

Rayville Rosenwald-Eula D. Britton Alumni Association

Presents Its

FIRST GOLDEN GIRL PAGEANT

Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton High School Gymnasium

Rayville, Louisiana



“Saluting Our Nubian Queens”

Saturday, February 10, 2001

7:00 P.M.

APPRECIATION NOTE

To: The Churches, People throughout the Area and People throughout the Country

The Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton Alumni Association appreciates all of your contributions, service, participation, words of encouragement, faith and prayers; without them we could not be where we are, thus far.

However, we need you to continue all of your efforts in order that we may continue improvements on the gym.

May God bless you for everything that you have done and hopefully, will continue to do.

The Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton Alumni Association

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To: Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton
Alumni, Supporters and Friends

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

I am writing this letter to update and appeal to you who were born in or around Rayville, Louisiana and attended Rayville Rosenwald or Eula D. Britton High School, worked at either of these schools in any capacity, or perhaps sent your children to one of these schools, to our supporters and friends.

You may remember that the only piece of physical property that we have left as a part of our past history is the "Old Gymnasium," which was sold to us "The Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton Alumni." This old building is where many of us (Black children) got our start.

There are a few of us who still live in Rayville that are working hard to restore this piece of our "Black Heritage." But, we need your support. Please remember from whence we came and join in and help us.

Thus far we have raised, borrowed, and spent over \$25,000.00 for a new roof and a new ceiling which is unfinished and needs painting. We have also renovated the men and women's bathrooms, bringing them up to City Code and handicap accessibility. The men's dressing room has been changed into an office, while the women's dressing was changed into a

kitchen. We have also replaced many broken windows using plexiglass which is more expensive than regular glass, but more durable against breakage.

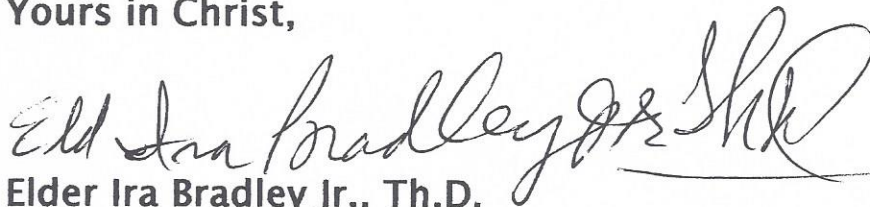
At present, we are working to raise \$20,000.00 – PLUS, so that we may install central heat and air. With central heat and air, we can be more competitive in renting out the Gym for social and religious functions in the community.

The Alumni dues is \$24.00 per year, beginning January 1 of each year. Please send your dues in. Our dues is used to pay ongoing expenses such as lights, gas, insurance on our building, etc. Any “donation or pledges” besides dues is greatly appreciated.

I welcome you, I challenge you to a renewed commitment to our Alumni Association and encourage you to tell others -- letting them know that “We Need Their Support.”

Thank you and may God richly bless you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elder Ira Bradley Jr.", followed by a horizontal line.

Elder Ira Bradley Jr., Th.D.
President

HISTORY OF THE GOLDEN GIRL PAGEANT

The stage and board walk was beautifully decorated with lovely flowers and decorated columns on Saturday, February 10, 2001, the first Golden Girl Pageant was born at Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton Alumni Center. This new adventure in entertainment was sponsored for ladies 55 and older. The first contestants were: Mrs. Rebecca B. Brown (Golden Girl – 2001); Mrs. Ola Bunnitt, (1st Runner-up); Mrs. Mattie Richardson (2nd Runner-up); and Mrs. Malissa Walker (3rd Runner-up). Each contestant was judged on her casual, Sunday, evening dress wear and talent.

The committee had a planning brunch at Rankin Chapel A.M.E. Church in January 2001, for the pageant for February 1, 2001. The brunch food was furnished by a committeeman, Mr. DeJohn Wilkins.

We are still in the process of trying to improve the only reminder that we have left of two fine schools. The proceeds from the “Golden Girl Pageant” will be used for further improvements to the Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton Alumni Center.

We do appreciate the community, surrounding areas and out-of-state persons for their support and encouragement.

PAGEANT COORDINATORS

Ms. Nettie Lee
Mr. DeJohn Wilkins
Mrs. Bettye West

Mrs. Sarah White
Mrs. Diane Barbee
Mr. Freddy Rivers, Chairman

PAGEANT COMMITTEES

Programs

Mr. Freddy Rivers
Mrs. Bettye West

Souvenir Program

Ms. Nettie Lee
Mrs. Bettye West

Decorations and Scenery

Ms. Nettie Lee
Mrs. Irma Winston
Mr. Lorenzo Brown
Mrs. Malinda Smith
Mr. DeJohn Wilkins

Judges

Mrs. Charlestine Massey-Burnette
Mr. J. Rodney Pierre
Mrs. Lorethie Massey-Dunn

MUSICIAN

Mrs. Barbara W. Harris

Mr. Victor Butler, Master of Ceremonies

GOLDEN GIRL PAGEANT CONTESTANTS' BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Mrs. Rebecca B. Brown:

A lifelong resident of Richland Parish. She is a graduate of Rayville Rosenwald High School and attended NLU. She is married to Ernest Brown.

She is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Mrs. Brown is the church secretary and a member of the choir.

Her hobbies are: cooking and traveling.

Mrs. Ola W. Bunnitt:

She is a retired educator after thirty-one years of service as a classroom teacher in Richland Parish School System. She is a graduate of Rayville Rosenwald High School and Grambling College.

Mrs. Bunnitt is a member of the Hamlett Temple C.M.E. Church where she serves as Sunday School teacher; conductor of midweek Bible study; treasurer, president of the Womens Missionary Society; she also serves on the senior board of ushers and is a member of the adult choir.

Mrs. Mattie Richardson:

She is formerly from Franklin Parish and attended Franklin Parish High School in Winnsboro. She has spent some of later adult years in Richland Parish.

Mrs. Richardson is a member of First Baptist Church. She attends Sunday School.

She has received these awards: Senior Citizens Olympics – 2nd Place in Horseshoe Throwing. Awards for Community Comfort Cottage: Outstanding Service in Dietary Conduct in 1978.

Her Hobbies are: sewing, reading and gardening.

Mrs. Melissa Walker:

A lifelong resident of Richland Parish and attended Rayville Rosenwald High School. She is a widow.

Mrs. Walker is retired. She is a member of Pleasant Grove No. II Baptist Church in Rayville. Her Hobbies are: attending church, exercise and fishing and also helping her fellowman.



Mrs. Rebecca B. Brown

A lifelong resident of Richland Parish. She retired from the Richland Parish School Board as a Bookkeeper Secretary.

She is a graduate of Rayville Rosenwald High School, Delta Area Voc. Tec. and attended NLU.

She was married to Ernest Brown for fifty (50) years. They are the proud parents of seven (7) sons; twenty (20) grandchildren and five (5) great grands.

Mrs. Brown is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She serve as the Church Secretary and is a member of the Mecadonia Choir. She is also active in the Community Volunteer Program.

Her hobbies are: Cooking, traveling and looking good girl.



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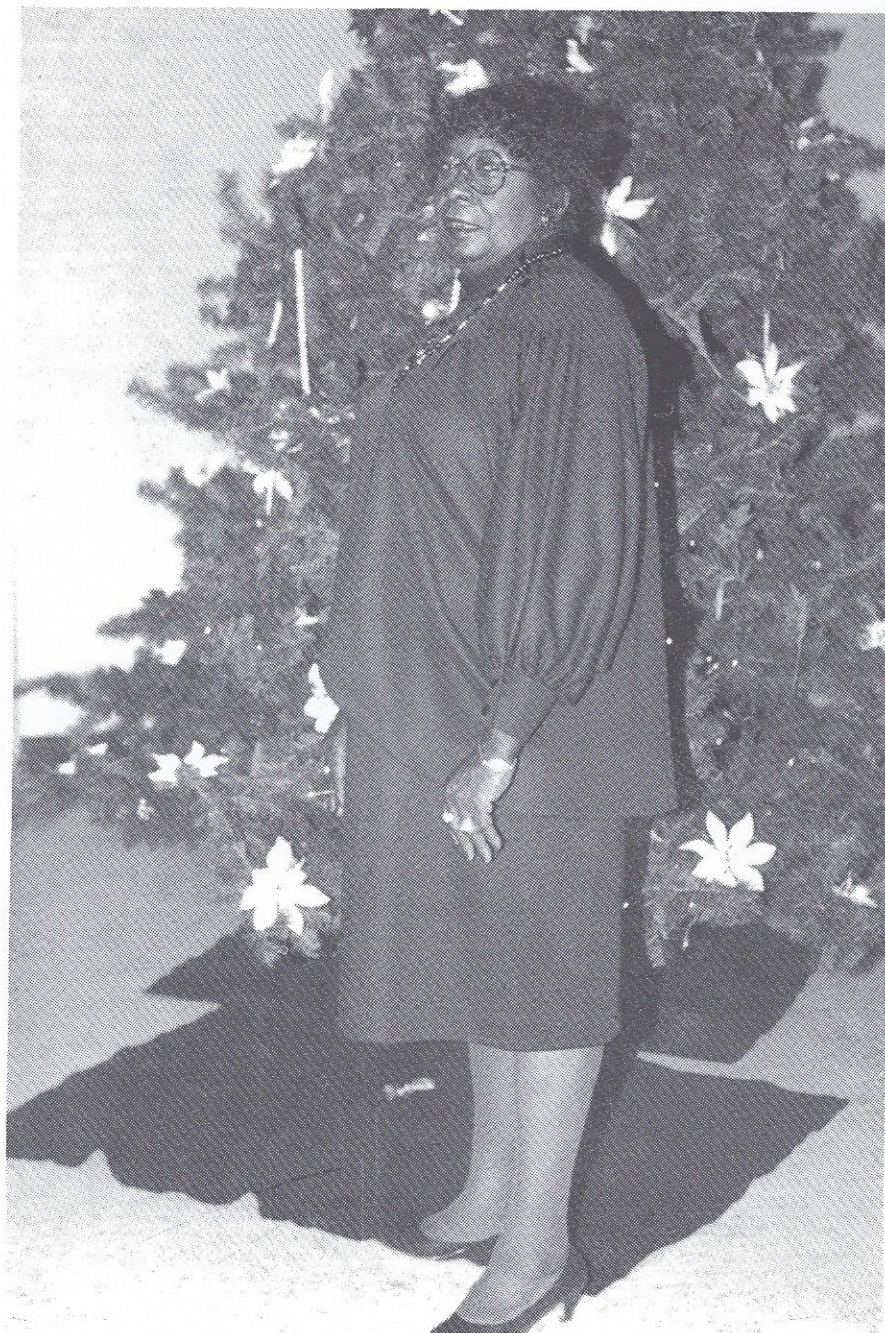
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~ PROGRAM ~

Negro National Anthem..... Lift Every Voice and Sing
Invocation..... Reverend Lewis L. Harris
Occasion..... Mr. Freddy Rivers

Master of Ceremonies In-Charge
Mr. Victor Bulter

Introduction of Contestants..... Casual Wear
New Light Baptist Church Liturgical Dance Group.....
Solo..... Miss Alexis Wilson
Parade of Church Wear of Contestants.....
Contestants' Talent.....
Poem..... Miss Jennifer Smiley
Song..... Miss Ja'Net Wilson
First Baptist Church Praise Dancers.....
Parade of Evening Wear of Contestants.....
Announcement of Winner.....
Remarks..... Reverend Ira Bradley
Dismissal..... Reverend Ira Bradley

NOTE: The Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton Alumni Association appreciates all participants and contributions given toward this program.

JUDGE



Mrs. Lorethie Massey-Dunn - Instructor at Career Technical College

Mr. Rodney Pierre - An Attorney in Monroe, LA.

Mrs. Charlestine Massey-Burnette - Counselor for Ouachita Parish School System
{ A 1970 Eula D. Britton High School Graduate }

PATRONS

MRS. MALISSA WALKER

Lillie Dillard
Sander Roberts
Hattie Baker
Lakendur
Barcola Hagg
Sonya Muse
Herman Baker
Benjamin Lee
Disha Goins
Sharon Sumber
Betty Doublin
Cheryl Wilson
Cecil Ray Hill
Son Thomas
Bruce Bagwell
Willie Larkin
Allen C. Larkin
Mary Larkin Butler
Annette Larkin Boley
Beatrice Sapp
Lula Mae Alexander
Joann Williams

MRS. MATTIE RICHARDSON

Mary Alexander
Pearlie Mae Cowart
Mamie Brown
Rev. Willie Minor
Clifton Winsor
Lady B. Williams
Penny Robinson
Arcue Robinson
Ethel P. Berry
Dorothy Lewings
Alma Baker
Faye Gee
Nick Gee
Lorraine Scott
William Smith (Brown St.)
Arlena Minor

MRS. OLA W. BUNNITT

Gloria J. Lawson
Dolly A. Lawson
Lottie B. Lawson
Cora D. Lawson
Kathryn S. Thompson
Mrs. Bernice P. Washington
Mr. Samuel L. Washington
Soro Slack
Soro Shaw
Soro Brown
Soro Roggerson
Soro Charlene Simmons
Helen Sims
Julia Wilkins
Stephanie Henderson
Soro Vanessa Cade
Soro Kanzadia Brothers
Soro Rochelle Gilbert
Soro Clara Gilbert
Soro Feliate Franklin
Soro Alisisa Murphy
Mary Morris
Soro Barbara Davis
Soro LaVargne Gunn-Ford
Soro Consuella Hunter

MRS. REBECCA B. BROWN

Rev..C. R. Jackson
Ernest Brown
Velma Harrison
Marge Roberts
Florence McDade
Sandra Johnson
Jessie Turner
Lillie Booker

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Presented by

**Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton
Alumni Association**



**Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton
High School Gymnasium
Rayville, Louisiana**

Thursday, May 31, 2001

7:00 P.M.

PROGRAMME

Call To Order.....	
Selection.....	Choir
Inspirational Singing.....	Choir
Scripture.....	Rev. Louis Harris
Prayer.....	Rev. Aaron Davison, Jr.
Selection.....	Choir
Greetings.....	Mr. Isam Berry
Selection.....	Choir
Occasion.....	Mr. Claude Minor
Selection.....	Choir
Introduction of Speaker.....	Mr. Johnny El McCaa
Address of Speaker.....	Mr. Marvin Allen, Registrar Southern University Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Selection.....	Choir
Offering: Ms. Nellie Cotton, Ms. Peggy Lewis, Mr. Isaac Rogers, and Mr. Ezell West	
Roll Call of Churches.....	Master of Ceremonies
Special Memorials.....	Mrs. Ola Tennant
Special Musical Selection.....	Solo
Financial Report.....	Finance Committee
Prayer of Dedication.....	Rev. F. D. Perkins
Remarks.....	Rev. Ira Bradley
Doxology.....	
Benediction.....	
Master of Ceremonies.....	Rev. James Smith