

30 Rose Awards finalists announced

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The Professional Black Women's Alliance is gearing up for its 14 annual "Rose Awards" at the Alexis Park Resort on 375 E. Harmon Ave on Saturday.

Thirty contestants will posture themselves to earn the prestigious acknowledgement which is broken up into six categories: Academic Achievements, Economic/Business Achievements, Community Achievements, Humanitarian (Charitable/Social/Family), Outstanding Student, and the big enchillada, The 'Overall' Rose Award.



DEBORAH WILLIS

"This is to recognize women who have worked tirelessly for years without anyone ever saying 'Thank you,'" said Faye Duncan-Daniel, president of the Black Women's Alliance. "We have a responsibility to document the contributions of these women and give our children positive role models."

The six finalists who will get the most coveted honors are:

Ida Mae Gaines, who will receive the Community award. Gaines is the president of the Nevada Coalition of Concerned Women's Club, a regional representative working with Sen. Harry Reid, and has been appointed to various community boards.

The Economics/Business award will go to Barbara "Sugar Babe" Jones, owner of the noted restaurant by the same nickname. Sugar Babe's is a fixture in our community, truly demonstrating that with a good product and quality service, black businesses can thrive.

Willie Mae Smith, church mother at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church on 500 W. Jackson Ave. comforts the sick and prepares the missions for the church. Smith will receive the Humanitarian award.

Geraldine Starkey, who had a literacy problem as a child but overcame it, will get the prestigious Rose Award. At 76, Starkey has gathered a heap of accomplishments working with CBS Recording Company in New York City and California. Since living in Las Vegas, Starkey has worked with the Howard Cannon Center and currently volunteers, providing free tax services for senior citizens and working with the American Red Cross.

Jillian Williams, a Western High School junior, is an aspiring writer who enjoys sports, volunteers in her community, and will be the proud recipient of a \$1,000 savings bond from winning a Ford Motor Credit Essay Contest.

Deborah Willis, principal at John F. Mendoza Elementary School, is poised to receive the Academic Achievement Award. Along with fulfilling her role as an educational administrator, Willis serves on various task forces and committees that determine how students will be educated. Willis is also a mentor to other up and coming educators and administrators, sharing ideas and passing on skills that ensure professional growth.

A cocktail reception will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with the banquet and awards presentation shortly following. Dancing will be from 8:30 until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person over 16 years old, \$15.00 for guests under 16, and tables of 10 are available for \$250.00. The theme, "A Tribute to the Bridge Builders to the New Millennium" will ignite the evening with everyone wondering, who will walk away with a Rose? For more information please call 631-0000.

Mayor calls on community to volunteer

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Buzzing and bustling with media representatives, city hall was a hub of activity as newly-elected mayor, Oscar Goodman, held his first press briefing after being sworn in last Monday.

"I felt jittery about my first (City Council) meeting," said Mayor Oscar Goodman. "I've been given tremendous support from the 10th floor."

Oscar ran down the events of the past week and addressed press inquiries on

the 10th floor in the city manager's conference room Thursday, July 1. He stressed that his administration will focus on the redevelopment of downtown, development of Pacific Union land, a proposal for a NBA basketball team and the building of a new sports arena downtown.

"I was warned that I would be bored. I haven't had time to be bored," said Goodman.

Unfortunately for the Westside, Goodman does not, at this time, have a

redevelopment strategy or plan for the area. When asked for any proposals or possible projects on the horizon for Jackson St. and the like, the mayor went blank.

Goodman is calling for all community-minded citizens to come forth and form committees to discuss problems and municipal short comings.

"We're trying to make this a responsive city hall," said Goodman "... Have people come together for discussion."

Goodman invited African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics, veterans, senior citizens, the disabled and physically challenged, gays and lesbians, and whoever feels that they are not getting their tax dollars worth out of city hall to come together and sit on citizen-based committees.

Volunteers on 2 to 15 member committees would meet with Oscar to help find solutions to their groups' problems and issues.

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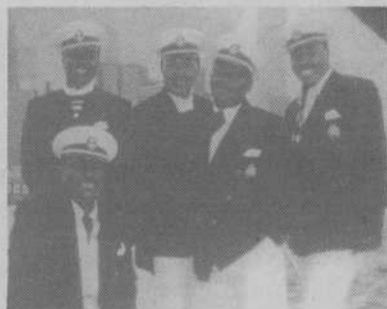
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