





The E.Reed Report: May 2023

I just wanted to say Happy Mother's Day, May 14, 2023, to all the mothers in Lake County.

Mothers are special beings who truly love unconditionally, through thick and thin, jail or triumph they are there supporting with words of encouragement and some times simply through prayers.

I think about a very short poem written by Robert Louis Stevenson who lived in the mid to late 1800's. He penned a tribute to his mother, that while only four lines long, summarizes the faith that our mothers have in us, and the memories that they have of us from childhood's hour.

To My Mother
You too, my mother, read my rhymes
For love of unforgotten times,
And you may chance to hear once more
The little feet along the floor.

By Robert Louis Stevenson - 1850-1894



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National Executives Network Launched Elevating Business Engagement

April 27, 2023 The National Executives Network launched in Lake County, IL. The inaugural event provided complimentary professional business Head shots by David Dickerson Designs and assistance with Business Bios to sharpen professional images.

This refreshingly unique association is designed for driven executives, business owners and entrepreneurs to Engage, Elevate & Expand their business. The organization honors five top professionals each month, highlights their community contributions and provides First Class excursions for busy professionals with A-List Limousines.

Dr. Pamela Walker, President and Co-founder of the National Executive's Network said, "We are changing the way professionals engage by presenting regular opportunities to elevate and expand through monthly networking events and high quality fun like Concerts, Cruises, a Bears player's Christmas party." She continued "We have Prinses Hemphill, National Event Coordinator, at CelebEvents, Inc. planning extraordinary memorable experiences for our National Executives Network."

The launch event feataured networking and presentations by Peter Villanuva a Lake Forest Mortgage Banker and Don Davis a housing developer from Hyde Park. Both shared creative funding sources that often go untapped. If you have a business, plan to start one, want to expand where you are, or want to power network and have fun, plan to attend upcoming National Executive Network Workshops and Entertaining Excursions:



Attending the networking session were three of Lake County's Top Chefs and Restaurant Owners, Tracy Rick (Pauline's Soul Food), Sharon McCarthy (Mama Jerk N Tings) and Ricco Edwards (Da Da Da's Soul Food).

- 1) Tues May 30 Networking & Social Media To Increase Sales Workshop
- 2) Wed June 7 Jazzin' at Chicago's Shed Aquarium with Detour Jaz-Funk Band
- 3) Tues July 27 Networking & Business Credit Workshop
- 4) Sun July 23 Lunch Cruise on The Odyssey
- 5) Tue Aug 25 Networking & Grants Workshop
- 6) Sat Aug 26 Boyz II Men and The Isley Brothers at Ravinia Networking/Workshop events are \$35, get tickets at www.NENLake-CountyIL.eventbrite.com. For more information on The National Executive's Network call (312) 800-2911 or email info@NationalExecutivesNetwork



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Returning Student Registration for the 2023 -24 School Year is Now Open Online Registration Deadline: May 12, 2023



Scan here to register through the Parent Portal today!

On The Table, Breakfast and Conversation



The Soaring Eagle Community Development Corp presented their second in a series of "On The Table Dinner and Conversation" events on April 22, 2023 at their headquarters in Waukegan.

Following the Chicago Community Foundation Trust Model, the gathering was designed to spark wholesome conversation with community influencers in a relaxed setting over a meal. In this case, it was breakfast.

"The conversation was lively, unscripted, and informative," says Pamela Shadell. "I thought that it was great!"

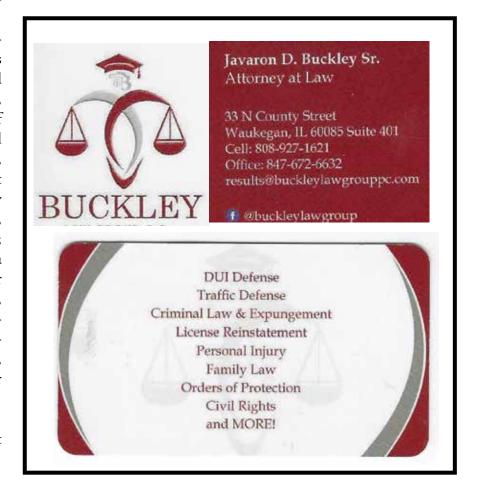
Community influencers who were in attendance discussed several subjects including the prevalence and impact of childhood adverse experiences and how various organizations were working in the community to minimize negative childhood adverse experiences through their organization's programming.

Each person had the opportunity to share insights as to what was important to them as it relates to helping the community.

Community Influencers attending were as follows: Dr. Willis Thomas, Corporate Executive and DEI Influencer; Rebecca Thomas, Social Service Administrator; Jeff McBride, Waukegan Public School Board Member; Glenda Duncan, Juneteenth Commission President and Illinois Sunrise Beach Rotary Club President-elect; Craig Neal, Waukegan Deputy Chief of Police; Marvin Burrus, President Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, State Senator Adriane Johnson, Pamela Shadell, Retired Abbott Labs Executive, Elroy Reed, Executive Director - Soaring Eagle Community Dev. Corp., and Pastor Anthony Conley, Senior Pastor - Antioch M.B. Church.

A Peoples Voice Special Report

On The Table attendees were Dr. Willis Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, Pastor Anthony Conley, Glenda Duncan, , State Senator Adriane Johnson, Craig Neal, Marvin Burruss, Jeff McBride and Elroy Reed



Seniors May Now Use Ride Lake County

Ride Lake County, a borderless, county-wide paratransit service that provides transportation to anywhere in Lake County for seniors ages 60+ and people with disabilities.

Before scheduling their first ride, residents must register through Pace by calling their call center at 1-800-201-6446. Residents can register as either a senior (60+) or as an individual with a disability:

The Pace Call Center will ask for an *RTA Reduced Fare Permit number for residents registering as an individual with a disability

For riders registering as an individual with a disability, Riders registering as an individual with a disability can either provide proof of disability benefits or have their doctor fill out a proof of disability form to obtain the Reduced Fare Permit.

Riders can apply for the Reduced Fare Permit in the following ways:

Online at fares.rtachicago.org

- 1) In-person at one of the RTA's local offices.
- 2) Please call 312-913-3110 to find the RTA office located nearest to you to fill out an application.
- 3) By mail or downloading application. application from the RTA website and mailing to the address listed on the application

Residents can call the Pace Call Center at 1-800-201-6446 daily between 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. to book a trip.

Riders can schedule a trip any day of the week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the exception of certain holidays. Riders can reserve a trip as far as seven days in advance or as little as two hours in advance.



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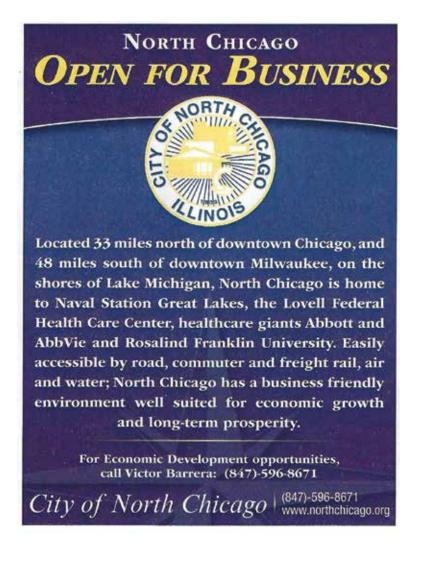


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Just for Laughs

Why was the birthday cake as hard as a rock? Because it was marble cake!

One of the shortest wills ever written: "Being of sound mind, I spent all the money." —Submitted by Arthur Bland

I asked my 91-yearold father, "Dad, what were your good old days?" His thoughtful reply: "When I wasn't good, and I wasn't old."

Whats the fastest thing on two legs? A chicken running across Africa.



-"Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

-"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."



Gearldean Hughes Celebrates 90th Birthday

In February of 2019, Gearldean Hughes was presented with the 2019 Most Influential African American of Lake County Lifetime Achievement Award. Then, she was 86, today, April 15, 2023 Gearldean is 90 years of age and is celebrating her birthday with her friends and family.

As a surprise, and special treat, her only surviving and baby brother, Jimmy Fisher, 71, flew in from Pine Bluff, Arkansas to help celebrate.

Gearldean's Children

Patricia L. Taylor
Jackie E. Hughes
Anthony K. Hughes
Kelvin D. Hughes
June E. Little (Rodney)
Robin B. Anderson
(Kenneth)
Howard T. Frierson (deceased)
Joel H. Frierson
Christy N. Hughes

"I enjoyed everything," says Gearldean. "It was a shock to see my brother, I had been talking to him all along on the phone, and I didn't know that he had flown in to be here."

Gearldean was born in Elaine,

Arkansas in 1933. She gave birth to nine children and has 28 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

When asked if there was one thing that she could go back and do all over again, Gearldean says that she can't think of a thing. But she recalls a period of time as a child when she went to stay with an Aunt in Pine Bluff, Compared to rural Elaine, Pine Bluff was the city and she

loved working life with her cousin and going to school and getting all A's.

"As long as I was there with my Auntie and Cousin, I got straight A's. It was just amazing. I wanted to go to college and become a psychiatrist," Ms. Hughes reflects.

"Then my mother came and got me and I had to go back to picking cotton and chopping cotton until I was 19 and then I came to live in Illinois."

In Illinois, she stayed with Queen Ester Young and Essie Geater, relatives, and there she began a new life.

Gearldean worked at St. Therese Hospital in North Chicago while raising a family in Waukegan. She has also worked at the several other hospitals in the region.

As part of her civic engagement, Gearldean served as the Chairman of the Board of the PST, Inc. not-for-profit a Housing and Community Development Corporation for about six years. She directed the membership drive and was a faithful member of the Lake County NAACP for many years.

Gearldean is a member of the Shiloh Baptist church, joining in 1952 about 70 years ago. She served as an usher and trainer for ushers for the National Baptist Convention and the regional Church of God In Christ usher boards.

Gearldean says that she first became an usher at the age of 15 where she joined the St. Johns Baptist Church in Wabash Arkansas. She has been serving as an usher ever since.

Gearlean cherishes her family and



Hughes received a resolution from the Lake County Board recognizing her contributions to the community. It was presented by Lake County Commissioner Mary Ross Cunningham.

believes that we are put on earth to help each other. As we closed out our interview with Ms. Hughes, she quoted the late great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr by saying,

"If I can help somebody as I pass along, If I can cheer somebody with a word or song, If I can show somebody that he is traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain."

By Elroy Reed

Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody

Movie Review

This movie.....This movie has awkward written all over it. I did not like the trailers, so I did not see it in the theater. I incidentally ran across it the other night as it premiered on Netflix as the number one film of the week. I took my seat, took out my pad and began to critique.

First of all, I loved Whitney Houston. I purchased her first Album and watched her soar and fail, this movie, while it captured the essence of her life, had potential, but it's cobbled patchwork of a directing job jerked the viewer around like a back seat rider on rough terrain. Yes, you were on the bus, in the vehicle, and at some points due to the overpowering songs, even enjoyed portions of the ride. However, the directing made you feel like you were on the stage with her, a heartbeat away, but looking at an imposter who you wanted to reluctantly dance with.

For me, the biggest flaw in the movie was the casting. They should have cast someone who actually looked like Whitney Houston. Naomi Ackie was flexible enough, lip sung her heart out, but never convinced anyone that she was the superstar that she was portraying. It's kind of like Angela Bassett who portrayed Tina Turner in "What's Love Got To Do With It". By the time that the movie was over, you thought that Angela was Tina Turner to the point that when the actual Tina Turner showed her face, at the end, you said naw, I want Angela Bassett back. The same goes for Aston Sanders who played Bobby Brown. It appears that the only things that they had in common were gaps in their teeth.

The music carried this film. The story, which was quite revealing, unveiled things that I did not know that were sort of disturbing. An

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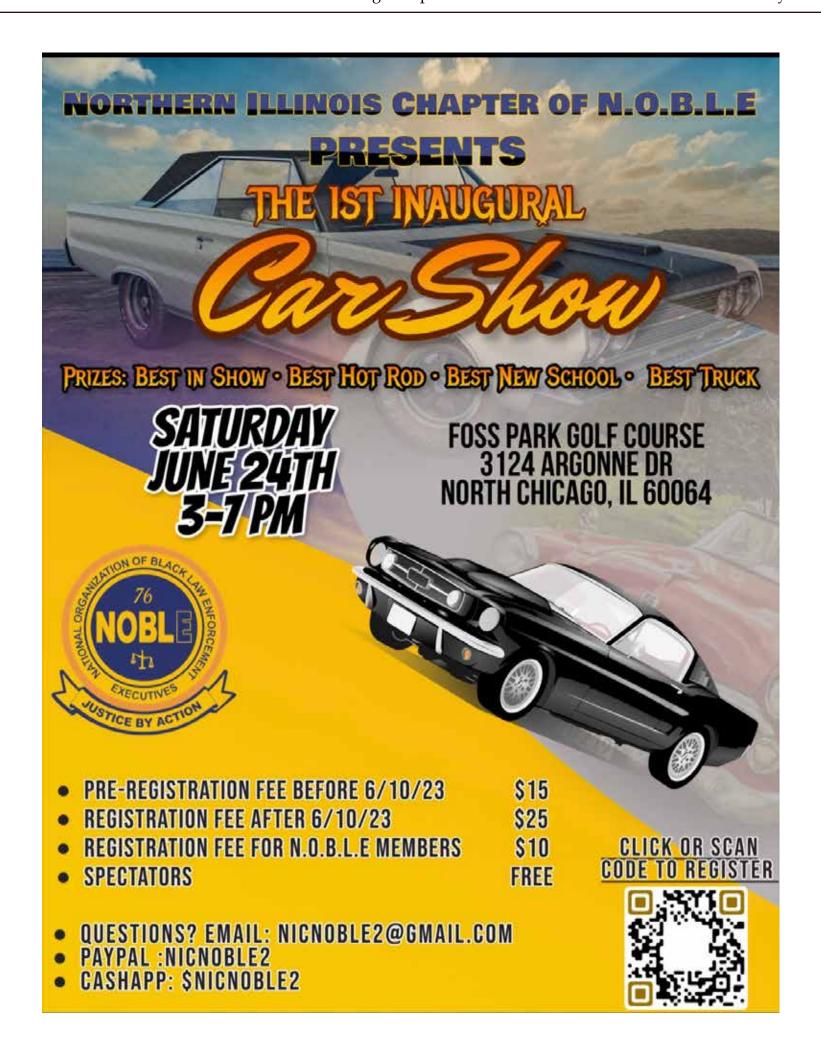
example would be the tumultuous relationship between her mother Sissy Houston and her father, and the relationship between her father and her as a business manager. By the way these two characters (Sissy and John Russell Houston) were poorly cast as well. I truly wanted to like this film, but after reflecting upon it, I just can't. As someone else has said, Whitney deserved a better telling of her story, good, bad and the ugly.

I left not liking Whitney as much as I wanted, and she was the heroine. I see why it flopped in the theaters as well as flopped in pay per view. Let's let a few more years go by and try and do this again. With all of her faults, ups and downs, she deserves a better telling of her story than this.

I will end by sharing that Whitney sang a song, "Didn't We Almost Have It All", that song was biopic and prophetic. Whitney did have it all, but didn't know it.

Facts About Whitney Houston

- 1. Whitney Elizabeth Houston was born on August 9, 1963.
- 2. She died at the age of 48 of an accidental drowning.
- 3. She is youngest of three siblings and has two older brothers Gary and Michael. Her parents got divorced when she was four.
- 4. She's musical aristocracy: her second cousin is Dionne Warwick; her godmother is Aretha Franklin.
- 5. Her self-titled 1985 debut album (Whitney Houston) is her best selling album and the ballad "Saving All My Love for You" was her first #1 hit single in both the US and the UK. She scored a further two hits off this album, "Greatest Love of All" and "How Will I Know".
- 6. Whitney Houston, to date, has sold more #1 hits than any other female African American artist.
- 7. Whitney's rendition of Dolly Parton's song, "I Will Always Love You" is the best-selling single of all time by a female solo artist selling over 20 million copies.



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If Jesus Came To Your House

by Lois Blanchard Eades

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best,
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have him there That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor? Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in? Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been? Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard? And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about? And I wonder - if the Savior spent a day or two with you, Would you go right on doing the things you always do? Would you go right on saying the things you always say? Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up it's usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing,
and read the books you read,

And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed? Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go? Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.



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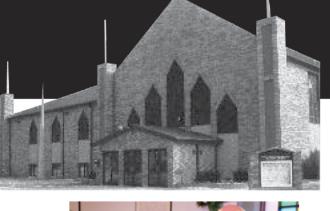
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