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Politics "On the Low"

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

... There is no other American community in which the huge bulk of local business, from the smallest to the largest, is operated by outsiders.

- Claude McKay



The campaign season is in full swing. Yet, neither the Bernie/Hillary tap dance around questions of racial blind spots (Flint debate) or the "non-politically correct" xenophobic rhetoric of Donald Trump, represent the only politics with racial under or overtones. Or, at least, with possible racial ramifications.

Recently, both the City of Toledo and the University of Toledo bailed on the proposed I-475/U.S. 23 interchange at Dorr Street, a project they previously pledged their support in collaboration with Springfield Township, Lucas County and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Although the agreement originated under the leadership of late Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins and former UT President Lloyd Jacobs, Toledo City Council voted unanimously (11-0 with one member absent) to participate in this joint revenue sharing project.

With the required investment being very modest and a substantial portion of the total funding coming from the State of Ohio, many political insiders are mystified as to why the City and UT pulled out of the deal.

Meanwhile, both are claiming financial hardship as their reason for reneging on the commitment as they each appear to be actively involved in strengthening the Secor Road/Central Avenue retail cluster where T.J. Maxx, Burlington, Whole Foods and others are reportedly negotiating to occupy space.

That's all good, but the problem is that NO ONE IS TALKING.

Toledo was recently found to be the fourth most "distressed" large city in the U.S. in terms of basic community well-being, positioned behind only Cleveland, Detroit and Newark, New Jersey.

Yet, one preliminary estimate indicates that the new Dorr Street exchange project could more than double the number of cars per day that travel to and from downtown from 9,000 to almost 19,000 per day. That number is in line with the activity threshold major retailers look to make new investments in certain geographic locations.

The exchange would also benefit businesses and organizations in the Dorr/Reynolds area, an area represented by Councilman Tyrone Riley and where businesses like Ruby's Kitchen or Braden United Methodist Church and preschool are located.

The construction project would provide construction jobs and benefit Local 500 workers and minority contractors who are members of the African American Chamber of Commerce or of UT's Minority

Business Assistance Center.

But no one is talking.

The Dorr Street exchange would have a great impact on revitalizing the Dorr Street area between downtown and the UT campus, an area that has long suffered from decades of benign neglect and disinvestment. A large portion of this area lies in Councilwoman Yvonne Harper's district. But of course, I am told, that no one from the mayor's office is talking.

Despite the concentrated poverty, underutilized labor and land along Dorr Street and the negative job and population loss in Toledo, there has been no visible public effort to address the problem. Here lies a great opportunity, but no one is talking.

Embracing a broader vision:

The politics of today are, rightly so, about inclusion - racial, ethnic, gender, or sexual preference. Yet, for several decades, this city has not been inclusive toward economic development, particularly when it comes to the development and economic well-being of the black community.

With stretches of Dorr Street that lie within one mile in proximity to downtown, the University of Toledo and the proposed exchange, this project offers an opportunity to complement the development currently taking place in those established areas.

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Community Calendar

March 9

ProMedica Medical Assistant Career Fair: Flower Hospital Conference Rm E; 3-7 pm; Onsite interview opportunity for medical assistants to meet recruitment staff and hiring managers: 419-824-7152

March 12-13

St. Paul MBC Annual Men's Day Weekend Celebration: "Steadfast Men of God;" Sat - Prayer Breakfast at 9 am with Rev. Floyd Smith of Calvary; Sun - 9:25 Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. Sunday service with Rev. Lawrence Swain, retired executive director of ABC Ohio
The Cross Church Pastor's Birthday Celebration and Church One Year Anniversary: Sat - birthday celebration at 2 pm for Pastor Michael Prince; Sun - Church anniversary service at 11 am with guest Pastor WC Brown and Fifth Baptist Church

March 13

Calvary MBC 27th Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. Floyd Smith, Jr; 4 pm; Guests Pastor Stanley Clark and United Vision Baptist Church
Beulah Baptist Men's Day: 10:45 am service with Preacher Elder Steve Allen; 4 pm service with Pastor Eric Sherman

March 14

Community Conversations for School Success: TPS Plan to Address Equity Issues;" South Branch Library (Note: this is a change in location); 6:30 to 8 pm; Speaker Brian Murphy, TPS Chief Operating Officer; 419-259-5395

March 19

Flanders Road Church of Christ Clothing Giveaway: 10 am to 1 pm

March 20

Calvary MBC 27th Pastoral Anniversary: Rev. Floyd Smith, Jr; 4 pm; Guests Pastor Melvin Barnes and Faith Fellowship Church

March 21

Search Lite Community Church "Spring Into Action;" 11:30 service: 419-297-6076

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You Owe Us Big Time...!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

If you are a political junkie and are watching the news as the race for the White House is shaping up, have you begun to notice a "trend" for Hillary Clinton?

What is the most dominant theme that is emerging as to her seemingly winning streak to be the first woman president?

What "horse" is Hillary riding and riding hard in order to capture the White House?

Following is a simple multiple choice question that will give you the answer regardless of your age as how you view your ethnic grouping. See if you can find the answer to the engine that is driving her political horsie.

Question: WHAT VOTING BLOC IS CRUCIAL TO HILLARY CLINTON WINNING THE

WHITE HOUSE?

- (a) Eskimos
- (b) Cajuns in northern Louisiana
- (c) Samoans
- (d) Hopi Indian tribes of New Mexico
- (e) Blacks/African-Americans/Coloreds/Negroes/people of color/Hispanics

For the politically obtuse, here is a hint: this voting bloc composed over half of the primary voters in the recent South Carolina contest. Still not getting it? Give up? The answer is (e)!

Yes, it appears that Hillary has to cobble together the voting blocs of President Obama's winning coalition and take some of the youth vote from Bernie Sanders and wow the independents if she wants her husband to have even a remote chance at getting his hands on some shapely White House interns when he returns as First Man to the White House.

The minority vote will be the clincher for Hillary and she loses no opportunity to grin and smile at every face that is a caramel color or darker.

Now, this is where the plot thickens. Once she hogs most of the available delegates and super delegates and can throw down against the carnival barker Donald Trump who is playing with fire by not thoroughly denouncing any wooing by any David Duke voters or rebuking Duke's allegiance to the detestable KKK, Hillary will take the White House.

When that happens, what does black America do with a Hillary presidency? Do we smile and bask in the glow that we composed the razor's edge of victory for her and then go home and sit back and be content. Or...

Or, do we generate a list of demands (not requests) that is promptly presented to

Hillary as our due for putting her in the White House?

Do we play hardball politics and say, in effect, "Ok Hillary, you are now the first woman president and we put you there with your primary victories and in the general election, now pay up!"

Maybe, "pay up" is too harsh a phrase to use. Maybe it should be refined and made more dignified and restated as, "Politics is a

give and take game. We have given and now it is our time to take!"

Will or would such a demanding statement cause political shock waves if black and brown people were to coalesce about a list of demands and of which the lack of substantial fulfillment would mean that if Hillary were to seek re-election, she would find a most cool reception when she ran her game on black folks?

We do not know but one thing we should be cognizant of and that is, unless you struggle, there is no progress and if minority voters were to let Hillary off and give her "softball" requests as payback for their consistent ramrod backing of her, we would be not be real players in this game of politics and asking for real change (that is Hillary's mantra) from Hillary.

So, to further this discourse, I have taken the liberty to propose the following demands that should be "leaked" to the Hillary campaign so that they will know that if she wins the White House, that win comes with some strings attached, namely, payback time!

DEMAND ONE: The appointment of a black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Imagine the consternation that would cause Clarence "Uncle Tom" Thomas if he had to know that every day in court deliberations he had to face a no nonsense black woman who would not countenance his playing the silent brooding jurist. Imagine if you would, a black woman telling Thomas to get his act together. Imagine in closed door deliberations on civil rights and voting right and prisoner rights cases, a black woman glaring at Thomas to stand up and quit being a dupe for the far right. Oh, how rich that would be!

And if by chance the Senate would turn that appointee down, Hillary would have to appoint another black woman until the Senate caves in and consents to such an appointment. Imagine going from an "Aunt" Jemima to that of Jurist Jemima.

It would be a cataclysmic change in power and the rule of law for such to happen.

DEMAND TWO: The appointment of a black man to the cabinet position of Secretary of Agriculture. Agriculture you say? Because in that position, an aggressive secretary could make sure that black farmers stay in farming with crop subsidies and farm

loans that heretofore has cause the lost of many farms in the past thirty years. Also, the power of a Secretary of Agriculture is enormous as to influencing food stamps allocations; and other related food product issues that greatly impact upon people of color.

DEMAND THREE: To provide an outright endowment of \$10 billion to the historically black colleges and universities. Many of those institutions are in dire financial straits and need a substantial financial infusion in order to keep their doors open and to revamp their strategies that they can woo students to their doors. Such colleges and universities play an integral part in the education of minority students who can attend such colleges and develop and grow in an atmosphere that is free from racial prejudice.

DEMAND FOUR: To aggressively bring legal challenges regarding voter suppression and police misconduct in both the South and the North. Included, is the repeal of the recent Supreme Court opinions that allowed corporations to be seen as having First Amendment rights and the right for fat cats to give unnamed and unlimited funds to the political process which in reality, buys elections.

DEMAND FIVE: To bring to justice via a bucket load of criminal indictments against the Wall Street thugs and robber barons who caused the 2008 meltdown of the economy. The identities of these investment houses, insurance firms, banks and mortgage companies are well known; and to date they have received only civil fines for their egregious conduct. What a sham that justice is so blind. Justice sees quite well, thank you, when it wants to and those scoundrels are living the good life while they have caused untold misery to millions of people who lost their homes, pensions, savings and hope for a stable retirement due to their naked greed and duplicity.

So, if people of color were to come together over the above Big Five demands, and if Hillary and the Congress were to enact such legislation, then and only then could Hillary boasts of making real change.

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Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson Makes the Case for Issue 2

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

Although early voting is well under way in the 2016 primary election, March 15 is when most voters will be headed to the polls to not only push the buttons for their favorite candidates but also to decide whether the City of Toledo will have more funds at its disposal to fix the pockmarked neighborhood streets.

The city is asking voters to approve an extension to the temporary .75 percent tax that will expire at the end of this calendar year and to raise that amount by an additional .25 percent. The raise, if approved, will generate an additional \$16.6 per annum for street repairs.

For an individual who makes \$35,000 per year, Issue 2 would increase his or her taxes by \$87.48 per year.

According to Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, the income tax increase is necessary not only because of the dismal condition of the city's roads but also because all other efforts to raise funds for such repairs have been exhausted. Since 2008, the city has lost \$83 million from the State of Ohio due to reductions in local government funding and since 2010 voters have approved transference away from the capital improvement fund to the general fund to fill the reduction in state funding.

Past administrations have also coped with the budget deficit by selling off major assets, clearly a short-term solution to the problem.

"An increase in the temporary tax is vital for our city to continue its

forward movement," said Hicks-Hudson in a conversation with The Truth. "And the safety of our streets is necessary to attract businesses here and to keep the businesses we have."

Unlike levies that frequently appear on the ballot, noted the mayor, this tax increase will not directly affect property owners and retirees, it affects wage earners – those who work in Toledo be they residents or commuters who pay income taxes to the city.

The increased revenues, said the mayor, would be specifically earmarked for street repairs in residential areas, those areas, for example, that are not eligible for matching funds because they are not state roads.

The City of Toledo will be establishing a citizens' oversight committee, said Hicks-Hudson, to make sure the additional dollars



Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson

get spent on streets.

"We need our citizens' support so that we can upgrade our residential streets, continue our community safety initiatives and return to using capital dollars for capital projects," said the mayor in a recent newsletter.

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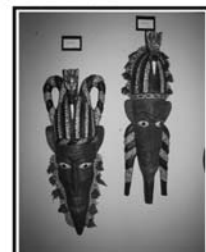


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Clinton Speaks with Ohio Legislative Black Caucus

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

On Friday, March 4, Hillary Clinton, candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for president, conducted a telephone conference with members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus. As a result of that interview – the Caucus later interviewed her opponent Senator Bernie Sanders – Clinton received the endorsement of the OLBC this week.

Clinton made a brief opening statement before answering questions posed by members of the



Hillary Clinton



Rep. Michael Ashford (r) speaks with Secretary Clinton as LC Democratic Party Chairman Joshua Hughes listens

OLBC. During her remarks Clinton expressed her gratitude to the OLBC for the opportunity to speak to them and noted that she would be "Grateful to have you working with me, not only in the campaign but afterwards" in order to address issues of mutual concern.

"There's a lot of similarity in what we're saying and what the OLBC is saying [in its agenda]," she added.

Clinton told the legislators that America is not a "single issue country," saying that the next president would have to address issues of job creation, voting rights, fixing the broken criminal justice system and ending the sometimes tragic consequences of police misuse of power.

The first question to Clinton – former First Lady of the United States during her husband, former President Bill Clinton's eight-

year term in the 1990's; former U.S. Senator for the State of New York and former Secretary of State during the first four years of President Barack Obama's tenure – was posed by Toledo Representative Michael Ashford.

Ashford asked the candidate what impact the next president would have on the U.S. Supreme Court considering the fact that several justices will have to be appointed.

Clinton responded that the issue of the Supreme Court would be a key issue in the campaign itself because of the way the U.S. Senate is prepared "to disrespect the president" by refusing to vote on his appointment to the land's high court.

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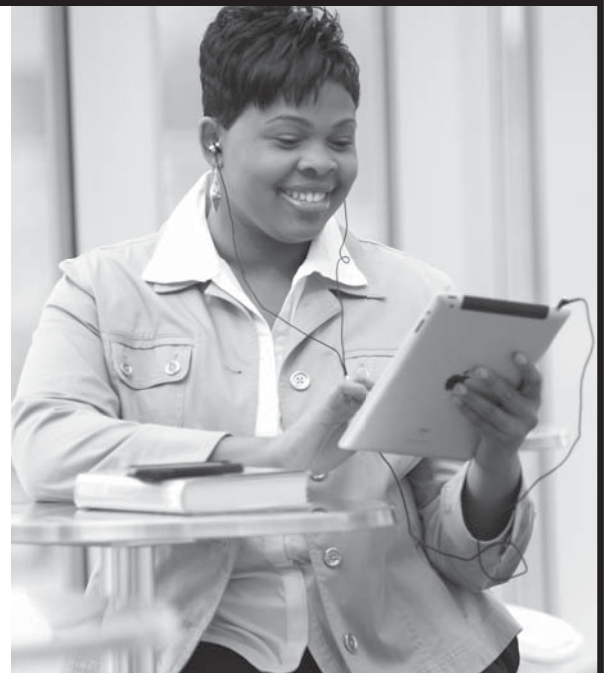
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Community Conversations for School Success: Marching Toward Equity

By Lynne Hamer, PhD, and Willie McKether, PhD

The Truth Contributors

As we have noted before, the vision of *Community Conversations for School Success* is that “by tapping our own local knowledge we will develop our community’s capacity for positive change.” The conversations are only successful if we have people from all walks of life coming together to share information and deciding to work together to make positive change.

At the end of each conversation, it is our tradition to consider what information we need to understand next, and to consider what presenters we could invite to help increase understanding and access information.

In our most recent conversation, on February 29, we focused on “Equity and Institutional Discrimination: Taking Responsibility for



Lynne Hamer

Change,” with the idea that for change toward equity to happen, we all have to decide equity is something we value and are willing to prioritize. At our next meeting, Brian Murphy, chief operating officer for Toledo Public Schools, will discuss how the administration works to ensure equity is a primary focus in all aspects of the district’s operations.

At the February 29 meeting, Community Conversations steering committee member Diane McCarthy gave us a working definition of educational equity, citing educational scholars Debnam et al. (2014) to give us more understanding. These scholars define educational equity as the extent to which there is fair treatment for all students. Educational equity is achieved when factors outside and inside the school are addressed such that the student can fully engage in the educational experience.

Addressing all those factors can seem overwhelming, which might be why our public institutions have often been reluctant to acknowledge equity issues and work to address them. But we think that that notion of “factors outside” and “factors inside” the school can open up the issue in a useful way, and can make it seem less daunting. For one institution or entity to be responsible for ALL those factors, inside and out, is not reasonable. It’s not even realistic, as no one institution has the resources or the authority to do so.

Debnam et al.’s (2014) discussion of equity can serve as a useful springboard for our sharing the responsibility: institutions of all sorts must make it a priority to identify equity issues and make it a priority to address them. And in addressing them, research suggests, engaging with the community to identify specific factors, inside and outside the school, and to figure out how to address them together is essential.

For example, educational consultants Toney and Keleher (2013) report findings from their work with Minneapolis Public Schools to address equity issues. The main concern was that some minority groups had much lower grade-level reading proficiencies than did others. As their article (available for download from the Community Conversations Facebook group) describes, the district and community were able to make a plan that seems to be working well in improving equity in terms of reading outcomes.

Toney and Keleher (2013) suggest that other districts and communities with similar issues can benefit from paying attention to five lessons learned in Minneapolis. We quote from them:

1. Stakeholder engagement from the outset of planning and decision making is critical.
2. Multiracial alliances and analyses are needed.
3. School district and community collaboration is well worth the investment.
4. The use of race equity research tools is critical to success.
5. Equity impact assessments need to be institutionalized. (p. 167)

We believe that Toledo is well-positioned to proactively address



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Top Ohio Charter School Is Right Here in Toledo!

Toledo School for the Arts Ranked First in the State

Special to The Truth

Toledo School for the Arts (TSA) has been ranked the number one charter school in Ohio. "This designation is very exciting," explained TSA Director Douglas Mead, EdD. "The Niche rating is largely based on reviews by parents, students and alumni, none of which are solicited by TSA. The announcement is a surprise, but the work our teachers and students did to get us there is most certainly well planned and calculated!"

TSA was recently announced as the #1 Charter School in Ohio by Niche, a website that ranks K-12 schools and colleges based on data and reviews. Regarding their process, Niche states:

Niche.com content comes from a variety of sources, including student, parent, and resident surveys, school administrators, and government databases. This data is then used to generate our rankings and power our school profiles and search tools.

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In addition to the number one charter school ranking, TSA is ranked number 25 among the Top 100 Ohio High Schools rated by Niche, which includes charter, public and private schools.

While reviews remain anonymous,

schools and the public can see which group of stakeholders provided each review. One provided by a TSA high school senior reads:

"The academics at TSA are incredibly top-notch. The teachers are very knowledgeable, and like to integrate conversations into their classrooms, thus creating an interactive environment and causing the students to think. There is a very wide variety of students here from all walks of life, and this causes other students, and the teachers to think about this in their lessons."

TSA is located in downtown Toledo, Ohio and serves over 670 students across grades six-12. The school attracts students from over 20 school districts with an award-winning arts-integrated curriculum model.

Accolades the school has received since its inception include the 2012 Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio, Category: Arts Education, presented by Ohio's Governor Kasich and a designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. TSA has been listed as an America's Best High Schools in U.S. News & World Report four times, and was the first charter to be named a National Title I Distinguished School.



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St. John's Students Named Maumee Rotary February Students of the Month

Special to The Truth

St. John's Jesuit High School (SJJ) seniors, Knowledge Lacy and Ivan Dye, were named February Maumee Rotary Students of the Month.

Knowledge Lacy is a member of the 20/20 Jesuit Scholars Program. He is consistently on the honor roll and a member of the National Honor Society. He is in the Ambassador Society and earned the Open to Growth award junior year. He is in the Ping Pong Club and was in the Sports Club. He was a senior Kairos leader and is a peer tutor.

He has participated in the SJJ Christian Service Daytime Program serving the last two years at Martin Luther King Academy as a mentor for young men. Freshman and sophomore years he volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club tutoring and helping with activities. He was also involved summers with Kids Unlimited Summer Camp.



Knowledge Lacy and Ivan Dye

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Local Clubs Collaborate on Teach-A-Rama for Preparedness

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Beta Gamma Chapter and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.'s Toledo Club and Maumee Bay Club collaborated on Monday, February 22 for a Teach-A-Rama, focusing on emergency preparedness, at the Kent Branch Public Library.

The purpose of the Teach-A-Rama, said Beta Gamma's Paula Martin, addressing the teachers, students and parents in attendance, is to "acquaint teachers, parents and the community with various aspects of the field of education and to combine under one umbrella all committees of like nature, for example, literacy would include committees like Reading Power, Touch a Child, tutoring and senior teachers and second careers."

After Martin explained the purpose of Teach-A-Rama, Linda Collins, president of the Maumee Bay Club of NANBPWC, Inc. spoke of why emergency preparedness is necessary.

Presenters Capucine Dickerson, B.J. Tucker and Beatrice Daniels addressed the main topic of the evening – Get Ready! Stay Ready! – a program based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's plan for households and organizations. Preparation, they stressed, involves getting a kit, making a plan, being informed and getting involved.

Closing remarks were offered by Frances Collins, PhD, and refreshments followed the evening's program.



Capucine Dickerson, Beatrice Daniels, Paula Martin, Dorothy Batson, Linda Collins, BJ Tucker, Frances Collins, PhD

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Owens' Toledo-Area Campus to Host College and Career Preview Night

Special to The Truth

More than 100 public and private colleges and universities from Ohio and the multi-state area will visit the Toledo area as Owens Community College serves as host to northwest Ohio's largest College and Career Preview Night on Wednesday, March 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m..

The event will provide prospective students the opportunity to visit with various college and university representatives and learn about financial aid, student activities, academic program offerings, athletic eligibility, accommodations for students with special needs, and more. Attendees will also be able to tour the School of Nursing and Health Professions and the Fine Arts Labs.

In addition, representatives from local financial institutions will be

present to provide information on student loans and high school counselors will be available during the event to answer general college questions. Representatives of various military branches will also be on hand to discuss admission to military academies, the ROTC and other scholarship-related programs.

The counseling staffs of 17 local high schools and Owens are sponsoring the event. College Fair tables will be set-up in the Gym and presentations on Financial Aid and Manufacturing Careers will be in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

For more information, please call, please call 567-661-7777567-661-7777 or 1-800-GO-OWENS1-800-GO-OWENS FREE, Ext. 7777.

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the issues of equity that continue to arise across our community.

The conversation on March 14 will focus on Toledo Public Schools and promises to provide us with an opportunity to learn how the district works with the community when it comes to inclusion. In the end, by working together, we can build upon our successes, learn from our issues and strive for resolutions. We recognize that Community Conversations is not the first nor the only effort to bring people together to work together, but we hope that it contributes to our community's success in doing so.

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Everyone is welcome to join in the Community Conversations, alternate Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm, at various branches of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library system. Please email lynne.hamer@utoledo.edu or willie.mckether@utoledo.edu to get on the Community Conversations email list, or join our public Facebook page at "Community Conversations for School Success Toledo."

The next conversation will take place at the South Branch, 1736 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609 (419.259.5395) on Monday, March 14, at 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Mr. Brian Murphy, Chief Operating Officer for Toledo Public Schools, on the topic "Toledo Public School's Plan to Address Equity Issues."

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Lacy has been involved with the Youth Opportunities Program that works with disadvantaged youth on their academics, employment and leadership skills. He participates in the Junior Role Model program that works with young people to become better leaders and role models in their communities.

He has played basketball four years for the Titans including varsity for the last two years. He is an entrepreneur who started his own iPad and iPhone repair business.

He plans to study computer engineering. He has been accepted at The Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Xavier University and Kent State University.

Ivan Dye has been consistently on the honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is in the Ambassador Society. He was in the Marching, Concert, Pep and Jazz Bands his freshman and sophomore years.

He has volunteered through the SJJ Daytime Christian Service Program at the Spring Meadows Extended Care Center and at the Goerlich Center working with dementia patients. He did service in Appalachia during spring break. At Third Baptist Church he is captain of the Junior Usher Board.

He has been involved in cross country all four years and was named to the All Academic Team. He has been on the Track and Field Team for four years. Junior year he was First Team All TRAC, First Team All District and First Team All Region. He was also Track & Field All Academic. He was part of the four-man team that competed in the 4x800m Relay at the New Balance Nationals last June in North Carolina.

He plans to be an architect and has been accepted at Kent State University, Philadelphia University, University of Cincinnati, The Ohio State University and Miami University.

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"We've long considered ourselves the 'People's University,' and that has never been more apparent than in the new resources and technologies we are offering the community today," says Clyde Scoles, director. "Our mission is to inspire lifelong learning and we aim to do that by continually expanding and transforming our services to meet the needs of a more tech-savvy public."

To that end, TLCPL's **more than 90** online resources and databases make finding vetted educational quality materials easy for students of all ages and best of all; these resources are **FREE** with a library card. Most recently, the Library added Lynda.com, an online learning company popular with young adults offering thousands of video courses, and provided access to African American newspapers and periodicals via NewsBank.

In addition to database and educational materials, customers readily use the Library's many public computers and high tech meeting spaces. In 2015, visitors logged into TLCPL's public computers more than **810,000** times and **86,556** people used its meeting spaces.

The Library also offers assistance for those interested in improving their business, career, and financial knowledge. Last year, more than **3,000** individuals benefitted from these types of Library programs. New programs and resources are continually being developed, particularly through its Living Better Spending Smarter program, which can be found online at <http://lbss.toledolibrary.org>.

Ultimately, the Library of today is a much different space than the Library of the past. By embracing technology, TLCPL has transformed itself into an educational hub, open to all. It's a space where customers can go to find pleasure in a movie or novel as well as to further their education, career, and financial independence.





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"As March is national Middle Level Childhood Education month, the Lourdes Department of Education and the Appold Planetarium wanted to provide a fun and educational program for these students. Additionally, we held a two-day workshop earlier this month for Diocesan Principals. Education plays such an important role in students' lives as well as the greater community," says Dr. Christine Knaggs, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

Lourdes University Department of Education

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (formerly known as the Ohio Board of Regents), the Lourdes University Teacher Education Initial Licensure Program in the College of Education and Human Services is accredited under the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) Quality Principles through the CAEP Accreditation System for a period of 7 years (2015 to 2022). Formed in 2013, CAEP is the single specialized accreditor for

educator preparation and administers TEAC accreditation.

Lourdes University offers bachelor degrees in Adolescence to Young Adult, Early, and Middle Childhood Education, and a Master of Education degree in P-12 Reading and Educational Leadership. Professional development opportunities are also offered to educators. To learn more, visit www.lourdes.edu/education.

Lourdes University Appold Planetarium

Featuring real-time 3D sky simulation, full-dome shows and multimedia presentations, the Appold Planetarium enriches Lourdes' science classes. The community is invited to public shows that educate and entertain visitors of all ages. School groups, scouts and other private groups are invited to schedule shows in the planetarium. For more information, visit www.lourdes.edu/planetarium.

CMLA Student Organization

The purpose of the Collegiate Middle Level Association student organization is to advance teacher preparation at all levels, particularly at the middle-level. CMLA supports and encourages students in all levels of education and sponsors a variety of outreach programs, field trips and summer camps each year.

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Toledo Thunder. The team has played in cities such as Cincinnati and Columbus as well as Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, IN.

Twitty joined Start High School in 2013 as an assistant girls' freshman volleyball coach. Since then, she has led her teams, as head coach, to a second place freshman team City League finish and a first and a second place finish as coach of the varsity team.

Saturday's program was opened by Mistress of Ceremonies Tommie McGhee and guests were welcomed by Toledo Club President Denise Black-Poon and Toledo Youth Club President Paula Smith. North Central District greetings were offered by District Governor Elizabeth Chaney.

After lunch, Iris Page Jones explained the purpose of Women's History and Founders' Day and Delores Bates presented those honoring the founders. The organization was founded in 1934 by Emma Odessa-Young, Ollie Chinn Porter and Effie Diton of New York City; Bertha Perry Rhodes, Josephine Keene and Adelaide Fleming of Philadelphia and Goldeana Pearle Flipping of Atlantic City.

After the coaches were acknowledged, the Club presented its highest honor, The Sojourner Truth Award, to Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson.

The Founders' Day Committee included: President Denise Black-Poon; Co-Chairmen Clara Brank and Delores Bates; Deborah Carlisle, Iris Page-Jones; Wanda Terrell Galloway; Tommie McGhee; Marquita Scott; Tyra Smith-Gabriel; Barbara Tucker, Beverly Tucker and Lillie Watkins.



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"The next president should have two or three appointments," she said, adding that the selections will affect "voting rights, workers' rights, women's rights ... all are issues affected by the Supreme Court."

State Rep. Christie Bryant Kuhns of Cincinnati asked Clinton for her opinion about the importance of criminal justice reform particularly in light of the policies undertaken during the Bill Clinton Administration that led to an increase in the number of those incarcerated.

Clinton replied that just recently her husband had spoken to an audience admitting his regrets that the response to an uptick in crime in the early 1990's had led to policies increasing incarceration "especially in the way individual states added on to minimum mandatory sentences."

Clinton said: "We have to end the era of mass incarceration. I was part of the administration but I have spent the bulk of my life trying to lift up kids."

She said that the country has to recognize the systemic racism of the criminal justice system. "We have to be honest about this. White people have to be honest about it, that's my passion about these issues."

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More notably, the exchange can be a catalyst in driving additional investment with the potential to attract small businesses to employ the largely minority residents of a depressed area and to address the challenges of neglected Dorr Street neighborhoods.

So why did the City withdraw from a commitment with such benefits?

I've asked that question over and over as decisions continue to

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1

Lucas County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development for funding under the Community Development Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Ohio. The County is eligible to receive fiscal year 2016 Allocation Program funding for an anticipated amount of approximately \$215,000. The County is also eligible for the following programs providing the County meets the applicable program requirements: Neighborhood Revitalization \$300,000, Downtown Revitalization \$300,000, Critical Infrastructure Investment \$300,000, Economic Development Loan and Infrastructure \$500,000, Residential Public Infrastructure \$500,000 and Economic Development Loan Fund.

Citizens and officials are encouraged to attend and provide input at the first of two public hearings that will be held on March 16, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the Lucas County Commissioners office, located in the Lucas County Board of Commissioners Hearing Room, 1st Floor, One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio. The first public hearing will provide citizens with pertinent information about the Allocation Program including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements. Accommodations for disabled or non-English speaking residents will be made available upon advance request. There will also be a fair housing training to provide local government officials and the public with information concerning fair housing requirements.

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MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LUCAS COUNTY MANAGER OF SUPPORT SERVICES

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is accepting applications to fill the positions of Manager of Support Services through March 18, 2016. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on "Apply for a Job" and then select Manager of Support Services from the list to read more or apply.

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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY16-36, (Project # 1020-16-132) for Athletics Facilities Renovations for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 3:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$200.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Michael Turner of Osborn Engineering Co. at 216-861-2020. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 15%. Project Estimate: \$4,613,000.00; **Glass Bowl Breakdown:** General Const: \$1,850,000.00; Plumbing: \$228,000.00; HVAC: \$76,000.00; Electrical: \$430,000.00. **Savage Arena Breakdown:** General Const: \$1,360,000.00; Plumbing: \$312,000.00; Fire Protection: \$46,000.00; HVAC: \$31,000.00 & Electrical: \$280,000.00

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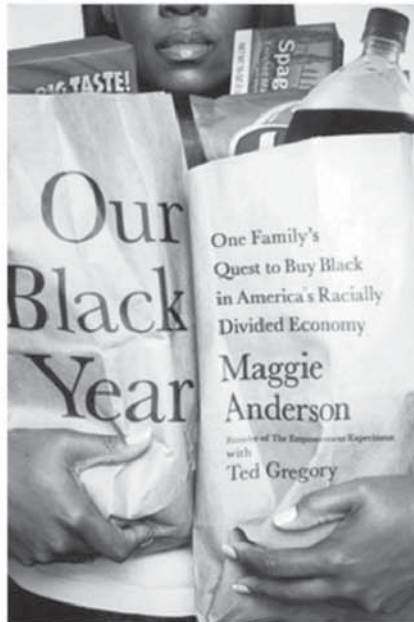
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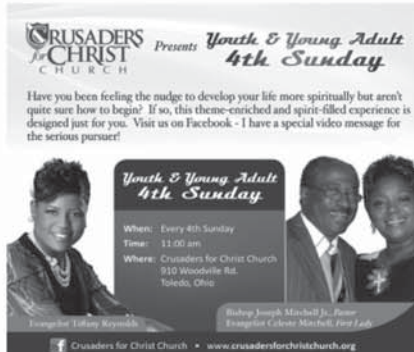
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Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Visits Toledo as Part of Authors! Authors! Series

Sojourner's Truth Staff

As part of the Authors! Authors! series, sponsored by the Toledo Lucas County Public Library and The Blade, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar spoke on Wednesday, March 2 at the Stranahan Theater about his basketball career, his latest book, the state of the game and the state of the nation.

Lest we forget, before he was an author, an actor, a scholar, a columnist, a culture critic, a filmmaker and an activist, Abdul-Jabbar was quite a basketball player.

Actually, he was one heckuva basketball player, arguably the best ever, if one takes into account the fact that he was on six NBA championship teams and three NCAA championship teams, won a record six NBA most valuable player awards and holds the league's all-time scoring record – a record that may never be broken.

These days, the man for all seasons keeps himself busy writing (he now has 10 books to his credit) and regaling audiences with his insights on politics, basketball and the social condition. And, there's also that new book – *Mycroft Holmes*, the story of Sherlock's older, smarter brother – written in collaboration with Anna Waterhouse.

Abdul-Jabbar, a native New Yorker, first came to the public's attention during his high school days at Power Memorial High School where his teams reeled off 71 straight victories at one point. He then took his talents across country to UCLA, where he won three national titles before being drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks.

In six seasons with the Bucks, Abdul-Jabbar, who has been recognized by ESPN as the greatest college basketball player of all time, the greatest NBA center of all time and the second greatest NBA player of all time, won a championship, before being traded to the LA Lakers,



The Library's Rhonda Sewell introduces Kareem Abdul Jabbar

where he won five more titles in 14 years.

At the Stranahan last week, Abdul-Jabbar talked about politics and his disdain for Donald Trump, his long career and how he seriously considered attending the University of Michigan before being enthralled by the sunshine of southern California and the gifted players of the NBA – then and now.

And, of course, his latest book and projects to come!

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Clinton's campaign, she said, had released a "specific set of reforms about the criminal justice system and to lift people up – we've got to keep people out of prison and as they are coming out- provide them with opportunities. Let's ban the box."

State Rep. Stephanie Howse of Cleveland asked Clinton about her views on improving the economy and job opportunities.

Clinton said the issue of the economy was the most important of the campaign and that she advocated, among other things, raising the minimum wage, supporting minority and women-owned businesses, and working with the Small Business Administration to be of greater assistance to those entities.

"I want to see equal pay for women's work and bringing back some ideas that worked during the 90's," she added.

On Monday of this week, State Rep Alicia Reece of Cincinnati, president of the OLBC, issued the following statement on behalf of the Caucus members, in support of Clinton candidacy:

"In the last two presidential elections, history for the African American community was on the ballot but this time the survival of the African American community will be on the ballot. Therefore, we endorse Hillary Clinton, who we feel has the experience, vision, plan to move America forward and will build on the work of President Obama. Hillary has committed to working with our caucus on the issues that our members have been fighting for on behalf of the 1.5 million African Americans in Ohio such as jobs, justice reform, voting rights, and health care. In addition, our members are committed to aggressively working on-the-ground across Ohio to organize, register, and mobilize our constituents to get out and vote!"

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NANBPWC, Inc Toledo Club Holds Founders' Day Celebration

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The members of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc, Toledo Club held a celebration in honor of the club's 52nd Founders' Day and Women's History Month on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

The theme for the luncheon event at the Ramada Secor was "Women Trailblazers in Our Community."

This year's celebration of women trailblazers included the presentation of the Club's prestigious Sojourner Truth Award and as well as the honoring of a number of area coaches for their positive impact on Toledo's youth. The four coaches honored were Tyra Smith-Gabriel, Stephanie Monet White, Laura Poon and Paiton Twitty.

Smith-Gabriel a Scott High School graduate, returned to that school in 1999 as the girls' track and field coach and is still in the position,

Monet White is the head girls' basketball coach at Start High School, having begun her coaching career in 2003 as an assistant coach for Old Orchard Elementary.

Poon started her own AAU team for boys eight and under called the

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Club Members



Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson receiving Sojourner Truth Award



Club President Denise Black-Poon; District Governor Elizabeth Chaney; Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson; Event Co-Chairmen Clara Brank and Delores Bates



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“On Tuesday, March 15, I encourage all Toledoans to vote YES on Issue 2. By making this investment in our city, we'll be able to address Toledo's biggest issues – fixing crumbling streets, safe neighborhoods, and planning for our future – while preparing the city for future generations. I hope you'll join me in investing in Toledo's future by voting YES on Issue 2.”

—Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson

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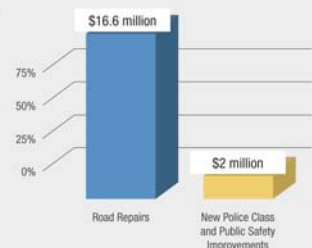


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