



# BHA Winter/Spring Newsletter

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## *From The President*

BHA is off to a tremendous year. Our committed members and dedicated board of directors are all working to make this one of the best years we've had in quite some time. We ended the past year with great participation at the holiday party. I would like to thank Drs. Leigh and Vernon Wilson for hosting the event in their home.

The Mira Catalina Moms, Jacqui Thomas, Brinna Jones, Sheba Forge and Pam Pulley have used their time and talents to make a positive change in their school and in the organization. I can't thank them enough for their efforts to bring the celebration of Black

History Month to the entire community. The event at the library was outstanding. The children, parents, library staff and attendees have all stated that it should be an annual event. I received a letter thanking BHA for the \$1000 contribution made to the Palos Verdes Library for the purchase of children's books on influential African Americans.

I encourage you to continue to participate in BHA sponsored activities. Your membership dues support our efforts to make this community special for your family.

*Barry Baszile*

## *Mira Catalina Black History Celebration*



*Makinto*



Leigh and Vernon Wilson  
Party Host

## *BHA Holiday Party*

Neither cold, rain or fog could prevent members of BHA from celebrating the holiday season at the lovely home of Drs. Vernon and Leigh Wilson. Guests knew that they were in for a joyous Christmas party as soon as they entered the courtyard containing beautiful

poinsettias plants and holiday decorations. Once inside the house, they were greeted by the hosts and the live music of a four piece jazz quartet. Throughout the evening, guests took the opportunity to meet new neighbors and renew old friendships while enjoying

a delicious meal and holiday libations. Following dinner, BHA President, Barry Baszile, thanked the hosts and introduced members of the Board of Directors. Vice-President Michelle Ford shared the activities targeted to the needs of elementary school age children.

## *BHA Holiday Party Cont.*



*Pictured left to right:*

*David and Christi Lott, Michele and Michael Ford*

Secretary, Jackie Thomas discussed the Black History collaborative between BHA, Delta Sigma Theta and the Peninsula Library. Corresponding Secretary, Sandra Streeter Parliamentarian, Rene Cartwright and Treasurer, Larry Moffett had brief remarks. All persons in attendance introduced themselves and commented on their experiences as residents in the area.

## *The Visit*

*A colorful narrative describing the First Annual Palos Verdes Living History Museum contributed by Elizabeth Norwood*



Elizabeth Norwood

We were there for the visit. Were you?

There they were ... all in the same room ... the glorious past and the promise of the future!

There were prima ballerinas, surgeons, inventors, pilots, comedians, the first black president and his wife, a supreme court judge, and a little girl who had to be escorted into school under guard. There were speakers and athletes of great ability and talent. And we were there to hear their stories.

Yes, the Living History was in town for a limited engagement. Portraying our past in honor of Black History Month were shining children who had researched and developed monologues to share the lives of famous historical and contemporary Black Americans who were the pioneers whose striving paved the way for all those who came after. Not only were they costumed, but shared pictures and regalia to support and clarify their presentations.

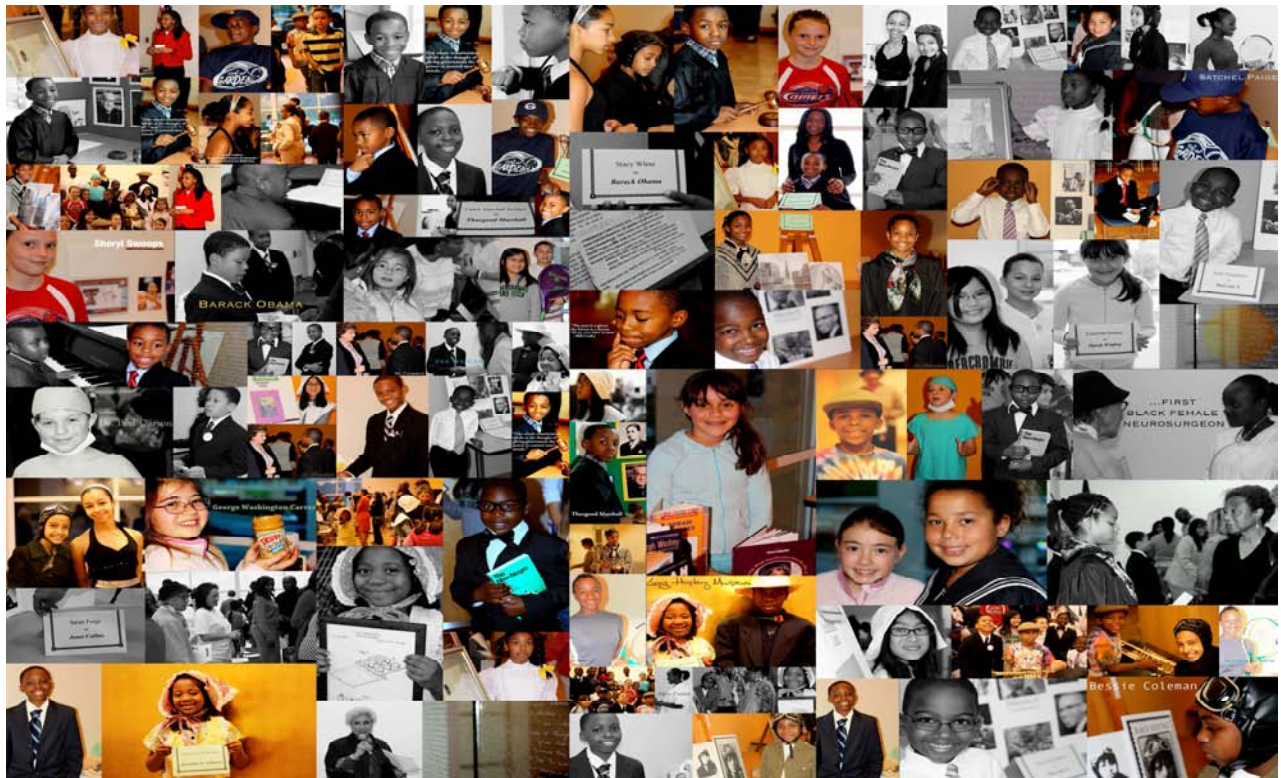
How proud we were of this preservation of our common experience by these extraordinary children! The Steering Committee represented three organizations: The Black Heritage Association, The Palos Verdes Links and the Palos Verdes/Rolling Hills Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumni Chapter, as well as the Palos Verdes Library.

The committee members (Dolores White, Jacqui Thomas, Elizabeth Norwood, Brinna Jones, Sheba Forge, Janet Baszile and Laura Henry, Young Readers Manager, Palos Verdes Library District), sincerely thank all who attended and especially are grateful to the organizations for their generous contributions of money and books to the library that will augment their collection of books and media portraying African Americans.

Photos of the event are available at <http://picasaweb.google.com/107943631158278271890/DropBox>

# Living History Museum Collages

By Beverly Lindo



## *Focus on Our Families:*

### *Meet the Pulleys*

Pam and Nick have been residents of Rancho Palos Verdes for over 10 years. They have three wonderful children aged 3, 9 and 12.

Nick grew up on the East coast, but settled in Southern California in the early 80s. He received a masters degree in Engineering from USC and is a well respected senior engineer at a major aerospace corporation in the Los Angeles area.

It was that balanced perspective that led her, in 2005, to be chosen as a judge for California's Division of Workers' Compensation. She is the first African American judge in the history of the Long Beach District Office. Judge Pulley enjoys a reputation of being fair to the litigants who appear before her. She has written over 100 opinions, some of which have been cited in legal articles and journals. She credits her success to her humble beginnings, which have allowed her to stay grounded and focused.



*Pamela Pulley*

## *Shining Star: Isaiah Thompson*

Isaiah Thompson is the six year old son of Mr. Marlon Thompson and Dr. Karol Bowens Thompson. He is a first grader at Point Vicente Elementary School, and is a straight "A" student. His other regular activities include swimming, and golf. Isaiah is also highly regarded for his accomplishments in Shorin-ryu Karate, in which he has been train-

ing for over two and a half years. He regularly competes in a multi-state traditional karate tournament circuit, and almost always earns first place honors. Isaiah most recently successfully defended his 3-time first place status at the 2010 Friendship Open Karate Tournament in Corona. He is also very proud of researching and channeling Malcolm X to

a packed audience at the Peninsula Library, as part of the BHA's Living History celebration. Our community should expect to see significant future accomplishments from Isaiah Thompson



*Isaiah Thompson*