

P.G. CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Monthly Newsletter Re-Launched in P. G. Chapter

The PG Chapter is recreating its bi-monthly newsletter. Hopefully, this newsletter will continue to energize our members; reach out to potential members and perhaps reconnect with former members.

The Newsletter will be a great way to get information out to those who have not been in the loop for a while. We believe that the Newsletter can serve to market our organization, create credibility and build our organization's identity. We are hopeful that it will spark interest and new ideas on a myriad of

topics. We are planning to send the newsletter to all those current and former Tots and Teens members for whom we have email addresses. We will also have the newsletter posted on our T&T website.

I would like to have a contest to give our Newsletter a name. I am asking our youth, and adults if they are so inclined, to submit their suggestions to me not later than March 1st. I will choose a few of our members to review the submissions and make the choice for the name. The winning entry will receive

a small monetary prize. Adults of course, are not eligible to win the prize.

I will also be looking for reporters to assist me in publishing this newsletter; youth reporters and adults are welcome. More than anything, we need your ideas for information to include in the Newsletter. We want to know what is happening in the lives of our members, so please feel free to share your interesting stories. Information and stories can be sent to: edithmhenderson@aol.com

First General Meeting of 2010

On January 24th chapter members met at the home of Edith Henderson for the first General Meeting of the new year. Kelli Petty, chapter President presided over the meeting.



More than 25 children and adults were in attendance and everyone was eager to plan for the remaining club

year. In keeping with the primary goal of our organization of providing our youth with the exposure and experiences needed to be successful members of society, many ideas were proposed. These included educational, charitable, social, community service, fundraising and "just plain fun" activities.

A discussion was held on whether it was more productive to schedule our meetings and activities on the same weekend every month rather than on random

weekends. It was the consensus of the group that we would probably get better participation if we chose the same weekend each month to allow members to be better able to plan their busy schedules. We chose the 4th weekend of each month.

Our next gathering is a game night/black history program scheduled for February 28th at the home of Alvin and Danielle Moore.

P. G. Tots and Teens Walk for the Homeless

On November 20th and for more than 13 years, the P. G. County Chapter has joined thousands of people in the Washington metropolitan area to participate in the Fannie Mae Foundation's annual Walkathon for the Homeless in our area.



Our team raised more than \$400 for the Homeless Children Playtime Project (HCPP). HCPP is an

organization that provides homeless children with weekly playtime activities away from the homeless shelters in which they live. This program helps the children forget for just a little while, that they are homeless.



The members of the chapter enjoy this time of fun and

fellowship and it also gives many of us a chance to get in some much needed exercise.



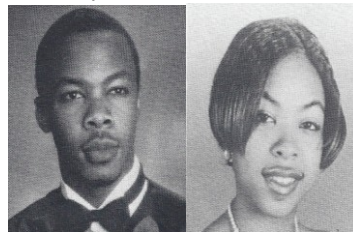
Two Tots and Teens Families Have Become One

Ayize Ma'at (formerly Myrell Antoine Morton, but better know as Tony), is the son of Ray and Sharon Morton and older brother of Rashar and Dante. As he explains – "My full name is Ayize Kimaathi Myrell Ma'at (Myrell is still a part of my name....but Tony and Morton are not) I kept Myrell for it's uniqueness and to show appreciation for my parents creativity. I dropped Tony and Morton because I felt it would be more meaningful to affirm and celebrate the "African" in me.

Aiyana Hill is the daughter of Rev. Dennis and Rev. Christine Wiley and older sister to Samira and Joshua. Aiyze and Aiyana, met in the P. G. County Chapter of Tots and Teens. They, along with their families were an integral part of the Tots and Teens Family for many years.

Ayize and Aiyana were members of the 1995 T&T graduating class. Both went on to college and graduated, Ayize from Bowie State University

and Aiyana from Clark Atlanta University.



They began dating in 1995 and were married in a beautiful wedding ceremony in 2002; hence they have been together for nearly 15 years. I believe they are the only couple who married after meeting in the Tots and Teens organization. Ayize and Aiyana are now the proud parents of two boys and two girls. What an absolutely beautiful family.

Aiyana and Ayize even work together. They have mentored over 50 couples in marriage education groups and have just recently endeavored to launch their own business, "B Intentional, LLC".

B Intentional, LLC exists to promote and celebrate "Intentional Living"



within individuals and couples via group work, retreats, classes, and artistic productions. We define "Intentional Living" as the focused and concentrated attention to expanding one's own awareness, insight, and acquisition of the things that one feels are important in life. While we feel that everyone has the right and responsibility to determine and decide for themselves what these "things" are, we at B Intentional, feel that it is imperative to pay particular attention to the growth and development of our own hearts, souls, and minds as well as the quality of our relationships with others so that our greatest dreams and desires can materialize.

"A marriage made in Tots and Teens"

“Words of Wisdom, – “Equipment”

Figure it out for yourself my lad,
You've all that the greatest of men have had;
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes;
And a brain to use if you would be wise,
With this equipment they began.

So start for the top and say “I can”.
Look them over, the wise and great,
They take their food from a common plate
And similar knives and forks they use,
With similar laces they tie their shoes.
The world considers them brave and smart,
But you've all they had when they made their start.

You can triumph and come to skill.
You can be great if you only will.
You're well equipped for what fight you choose;

You have legs and arms and a brain to use,
And the man who has risen great deeds to do
Began his life with no more than you.

You are the handicap you must face,
You are the one who must choose your place,
You must say where you want to go.
How much you will study the truth to know;
God has equipped you for life, but He
Let's you decide what you want to be.

Courage must come from the soul within
The man must furnish the will to win,
So figure it out for yourself, my lad
You were born with all that the great have had,
With your equipment they all began,
Get hold of yourself and say, “I can”.

By Edgar A. Guest

Calendar of Events

February 28th – 5:00 – 9:00

Game Night/Black History Program

Home of Alvin and Danielle Moore

March 27th – 6:00 – 9:30

Family Bowling Night

Alley to be Determined

April 10th 10:00 – 2:00

Youth Leadership Workshop

Spaulding Library -5811 Old Silver Hill Rd.

April 24th

Live Sporting Event

Bowie Bay Socks -?

May 23rd – 1:00 – 5:00

Dinner/B Smith Restaurant

Union Station

June 27th – All Day

Hershey Park, PA

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