

National Negro Anthem

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring; ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening 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.

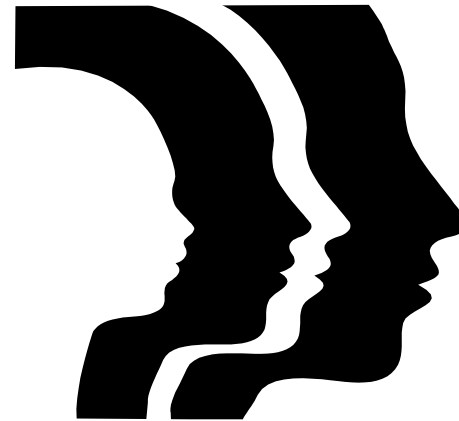
Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod; felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last; where the white gleam of our bright start is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears; Thou who has brought us thus far on the way. Thou who has 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.

On behalf of the Louisville Metro Council we extend our heart filled congratulations and sincere thanks to all of the honorees who have been recognized today. Our city appreciates your efforts and has truly benefited from your tireless and unselfish works in "reaffirming our diverse culture"! (Please join us for light refreshments, in the 1st floor conference room, immediately following the benediction.)

Louisville Metro Council Community Affairs & Housing Committee: Barbara Shanklin (D-2); Stuart Benson (R-20); Mary Woolridge (D-3); Vicki Aubrey Welch (D-13) & Marilyn Parker (R-18)

16th ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM



"Reaffirming Our Diverse Culture"

Thursday, February 22, 2018
Metro Council Chambers
12:00 P.M.

Sponsored by:

*Louisville Metro Council Community Affairs & Housing Committee
Dr. Barbara E. Shanklin, Chairperson (District #2)
Stuart Benson, Vice Chairperson (District 20)*

PROGRAM

Welcome/Opening Remarks	Councilman David James <i>Metro Council President</i>
National Negro Anthem (1 st & 3 rd)	Everyone
Invocation:	David L. Snardon, Pastor <i>Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church</i>
Musical Selection:	Rick Bartlett
Recognition of District Honorees:	Wanda Mitchell Smith Legislative Assistant - <i>Metro Council District #6</i>
Recognition of Special Community Honoree:	Dr. Barbara E. Shanklin - <i>Metro Council District #2</i>
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Musical Selection	Rick Bartlett
Closing Remarks	Dr. Barbara E. Shanklin <i>Metro Council District #2</i>
Benediction	David L. Snardon, Pastor <i>Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church</i>

HONOREES

District	1	Robert Cunningham
District	2	Gloria Crayton
District	3	Mary Maiden
District	4	Jackie Floyd
District	5	Evelyn Glass
District	6	Rev. H. Wayne Colbert
District	7	Archie Bailey & Moonglows
District	8	Stacey L. Robinson
District	9	Terrian Barnes
District	10	Stephen M. Williams
District	11	Officer Eddie Phillips
District	12	Christie McCravy
District	13	Officer Anthony Mabrey
District	14	Roger Thompson
District	15	Jarren Thomas
District	16	Tanisha Ann Hickerson
District	17	Kyle Brooks
District	18	Reagan Patrick Roy
District	19	Kenneth F. Hayden, Sr.
District	20	Deon Reese
District	21	Abdourachid Farah
District	22	Coach James Schooler
District	23	Roy Sutton
District	24	Tenneil Edelen
District	25	Officer Dwight Mitchell
District	26	Rosalind M. Cole

Special Community Honoree:

Mary Alyce Sweeney Foundation, Inc.

***"We are the communities that we serve"
"We do make dreams come true"***

Mary Alyce Sweeney lived her life by two simple rules: Give back to the community and be a bridge over troubled waters to those in need. Following the example set by her Mother, Nancy Johnson-a foster grandmother, she provided food, shelter and advice to dozens of individuals. No matter how late the hour of need, you were always treated as the most important person in the world and whatever was told in confidence, to Mary Alyce, remained with her.

During a violent domestic incident, she suffered a tragic loss of her daughter, Cyndi Sweeney Brown, which sparked her to become an energetic crusader, for women, against domestic abuse. She and members of her family joined the Kentucky Voices for Crime Victims (KVCV) and she continued to work with KVCV until her health failed.

Mary Alyce built a family of strong self-sufficient adults, who have become community leaders and activists; and, continue her legacy through the establishment of the Mary Alyce Sweeney Foundation , Inc.

In addition to continuing the spirit of giving and making dreams come true by touching the lives of others through community service, care packages, domestic abuse services and outreach, the Foundation works to support our ethnically diverse community in educational and social needs.

Some of the Foundation's 2017 accomplishments were:

- *"Making Dreams Come True"* – Provided prom dresses and accessories; and, assisted in procuring tuxedos for graduating seniors and juniors attending the prom
- Provided Mother's Day Care packages to a shelter for women and children

- Raised funds to assist in providing blankets for Hurricane Harvey victims
- Provided care packages to homeless persons living on our streets and under bridges
- Provided Christmas Care packages to homeless, which included personal care items, hats, gloves, blankets, socks and snack items.

Donations and monies raised are essential to the Foundation's mission of supporting our young adults attending college, assisting homeless children and families; and, addressing domestic violence and drug abuse. The Mary Alyce Sweeney Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity. Contact and additional information may be found on their website.

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Rick Bartlett

Born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, Rick Bartlett began his musical career at age 5 singing in church. He began performing with the KY Opera Association while in high school and attended the University Of Louisville School Of Music as a voice performance major.

Currently, Rick is a performer known for his rich velvet voice and talent on the piano and guitar with standard favorites made famous by artists such as Nat King Cole, Lionel Richie, Frank Sinatra, Van Morrison, Prince and Jim Croce.

Rick has performed with several regional orchestras including the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra as well as the Louisville Orchestra.

Most nights, Rick can be found performing solo at Buck's Restaurant and Bar in downtown Louisville.