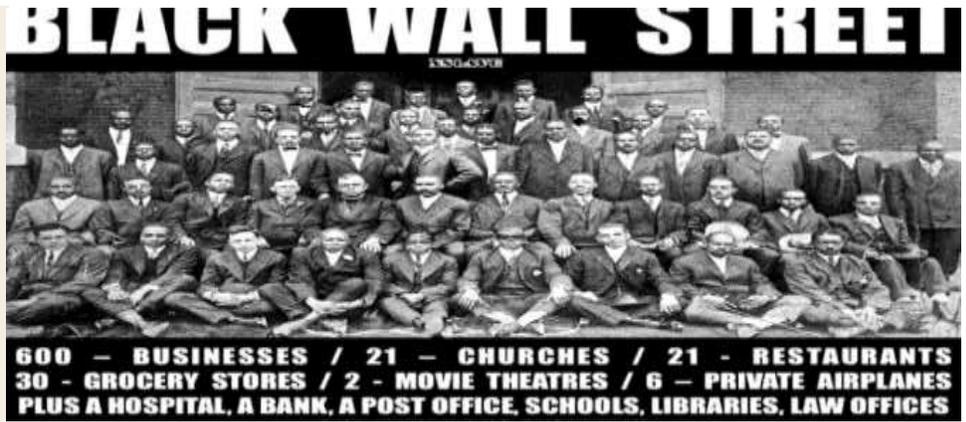


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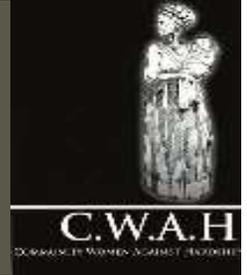
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#Community Matters



current topics >>>



Giving back to the community, Board Member Mrs. Bonita Penny far left, along with Tom Bray Regional Director, and Cheryl McBee, District Supervisor, present a \$5,000 check to Gloria Taylor, Founder and CEO of CWAH.

A great step in building stronger communities by investing in our youth.



COMMUNITY WITHOUT BORDERS

This quiet war has been raging now for almost 30 years. There have been minor skirmishes and major battles. The war is being fought in a city recently listed by *USA Today* as the worst city in Missouri, and the third worst nationwide -- third only to the almost totally decimated cities of Flint and Detroit, MI. Many of the categories used in the rankings are the *Hardships* in *Community Women's* battles – **crime, economy, education, environment, health, and housing.** <https://www.ksdk.com/article/news/local/report-ranks-st-louis-as-third-worst-city-to-live-in-the-country/63-564119776>. The spoils of this war are few, shared by many, never enough to meet the needs of most.

The soldiers in CWAH's battles change often, some war-weary, some resigned to the status quo, some simply feasting on the spoils – having greatly benefited from the fight of others. Those who continue fighting are true warriors, not always winning, but always fighting. The person leading this 30-year charge is **Gloria Taylor**, one of the fiercest warriors that I've known. Though she would modestly disagree with the title, those of us who know her find it a fitting title.

If you're a regular reader of the CWAH newsletter, you're aware of CWAH's statistical history. If not, it's available on their website, www.cwah.org. I won't fill this limited space with the details. I encourage you to read through it. It's an impressive, objective log of battles fought and won for the 7500 clients served. It reveals little, however, about the changes in terrain that have occurred over the years. I asked CEO, **Gloria Taylor**, for insight into those changes.

Sadly, the greatest challenge is not the paucity of funding available to smaller not-for-profits from large corporations, although the current climate often reflects a similar paucity of spirit. Instead, it is a reflection of *our* sense of community. Gloria says, "In prior times, our community grew together, offering service to one another without expectation of compensation. Eldership carried weight. If someone in our community needed something, we banded together to assist them. That love of community was shared by all. We accomplished much with little. Unfortunately, today our community is infected with a disease of 'me-ism' . separated and divided."

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It's been said that people of color are people of compassion. But "with integration came emulation," says Gloria. We have lost – or are deliberately denied – an understanding of who we are as a people . . . the NASA scientists, neurosurgeons, pilots and president supplanted by illusory 'super heroes' of the big screen. We claim our 'community' based on the hues of our skin, the heft of our wallets, or a hatred of self. Classism is dividing us into a "trench or trophy" mentality, making us complicit in our own mental and spiritual red-lining. And yet we are all part of and responsible for the same 'community'.

As those who control the power and the purse strings jettison the final, constipated vestiges of their humanity, it is incumbent upon each of us to turn the flow of humanity in a direction that restores dignity to and benefits our community. It will take the entire village to rebuild our village. We all have something to give – time, expertise, monetary assistance, a helping hand. Sun Tzu, in The Art of War, said "He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all its ranks."

We must expand our ranks into a community without borders. CWAH and the 'Glorias' of the world – tender-hearted warriors – will lead the charge until they leave this earth. What will you do?



Story By: Gwen Swan



"Got Cash"

Dionna Washington, Business Initiatives Consultant | Operational Risk & Compliance, for Wells Fargo catches the attention of our summer students in the Youth Enrichment Summer Program to learn how to get money, keep money and make it grow!!



Right answers pay off!!!



Each year CWAH provides a lesson in history to youth enrolled in the Summer Youth Enrichment Program. This six week program emphasizes the value of understanding history, and creates a leeway for them to see how it relates to their lives. This year we are endeavoring to return to Detroit with another group of young exploring minds. Who is Charles Wright, and why is he important? We will explore the Charles Wright Museum; the world's largest institution dedicated to the African American experience. We will tour the campus of Wayne State University, a premier university in the heart of Detroit. Mosey on down to Motown and stroll along the Detroit River Walk gazing at Canada, and enjoy all that Belle Isle has to offer.

This program is committed to exposing our children to as much history as we possibly can. In the words of Marcus Garvey, "We have a beautiful history, and we shall create another in the future that will astonish the world." What a wonderful opportunity to be able to visit these important historical sites, and learn to appreciate what has been, and endeavor to fashion what can be.

Will you help sponsor a child today? Your tax deductible donation of \$25, \$50 or \$100 would greatly assist in this effort. To donate make checks payable to CWAH and mail to 3963 West Belle Pl, St. Louis, MO 63108 or visit www.cwah.org and go to online donations.

Record Breaking !!!

Community Women Against Hardship Ambassadors

13th Annual Golf Tournament

CWAH Ambassadors under the leadership of Tina Wiley, President hit a Hole In One for Community Women Against Hardship, special thanks to Honorary Co- Chairs, Michael Holmes and Leland Crenshaw, this years event was a huge success. Job well done!!!



CWAH Ambassador, Vinet Holman, presents \$,7500 check to Gloria Taylor for proceeds from Golf Tournament.



JUNETEENTH A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Jazz + BBQ + Journalism + Photography



Photopher, Kneely Hutcherson, takes aim as Mr. Anthony Webb and audience listen to the Jazz performance.

Community Women Against Hardship recognized Juneteenth with a little bit of jazz, a whole lot of BBQ, lessons in freelance photography and showcased the skills of our journalism students.

Our commitment to exposing young people to the broad range of career opportunities available to them is the major focus of our Youth Enrichment Programs.

Funding for these programs is only possible because of the support of the community, and donors like you.

We are grateful for all those combined forces that have made this possible and look forward to continuing the work that is set before us to instill the mindset that our children matter and they have the ability to accomplish anything and soar!!!!



Lights, camera, action! Kameron Moses, interviews one of the guest during CWAH celebration.



Juwaad Spain, sax, Albert Marshall, bass, Makinni Morisson, piano, and Jermaine on drums, Awesome Performance!!!



What's In The Rub?

Just ask Tim Buskey (left) and Brett Goldschmidt (right) who shared their Gold Pit secret seasoning recipe with two up and coming pit masters; Terry Kendrick and brother Davion Kendrick.

Pulled pork sandwiches with potato salad and the best cole slaw this side of the Mississippi provided a finger licking good time at our Juneteenth Celebration.

ask the experts >>>

Q: Was It Good?

A: "Mmmmmm good"



Every great cook out needs official tasters; Maysio and Malik Dugger were on hand for their expert opinion, and by the looks on their faces we can see it was mmmmm good....



Sharon Johnson, conducts Credit Repair Workshop with families

final thoughts...



Broadly.

"We have an obligation to ourselves and to our communities to be bigger than the moment."
-Brittany Packnett

I grew up in St. Louis Missouri on the corner of Shreve and Carter, and we were tight knit in our communities. ALL parents were OUR parents. When we went outside to play, we got dirty. We ate bologna (cold or fried), peanut butter & jelly, grilled cheese sandwiches, pork-n-beans & hot dogs, pots of pinto beans, black eyed peas, collards, mustard & turnip greens, and all we drank was kool-aid. We had home cooked dinners every night. Our parents screamed our names from the window to come and turn the channel on the TV or bring them a glass of ice water, LOL! We watched Eyewitness News with Erwin Hester. We were up at the crack of dawn on Saturday morning to watch Looney Tunes. You took your school clothes off as soon as you got home and put on your play clothes. We had gym class every day, and the girls wore those blue gym suits. I walked to and from school most of the time but sometimes we'd get a ride from a friend that had a car...well that was high school. TV was black and white and all stations went off at 12:00am after playing the national anthem, until about 6:00am. Then people went to bed. We ate penny candy. Yes I said, "penny". That's how much it cost then. Mike & Ike's, Alexander the Grapes, Lemonheads, Nut Chews, Chico Sticks, Boston Baked Beans, etc. We played Freeze Tag, Red Light Green Light, Hop Scotch, Hide & Seek, Red Rover, Softball, Kickball, Dodgeball, touch football, double dutch and rode bikes all over the neighborhood. The boys collected baseball cards, marbles, and comic books, and read them, not put them in plastic.

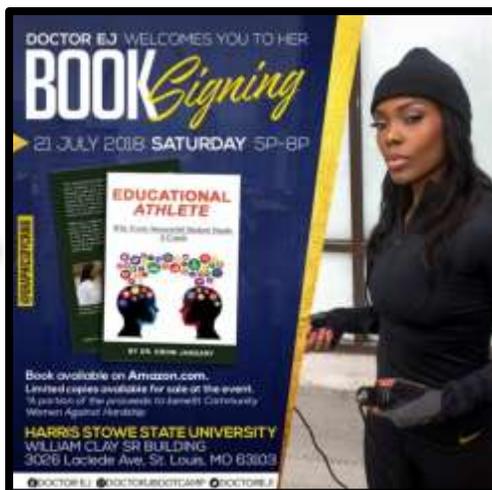
Girls spent hours playing dolls, jacks and hopscotch and paper dolls. We even had Barbie fashion shows

We literally would line up and race for fun! Staying in the house was a punishment, and the only thing we knew about "bored", was board games. There was no bottled water. We drank from the tap and the water hose. We watched cartoons, and cleaned house on Saturday morning before going outside to play. We went to Sunday school and then Sunday church service. Your neighborhood was a city within the city. Someone had a fight, that's what it was and we were friends again the next day if not sooner. The street lights were your curfew. You had to be on the porch, not on your way, when they came on!! School was MANDATORY and teachers and police were people who you could TRUST. We watched our MOUTHS around our elders because ALL of your NEIGHBORS were your parents, and you didn't want them telling your parents if you misbehaved. Yes, everyone RESPECTED elders! Proud that I came from a close knit community and will never forget where I came from! Those were the good ole days. Kids today will never know how it feels to be a real kid. I loved growing up when we did. It was a great time!!!

We must find a way to rebuild!
Be A Blessing!!!!

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Join CWAH board member Dr. Eboni January at her book signing! She will be raffling off a free one on one coaching session! Proceeds from book sells will benefit Community Women Against Hardship. Also a great chance to check out a great HBCU Harris Stowe State University!



St. Alphonsus Rock Church

Saturday, August 18, 2018
9:00 A. M.



Rev. Dr. Rosalyn R. Nichols

Dr. Rosalyn Nichols is a summa cum laude graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary and pastor of Freedoms Chapel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In 2004 Dr. Nichols received her Doctor of Ministry degree from the historically black Virginia Union University in Richmond, Va. Dr. Nichols has received numerous awards including the Memphis Community Leader Award, the Visionaries Trailblazer award and the Dr. Henry Logan Starks Outstanding African American Alumni Award for MTS.

She is a Memphis Leadership graduate, a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of the Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

We have been fortunate to have her as our guest speaker since 2010 and eagerly await her inspirational and motivating message again this year.

Come join us as we pray for our city and the nation at large.