

# *Communities Working Together*



**Ruth E. Marshall, President**

*79th Annual Awards  
Celebration and Luncheon*

**October 31, 2009  
11:30 a.m.**

**Washington Navy Yard Conference Center  
1454 Parsons Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C.**

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*Ms. Ruth E. Marshall*

I personally, and on behalf of the Federation, welcome you to our 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Celebration and Luncheon. I know your schedules are full and your time is precious. We are honored that you have chosen to spend a few moments with us in recognizing those who have given so much of their time and effort working in our communities.

As my term as President winds down, I constantly reflect on the challenges we have faced during my tenure and the successes that came out of those challenges. We have been busy! Our Education Committee kept its focus on improving our public school system, which included supporting our teachers in their efforts to guide our students toward academic excellence. Our Transportation Committee attended numerous hearings and kept us abreast of proposed changes to and construction of our road infrastructure and public transportation delays and route changes. As an organization we have partnered with others concerned about health care reform, the H1N1 virus that threatens to grow into a pandemic globally, home land security as well the protection of the citizens of the District of Columbia from foreign and domestic terrorism, joblessness, home foreclosures, and many other issues of the day. Yes, we all have been very busy.

Like so many community leaders I have attended my share of meetings throughout the city. One of things that stand out in my mind is that I see the same faces at most of these affairs. Whether I am at public hearings on utilities or construction development, organization or community celebrations, educational forums or PSA meetings, I see many of the same faces. And more importantly these faces look similar to mine in that they are over 50. This revelation made me want to ask some of these faces, "Whom are you grooming?" Whom are you grooming to take the lead when you step down? Whom are you grooming to grasp the baton to continue all your hard work and dedication? How many new people have you brought to community meetings and public hearings? How many new people have you exposed to the inner workings of your organization and its mission? Whom are you grooming?

President Barack Obama is one of the greatest community organizers of our time. He has shown us what one individual can do to get so many on the same path. He told us a story of how one woman inspired his presidential campaign by her slogan, "Fired Up and Ready to Go!", and how it grew into a national mantra for those wanting to change the status quo. He showed us how everyone - young, old, rich and poor - is pivotal to building strong, effective communities. One person can make a difference, however a community can transform and entire city. My over-50 gang, it's time for new energy and enthusiasm. President Obama has groomed us well, but whom are you grooming?

Peace and Blessings,

Ruth E. Marshall  
President

# **D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.**

**Organized in November 1921**

**Incorporated April 17, 1941**

## ***OUR OBJECTIVES***

The main objectives of the Federation are to *inform*, to *represent*, and to *support* the residents of the District of Columbia.

We *inform* by publishing a newsletter, conducting candidate forums, having speakers at our Assembly meetings, and representing programs sponsored by public and private organizations. We help disseminate timely notices of developments and activities that affect the general welfare of our civic communities. About every five to ten years we have had delegate or leadership seminars to train civic workers, and we have launched a website ([www.dcfa.org](http://www.dcfa.org)). We publish a directory of our member associations to let public agencies and private organizations know who the neighborhood leaders are.

We *represent* citizens and our member associations by testimony and letters on important issues. We also support our member associations when they need help with problems affecting their communities or when they have difficulty in obtaining city services. We are a recognized voice for the general welfare of the city. The influence that we can bring to bear is limited only by the readiness of our delegates to roll up their sleeves and do the necessary work.

We *support* the community in many additional ways. The Awards Luncheon offers key support by recognizing community leaders and outstanding civic workers. Our scholarships, given to D.C. public high school graduates during their first year in college, demonstrate our support for public education. We stand ready to co-sponsor and help publicize information programs and forums whenever requested.

## ***LET US CELEBRATE!***

- 88 years of service to the neighborhoods of Washington, D.C.
- 79 years of granting awards to outstanding leaders from across the city in recognition of their dedicated service.
- Grass Roots Champions from each member association.

# D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, Inc.

## 2009 Officers

<b>Ruth E. Marshall</b> <i>Queens Chapel Civic Assoc.</i>	President (202) 269-1457
<b>Robert V. Brannum</b> <i>Bloomington Civic Assoc.</i>	First Vice-President (202) 256-8452
<b>Rev. William B. Bynum, II</b> <i>Public Interest Civic Assoc.</i>	Second Vice-President (202) 543-4216
<b>Christopher L. Jerry</b> <i>Fairlawn Citizens Association</i>	Third Vice President (202) 270-9353
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<b>Mary L. Gaffney, Ed.D.</b> <i>Northeast Boundary Civic Assoc.</i>	Treasurer (202) 399-1828

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

<b>Viola Daniels</b> <i>Queens Chapel Civic Assoc.</i>	Chaplain (202) 526-3593
<b>Dr. Sheila Hafter Gray</b> <i>Palisades Citizens Assoc.</i>	Parliamentarian (202) 338-1955
<b>Gregory R. New</b> <i>Cleveland Park Citizens Assoc.</i>	Directory (202) 244-7384





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1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004**

**VINCENT C. GRAY  
CHAIRMAN**

October 31, 2009

**CONGRATULATIONS  
D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS**

I am delighted to congratulate the DC Federation of Civic Associations on its 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Celebration and Luncheon. Over the years, I have had the privilege to get to know and work with many of you. As a result, I deeply respect your commitment and hard work, as well as your deep love for our great city. I commend and thank you, individually and collectively, for the fine work that you do and I applaud the honorees being recognized this afternoon. It is the individuals and member organizations that make the Federation of Civil Associations the effective advocate for District of Columbians that it is today.

It is a pleasure to offer my gratitude to the DC Federation of Civic Associations for its dedication to promoting positive social change within the community. Best wishes for a wonderful luncheon and many years of continued service.

Sincerely,

  
Vincent C. Gray



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**JIM GRAHAM  
COUNCILMEMBER, WARD ONE  
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004**

October 31, 2009

It is my pleasure to support the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon and Celebration.

The Federation is the lifeblood of the body politic in the District.

You have my sincere thanks for all the federation's hard work and dedication.

Bests,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background, reading "Jim Graham".



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**DAVID A. CATANIA**  
Councilmember, At-Large  
Chair, Committee on Health

Committee Member  
Finance and Revenue  
Libraries Parks and Recreation  
Government Operations and the  
Environment

October 30, 2009

Dear friends:

I would like to extend my congratulations to the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations (DCFCA) on its 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Celebration and Luncheon. I commend DCFCA for providing exceptional civic leadership and for being an important voice in the District of Columbia. I also commend those individuals and organizations receiving awards for their outstanding service to the District of Columbia.

Again, congratulations and best wishes on this joyous occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Catania".

David A. Catania  
Councilmember, At-Large  
Chair, Committee on Health



## PRESIDENTS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Bates Street Area Civic Association	James D. Berry, Jr.
Benning Ridge Civic Association	Constance B. Woody
Bloomingtondale Civic Association	Robert Vincent Brannum
Brentwood Community Association	Earline C. Frazier
Brightwood Community Association	Kamili Anderson
Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Caroline Petti
Burleith Citizens Association	Lenore G. Rubino
Capitol View Civic Association	Randall Marshall
Chevy Chase Citizens Associations	Julia S. Ulstrup
Cleveland Park Citizens Association	John Chelen
Deanwood Citizens Association	Ajia Meux
Dupont Circle Citizens Association	Robin Diener
Dupont Park Civic Association	Barbara D. Morgan
East Central Civic Association of Shaw	Leroy Thorpe
Eastland Gardens Civic Association	J. Gregory Rhett
Edgewood Civic Association	Michael Clark, Sr.
Fairlawn Citizens Association	Graylin W. Presbury
Forest Hills Citizens Association	George R. Clark, Esq.
Fort Dupont Civic Association	William D. Martin, Jr.
Fort Lincoln Civic Association	Demetrius Cheatham
Fort Stanton Civic Association	Addie C. Cooke
Friendship-Tenleytown Citizens Association	Marvin Tievsky
Hillcrest Community Civic Association	Karen Lee Williams
Kalorama Citizens Association	Denis James
Kingman Park Civic Association	Frazer Walton, Jr., Esq.
Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association	Charon P.W. Hines
LeDroit Park Civic Association	Jeffrey D. Herron
Mount Olivet Heights Citizens Association	George A. Boyd
North Michigan Park Civic Association	Grace J. Lewis
Civic League of North Portal Estates	Judith Pond
Northeast Boundary Civic Association	Mary L. Gaffney, Ed.D.
Palisades Citizens Association	Spence Spencer
Pleasant Plains Civic Association	Darren R. Jones
Public Interest Civic Association	Rev. William B. Bynum, II
Queens Chapel Civic Association	Brian Summers
South Manor Neighborhood Association	Ronald Austin
Southwest Neighborhood Assembly	Carolyn G. Mitchell
Woodridge Civic Association	Anthony J. Hood

## **D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc. A Brief History**

The 88-year old D.C. Federation of Civic Associations began with an idea proposed at the June 1921 meeting of the Georgetown Civic Association: *Let us spear-head a movement to bring all the city's civic associations into an organization.*

During that time, African-Americans organized *Civic* associations because they were denied admission into the segregated *Citizens* associations. A Federation of Citizens Associations of D.C. had been organized in May 1910. Georgetown Civic thought it was time for black citizens to be represented by a citywide organization.

Dr. George H. Richardson served as president for the first eleven years, 1921-32. He was also founder of what became the McGuire Funeral Home, which to this day sponsors the prestigious George H. Richardson Civil Rights Award given annually by the Federation. Only four other presidents have served more than two years: George W. Beasley (1932-36), Dr. Edward F. Harris (1940-45), Everett W. Scott (1977-80) and Frank P. Bolden (1982-85). Among our more distinguished presidents are John B. Duncan (1950-52), who became D.C. Commissioner, Barrington D. Parker (1956-59), who became Superior Court Judge, and Dr. Benjamin H. Alexander (1971-73), who became President successively of Chicago State University, and of the University of the District of Columbia.

The two federations (civic and citizens) soon started cooperating, especially in the 1950s, and when they spoke with one voice, they carried a lot of weight. With the Civil Rights movement in the mid 1960s, the Civic Federation (which never had a color bar) became integrated by admitting several predominantly white citizens' organizations, while the Citizens Federation finally became integrated by casting aside its "white only" clause, and admitting predominantly black civic associations. The two federations continue to cooperate, but remain separate, as they continue their activism on matters of substance on behalf of our communities.

The Annual Awards programs began in 1930, while Dr. Richardson was presiding. Dr. Phillip T. Johnson (president 1959-62) initiated a Civic Responsibility Week (CRW) leading up to the Awards Program, and added the Grass Roots Awards. He also promoted the slogan "***Civic Responsibility is Everybody's Business.***" San Juan W. Barnes became chair of Senior Citizen Affairs in 1968 and her Salute to Senior Citizens, the Saturday before the Awards Luncheon, became the opening ceremony of CRW for 30 years. Nelson C. Roots (president 1965-67) became chair of CRW in 1978, and promoted it vigorously until 1990, two years before his death. After he passed and Mrs. Barnes moved on, CRW was discontinued, but the Awards Luncheon continues as our major fund raiser.

Federation scholarships for the benefit of public high school graduates are one of our proudest achievements. They were initiated and vigorously supported by Mr. Roots. Gloria K. Roberts (once on the appointed D.C. Board of Education) chaired the scholarship committee 1968-79. After Reba M. Diggs served a remarkable 20 years as scholarship chair (1980-99), the Federation named its scholarships in her honor. In many years, scholarship fundraising has outshone the proceeds from the Awards Luncheon. In 2003, scholarship receipts reached \$4,600, in part through donations in memory of Dr. Robert D. Stiehler, a consumer advocate, who had chaired our Public Utilities Committee for decades. In the 2004 fund year, the receipts reached \$5,600, in part through donations in memory of Gilpin C. Walker, a gracious lady who was Chaplain and Chair of our Amenities Committee for many years.

Many of the things that stir the activity of civic associations are perceived threats to their community. Back in the early 1970s the Federation, vigorously supported by most of its member associations, was one of the main leaders of the successful fight to stop construction of a proposed system of inner city freeways. Campaigns to stop new liquor stores and other nuisance businesses are a staple of local associations. In 2001, the Brightwood Community Association was able to stop construction of a COMCAST Cablevision "Optical Transmission Node" that had been improperly licensed in an area zoned residential, even after the facility was 70% complete. In 2003, Kingman Park Civic Association spearheaded the effort that forced cancellation of a ten-year contract to bring Grand Prix auto racing to the JFK Stadium parking lot across Oklahoma Avenue from its area. A single run of the Grand Prix proved conclusively that the insufferable noise of that kind of race was unacceptable in that residential neighborhood.

Some associations are affected by a succession of threats. For example, River Terrace Community Association fought long and hard to remove a high capacity trash incineration plant built in its area some decades ago. It has since fought efforts of the city to build a large trash transfer facility in its area. It traced the unusually high levels of cancer in the neighborhood to these plants and the generating plant in the same area. Now it is fighting plans for a facility to provide hydrogen fuel for vehicles, on the grounds that hydrogen is too dangerous to be built (as is proposed) near a school, and furthermore, that the site is remote from the vehicle owners who will use the fuel.

Civic associations also spearheaded positive developments. A few decades ago the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association launched a campaign that resulted in construction of the Lamond-Riggs Branch Public Library. The Cleveland Park Citizens Association had likewise raised large sums of money that led to the construction of the Cleveland Park Branch Public Library in 1953. In 2003, association members led the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary rededication of the branch in a ceremony, accompanied by successful fund raising efforts.

In 2004, two member associations celebrated the opening of recreation centers for which they had been working for years. North Michigan Park Civic Association was recognized for its role in the opening of the North Michigan Park Recreation Center. Hillcrest Community Civic Association was recognized (among its many achievements) for its labors leading to the opening of the state-of-the art Hillcrest Recreation Center.

The Federation and its member associations are among the established community organizations that politicians, agency leaders, and business people regularly consult with, prior to the launching of major projects. We regularly hold candidate education forums that aspiring politicians use as a vehicle to get their message out. When we organize information forums on important issues, many experts volunteer to participate.

The Federation was designated as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization on October 14, 2001. Today we celebrate a highly successful fund-raising event that builds upon that status.

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERATION

<i>President</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>	<i>Association</i>
* Dr. George H. Richardson	1921-32	Northeast Improvement (Public Interest)
* George W. Beasley	1932-36	
* Hon. Woolsey W. Hall	1936-37, 45-46, 48-49	
* Charles A. Thomas	1937-39	
* Col. Howard D. Queen	1939-40	Benning-Glendale-Oakland
* Dr. Edward F. Harris	1940-45	
* Ernest F. Harper	1946-48	Kingman Park
* Leon A. Thompson	1949-50	
* Hon. John D. Duncan	1950-52	
* Dr. C. Herbert Marshall	1952-54	Rock Creek
* George O. Butler, Esq.	1954-56	
* Hon. Barrington D. Parker	1956-59	
* Dr. Phillip T. Johnson	1959-62	
* Henry L. Dixon, Jr.	1962-63	
* William Hammond Thomas, Esq.	1963-65	Brookland
* Nelson C. Roots	1965-67	Pleasant Plains
* Edward J. McClane	1967-69	Midway
Simon L. Cain, Esq.	1969-71	Lamond-Riggs
* Dr. Benjamin H. Alexander	1971-73	Gateway
Robert E. Ewell, Esq.	1973-75	Brookland
* Frederick H. Thomas	1975-77	Lamond-Riggs
Everett W. Scott	1977-80	Lamond-Riggs
* Arthur V. Meigs, Esq.	1980-82	Cleveland Park
* Frank P. Bolden	1982-85	Woodridge
* Robert E. Mason	1985-86	Edgewood
* Joseph W. Carter	1986-88	Civic Betterment
Ronnie L. Edwards	1988-90	Northwest Boundary
Dr. Sheila Hafter Gray	1990-92	Palisades
* Thomas J. Houston	1992-94	Lamond-Riggs
Helen F. Talley	1994-96	North Michigan Park
Romaine B. Thomas	1996-98	Woodridge
Adolphe J. Edwards	1998-2000	South Manor
Gregory R. New	2000-02	Cleveland Park
Joseph A. Glover	2002-04	Dupont Park
Gerri Adams-Simmons	2004-06	Brightwood
J. Gregory Rhett	2006-07	Eastland Gardens

\* Deceased

## 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON



### MASTER OF CEREMONY

*Mr. Otis Cortier Ware*

Otis Cortier Ware is a twenty-four year-old native of the District of Columbia. Raised by a single-mother, Otis learned early on the importance of education and was pushed to maximize on his gifts of leadership and communication.

Otis was educated in the District of Columbia Public School system, where he graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in 2003. While in elementary school following the O Street Market shooting, Otis had the opportunity to testify before a Congressional Committee about crime in inner-city communities. In high school, Otis served as President of his class for three years and was the President of the city-wide Student Advisory Council for DCPS. He was also instrumental in the creation and planning of the 2000 “City is Mine Youth Summit” and the recently established District of Columbia Youth Advisory Council (“DC YAC”).

Otis was an inaugural member of the DC Metropolitan Police Youth Advisory Council and a Co-founder of Alpha Gamma Phi Jr. Fraternity. In 2007, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College where he studied Political Science. While at Morehouse, Otis was appointed to serve as the Chief Justice of its Honor & Conduct Review Board and received the King Award for spiritual and Ethical Leadership in 2006 and 2007.

Post-graduation, currently he is a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of Concern Black Men and serves as a Dean of Students at a local charter school in the District of Columbia. Believing that quality is achieved by choice, Otis strives daily to motivate and inspire our next generation of leaders to never settle for mediocrity and the status quo, but to, with a tenacious spirit, strive for quality in all they do.

## 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller*

Lorraine C. Miller was sworn in as the 35th Clerk of the House of Representatives on February 15, 2007. The Clerk manages the day-to-day operations of the House and oversees nine departments that employ more than 270 people. She is the first African American and the third woman to serve as an officer of the United States House of Representatives. Ms. Miller previously served as Senior Advisor and Director of Intergovernmental Relations to Speaker Nancy Pelosi and has nearly two decades of experience working for the House. In addition to working for Speaker Pelosi, she has worked for two other speakers, Jim Wright and Tom Foley, as well as Congressman John Lewis of Georgia.

Ms. Miller's extensive government tenure includes work as the Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs (House) during the Clinton Administration. She served as Bureau Chief for Consumer Information at the Federal Communications Commission after serving four years as the Director of Government Relations for the Federal Trade Commission.

A life-long supporter and Golden Heritage Life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Ms. Miller was elected president of its Washington, D.C. Branch in 2004 and elected to the NAACP National Board of Directors in February 2008.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, she graduated from North Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in political science and later earned an executive master's degree from the Georgetown School of Business. She is a member of the historic Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, where she sings in its Senior Choir and is a member of Shiloh's Henry C. Gregory Family Life Center Foundation Board of Directors.



## 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON



**GUEST SPEAKER AND RECIPIENT OF  
"GEORGE H. RICHARDSON AWARD"**

*Mr. Wade Henderson, Esq.*

Wade Henderson is President and CEO of the nation's premier civil and human rights coalition – the 200-member Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; and Counselor to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund. Mr. Henderson is also the Joseph L. Rauh Professor of Public Interest at the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Mr. Henderson attended Howard University and received his law degree from Rutgers University School of Law. Mr. Henderson began his National career with the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union and was later hired as the Director of the NAACP's Washington bureau.

Mr. Henderson is well known for his expertise on a wide range of civil rights, civil liberties and human rights issues. He works principally in the areas of civil rights enforcement; voting rights; public education reform; fair housing policy; immigration policy reform; media and telecommunication policy; economic and political empowerment for people of color, women, persons with disabilities, and the poor. Under his leadership, the LCCR has become one of the nation's most effective defenders of federal equal opportunity policies.

# ≈ Program ≈

Welcome and Introduction of  
Master of Ceremony

**Ruth E. Marshall**  
*President,  
D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.*

Master of Ceremony

**Otis Cortier Ware**  
*Concern Black Men*

Introduction of Dais

**Robert V. Brannum**  
*First Vice President, D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.*

Greetings

**The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty**  
*Mayor of the District of Columbia*

Invocation

**Reverend Jackie Douglas**  
*Pastor, Seeds of Light Evangelism Ministries*

Entertainment

**Shar-Nay Gaston**  
*Vocalist*

# ≈ Lunch ≈

Keynote Speaker

**The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller**  
*35<sup>th</sup> Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives*

Acknowledgment of Members of the D.C City Council

**Robert V. Brannum**  
*First Vice President, D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.*

# ≈ *Presentation of Awards* ≈

**DCFCA Outstanding Member Association Award**

**Dupont Park Civic Association**

*Barbara D. Morgan, President*

Presented by Robert V. Brannum, First Vice President  
D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.

**Rev. Andrew J. Allen Award - Outstanding Local President**

**Charon P.W. Hines**

*Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association*

Presented by Robert V. Brannum, First Vice President  
D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.

**George H. Richardson Award - Leadership in Civil Rights**

**Wade Henderson, Esq.**

*President/CEO Leadership Conference on Civil Rights*

Presented by Jason McGuire  
McGuire Funeral Service

**Outstanding Leadership in Community Service**

**Matthew F. Shannon, Esq.**

*Dupont Park Civic Association*

Presented by Tonya Kinlow  
Vice President of Government Affairs, CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield

**Outstanding Consumer Advocacy Award**

**D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.**

Presented by Elizabeth A. Noël  
People's Counsel of the District of Columbia

**Outstanding Member Association Newsletter**

**Burleith Citizens Association**

*Lenore G. Rubino, President*

Presented by  
Coca Cola

**Outstanding Female Delegate**

**Lillie N. Griffin**

*Fort Lincoln Civic Association*

Presented by Mario Acosta-Velez  
Director, Government & External Affairs  
Verizon Washington D.C.

≈ *Presentation of Awards (Cont.)* ≈

**Outstanding Male Delegate**

**Graylin W. Presbury**  
*Fairlawn Citizens Association*

Presented by  
Washington Gas

**Outstanding Senior Delegate**

**Rev. William B. Bynum**  
*Dupont Park Civic Association*

Presented by  
PEPCO

**Grass Roots Honorees**

**Otis Cortier Ware, MC**  
*Reading Names of Recipients*

*Certificates presented by Hosts and Hostesses*

**City-Wide Father and Mother of the Year**

**Lincoln and Dorothy Burruss**  
*Dupont Park Civic Association*

Presented by  
Otis Cortier Ware, MC  
*Reading Names of Recipients (Listed elsewhere)*

**Member Association Mothers and Fathers of the Year** *(Recipients listed elsewhere)*  
*(Certificates are presented by the presidents of their respective member associations at their individual tables.)*

**Acknowledgment of Scholarship Recipients** *(Recipients listed elsewhere)*

*(No presentations are made at the Luncheon, the recipients are at college.)*

**Acknowledgment of Scholarship Donors** *(Donors listed elsewhere)*

**Closing Remarks**

**Ruth E. Marshall**  
*President, D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.*

**Benediction**

**Reverend Jackie Douglas**  
*Pastor, Seeds of Light Evangelism Ministries*

**PRESIDENT'S**  
*"Star Performer"*  
**AWARDS**  
**2009**

**Sheila Hafter Gray (Palisades)** – Dr. Gray is one of the longest serving active delegates to the Federation who served as President 1990—92. For the past 2 years she has served as Parliamentarian with a special emphasis on advising the President in conducting meetings according to Roberts Rules of organization. I know I did not make her job easy because “Mr. Roberts” and I are not that familiar with one another. Dr. Gray has pulled my coat on many issues concerning parliamentary procedures and I am indebted to her for many successful meetings. She is always available to answer questions and assist me in any way possible. Dr. Gray, I really appreciate your dedication.

**Gregory R. New (Cleveland Park)** – Mr. New has finally retired at the age of 81, but still manages to Chair the Federations Directory Committee and distribute archival information when needed. I have been fortunate to have worked with Mr. New over the past three years and know that when I can't find information in other places, usually Mr. New can find it in a matter of minutes. He says that he is definitely leaving his community efforts behind to relax and enjoy his retirement. Mr. New, you will be sorely missed by all of us left behind to carry on the mission of the Federation and our communities. Thank you for your energy and guidance. It's been great working with you.

## **2009 Grass Roots Awardees**

### **Bloomingtondale Civic Association**

### **Deloris McCarter**

Deloris has been a long-standing member of the Bloomingtondale Civic Association. Through the many years as a resident of Bloomingtondale, she has served in several capacities in support of the Association's mission. A very critical role has been as Parliamentarian and Chair of the By-laws Committee. Through her leadership and knowledge of parliamentary procedures, Deloris led the efforts to update the Association's by-laws. Her guidance to several presidents aided them in the operation and management of effective and productive community meetings.

### **Chevy Chase Citizens Association**

### **Barbara Baldwin**

Barbara Baldwin has served as an active member of the Executive Committee of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association for many years. She has worked hard to make Chevy Chase, DC a more beautiful and eco-friendly community. Among other things, Barbara has organized and chaired our annual "green" membership meeting, held every April. She founded and continues to lead the Chevy Chase Garden Club. Barbara also has obtained grant money and organized neighborhood volunteers for an ongoing beautification project along Connecticut Avenue. Most recently, She has worked diligently for over a year to facilitate the installation of a new, public demonstration rain garden in the Chevy Chase Commons area, between our library and community center.

### **Cleveland Park Citizens Association**

### **George Idelson**

This year George Idelson closes out seven years of dedicated leadership as President of the Association noted for a splendid series of programs and forums on timely issues facing the community. He pioneered in holding joint forums with Palisades Citizens Association for Mayoral and D.C. Council Chairman candidate forums. He launched a web site [www.ClevelandParkIsUs.org](http://www.ClevelandParkIsUs.org) and launched the process of computerizing our membership records.

### **Dupont Park Civic Association**

### **M. Viveca Miller**

Ms. Miller serves as Corresponding Secretary, Acting Recording Secretary, and Co-Chair of the Membership Committee. She also manages the association's website and provides information for the monthly newsletter. Residents of our community as well as members of our association benefit from the energy and enthusiasm that she exuberates for change and organizational development.

### **Fort Stanton Civic Association**

### **Sylvester and Yvonne Peterson**

Yvonne Peterson attends meetings and provides transportation for others to attend. She freely produces and distributes our monthly newsletter. Sylvester "Pete" Peterson voluntarily serves as our park manager for "The Fort Stanton Senior Citizens Park". Since we own the park and no city services are provided, he provides the maintenance staff and enforces "clean-up" after park activities.



## **2009 Grass Roots Awardees (Continued)**

### **Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association**

### **Techa-Graphics, Inc.**

Over the last three years, TECHA-GRAPHICS, INC. has allowed LRCA to reach out to our community by providing courtesy printing of our monthly newsletters which is truly a valuable asset and a gift of kindness and generosity. They have been in business since 1977 and produce quality products. They maintain a great professional and community relationship and we are honored to name TECHA-GRAPHICS, INC. as LRCA's Grass Roots Awardee.

### **North Michigan Park Civic Association**

### **Eleanora M. Galasso**

Ms. Galasso is very active in the community working with Police Service Area 405 by attending meetings and sharing the information with neighbors. She also follows through on a variety of police concerns. She is a dependable participant with the Civic Association and readily volunteers to assist with special events such as Family Day, Halloween events and Back-to-School, to name a few. She is truly an asset in the community.

### **Public Interest Civic Association**

### **Jo Ann B. Henderson**

Ms. Henderson has lived in the DC area since 1979 and embodies the idea of grass roots. As a block captain, Ms. Henderson has gone door to door to engage other residents to sign petitions or get the word out about various issues of importance to her community. As a health care advocate, she has worked to have trees placed in her neighborhood as a way to clean the air for a healthier environment.

### **Queens Chapel Civic Association**

### **Ruby Webb**

Ruby Webb has lived in the Queens Chapel community for over 20 years and has been a member of the Queens Chapel Civic Association for most of those years. She serves as a dedicated block captain, a position she has held for over 12 years. She worked to increase membership for the association and wrote the membership section for the community's newsletter. As a member of the Association's Ways and Means Committee she works on events to raise money for the Association. She plans to continue to work for her beautiful and friendly community.

### **Southwest Neighborhood Assembly**

### **Ron McBee**

ANC6D Commissioner, Ron McBee is the one person in the community that can be counted on to work tirelessly behind the scenes for us.

### **Woodridge Civic Association**

### **David Gilbert**

Mr. Gilbert has chaired the Woodridge Civic Association History Committee. He was instrumental in the publication of a brochure highlighting the many fascinating attributes of our community. The brochure was titled "Woodridge Community History Tour". After extensive research of historical sites in the Woodridge community, this informative brochure was produced with pictures and documented essays for each chosen site. Based on the brochure, Mr. Gilbert has made oral and power point presentations to various groups. Earlier this year, Mr. Gilbert made a presentation before the City Council that resulted in commendations by Council Chair, Vincent Gray.

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Lincoln Burruss	Dupont Park Civic Association
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Melvin Rhodes, Md.	Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association
William Bynum III	Public Interest Civic Association

**AWARD:** OUTSTANDING MEMBER ASSOCIATION

**AWARDEE:** DUPONT PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**SPONSOR:** D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

The Dupont Park Civic Association (DPCA) was formed in 1963 for the purposes of bringing the community together to ensure that the residents have an avenue to let their voices be heard and to obtain the essential services required in the community. Since that time, the Association has been working hard to protect the interests and stability of the community.

The association's website: [www.dupontparkcivicassociation.org](http://www.dupontparkcivicassociation.org) provides members and the general public with up-to-date information on matters that impact the citizens of Ward 7 and the community at large. Also, the association publishes a newsletter during the months of September through June, which provides members with informative and relevant information regarding Ward 7 and District of Columbia programs and services.

For the past 46 years, the officers and members of DPCA have worked diligently to organize and accomplish the association's mission to promote the civic welfare of the community by providing citizens the opportunity to have a positive impact on health care; crime; neighborhood cleanliness and maintenance; traffic; public safety; education; schools; and environmental issues. DPCA has been a long-term member of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations and continues to support the Federation and its mission.

**AWARD:** OUTSTANDING PRESIDENT OF LOCAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**AWARDEE:** CHARON P.W. HINES

**SPONSOR:** D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

Charon P. W. Hines has completed her first year as President of Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA). She and her husband, Darnelle, have lived in Riggs Park for nine years. They have been active members in LRCA for the past five years and Charon served as LRCA trustee in 2007.

Her first challenge as President was to plan and host the LRCA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon which was a huge success. Her second challenge was to make sure when the baton was handed off to her that she would not drop it and continue for the finish line. That she has done with a lot of energy, determination and team work. It is never easy starting out with a change in the majority of prior years' officers. Nevertheless, Charon capitalized on what was already working and encouraged everyone to continue to work together as a team.

Each month Charon helps to hand deliver the LRCA Newsletter which contains a message from her, along with the upcoming month's meeting agenda and the previous month's minutes. Our monthly meeting attendance has continued to grow. Each meeting has special guests, updates from LRCA committees, Lamond-Riggs Development Task Force, PSAs, ANCs, Ward 4 and Ward 5 liaisons.

Charon continued to capacity build with members and community partners; collaborated with Ward 4 Office of Councilmember Muriel Bowser and the Ward 5 Office of Councilmember Harry "Tommy" Thomas, Jr. and she represented LRCA at Zoning Commission hearings. Under the leadership of Charon, LRCA continues to provide financial and volunteer support to many community activities and programs, which include Diabetes Research, Community Day, DCFCA Awards Luncheon, DCFCA Scholarship Program, LRCA Scholarship Program and many other events.

On a personal note: Charon is a native Washingtonian and a lifelong learner. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, a Master of Arts in Elementary Education and a Master of Science in Educational Administration. Her civic roots began at an early age when attended meetings and events of the Linden Place Neighborhood Association with her parents.

Charon has a lot on her plate, but it doesn't stop her from the job at hand, President of LRCA, and we are truly proud of her.

**AWARD:** OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

**AWARDEE:** MATTHEW F. SHANNON

**SPONSOR:** CAREFIRST BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

Matthew F. Shannon is a dedicated member of the Dupont Park Civic Association. He has a strong sense of responsibility to community life in Washington, D.C. and over the years has partnered with the community in so many worthwhile endeavors. Notably, he has, for more than 40 years, promoted and coordinated outreach activities in various areas of the city, which focused on awareness of family and youth issues. All of this he has done while operating his own private law office.

As a member of the LeDroit Civic Association, Mr. Shannon served as membership and outreach coordinator, and as President of that association. Under his leadership, clothing and food drives for students and families were initiated whereby more than 100 families received food and clothing assistance yearly. During that time, as a delegate to the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, he served along with Reverend Andrew Allen, on the Federation's Benevolent Committee to make gifts of food to needy families during the holidays. Simultaneously, Mr. Shannon worked with the District of Columbia's first elected Mayor, Walter Washington, to design and implement the "Roving Leader Program" providing outreach to bring education and recreation services to youths who might otherwise have been neglected.

Over a 20-year period, Mr. Shannon donated more than \$150,000 of his personal funds to organizations throughout the District of Columbia providing food, shelter, and education to needy residents, including the House of Ruth, So Others May Eat ("SOME"), Food and Friends, Martha's Table, Ellington Fund, Capital Food Bank, North Capital and Northeast Collaborative, and also scholarships to Howard University, Morehouse College, and Morris Brown College.

During the past 25 years, Mr. Shannon has served as a board member of three community-based organizations serving the northeast-southeast areas of the District of Columbia, and the D.C. Children's and Youth Trust, which bring educational programs to more than 20,000 young people annually. He has served four years as President of the Ward 7 Democrats. While serving in this capacity, he initiated a program to provide winter hats and gloves for school children in Ward 7. As a dedicated member of the Dupont Park Civic Association, he has made significant contributions to the Association's Holiday Food Baskets for Needy Families.

The tireless efforts demonstrated by Mr. Matthew F. Shannon illustrate the epitome of outstanding leadership and community service.

**AWARD:** CONSUMER ADVOCACY AWARD

**AWARDEE:** TO BE ANNOUNCED

**SPONSOR:** OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL

The Federation would like to thank the Office of People's Counsel for their tireless dedication and work on behalf of the residents of our great city in keeping utility costs affordable and assuring that the quality of service is the best possible. However, in order for them to do what they do for us, we, as citizens and community leaders must support their efforts. The most effective ways to do that is to attend public hearings and focus group meetings. Give personal give testimony when needed, either orally or in written form, to the Public Service Commission to support OPC's research and findings.

We all need to get to know OPC and what it does. By way of history, The Office of People's Council was originally established by the United States Congress in 1926, and was eliminated by that same body in a federal government reorganization in 1952. Community concern in 1975 about rapidly rising energy rates resulted in congress reestablishing the Office. The Office became an independent agency of the District of Columbia government on January 2, 1975.

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**AWARD:** OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**AWARDEE:** BURLEITH CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**SPONSOR:** COCA COLA

The Association Newsletter renamed *The Burleith Bell* in 2004, has a long history of providing information of interest to Burleith residents. In addition to featuring association meetings and monthly events, it provides a two-page calendar of other community meetings and activities. Sponsored events include the Ides of March Winter Gala, Spring Clean-up, and Summer Picnic. It keeps the community informed of the Georgetown University Campus Plan, activities of the District government, as well as routine trash pickup, leaf collection, and snow removal. There is a regular President's Message, currently by Lenore Rubino. It is supported in part by ads from neighborhood businesses. In short, *The Bell* gives residents in Burleith a sense that they are a part of a vibrant community, and informs them about issues and opportunities in the area. It is currently edited by Pat Davies and Lenore Rubino.

## Honorable Mention

The following excellent newsletters produced by other associations deserve Honorable Mention. Newsletters that are regularly mailed to the DCFCA Archivist are automatically considered for the Newsletter Award each year.

Chevy Chase Citizens News

Dupont Park Civic Association Newsletter

The Fairlawn Informer

The Community Sentinel (North Michigan Park Civic Association)

The Palisades News

**AWARD:** OUTSTANDING FEMALE DELEGATE

**AWARDEE:** LILLIE M. GRIFFIN

**SPONSOR:** VERIZON

Lillie M. Griffin has been a resident of Washington since 1964 when she moved to DC from Memphis, TN. For the last three decades, she has lived in the Fort Lincoln-New Town community. She was a member of the original Fort Lincoln homeowners association. After that association ended in the 1980's, she continued her civic activism as an organizer for her condo's community board. In 2000, working with others in her neighborhood, Ms. Griffin was part of the re-emergence of a new community association, the Fort Lincoln Civic Association, Inc. in 2000. She has held several positions with that civic organization including Secretary, Treasurer and Acting President. She has been a pillar in her community advocating for better Metro transit access for Fort Lincoln, as well as improvements at the neighborhood school, Fort Lincoln/Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.

Ms. Griffin has been an extremely active member of the Federation and has served as its Correspondence Secretary for the past three years. Come rain or shine, warm or cold, she attends almost all meetings which is remarkable given the fact she does not drive and relies mainly on public transportation to get her to and from her home.

**AWARD:** OUTSTANDING MALE DELEGATE

**AWARDEE:** GRAYLIN W. PRESBURY

**SPONSOR:** WASHINGTON GAS

Graylin Presbury, current President of the Fairlawn Citizens Association, has been a Washingtonian since the age of 10 when his family moved from Spencerville, Md. In his youth he became a Boy Scout and later a Sea Explorer, two organizations that promoted community service and volunteerism. As a junior in high school, he was introduced to the Student Conservation Association, which resulted in his volunteering during the summers for the next three years in the backcountry trails and camping areas of the Great Smoky Mountains, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks. His youthful volunteerism continues on as an adult where, through his job at the U.S. Department of Commerce, he became involved in Operation Rescue Program, which provided him with both one-on-one and small group tutoring experiences at Ketchum Elementary School in Anacostia. For the past 22 years, he has volunteered as a deejay at the Anacostia Park Pavilion. Those are two of several community based projects Mr. Presbury has been actively involved with.

About ten years ago Mr. Presbury was introduced to the Fairlawn Citizens Association through its monthly newsletter. He began attending the Association's meetings and eventually became a member. He was Chair of the Transportation Committee and was elected its President in June 2008.

At age of 49 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and after having successful treatment, he became involved with the Clinton, Md. Chapter of Us Too International, a prostate cancer support group where until recently he served as its librarian and meeting facilitator.

Mr. Presbury finds ways to entertain and have fun too as a very popular DJ who plays all kinds of music. In recent years he's become one of the few Black licensed pyrotechnicians in the metro area, which is a fancy way of saying he has knowledge and permits that allow him to legally supervise and put on fireworks shows.

Graylin and his wife, Pamela, have lived in the Fairlawn Community since 1986. They have a daughter, Camille, who is a graduate of DCPS Banneker Academic High School and is now in her senior year of college as a double major at Syracuse University in New York.

**AWARD:** OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN DELEGATE

**AWARDEE:** Reverend William B. Bynum

**SPONSOR:** POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY (PEPCO)

Reverend William B. Bynum has been a community activist for most of his life. He has been involved with his local civic association, Public Interest Civic Association for this, his 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. During his time with Public Interest, he has served as Treasurer, Vice President, and has been the current President of that association for the last 15 years.

A deeply religious man and a person of strong conviction, he has stood up to crime issues around his neighborhood and was a co-founder of the group Northeast Citizens Against Crime, which many times put him in harm's way. Despite that, he didn't allow anyone to make him backdown, and over the past decade he's seen his community become one that is much safer.

But it's just not his immediate community that he is involved with.

He is the founder and pastor of his church, The Mission of Scio-logo Millennium Pentecost. On Saturday's Reverend Bynum can often be found in front of his church giving free food to anyone who comes by to get it, as well as clothing for anyone who needs it.

Reverend Bynum has worn, and continues to wear, a lot of hats. He is a former ANC2C Commissioner. He sits on various advisory boards, including, the Gallaudet University Community Council as well as a similar group affiliated with Howard University. He has been the Chaplain for the Federation, and has one of the most important tasks of the Federation. He has been the DCFCA's coordinator to solicit advertisements for the souvenir program which helps to fund the Awards Celebration and Luncheon, which is the major fundraiser that raises money for need qualified students DC Public high school students to attend college.

This award of Outstanding Senior Citizen Delegate presented to Reverend Bynum completes a sweep of all the Federation's Delegate Awards for Males. He previously has been named Outstanding President, Male Delegate, and the Citywide Father on the Year.

Reverend Bynum, and his wife Leslie C. Bynum, live in the Capitol Hill neighborhood on the Northeast side of Washington.

**AWARD:** CITY-WIDE FATHER OF THE YEAR

**AWARDEE:** LINCOLN BURRUSS

**SPONSOR:** D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

Mr. Burruss is a long-term member of the Dupont Park Civic Association and has worked alongside his wife, Dorothy, in many programs and services in the community. During the holiday season, he helped prepare gift baskets and distribute them to the homeless and service providers. Mr. Burruss can always be counted on to assist in any project that the Association sponsors. He has been married 46 years and has three children (Jetaune, Lincoln Jr., and Janciera) and 10 grandchildren.

The Dupont Park Civic Association sincerely thank the Burruss' for their dedicated service and their generosity through the years.

**AWARD:** CITY-WIDE MOTHER OF THE YEAR

**AWARDEE:** DOROTHY BURRUSS

**SPONSOR:** D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

Mrs. Burruss has been a long-term member of the Dupont Park Civic Association. She has been very active n the community and for several years managed the Association's scholarship program, which resulted in assisting several students in furthering their education. In 2009 she managed the Association's Back-to-School Supplies Project which enabled us to supply Randle Highlands Elementary School with much needed supplies at the beginning of the school year. She has been involved in the Youth Ministry at her church and work diligently to help youth establish goals and stay focused.

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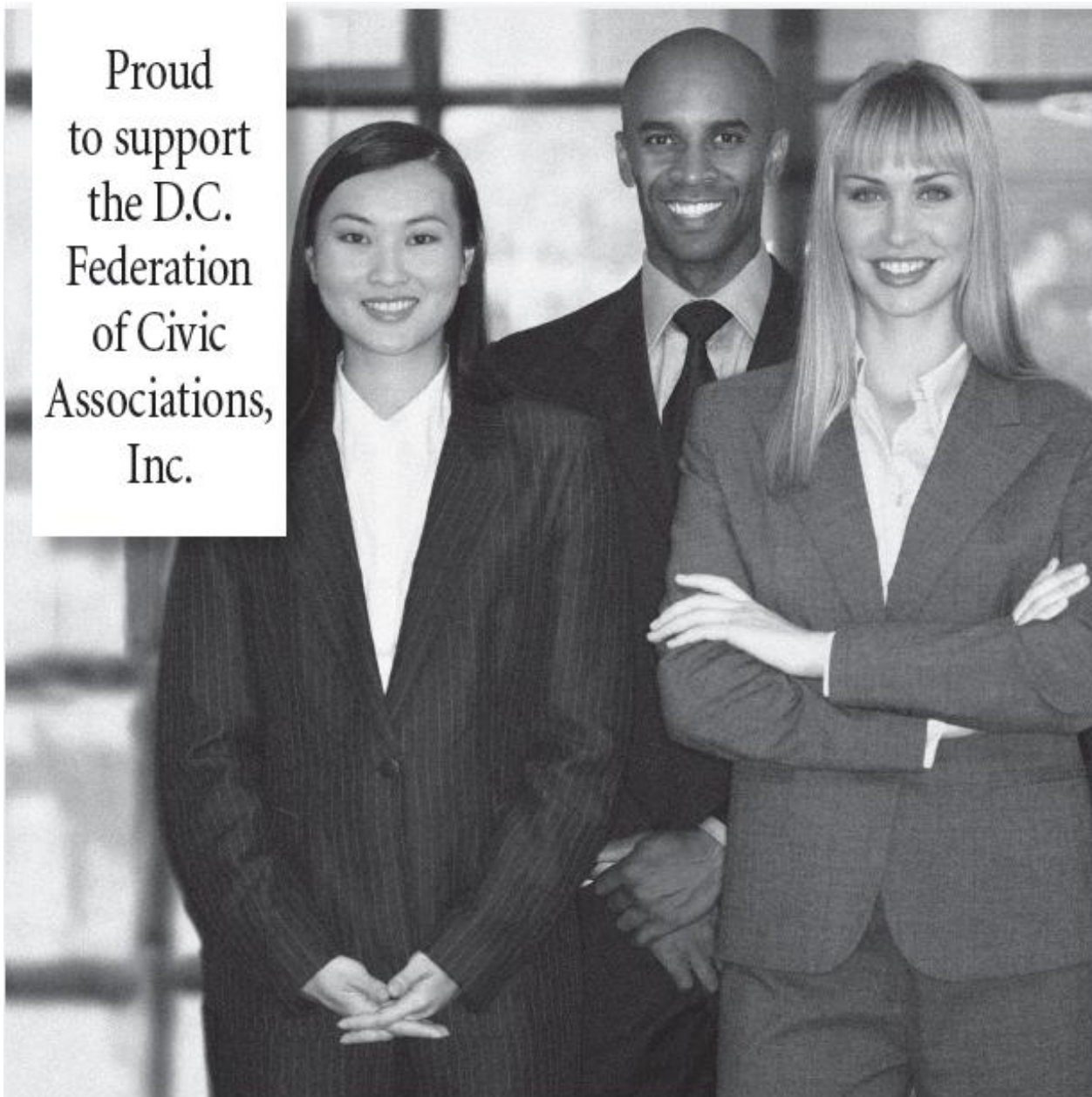
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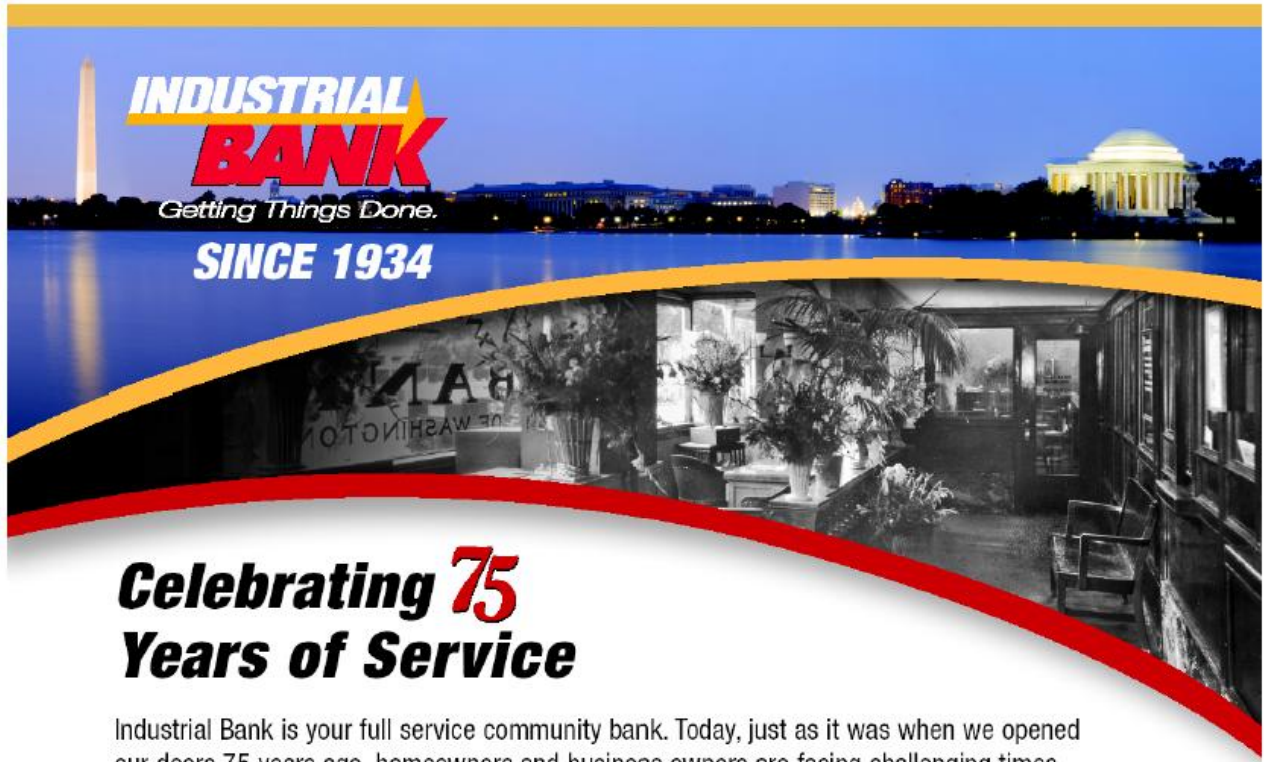
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