

Luther H. Foster High School Alumni Association



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President Barack Obama's Second Term



Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts administers the oath of office to President Barack Obama during the official swearing-in ceremony in the Blue Room of the White House on Inauguration Day, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013. First Lady Michelle Obama, holding the Robinson family Bible, along with daughters Malia and Sasha, stand with the President. (Official White House Photo by Lawrence Jackson)



Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts administers the oath of office to President Barack Obama during the Inaugural swearing-in ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. January 21, 2013, (Official White House Photo by Sonya N. Hebert)

January 20, 2013, at 11:55 AM Eastern Time, President Obama delivered his Second Inaugural Address. The speech was 2,137 words long and took 15 minutes to deliver. "America's possibilities are limitless," he said, "for we possess all the qualities that this world without **boundaries demands**: youth and drive; diversity and openness; an endless capacity for risk and a gift for reinvention. My fellow Americans, we are made for this moment, and we will seize it -- so long as we seize it together."

White House.gov

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2013 Membership Renewal

Happy New Year! Thank you for your membership dues (\$20.00) for 2012. It is a new year; therefore, it is time to renew again. Without your support, the association could not exist. Please send your dues in the enclosed envelope. Your funds help to give deserving graduates financial support to continue their educational goals. Moreover, we appreciate your donation to the Civic League.

Scholarship Applications!

Applications are available at the Notoway Senior High School Counselor's office and on the Luther H. Foster.com website. Please contact Edith Smith, Scholarship chairperson, at 434-767-4282 if you would like additional information. The deadline is April 15, 2013.

Commemorative Journal Ad

Please share and honor the memory of your loved ones by placing an ad (pictures, poems, etc.) in our Commemorative Journal which will be distributed at the school-wide reunion. This will be a keepsake for you and your family for years to come. More importantly, you will be sharing your family memories with others who care.

Please send your information along with a check made payable to Luther H. Foster Alumni. Return to: P. O. Box 34, Crewe, Virginia 23930

Full Page-	\$75.00
Half Page-	\$50.00
Quarter Page	\$25.00



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fifteenth Annual Birthday Observance Service

The Nottoway Civic League celebrated its fifteenth annual birthday observance service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 12:00 Noon. It was held at the Mt. Nebo Baptist church in Blackstone, Virginia; Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Fields, Jr., pastor.

Mr. Reginald Gordon was the worship leader. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Gordon West, former teacher of Luther H. Foster High School. Everyone enjoyed the service.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The services have been held at the following churches:

- ⇒ 1999 Spring Hill Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2000 Commandment Apostolic Church
- ⇒ 2001 Eleven Oaks Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2003 Poplar Lawn Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2004 Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church
- ⇒ 2005 St. Marks United Methodist Church
- ⇒ 2006 Mt. Gazerine Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2007 New Prospect Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2008 First Nottoway Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2009 Jerusalem Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2010 dominion worship Center
- ⇒ 2011 Springhill Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2012 Yielding Zion Baptist Church
- ⇒ 2013 Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

Please support the Nottoway Civic League. The annual membership fee is \$20.00. Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Tribute to the First Guidance Counselor of Luther H. Foster



Martha Virginia Singleton, the daughter of the late Silas and Lilia Singleton, was born in South Boston, Virginia on September 7, 1919. God called her home on

December 23, 2012. At an

early age, she moved with her family to Richmond, Virginia and attended Richmond Public Schools. Martha received a BS from Virginia Union University and a MS from Virginia State University.

She spent many years enriching the young lives of her students as she taught in Richmond Public Schools, Nottoway County Public Schools, and South Boston Public Schools. She was appointed as

the first guidance counselor of Luther H. Foster High School in Nottoway County. Martha was an avid traveler and friend, confidant, and encourager to countless students and colleagues in each of these school systems.



By Chiles Funeral Home



In truth a family is what you make it. It is made strong, not by the number of heads counted at the dinner table, but by the rituals you help family members create, by the memories you share, by the commitment of time, caring, and love you show to one another, and by the hopes for the future you have as individuals and as a unit.

Marge Kennedy



IN MEMORIAM

Get Well Wishes

We extend heartfelt well wishes to all who are working through health and other issues.

As my grandfather used to say, "Jesus is on the main line; tell Him what you want." SFB

Peace and Blessings

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of :

Alfia L. Harris	1958
Willie Banks	1960

If you know someone who should be listed, please let us know. Lanette Robinson Harris, Sick & Bereavement chairperson, can be reached at 434-292-3840 or email lutherhfoster@gmail.com

Romans 10:9-10

*THE LUTHER H. FOSTER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
SEVENTH SCHOOL-WIDE REUNION*

JULY 19, 20, 21, 2013

Deadline: July 5, 2013

Registration Cost - \$80.00 per person (includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

FRIDAY NIGHT	SAT. BREAKFAST	SAT. NITE BANQUET	SUN. BREAKFAST	ALL	TOTAL

CLASS YEAR _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIPCODE _____

TELEPHONE #/ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Guest Names

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please note if you need a special meal (vegetarian)

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Check payable to: Luther H. Foster Alumni Association

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Seventh School-Wide Reunion- July 19-21, 2013

Happy New Year! Overall, we had a great year. Approximately, three hundred and forty-nine members joined us to carry on the memory and legacy of our beloved school. We awarded 6 scholarships to qualified high school graduates which included a special scholarship from the Class of 1961 and the annual scholarship in honor of Katherine J. Miller. The Civic League appreciates your support and donations. Thank you for your dedication and commitment. On the other hand, a number of alums, friends and family members have gone on to be with the Lord. To the families, we say, God will take care of you.

Where has the time gone? Are you ready to join us to celebrate the Seventh School-Wide Reunion? It is a blessing for us to organize and plan another reunion for you to enjoy. Please come and join us for this gala occasion. It will be held the weekend of July 19-21, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Select/Koger South Conference Center, 1021 Koger Center Blvd. Richmond, Virginia 23235. A block of rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$94.00 (plus tax) per night under the name of Luther H. Foster Alumni. You can start reserving your rooms immediately by calling 804-379-3800. If you have any questions, please contact me at 804-690-1487. There will be tentative details in the April 2013 newsletter.

Sandra Branch, President

Alumnae Guest Speaker for NAACP

Beatrice Wynn Bush, graduate of the Class of 1965, an English and Drama teacher for Richmond Public Schools, spoke at the Nottoway County Chapter NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, September 22, 2012, which was held at the Nottoway Civic League Center.

Story, Ironclads, The Henderson Monster, and The Other Anna.

Beatrice also played the role of Rosa Parks in the *Rosa Parks Story*, which was commissioned for the National Civil rights Museum.

Ms. Bush is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, and her credits include performances in films such as : *The Patriot* (2000), *Once Upon a Time when We Were Colored*, the *Margaret Mitchell Story*, *The Angel Doll*, *The Vernon Johns*



BEATRICE W. BUSH



L-R: Ralph Branch; Jessie King



Front row L-R: Joan Bates; Edith Smith, Maude Lee, Lanette Harris, Bea Brito-Mayo; Frankie Ingram; Delores Hurte; Arlene Robertson; Sandra Knight; Russell Jackson; **Second Row** L-R: Sallie Rich; Barbara Bridgeforth; Clarence Williams; L.V. Harris; Lessie Jennings; James Clarke; Florine Shelton; Rose Paige, Ralph Branch; Etta Booker



Front Row L-R: Susan Hawkes (not pictured first photo)

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Luther H. Foster Website

Congratulations to Kelvin Hobbs,
Class of '66, who was the first to use
the membership form
off of the website.
Walter Williams, Class
of '56 came in a close
second.



What Kind of Person Are You? By Tyler Perry

Leaf People

Some people come into your life and they are like leaves on a tree. They are only there for a season. You can't depend on them or count on them because they are weak and only there to give you shade. Like leaves, they are there to take what they need and as soon as it gets cold or a wind blows in your life they are gone. You can't be angry at them, it's just who they are.

Branch People

There are some people who come into your life and they are like branches on a tree. They are stronger than leaves, but you have to be careful with them. They will stick around through most seasons, but if you go through a storm or two in your life it's possible that you could lose them. Most times they break away when it's tough. Although they are stronger than leaves, you have to test them out before you run out there and put all your weight on them. In most cases they can't handle too much weight. But again, you can't be mad with them, it's just who they are.

Root People

If you can find some people in your life who are like the roots of a tree then you have found something special. Like the roots of a tree, they are hard to find because they are not trying to be seen. Their only job is to hold you up and help you live a strong and healthy life. If you thrive, they are happy. They stay low key and don't let the world know that they are there. And if you go through an awful storm they will hold you up. Their job is to hold you up, come what may, and to nourish you, feed you and water you.

Just as a tree has many limbs and many leaves, there are few roots. Look at your own life. How many leaves, branches and roots do you have? What are you in other people's lives?