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“Crossing in St. Augustine”

Documentary Film by Andrew Young Presents to be screened in St. Augustine in February at the Flagler College Auditorium



CB Hackworth, Director of “Crossing in St. Augustine” is putting the finishing touches on the Documentary Film produced by *Andrew Young Presents*. Filmed in St. Augustine last October and described by Ambassador Young as, “...one of the most violent chapters of the Civil Rights movement -- yet one that almost has been forgotten...” In an interview with Renaldo of Square One Entertainment, after the screening at Clark Atlanta, Ambassador Young was asked the question as to what motivated him to put this documentary together, his response, “...only place in the movement where I got roughed up... a place in the movement that was most violent...most people think Dr. King made a speech and the President signed a bill and we made a march and that was all...shows the lifelong struggle that the people of St. Augustine waged in order that the rest of us would enjoy a Civil Rights Act that desegregated America... got to St. Augustine...had sense enough to realize...the people were right...Ghandi use to say, there go my people, I must catch them for I am their leader...this was a time when I was listening to Martin Luther King as my leader but when I got to St. Augustine, I realized the people were leading the struggle not us.”

Rev. Andrew Young, sent to St. Augustine by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was brutally beaten by police while leading a peaceful march in 1964, and returned to tell the story 45 years later. The Documentary begins, “...with the story of a personal odyssey that will surprise, educate and inspire viewers”. The trip ended with an “old fashioned” rally at the First Baptist Church where Ambassador Young first spoke during the St. Augustine movement. **This is a must see film!**

Ambassador Young, his wife Carolyn, daughter Andrea (Executive Director of Andrew Young Presents), and his crew will return to St. Augustine in February to screen this movie, at the invitation of President Abare, at the Flagler College Auditorium. Invitations will be sent for reserved seating and the rest will be on a first come, first serve basis. Flagler College will also host a Dinner for Ambassador Young and invited guests.

“Crossing in St. Augustine ” cont.

A lot of hometown heroes were interviewed for this Documentary such as Janie Price, Audrey Nell Edwards, JoeAnn Anderson-Ulmer, Shed Dawson, Purcell Conway, Barbara B. Allen, Cora Tyson, Dr. Robert B. Hayling (leader of the St. Augustine Movement), Audrey Willis, and Vice-Mayor/City Commissioner Errol Jones. Maude Burroughs-Jackson, who was a student at Florida Memorial College and arrested for peaceful protests was also interviewed for the film as well as former State Attorney Dan R. Warren, author of, *If It Takes All Summer: Martin Luther King, the KKK, and States’ Rights in St. Augustine, 1964*. Rick Matthews, Vice-President of the Northrop Grumman Corporation was also interviewed because of his financial support of the Freedom Trail.

J.T. Johnson and AL Lingo, who were in the Monson Pool when then manager, Jimmy Brock poured acid into it were also interviewed for the film as well as Willie Bolden, field secretary for the SCLC. You’re sure to enjoy it---

ACCORD PARTICIPATES IN MANY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

There were many activities scheduled for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday and ACCORD was represented at quite a few of the events. On Friday, January 15th, Barbara B. Allen, Gwendolyn, Elizabeth, and Dalonja Duncan attended a Birthday Celebration hosted by Maude B. Jackson at her church in Middleburg, FL. Commissioner Errol Jones, Vice-Mayor of the City of St. Augustine was the Keynote Speaker. His wife was also in attendance. Mrs. Duncan introduced the Commissioner. On Saturday, January 16th, the St. Cyprian Episcopal Church, Rev. Ted Vorhees, Vicar sponsored a Freedom Trail Tour, narrated by historian David Nolan on the RED Sightseeing Train. The train was filled to capacity. Proceeds for the event were donated to ACCORD. Saturday night, Gale Burnick, Gwendolyn Duncan, and Dalonja Duncan attended the **Tribute to A King Ceremony** at Epiphany Baptist Church.

On Sunday morning, January 17th, David Nolan was the speaker at the Unitarian Universalist Church, sharing what he has learned about the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine. Monday, January 18th, ACCORD sponsored a table at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast wherein about 300 persons were in attendance. Florida State Senator Tony Hill was the Guest Speaker and was introduced by Mrs. Gwendolyn Duncan. **ACCORD was very busy in the month of January!**





Grant Funding---Where's the Moolah?

by Gwendolyn Duncan

Seems like those stimulus \$'s and grants just doesn't finds its way to ACCORD, Inc., in the Nation's Oldest City. Maybe they don't know where we are! Can someone tell me where the yellow brick road map is? We've applied for numerous grants for our Freedom Trail Traveling RV Museum, workshops, special programs, etc., but have been turned down over and over again. We've applied on the Federal, State, and Local levels but no \$'s were available for our Civil Rights Commemorative Group. But, we thank God for the Northrop Grumman Corporation who had faith in what we were trying to do and funded the ACCORD Freedom Trail---three years in a row! What a blessing! Thank God also for Ambassador Young for his generous donation to ACCORD with the proceeds of the Book Sale at the First Baptist Church in October during the MEET & GREET Program. A special thanks also to Rev. Vorhees for donating the proceeds of the St. Cyprian's Freedom Trail Tour to help with our general budget. In a few weeks, we will add the final phase to the trail. So be on the look-out. Oops, forgot to mention the St. Augustine Sightseeing Trains are one of our greatest supporters. Oh well, no matter the roadblocks, we are still blessed.

On a much lighter note, the ACCORD Freedom Trail Brochures are now available for our self-guided tour at the St. Augustine Visitors' Information Center. We were told that they are a "very much requested item". Pick one up today!

The Hunters of Apopka, FL Visit the Freedom Trail

While visiting Palm Coast on a business trip, Bernell and Janis Hunter made a special trip to St. Augustine to take a tour of the Freedom Trail narrated by Gwendolyn Duncan. Below are a few pictures of their journey along the Trail.



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Picture A: The Hunters meet Mrs. Janie Price on the Trail

Picture B: The Hunters meet Mrs. Rena Ayers, 105 year old housemother to the Civil Rights Movement

Picture C: Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Duncan in front of the home of Mrs. Cora Tyson, housemother to the Civil Rights Movement

Picture D: Bernell & Janis Hunter visit the salvaged steps where Dr. King was arrested at the Hilton Bayfront Inn, formerly the Monson Motor Lodge

Pictures of Dr. King's Birthday Celebrations



EPIPHANY BAPTIST CELEBRATES DR. M.L. KING, JR.



TO ALL WHOSE BIRTHDAYS ARE IN
January & February
GOD BLESS YOU TO HAVE MANY MORE

