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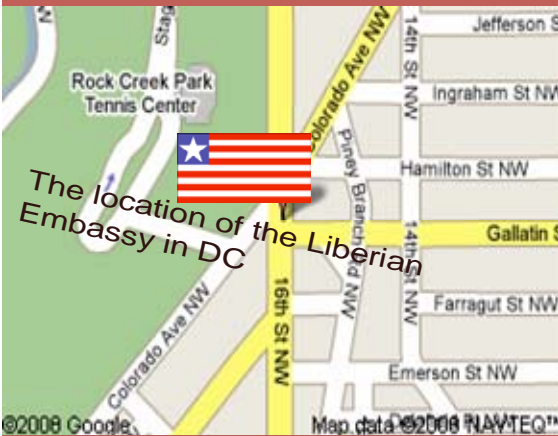
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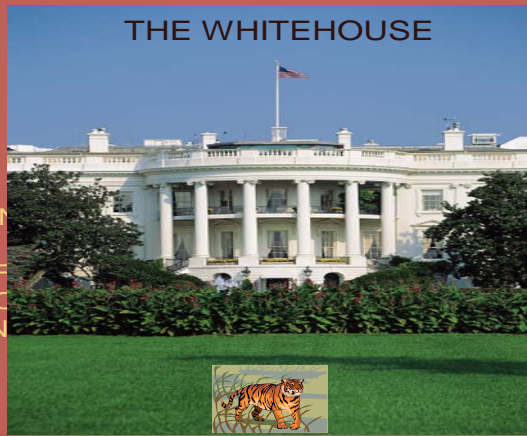
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The location of the Liberian
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**Booker Washington Institute Alumni Association of North America
District of Columbia Metro Chapter
Annual Report 2009**

“Be the change you want to see in the world”

Mahatma Gandhi

Mr. National President, Mr. National Vice President, National Officers, Chapter Presidents, Past Presidents and Past Officers, distinguished alumni, friends and families, we bring you greetings again from the Nation’s Capitol (Washington, DC). It is indeed an honor for us to be here in this great city of Providence, Rhode Island. We are aware that the city of Providence is host to hundreds of our fellow Liberians and we are indeed grateful.

The year 2009 has been productive and enriching for the Booker Washington Institute (BWI) DC Metro Chapter and its members. As you may record, our chapter hosted the Executive Council meeting in Glen Dale, MD November 2008. The many positive responses our chapter received after the meeting indicated to us that we did an excellent job. Thanks to our chapter President, Officers, and Members for a job well done.

The Washington, DC chapter continues to work in the best interest of our association in spite of our many challenges. We continued to work exceedingly in many areas just to name a few:

- Membership involvement
- Chapter finance increase
- Productive membership activities and fund raisers
- BWINAANA Information dissemination to our members has improved

Our members experienced many memorable happenings during the period under review just to name a few: graduations, marriages, deaths, new jobs, new homes, families reuniting etc. etc. etc. But, in all things, we want to give **‘thanks to the Almighty God’** who has sustained us through the good times and those challenging times.

Our members have worked together as a unit to achieve some major projects. The unity of the members in this chapter has enabled us to function in a family like environment which has contributed to our success. Our roster can now boost of 113 members with about 40% of those members considered active.

During the year under review, our chapter was instrumental in assisting the national leadership in lodging Mr. Mulbah Jackollie (The principal of BWI Liberia) as he attended classes for advanced courses at the University of Phoenix in Arlington, Virginia. We want to express our thanks to Ms. Ada Hage for her assistance and Mr. Jonathan Arthur for his hospitality.

Goals and Objectives:

Our yearly activities are planned around our goals and objectives such as:

- Develop a structure that would include all our membership
- Develop a membership drive that would motivate both active and inactive members
- Develop programs and work with the National body in fulfilling its mission and goals for BWINAANA.
- Sustain financial strength by maintaining a solid financial operation through strong membership programs and social functions.

Activities:

We have regular meetings at different member’s residence. This practice has enabled us to bring into the chapter new members and exposed the chapter to non-members. In some cases, the non-members have become active in our functions and are now a part of our Chapter. Some of the guests we have had over the year are for example: non-Liberians and Liberians from other schools. We also used the modern technology of teleconferencing for some of our meetings.

We organized and took a spring shopping bus trip to New York City May 2, 2009. The bus held the capacity of 55 seats and we were able to sell all 55 seats for the price of \$55.00. It was a 16 hours day trip. Everyone had a “blast” in New York City. Some of our patrons went shopping, others went sight seeing, and still others attended Broadway plays. After all expenses were paid, we were able to net a profit for the Treasury.

Future Activities:

- We are planning the annual summer picnic in Maryland for all members, their families, and friends to show our appreciation for their support during the year. This gathering will be used to meet and socialize with friends and families (spouses/children) of the members. We are hoping that this function will be a great success.
- We are also planning an out door activity on the grounds of the Liberian Embassy in Washington, DC.
- We are actively preparing for the 2010 Convention to be held in Maryland

The social committee is a very active and strong arm of our chapter. We have many activities planned for the latter part of the year.

Graduation:

There were several graduations from high school, college, and advance degrees. We want to extend our congratulations to all the graduates.

Relocation:

We have several new members that have moved to the DC metro area from other states. To those who have relocated to the DC area, we say welcome to our neighborhood and the DC Chapter. To those members who have relocated to other states, we wish them the best. We also have several members that have moved locally due to purchasing new homes in the metro area.

Career/Job Change:

We have several members who have changed jobs to enhance their careers and reflect their educational training.

Death/Memorial Services:

Several of our members lost love ones during the year. We extend our sincere condolences to them and their families. We also say thanks to the BWI family for their love and support (cards, monetary gifts, home visits, prayers, and phone calls) during the difficult times.

The BWINAANA DC chapter declaration to this convention:

Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, National officers, fellow alumni and friends of BWI. As we convened here in this great city of Providence for this 18th convention, let us be mindful that these are trying times of economic challenges and what ever we use our energy and resources for have to be worthwhile. May we also conduct these meetings with due respect for our association and for one another.

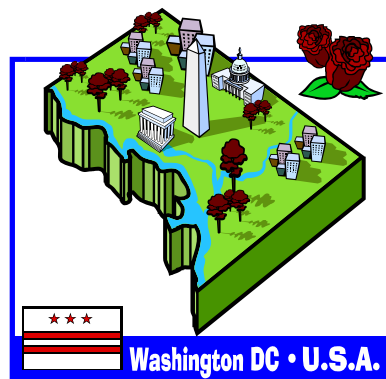
May God continue to bless the work of our hands and may the spirit that unites us be evidence during these deliberations. We thank you all.

Respectfully
The BWINAANA DC Chapter.
This 26th Day of June 2009

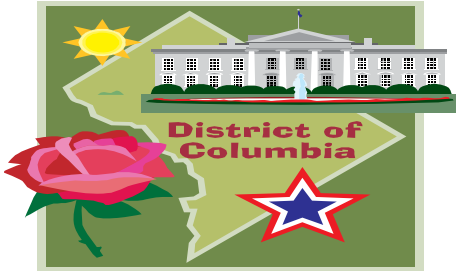
CHAPTER OFFICIALS

Eric Harris----President
John Hammond---Vice President
Sebastian Teclar---Secretary
Josephine Isaac--- Treasurer
Irene Fiawoo-----Social Secretary
Ada Hage-----Chaplain

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