

Continental News



ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: The Continental Societies, Inc., Atlanta Chapter's annual coat drive was highly successful this year distributing coats to underprivileged children at Gideons Elementary School. After the principal at Gideons school, located in South Fulton County in Atlanta, GA, identified sixty-five (65) students in need of coats the Atlanta Chapter collected seventy-five (75) coats and distributed them to students on December 8, 2006. An Atlanta Chapter member commented that, "Some of the children had actually arrived without coats that day, so it was very fulfilling to present them with their coat."



Pictured: Newly installed member, Rev. Dr. Darlene Ruffin-Alexander with Installation Team -- 2nd V.P. Chalanda Tucker, Immediate Past Southeastern Regional Director Myrtis Johnson, Parliamentarian Jean Cooper, Pres. Terry Woods, 1st V. P. Gladys Camp, Membership Co-Chair LaShanda Dawkins

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

Rev. Dr. Darlene Ruffin-Alexander was installed into the Continental Societies, Inc., Atlanta Chapter, on January 27, 2007. Ruffin-Alexander is a pastor, author, and lecturer with a vision that all children will have food to eat, clothes to wear and a friendly face in time of need. She "joined this great organization to lend my support to what they are doing and we can do in the community and the nation. I am committed to greatness for our children and because we have a plan we can make a difference and I want to be a part of making this difference."

The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.

- *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



2ND Vice Pres. Chalanda Tucker with daughter Kyra

Atlanta Chapter 2nd Vice President Chalanda Tucker puts her mission in action. After learning that her 3-year old daughter's class at Indelible Impressions Learning Center was in the process of learning about Community Service and Community Volunteers, she volunteered to talk with the children about the Continental Societies, Incorporated. Their teacher requested that parents who are involved in community work speak with the children about what they do, how they do it, and whom they serve. "I was so excited that the school is beginning to introduce children to the concept of community at such an early age that I volunteered to speak immediately and of course I could not pass up an opportunity to share with the students the work of the Continentals," Chalanda said. Since the Continentals Societies is an organization focused on service to children it was easy for them to grasp an understanding of the types of projects that we do. The children were great. Each student was provided a booklet, designed for 3-year olds, on the work of the Continental Societies and small gift for their participation and attentiveness.

2007 Annual Arts & Humanities Fair Feb. 3, 2007 The Mall West End, Atlanta GA



Spoken Word Contest Winners K'Shan Moon, Breanna Bailey & Deborah Bell



Committee members Clara Craig and Jimmy Walker present Middle School awards.



Committee members (clockwise from upper left): Judith J. Pickens, Chalanda Tucker, Jean Cooper, Jimmy Walker & Gwendolyn Daniel



Vendors exhibit hand made items



Young artists at work



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Continental Societies, Inc.

Terry Woods, President
Gladys Camp, 1st Vice President
Chalanda Tucker, 2nd Vice President

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