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Carolyn Jean Pope

*Founder and Owner of
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*Celebrates 70th Birthday,
Announces Succession Plan*

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Recognized for 43 Years



THE E. REED REPORT 13 Black Billionaires Around the World

There are many billionaires around the globe. Sadly though, out of the 2,153 billionaires in the world, according to Forbes, only 13 of them are Black, which is 1 percent. Even worse, only three of them are Black women. Despite the low numbers, we celebrate them anyway and proudly embrace their success! Here's a list of the 13 Black billionaires in the world (Ladies first, of course):

1. **Oprah Winfrey:** an American media executive, actress, talk show host, television producer, and philanthropist. She is known as the founder of Harpo Productions which produces the Oprah Winfrey Show, Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) and O Magazine. She has a net worth of \$2.7 billion USD.
2. **Isabel Dos Santos:** an Angolan billionaire businesswoman, Africa's richest woman and the eldest child of Angola's former President José Eduardo dos Santos, who ruled the country from 1979 to 2017. She has major stakes in several Angola-based and Portugal-based companies, and her net worth is \$2.2 billion USD.
3. **Folorunsho Alakija:** a Nigerian billionaire businesswoman who is the founder of The Rose of Sharon Prints & Promotions and the executive vice-chairman of Famfa Oil Limited. She is involved in the fashion, oil, real estate, and printing industries. She has a net worth of \$1 billion USD.
4. **Aliko Dangote:** a Nigerian tycoon who built his fortune in sugar, flour, and cement. He also owns a private oil refinery in Nigeria that has a refining capacity of 6500,000 barrels a day and can reduce Nigeria's dependence on oil imports. He is the world's richest Black person with a net worth of \$10.9 billion USD.
5. **Patrice Motsepe:** a South African mining businessman and billionaire. He is the founder and executive chairman of African Rainbow Minerals, which has interests in gold, ferrous metals, base metals, and platinum. His net worth is \$2.2 billion USD.
6. **Mike Adenuga:** a Nigerian billionaire businessman, and the second-richest person in Africa. His company Globacom is Nigeria's second-largest telecom operator, which has a presence in Ghana and Benin. His net worth is \$8.7 billion USD.
7. **Robert Smith:** an American billionaire businessman, and philanthropist. A former chemical engineer and investment banker, he is the founder, chairman, and CEO of private equity firm Vista Equity Partners. His net worth is \$5 billion USD.
8. **David Steward:** an American billionaire businessman. He is chairman and founder of World Wide Technology, Inc., the largest Black-owned businesses in the United States. His net worth is \$3.9 billion USD.
9. **Strive Masiyiwa:** a London-based Zimbabwean billionaire businessman, and philanthropist. He is the founder and executive chairman of the telecommunications, media and technology company Econet Wireless. His net worth is \$2.7 billion USD.
10. **Michael Jordan:** the NBA's greatest player of all time, who is now the owner of the Charlotte Bobcats team and the owner of the Air Jordan sneaker brand. a member of Forbes' list of billionaires with an estimated net worth of \$1.65 billion USD.
11. **Michael Lee-Chin:** a Canadian of Jamaican origin who made his fortune investing in financial companies. He also owns a 65% stake in National Commercial Bank Jamaica, and his net worth is \$1.9 billion USD.
12. **Abdulsamad Rabiu:** the Nigerian founder of BUA Group, a conglomerate with interests in sugar refining, cement production, real estate, steel, port concessions, manufacturing, oil gas, and shipping. His net worth is \$1.6 billion USD.
13. **Mo Ibrahim:** a Sudanese-born entrepreneur who founded Celtel International, one of the first mobile phone companies serving Africa and the Middle East. He later sold the company for \$3.4 billion, but his net worth is \$1.1 billion USD. -

Be careful to leave your sons well instructed rather than rich, for the hopes of the instructed are better than the wealth of the ignorant.
Epictetus

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CLC Partners with Buffalo Grove Park District for Award Winning Program

The College of Lake County's TRiO Educational Talent Search Scholars Program, along with the Buffalo Grove Park District, were named co-winners Nov. 1 of a Best-of-the-Best Partnership Award, in the non-governmental category, from the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

Both CLC and the park district were recognized for jointly creating an annual Career Discovery Day at the Buffalo Grove Park District since 2017. The event has allowed nearly 400 underrepresented high-school students from Lake County to visit Buffalo Grove's Raupp Museum, parks, community art center and fit-

ness centers to learn about careers in the park and recreation field, according to Dr. Sharon Sanders-Funnye, CLC director of Educational Talent Search Grants.

The long-term equity and inclusion goal of the project is to increase underrepresented minorities in full-time employment in the parks and recreation field, added Sanders-Funnye. She spearheaded and coordinated the project with Debbie Fandrei, Raupp Museum curator for the Buffalo Grove Park District.

"Our annual student surveys indicate ETS scholars were not aware of the available career opportunities prior to the visits, but they expressed interest in learning more about these types of careers," said Sanders-Funnye, explaining the rationale for the project. "Following each Career Discovery Day, the scholars said they wanted to participate in the event again, and they would recommend the experience to their peers." Federally funded,



Dr. Sharon Sanders-Funnye, CLC Director of Educational Talent Search(ETS) Grants, displays a Best-of-the Best Partnership Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts for a joint career-day project with the Buffalo Grove Park District. Accompanying her is Fabiola Rosiles, a former ETS Scholar,

with assistance from CLC, the TRiO Educational Talent Search Scholars program is a pre-college educational offering, serving students at target high schools such as Zion-Benton, North Chicago, Round Lake, Waukegan and other Lake County area schools.

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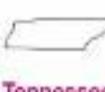
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3 Ways to Treat Yourself This Holiday Season

(StatePoint) When it comes to holiday giving, don't be shy about indulging in a little self-care. With these ideas, you can show yourself some love, while looking elegant, relaxed and stylish at all the season's events.

Spa Day

There's no better time of year for a spa day. Get ready for the holiday party circuit with a manicure, pedicure and facial or take a breather from all the holiday stress with a deep tissue massage.

Truly Sparkle

Need to cross some items off your holiday shopping list? International jewelry brand Nice & Bella can provide some one-stop shopping for gift giving and holiday accessorizing. The launch of its newest collection of necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, watches and sunglasses includes hundreds of on-trend gold, rhodium and rose gold fashion and statement pieces featuring crystals and other stones. All of the brand's jewelry is handcrafted by expert artisans in its own design center.

"Our newest collection is filled with the most stylish and in-demand jewelry designs perfect for

anything from formal cocktail parties to casual get-togethers," says Alejandro Litchi, CEO of Nice & Bella.

With retail prices ranging from \$8-\$100 and all items coming with a one-year warranty, it's a great way to make a unique statement elegantly and affordably. Visit www.niceonline.com/media and use the code "Holiday15" to receive free shipping and 15 percent off your order.

A New Bag

Purses and handbags have the power to make or break an ensemble. Unfortunately, these items experience a lot of wear and tear and many materials don't age well, making the holiday season a good opportunity to gift yourself something new. Just be sure to prioritize function. For example, if you know you can't live without three lipsticks, a pair of sunglasses, earbuds, a smartphone and a paperback, a small clutch may not be right for you, even on special occasions. Soft and plush or geometric and bold, whatever your pleasure, be sure the bag works with all the holiday outfits you plan to sport this season and has the space to carry all of your necessities.

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CLC hosts Engineering Job Fair

Engineering students looking for a job or internship should attend the fourth annual Lake County Engineering Internship and Job Fair on Friday, Jan. 3 from 1-3:30 p.m. on Student Street at the College of Lake County's Grayslake Campus. The event is sponsored by CLC, Lake County Partners, Lake County Workforce Development and HydraForce, a Lincolnshire-based manufacturer of hydraulic cartridge valves.

"We expect about 30 employers from Lake County to attend," said Gina Smith, Business and Industry Coordinator for Photo of students meeting employers at an Engineering Job Fair CLC's Career and Job Placement Center. "This is a great opportunity to meet with leading companies, interview with top hiring managers and secure a permanent position or summer internship. Last year we had nearly 150 students attend."

All college students are welcome to interview with leading innovators in med-tech, automation, bio-pharma, precision manufacturing and other fields. Top employers with real projects will be ready to hire industrial, mechanical, biomedical engineers and more. Attendees should bring copies of their resume and business attire is strongly encouraged. Register for free at www.lakecountycareerevents.com/engineering.





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The LOCKHART-WHITE REPORT

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A communique of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County

Poverty and Child Health



Mary Lockhart-White
Executive Director

Almost half of young children in the United States live in poverty or near poverty. The American Academy of Pediatrics is committed to reducing and ultimately eliminating child poverty in the United States.

Poverty and related social determinants of health can lead to adverse health outcomes in childhood and across the life course; negatively affecting physical health, socioemotional development and educational achievement. Poverty is an important social determinant of health and contributes to child health disparities.

Children, who experience poverty, particularly during early life or for an extended period, are at risk of a host of adverse health and development outcomes through their life course. Poverty has a profound effect on specific circumstances, such as birth weight, infant mortality, language development, chronic illness, environmental exposure, nutrition and injury.

Child poverty also influences genomic function and brain development by exposure to toxic stress, a condition characterized by excessive or prolonged activation of the physiologic stress response systems in the absences of the buffering protection afforded by stable, responsive relationships. Children living in poverty are at increased risk of difficulties with self-regulation and executive function, such as inattention, impulsivity, defiance and poor peer relationships. Poverty can make parenting difficult, especially in the context of concerns about inadequate food, energy, transportation and housing.

Child poverty is associated with

lifelong hardship. Poor developmental and psychosocial outcomes are accompanied by

a significant financial burden, not just for the children and families who experience them but also for the rest of society. Children who do not complete high school, for example, are more likely to become teenage parents, be unemployed, and incarcerated, all of which exact heavy social and economic costs.

Equality of opportunity is central to the American dream and is reflected by social mobility or the potential of intergenerational economic betterment. However, social mobility is difficult to measure because the usual method used compares incomes of 30-year old persons against the incomes of their parents. Despite the difficulties, most researchers agree that social mobility in the United States has faltered as the wealth and opportunity gap between rich and poor has widened in the past decade.

Programs that help poor families and children take many forms and often involve stakeholders from multiple communities, including governmental, private nonprofit, faith-based, and other philanthropic organizations.

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Neal Junior High Wins Back To Back Soccer Championship



On October 4, 2019, the Neal Math and Science Junior High Soccer team of North Chicago won a second consecutive regional Championship against the Northwood Middle School of Mundelein, IL. The coach is William “Troy” Franklyn.



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Chocolate Treats for the Holiday Season

(StatePoint) Whether you're hosting a party, taking along treats to someone else's gathering, or you just want to bring some joy and sweetness into your own home, experts say that on-trend flavors evocative of the season will be sure to please friends and family alike.

To get inspired, check out special seasonal editions of your favorite ingredients. For example, HER-SHEY's Hot Cocoa Kisses, which were launched last year, were so popular that most stores ran out of them by Thanksgiving.

"We know that people love curling up with a cup of hot cocoa during the holidays," says Heather Seams, associate brand manager of Holiday at HER-SHEY's. "Now they have more than one way to do that!"

Enjoyed on their own, or as an accompaniment to a cup of hot cocoa, you can also incorporate them into this easy recipe for Hot Cocoa Cookie Cups:

Ingredients:

- Brownie bites
- Marshmallow fluff
- White, ready to spread frosting

- Miniature marshmallows
- Mini Pretzels
- Hershey's Kisses Hot Cocoa with Marshmallow Chocolates

Directions:

- Buy brownie bites at your favorite bakery
- Add marshmallow spread equal parts marshmallow fluff and fluffy white ready-to-spread frosting and top with miniature marshmallows.
- Use 1/2 small pretzels for mug handle
- Top off with a couple of Hot Cocoa Kisses



More holiday recipes and tips can be found at hersheys.com.

The good news is that impressive holiday desserts don't need to be tricky or time consuming to prepare. With easy recipes and on-trend ingredients, you can make fun creations to savor and share.

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Carolyn Jean Pope Celebrated 70th Birthday and Retirement with Black Tie Bash



Carolyn Jean Pope celebrated her 70th birthday with an invitation only red carpet party among family and friends.



Carolyn Jean Pope

an Abbott employee, didn't think that it was going to be such a good idea. However, to please her daughter, she did it anyway. To her surprise, they sold very well.

This sparked some creative ideas with Jean. She went to CLC and enrolled in some floral design classes where she began to learn the craft. She started Pope's Floral design in the basement of her home. It was a successful venture. According to Jean, the then Fifth Ward Alderman Robert Evans told her about a florist that was going out of business and he encouraged her to go and speak with him. She did not think that much would come of it, however, out of obedience, she went. He sold her the business. Carolyn Jean Pope became the first African American

It was Carolyn Jean Pope's oldest daughter, Kim, then in the fifth grade, that got it all started more than 40 years ago. Kim made some macramé that she thought was beautiful. She asked her mom to take it to work to see if she could sell it.

Carolyn Jean Pope,

"Being the first Black Florist in Lake County inspired me to follow in her footsteps," Tammy Moore, Division President and only African American shareholder of Diamond Residential Mortgage said.

florist in Lake County. The first shop was Jean's Floral Design on Genesee near the Theater in the early 80ies. Her first employee was her sister, Myra Simpson. Over the years the establishment became known as Pope's Florist, The Place of Blooming Miracles.

On November 15, 2019, Carolyn Jean Pope celebrated her 70th Birthday and Retirement at the Milan Banquet Hall in Waukegan. The invitation only, red carpet event, was star studded with local celebrities, political figures, clients,

partners, friends, family members and employees both past and present who celebrated the occasion with her.



Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.



Rachael Miller and Kim Forbes, Jean Pope's daughters, made a toast to their mom.

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Carolyn Jean Pope *continued*

Several individuals like Mayor Samuel Cunningham, Mary Lockhart White, Pastor Eugene Roberson, Gerald Riley, Tammy Moore and others made recorded congratulations which were shown on a big screen. Rachael Miller and Kim Forbes, Jean Pope's adult daughters, made a toast and shared insightful anecdotes about their childhood experiences.

"Being the first Black Florist in Lake County inspired me to follow in her footsteps," Tammy Moore, Division President and only African American shareholder of Diamond Residential Mortgage said. "She is my spiritual mentor and she founded the praise dance team that I have been a member of for over 14 years."

"Our mother raised us in Church," Rachael Forbes said. "We were in Sunday School every Sunday."

Three of Pope's Florists longest serving employees were recognized. Juanita Mendoza was recognized for 30 years of service. Patricia Buse was recognized for 19 years of service. Shannon Jordan was recognized for 20 years of service. All three received a recognition plaque and a watch.

There were several highlights of the night. Carolyn Jean Pope was escorted in by Gabriel Miller, dressed in military uniform, her eldest grand-

son. Mayor Leon Rockingham presented a Resolution from the City of North Chicago.

"I have known Jean Pope since we were children, I thought that she was older than," Mayor Rockingham shared with amusement. "But now that I just recently applied for Medicare, I realize that we weren't too far apart in age."

Sharon Epps presented an original poem citing Pope's spiritual leadership. Comedian Big Drew provided a comedy routine where he garnered hearty laughs and pleased the attentive audience. Awards were presented to about 16 individuals who had made significant contributions to Pope's Florist over the years, and the announcement of the new owners of Pope's Florist was made.

Benjamin and Carmen Simpson, a couple, were announced as the new entrepreneurs of Pope's Florist. Benjamin is Carolyn Pope's nephew.

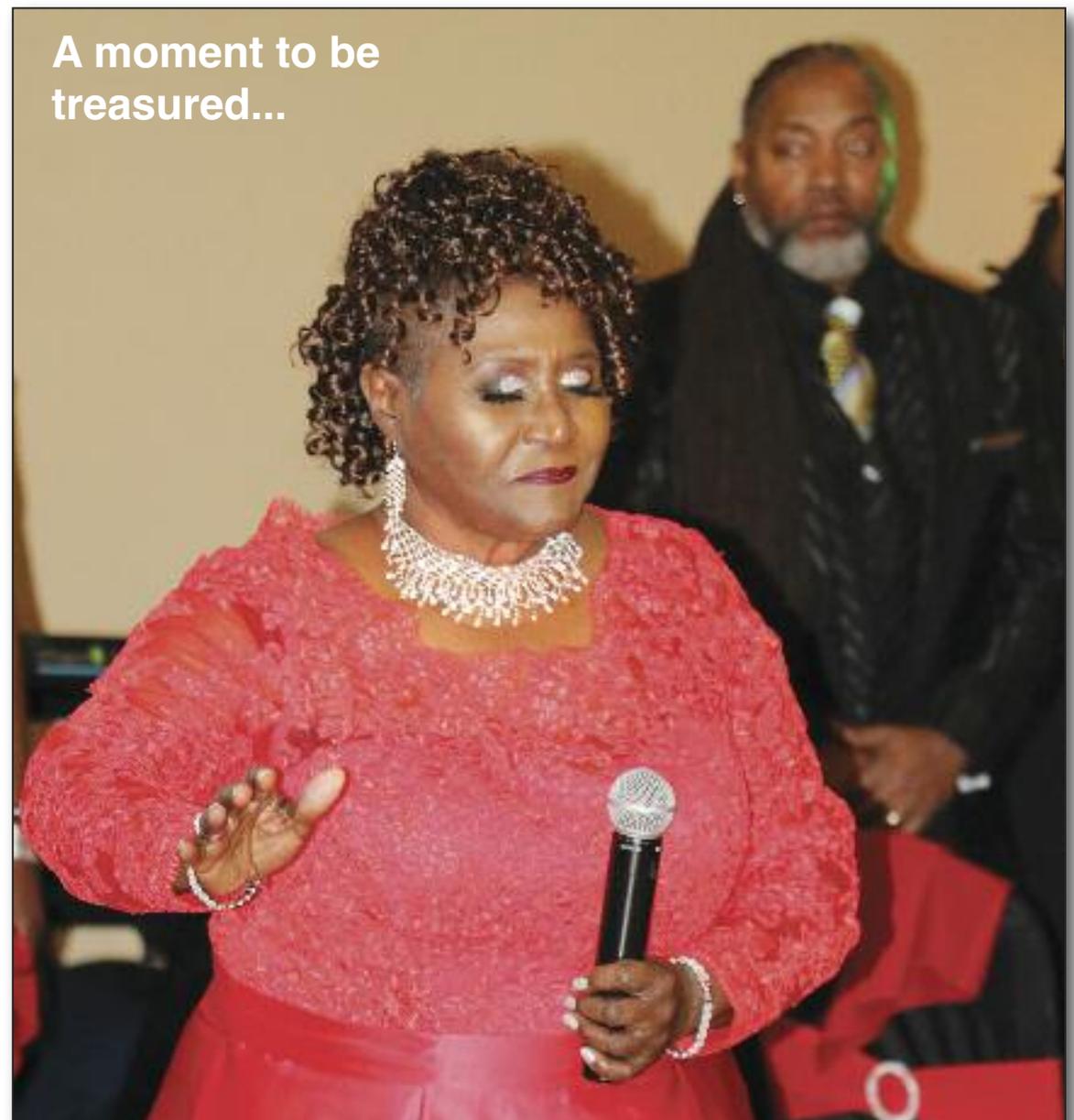
"We are keeping it in the family," Pope said.

Benjamin said that they would keep the name of the business. Long-term employee, Patricia Buse, said that she would stay on as an employee so that customers would continue to see a familiar face.

Carolyn Jean Pope announced that she would be starting a new chapter in her life and that she was relocating to Atlanta.



Carolyn Jean Pope hands over Keys to Pope's Florist to the new owners, Benjamin and Carmen Simpson,



A moment to be treasured...

Richard Baldwin

Receives Waukegan Proud Award for 43 years of dedicated service to the community

A Peoples Voice Special Report

Richard Baldwin, 60, was recognized November 7, 2019 for 43 years of service at Carman-Buckner Elementary School, all without missing a single day. Students, District Officials, State Representative Rita Mayfield, School Superintendent Theresa Plascencia, and City of Waukegan Mayor Sam Cunningham, gathered for the surprise event held just outside of the building.

According to Waukegan School Board Member Jeff McBride, Richard would ride his bicycle through the rain and snow to get to school to serve the children of the community.

Waukegan School officials say that Richard was a constant and reassuring presence for students as he served as a crossing guard and worked in the cafeteria.

“Each morning and afternoon, without fail, you can find him helping to safely usher students at the intersection of McAlister and Helmholz,” a statement issued by the school district reported. “Baldwin can be found working in a variety of ele-



Superintendent Theresa Plascencia, Chief of Police Wayne Walles, State Representative Rita Mayfield, with Carman-Buckner Elementary School Crossing Guard Richard Baldwin. Baldwin was presented a new bicycle, several gifts, and the Waukegan Proud Award presented by the City of Waukegan.



ments — be it rain, snow, or extreme cold — and he’s done it without missing a single day of work, or without any fanfare.”

“Mr. Baldwin has faithfully served the City of Waukegan and the multitude of students and families at Carman Buckner School in Waukegan’s 1st Ward for the past 43 years,” Cunningham said. “He deserves this recognition from our community for his dedication and steadfast vigil at his intersection by helping our children make their way to and from school in a safe manner.”

“This recognition is long overdue for someone who shows such dedication to his work,” says Jeff McBride, Waukegan School Board member and community enthusiast. “There are several generations of children who have traveled to and from school each day because of Richard.”

City Clerk Janet Killkelly, representing Mayor Sam Cunningham, presented Baldwin with the Waukegan Proud Award.

Essay contest set for Lake County Rising 2020

(Lake County, IL) The Lake County State's Attorney's Office, Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim, Nicasa Behavioral Health Services, A Safe Place, and the Zacharias Center is pleased to announce an essay contest for Lake County Rising 2020.

Lake County Rising is our community's version of One Billion Rising, the global movement created by playwright Eve Ensler to bring attention to and an end to violence against women.

Lake County students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to write an essay with the title "Our Voices: Why Rising on Behalf of Abuse Women is Everyone's Responsibility." Essays should be 500 words or less, double spaced, and address one of the following questions: What is the impact on the community when a woman experiences violence?; How can we break the chain of abuse?; or What can communities do to empower women who have left abusive relationships?

The essay should be emailed to Sandra Bankston at the Lake County State's Attorney's Office at sbankston@lakecountil.gov by Dec. 27. All submissions will be acknowledged by email upon receipt. The winner will be contacted on or before February 4th and will be invited to read their essay at Lake County Rising 2020 on February 11th at the Round Lake Beach Civic Center. The program is from 7 p.m. to 8:30 pm.

The theme for Lake County Rising in 2020 is: Our Stories, Our Voices – abuse survivors share. The event is free and open to the public.

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Pastor Eugene Roberson Named President, North Shore Baptist Minister's Alliance



L to R: Rev. Angelo Kyle - First Vice President, Rev. Dr. Lee Maxey - 2nd Vice President, Rev. Eugene Roberson, President, Rev. Percy Johnson - Third Vice President and Rev. Perry Pullums was elected as Secretary of the North Shore Baptist Minister's Alliance.

A Peoples Voice Special Report

The Northshore Baptist Minister's Alliance elected new officers in November. The Reverend Eugene Roberson, Pastor of the First Corinthian M.B. Church of North Chicago, was elected as president.

As a part of his new administration, Roberson presented a goal of the Alliance to partner with community schools in the region. In a written statement, Roberson indicated that he would like to see a dramatic increase in the volunteer effort to help students succeed and improve the conditions of students. Roberson, a former teacher in the Zion School District for 31 years, said that he is alarmed by the conditions in the schools and would like to invest time and volunteer resources to help in Zion, Waukegan and North Chicago.

At the last meeting, community activist Harlene Shipley and former Principal and Alderman Roudell Kirkwood provided a report on the conditions of African Americans in the Waukegan School district, noting that African American students are lagging academically and that there is a grossly negative and disproportionate percentage of Black teachers, especially African American males

in the district.

"African American students don't have many role models in the schools," Minister Nelson Tate said in response to the data that was presented to the Alliance.

Shipley said that the Waukegan School District has invested in fifty-five (55) Spanish speaking teachers who are brought from Spain and other countries. They are provided with a handsome salary, travel expenses, and housing assistance for six months. Comparatively, there is no effort to recruit African American teachers. There was also discussion about recent student stabbings in Waukegan. Another minister said that the treatment of African American teachers, administrators, and volunteers is troubling.

The Northshore Minister's Alliance is a group of churches who come together for spiritual encouragement and fellowship, but also address community and social issues that impact their congregations as they arise.

After visitors completed their community reports, Rev. Roberson announced officers for the upcoming year. Rev. Angelo Kyle was named First Vice President, Rev. Dr. Lee Maxey was named 2nd Vice President, Rev. Percy Johnson was named Third Vice President and Rev. Perry Pullums was elected as Secretary of the organization.

Crossword Puzzle

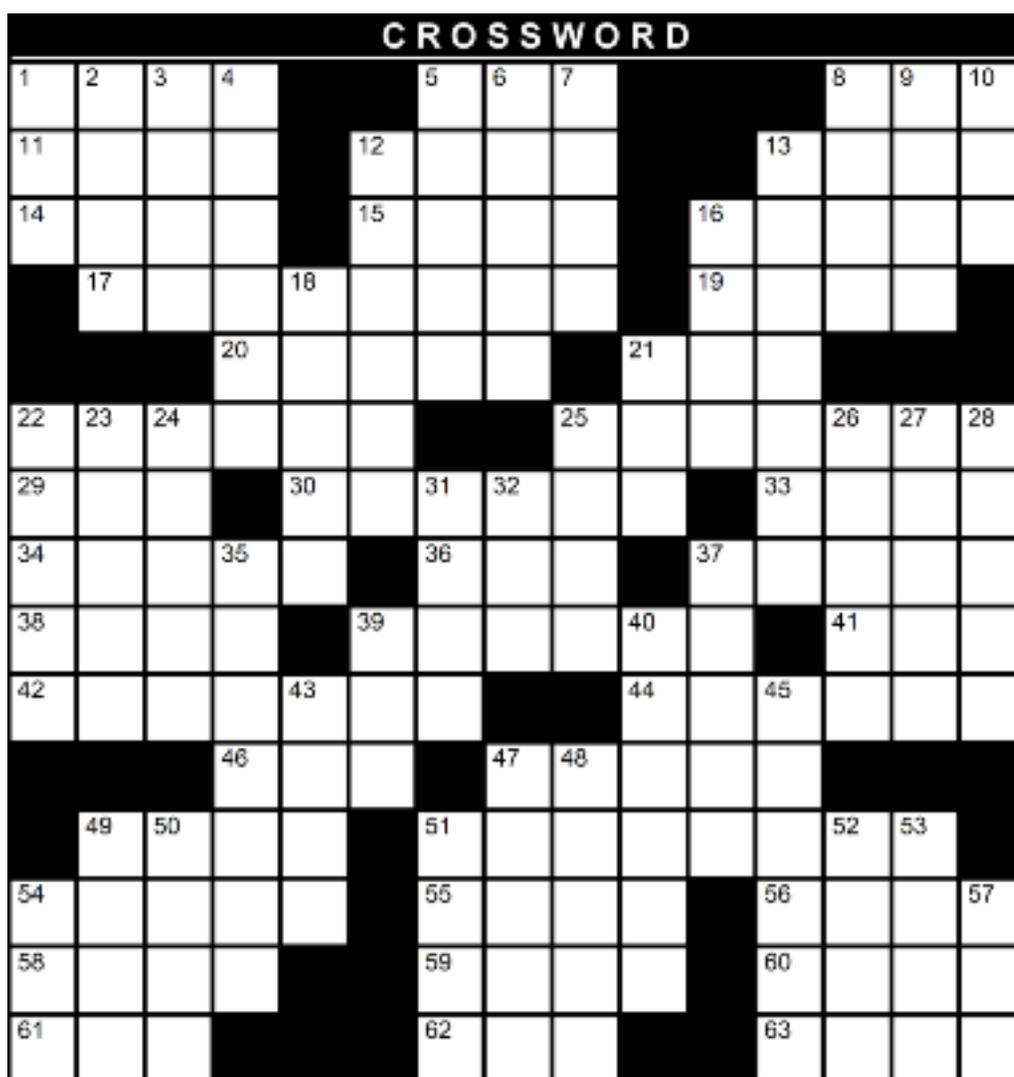
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20TH CENTURY
INVENTIONS

ACROSS

1. Observation point's attraction
5. Included for large parties?
8. 252 gallons of wine
11. Soprano's song, e.g.
12. Pakistani tongue
13. Word with foster or health
14. Lancelot and Mix-a-Lot
15. Unstable particle
16. Orangutan, biologically speaking
17. *Car safety invention
19. Caspian Sea, e.g.
20. They flock together?
21. "____ the ramparts..."
22. *RisquÉ garb named for atoll
25. *Bakelite was first one made from synthetics
29. RNs' org.
30. Like a pumpkin on Halloween
33. Ä
34. "To Kill a Mockingbird" protagonist
36. Columbus Day mo.
37. Unlock
38. Without, in Paris
39. Limestone landscape forms
41. Broke bread
42. *Synthetic for a diabetic
44. Putin's currency
46. *Willis Carrier's invention conditioned it
47. *Aspartame-based sweetener
49. Hard tale to believe
51. *Scuba diver's gear
54. "It's still Rock and Roll" to him
55. The Colosseum, e.g.
56. Stage part
58. Bohemian
59. Gold coating
60. Fishing rod attachment
61. Sticky stuff
62. Make a choice
63. Big Bang's original matter

DOWN

1. Military hospitals
2. Fleur-de-lis
3. Irish word for Ireland
4. Sushi restaurant "burner"
5. Set straight
6. Objects of worship
7. Fourth down option
8. *Little Willie or T-34
9. Egg on
10. Opposite of paleo-
12. Perugia region
13. Make less refined
16. Court bargain
18. Touch of color
21. Antediluvian
22. Low in La Scala, pl.
23. Relating to Quechuan people
24. Unstable mesons
25. Four-legged friends
26. ____ Ligation
27. All worked up
28. Apple leftovers
31. Multicolored horse
32. *Acronym that revolutionized TV-watching
35. But not always
37. Like some suspects?
39. CrÈme de cassis plus wine
40. Like Ferris Bueller
43. Monet's water flower



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45. Out of focus
47. Provide with gear
48. Cover with a story to tell?
49. Beginner
50. Charlie Parker's sax
51. Golden Fleece ship
52. Season to be jolly
53. High school club
54. *Air____, vehicle restraint
57. Freddie Krueger's street

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ComEd Helps Customers Identify Energy-Related Scams

As the holiday season approaches, ComEd wants to remind customers to be on the lookout for imposters trying to steal from them using energy-related scams.

According to company officials, ComEd has experienced a 60% increase in calls from customers reporting scams and scam attempts.

ComEd regularly receives reports of scammers who pose as ComEd employees to take customers' money. Scammers either show up at homes or small businesses or call using a number that appears to be a ComEd phone number. They may threaten to turn off a customer's service and ask them to make a direct payment with a prepaid cash card. Sometimes they ask victims to call them back at a different phone number and provide personal information.

"We see an unsettling number of scams, including imposters who call and take advantage of unsuspecting ComEd customers by taking money or financial information," said Nichole Owens, ComEd vice president of customer channels. "We are committed to informing our customers of how to protect themselves from fraudulent activity that could impact their service or accounts, especially during the holidays when many people are focused on family and social commitments." Here are some tips to help identify scams:

- 1). ComEd will never come to a customer's home or business to:
 - Demand a payment.
 - Ask for immediate payment with a prepaid cash card.
 - Ask for your ComEd account number or other personal information, such as a driver's license number.
- 2). ComEd will never call a customer to:
 - Ask for their account numbers.



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- Ask for personal information such as their Social Security number or bank information.
- Ask them to make a direct payment with a prepaid cash card.

- 3). To identify an actual ComEd employee, remember:
 - All ComEd field employees wear a uniform with the ComEd logo, including shirt and safety vest.
 - ComEd employees visibly display a company ID badge with the ComEd logo and employee's name.
 - Look for a white ComEd car or truck with the ComEd logo.

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