



Dr. Cotton Keynote Speaker

Casa Monica Hotel was the setting for the 5th Annual ACCORD Freedom Trail Luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Dorothy Cotton, top female aide for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the 60s.



Over 198 persons gathered at the Casa Monica Hotel to help commemorate the 47th Anniversary of the Signing of the Landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 and to honor the Heroes and Sheroes of the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Dorothy Cotton came all the way from Ithaca, NY to deliver a heart wrenching testimony of her activism in St. Augustine and around the world. Mrs. Sonya Y. Plummer, Guest Speaker spoke about her Grandfather, the Late Mr. Goldie M. Eubanks, Sr., one of the Leaders of the St. Augustine Movement who was posthumously honored later during the ceremony.

Florida State Senator Anthony ‘Tony’ Hill presided as Master of Ceremonies. It also was his last time presiding as a State Senator as he just recently accepted a position in Mayor Alvin Brown’s Administration.

Mrs. Jeanette Kelley, daughter of the Late Rev. Goldie M. Eubanks, Sr. gave a Musical Prelude of Freedom Songs on the Grand Piano right outside of the Flagler Room while guests waited to enter the Dining Hall.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Ernestine Belcher played the keyboard as Mrs. Carolyn Fisher led the audience in singing the Inspirational Negro National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” by James Weldon Johnson.

Rev. Ron Rawls rendered a Prayer and Blessed the Food

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as lunch was served. After a Welcome by President Duncan, David Nolan gave the Occasion. Opening Remarks were given by Chairman Richard P. Burton, Sr. of the Civil Rights Museum Committee. Dr. Priscilla Duncan gave the audience a pre-view of the Freedom Trail Audio Tour which is the new and upcoming project by ACCORD. A special presentation was made by Palm Coast, FL resident Del Berg to the 40th ACCORD, then the City of St. Augustine’s Mayor and Commissioners presented Dr. Hayling with a special Award. The Dr. Robert B. Hayling Award of Valor was presented to the Eubanks Family and after the Speakers. Closing Remarks were given by Dr. Hayling and Closing Prayer by Rev. Ron Rawls. The luncheon ended with everyone holding hands and singing, “We Shall Overcome”. It was a glorious affair.

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Dr. Robert B. Hayling Receives the De’ Aviles Award from the COSA

by Gwendolyn Duncan

Praise the Lord, It’s been a long time coming but finally happened, Dr. Robert B. Hayling, retired First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, former resident, local dentist, and leader of the 1960s St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement was awarded one of the City of St. Augustine’s highest honors: **The De’Aviles Award**. On hand to present the award to him were Mayor Joseph Boles and City Commissioners Errol Jones, Bill Leary, and Nancy Sikes-Kline. Dr. Hayling was overjoyed. This was a very special occasion as his sister and brother-in-law, Mr.& Mrs. Garvey & Yvonne Clarke; two daughters, Crystal and Robin; son-in-laws, Christopher Misner and David Jordan; two grandsons, Roman and Avery Misner; and nieces, Melanie Hayling and Nickolette Owens were there to witness it. Crystal, her husband, and two sons came all the way from Singapore to attend the luncheon while his daughter Robin and her husband came from Mississippi. It was a glorious moment in time for Dr. Hayling who is now 81 years of age.





The Late Rev. Goldie M. Eubanks, Sr. Posthumously Awarded the 2011 Dr. Robert B. Hayling Award of Valor



Picture by Mr. George Williams

The Late Rev. Goldie M. Eubanks, Sr. children receive the Dr. Robert B. Hayling Award of Valor sponsored by Florida Senator Anthony Hill at the 5th Annual ACCORD Freedom Trail Luncheon honoring True American Heroes of the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement. Over two dozen family members traveled from different locations around the Nation to be there.

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Historic Artifact Given to the 40th ACCORD by Mr. Del Berg



Gwendolyn Duncan and Mr. Del Berg shake hands after the luncheon. The first pen used to sign the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson was given to the 40th ACCORD, Inc. Mr. Berg will put on permanent loan, to the Civil Rights Museum of St. Augustine, Inc., his entire Lyndon Baines Johnson Collection when the Museum is brought to fruition.

ABOUT REV. GOLDIE M. EUBANKS, SR.

Rev. Goldie M. Eubanks was the eighth of eighteen children of the late Rev. Samuel and Maggie Eubanks. He was born on April 25, 1913 in Aiken, SC. Rev. Eubanks received his early education in the schools of South Carolina. In 1927, at the age of fourteen, he and his family moved to Saint Augustine, Florida to join other family members residing there. His occupational employments were numerous. He began as a laborer in the fields of Hastings, FL to the yards of Flagler East Coast Railroad. Other occupations included Tourist Carriage Driver, yard man, and a plumber. The one job or position that gave him the greatest reward and delight was being a Minister of the Gospel.

In 1942, Rev. Eubanks+ married Hattie Pierce+ and to this union they had nine children; Dorothy, Jeanette, Goldie, Jr., Barbara+, Randolph+, Leroy, Amos, Whitney, and Clayton. His community affiliations included being a member of the Church Of God, the NAACP, and the SCLC Organizations. History writes that he aligned himself with a group of "Fearless" men led by Dr. Robert B. Hayling. These men initiated the Civil Rights Struggle in Saint Augustine, Florida. Rev. Eubanks assisted and participated in many facets of the movement from attending meetings with local and national leaders, providing transportation for the picketers to and from the various businesses, and being a marcher himself.

On one of those marches, at the infamous "Slave Market", he was struck, arrested, and sentenced to four months of hard labor. He, like many others, experienced the "wrath of haters". He encountered much opposition, endured an attempted fire - bombing of his home and truck, and a second arrest for murder along with his son, a nephew and a neighbor. They were eventually released. After the subsequent passing of *The Civil Rights Bill*, he moved to Sharps, Florida looking for work. Finding employment and housing, he relocated part of his family to Cocoa, Florida for a few years. From there, he moved to Sanford, Florida where he was a Pastor of a church. Rev. Eubanks moved to Deerfield, Florida and finally to Fort Lauderdale where he died on March 5, 1989.

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