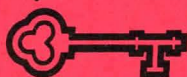


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"Is Education Still The Key?"



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14th Annual Luncheon

Saturday, June 5, 2004

12:00 Noon

Mickey O'Reilly's Restaurant

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*One of the most important decisions of the
Civil Rights Movement*

Join the 50th Anniversary Celebration
of the Landmark Supreme Court Decision
Brown v. Board of Education
of Topeka

In Topeka, Kansas, a black third-grader named Linda Brown had to walk one mile through a railroad switchyard to get to her black elementary school, even though a white elementary school was only seven blocks away. Linda's father, Oliver Brown, tried to enroll her in the white elementary school, but the principal of the school refused. Brown went to McKinley Burnett, the head of Topeka's branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and asked for help. The NAACP was eager to assist the Browns, as it had long wanted to challenge segregation in public schools. With Brown's complaint, it had "the right plaintiff at the right time." [4] Other black parents joined Brown, and, in 1951, the NAACP requested an injunction that would forbid the segregation of Topeka's public schools. [5]

The monument decision of the Supreme Court at *12:52 p.m. on May 17, 1954*, altered the economic, political and social structure of this nation. *Brown v. Board of Education* helped change America forever.

The Case

The Supreme Court combined five cases under the heading of *Brown v. Board of Education*, because each sought the same legal remedy. The combined cases emanated from Delaware, Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington, DC.

"Education is the mightiest weapon you can use to fight your way through."
Fred Scott, Osage City, Kansas, Letter in The American Citizen June 28, 1889

PROGRAM

Lillian Jasper, Luncheon Chairwoman
Mistress of Ceremonies.... Wilma Muse, Recording Secretary

Welcome.....Bertha Davis, President

Invocation.....Joyce Lowe, Chaplain

Musical Selection.....Vickie Turner

LUNCH

Praise Dance....."His Touch"

The Occasion.....Lillie Morris, Past President

Oratory Presentation.....Joshua Woodruff

Introduction of Speaker.... Versa Alexander, Pres. Emeritus

Musical Selection.....Vickie Turner

SPEAKER..... Pamela Lewis

Door Prizes.....Marlene Hines, Correspondence Secretary,
Valerie Issiac & Lillian Jasper, Past President

Reflections & Wrap Up.....Janis Martin, Vice-President

CLOSING.....Lift Every Voice & Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



Members

Versa Alexander	Lillian Jasper
Ora Grady-Allen	Florence Joseph
Ozetta Allen	Fannie Kelley
Alma Canty	Joyce Lowe
Bernice Conway	Janis Martin
Hattie Crisp	Dorothy Moody
Bertha Davis	Brenda Moore
Erma Dawson	Lillie Morris
Jeanette Elm	Wilma Muse
Sarah Gordon	Mary Reese
Loraine Gregg	Brenda Sanders
Marlene Hines	Pamela Terry
Jacqueline Holland	*Elizabeth Lewis
Valerie Issiac	*Wanda Kirkwood

* New Members

Determining.....
for ourselves,
by ourselves