WRGA MONTHLY MEETING-MARCH 6, 2024

START-6:45pm

Opening Prayer:Autumn Edwards

6:47pm-Reading of February meeting minutes waived...Motion made to waive minutes by Jerome Clarke/2nd by Dalphine Meadows.Motion passed.

6:48pm-Sickness&Health

Member Oddes Andrews(Surgery/Recovery went well)

Member Andre Baker(Recovering at Home)

Member Paul Hood(Death in Family-Aunt)

Member Wendy Yancey(Death in Family-Grandmother)

6:49pm-Intro of New Members and Returning Members

6:50pm-Voting of New Members

(1)new applicant to vote on.

Vernon Shako-NYS Department of Corrections-Correction Officer since 2015. Motion made by Daymond Yizar/2nd by Charles Cotton to accept the new applicant into organization... Majority voted/Motion passed.

6:53 Treasury Report-Daymond Yizar

General/Scholarship/Legal Funds balances reported..Motion made by Gwen Partlow/2nd by Charles Cotton to accept the reading of TR. Motion passed.

Note:Members dues will be increased to \$150/year for Active General members and \$75/year for Retired members in January 2025!

Dues can be paid via: Cash, Check, Cash App-NO ZELLE!

6:57 Communications

1)Columbia Association-NYC...Dinner Dance will be on May 3,2024 at Russo's On The Bay Area, Queens, NY. Tickets are \$180 (See previous email for more information)

2)Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority,Inc. invited WRGA to their 1st Youth Symposium on March 9,2024 from 10am-2pm at Kakiat Steam Academy ,Spring Valley, NY.

Members Winston McCormick & Desmond Martin will be attending.

(See previous email for more information)

3) Thank You Letter from Backyard Sports Cares (WRGA gave a donation)

4)Thank You Letter from Westchester Community Health Center(WRGA placed a full page ad in their 50th Anniversary Gala journal)

5)NECS-New Era Creative Space in Peekskill,NY..Having a Civil Rights Journey April 1-6 to Alabama for Grades 9-11 for Peekskill Residents Only (See previous email for more)

6)Thank You Letter from Past President Captain George D. Rooks-WPPD daughter Yvette Rooks.Donation of \$500 check was enclosed in letter. The Rooks Family has supported the organization for over 60years.

7:07pm-7:50pm Guest Speakers (Real Estate, Lending, Mortgages, Titles)

8pm-Committee Reports

Dinner Dance

Early Bird ticket sales ends Saturday 3/9/2024 Received 40 Journal Ads (1) Hotel Room left at discounted price 185RSVP/45paid in full

Website/Social Media

New Website is LIVE!

Please continue to send in content for both Social Media Platforms and Website.

Scholarship

Applications for scholarships will be available in April 2024

8:09pm-New Business/Open Discussion

1)Bethel Baptist Church in White Plains Men's Ministry Breakfast will be on 4/20/2024 at 10am.Male Only Event...(See previous email for more information)

- 2)Please continue to support with baby diapers & blankets donations for Member Mona Berry-Cauthen collaboration with Open Doors and Delta Sigma Theta.
- 3)Young Professionals of Mount Vernon 5 Year Anniversary Gala-Saturday, June 29,2024... WRGA member David Clarke will be honored. More information to follow.
- 4)Samaron Enterprises, Inc. Mother's Day Event May 11,2024 at The Mansion 139 N.Broadway WP at 7pm-11pm.Tickets \$375 for 2 guests. Contact Member Robyn Stanback. (See previous email for more information)
- 5)Please contact Member Jamal Washington if interested in accessing the shooting range(practice or recreational)at Blue Mountain Sportsman Center in Cortlandt.
- 6)GEL-Guardians Enriching Lives along with New Rochelle Department of Probation will meet on March 20,2024 at 3pm for The Mentoring Program..The following members will be attending:Starr/Latheia/Jamal/Norman/Christina B./Paul/Manny/Micaela/Jerome/Gwen.(See previous email for more information)
- 7)WRGA Golf Outing 2025...Committee formed:Rick Lee-Chairperson/Cynthia/Gwen/Ron/Starr/Christina/Larry/Howard/Wade...Future meeting dates to be determined.
- 8) Grant & Funding Committee Newly formed. Jerome Clarke (Chairperson) & Starr Dawson
- 9)WRGA came in 1st Place at the TDYCC Black Trivia Contest.
- 10)WRGA Members Wade Hardy & Jason Whitehead attended a Youth Empowerment Event at Dayspring Community Center in Yonkers.
- 11)Member Autumn Edwards shared information about the Blue Hope Project hosting a weekly Prayer Call Line and/or Zoom every Friday at 7am. (See previous email for more information).

8:33pm-Closing Prayer Howard Tribble

Motion made to close the meeting by GwenP/2nd by Daymond Y... Motion passed.

Attendance

- 1.Oddes Andrews
- 2.Manny Arismendez
- 3.Wendell Barbour
- 4.Dwana Belton-Wright
- 5.Mona Berry-Cauthen
- 6.Christina Brown
- 7.Larry Brown
- 8.Jerome Clarke
- 9.Charles Cotton
- 10.Starr Dawson
- 11.Sean Deane
- 12.Viticha DeLeon
- 13.Autumn Edwards
- 14.Wade Hardy
- 15.Cynthia Hood
- 16.Paul Hood
- 17.Kareem Lloyd
- 18.Christene McDade
- 19.Ronald NcGregor
- 20.Mary Melvin
- 21.Katrina Mosley
- 22.Gwen Partlow
- 23.Raymond Maldonado
- 24. Dalphine Meadows
- 25.Latheia Smith
- 26.Robyn Stanback
- 27. Howard Tribble
- 28. Harcourt Tynes
- 29. Daymond Yizar
- 30.Otis Cruse
- 31.Wendy Yancey
- 32.Brian Bamfo
- 33.Rasheem Williams
- 34.Akeem Burns
- 35.Micaela Henry