Beverly Hyman Reynolds
Donates Major Gift to Howard University Libraries!

Howard University alumna, Beverly Hyman Reynolds (B.A. 1963, M.A. 1972), has pledged $5,000 to Howard University Libraries over the next five years, thereby earning the distinction of being a Life Member of the Friends of the University Libraries. On November 12, 2010, Ms. Reynolds sent her first check in the amount of $1,000. Upon learning about her major gift, Dr. Whetsel-Ribeau, who has served as the honorary chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and the University Libraries since last April 2010, commented, “What wonderful news!! It makes my heart smile.”

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Supporting the libraries and has followed through with her commitment in wonderful ways.

On October 1, 2010, the president of the Howard University Alumni Association (HUAA), Ms. Kimberly Singleton, appointed Ms. Reynolds the HUAA Library Liaison. Of her appointment, Ms. Reynolds says, “It brings out my creative side and get’s me going to raise funds for the Library.” Ms. Reynolds will officially assume her duties on January 1, 2011. However, already, she is busy formulating ideas, plans and strategies. She is excited about having begun to “spread the word regarding the Library’s needs and fundraising programs throughout the HUAA membership.” Ms. Reynolds is highly committed to doing all that she can to help restore, improve, and advance the facilities and services of Howard University Libraries.

Like other young students who pass through the Capstone, Ms. Reynolds had a rich education as a student at Howard University, and fondly re-
members her years at Founders Library. Here she was able to become immersed in her studies as an undergraduate and graduate student. Throughout her career, she has worked at the Library of Congress, and taught English in the public schools of the District of Columbia, Federal City College now the University of the District of Columbia, Texas Southern University, and the Los Angeles Community College. She also worked for the City of Los Angeles and received numerous commendations for her contributions to civil service.

Ms. Reynolds is very devoted to the HUAA. Presently, she is its National Secretary, and has previously served in several other significant capacities. In Los Angeles she has functioned as a fundraiser chair, scholarship chair, and club president for three terms. A native Washingtonian, Ms. Reynolds moved to Los Angeles, where she joined the local alumni club in 1975.

Howard University Libraries is indeed fortunate to have such tremendous support from the HUAA, and Ms. Beverly Hyman Reynolds, our HUAA Library Liaison. Her most generous donation, as well as her love and time are all gifts for which generations of students and researchers at the Founders Library shall be grateful.

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**A Used Book Sale and Friends Membership Drive That Draws Alumni, Students, Faculty & Staff**

Clear blue skies, soft breezes, and a pleasant climate (much cooler than the sweltering heat in some of the offices inside Founders and UGL) on Thursday, October 28, 2010, were perfect for a Used Book Sale in front of the Founders Library! The event was the brainchild of the Metadata Librarian/Cataloging Supervisor, Dr. Andrew Sulavik, and the Supervisor of the Technical Services, Curator of the Architecture Library, and Web Services Coordinator, Ms. Alliah Humber. With the support of their staffs, most notably, Ms. Melanie Harris and Ms. Mary Mayfield of Acquisitions and Technical Services and Ms. Leelamma Yohannan of Cataloging, there were two carts full of quality fiction and non-fiction books available for sale. Alumni, students, faculty, and staff were attracted to the charming arrangement of books and fall flowers on top of a table elegantly dressed table in a white linen table and flanked on both sides by cart-fulls of books.

The Friends of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and the University Libraries took advantage of the opportunity to promote membership with the support of Ms. Shelley Stokes-Hammond, Public Relations and Gift Books Officer, Ms. Melanie Harris and Ms. Yeruk Gessesse of Acquisitions and Technical Services, Ms. Leida Torres of Reference, Ms. Carlotta Barkwell, and Ms. Ungiejikem (Iye) Ugbong, who are both students who work in the Administrative Offices.

Book Sale patrons also found information and gifts for joining the Friends. There were red and green calculators imprinted with the name of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center on them as well as bibliographic material available for Moorland-Spingarn. For Friends of the University Libraries, there were brass bookmarks and brass pins with red and blue etchings.

Fifteen persons joined the Friends that day! There were two alumni, two members of the faculty, two staff members, and nine students. A total of $114 was received for membership in the Friends and $94 in book sales for a total contribution of $208. Membership costs were reduced to $5 for individual memberships and $8 for a joint membership in the Friends of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and the University Libraries.

Thanks to the suggestion of Ms. Ungiejikem Ugbong (or Iye, as she is better known), two RSVP (Room Selection and Verification Plan) points were offered as an extra bonus for students who joined the Friends that day. A student accumulates RSVP points to secure a fair and equitable advantage in requesting a preferred space in one of the University’s residence halls. Both Ms. Ugbong and Ms. Carlotta Barkwell who are students who work in the Administrative Office were successful in getting students to increase their RSVP points by joining the Friends.

Visitors who stopped by made so many positive comments: “What a wonderful idea!” “You should do this more often!” “When is your next sale?” “Is there a way to buy books later on?” “The floral arrangement is so beautiful!”
The teamwork of staff members at the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (Dr. Clifford L. Muse, Jr. (Interim Director), Mrs. Joellen Elbashir (Curator), and Mr. Theodros (Teddy) Abebe (Assistant Archivist), and the University Libraries made such a successful day possible. For assistance with setting up and dismantling tables, books and more, the support of Mr. Aaron Robinson, Mr. Ian Robinson, and Dr. Sulavik was greatly appreciated. Dr. Wright had purchased the flowers to accompany the display of the gift bags and refreshments for the Student Open House in the Undergraduate Library; however, the flowers found their way to the table for the Used Book Sale and Friends Membership Drive. How fortuitous! So many persons commented on the lovely touch. A world of gratitude is extended to everyone who made the event successful on such a beautiful fall day.

From the Editor’s Corner

Giving and Gratitude!

Year after year, It’s a Wonderful Life, a popular and endearing film, airs on television during the Christmas season. However, the themes of giving and gratitude in the film are relevant for any day, or any season.

For those who are not familiar with the story, it is about a young man named George Bailey who foregoes his dream to leave his small meager town of Bedford Falls for bigger and better opportunities elsewhere. George sacrifices his own dreams to help others by keeping a small family-owned Building and Loan Company George out of the grubby fingers of the misery old Mr. Potter who seeks to monopolize the entire town. Then, when an $8,000 loan payment George must make to Mr. Potter appears to be missing, George is at risk of being sentenced to jail. His despair is so great that he contemplates suicide and wishes he had never been born. Miraculously, a Second Class Angel by the name of Clarence Odbody shows George what Bedford Falls would have been like if George had never been born. The darkness is profound.

Afterwards, a more hopeful George Bailey returns home that Christmas Eve to find his home filled with the love and kindness of family members and citizens of Bedford Falls who, after learning of George’s predicament, pool their resources to compensate for George’s losses. Clarence earns his wings by showing George how his seemingly small contributions have made such an incredible difference in the lives of so many individuals. George realized how much he is appreciated by the citizens of Bedford Falls, how fortunate he is to have his loving wife and children, and yes, even his home with all of the repairs he cannot yet afford to fix. This classic film was produced in 1946, directed by Frank Capra, and starred James Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore. It can also be found in DVD, VHS and Video on Demand purchase.

Not everyone has to reach such a dramatic turning point in one’s life as George Bailey of Bedford Falls before realizing how that magic quality of gratitude can save us all in our greatest moments of despair. May we have the joy of knowing that in giving we receive the blessing of gratitude! Wouldn’t it be wonderful to help more second class angels get their wings!

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday! Best Wishes for the New Year and All Years!

Quotes about Giving and Gratitude

“Strange, isn’t. Each man touches so many lives . When he isn’t around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn’t he”

It’s a Wonderful Life, (the movie)

“You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”

Kahlil Gibran
“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”
*Franklin D. Roosevelt* (1882-1945) Thirty-second President of the USA.

“You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.”
*Unknown Source*

“When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.”
*Unknown Source*

When I give I give myself.
*Walt Whitman* (1819-1892) American poet

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
*Anne Frank*

“I don't think you ever stop giving, I really don't. I think it's an on-going process. And it's not just about being able to write a check. It's being able to touch somebody's life.”
*Oprah Winfrey*

Quotes about “Gratitude”

“A person however learned and qualified in his life's work in whom gratitude is absent, is devoid of that beauty of character which makes personality fragrant.”
*Hazrat Inayat Khan*

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.”
*Marcus Tullius Cicero, the great Roman philosopher, lawyer, and statesman.*

“Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road.”
*English preacher, John Henry Jowett*

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”
*Albert Schweitzer*

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."
*G.K. Chesterton*

"If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get."
*Frank A. Clark*

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