

**A YEAR IN REVIEW**

**THE ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER  
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



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**The District of Columbia Chapter has had a very busy and productive year under the leadership of:**

**CALVIN KEARNEY, PRESIDENT  
JAMES DIXON, VICE PRESIDENT  
SETERIA FORBES, RECORDING SECRETARY  
ANGELO PEEBLES, TREASURER  
ERNESTINE LYON, FORMER PRESIDENT**

**The Chapter meets monthly, usually the third Saturday at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA locate at 901 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Meetings are held at 10:00 am and we usually have an attendance ranging from 15 to 25 persons at each meeting.**

**As of April 11, 2008, the local chapter has 124 persons who have paid local dues. We have collected and forwarded to the National Alumni Office, National Alumni Dues for approximately 50 local alumni.**

**The chapter has a website, [www.nccudc.org](http://www.nccudc.org) that is updated weekly with local and national alumni information. We also cover local and national news that may be of interest to area alumni. Our website has had a very positive impact on the chapter and its activities. It allows us to keep alumni informed and provide a depository for all of the chapter activities.**

**The Chapter has published two (2) Newsletters so far this year that went to the complete database of over 1200 alumni. We also do email updates as needed. We are using a service called Constant Contact to communicate by email. Our email list has over 600 email addresses.**

**This year, the Chapter made one Scholarship Award in the amount of \$3000 to Ms. Yasmin Eleady-Cole. Ms. Cole is a Freshman and is a resident of Hyattsville, Maryland.**

**The Chapter started the year off with the Black Tie Scholarship Gala that was held on Saturday, April 27, 2007 at LaFontaine Bleu Ballroom in Lanham, Maryland. We had over 450 alumni and friends in attendance at the Gala. From that event, the Chapter raided over \$10,000 in scholarship funds.**

**Our Chapter Picnic was held in June at the home of Shirley Long Hatton. We had a wonderful afternoon at Shirley's home with family and friends.**

**The Chapter does not meet during July and August. Those two months were used to rest and plan for 2008 activities.**

**In October, we hosted the Office of Institutional Advancement and the Vice-Chancellor at that time, Katey Assem for an informal meeting with some area alumni at the home of NCCU Board Member and DC Chapter Member, Chuck Baron. About twenty (20) alumni attended this gathering. The topics discussed at the gathering included Planned Giving and The Annual Fund at North Carolina Central University.**

**Our first meeting after the summer break was in September where our attention was focused on the Mr/Ms Alumni Contest. Our contestant Ms. Sislena Ledbetter was the First Runner-Up in the contest. The Chapter donated over \$7000 to the National Alumni Scholarship Fund.**

**Also in September we started a Program to collect inactive cell phones. The Drive ended on October 20, 2007. Cell phones collected were donated to Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Alfred Street in turn used the inactive cell phones to purchase phone cards to distribute area service men and women who were going to Iraq.**

**On September 14, 2008, the Chapter made a bus trip to New York to attend The New York Urban League's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Football Classic. It was an over night trip. We had a great time at the game and at post-**

game activities sponsored by the University. It was also the first opportunity that many of us were able to meet the new Chancellor.

The Chapter also sponsored a bus trip to New York to see *The Color Purple*. The day of our trip was the first day of the stage hand strike in New York. We were unable to see the play, but had a wonderful time in New York shopping.

The Chapter also became involved in a program sponsored by SunTrust Bank, "Our Checking, Your Cause Program". Our participation in that Program has generated additional operating funds for the Chapter. Persons who opened a checking account with SunTrust could designate the DC Alumni Chapter as their charity of choice, and we received \$75 from each account opened. An additional \$25 went to the National Alumni Association.

Our Holiday Party was held the third Saturday of December at the home of Ingrid Watson-Miller. We had a great time. Plenty of music, food and sprits for all who attended. In conjunction with the Holiday Party, we sponsored a Toy Drive. All alumni who attended were asked to bring an unwrapped toy. The toys collected were donated to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center for their "Winter Wonderland" for needy kids in the Metro DC area.

The Chapter during the Fall months assisted the Office of Admissions with several College Recruitment Fairs that were held in the Metro DC area. Two of the local College Fairs were covered entirely by chapter members.

The Chapter also participated in the "Rebuild New Orleans Public Library" program sponsored by the New Orleans Public Library Foundation. The local chapter collected books that were then sent to New Orleans. The Chapter received a Thank You letter from the Foundation.

The Chapter also made a \$500 contribution the Music Department at North Carolina Central University in support of the University Choir for the purchase of new robes.

**The Chapter also made a \$250 contribution to the Metro Club. The Metro Club is a student organization at NCCU comprised of students from the Metro DC area. The contribution was seed money to help the organization get started with some planned activities.**

**The Chapter also established a Committee to work with the National & International Fellowships Office at NCCU. The program's primary goal is to provide an opportunity for upper-level students from NCCU to work and study in Washington, DC.**

**On April 5, 2008 the Chapter along with the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA sponsored a Marrow Donor Drive. This is an on-going project for the Chapter. It is our goal to register at least 100 persons as Marrow Donors.**

**On April 25, 2008, the Chapter hosted a Book Signing for Chancellor Charlie Nelms and five (5) other local authors. The Book Signing was held at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA.**

**Our final project was the Black Tie Scholarship Gala held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 8:00 PM at the LaFontaine Bleu Ballroom. This is our major scholarship Fundraiser.**

**We have had a very busy and productive year. A very special "Thank You" to alumni and friends who supported the Chapter during the year.**