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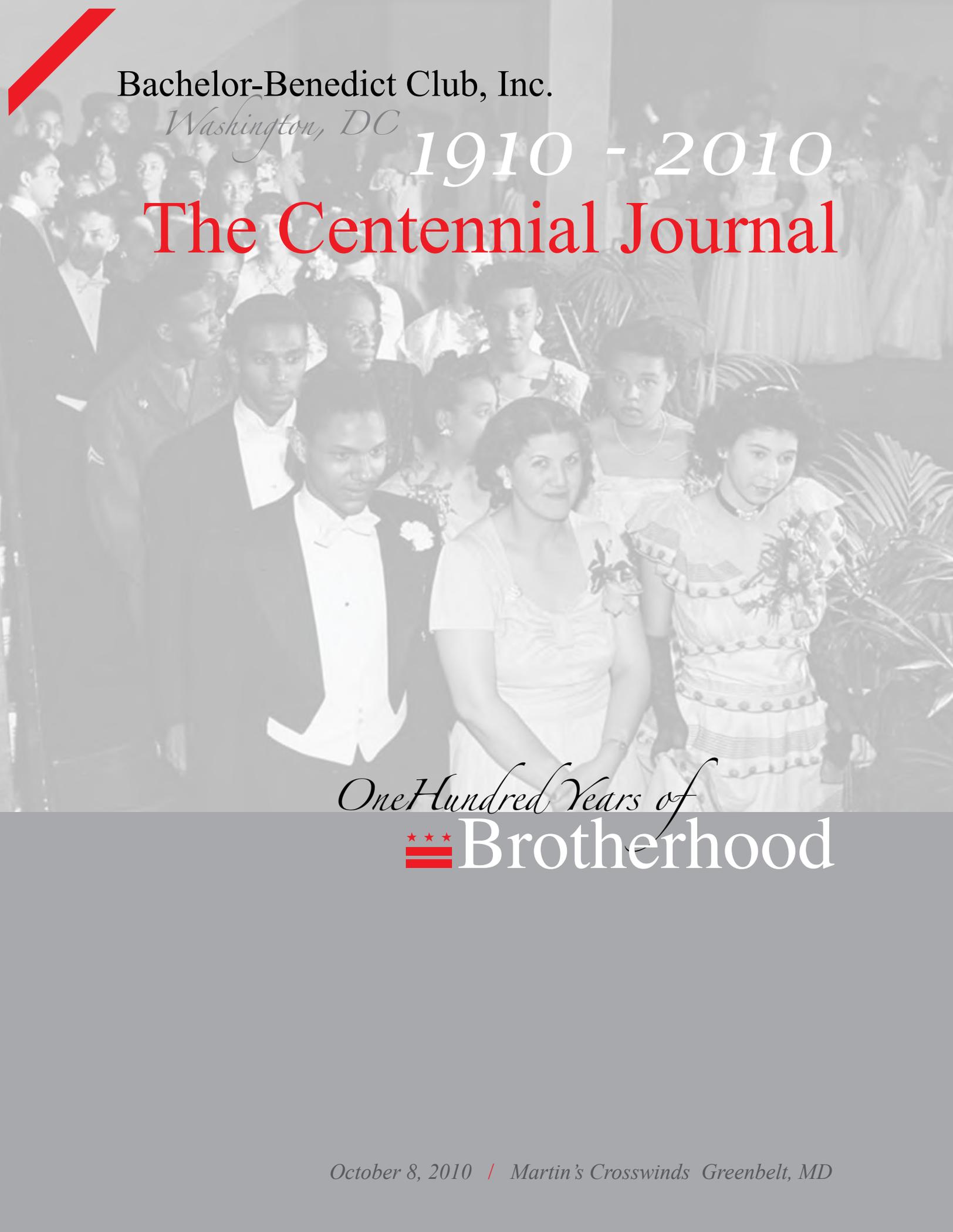
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President's Message



The celebration of the Centennial Birthday of the Bachelor-Benedict Social Club is a testimony to the outstanding vision and values adopted by the founders: Bismark R. Pinchback; Dr. Arthus Curtis; Frederick D. Wilkerson; John F.M. Wilkinson and Dr. William H. "Billy" Wilson; when we were established in the District of Columbia in 1910. It is often difficult to sustain anything for this period of time but the officers and members have translated this unique fellowship opportunity into an organizational masterpiece for the past one hundred years.

We have built and retained a legendary family of friends and colleagues over these period years who have enjoyed the myriad of well planned and organized social and special events we have sponsored. The binding element that has unified us has been the diversity of our membership that has represented the luminaries from the public, private, business, sports and entertainment, military, judiciary, academic and religious sectors. Regardless of station or position in life the common fabric that has marked us for destiny has been friendship and brotherly affection.

All of us know that once you have been enshrined into the Bachelor-Benedict Social Club you will never use the indelible distinction of being a member. We have adopted honorary (28) and emeritus membership (21) classifications in order to keep our maturing and long serving members connected to the organization. This desire to share the bonds of working together in fellowship is one of the magnificent qualities of every member we have engraved onto our membership roll.

This would not be a complete celebration without highlighting the work that was done by the Bachelor-Benedict Social Club from 1940 until 1970 to introduce young women of distinction into society in the Washington, D.C. area. We have commemorated the "Debutantes" in our Souvenir Journal and we will take time during our Centennial Program tonight to present a special tribute to them. Maybe it is time to start this major program of the Club again and have it herald in our next century.

On behalf of all of the past and current members of the Bachelor-Benedict Social Club I would like to thank all the Presidents (45) and Personnel Committee Members (70+) who have made and continue to make a significant and measurable impact on this organization. I would also like to thank all of you: our family, friends and contributors who have chosen to spend this day with us to celebrate our 100th Year and look forward to brighter and more productive future.

Roy O. Priest

President

October 8, 2010



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 8, 2010



Congratulations!

To

Bachelor-Benedict Club, Inc.

It gives me great pleasure to issue congratulations to **Bachelor-Benedict Club, Incorporated** for 100 years of service. I would also like to issue greetings for those attending the **BBC Centennial Celebration; One Hundred Years of Brotherhood Gala** hosted by the Bachelor-Benedict Club, Inc.

I commend your commitment to developing camaraderie and lasting relationships among African American men and laud your involvement in the community.

Again, please accept my congratulation and best wishes for continued future success.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive



October 8, 2010

Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to extend congratulatory greetings on behalf of Montgomery County as you celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Bachelor-Benedict Club of Washington, DC. Our entire region shares the pride of what your organization has represented over the years.

The boldness of both your founders and the your members in forming, growing and sustaining a social association of African American leaders during a time when no such thing existed or was generally tolerated in our region is a testament to the character and spirit of the African American community.

Your legacy forms the basis for the rich, new multi-cultural community that we enjoy in this region, and your history is instructive to all those who continue to struggle for social and economic justice among us. As we move as boldly into a new future as we did to create our past, I hope that you will continue to lead in the exemplary manner that has brought you to this moment in your history.

Again, on behalf of the residents of Montgomery County, MD, I congratulate you on your 100th anniversary and wish you may more years of camaraderie and social awareness.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
County Executive



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 8, 2010



Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

Bachelor-Benedict Club, Incorporated
2903 Marlow Farm Terrace
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens and residents of Prince George's County, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to you and the members of the Bachelor-Benedict Club, Incorporated as you celebrate your Centennial Anniversary, "One Hundred Years of Brotherhood."

Prince George's County is proud to recognize the Bachelor-Benedict Club, Incorporated and their mission to promote camaraderie and social awareness among African-American men. Founded in 1910, the Bachelor-Benedict Club, Incorporated has grown from five members to 137 members who are all active, influential and prominent African-American men in the Washington area.

Again, congratulations on your Centennial Celebration. I extend best wishes for a successful celebration and continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

JACK B. JOHNSON
County Executive



County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive,
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772



Greetings

*Bachelor-Benedict Club, Inc.
100th Anniversary*

October 8, 2010

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the Bachelor-Benedict Club, Inc., on the occasion of your 100th Anniversary celebration.



This event symbolizes 100 years of commitment to men of color, allowing them to develop camaraderie and promote social awareness. As you gather to reflect on your accomplishments, may you continue to enrich the lives of others through your programs and social events. We invite you to host future events in the District and you have my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable celebration.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia,

Happy Anniversary!

Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia



1910 - 2010

Washington in the Late Nineteenth Century



Setting the Scene

In the closing years of the eighteenth century, Washington, D.C. was a city in turmoil, bustling with political and social activity, and permeated with the prevailing segregated atmosphere brought about by the aftermath of the American Civil War (1861-1865). Numerous beneficial and relief organizations were established by the government to aid and benefit the District's approximate 310,000 citizens. The black population averaged about 90,000 and was particularly affected during this period of reconstruction because of the Southern program of discrimination and disfranchisement. Moreover, the remnants of the institution of slavery served to deteriorate the black family fabric and greatly limit most opportunities for advancement. A proliferation of clubs and societies began, especially in New York and Washington, D.C., that excluded one group or another within the black communities. Some residents viewed this as an unhealthy development that contributed to divisiveness at a time when discrimination against blacks required as much unity in their ranks as possible. In spite of such obstacles based on race or class, however, many of these people dedicated themselves to educational achievements, family reconstruction and creating an atmosphere of social awareness. Aristocrats of color emerged that included many surnames that are recognizable today, such as Du Bois, Bruce, Langston, Terrell and Woodson. Subsequently, in the late 1880s and 1890s, three prestigious gentlemen's organizations were established in Washington. These were the Manhattan, Acanthus and Cosmos clubs. The Manhattans, organized in 1888, limited its membership to 300. It was headquartered in a ten-room, three-story brick house and was dominated by men of high social standing. The Acanthus Club, with 115 members, had a clubhouse on L Street, located near the homes of several United States senators, and included a library, double parlors and a spacious dining room. In 1899, a number of colored Washingtonians, led by educator Francis L. Cardozo, Jr., formed the Cosmos Club for "the enjoyment of themselves and their friends." This club, patterned after a white group of the same name, sponsored four, annual invitation-only "Assemblies." Renamed the Monacan Club shortly after the turn of the twentieth century, the number of events was increased to six each year, yet this coterie remained the retreat of colored aristocrats. The time was right to form an organization in Washington, D.C. that would bring men from different backgrounds into brotherhood without regard to societal classifications or standing in the community.



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Establishing the Bachelor's Pleasure Club



John F. M. Wilkinson



P. B. S. Pinchback



Frederick D. Wilkinson

The Founders

In 1910, the Bachelor's Pleasure Club, the roots of today's Bachelor-Benedict Club, was established by five enterprising African American men in Washington, D.C. They were Bismark R. Pinchback, Dr. Arthur Curtis, Frederick D. Wilkerson, John F. M. Wilkinson and Dr. William H. "Billy" Wilson. The following biographical information provides some insight into the lives of several of these founding fathers:

Bismark Robert Pinchback was born October 19, 1868, at Louisiana. He was the son of P. B. S. Pinchback (the only black to serve as Governor of Louisiana) and Nina Heathorn. Mr. Pinchback graduated from Southern University High School, in New Orleans, and later attended two sessions at the Medical Department, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. He then relocated to Washington, D.C. where he entered Howard University Medical College and earned his M.D. degree in 1891. Although medically trained, from 1897-1898, Mr. Pinchback was employed as a clerk with the New York State Comptroller's Office. He married about 1905 and, by 1910, was employed as a clerk with the Treasury Department and resided with his wife, Jeanetta, at 243 Florida Avenue, NW. Mr. Pinchback was the first president of Bachelor-Benedict. He died, without issue, on February 25, 1924 and is buried at National Harmony Memorial Park, Largo, Maryland.

Arthur Leo Curtis, born July 26, 1889, at Chicago, Illinois, was the son of Dr. Austin M. and Namahyoka Sockume Curtis. He probably arrived in Washington, D.C., about 1900. By June 6 of that year his father was Surgeon in Chief at Howard University Hospital. Dr. Curtis earned his M.D. degree from Howard University in 1912. His three siblings (Austin M., Jr.; Merrill Hargo and Gertrude E. C. Norris) also were physicians. Dr. Curtis maintained an in-home office at 1717 You Street, NW. About 1916, he married Helen Gordon, however, no children have been identified. Dr. Curtis registered for the draft on June 5, 1917, and later that year he attended Officers' Training School, Des Moines, Iowa. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army, assigned to the Medical Corps. and served overseas with the 92nd Division and in the field hospital of the 368th Infantry. After his discharge Dr. Curtis returned to private practice. He was a surgeon and later became a Clinical Instructor at Howard University Medical School. Dr. Curtis died June 28, 1936 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Frederick Douglass Wilkinson was born in 1886 at Charleston, South Carolina, the son of James and Grace Wilkinson. His brother was Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of the Colored Public Schools of the District of Columbia. Frederick Wilkinson attended public school in the District, and graduated from Dunbar High School. About 1910, he married Margaretta Ida Welborn and had three children: Doris, Grace and Frederick Wilkinson, Jr. By 1920, the family resided at 1902 – 11th Street, NW, but later made 1914 – 10th Street, NW, their permanent home. In 1920, Mr. Wilkinson became registrar at Howard University where he earned his LL.B. degree in 1924. He served in this office for thirty-five years, registered about 150,000 Howard students and was considered by some as the "dean" of American university registrars. Mr. Wilkinson

founded the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars and trained numerous young men in the vocation. He took an active interest in getting foreign students admitted to American colleges and was an advisor to various foreign student associations. He also served on the scholarship committees of the Seafarers International Union, International Longshoremen's Union, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union. In 1954, Mr. Wilkinson was cited for distinguished service by the Howard University General Alumni Association. In 1956, he was awarded Howard's Alumni Achievement Award for "outstanding postgraduate achievement in the field of education." In 1961, Mr. Wilkinson wrote a history of the engineering and architectural school during its 50th anniversary. Thereafter, he compiled the *Directory of Graduates, Howard University, 1870 - 1963*. Mr. Wilkinson died August 29, 1966 and is buried at National Harmony Memorial Park, Largo, Maryland.

John F. N. Wilkinson was born at Washington, D.C., in April 1878, the son of John and Rachael Wilkinson. He and co-founder Frederick D. Wilkinson were not related. John Wilkinson graduated from the old Manual Training School and later took courses in manual art at New York University and at the University of Pennsylvania. Later, he taught manual arts in the District's public schools from 1902 until his retirement in 1950. He married Prue Manning Cargill on April 3, 1929 and became step-father to Muriel Cargill. Their children were Prue and John Wilkinson III. Mr. Wilkinson was very active professionally, socially and athletically. For many years he was associated with several elementary school PTA organizations where he variously served as member, historian, treasurer or president. He was vice president of Southwest Civic Association, vice president of Capitol View Civic Association, member of the NAACP, and a member of the Committee Against Segregation and Discrimination. Mr. Wilkinson was a member of GUO of Odd Fellows for 35 years, charter member of the National Capitol Lodge No. 980, exalter ruler IBPOE of Washington, treasurer of the Past Exalted Rulers Council No. 4, IBPOE of Washington, and deputy of the District of Columbia J. Finley Wilson Appointee Club. Wilkinson was a member of the 12th Street YMCA and was organizer and life member of the Bachelor's club. He served two terms as president of Bachelor-Benedict. Mr. Wilkinson helped organize the National Tennis Association and won trophies in the singles, doubles, mixed doubles and veteran singles tournaments. He and Lucy Slowe, a noted educator and Dean at Howard University, were never defeated in mixed doubles. During his playing career, Wilkinson acquired more than 43 trophies. Among them being the Sportsman Trophy in a Chicago tournament. He organized the District's Public School Athletic League and served as Chairman of Divisions 10-13 games committee for 10 years. As an outstanding baseball player, he played with the Navy Yard in the Municipal Department League, Stonewalls, Washington Stars, Dale Athletics of Atlantic City, New Jersey; Rockville Athletic Club, Wilmington Giants of Delaware, and the Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Giants. Mr. Wilkinson had a tryout with the Cuban Ex-Giants but did not play because of a strike by the Cubans. He served as umpire during a mixed off-season contest between the Washington Senators, labeled as the All-Stars, and the Brooklyn Giants. John Wilkinson died on June 24, 1952, at his residence, 5224 Ames Street, NE, and is interred at Lincoln Cemetery, Suitland, Maryland.

William H. Wilson was born in Washington D.C., in 1873. Educated locally, he later attended Spencerian Business College. He earned his medical degree at Howard University in 1907, at which time he resided in the city at 607 – 1st Street, SW.

Organization

Although from 1910 until 1911, no record of specific club activity has been found, much thought was directed toward the group's organizational aspects, because on August 22, 1911, the Bachelors Pleasure Club was incorporated. The cosigners, identified in the reproduced document on the following page, constituted a three-member board that was designated to manage the Club's affairs, and are identified as: Wilbert I. Stewart, Lawrence L. Tenly and Isaac Wright.

The Bachelors Pleasure Club Incorporation

Recorded August 22, 1911, 2-20 (12308)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned citizens of the United States, a majority of whom are residents of the District of Columbia, desiring to form a Club under sub chapter three (3) of the incorporation laws of the District of Columbia, as provided in the Code of Law of the District of Columbia enacted by congress and approved by the President of the United States, do hereby certify:

First. That the corporate name of this Club shall be the "THE BACHELORS PLEASURE CLUB," and the object for which it is formed is to maintain and manage a Club for the social intercourse, mutual enjoyment, improvement and recreation of its members and in general to do and perform every lawful act and thing necessary or expedient to be done or performed for the efficient and profitable conducting of said club as authorized by the law.

Second. The term of its existence shall be for Ninety nine years.

Third. The affairs of the said club for the first year shall be managed by a Board of Three directors, namely: Wilbert I. Stewart, Lawrence L. Tenly and Isaac Wright.

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter or change any provision contained in this certificate of incorporation in any manner prescribed by Statute, and all rights conferred on stockholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this 22nd day of August 1911.

In presence of	Wilbert I. Stewart	(Seal)	
	F. Edward Mitchel	Lawrence L. Tenly	(Seal)
	Isaac Wright	(Seal)	

District of Columbia) To Wit: I, F. Edward Mitchell, a Notary Public in and for the City of Washington, District of Columbia, aforesaid, do hereby certify that Wilbert I. Stewart, Lawrence L. Tenly and Isaac Wright, parties to a certain certificate of incorporation bearing date on the 22nd day of August, D.C. 1911, and hereto annexed, personally appeared before me in said District, the said Wilbert I. Stewart, Lawrence L. Tenly and Isaac Wright, being personally well known to me as the persons who executed the same and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed. Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of August, A.D., 1911.

(Notary Seal) F. Edward Mitchell
Notary Public, D.C.

[Retyped for clarity; spelling and characteristics have been preserved.]



1910 - 2010

Bachelor-Benedict Emerges



A Period of Inactivity

In spite of the prospects suggested by the 1911 incorporation of the Bachelor's Pleasure Club, a series of traumatic events apparently affected the Club's development. A tumultuous political and racial atmosphere prevailed before and after World War I (1917-1919). In 1913, President Woodrow Wilson replaced most of the blacks in federal offices and, during his two terms, his wide-spread policy of segregation throughout the government was devastating to black citizens. Even the Recorder of Deeds, which had been filled by a black man since 1881, was filled in 1916 by Wilson with a white replacement. Shortly thereafter, on April 6, 1917, the United States entered the war against Germany and six months later, on October 1918, the city virtually closed down when a "Spanish Influenza" epidemic resulted in over 25,000 cases with more than 1,500 deaths. The war armistice was declared on November 11, 1918 and, by January 1919, a program initiated by D.C. Commissioner Brownlow established an all-Negro platoon in the Fire Department that ensured promotions for the department's four colored veterans of twenty years' service this gave new black firemen "a chance to prove their competence under men of their own race." By July, however, thousands of returning black servicemen were met with violence as they flooded the employment market. In the first year after the war, more than 70 former soldiers were lynched, some in their military uniforms. These atrocities, called "The Red Summer" by some, led to race riots in 25 cities. Roving bands of white servicemen prowled the streets of Washington and beat up innocent blacks. By July 21, guns were being distributed to black veterans on the corner of 7th and T Streets, NW. Many people, both black and white, were killed or injured before order was restored by a combination of the unexpected nature and intensity of black resistance and imported federal troops.

Reorganizing and Changing the Name

Plans to rekindle the spark generated by the Bachelor's Club were underway early in 1919. In the intervening years many of the original members had married, yet wanted to retain their membership. Therefore, it was decided to add the word "Benedict," defined as a recently married man, to the Club's name to include those who were once confirmed bachelors. On November 4, 1919, the Bachelor's Club was reorganized as the Bachelor Benedict Club. At that time a black social club of the same name existed in New York City as well as a white group in Washington, D.C. These, however, failed to survive. Since then, the name reappears in clubs located in several cities across the nation. Identified today are two additional and unaffiliated Bachelor Benedict clubs. The first, established in 1933, survives at Norfolk Virginia; and the other, located at Charlestown, West Virginia, was founded in 1935.

On November 28, 1919, Bismark R. Pinchback was elected president of the rejuvenated Bachelor's group, and Fred Wilkinson was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The first Personnel Committee met at 519 Florida Avenue, NW, and consisted of Dr. W. H. Wilson, Mr. F. E. Parks, Dr. Arthur Curtis, Mr. Jay Clifford, Attorney G. E. C. Hayes, Fred Wilkinson and John Wilkinson.

The Personnel Committee immediately undertook the task of writing a Constitution for the Club and, over the next several months, generated a document founded on democratic principles with power vested in the Club's membership. Its wording assured that no officer nor any Personnel Committee could destroy the purpose for which the club was organized and that no clique could gain control. This carefully worded instrument was intended to address as many situations that were perceivable as that time, with the realization, however, that different interpretations would arise in the future due to a fast changing world. Nevertheless, this initial Constitution served as the backbone of the organization. This document, which has been appropriately adjusted to keep pace with the times, accounts in part for the Club's longevity.

Working Out the Wrinkles

Much information regarding these early years is provided from a surviving transcription of a meeting between John and Fred Wilkinson who contemplated presenting a skit on the Club on December 27, 1948. Although the skit never took place, these two founding members discussed various topics that resulted in the preservation of aspects that occurred in the Club's history between 1919 and 1948 that would otherwise be lost. For instance, according to original member John Wilkinson, the prime purpose in the minds of the founders was to establish a social club to entertain the members and visiting out-of-town guests during the holiday seasons. In order to receive an "admit card," visitors had to be invited by standing members, and no in-town man could attend a dance. The reason in-town men were excluded was to encourage Club membership, since it would be cheaper to come as a guest rather than as a member. Guest tickets had to be purchased during these founding years. Membership fees [during that period] went from \$20 to \$25 per season. There were four dances per year and tickets, at a cost of 6 for 25 cents, were sold for each event. Since few cars were available, most persons either walked or used street cars to get to the affair. Men were required to wear a full dress suit which, in case of need, could be rented for \$1.00. Generally, the ladies wore the same dress to all four dances and some wore them for years. The orchestra in those days consisted of a piano and drums. No man, not a member of the club, was permitted to attend the dances, and a single man who was not a member could only attend if he was a student at Howard University. Furthermore, newspaper sources indicate that students were restricted to one affair per season, and it was not until May 16, 1931, that a student could attend all four. John Wilkinson said it was very difficult to become a member of the Bachelor's Club. A candidate had to initiate his own application and almost approach each current member to assure a favorable vote. If

"There were no night spots in those years, no pre-dance cocktail parties, so it cost each member about a total of \$1.75 for fees, full dress suit and carfare. If a fellow didn't return his lady company to her home after the dance by 12:30, her parents wouldn't let him take her out again."

—John F. N. Wilkinson

*Outfield Wall,
Griffith Stadium,
Washington, DC.*



a member dropped out after being elected to the club, he was never permitted to be reinstated. There was much prestige associated with being a member of the Club. Fred Wilkinson reflected on “hiring” his first full dress suit to be appropriately attired for one of the dances. He said “the coat fitted fairly well, the trousers were too long so my mother stitched the legs up to fit me. I borrowed a shirt, collar and tie and for cuff links I used safety pins.”

John Wilkinson reflected on the many problems that arose as the Club developed during that period. In part, he says “We just can’t expose the confidential working of the various Personnel Committees thru the years, such as fist fights, persons who crashed our dances, Personnel members selling guest tickets at a higher rate, politics used to become president, the dropping from the Personnel Committee of certain members who displeased certain Presidents, the difficulties we have had with the manager of the Lincoln Colonnade, the selling of souvenir programs at the entrance to our dances as [if] you were going to a prize fight or wrestling match, the introduction of debutantes, women already married, charging \$10.00 to debutantes to be introduced, [and] the holding of meetings of the Personnel Committee when the President hadn’t called same.”

During this time the Club’s social activities were numerous but, as well, conveniently scheduled. Dances were held in the cooler months of the year to hopefully avoid heat and humidity, as well as periods when many members might be leaving the area for vacations. In 1931 the Club presented three debutantes to society, an activity that nine years later would develop into an annual event. As that decade neared an end, the first dance of the season was held on November 25, 1938, at the Lincoln Colonnade. Music was provided by Teddy Hill’s Orchestra, from New York City. Events that were scheduled for the 1939 season are listed in the following letter, written by Secretary-Treasurer A. L. DeMond.

Since the Bachelor’s Pleasure club no longer existed, it was necessary to incorporate under the new name. That document, a replica of which follows, was executed on June 5 and recorded on June 7, 1941. Apparently, Edward J. Edwards, Jr. was president at that time. The notary, Victor R. Daly, also was a member of Bachelor-Benedict.

The Club minimized its social calendar during the World War II period (1941-1945). Two previously planned events took place in 1941, which were The Annual Smoker, held at Crystal Caverns, December 22; and the Annual Christmas Dance, held at the Lincoln Colonnade. Several debutante presentations were also featured.



Bachelor-Benedict Club

WASHINGTON, D.C.

J. F. N. WILKINSON, President
5224 Ames Street, N.E.

A. L. DeMOND, Sec'y-Treas.
1317 Jackson Street, N.E.

October 23, 1939

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Bachelor-Benedict Club held October 7, 1939, Mr. J. F. N. Wilkinson was reelected president and the undersigned was elected secretary-treasurer.

The program for 1939-40 as outlined by the Personnel Committee, includes five social events for the season 1939-40. Details as to the nature of these social events have been left to the discretion of the Personnel Committee, by vote of the Club, and you will be advised before each event as to its nature.

The dates for the events for the coming year are as follows:

Smoker, Tuesday, November 14, 1939
First Dance, Friday, December 1, 1939
Second Dance, Friday, December 29, 1939
Third Dance, Friday, February 23, 1940
Fourth Dance, Friday, March 29, 1940

All of these events will be held at the Lincoln Colonnade. The Personnel Committee has voted that the Smoker will begin at 9:00 p.m. and the first dance will begin at 10:00 p.m. and end at 2:00 a.m. No person will be admitted to the dance after 12:30 p.m.

The Personnel Committee has also voted that the membership fee for the year 1939-40 shall be \$12.00 payable in full on or before November 3, 1939. All checks are to be made payable to the Bachelor-Benedict Club and mailed to the undersigned.

A few vacancies exist in the membership and if there are any of your friends who desire to apply, kindly have them submit their application to the undersigned in writing on or before November 5, 1939.

Very truly yours.



A. L. DeMond,
Secretary-Treasurer

[Recreated for clarity. Spelling, punctuation and characterizations have been preserved.]

THE BACHELOR BENEDICT CLUB

No. 26904

Recorded June 7, 1941 at 10:37 A.M.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, all citizens of the United States, and a majority citizens and residents of the District of Columbia, desiring to associate ourselves as a corporation pursuant to the provisions of Title 5 of Chapter 5 of the Code of the District of Columbia, do hereby certify as follows:

First. The name or title by which this corporation shall be known in law shall be THE BACHELOR BENEDICT CLUB.

Second. The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual.

Third. The particular business and objects of said corporation shall be A PLEASURE CLUB NOT OPERATING FOR PECUNIARY GAIN.

Fourth. The number of its trustees, directors, or managers for the first year of its existence shall be EIGHT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have this FIFTH day of JUNE, 1941 hereunto set our hands and seal.

Address	Edward J. Edwards, Jr.	(Seal)
	1411 Girard Street, N.E.	Morris Lewis, Jr. (Seal)
	A. L. De Mond	(Seal)
	F. D. Wilkinson	(Seal)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SS:

I, Victor R. Daly, a Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that Edward J. Edwards, Jr., Morris Lewis, Jr., A. L. De Mond, and F. D. Wilkinson parties to a certain Certificate of Incorporation bearing date on the FIFTH day of June, 1941, and hereto annexed, personally appeared before me in said District, the said Edward J. Edwards, Jr., Morris Lewis, Jr., A. L. De Mond and F. D. Wilkinson being personally well known to me as the persons who executed the said Certificate of Incorporation, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this Fifth day of June, 1941.

(Notary Seal)	Victor R. Daly Notary Public
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The Tuskegee Connection



Staff Officers of the 99th Air Squadron, May 12, 1943. Left to right: Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., C.O.; Capt. Hayden C. Johnson, Adjutant; Capt. E. Jones, Service Det.; Lt. William R. Thompson, Armaments; Lt. Herbert E. Carter, Engineers; Lt. Erwin B. Lawrence, Operations; and Lt. George R. Currie, Ordnance.

Black Pilots in World War II

In 1939, the Army Air Corps was expanded through the Civilian Pilot Training Act, which allowed for six black colleges to prepare black students for aviation service. During World War II, a number of bold and determined young men volunteered for military duty to become America's first black aviation cadets, in defiance of many people who viewed that segment of the population as lacking the intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism for such an undertaking. These volunteers emerged from every section of the country, with large numbers coming from New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit. No standards were lowered by the military during the evaluation process of these individuals.

Most of these men were college graduates or undergraduates, and others demonstrated their academic qualifications through comprehensive entrance examinations. Those who possessed the physical and mental qualifications were accepted as aviation cadets and were initially trained as single-engine pilots, later possibly becoming either twin-engine pilots, navigators or bombardiers. Others were trained in operations, meteorology, intelligence, engineering, medicine and other fields. Enlisted members, whose services ranked below commissioned officers or warrant officers, were trained to be: aircraft mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen, parachute riggers, control tower operators, policemen, administrative clerks, and in many other positions that were essential to support an Army Air Corp flying squadron.

The black pilots trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF), in Tuskegee, Alabama. From 1941 through 1946, nine hundred and ninety-four pilots graduated at TAAF, receiving commissions and pilot wings. One of the initial graduates was Captain Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., who later became the first African American general in the United States Air Force. Black navigators, bombardiers and

“A high ranking general in the Pentagon demanded that Colonel B. O. Davis, Jr. serve three months in combat before taking command of the 332nd fighter Group, with the hope that Colonel Davis would not survive. The same general demanded that the 99th Squadron be returned to the United States in disgrace because of its poor showing the first three months in combat. He was overruled and the outfit was given another opportunity. Shortly thereafter, Anzio [5th Army beach landing in Italy] occurred and, with Major Roberts in command, the 99th pilots destroyed more enemy planes than any American or British Squadrons in the area, thus securing the future of Blacks in aviation.”

—Hayden C. Johnson, Esq.

gunnery crews trained at selected military bases elsewhere in the United States. Four hundred and fifty of the pilots who trained at TAAF served overseas in either the 99th Pursuit Squadron (later the 99th Fighter Squadron) or the 332nd Fighter Group, which successfully escorted bombers on air combat missions over Europe. The 332nd conducted more than 200 bomber-escort missions and did not lose a single bomber to the enemy.

As pilots or as supporting personnel, the accomplishments of this outstanding group of black airmen far exceeded all perceived expectations. These patriotic Americans accepted the challenge to succeed. They proudly displayed their skill and determination while suppressing internal enmity caused by the humiliation and indignation of frequent experiences of racism and bigotry, at home and overseas.

Bachelor-Benedict Pilots

Several former members of Bachelor-Benedict trained and served as Tuskegee Airmen during and following World War II. Namely, they are: James A. Hurd, Hayden C. Johnson, Wilmore B. Leonard and John H. Williams. Although the details of their individual participation vary, their names are listed among those that will live forever in hallowed memory:

JAMES A. HURD was born August 20, 1917, at Ardmore, Oklahoma. When he was about 22 years old he joined the U. S. Army 10th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, where blacks were known as Buffalo Soldiers, a term dating to the Civil War. At Tuskegee Institute, where Mr. Hurd was a student, he convinced his reluctant ROTC commander to let him enter the training program. He became a member of class 44-H-TE and graduated the program with his aviation wings, as a 1st Lieutenant, on September 8, 1944. During his military career, Mr. Hurd received over a dozen awards and decorations and served in France, Germany, Korea and Japan, and attained the rank of Lt. Colonel. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tuskegee Institute and a master's degree from Howard University, where he was an administrator for over 20 years. He was a member of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, Gamma Xi Boule and Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Mr. Hurd was a member of Bachelor-Benedict in 1975 and 1976. He died May 4, 1983, at the age of 82, at Sarasota, Florida.



*Hayden C. Johnson, Tuskegee Airman
and Bachelor-Benedict Member*

HAYDEN C. JOHNSON was born April 2, 1908, at Washington, D.C. His father was a physician and the family resided at 2015 Vermont Avenue, NW, for many years. Hayden was educated locally and graduated from Dunbar High School, as did his older brother Maurice. Both attended Howard University where Maurice earned a degree in medicine, in 1926, and Hayden earned a degree in law, in 1930. Both were members of the ROTC. Maurice entered the Tuskegee flight training program and became the first black flight surgeon in the military. Upon Maurice's recommendation, Hayden was called to duty in June 1941 as a 2nd Lieutenant. Hayden subsequently commanded the ground forces of the 99th Fighter Squadron, from 1941 to 1943, in Africa and in Italy. He attained the rank of captain and earned several awards and decorations. His defiance to inequality was steadfast. He faced reprimands in several instances for complaining about old or inferior equipment, sending men into battle without sufficient training, and for refusing to segregate his men from their white colleagues on transports. Following his military career, Mr. Johnson practiced law in Washington, D.C. In 1987, he published *The Fighting 99th Air Squadron, 1941-1954*. He was a member of Bachelor-Benedict from 1950 to 1964.



WILMORE B. LEONARD was born about 1917, probably in Salisbury, Maryland. By 1930, he resided with his family at 307 Happy Alley, in that town. When he was about 24 years of age, Mr. Leonard entered the Tuskegee flight program and was assigned to class 44-H-SE. He earned his wings as a 2nd Lieutenant on September 6, 1942, and joined the 99th Squadron. No data are found regarding his service achievements, but he at least would have been awarded occupational medals. After his military service, Mr. Leonard earned degrees from Howard University and became a dental surgeon. He was a member of Bachelor-Benedict from 1964 to 1976.

JOHN H. WILLIAMS is listed on the rolls as a member of the 99th Air Squadron, however, no class number nor other military details about him were found. He may have served in one of the support units that were valuable to the success of the unit. He was a member of Bachelor-Benedict in 1950.





BACHELOR - BENEDICT CLUB
NINTH ANNUAL DEBUTANTE PRESENTATION

— ULINE ARENA —

Friday Evening, May 7, 1948, at 9 P.M.

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Debutante Presentations



European Tradition

Debutante, a word of French derivative that means “female beginner,” or a young woman making her debut into society, became popular in the United States in the mid eighteenth century. As with many of our customs, the roots of this tradition stem from England and the idea that a daughter of marriageable age needed to find a husband of suitable and similar social standing. Initiated in Philadelphia as “Dancing Assemblies,” the forerunner to the Debutante Ball, these affairs became very popular in the South with the introduction of many “Southern Belles” from wealthy and socially-influential families. Because of economic and class restrictions, these affairs originally involved only the white population. Time changes things and, by the twentieth century, numerous black citizens had moved forward financially as well as socially. Subsequently, it was not at all unusual to have a “coming out” for black debutantes. These debutantes of color represented young ladies from middle to upper class families who had reached the age of maturity and, as new adults, were making their debut into polite society. It is not surprising that Washington, D.C., emerged as a leader in this regard. Black parents in the District, which was among the first U.S. cities to develop a sizeable and cultured black middle class, were equally as proud of their daughters and as anxious to provide them with all of the positive benefits that were available to other Americans.

Establishing the Program

In 1931, perhaps as a prelude to the future, the Club presented three debutantes to Washington, D.C., society. Only Mary Martin MacRae has been identified as one of these ladies who, in 1985, said she was sponsored by Garnet C. Wilkinson. In those days the debutantes went to the affair with their parents and met their escorts at the dance. Afterwards, they went home with their parents. The Bachelor-Benedict Club is believed to be the first organization in this area to present black debutantes.



In the spring of 1940 Bachelor-Benedict Club held its first Debutante Presentation, which became an annual affair for the next thirty years. In order to reduce the cost to the individual families involved, the Club designed a system which made such affairs quite affordable. Each debutante was charged a nominal registration fee, but all other expenses of the affair were borne by the Club. This included renting the hall and providing musicians, choreographers and photographers, as well as furnishing printed programs. There was no fund-raising, nor were parents obligated to buy tickets or tables. It was required, however, that each debutante be sponsored by a member of the Bachelor-Benedicts. This led each year to considerable popularity of our members among the families of friends with prospective debutante daughters. The format for these cotillions was established by the late Major Arthur C. Newman, and his wife, Jennie, whose photo is inset. Major Newman was affiliated with the First Separate Battalion, the District’s all black National Guard unit. Jennie was the daughter of Solomon J. Johnson,

the first black clerk in the Treasury Department and a barber to President Abraham Lincoln. In later years the affair was coordinated by members of the Personnel Committee, one of whom would serve as chairman. Several members were remembered for their outstanding efforts as chairmen of the Debutante Presentations, including: S. Bruce Brown, Isaiah Burton, A. L. Gaskins, Frederick Phillips and Alphonso Williamson.

The programs were carefully staged with the resolve to assure pleasurable and lasting memories for the debutantes and their families. Many details regarding the elaborate and intricate nature of the affairs and the dedication to details is provided in a surviving 1948 program, which outlines the program: Introductory Statement (by the Chairman), Welcome (delivered by the Club's President or other representative), Grand Promenade of Debutantes, Sponsors and Escorts, The Formal Presentation (Each debutante bows and receives applause for twenty seconds), The Grand Review of the Assembly (A panorama view of the debutantes, flanked by their sponsors and escorts, with the membership of the Club in the background.), The Official Photograph of the Debutantes, Presentation of Prominent Citizens and Celebrities to the Debutantes, Debutante Waltz Time, and Dancing until 1 A.M.



*Therrell C. Smith
Choreographer*

In more traditional debutante presentations the debutante waltzes with her father; however, the Club developed the concept that this dance would involve the debutantes and their escorts. The need for choreographers was immediately apparent since the waltz was not usually part of the repertoire of most young people. Through the outstanding efforts of Claire Haywood, Doris Jones and Therrell Smith, choreographers through the years for the Bachelors, the Debutante Waltz became a thing of exquisite beauty. Debutantes and their escorts were frequently called upon to dance an utterly nontraditional encore. No doubt, to this day, there are former debutantes or their escorts who attribute their waltzing expertise to Bachelor-Benedict.

These affairs were held in many places, the names of which constitutes a listing of the public halls open to the black community of Washington through the years. Most of these venues have disappeared or survive under another name, such as: the Music Hall, Murray's Casino, the Lincoln Colonnade, the Masonic Temple, and Uline Arena. A number of hotels include the: Presidential Arms, Continental Hotel, Madison Arms, Willard Hotel, Statler-Hilton, Wardman Park, and Sonesta Hotel.

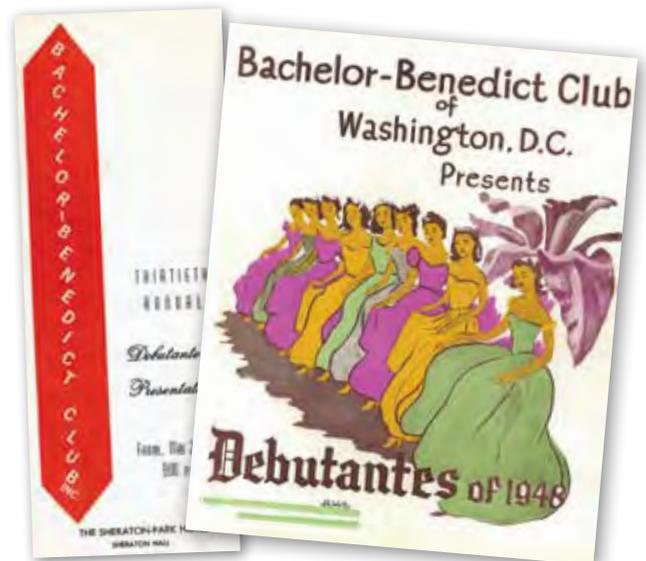
These presentations provided an important developmental link between youth and a well-adjusted maturity. However, changing attitudes among succeeding generations of young ladies caused interest to fade and resulted in the cancellation of this activity. The first presentation, held in 1940, presented 10 debutantes. By 1947 this number jumped to 81 and, in 1948, escalated to 125 young ladies. During the next two decades the numbers faded until only 22 are identified in 1968. On May 15, 1970, at Hotel Sonesta, the Bachelor-Benedict Club sponsored 19 young ladies for its Thirty-First Annual Debutante Presentation, which was its last.



Bachelor-Benedict's Debutantes

Following is an enumeration of the identified Bachelor-Benedict Debutantes who were presented by the Club from 1940-1970. Primarily, these names were obtained from extant programs, newspaper articles and several former debutantes. Missing are the names of those presented in 1942, 1943, 1944 and all but two in 1959. The list numbers 958 and is alphabetized by the debutante's maiden and given name, followed by the year of presentation:

Adams, Diane Estella	1962	Barnes, San Juan	1965	Branche, Jane Elease	1948	Brown, Janet	1946
Adams, Maureen Ethel	1947	Araminta Whitley		Branham, Joy LaVerne	1947	Brown, Lillian S.	1947
Aiken, Michele Veronica	1967	Barnes, San Luisa	1962	Branson, Vilma	1948	Brown, Lynda Patricia	1965
Aldrich, Patricia E.	1957	Barnett, Brenda Estelle	1966	Brawley, Lunona Cynthia	1956	Brown, Mary Elizabeth	1954
Alexander, Barbara	1949	Barnett, Joyce Elaine	1965	Braxton, Jean Frances,	1955	Brown, Olivia	1945
Allen, Joan LaVerne	1953	Beam, Grace Marie	1962	Brent, Bernice	1949	Browne, Gail	1952
Allen, June R.	1949	Beam, Patricia Evelyn	1960	Brent, Doris Leilani	1956	Browne, Kay Frances	1949
Alsop, Doris Jean	1948	Beasley, Gwendolyn	1946	Brewer, Bessie Aline	1940	Bruce, Elaine V.	1950
Alsop, Virginia Ruth	1947	Beasley, Louise I.	1958	Brewington, Delores LaVonne	1966	Buckner, Barbara Elizabeth	1940
Alston, Linda Wells	1957	Beavers, Geraldine Diane	1963	Brinson, Marion R.	1948	Bullox, Johnnie Mae	1960
Ames, Dolores Frances	1960	Bell, Deidra Jan	1967	Brooks, Barbara Ann	1948	Bundy, Romaine Letitia	1954
Ames, Frances	1951	Berry, Jean	1951	Brooks, Betty Aleatha	1948	Bunting, Mary Esther	1955
Anderson, Gwendolyn Deatri	1965	Bess, Dorothy Beatrice	1947	Brooks, Beverly Ann	1962	Burke, Joan	1956
Anderson, Ila Anita	1947	Bethea, Chaunce Oliva	1947	Brooks, Patricia	1948	Burke, Robin Ann	1970
Anderson, Margaret Elizabeth	1966	Beverly, Lucia Fontaine	1955	Brooks, Theresa E.	1953	Burrell, Madge E.	1950
Anderson, Rae	1952	Bianchi, Carmen Dolores	1961	Brown, Barbara E.	1952	Burruss, Georgean Althea	1963
Anderson, Sara Jean	1957	Blackwell, Ellen Anna	1965	Brown, Beverly Ann	1953	Burton, Gail Launice	1970
Anthony, Montez Veronica	1961	Blakey, Brenda Mae	1961	Brown, Doris Houston	1940	Bush, Michele Bernadette	1969
Aranha, Lesley Gail	1956	Blakey, Laurette Hyaland	1967	Brown, Edith Marie	1953	Butler, Constance Louise	1948
Archambeau, Rita Louise Gordon	1957	Blakey, Rosalind Alma	1967	Brown, Eloise F.	1945	Butler, Dorothy Jean	1946
Armstead, Elizabeth Anne	1950	Blanton, Mary Ann	1953	Brown, Gloria P.	1947	Butler, Jeanette	1956
Arnold, Barbara	1952	Blue, Carol Ann	1967	Brown, Jacqueline D.	1948	Butler, Joyce C.	1948
Atkins, Lenora V.	1947	Bluitt, Juliann Stephanie	1955				
Austin, Jeannette Marie	1946	Boggins, Barbara	1951				
Austin, Shirley LaVerne	1968	Bolden, Claire	1947				
Bailey, Carole Marlene	1957	Bomar, Margaret F.	1948				
Baily, Shirley	1951	Bond, Amanda Odessa	1967				
Baker, Bertha Mae	1949	Bond, Jowill	1956				
Ballard, Kathleen Joy	1965	Bonds, Euane Robina	1965				
Bandurant, Juanita Leola	1940	Booth, Betty	1951				
Banks, Julianne	1954	Booth, Cordia Elizabeth	1961				
Bannister, Cheryl Ann	1968	Booth, Thelma	1946				
Barker, Earline Harriet	1949	Bowie, Alice Jean	1947				
Barnes, Gloria Mercedes	1948	Bowman, Yvonne	1954				
Barnes, Judith Leona	1962	Boyd, Sandra Ann	1964				
Barnes, Lousanya E.	1962	Bradford, Ethel Mary	1947				
		Bradford, Thomasine	1946				
		Bradley, Judy Lezette	1962				



Butler, LaWon Lorraine	1963	Clifford, Betty	1950	Davis, Carol Ann	1954	Eggleston, Margaret	1947
Butler, Majel	1945	Clifford, Rosemary	1941	Davis, Doris	1945	Ellis, Barbara Jean	1960
Butler, Muriel B.	1947	Clinton, Deatra Trenita	1963	Davis, Doris	1946	Esters, Rose V.	1947
Butler, Sandra	1958	Cloud, Carol Kay	1961	Davis, Glennet Bernice	1958	Evans, Jacquelyn Naomi	1961
Butts, Judy Cecil	1967	Cobb, Bessie	1947	Davis, Gloria Vancena	1955	Evans, Sylvia Arlene	1965
Byers, Brenda Lorraine	1969	Cobb, Carolyn E.	1947	Davis, Kathryn Elise	1952	Ewell, Yvonne A.	1953
Byrd, Margaret	1941	Cochran, Mildred	1941	Davis, Lenna Lee	1957	Fairfax, Teloria	1949
Callahan, Joyce	1951	Colbert, Doris Corinne	1963	Davis, Theresa	1966	Faison, Patricia Ann	1966
Cameron, Florence Enid	1968	Coleman, Burneda Ann	1952	Dawson, Carolyn	1953	Fantroy, Juliette Jacqueline	1950
Cameron, Mattie Louise	1952	Coleman, Dorothy	1941	Dawson, Gwendolyn Patricia	1967	Fauntleroy, Jacqueline Ida	1969
Campbell, Iona	1949	Coles, Nannie Patricia	1948	Day, Delores T.	1947	Fauntleroy, Phylcia Ann	1965
Campbell, Phyllis	1949	Coley, Laura Janice	1965	Deans, Loretta Naomi	1940	Fauntleroy, Sephanye Diane	1967
Cannon, Thelma Juanita	1949	Collins, Celestine C.	1953	DeBoe, Kathy Lynn	1970	Feely, Jeannette	1952
Carpenter, Brenda Marie	1966	Collins, Dolores	1947	Deese, Geraldine	1960	Felder, Joyce Yvonne	1970
Carpenter, Mildred	1947	Collins, Eugurtha Bernadette	1965	Demmings, Marion	1948	Felton, Elvira Amerlia	1954
Carr, Arvella	1950	Colston, Carol Ann	1964	Dennis, Diane Doloris	1954	Felton, Jean	1948
Carr, Cheryl Alana	1963	Colvin, Mildred Dolores	1946	Dennis, Sharon Marlene	1966	Felton, June Christine	1957
Carrol, Effie Titheria	1949	Conlife, Madelon Yvonne	1949	Devine, Elaine Joan	1952	Felton, Shirley Ann	1953
Carter, Brenda Joyce	1964	Conliffe, Jeannette M.	1946	Dickerson, Olga	1948	Fenwick, Frances Elizabeth	1957
Carter, LaVerne B.	1962	Connor, Beverly Patricia	1961	Diggs, Christine E.	1947	Fickling, Carol	1945
Cassell, Anne Gambrell	1955	Contee, Helen Rachel	1949	Dines, Hilda	1946	Files, Doris	1950
Cavanaugh, Sonya Alfreda	1965	Cook, Yvonne Madeliene	1967	Dobbins, Naomi	1945	Fisher, Barbara E.	1950
Chambers, Charlotte	1945	Cooper, Catherine Louise	1956	Dodson, Barbara Ann	1947	Fleet, Elnora Bernice	1948
Chambers, Eleanor M.	1948	Cooper, Cheryl E.	1962	Dodson, Jean Marie	1949	Flippen, Hattie	1948
Chambers, Lauretta	1945	Cooper, Esther M.	1958	Dorsey, Lorraine	1946	Flyn, Juanetta A.	1947
Champ, Ina Marie	1966	Cooper, Jo-Cheryl	1965	Douglas, Marlene Carolyn	1955	Foley, Harryette Ann	1960
Chapman, Cheryl Helena	1965	Corbin, Marie Estelle	1948	Douglass, Frances	1961	Ford, Margaret Catherine	1949
Chapman, Cynthia Denise	1970	Cotton, Marie A.	1947	Douglass, Kaye Elizabeth Gant	1961	Forde, Effie Erlvenne	1966
Chapman, Vistula Serene	1968	Crampton, Patricia Ann	1962	Dowling, Renee	1957	Foster, Elizabeth	1948
Chase, Lillian Antoinette	1962	Crampton, Paulette Marie	1964	Downing, Morease M.	1948	Francis, Marsha Ann	1963
Chase, Lottie L.	1953	Crawley, Renee Armitra	1965	Draper, Greta Hyacinthe	1968	Franklin, Alver	1949
Chew, Natalie Phyllis	1955	Cross, Alvina Mannette	1966	Drayton, Joyce Ann	1960	Franklin, Rosa	1947
Chichester, Myra	1947	Cuff, Arline Theresa	1955	Dudley, Shirley Anne	1948	Frye, Gladys	1948
Chichester, Sylvia	1950	Cullen, Frieda M.	1952	Dundrant, Juanita Leona	1940	Gaffney, Ann	1966
Chillous, Mae Leona	1947	Cummings, Bernice	1948	Dunlap, Doris	1956	Gaines, Nancy Camille	1965
Chinn, Jeanne	1947	Cummings, Delores Eudora	1963	Dunston, Geraldine	1965	Gant, Catherine E.	1946
Christy, Louise	1948	Curtis, Carmen Louethel	1968	Dupree, Addie Lee	1948	Gardner, Bonita K.	1960
Circey, Billie-Sue	1947	Curtis, Laverne Enid	1951	Dykes, June Frances	1949	Gardner, Jacquelyn Lea	1964
Clark, Claretta	1945	Cyrus, Donna	1969	Eady, Frances Louise	1947	Garnes, Gertrude Haywood	1948
Clark, GERALYN E.	1948	Cyrus, Karen Janeen	1964	Echols, Marsha Ann	1961	Garnett, Barbara	1945
Clark, Harriet Elizabeth	1940	Dade, Sharon Gail	1964	Edgecombe, Rosalyn Denise	1966	Gay, Edith Theresa	1948
Clark, LaVerne	1947	Dailey, Marilyn Horad	1961	Edmonds, Barbara R.	1949	George, Thelma V.	1946
Clark, Vertie	1947	Daniels, Alice Elizabeth	1954	Edwards, Barbara Louise	1947	Gibson, Gloria Djionnette	1960
Claytor, Beryl E.	1947	Daniels, Carmen Elizabeth	1957	Edwards, Gertrude	1940	Giles, Carolyn Ann	1954
Claytor, Helen Louise	1947	Darden, Gwendolyn E.	1950	Edwards, Tanya Carolyn	1962	Gill, Julianne Thelma	1965
Claytor, Olivia Anne	1963	Davis, Bettye Ann	1956				
Claytor, Willa	1945						

Gill, Juliette Theresa	1965
Gillison, Elsie Marie	1961
Gilmore, Pamela W.	1952
Glascoc, Angela Suzette	1961
Glen, Joan	1956
Goffney, Shirley Lucille	1948
Goldson, Alpha Theodora	1951
Goldthwaite, Lady Ester	1964
Goldthwaite, Princess Yvonne	1963
Goode, Mermonia Ethel	1949
Goodson, Loretta Marie	1964
Goodwin, Beatrice	1948
Gordon, Judith Rosalie	1957
Gormley, Mamie Leolia	1948
Gothard, Melisande Rochelle	1949
Graddick, Susu	1946
Graham, Carol	1947
Grasty, Frances Amanda	1949
Gray, Gladys Jean	1950
Gray, Gwendolyn Lorraine	1967
Gray, Jo'Ellen Albright	1966
Gray, Lauris	1949
Gray, Margaret	1948
Gray, Michelle E.	1961
Gray, Ora Elizabeth	1951
Gray, Patricia A.	1956
Green, Angela Vera	1968
Green, Annabelle	1945
Green, Geraldine	1946
Green, Helen Elizabeth	1960

Green, Judith Elaine	1958
Green, Marilyn Rosetta	1962
Greene, Barbara Lucille	1949
Greene, Gloria P.	1952
Greene, Janet Frances	1963
Greene, Shirley	1947
Greenfield, Eugenia Antoinette	1964
Greer, Gail Sharon	1967
Gregg, Harriet Elizabeth	1950
Grigsby, Sehon Lynette	1965
Griffin, Florence Ernestine	1948
Griffith, Juanita	1946
Grigsby, Flora Jean	1947
Grigsby, Ione	1949
Grimstead, Carolyn Louise	1964
Guerra, Bertha Ann	1960
Gunn, Evelyn	1945
Gunter, Joan Ann	1961
Guy, Lily	1948
Guyot, Joyce Claire	1947
Hackett, Leslie Yvonne	1963
Hackley, Patricia Elaine	1968
Hackney, Jacqueline	1951
Hackney, Norma	1952
Hall, Ollie Mae	1951
Hall, Vaude	1946
Halliday, Antoinette Yancey	1962
Hammond, Patricia L.	1946
Hanes, Velma LaVerne	1950
Hanks, Camille Olivia	1961

Hansford, Jeannette	1948
Harden, Catherine Judith	1955
Harden, Patricia	1948
Hargrove, Joan Earline	1948
Harley, Anne	1949
Harmon, Cormellia F.	1956
Harper, Sylvia Louise	1949
Harrell, Betty J.	1948
Harris, Barbara Ann	1964
Harris, Barbara	1963
Harris, Edith L.	1948
Harris, Juanita	1952
Harris, Judy Gray	1962
Harris, Juliette	1948
Harris, Louise E.	1948
Harris, Patricia	1946
Harris, Shirley Beatrice	1950
Harris, Susan Nash	1962
Harrison, Deborah Rene	1968
Harrison, Gladys M.	1940
Harrison, Juanita	1953
Harrison, Norma A.	1949
Harrod, Cherly Anita	1965
Harrod, Phyllis Olice	1957
Hart, Elsie Mae	1948
Hart, Vivian Yvonne	1949
Harvey, Dorothy	1949
Harvey, Linda Ann	1963
Hawes, Nancy Ann	1965
Hayden, Cynthia	1948
Hayden, Maxine J.	1945
Haywood, Geraldine K.	1948

Heard, Muriel Elaine	1965
Heggans, Doris Ann	1949
Heisser, Vivian	1946
Helms, Anna Lee	1955
Helms, Elizabeth Ann	1951
Henderson, Anita Jacquelyn	1961
Henderson, Mary S.	1951
Henderson, Sheila Estelle	1963
Hendrickson, Yvonne	1946
Henry, Marjorie	1949
Henry, Mary B.	1948
Hicks, Juana Pearl	1963
Hicks, Juanita Beatrice	1963
High, Sheila	1965
Highsmith, Jacquelyne R.	1951
Hill, Freddie Emily	1952
Hill, Vermelle	1949
Hilliard, Doris LaVerne	1946
Hitchens, Lavonne Dianne	1961
Hollman, Patricia	1948
Holmes, Barbara	1945
Holmes, Doris P.	1949
Holmes, Eleanor Katherine	1955
Holmes, Elizabeth	1948
Honesty, Cheryl Lynn	1965
Hood, Sandra Elaine	1967
Hooper, Velma Esther	1948
Hopkins, Barbara Anne	1965
Horad, Martha Belle	1948
Howard, Arline	1948
Howard, Barbara Bradley	1956



Howard, Bobbie Jean	1955
Howard, Shirley Maxine	1955
Hughes, Alma	1949
Hughes, Anne	1948
Hughes, Dorothy	1948
Hughes, Mariana	1951
Hughes, Marlene	1951
Humbles, Joan M.	1960
Hundley, Janice Naomi	1965
Hurt, Sandra Aleace	1958
Hutchinson, Barbara	1951
Hyman, Beverly	1955
Hyman, Leatrice	1946
Jackson, Delores	1948
Jackson, Elizabeth	1941
Jackson, Helen Elaine	1963
Jackson, Jane F.	1954
James, Anne L.	1952
James, Mary Julia	1948
James, Olga	1946
Jarvis, Anne Elizabeth	1948
Jarvis, Constance	1950
Jenkins, LaSandra	1960
Jiggets, Jacqueline Mary	1947
Johnson, Barbara Ann	1948
Johnson, Barbara Gail	1953
Johnson, Betty A.	1951
Johnson, Carolyn B.	1949

Johnson, Chriseva Murkland	1946
Johnson, D'Ana Edwina	1964
Johnson, Delores Marie	1949
Johnson, Dolores	1946
Johnson, Elsie Mae	1953
Johnson, Erma T.	1960
Johnson, Faye	1960
Johnson, Frances Louise	1951
Johnson, Gloria	1945
Johnson, Helen C.	1962
Johnson, Iris	1948
Johnson, Josephine Catherine	1948
Johnson, Josephine M.	1955
Johnson, Joyce Elaine	1957
Johnson, Joyce M.	1955
Johnson, June Ardis	1956
Johnson, Margo Larette	1961
Johnson, Sandra Antionette	1958
Johnson, Sarah Elizabeth	1948
Johnson, Sarah Josephine	1948
Johnson, Shirley	1947
Johnston, Sharyn Mildred	1963
Jones, Carmen Diane	1960
Jones, Diane W.	1953
Jones, Donald Lee	1951
Jones, Elaine	1948
Jones, Lillian E.	1948

Jones, Lynne Alicia	1963
Jones, Marie Louise	1954
Jones, Peggy Ann	1947
Jones, Stephany Rosemary	1965
Jones, Toni Rose	1970
Jones, Wilma Jean	1950
Joy, Ercella	1940
Keen, Frances Onota	1955
Kelley, Helen	1947
Kennedy, Brenda Ann	1961
Kennedy, Karol Rosalie	1964
Kennedy, Patricia Elayne	1963
Keyes, Linda Theresa	1967
King, Adelaide P.	1952
King, Alberta Clarice	1954
King, Barbara Joan	1950
King, Bette Cardozo	1953
King, Cynthia Arlene	1951
King, Gloria Amerlia	1946
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King, Patricia Ann	1955
Knox, Patricia	1957
Knox, Shirley	1946
Kolthoff, Dreda	1966
Lancaster, Nadine	1956
Latture, Marian Janell	1964
Lawrence, Renee Alberta	1964
Le Compte, Joy A.	1962
Leak, Patricia Marie	1967
Lee, Alta M.	1953

Lee, Fredericka Elizabeth	1960
Lee, Jennie R.	1948
Leonard, Frances Charmaine	1964
Lewis, Ann Garner	1948
Lewis, Barbara R.	1963
Lewis, Barbara Rose	1964
Lewis, Betty Ruth	1946
Lewis, Diane Yvonne	1958
Lewis, Ethel Jacqueline	1948
Lewis, Jean M.	1949
Little, Alice	1945
Little, Zelma Jean	1961
Logan, Barbara Delores	1954
Logan, Willie Linell	1949
Long, Jeanne Gertrude	1960
Long, Phyllis Evon	1949
Lovinggood, Jacqueline	1956
Lovinggood, Roberta LaVerne	1954
Lucas, Claudette	1953
Lucas, Joan	1949
Madden, Diane Marie	1963
Madden, Marie Paris	1947
Maddox, Adrienne C.	1947
Madison, Melva Rose	1961
Malone, Hughla Rosetta	1947
Malvan, Barbara M.	1956
Manning, Brenda D.	1962
Manning, Paula Westfield	1965
Manning, Theresa Lavonne	1962
Marquez, Yolanda	1947
Marshall, Doris	1948
Marshall, Fern Irene	1961
Marshall, Gloria Anne	1946
Marshall, Jaqueline Rebecca	1960
Marshall, Marva Eleanor	1958
Martin, Carol Edith	1946
Martin, Mary	1931
Martin, Patricia Yvonne	1966
Martin, Sheila Joyce	1965
Mason, Delores	1955
Mason, Patricia Donna	1965
Mathews, Nadine Edelle	1955
Mathews, Yvonne	1946
Matthews, Jean	1948
Matthews, Joyce Edna	1946



Matthews, Lucretia Carolyn	1940
Mayo, Kerdene	1963
McAfee, Lois Ann	1950
McBrayer, Barbara	1948
McConnell, Dianne Sucora	1961
McCoy, Doris Elizabeth	1947
McDonald Lucille Randall	1948
McIlwain, Carol Ann	1963
McKenzie, Anita M.	1947
McKenzie, Odessa	1946
McLeod, Joyce Teresa	1960
McManus, Elizabeth D.	1962
McManus, Mary Alice	1958
McPherson, Claudette Marie	1961
McWilliams, Joyce Charlene	1960
Meeks, Leslie Emily	1962
Meeks, Quincella Aleathia	1954
Mercer, Emille Grace	1967
Miles, Bessie N.	1946
Miles, Lillian	1947
Miller, Annette Kimball	1961
Miller, Barbara Ann	1954
Miller, Ella Marie	1957
Miller, Gwendolyn S.	1949
Miller, Mae	1940
Miller, Roberta M.	1956
Miller, Vivian Jean	1947
Mills, Carol	1946
Minor, Edith LaVerne	1954
Minor, Germaine Barbara	1965
Minor, Sheila Diane	1965
Minor, Yvonne A.	1951
Mitchell, Darlene Juanita	1960
Mitchell, Geraldine	1956
Mitchell, L. Ruth	1956
Mitchell, Louise	1953
Monroe, Jean C.	1947
Montgomery, Ann Levonne	1962
Montgomery, Elizabeth Mildred	1948
Montgomery, Joan A.	1948
Moody, Thelma Laverne	1964
Moore, Carolyn Elaine	1966
Moore, Elaine Theresa	1957
Moore, Jacquelyn Renee	1967

Moore, Jean	1945
Moore, Marsha Lynn	1963
Moore, Patricia Lillian	1963
Moore, Sonja Kay	1955
Moore, Wanda Frances	1957
Morehead, Cora Ann	1953
Morgan, Christine	1948
Morgan, Gwendolyn	1951
Morman, Betty Lee	1961
Mosby, Evonne Theresa	1962
Mosby, Muriel A.	1953
Moss, Edna	1945
Mounsey, Delores Anita	1958
Mounsey, Mera E.	1954
Mundaray, Evelyn	1947
Murphy, Laverna	1949
Nelson, Beth Louise	1947
Nelson, Claudia Sandra	1958
Nelson, Margaret Suzanne	1963
Nelson, Mary Evangeline	1947
Nelson, Sheila Neutrice	1960
Nero, Minnie Ola	1947
Nero, Valerie Alfreda	1970
Nesbitt, Florence Olivia	1968
Newsome, Peggy	1962
Nicholas, Arlene Marie	1956
Nick, Doris Jacqueline	1949
Nickens, Carolyne	1947
Nickens, Lorraine T.	1948
Norman, Paula Marcella	1963
Odellas, Lorraine R.	1957
Osborne, Gloria	1940
Overall, Elaine Roberta	1948
Overall, Lerleen L.	1953
Overton, Claire	1940
Owens, Yvonne	1941
Pace, Eianne Elizabeth	1966
Pagan, Carolyn A.	1954
Page, Myrtle	1947
Paige, Mary	1946
Parham, Gaynell	1952
Parker, Eleanor	1955
Parker, Eva Louise	1946
Parker, Gail Skinker	1966
Parker, Jean	1949
Parker, Patricia Maureen	1957

Patterson, Ann Denise	1970
Patterson, Beatrice	1956
Patterson, Bonnie Renee	1968
Patterson, Laurice Elizabeth	1949
Pawley, Carmen	1948
Pawley, Dolores	1948
Peacock, Barbara G.	1948
Peacock, Joan C.	1953
Pearson, Harriet Dean	1940
Pendergrass, Omega	1949
Pennix, Pamela Renee	1968
Peppers, Sylvia Helene	1953
Perry, Elmira	1940
Perry, Harriette	1945
Perry, Robinette Evangeline	1966
Peters, Elizabeth H.	1948
Peters, Sheila	1957
Peterson, Sushila Jane	1970
Phillips, Carol Sylvia	1949
Pike, Dolores	1946
Pinkney, Jean	1945
Pitts, Gwendolyn E.	1946
Pitts, Jessye	1945
Plater, Edythe	1948
Polk, Jacqueline Marie	1948
Portal, Betty Margaret	1952
Powell, Beverly Marie	1964
Price, Janice Louise	1960
Price, Joanne Adele	1964
Proctor, Alfreda	1948
Pryor, Gaila Lynn	1970
Pugh, Dianne Arraminta	1970

Purnell, Yvonne Reagin	1968
Pyndell, Benita Elizabeth	1960
Quander, Cynthia	1948
Quander, Katalina E.	1957
Quander, Rose Estela	1955
Quick, Paula Mason	1967
Ragland, Deborah Avis	1968
Randall, Betty	1948
Randall, Phyllis Claire	1961
Randolph, Juletta	1945
Randolph, Sylvia	1948
Ray, Marion E.	1948
Ray, Nancy Ann	1961
Reavis, Ann	1945
Reed, Yvonne Juanita	1955
Reeves, Barbara Antoinette	1964
Reeves, Jacqueline	1962
Reid, Ann Lyndell	1965
Reid, Fanny Viola	1949
Rice, Deborah Deloris	1964
Richards, Kathleen Virginia	1968
Richards, Sandra Teresa	1963
Richardson, Austine Wendella	1962
Richardson, Dorothy	1948
Richardson, Shirley Delores	1950
Riley, Elizabeth Ann	1955
Roberts, Aurelia Ruth	1948
Roberts, Gretchen Ann	1963
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Robinson, Alma Onetta	1948
Robinson, Betty Ann	1955

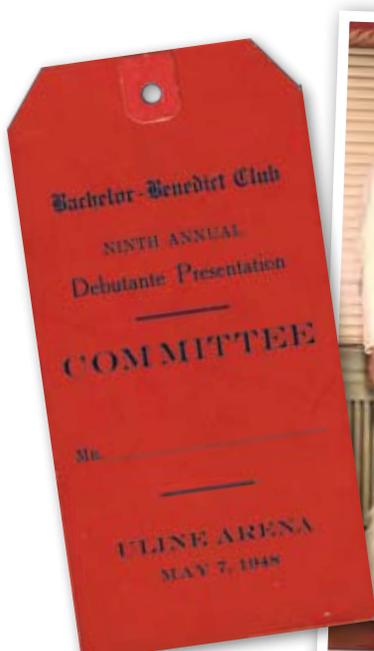


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Robinson, Greta Joy?	1945
Robinson, Lavidia Anne	1968
Robinson, Leora Antoinette	1961
Robinson, Marie Sylvia	1949
Robinson, Marlene Annette	1963
Robinson, Pamela Charleene	1968
Robinson, Paula Antionette	1967
Robinson, Sharon Andrea	1964
Robinson, Sharon Denise	1970
Rollins, Mary Bruce	1951
Rollins, Shirley J.	1948
Roper, June T.	1951
Rosette, Mildred Evelyn	1948
Rosier, Patricia Fannie	1961
Ross, Janice Elizabeth	1966
Rowe, Constance	1948
Rowland, Janice Elizabeth	1964
Ryan, Janet Lorraine	1968
Ryan, Judy Eileen	1966
Sampson, Peggy Mae	1950
Samuels, Betty Jane	1949
Samuels, Jeanne	1947
Samuels, Joyce Yvonne	1946

Sanderson, Vera	1941
Sanford, Arlene Janet	1960
Sattles, Shirlea	1954
Saunders, Anita Marie	1961
Saunders, Helen Elaine	1946
Saunders, Ottawana Lucy	1960
Savage, Frances	1956
Savoy, Gloria	1948
Scott, Barbara Dolores	1951
Scott, Camilla	1946
Scott, E. Veronica	1958
Scott, Harriet Lucille	1949
Scott, Jacqueline Lenette	1949
Scott, Sandra Ann	1960
Senior, Paula Glenna	1964
Settle, Cynthia Eileen	1967
Settles, Joan	1956
Sewall, Beatrice	1949
Sewell, Delores	1948
Sewell, Dorita R.	1961
Shamwell, Earline Doris	1963
Shaw, Jeanette	1952
Shearin, Moneta Marzette	1967
Shelton, Brenda Lou	1970
Shepherd, Jean Elizabeth	1954
Shepherd, Nancy Virginia	1953
Shorter, Charlotte	1950

Shorter, Sylvia Lorraine	1948
Shropshire, Gloria A.	1948
Simmons, Beverly	1956
Simmons, Jacqueline	1947
Simmons, Romaine	1948
Simms, Laura Estelle	1953
Simms, Lorraine	1949
Simon, Frances Annette	1959
Simons, Gladys	1948
Singleton, Bonnie Elaine	1961
Skipper, Gwendolyn Elaine	1955
Slade, Doris Helena	1949
Slaughter, Jean	1948
Smallwood, Shirley Ann	1949
Smith, Amy Virginia	1956
Smith, Arlene	1947
Smith, Barbara Rose	1954
Smith, Carlyta Moina	1967
Smith, Cathy Denise	1970
Smith, Charlene Ernestine	1964
Smith, Dorothy	1948
Smith, Elinor	1947
Smith, Euzlear Mae	1947
Smith, Gloria J.	1946
Smith, Gloria Yvonne	1951
Smith, Hermione	1947
Smith, Jacqueline	1948
Smith, Jeanine	1946
Smith, Jeanne	1946
Smith, Jewell C.	1948
Smith, Julia Delores	1948
Smith, Jusouida Melva	1948
Smith, Karla Joette	1965
Smith, Laura Louise	1962
Smith, Lorena Maria	1957
Smith, Lyngrid Ruth	1962
Smith, Marion Louise	1946
Smith, Marthus D.	1957
Smith, Mattie	1947
Smith, Nanette Lee	1963
Smith, Ophelia	1945
Smith, Peggy Mae	1948
Smith, Renee Chiquita	1965
Smith, Sandra	1960
Smith, Sharon Maria	1966
Smith, Stephanie Allene	1967
Smith, Wareteen A.	1948

Smith, Zora A.	1962
Smoak, Henrietta	1947
Snipes, Pensy Elizabeth	1954
Sparrow, Jacqueline	1945
Spaulding, Roberta Jayne	1956
Spearman, Lillian L.	1947
Spears, Pearl Virginia	1963
Spencer, Shirley	1951
Spottswood, Stephanie	1945
Spriggs, Betty Jane	1948
Spriggs, Carol Sandra	1960
Stamps, Arlyce M.	1952
Starks, Gale Marie	1965
Stephenson, Barbara Ann	1953
Stevens, Imogene	1948
Steward, Jacqueline Del	1950
Stewart, Barbara A.	1953
Stewart, Barbara Elisabeth	1959
Stewart, Marie Theresa	1954
Stowers, Paulette Carleen	1968
Stringfellow, Melvoyn	1957
Stroud, Barbara Anita	1954
Suggs, Christine Vera	1964
Sullivan, Patricia Eileen	1961
Sulton, Linda Elizabeth	1962
Sutton, Lois	1948
Swayne, Susanne Barbara	1970
Taliaferro Barbara	1947
Tapscott, Margaret Roberta	1949
Tapscott, Theresa Dorothy	1946
Taylor, Ann Elizabeth	1948
Taylor, Ann Louise	1948
Taylor, Phyllis C.	1947
Taylor, Shirley JoAnn	1952
Terrell, Yvonne	1945
Terry, Eve Miriam	1962
Thomas, Linda Marie	1961
Thomas, Mary E.	1947
Thomas, Sandra Bernadette	1962
Thomas, Therese	1947
Thorne, Francis	1949
Tibbs, Joan Alice	1960
Tolson, Constance	1953
Tolson, Regina	1950
Towles, Florence Elaine	1950
Towles, Gwendolyn Y.	1947



Travis, Charlotte Ann	1949
Trescott, Myrtle	1949
Tucker, Enid Deveaux	1946
Turner, Edwardina	1946
Turner, Helen J.	1953
Turner, Pamela Dolores	1965
Tyler, Bonnie Maxine	1960
Waddill, Shirley	1949
Waites, Salome Elois	1948
Walker, Patricia Elaine	1965
Wall, Jean Elizabeth	1955
Waller, Carol Adelia	1947
Walton, Adrienne Marie	1953
Walton, Barbara M.	1949
Walton, Carole	1952
Walton, Minnie Estella	1950
Warren, Joy Ann	1951
Washington, Anita Dorcas	1962
Washington, Camille Devel	1964
Washington, Delores	1946
Washington, Ethel W.	1947
Washington, Frances D.	1948
Washington, Grace Charlotte	1954
Washington, Pauline	1945
Waters, Sondra Ann	1961
Watkins, Cheryl Ann	1966
Watson, Jacelyn Denise	1970

Watson, Rosetta Ingrid	1964
Webb, Gloria	1946
Webster, Ann	1945
Weeks, Sandra Bertha	1958
Weir, Ellen Yvonne	1970
Welch, Wilma	1946
Wesley, Charlotte	1940
Wesley, Jeannette Louise	1956
West, Barbara S.	1954
West, Dolores Teressa	1952
West, Gloria	1948
West, Iris Virginia	1955
West, Sylvia Evangeline	1947
Westerfield, Anna	1941
Westray, Letitia Maulynn	1963
Whaley, Augusta Anne	1947
Whaley, Grace	1950
Whaley, Phyllis Jametta	1963
White, Dolores Vivian	1948
White, Karen Marguerite	1970
White, Maxine	1948
Whitson, Anna H.	1951
Whitted, Treava Annette	1970
Whittington, Frances A.	1947
Wilkerson, Gloria	1949
Wilkerson, Vivian C.	1949
Wilkins, Angela Elissa	1952
Wilkins, Eleanor	1946
Wilkins, Elizabeth Ann	1954

Wilkins, Thelma Lee	1952
Wilkinson, Anita Mae	1956
Wilkinson, Prue H.	1948
Williams, Annetta Marie	1958
Williams, Audrey Ann	1950
Williams, Carole Juanita	1953
Williams, Delores Ann	1947
Williams, Dorothy Camille	1968
Williams, Gail C.	1954
Williams, Gloria L.	1949
Williams, Joyce Anita	1963
Williams, Margaret Isabelle	1960
Williams, Margot Mazarino	1952
Williams, Marjorie Anne	1960
Williams, Mary Ellen	1950
Williams, Pansy	1953
Williams, Patricia Ann	1948
Williams, Phyllis Ann	1964
Williams, Regina Medora	1961
Williams, Roseann	1948
Williams, Thelma Rose	1949
Williamson, Mabel Paige	1948
Williamson, Theadora	1949
Williamson, Yolande	1947
Wills, Judith-Ann	1958
Wilson, Jeanne Lois	1950
Wimp, LaVerne	1946
Winston, Jon Conchita	1948

Winston, Peggy Joyce	1948
Wiseman, Cynthia Perle	1960
Woods, Denise Lucille	1968
Woody, Jean	1948
Woolfolk, Leesa Gail	1968
Woolridge, Thomasina	1956
Wright, Antoinette Rita	1964
Wright, Barbara Joan	1954
Wright, Betty Ann	1967
Wright, Cheryl Frances	1967
Wright, Constance G.	1952
Wright, Dianne Marie	1960
Wright, Oleeta Michele	1964
Wright, Sandra Vernetta	1969
Yeadon, Karen Alexine	1961
Yeldell, Joyce Ann	1961
Young, Alice Evelyn	1954
Young, Helen E.	1948
Young, Letitia J.	1947
Young, Linda Diane	1966
Young, Sandra Lee	1964



Colored Girls to Bow In Unprecedented Debut at Willard

Fifteen colored debutantes will be presented December 27 in the first party of its kind at the historic Willard Hotel.

Mrs. Jennie M. Walburg, of 2219 F street N.W., chairman of the committee planning the reception and dance, said in announcing the party:

"This activity is unique because it is the first, since integration, to be presented downtown in an outstanding, historical hotel, and it is being given with the hope of inspiring girls of our race to pattern their lives in such a manner that their parents would be warranted in presenting them."

Cites Commercialism.

Mrs. Walburg, a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Rockville, Md., and active in Negro organizations here and nationally, proposed the reception as an alternative to debutante parties which she said had become too commercial in recent years.

Her proposal, made last Labor Day, met with enthusiastic response, and a committee was formed to carry it through.

She said it seemed natural for the committee to select the Willard for the reception because of its place in Washington's history.

"The destroyers would leave us a heritage symbolized by tear gas and troops standing guard over scenes of looting, arson and pillage. The Bachelor-Benedicts prefer the symbol we present for your approval: serene and lovely girls, entering into adulthood, secure in the warm admiration and affection of their families and friends... It is a measure of the essential stability of the culture of this community that we hold our 29th annual debutante presentation this evening."

— Raymond J. Weir Jr.



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Raymond J. Weir Jr., President, The Bachelor-Benedict Club.

By Nancy L. Ross

They are the first of the 15 young girls in line who will be presented to the guests of the Willard Hotel at the 29th annual debutante presentation here on Friday evening.

The girls, who were selected to represent the club, are: Lucinda Daniel, who is being presented to her father, Mr. Daniel, by her mother, Mrs. Daniel; Pamela Pennis, who is being presented to her father, Mr. Pennis, by her mother, Mrs. Pennis; and the other girls.

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Through The Old Friends Club, the girls are being presented to their parents.

The girls are: Lucinda Daniel, Pamela Pennis, and the other girls.



As did Florence Neiditz pins a corsage on the lapel of her escort Colleen Allen, she screams in mock agony that she has "harmed" him.

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Members of Note

The following named former members of Bachelor-Benedict were identified from Dinner Dance and Debutante programs, newspaper articles and information from current associates. This list should not be considered comprehensive because data for every year were not available. This is especially true regarding the early years of the organization from 1910-1950.

In early documents the names of individuals have appeared with different spellings and, in some instances, included a suffix such as Jr. or Sr. Therefore, when similar names appear, it should be kept in mind that, at this writing, there is no way to verify which version of a particular name is correct.

Since its inception the members of the Bachelor-Benedict Club continues to include individuals from differing occupations, interests and income. Titles that relate to occupations or careers have been included when this information was available. Numerous doctors (Dr.) are indicated, which may be identified with the medical field or higher education in other areas. Numerous individuals associated with legal professions and the military also appear.



Maurice Weeks and F.D. Wilkinsen



Edward J. Perpall



Honorary and Emeritus Members

The Constitution of the Bachelor-Benedict Club provides for Honorary and Emeritus membership. In the following enumeration of former members, the symbol [H] indicates those who achieved Honorary status. The [E] symbol indicates those who were appointed Emeritus.

Former Members of The Bachelor-Benedict Club, Inc. 1910 – 2010

Abrams, Mordell	Barnett, George P. [E]	Brice, Herbert W.	Burton, P. Isaiah (Dr.)
Ackiss, Smallwood (Dr.)	Beaubian, John O. (Atty.)	Brooke, E. W.	Byars, Rufus G.
Adams, Cato W.	Beavers, Joseph A.	Brooks, Randolph J.	Caldwell, George A.
Adams, Charles F. (Dr.)	Belcher, Harold P.	Brown, Bruce	Caldwell, McMillan
Aden, Alonzo J.	Bellinger, E. W.	Brown, C. K. (Atty.)	Caliver, Ambrose (Dr.)
Albert, John	Best, Robert B.	Brown, Chauncey	Calloway, Golden M. (Dr.)
Alexander, Raymond L.	Bethel, Albert A.	Brown, Clellan	Carpenter, James E.
Allen, Aris T., Jr.	Better, Russell F.	Brown, Henry A.	Carpenter, James H. (Dr.)
Allen, Clifford	Beverley, Gurley L.	Brown, James E.	Carpenter, William F.
Allen, James L.	Beverly, C.L.	Brown, James H.	Carr, A. D. (Dr.)
Allison, Norman F.	Blackwell, James B.	Brown, Leroy J. H.	Carr, John C. (Dr.)
Amos, Ferdinand F.	Blackwell, S. F. (Col.)	Brown, S. Bruce [H]	Carr, Theodore R.
Anderson, John M.	Blackwell, Sylvester L.	Brown, Theodore A.	Carrey, W. B.
Anderson, John M. III	Blakey, Katus R. (Dr.)	Brown, William W., Jr.	Carry, A. D. (Dr.)
Armstrong, E. Egbert	Bohannan, James H.	Browne, Albert D.	Carter, Hugh A.
Arnold, James H.	Bomar, Thomas P.	Browning, James B.	Carter, Robert A.
Arrington, James E.	Bonds, Maceo	Bruce, S.	Carter, Roderick E.
Atkins, Norris A. (Dr.)	Bonds, Robert T. [E]	Bryant, Cunningham C. [H]	Casey, George
Austin, Edward J.	Booker, Ricardo B.	Bryars, Rufus G.	Chase, Eugene A.
Bailey, Lamar E.	Bow, Cyril G.	Bryce, Burton	Chevalier, Elmo B.
Ballard, Lonis C.	Bowen, William J., Jr.	Bryce, Herbert W.	Childs, C. W.
Ballard, William K.	Bowman, James E. (Dr.)	Buchanan, John M.	Chisholm, Milton B.
Bankhead, Woodrow W.	Boyd, Herbert A.	Buckner, W. N.	Christian, Malcolm R.
Banks, George F.	Boyd, John B.	Bullock, Samuel L. (Dr.)	Clark, Eddie M., Sr.
Banks, Junius M. [E]	Bradshaw, W. T.	Burdnell, J. Stanley	Clark, William S.
Banner, John K.	Brailsford, Marvin (Lt. Gen.)	Burke, Clinton C. (Maj.)	Clarke, Boyd A.
Barbee, Novell D. (Dr.)	Branson, Herman C. (Dr.)	Burke, W. Spurgeon	Clayton, Condie M.
Barber, Herman W.	Brent, A. P.	Burnett, Luther C.	Clayton, James E.
Barker, Beltran	Brent, Alfred	Burriss, Frederick C.	Clayton, Roscoe C. (Capt.)
Barnes, Robert T.	Brewer, William M.	Burton, Isaiah A. (Dr.) [H]	Claytor, B. Armstrong

Claytor, Joseph O.
 Clifford, Jay
 Clifford, Maurice C.
 Coates, Henry, Jr.
 Cobb, James A. (Judge)
 Cobbs, Laroy, Jr.
 Colbert, Craig C.
 Colbert, Frank L. (Dr.) [E]
 Coleman, Frederick D. (Lt. Col.)
 Coleman, George W.
 Coley, James F.
 Collins, Alfred H. (Atty.)
 Collins, William K., Jr.
 Cook, Joseph William
 Cook, Lawrence
 Cooke, Louis P.
 Cooper, Ronald B., Sr.
 Cope, Thomas C.
 Corley, Andrew P., Jr.
 Cornell, Harry B.
 Cornell, Harry W.
 Cornish, Louis A. (Dr.)
 Cowan, Ernest E.
 Crichlow, Martin A.
 Cropp, Dwight D.
 Crutchfield, Clarence
 Culver, Alexander C.
 Cunningham, Robert L.
 Curtis, Arthur L. (Dr.)
 Curtis, Theodore W.
 Curtis, Thomas W.
 Curtis, William D.
 Cyrus, Lovell L.
 Daly, Victor R.
 Daniel, Walter G. (Dr.)
 Daniels, Theodore A.
 Davidson, Anthony
 Davis, Arthur P. (Dr.)
 Davis, Clifton E.
 Davis, Frank F. [H]
 Davis, Harry S., Jr.

Davis, Owen W.
 Davis, Stephen s.
 Dean, Millard R. (Dr.)
 Dean, Wilbur G.
 Deans, Robert M. S.
 Dedmon, Jesse O. (Atty.)
 Dedmon, Jesse O., Jr. (Atty.)
 DeMond, Abraham L. (Dr.)
 DeMond, Albert L. (Dr.) [H]
 DeSouza, Evrol H.
 DeVine, John
 Dillard, Brian L.
 Dillard, Leroy C. [H]
 Dinkins, Robert L.
 Dishman, Charles
 Dixon, Julius
 Dixon, Walter G.
 Dodson, Joseph N. (Dr.)
 Dodson, Norris A. III
 Dodson, Norris A.
 Dolphin, Verginald (Atty.)
 Dougherty, William S.
 Douglass, Henry F. (Dr.)
 Douglass, Thomas L.
 Dowling, Horace A.
 Downing, Lewis K. (Dean)
 Doxie, Marvin L.
 Draper, Harry
 Dunlap, Albert L.
 Dunmore, Lawrence A., Jr. (Dr.)
 Dunson, Edward D., Jr.
 Duvall, Carlisle E.
 Eason, Charles H.
 Edilin, Charles
 Edmonds, Daniel W.
 Edmonds, Wilbur N.
 Edmondson, George B.
 Edmondson, George R.
 Edwards, Edward J., Jr.
 Edwards, Edward J.
 Elliott, Charles

Ellis, Percy L. Jr.
 Ellis, Walter C.
 Ellis, Wilbur S.
 Evans, Edward W.
 Evans, Frederick H. (Atty.)
 Evans, Herbert C.
 Evans, Robert L.
 Evans, Roscoe L.
 Ewell, James E.
 Faggans, Edward
 Fauntleroy, Frederick W.
 Fauntleroy, John D. (Atty.)
 Fax, Mark
 Feggans, Edward L.
 Felder, David A., Sr. [E]
 Freeman, Archibald
 Ferrell, H. Albion (Rev.)
 Ficklin, Samuel L.
 Fickling, Austin L. (Atty.)
 Fitzgerald, Herman G. (Dr.)
 Fleming, Walter
 Fletcher, Gorham C. (Dr.)
 Fletcher, Sumner G. [H]
 Flowers, Willie A.
 Floyd, Anthony E.
 Ford, Joseph L.
 Forte, Allan V. (Dr.)
 Fortune, Harper R.
 Foster, John L.
 Franklin, Charles L. (Dr.)
 Franklin, Homer
 Freeman, Archibald
 Fulmore, Raymond
 Gambrell, Arthur W.
 Gardner, Edwin
 Gardner, Wendell P.
 Garvin, Walter B. (Dr.)
 Gaskins, Albert L.
 Geater, James W.
 Genus, Lloyd
 George, John S.
 Gill, Coleridge (Dr.)



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Formal Affairs



Ribbon of Distinction

Apparently, in the late 1940s, a red ribbon was chosen by the Club as a sign of unity and to promote solidarity between its members. Although not mandated by the Club's Constitution, this symbol was readily accepted. In a 1946 group photograph of 58 Club members in formal attire, only 6 are wearing ribbons. In a 1947 photo, there is hardly a member without one. When dressed in proper attire at all formal Club events, each member proudly wears his red ribbon slanting across his check, from the upper left to the lower right. Club policy dictates that the ribbon is inseparable from a member's formal attire at Club functions.

Lapel Buttons (Pins)

Initially, the prominently displayed red ribbon served as a distinctive symbol to identify Club members in formal attire; however, it was inappropriate for use at the Club's numerous casual affairs. In 1991, during the administration of Club President Burt S. Hall, Jr., member E. Cunningham Warner presented an idea for a lapel button for members to wear in lieu of red ribbons. For members, his design presented a one-inch round button with a red stripe running diagonally through a white background, with a "B" on each side of the stripe. For the member's lady, the button appeared of similar size but with a white stripe running diagonally through a red background. Although this innovative prospect was given serious consideration by the Personnel Committee, no decision was made on the matter at that time.



About 1995, Club President Cunningham C. Bryant suggested to Secretary Walter K. Robinson that he design a lapel pin for members to use at informal affairs. Brother Robinson's approach was similar to that of Brother Warner's; however, with several noteworthy exceptions. Displayed above, and in use today, the size and basic concept as in the 1991 version of the button were the same, but with several additions. The year the Club was founded appears in the upper left, and the Club's name is presented in circular fashion at the edge of the pin. In the lower portion, three red stars are displayed over three red horizontal bars. This aspect drew official, albeit temporary, concern from the District of Columbia whose flag is similar, but bearing only two red horizontal bars. The member's button has a post fastener. The lady's button, presently in disuse, was fastened with a clasp.

Banner

In 1991, member E. Cunningham Warner presented a Banner proposed to be displayed at Club Affairs. The design utilized a white background with a red diagonal stripe. In the upper left hand portion of the background were the words "Founded in 1910." A variation of this Banner remains in use today.

Club Seal

In 1991, at the suggestion of President Lovell L. Cyrus, the Club developed its own crest for use in the Obituary Pages upon the demise of one of our members. In use today, the design employs a black diagonal stripe through a white background with a "B" on each side of the stripe.

Expanding Through the Years

The social calendar of the Bachelor-Benedict Club began in earnest after its reorganization in 1919. Unfortunately, the Club's records dating from 1919 to 1931 have been lost or destroyed, and minimal information from sources such as newspapers, has surfaced. It is known, however, that several festive dances were held yearly by the Club and other like organizations. Reportedly, however, these affairs lacked the brilliance and lavishness of former years because the social atmosphere was geared toward the junior element of society. This trend changed drastically by the end of the 1930s. In fact, on December 26 of that year, the Bachelor's were in stiff competition with the Appomattox Club when each had their Christmas party on the same night. Since many of the smart set were invited to both parties, some of them attended both affairs. The Appomattox Club came out on top on this occasion, with the larger number of people dancing as their guests in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple. The Appomattox Club, however, faded into inactivity as the Bachelor's endured.

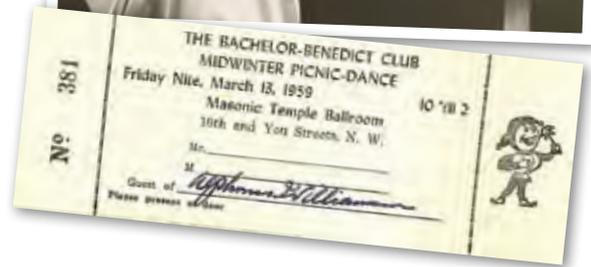
For about the next two decades, with limited access to buildings city-wide for black affairs, larger facilities and small clubs near Washington's "Black Broadway," served for Bachelor-Benedict's functions. Generally, this was the U Street corridor. The most popular in this area was the Lincoln Colonnade, which opened in 1922 and was located behind the Lincoln Theatre at 1215 U Street, NW. This was one of the most favored of Washington's



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dance halls, which in the 1930s, '40s and '50s, was a whirl with the social life of Washington's black middle-class. The Colonnade was a dance hall with a tunnel entrance off U Street. Because of its size and convenient location, it could host all the big bands of the day. Most proms were held there and fraternities used it for parties. Small venues located in the vicinity of Black Broadway, and frequently utilized by the Bachelors, were Murray's Casino, Club Bali, Crystal Caverns and the Dunbar Hotel. After late night functions, a dawn breakfast was often enjoyed at the Bamboo Inn. As mentioned earlier, most of these once popular places disappeared many years ago.

The Bachelor-Benedict's social calendar moved forward with vigor, which, by the 1930s, included a smoker and four dances per year. On Friday evening, February 27, 1931, for instance, the Bachelor's held the third dance of the season at the Murray Casino. Only about two months later, on Saturday, April 18, the first dance of the new season was held at the same location with seventy-two people attending. At that time these were called Annual Banquets. At a stag affair, held on May 16 at the Whitelaw Hotel, the Club decided to change the venue for the four dances scheduled for the next year to the Masonic Temple. In 1941, an Annual Smoker held at Crystal Caverns, replaced the Annual Banquet. At this event new members were introduced. By 1959, the Annual Banquet became known as the Dinner Dance. During the next several decades the Club's membership increased significantly, and more space was required for throngs of people. In addition to those mentioned for the Debutante Presentations, dances were held at the National Airport Terrace Room, L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Martin's Champagne Room, Baltimore; Bolling AFB Officer's Club, and the Shoreham Regency and Capital Hilton hotels. Today, the primary venue for the Bachelor's is Martin's Crosswinds, at Greenbelt, Maryland.





By 1985 the Bachelor's formal dances began to resemble those held today. A formal Cocktail-Dinner Dance is presented early in the new year. Attendance at this affair is limited to members and their ladies. This is the only "closed" affair presented during the social year. In every way a glamorous affair, the dance features a cocktail hour and a sit-down dinner. It is this dance that new officers, elected at the annual meeting, are introduced to members and their ladies. On this occasion new members, who were notified of their selection to membership, are inducted into the Club. At a short but moving ceremony their sponsors pin on their red ribbons. In the fall, generally in late October, another formal dance is held at one of the large hotels. At this dance, each member is assigned a table for ten to which he can invite four guest couples. More than a thousand persons regularly attend this affair.



Casual Get-Togethers



Midwinter Indoor Picnic

Throughout its history the Bachelor-Benedict Club has been quite innovative in planning and producing a variety of informal activities for the members. In years past, the Midwinter Indoor Picnic Dance always proved to be a fun-filled break from the horrendous weather outside. After spreading blankets on the floor, a good time was had by all as they ate chicken and potato salad. As recalled from the recollections of early members, these popular affairs took place at the Lincoln Colonnade, the Masonic Temple, and several of the Parish Halls in the Metropolitan Area. Remembered, and appreciated as well, were the efforts of the late Edward Jorgensen and his co-chairman Edward Perpall, who make these affairs successful. A combination of factors led to the demise of this eagerly attended get-together. One was a budget crunch, which stressed the Club's finances. The other was brought about by the advancing ages of many of the members whose older bones objected to bending for picnic seating. This affair was dropped in 1980 and was initially replaced by excursions to the Atlantic City Casinos.



Summer Outings

Past members also remembered midsummer outings when, in the 1950s, they would drive to a nearby farm, such as that of Dr. Webster Sewell, at Norbeck, Maryland, to a state park, or other area suitable for a picnic. A bus was provided for those members who did not wish to drive. Food was furnished by a caterer and the members would sing, dance and play cards. The Personnel Committee faced many problems when planning and completing the Summer Outing. The event was rained out on a few occasions and, when it was held, some of the ladies were less than enthusiastic about primitive toilet facilities. To the dismay of the Bachelors and their ladies, the caterer ran out of food one or two times and, on one occasion, he failed to show at all.

For a few years the summer event was held at the Washingtonian Country Club, where some of the members enjoyed swimming and golf along, along with a buffet meal. Recounted, as well, were the interminable lines for the buffet and having to go out of doors, even in the rain, to get beer from the keg. By May

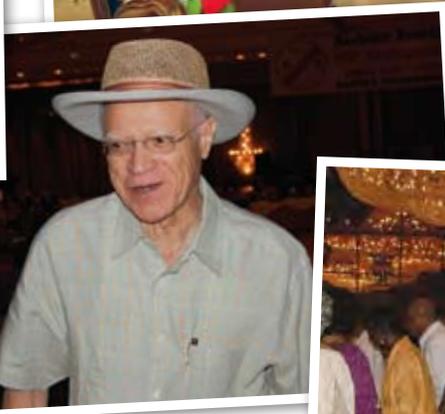




1960, the Arabian Room sufficed for this affair and, on March 18, 1978, an Indoor Picnic Dance was held at the St. Jude Ballroom.

This problem was solved since 1978 when the Summer Outing, by then called a Bull Roast, was held at Martin's Champagne Room, in Baltimore. By 1986, this well-attended affair moved to Martin's Crosswinds, at Greenbelt, Maryland, where it is still held. The affair is held on a Sunday afternoon in mid-July, and the Bachelors and their guests feast at a non-stop elaborate buffet for four hours. Featured are roast beef cuts, an extensive salad bar and soft drinks, with a bar also available.

A variety of other casual activities are also available to the members. In 2003 an Annual Golf Outing at Andrews AFB was initiated and continues to be a well-attended event. Even non golfers are known to attend the midday luncheon held after the last round. Today's excursions also include trips to Las Vegas and Dover Downs casinos.



The Administration



Constitution and By-Laws

The noteworthy journey of the Bachelor-Benedict Club from the early nineteenth century to the present has been guided by its sound Constitution and By-Laws. These documents govern the principles by which the Club operates and specifically addresses such things as membership, meetings, dues and assessments, the election and duties of Club officers, and much more. The Club is incorporated as a non-profit organization in the District of Columbia.

Membership

The number of individuals permitted as Bachelor-Benedict members at any one time is 141. This includes four Elected Officers: the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Archivist; 125 Active Members, those who have paid all financial obligations; six Honorary Members, those nominated by the Personnel Committee for longevity or outstanding service to the Club; and six Members Emeritus, those members who, after reaching age seventy-five and having been a member for twenty consecutive years, are elected to this status by the Personnel Committee. In order to assure flexibility in administrative philosophy and to provide for creativity and new ideas, each President is limited to no more than two consecutive terms in office. Other elected officers serve one year from the date of the Annual Meeting and may be reelected.

Personnel Committee

This committee consists of the Club's elected officers, together with six active members who are appointed by the President. Each new President must appoint at least one new member to the Personnel Committee. The Committee is charged with planning and executing all Club policies and programs and serves as the executive instrument in the interval between annual meetings. This group as well reviews and elects, by majority vote, individual applications for new membership or reinstatement into the Club.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Bachelor-Benedict Club is held in the fall, generally after the completion of the social calendar. At this meeting officers are elected for the coming year, and business and procedural matters affecting the Club are discussed. Current officers report on the discharge of their responsibilities during the preceding year, and the Auditing committee verifies the financial status of the Club.

Honorary Members

The Constitution of the Bachelor-Benedict Club provides that certain members may be nominated for and elected to Honorary Membership in the Club. It is not an honor lightly granted. Only the following twenty-eight persons in the Club's one-hundred year history have been elevated to this status.

Banks, Junius M.	Dixon, Nathaniel R.	Reed, Robert J.	Weir, Raymond J., Jr.
Brown, S. Bruce	Fletcher, Sumner G.	Robinson, Walker K., Sr.	Whitlock, W. Baldwin
Bryant, Cunningham C.	Gray, Herman V.	Savoy, Rodney P., Jr.	Wilkinson, Frederick D.
Burton, Isaiah A.	Hall, Bert S., Jr.	Scott, Armond W. (Judge)	Wilkinson, John F. N.
Davis, Frank F.	Howard, Perry W.	Thompson, William S.	Williamson, Alphonso
Demond, Albert L.	Hyman, Herman	Timberlake, Leslie	Wilson, J. Finley
Dillard, Leroy C.	Hyman, Leonard G.	Underdue, William H., Jr.	Young, Frederick C.

Members Emeritus

The constitution of the Bachelor-Benedict Club provides that certain members may be nominated for and elected to Members Emeritus status in the Club. Only the following twenty-two individuals have achieved this standing:

Banks, Junius M.	Grigsby, Charles S.	Reed, Robert J.	Tibbs, Charles S.
Barnett, George P.	Hayes, Henry	Robinson, Thomas T.	Young, Frederick C.
Belt, Robert E.	Ivey, Monteria, Jr.		
Bonds, Robert T.	Leak, James M.		
Brown, Walter H.	Levy, Roy U.		
Colbert, Frank L.	Mack, James E.		
Felder, David A., Sr.	McConnell, Roland C.		
Geathers, Elmer T.	McCottry, Samuel B.		
	Monroe, Oswald V.		
	Randall, R. Stewart		



Past Presidents of The Bachelor-Benedict Club, Inc.

As mentioned earlier, from 1911 until 1919, the Bachelor's Pleasure Club was under the leadership of three directors: Wilbert I. Stewart, Lawrence L. Tenly and Isaac Wright.

Identified below are those members who served as presidents of the Bachelor-Benedict Club from 1919 to the present. These data were obtained from an analysis of extant programs, news clippings, personal information, and miscellaneous sources. Bracketed information is speculative.

The Club's president is elected for a one-year term. Within the listing, however, years are duplicated because an in-coming president is elected in the fall of each year and, therefore, serves a portion of the same year as his predecessor. In the Club's early years, there were no restrictions regarding successive terms, thus accounting for lengthy tenures in several instances. More recently, however, an individual is limited to two, one-year terms as president:

Bismark B. Pinchback	1919-1921
[Unidentified]	1922-1924
James G. Tyson	1925-1927
Maurice C. Clifford	1927-1931
Harold Haynes	1931-1933
[Morris Lewis]	1934-1936
John F. N. Wilkinson	1937-1941
James G. Tyson	1941-1943
[Nelson M. Thomas]	1943-1945
Edward J. Edwards	1945-1946
Dr. Millard Dean	1946-1948
Albert L. DeMond	1948-1949
Armond W. Scott	1949-1952
Frank F. Davis	1953-1954
Alphonso Williamson	1954-1956
William S. Thompson	1956-1958
Maurice R. Weeks	1958-1960
Rodney P. Savoy, Jr.	1960-1962
Edward A. Perpall	1962-1964
Isaiah A. Burton	1964-1966
Raymond J. Weir, Jr.	1966-1968
William B. Whitlock	1968-1970

S. Bruce Brown	1970-1972
Charles E. Jorgensen	1972-1974
William L. Porter	1974-1975
Rodney P. Savoy, Jr.	1975
Joseph A. Beavers	1975-1977
Alfred H. Neal	1977-1979
Thomas W. Curtis	1979-1981
Herman V. Gray	1981-1983
Norvell D. Barbee	1983-1985
Isaiah A. Burton	1985-1986
Roy U. Levy	1986-1988
Bert S. Hall, Jr.	1988-1990
Lovell L. Cyrus	1990-1992
Othello G. Jones, Jr.	1992-1994
Cunningham C. Bryant	1994-1996
Alphonso Morgan	1996-1998
Walter K. Robinson, Sr.	1998-2000
Charles E. Countee	2000-2002
William C. Jameson	2002-2004
William H. Underdue	2004-2006
Ronald C. Montague	2006-2008
Roy O. Priest	2008- 2010

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Banks, Junius M.	Genus, Lloyd	Neal, Alfred H.	Thompson, William S.
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Brown, S. Bruce	Hall, Bert S., Jr.	Phillips, Fredericks S., Jr.	Tolliver, Preston N.
Bryant, Cunningham C.	Herriot, George W.	Pope, Wendell P.	Tyson, James G.
Bryce, Herbert W.	Holloway, James C., Jr.	Porter, William L.	Warner, E. Franklin
Burton, Isaiah	Jameson, William C.	Posey, John W.	Warrick, Lawrence C.
Byars, Rufus G.	Johnson, Alfred V., Jr.	Priest, Roy O.	Weeks, Maurice R.
Countee, Charles E.	Jones, Thomas L.	Robinson, Wesley B.	Weir, Raymond, J., Jr.
Curtis, Thomas W.	Jones, Othello G., Jr.	Robinson, Walter K.	White, Maurice A.
Cyrus, Lovell L.	Jones, Clenton C.	Saunders, Frederick J.	Whitlock, William B.
Davis, Frank F.	Jorgensen, Charles E.	Savoy, Rodney P., Jr.	Williamson, Alphonso
DeMond, A. L.	Lee, Harry P.	Scott, Armond W.	Wiseman, M. D.
Dillard, Leroy C.	Levy, Roy U.	Shamwell, Earl E., Jr.	Wright, Ralph
Dodson, Norris A. III	Lewis, Morris, Jr.	Stewart, John T. III	Young, J. Clarence
Edwards, Edward J.	McConnell Roland C.	Stinson, W. B.	
Ewing, Samuel D., Jr.	Montague, Ronald C.	Tarrer, Roderick H.	
Gaskins, A. L.	Morgan, Alphonso	Thomas, Nelson M.	





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Present Membership

Since its inception, the Club's broad range of activities has increased social contact and inspired fellowship throughout various segments of the black community. Our rosters have always been generously sprinkled with the names of men who are active, influential and prominent in and about the Washington area. There have been judges, military leaders, members of Congress, federal office holders, university and college presidents, educators, professional men, government employees, independent businessmen, and numerous others from varied walks of life.

No distinction in status exists among our comrades. Every member, once admitted, is a fellow among equals. Position, wealth and attainments are all immaterial, for each member is due and granted equal respect and friendship. This fellowship is so remarkable that, although we are not a fraternal order, we tend to address each other as "Brother."

Following is the roster of our current membership. The primary profession of each individual is included only to highlight the extraordinary assortment of occupations and talents prevalent within our Bachelor-Benedict community:



Current Roster

NAME	OCCUPATION
Honorary Members	
Dixon, Nathaniel R.	Principal, D.C. Public Schools (Retired)
Hall, Bert S., Jr.	Real Estate Broker; owner of Bert S. Hall Real Estate Co.
Robinson, Walter K., Sr.	Manager, U.S. Postal Service (Retired)
Timberlake, Leslie	Station Manager, U.S. Postal Service (Retired)
Underdue, William H., Jr.	Administrator, Library of Congress (Retired)
Young, Frederick C.	Lt., U.S., Army (Retired); Supervisor, U. S. Postal Service (Retired)
Emeritus Members	
Belt, Robert E.	Teacher, D.C. Public Schools (Retired)
Brown, Walter H.	Director, Data Processing (Retired)
Geathers, Elmer D.	Toxicologist, EPA (Retired)
Grigsby, Charles S.	Computer Analyst, IRS (Retired)
McCottry, Samuel B., Jr.	Physician (Retired)
General Members	
Adams, Clement V.	Dentist
Allen, Charles E.	Special Agent Drug Enforcement Adm. (Retired)
Banks, Jeffrey A.	Banking Executive
Barrow, William R.	Manager of Post Masters, U.S. Postal Service (Retired); President, J & B Executive Transportation Service
Black, Daniel L., Jr.	CPA; Accountant, D.C. Tax and Revenue Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Bowers, George D.	Director, Information Resources Management for the Federal Maritime Commission
Bowles, Robert L., Jr.	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired); Chairman/CEO Bowles Corp., LLC
Branch, Llewellyn M.	Accountant; Notary Public
Brock, Albert L.	Assistant Principal, D.C. Public Schools (Retired)
Brown, George W.	Attorney; Sr. VP and Director, Office of Center for Community Self-Help
Bryant, Gregory B.	Analyst, Chevy Chase Bank
Bullock, Curtis A., Sr.	D.C. Department of Transportation (Retired)
Burris, Allen C.	President of Formost Advanced Creation; Chairman and CEO of Earth's Natural Force
Byrd, Jerry S.	Associate Judge, D.C. Superior Court
Callis, Charles F.	Lieutenant, MPDC (Retired); Sr. Officer MPDC; Investigator, Catholic University of America





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Carter, Rayfield, Jr.	Transportation Manager, NSA (Retired)
Chapman, Edwin C.	Medical Director, UPO Drug Treatment Center
Clarke, Michael A.	Chairman, Dept. of Mathematics and Science; Lecturer in Chemistry
Coleman, Frederick D.	Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired); Logistician
Cooper, Richard J., Jr.	Computer Analyst; Aviator
Countee, Charles E.	Management Consultant
Davis, Kenneth A.	Mechanical Engineer
Dean, I. Berlin	Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army and Federal Government (Retired)
Delandro, Donald J.	Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Retired)
Dickerson, Harvey G.	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired); Financial Planner
Dinkins, Robert L.	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
Dixon, Edward G., Jr.	Analyst, Department of Defense
Dodson, Norris A. III	Realtor; established Century 21 Dodson Realty, Inc.
Duncan, Robert L.	Vice President, Corporate Visions, Inc.
Ewing, Samuel D., Jr.	Investment Banker
Francois, Frank III	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired); Chairman and CEO of Service Disabled Veteran Enterprises, Inc.
Fulmore, Jack D.	Master Deputy Sheriff (Retired)
Graham, Richard A.	Asst. Principal, D.C Schools (Retired); Entrepreneur
Guyton, James S.	Colonel, U.S. Army and Educator (Retired)
Gwyn, Cyrus E., Sr.	U.S. Postal Service (Retired)
Hagin, Thomas H.	Pastor, Brightwood Park United Methodist Church
Hall, Bert S. III	Dentist
Hammond, Phillip J.	Engineer; Sr. Management Consultant (Retired); Environmental Consultant
Hansborough, Charles E.	Professor of Mathematics (Retired)
Hardison, Wilburn, Jr.	GMC Executive (Retired); formed The Hardison Group
Hawkins, Thomas G.	Senior Program Analyst, IRS (Retired)
Hedgepeth, LeRoy J.	Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Retired) and former Executive Director MNCPP
Henderson, Paul R.	Owner/Operator Henderson's Professional Pharmacy (Retired)
Hicks, Alvin W.	Information Technology Manager (Retired)
Holliday, Nathaniel W.	Investigator, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration





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Holloway, James C., Jr.	Lt. Commander, MPDC (Retired); Security Consultant
Holmes, Arthur, Jr.	Major General, U.S. Army (Retired)
Howard, Johnny M., Jr.	Attorney, Houston and Howard
Ivey, James L.	Educator (Retired); Director of D.C. Teachers Federal Credit Union
Jameson, William C.	Manager, Dept. of Housing and Community Development (Retired)
Jenkins, Wilburt L.	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired); Owner of WLJ Technologies, Inc.
Jones, Charles J., Jr.	Cartographer (Retired)
Jones, Othello G., Jr.	Attorney
Kelley, Hubert A.	Administrator, D.C. Child and Family Services Agency
Kelly, Harry C.	Inspector, D.C. Fire Department (Retired)
Kelly, M. Stanley	Director and Chief, Federal Government Agencies (Retired)
Kennedy, James C.	Manager, NSA (Retired); Property Manager/ Owner in D.C.
Lucas, Derrick A., Sr.	Central Office Technician, Verizon Communications (Retired)
Maiden, Leonard A.	Deputy Chief, MPDC (Retired)
Milburn, Lloyd E.	Colonel U.S. Army (Retired); Executive Program Manager, Dept. Of Transportation for International Programs, Office of the Secretary
Milligan, John W.	Asst. Superintendent and Branch Head, Treasury Department, Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Montague, Ronald C.	Federal Air Traffic Controller (Retired)
Monteilh, Richard A.	Executive Director, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority
Moore, Carrothers J.	Lieutenant, U.S. Army (Retired)
Moore, Reginald O., Sr.	Sergeant, MPDC (Retired)
Morgan, Alphonso	Real Estate Broker, Investor and Developer Commercial/Residential
Morris, Joel M.	Engineer; Prof. of Electrical Engineering at the University of Maryland
Muldrow, Robert E.	Entrepreneur; Pres. of Robert E. Muldrow Assoc., Tax Practitioners
Murray, Donald G., Jr.	Director and Instructor, Dept. of Social Services
Nash, Daniel A., Jr.	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired); Physician
Oliphant, John H.	Director, Internal Affairs, Dept. of Agriculture Inspector General's Office
Oliphant, W. Charod	Director, Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, IRS





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Pinckney, Theodore C.	Director and President of Pinckney-Spangler Funeral Home
Priest, Roy O.	CEO, Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Prioleau, Gregory N.	Engineer; University Instructor
Ray, Paul E.	Architect; Director of Baker Cooper and Associates
Richardson, Lester H.	Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve and Finance Clerk, U.S. Postal Service (Retired)
Robinson, John M.	Chief, CEO and Diversity Officer, IRS
Robinson, William A.	Supervisory Systems Analyst, DOD (Retired); Emeritus Trustee at Lincoln University
Ross, Sterling A.	Accountant, Federal Government (Retired)
Saunders, Frederick J.	Special Assistant, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service
Saunders, John E. III.	Executive Director, National Forum for Black Public Administrators
Savage, Paul E.	Deputy Director, D.C. Housing and Community Development (Retired)
Shamwell, Earl E., Jr.	Administrative Law Judge, D.C.
Simmons, Charles W.	Colonel U.S. Army (Retired); Adm. Off., Walter Reed Army Institute of Research
Simmons, Russell D.	Vice President for Business and Commercial Development, Riggs Bank (Retired)
Sims, Emmett W.	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
Sims, Michael A.	Dentist; Aviator
Sluby, Paul E., Sr.	Genealogist, historian and author; MPDC officer/aviator (Retired)
Stewart, John T. III	President of Stewart Funeral Home, Inc.
Stringer, Nelson H.	Cartographer, Operations-Defense Mapping Hydrographic Center (Retired)
Tademy, Dudley L.	Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired); former Commander 101 st Airborne Division Artillery
Tardd, Anthony C.	Provost, Loudoun Campus Northern Virginia Community College
Taylor, John T.	IRS Agent (Retired)
Thomas, Anthony D., Sr.	Director, Administrative Services/Facilities Operation at the International Food Policy Research Institute
Thompson, William W.	U.S. Justice Department Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
Tyree, Dean M.	Management Analyst; Proprietor of Tyree & Associates
Valentine, Fred L.	Vice President Clark Construction Company (Retired)

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Vincent, Charles A.	Governmental Lecturer and Author in Foreign Policy
Walker, Henderson Lee	Architect; President H.L. Walker and Associates, P.C. Architects & Planners
Walker, Ronald P.	Accountant; Established Walker and Company, LLP
Walker, William W. III	President and Owner of Logistics Applications (Retired)
Warrick, Lawrence C.	Technician Driver, D.C. Fire Department (Retired)
Washington, Alexander	Supervisory Appraiser, Federal and D.C. Government (Retired)
Wells, James L., Jr.	Photographer; established Jim Wells Photographers and Media Consultants of Washington
Whatley, Stephen A.	Financial Management
White, Floyd	Finance Officer, U.S. Postal Service (Retired)
White, Maurice E.	Television Executive Producer, Adm. Office of the U.S. Courts
Williams, Arthur W. III	President of Orchard Group, a healthcare entities provider
Williams, Leroy F., Jr.	Master Sgt., U.S. Army (Retired); Founded Williams Industrial Chemical Co., Inc.
Williams, Stanley K.	Director, Veterans Employment and Training Service, U.S. Dept. Of Labor
Williams, W. Frank III	Banking Executive; Senior Vice President, Bank of America
Wilson, Richard M.	Chief of Tax and Finance Division, Attorney General's Office, D.C.
Witcher, Joseph M.	Auditor, IRS (Retired)



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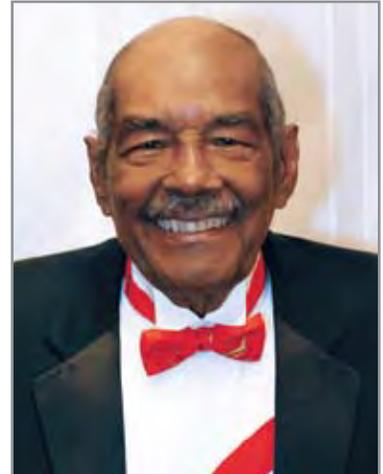
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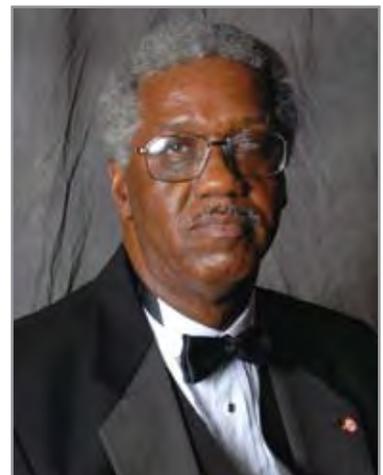
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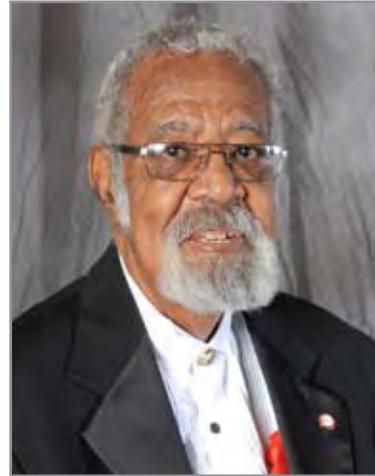
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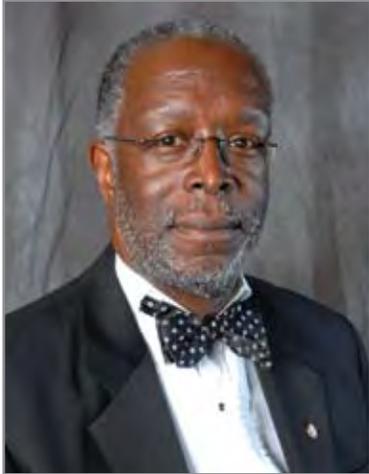
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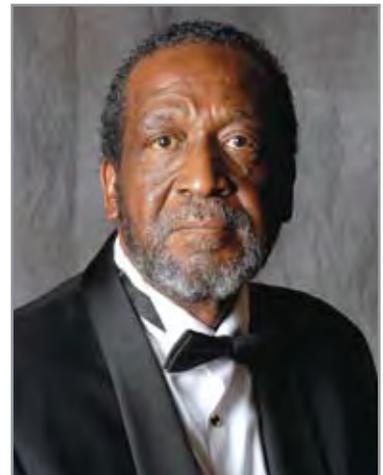
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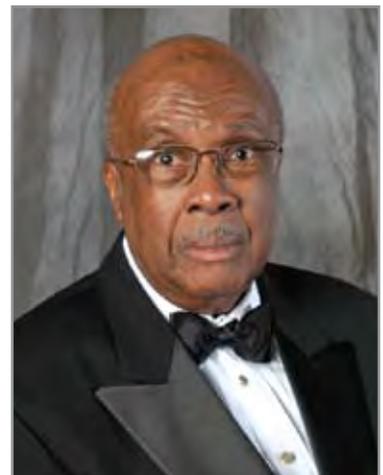
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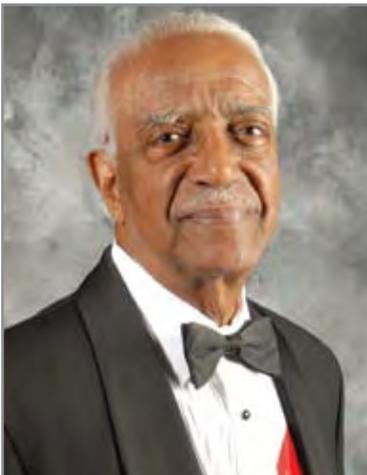
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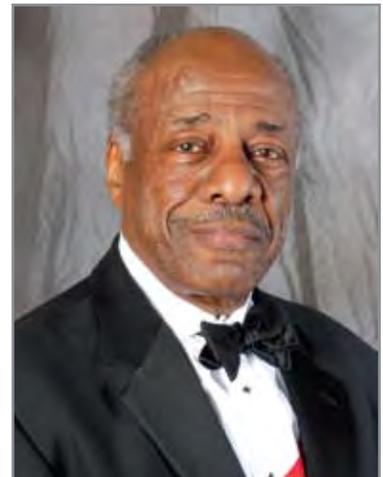
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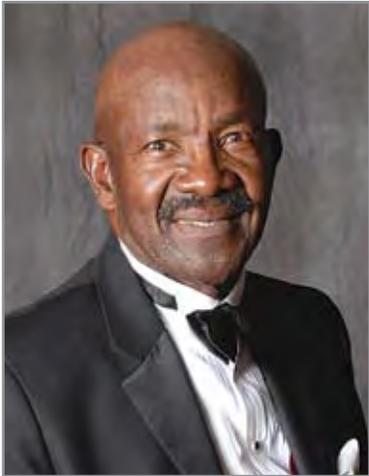
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MAITRE D', RETIRED Eugene C. Allen



Academy Awards best director nominee (Precious) Lee Daniels has been signed by Columbia Pictures Producer Laura Ziskin to rewrite and direct "The Butler." The film will tell the story of Virginia native and longtime Washington, DC resident Eugene C. Allen, who served eight Presidents over a 34 year career. While Plessy vs Ferguson was still the law of the land, Allen began work as a White House Pantryman near the end of President Truman's Administration. He retired as the Maitre D' in 1986 under President Reagan.

Allen's story was first brought to life by acclaimed Washington Post feature writer and biographer, Wil Haygood in a front page story on November 7, 2008. As the Post reported Allen passed into history on March 31, 2010 at the age of 90. He was invited to attend the funeral of President Kennedy but declined to go so he could ready the White House for mourners after the services. When first lady Jacqueline Kennedy returned to the White House afterwards, she gave him one of the president's ties which he had framed as a cherished memento.

Allen and his beloved wife of 65 years Helene, planned to vote for Barack Obama on November 4, 2008 but she died on November 3rd. Helene who suffered from severe arthritis had previously stated that she didn't want an absentee ballot because this was one time she was gonna walk to the Polls! Mr. Allen had to make that walk alone.

At the end of his White House career Allen and Helene were invited to attend a State Dinner as quest by first lady Nancy Reagan. The ultimate highpoint was an invitation generously tendered by the Honorable Charles Rangel to attend the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States. Allen was heard to remark shortly afterward, "I guess I've seen it all!"

Mr. Allen is survived by his son, Brother Charles E. Allen of the **Bachelor- Benedict Club Inc.** and the President of the 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans Association.



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