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The Day the Earth Stood Still

On Tuesday, January, 20, 2009 the 44th President of the United States was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts as the world watched. The mighty and the meek gathered around the steps of the US Capitol to witness this historic event. They gathered around the Lincoln Memorial, in classrooms around the world, in transportation hubs, and in governing buildings throughout the world to hear the 56th inauguration ceremony. By the millions they listened on radios around the world to Barack Obama deliver an inspirational inauguration speech that spoke proudly of our past and challenged us to step forward into our future. He spoke of the generations of America that quietly achieved, built and

sacrificed to make our nation what it is today. At the end of his speech he made mention of the fact that just a few short years ago, his father could not have been served in a restaurant in Washington, DC.

Sequences of events in time have made it not only possible for Barack Obama’s father to eat in a restaurant in Washington, DC but for his son to become The President of the United States. Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, Andrew Johnson’s Civil Rights Bill of 1865, Dwight Eisenhower’s Fair Deal along with the desegregation of the US Armed Forces and John F Kennedy’s work to create equal rights legislation shaped the

path for making this momentous day possible.

Hamilton Park exemplifies the past generations of black people that have strived, sacrificed and achieved in trying times. They have brought us forward to a time where we must decide to step forward and meet the challenges of our time. It is up to each of us to choose what we will make of our lives and what the next generation of our families will inherit.
Step Forward.

By Dennis Williams

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Growing Up In Hamilton Park—A Remarkable Past

I remember Hamilton Park as a community with a small town feeling. Schroeder Rd at Forest Lane was the only way in or out of the neighborhood; LBJ was non-existent; and the two-lane street at the back of Hamilton Park was called Valley View Lane (now LBJ/635). Central Expressway was also two-lanes and Exit 20 at Forest Lane was where we exited for this nice middle class neighborhood. We had our very own shopping center, which included a grocery store, a record shop, and a drug store. The drug store was very popular because it was not only a drug store but a soda shop, a hamburger grill, and a game room all rolled into one place. We fondly called it “Doug’s Drugs” because Mrs. Douglas from the neighborhood owned it.

There was only one Black school in the Richardson School District, grades 1 thru 12, so every child attended the same school and knew each other. Adults often referred to you as your parent’s kid. Most of the teachers lived right in the neighborhood and some were the parents of your friends. All of this meant that no matter what you did or where you did it, when you got home your parents already knew about it when you walked in the front door.

Growing Up in Hamilton Park (con't)

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Because Hamilton Park was such a close-knit community we felt we were safe to go anywhere without fear. We loved sports but football and basketball were our favorites. When there was a football game we acted like it was a super bowl play off game. And the games away from Hamilton Park would see a huge caravan of cars leaving out of the neighborhood; anyone driving in knew where the crowd was going. The football coaches and band directors were like movie producers who made stars of the players and the entire neighborhood was appreciative by representing in large numbers.

Hamilton Park was a wonderful place to grow up. No matter what, if you lived in Hamilton Park or went to Hamilton Park School, you were like family and many lifelong friendships were made. But the best thing about Hamilton Park is that it was a community united and has produced many fine citizens who have gone forth and created a wide variety careers with warm memories of the neighborhood and the desire to keep the legacy of Hamilton Park alive.

By Pat (Smith) Grant

Beyond Reason by Elaine Johnson —A Great Book on Love and Life



Elaine (Ford) Evans Johnson has authored a book that is based on her life experiences growing up in Hamilton Park, going to college, exploring life, finding and losing love, and a twist of fate. The heartfelt book “Beyond Reason” is a fictional book with lots of personal stories that will capture the hearts and minds of readers. “Growing up in Hamilton Park was a positive experience”. As a young southern Christian woman,

Elaine found much comfort in being a part of such an extraordinary neighborhood. But, the feeling of closeness did not wear off when she moved away to college. Friends in the neighborhood inspired many of her characters in the book. Elaine has a degree from East Texas State University and has worked as a systems analyst for the past 28 years. Always wanting to tell her story; she promised

her aunt that she would tell the story of her life one day. Writing this book began as a past time and proved to help Elaine wake her “creative side”. With plans to write a subsequent novel, the advice she gives to aspiring writers is “Just write...and once you start, you won’t be able to stop!”

Elaine resides in Dallas with her husband, Frank. She has two children, Erin and James.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support one of Hamilton Park’s Own”. To order her book – check out her website at <http://www.tellitpublishers.com>

By Teresa Johnson



Cooking with Lance

Lance Brown grew up in Hamilton Park and attended the University of Texas at Dallas, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. Being analytical, he also found that he had a passion for food and cooking. Lance holds a Culinary Certificate from the Art Institute of Dallas and specializes in amazing desserts. Coming from a family of great cooks, Lance has learned to develop his own cooking style which he describes as simple, yet elegant. Lance enjoys spending time with his two beautiful daughters and experimenting with new recipes.



Lance will be featured in the Foundation Newsletter under the “Cooking with Lance” section. If you would like more information on his desserts or recipes send an email to: CookingwithLance@sbcglobal.net.

By Teresa Johnson

The Hamilton Park Project

Signing up for “The Project” is as
Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Become a part of this historic project by
doing any of the following:

- 1) Contact a HPHPF Endorsed Realtor listed on our website: <http://hp-foundation.net>
- 2) Call us at 972-381-5600
- 3) Contact a Friend or Family Member that has already signed up. They can provide you with the additional information that you will need to become a part of “the Project.”

You can attend our monthly Steering Committee meeting held every 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:30pm -7pm at the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center, 12225 Willowdell Drive, Dallas, TX 75243

Please contact us with your questions or concerns; we will be happy to discuss the Hamilton Park Project with you in detail.

This is a community venture and we are here for you!

Greens with Smoked Turkey

Makes 4 to 6 servings

2 quarts water
 1 ½ teaspoons salt
 2 pounds greens (collards and turnips)
 Wash until clean
 Remove stems
 Chop coarse
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 ½ pound smoked turkey, chopped
 2 turnips, small diced
 ½ large onion, small diced
 2 stalks celery, small diced
 2 small shallots, small diced
 1 jalapeño pepper, (stem and seeds removed, small diced)
 6 cloves garlic, minced
 2 cups chicken stock
 ¼ cup inexpensive white wine (ex. Pinot Grigio)
 Salt and Pepper to taste

1. Bring 2 quarts water to a boil in a deep sauté pan. Add 1 ½ teaspoons salt and greens to water and stir until the greens wilt. Cover the pan and cook the greens for 7 minutes.
2. Remove pan from heat and drain the greens in a colander. Rinse and fill the sauté pan with cold water. Add greens to the cold water to stop the cooking process.
3. Lift a portion of the greens from the cold water, squeeze dry and set aside in a bowl. Repeat process until all the greens are in the bowl.
4. In a large sauté pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add smoked turkey. Then add turnips, onion and celery. Sauté until tender.
5. Add shallots, jalapeno pepper and garlic and sauté for 1 minute.
6. Add greens, chicken stock and wine to pan and turn heat to high. Once the mixture comes to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes or until desired tenderness.
7. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

“Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, ‘What’s in it for me?’”

~Brian Tracy

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Upcoming Community Events

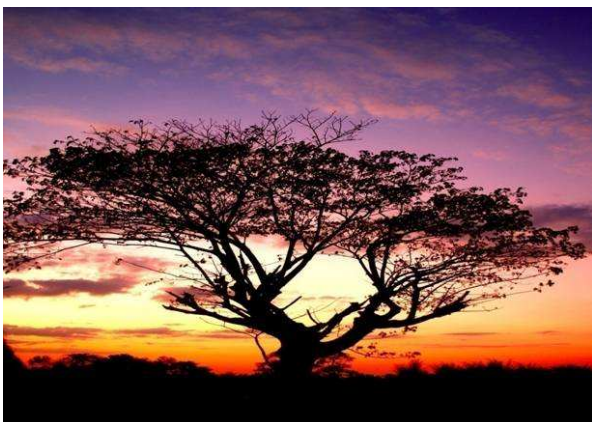
April 25th—Mega Resource Expo
11am—5pm

June 20th -Juneteenth Cookout and Class
Reunion 11am—6pm

September 12 - Legacy Gala (*location to be
determined) 8pm—until

October 7—National Night Out and Potluck
6pm—8pm

Location of events*:
Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center
12225 Willowdell Drive,
Dallas, TX 75243
(*unless otherwise indicated)



“There can be no vulnerability without risk, there can be no community without vulnerability, there can be no peace, and ultimately no life, without community.”

M. Scott Peck

Contributing to the Newsletter

If you have a newsworthy article about neighborhood events or would like to highlight a current event for this newsletter we are seeking contributing writers. You can contact the editor, Teresa Johnson at Teresa.u@hotmail.com. We are always looking for upcoming events and would like to display the talents of the Hamilton Park Residents and HPPHF Members.

Thank you for taking time to read our newsletter and your continued interest and involvement in “The Project”.

Teresa Johnson
Editor- in- Chief

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“BUILDING A HISTORIC LEGACY”**