

# The Family Circle

## OMICRON'S ARCHOUSA JOSEPHINE REED-TAYLOR HONORED

**M**inneapolis Community and Technical College President Phillip L. Davis presented the Individual Humanitarian Award for 2006 to Omicron's Archousa Josephine Reed-Taylor on January 15. Since 1991 the award has been presented annually to an individual who has exhibited a commitment to propagate the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, dream.

Archousa Reed-Taylor is senior vice president of academic and student affairs at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College. During her nearly twenty years of service at that institution she has successfully led the school through numerous challenges and through a period of unprecedented change.

In 1999 she headed a team of faculty in the development of the Urban Teacher Program, an initiative aimed at increasing the number of teachers of color in the Minneapolis public schools. The program has the highest enrollment of students of color of any teacher preparation program in the state. In 2003 it received a TIAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Award, which recognizes exceptional innovations that enhance undergraduate teaching and learning.

Under her leadership the college also established the Health Careers Institute, which last year won the Bellwether Award at the college's futures assembly; the award is presented by the University of Florida and recognizes outstanding programs and practices that are successfully leading an institute of higher learning into the future. The institute was created in response to the critical shortage of healthcare professionals. The program matches available hospital jobs with residents of south Minneapolis who are seeking better jobs. In the first five years of the program approximately a thousand residents, mostly people of color, received training and jobs at three area hospitals, increasing wages by an average of nearly thirty percent.

Archousa Reed-Taylor is widely known among the nation's educators for her efforts to advance the interests of women and people of color. The growth in the diversity of the students and teachers at the college, along with the various courses offered, illustrate her vision of an environment in which people of diverse backgrounds can work well together.

Her efforts extend beyond the state of Minnesota's borders: She has served as chair of the board of directors of the Network of Women Administrators through the office of women in higher education of the American Council on Education.

While she has developed a national reputation, she remains active in the Twin Cities community, holding posi-



**Archousa Josephine Reed-Taylor**

tions on such local boards as that of the Higher Learning Commission and the Minneapolis Empowerment Zone, which allocates federal funds for programs designed to revitalize the most impoverished Minneapolis neighborhoods; the board of Achieve Minneapolis, which provides programming for at-risk youth; and the board of the Jeremiah Program, which helps single mothers build new lives for themselves and their children. She is also active in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Links, which supports numerous important causes in the Twin Cities.

Archousa Josephine Reed-Taylor was honored as Omicron's Archousa of the Year in 2002. She is the wife of Archon David Taylor, who was recently appointed provost at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

*Archon John Henderson  
Grapter, Omicron Boulé*

# ARCHONS PAY TRIBUTE TO PARENTS AT 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**A**rchon Bradley W. Byrd, Delta Sigma Boulé, south suburban Chicago, and Archon Donald M. Byrd, Alpha Delta Boulé, Cincinnati, with their brother, Carl R. Byrd, honored their parents, Archon Manford Byrd, Jr., and Archousa Cheribelle W. Byrd of Beta Boulé, with a 50th wedding anniversary dinner and dance at the Oaklawn Hilton in Oaklawn, Illinois, on April 1, 2006. The Morris Ellis Orchestra provided music for listening and dancing.

The anniversary couple was honored by the presence of more than 260 guests, several of whom in the wedding party offered tributes of their friendships over the years. The Byrd sons, in moving reflections, told what it was like growing up in the Byrd household and the lessons they learned from their parents.

The sons presented their parents with citations and resolutions from the national, state and city officials



**Archon Manford Byrd, Jr., and Archousa Cheribelle Byrd hold sculpture *Through the Years* by artist Karen Hand, commission by their sons in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.**

as well as a sculpture, *Through the Years*, by artist Debra Hand, which they had commissioned especially for their parents 50th anniversary.

The Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, delivered the invocation for the Byrds and told of

the Byrds contributions to Trinity Church. The Byrds were among Trinity's founding members.

Archon Manford Byrd served as general superintendent of Chicago Public Schools and Grand Thesauristes of Sigma Pi Phi for twenty-six years. He presently serves as a trustee and treasurer of the Boulé Foundation. He also holds the title of Grand Thesauristes Emeritus.

Archon Byrd and Archousa Cheribelle Byrd, a former teacher and early childhood administrator, met early in their Chicago public schools teaching careers. When they retired in 1990 they had a combined total of seventy-five years of service in public education. They are part-time consultants and enjoy spending time with their family and traveling. The Byrds are very active in the philanthropic area, giving of both their time and money.

They are proud parents of three sons, three daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren.

# ARCHOUSA MARCHETA ENEAS COMMUNITY PERSON OF THE YEAR, 2005

**O**n January 20 Archousa Marcheta Eneas of Delta Lambda Boulé, Nassau, Bahamas, was named Community Service Person of the Year, 2005, at the third annual Civil Awards Banquet at the Cable Beach Resort. The event was sponsored by Jones Communications, owners of radio station Love 97, the *Bahamas Journal* newspaper and Jones Publications. The Hon. Perry Christie, prime minister, attended the event, along with several members of his cabinet and other leading members of the community.

Of the seven categories of awards, the largest group of nominees was from the community service sector, with twenty-eight nominees. Archousa Eneas was selected for her tireless efforts on behalf of Bahamas youth. Her work with young men is centered around the Gentlemen's



**Archousa Marcheta Eneas with Wendel Jones, CEO of Jones Communications**

Club, a mentoring and social organization that she cofounded with her husband, Archon Judson Eneas, in 1992, and which has since graduated more than 560 young men. The club

has also awarded college scholarships in excess of \$2 million. Since 1994 the program has been cosponsored by Delta Lambda Boulé.

Archousa Eneas has also expanded her mentoring to include young women through the development of a similar church-inspired program. As the newly appointed district debutante masters commissioner for the Bahamas, she has worked with the young women of the 11th District of the AME Church, and in November of 2005 she held the first commissioning ceremony for Christian youth at that organization's annual convention.

Archon and Archousa Eneas have three children and admit that concern for their own children has been the catalyst for their work with other youth in their community.

*Archon Patrick Rahming  
Grafter, Delta Lambda Boulé*



## ARCHOUSA HELEN JONES-KELLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF JOB & FAMILY/CHILDREN SERVICES

In January Sigma Boulé Archousa Helen Jones-Kelley, Archon Thomas Kelley's wife, who has served as the director of Montgomery County Children Services in Dayton, Ohio, since 1995, was named director of the newly created combined office of Job and Family/Children Services. The children services department works to prevent child abuse and neglect; the job and family services department oversees welfare programs, job training and the enforcement of child support and placement efforts. These departments serve many of the same clients, so it makes sense to combine them. "It creates its own share of exciting possibilities," said Archousa Jones-Kelley. "We are now going to be a cradle-to-grave organization. It will allow us to provide a higher level of support and stabilization to families."

Archousa Jones-Kelley has an extensive background in managing human services and is recognized nationally as a leader in the field of child welfare and social services. She was the keynote speaker for the Child Welfare League of America's annual conference and recently coauthored with Dannetta Graves, the county's director of job and family services, an article published in the *National Journal of Human Services* that details Montgomery County's approach to early case management intervention, which has been successful in reducing the need to place children in foster care.

Archousa Jones-Kelley earned her bachelor of science degree in secondary English education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and went on to receive further training in the fields of sociology and gerontology. She is also a licensed attorney, a graduate of the University of Dayton School of Law.

In 2003 Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Moyer appointed Archousa Kelley to cochair the statewide Advisory Council on Children, Youth and Families. She serves as a member of other organizations that defend the rights of children, including the county's Family and Children First Council, the board of trustees of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio and the Ohio Governor's Multidisciplinary Task Force on the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse.

Archousa Jones-Kelley was named one of the Ten Top Women in Dayton in 1996 and one of the Ten Top African American Women in 2002. She was featured in *Essence* magazine in June 1997 and honored in 1999 by the YWCA of Dayton as a Woman of Influence. She is the recipient of the prestigious Evangeline Lindsley Award from DayBreak Shelter for Youth (2002), the Brother Raymond Fitz Community Leadership Award from Catholic Social Services (2004) and the SAFY's (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth) Friend of Children Award (2005).

She has been a frequent speaker in the area of children and the law and has presented workshops for such organizations as the American Bar Association, the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, the Child Welfare League of America, the National Black Child Development Institute and the American Humane Association.

She and Archon Kelley have four daughters and reside in Clayton, Ohio.

*Archon Andrew Hughey  
Grapter, Sigma Boulé*



**NCCJ Humanitarian Award honorees Gamma Phi Sire Archon Charles Thurston and Archousa Marie Thurston with their four daughters and sons-in-law**

## ARCHON AND ARCHOUSA THURSTON HONORED AS NCCJ HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

**O**n February 21 the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of San Antonio, Inc., held its annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Humanitarian Awards dinner at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio. Gamma Phi Sire Archon Charles S. Thurston, M.D., newly installed as Sire Archon on January 21 at the boulé's Founders Day banquet, was honored along with his Archousa, Marie Pannell Thurston, PhD., both recipients of NCCJ's Brotherhood/Sisterhood Humanitarian Award.

NCCJ was founded in 1927 as the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America, NCCJ promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education. The organization annually recognizes individuals whose contributions to the community exemplify its commitment to build better relationships among all people.

The Thurston's daughter, Dr. Renee Thurston-Moore, presented the awards to her parents, stating that the priorities in her parents' lives had always been the love of God, education and service and the love of family – all

in keeping with the spirit of NCCJ. More than six hundred community members attended the formal event, including such leaders as San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger, who was also an honoree. The affair was officiated by Archon Robert Jemerson, chair of the San Antonio chapter of the NCCJ.

The Thurston family was well represented with four daughters in attendance, accompanied by their spouses, and a granddaughter.

*Archon Averell Sutton  
Grapter, Gamma Phi Boulé*

# DR. SHARON LEWIS-ROUSE APPOINTED MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



**Dr. Sharon Lewis-Rouse**

**O**n January 3 Dr. Sharon Lewis-Rouse, daughter of Archon Robert and Archousa Ruth Lewis of Delta Boulé, Memphis, Tennessee, was appointed medical director for the Georgia State Department of Corrections.

Corrections Commissioner James Donald believes she will prove an invaluable asset to the organization's senior management team: "We are

quite fortunate to be able to bring on board a clinical leader with vast experience," he said. "Her record of service in the healthcare industry reflects diverse administrative roles in managed care and quality improvements, which will benefit our goals to address the changing components of our inmate population."

A native of Memphis, Dr. Lewis-Rouse's career spans nearly two decades as a senior medical director

at several prominent managed-care organizations. For nearly ten years at Aetna U.S. Healthcare she oversaw operations covering seven regions across the Southeast with memberships totaling 19 million. Previously, as medical services director for The Prudential in Houston, Texas, she supervised nine regional networks. Major clients included Southwestern Bell, the State Bar of Texas and Walmart's 600,000 membership enrollees. In addition, she worked for three years as an assistant professor in the department of pediatrics and family medicine at the University of Texas in Houston. Earlier in her career Dr. Lewis-Rouse served as chief of pediatrics for Health America/Maxicare in Atlanta, responsible for services provided by thirty-six physicians, numerous pharmacies and an HMO enrollment of 50,000 members.

She graduated from Howard University prior to earning her medical degree from Meharry Medical College and completing her residency at the University of Texas in Houston. She is a member of the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, the Georgia State Medical Association and the American College of Physician Executives. A diplomat of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review and the American Board of Pediatrics, Dr. Lewis-Rouse is licensed in the states of Texas and Georgia.

The Georgia State Department of Corrections is the largest law enforcement agency in the state with nearly 15,000 employees. It is the fifth largest prison system in the United States and is responsible for supervising more than 48,000 state prisoners and 135,000 probationers.

Dr. Lewis-Rouse currently resides in Atlanta with her husband, Paul, and daughter, Paula. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Smart Set.

*Archon James O. Patterson III  
Grapter, Delta Boulé*

# NEWS FROM BETA SIGMA BOULÉ

**T**he lovely and talented Shadae D. Thomas, daughter of Archon Henry and Archousa Devonias Thomas, graduated from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, in May with a degree in elementary education. Now enrolled at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, she is expected to receive her master's degree in education in May 2006. Shadae serves as cochair of the graduate school's black student union.

Beta Sigma's newest Archousa, Deborah McCain Wesley, made news on February 5 when her Valentine's Day essay about her mother, Ernestine Cooper McCain, found its way into the hearts of the judges of a local essay contest. Archousa Wesley has held various positions in the field of education. Currently, she serves as media director at St. John's Congregational Church, UCC, in Springfield. As the wife of Archon Howard-John Wesley, pastor, Archousa Debbie is also the first lady of St. John's and mother of Howard-John "Deuce" Wesley II.

Archousa Barbara Moss Lanier was featured February 9 in the *Springfield News's* lifestyle section: "The Power Of Family" recounted the story of her success and the role her persistence played in it. Growing up in Connecticut, when new lines determining school enrollment were drawn, she was forced to travel by bus to another school, and to pay ten cents each way to get there!

After graduating from high school, Archousa Lanier was awarded small scholarships that allowed her to attend Florida A&M University; she majored in elementary education, graduating in 1964. She then returned to New Haven, where she began her twenty-two-year career as a teacher. During that time she also earned a master's degree in education from Indiana University-Bloomington.

She and Archon Jesse M. Lanier, Sr., have three children: Audrey, Jesse, Jr., and Lucinda. Archon and Archousa Lanier are now owners of four KFC restaurants, two KFC-A&W restaurants and one KFC-Long John Silver's restaurant. They too are



**Shadae D. Thomas**

members of St. John's Congregational Church.

On January 17 Archousa Dora Robinson, executive director of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Community Center in Springfield, introduced professor and author John Bracey, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, to an enthusiastic crowd at an MLK celebration at the Eastfield Mall. Archousa Dora dreams of bringing together the entire community - not just blacks - in a citywide cel-

ebration honoring Archon King; this was the second annual celebration, and it drew hundreds of visitors to the mall; forty groups came this year, compared to only fifteen last year. Archousa Dora is the wife of Archon Frank Robinson, executive director of Partners for a Healthier Community in Springfield. They too worship at St. John Congregational Church.

*Archon Gerard Bruce Cutting  
Grapter, Beta Sigma Boulé*



## **ALPHACHI** DAUGHTER RECIPIENT OF HEALTHCARE AWARD

**I**n October Dr. Stacey Leatherwood, daughter of Archon Larry and Archousa Martha Leatherwood of Alpha Chi Boulé, Lansing, Michigan, received the prestigious Michigan Steps Up Healthcare Group Award. Dr. Leatherwood is a pediatrician with the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit. The award was created by Michigan Surgeon General Kimberly Dawn Wisdom and was presented to Dr. Leatherwood at a reception in the Kellogg Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

The award honors individual practitioners, provider groups or healthcare organizations demonstrating

outstanding performance related to disease prevention. Dr. Leatherwood was recognized for a program she initiated, Healthy Body/Healthy Mind, created for children between the ages of nine and thirteen who are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight based on their body-mass index. The program seeks to educate patients and their parents about the benefits of healthy eating, increased physical activity and the health risks associated with obesity. The information presented is designed to stimulate behavioral change that will ultimately lead to a healthier lifestyle for the children as well as for the family at large. The participants agree to attend five sessions, and at

each session the patients and their parents rotate through workshops with a nutritionist, an exercise physiologist, a psychologist and with Dr. Leatherwood. Each participant has monthly office visits to review goals and discuss progress.

Based upon the positive results of the program, approval for additional state funding has been granted for fiscal year 2006. Dr. Leatherwood received her B.S. degree at the University of Michigan and earned her M.D. at Meharry Medical College.

*Archon Ronald Gillum  
Grapter, Alpha Chi Boulé*

# MU BOULÉ SON HONORED WITH CIA AWARD

**O**n January 5 the Central Intelligence Agency presented William M. Phillips III, son of the late Mu Boulé Archon William M. Phillips, Jr., and Archousa Marie Beverly Phillips, with its Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal (DCIM) in honor of his outstanding achievements during his twenty-six years of service in the CIA's directorate of operations, otherwise known as the CIA's clandestine service. The ceremony was held at the CIA's Langley, Virginia, headquarters and was attended by approximately a hundred senior CIA officials, friends and family. The DCIM, as the medal is called, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a career intelligence officer.

Among those attending were his mother, Archousa Phillips; his wife, Linda Hall; his brother, Dr. Eric H. Phillips; sons William M. Phillips IV and Derek James Phillips; Archon Don H. Harris; Raymond W. Archer III, Howard University's vice president for alumni affairs; and Jeff Burns, Jr., associate publisher/senior vice president of *Ebony* magazine.



William Phillips III, who retired from the CIA in May, served undercover in a number of countries and rose in the ranks to attain a position in the senior intelligence service. He is one of the few African Americans to have done so in the history of the clandestine service. Phillips was the first African American to serve as chief of staff to the CIA deputy director for operations, a post he held in the months immediately following 9/11.

Phillips, who received his undergraduate degree in American history from Howard University in 1972 and

a law degree from Rutgers School of Law - Newark, now lives in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where he serves as the director of the office of counterintelligence for Los Alamos National Laboratory, the premier national security and science laboratory in the United States.

Phillips was taught French, Spanish and Haitian Creole by the CIA to enable him to work in foreign countries. He believes that the CIA offers remarkable and satisfying careers for African Americans who can get through the agency's rigorous recruitment and training process. In the citation for the award which he received, Phillips is highlighted as having been responsible for, among other things, the recruitment of seventeen minority candidates now serving in the CIA. The citation also stresses his sustained contributions to the national security mission of the United States, the details of which remain classified.

*Archon Charles O. Wilkins  
Grapter, Mu Boulé*

# DELTA UPSILON SON NAMED YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

**O**n January 10 Quincy Johnson, son of Immediate Past Sire Archon Don Johnson and Archousa Brenda Johnson of Delta Upsilon Boulé, Northern Atlanta, received the 2006 Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers' (SCTE) Young Engineer of the Year Award. This award is sponsored by Multichannel News, Scientific-Atlanta, Inc., and the SCTE.

The award recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions made to the cable telecommunications industry by engineering professionals under the age of thirty-five.

Now twenty-eight years old, Quincy began his career in cable television technology as an intern at Turner Broadcasting System while a sophomore at Georgia Tech. He graduated in 1999 and accepted a full-time position at Turner Company in 2000.

Quincy earned his MBA from Georgia State University in 2004. Currently at Turner Company, he is responsible for the shift of operations of Turner Broadcasting System's eleven Latin American networks from Atlanta to Buenos Aires in order to enable closer proximity to customers in South America.

*Archon Earnest C. Simmons  
Grapter, Delta Upsilon Boulé*

