



The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club of Durham recently installed officers for the 2012-13 operating year. The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club is an affiliate of Sertoma International and has a primary purpose of benefitting persons with speech and hearing impairments. The club also awards academic scholarships at its Spring awards banquet named in recognition of its founding president the late Frank Burnette.

The officers pictured, seated from left to right are: Deborah Long Burroughs, president elect; Charles Darwin, Board chair; and James Schooler, president. Standing from left to right are: Liston Pearson, secretary; James Harrington, sergeant-at-arms; J.C. Scarborough, vice-president; Lonnie Hammond, vice-president; Walter Exum, vice-president; and Theodore Bryant, chaplain. Not pictured is James Barnes, treasurer. (Photo by Jerry head)

Democratic Precinct 34-1 (Pearsonstown) Meets



Democratic Precinct 34-1 (Pearsonstown) turned out in force to turn the heat up on the Republicans for the November 2012 election. Precinct residents and their guests were joined by state and local candidates including Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, the Honorable Orlando Hudson (NC Superior Court) and representatives of the Honorable Wanda Bryant (NC Appeals Court). County Commission candidates Fred Foster and

Omar Beasley also attended. Durham County Director of the Elections Board, Michael Perry, updated the group on election rules and voting terms before the roasting began. Larry Hester is the precinct chair for Pearsonstown.



NC NAACP Holds Rally

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Rev. Brown ended the evening with a detailed history of the movement, from someone who had worked with Dr. King, and has seen too many times the ebb and flow of continuing the fight.

Rev. Amos talked about how in the past he would go to some meetings, workshops and conferences for the NAACP and would see some of the leadership there.

"There were times we would have dinner with Kweisi (Mfume, former president of the NAACP) and others, sometimes we would eat lobster. But if I take one bite of lobster five minutes later, I will be sick as a dog. But while I can't eat lobster, I know God still loves me and he does those who can eat lobster. Kweisi and me are different."

He used that story to say that because we are different, doesn't mean that we are not equal in the eyes of God. That gays and homosexuals are different from him, but that God loves them as he does for himself. "Don't judge someone else if you know God loves them as he does you and don't miss what the marriage quality vote was all about. It was designed to divide us and siphon off a sliver of black votes to achieve a larger agenda of setting the race back."

He emphasized the need to focus on the ultimate goal of equality for everyone and not to be distracted in that effort.

Rev. Amos said "don't let anybody break your spirit," when it comes to continuing the fight.

Rev. Amos took full advantage of his opportunity to deliver a full-throated defense of the movement and its goals in the old style of African American pastors who led the fight for quality and not just prosperity. Some mega-church pastors were decried for focus on posterity for its members without the political component that led to opportunity for prosperity.

By the time evening ended members were fully charged for the fight ahead.

Mrs. Virginia Williams, one of the "Royal Seven" who participated in the 1957 sit-in at Royal Ice Cream, said "this reminded me of those rallies from the '60s we had."

Rev. Cousin thanked the assembled for coming out and that he was glad to offer St. Joseph's for the meeting. "This is what we do. It is what we have done," (being a place for civil rights rallies and also host for Dr. Martin Luther King in what is now Hayti Heritage Center, the old edifice of St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church), and what we will continue to do."

Peppers donates \$250k to UNC for scholarships

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - Chicago Bears defensive end Julius Peppers has donated \$250,000 to the University of North Carolina for scholarships.

Peppers' donation goes to a fund that supports African-American students, the school said Aug. 20.

The donation comes after Peppers' transcript was posted on a school website. The transcript showed Peppers was barely academically eligible while he played football in Chapel Hill from 1999 to 2001.

Peppers last week confirmed the transcript was his. He said he was "terribly disappointed" that his records were released. He said he was "thinking of ways that I can use my experience and resources to help" students.

"After considering the ways that I might be able to help young college students, I decided to continue my support of the Light on the Hill scholarship," Peppers said in a statement released by the school Aug. 20.

School officials have not confirmed the transcript was his, but are investigating how the transcript was posted on the website.

The \$250,000 donation goes to the Light on the Hill Society Scholarship fund, which supports African-American students at North Carolina. He made a \$100,000 donation to the same fund in 2009.

Peppers was an African and Afro-American Studies major who did not graduate, leaving school after the 2001 football season.

"This gift is indicative of the kind of man Julius Peppers has become," said Richard Williams, the chairman of the Light on the Hill Society board.

A school investigation has found fraud and poor oversight in a number of the classes in the African and Afro-American Studies program between 2007 and 2011. Football players made up more than a third of the enrollments and student-athletes making up nearly 60 percent of the overall enrollments in those classes.