularly how he handled the often strained interactions between blacks and white.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

We would like to thank each individual who has paid membership dues for 2011. An \* is in front of your name if your dues for 2011 have been received.

Please let us know If your name was omitted .

All members who paid dues for 2010 are listed. Only dues paid for 20 11 will be listed in the next publication. Dues are \$12.00 per member and \$6.00 for associate members.

## Mail all dues to:

Moton High School Alumni Association

P. O. Box 152

Royal Oak, MD. 21662.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES 2010 2011 ALUMNI MEMBERS

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