



## 40th ACCORD Train the Trainer Workshop Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine, FL

By Gwendolyn Duncan

The 40th ACCORD, Inc. in conjunction with St. Johns County superintendent Joseph Joyner and Ted Banton, curriculum coordinator for social studies, presented a *Train the Trainer Workshop* on the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine Oct. 19. History teachers from every school in St. Johns County were invited to attend the one-day workshop at St. Augustine High School. The Train the Trainer Workshop was an extension of the ACCORD Freedom Trail Project. The workbook, promotional items, copies of David Colburn's book, *Racial Change & Community Crisis* (given to each teacher), continental breakfast, and lunch from Crispers were sponsored by the Northrop Grumman Corporation.

The moderator for the day was City Commissioner George Gardner. ACCORD Members Barbara Smith and Sally Gardner were on hand to greet and register workshop participants. Opening remarks were given by Rick Matthews, vice president of the St. Augustine site. ACCORD Members *Shirley Bryce*, M.Ed. and *Dalonja Duncan*, M.Ed. put together a curriculum to be used by the teachers of the St. Johns County Schools to teach students about the St. Augustine Movement. Speakers on hand to give their first-hand accounts were Dr. Robert B. Hayling, leader of the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement and activists; Lillian Twine-Roberson whose house was firebombed by the KKK; Maude Jackson, Janie Price, Barbara B. Allen and attorney Dan Warren. David Nolan, local historian, presented background events that took place during the 1963-64 Civil Rights Movement, and spoke about secondary source materials. Gwendolyn Duncan, president of ACCORD during the introductions, told the teachers, "...we would have done our jobs if you leave here today enlightened, inspired, and energized to go back and teach others about the things which you have seen, heard, and learned."

### When asked what topics were most valuable, some of the teachers commented:

- Everything was of value. The stories were very moving and memorable
- First person accounts
- Personal Accounts! Awesome!
- Mr. Warren was wonderful at setting the stage for this time period
- Everything was of value
- All. I'm teaching African American History, U.S. History, it will bring my teaching to life!

### When asked whether they would recommend the workshop to others, the teachers commented:

- Absolutely
- Yes, I hope you will allow more teachers to come in the future...
- Yes, without reservation!
- Yes, most definitely!

Ninety-eight percent of the teachers strongly agreed that the workshop was clear, well organized, appropriate, well prepared, participants were actively involved, and helpful in their line of work. A special thank you to Cora Tyson & Dalonja Duncan for preparing the continental breakfast.



City Commissioner George Gardner was the moderator for the Workshop



Mrs. Lillian Twine-Roberson & David Nolan, historian and Co-Chair of the ACCORD Freedom Trail Project Phase I, at the Train the Trainer Workshop



Former home of Mr. & Mrs. Bungum Roberson was firebombed by KKK because they enrolled their boys in the all-white Fullerwood School. The only thing that remains to this day are the steps

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Gwendolyn Duncan along with the Honorable Judge Stasia Warren and her husband Attorney Dan Warren at Train the Trainer Workshop



Attorney Warren was one of the speakers for the Train the Trainer Workshop on the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine, Florida.



Replicas of the Freedom Trail Markers line the hallway of St. Augustine High School in front of the Auditorium during the Train the Trainer Workshop



Vice President of the Northrop Grumman Corporation St. Augustine Site is Rick Matthews--he brought forth the opening remarks during the Train the Trainer Workshop.



Dr. Robert B. Hayling, the man of the hour, leader of the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement with teacher Donna Jung during a photo opt at the Train the Trainer Workshop



Maude Jackson  
Civil Rights activist



Dalonja Duncan  
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Gwen Duncan and Gale Burnick at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincolnville Festival