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# NEWSLETTER

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## The President's Corner



By Deborah Evans

I hope this message finds you and your family well. Typically, my President's Corner message highlights a trip or upcoming event. But during this difficult time, I'd like to talk about dealing with Covid-19, and I pray that everyone is weathering this surreal pandemic.

We share responsibility with our family, friends, and community in taking precaution and preventative measures to stay safe and healthy. It's important to protect ourselves at home, as well as at work. A new normal in life has evolved and continues to change, as the world changes around us. ([Please go to page 4](#))

## NBS Supports Jr/Pro Snowboarder

### "Fly-In-Brian" a Rising Star for 2022 Olympics

Brian Rice, a Michigan native has received NBS funding for his quest to become the first Black teenager to participate as a 2022 Olympic Snowboarder. Support from your membership dues and Black Summit registration dollars are at work. He also has a <[www.gofundme.com/f/support-snowboarder-flyinbrian-olympic-dreams](http://www.gofundme.com/f/support-snowboarder-flyinbrian-olympic-dreams)> site.



## Shawnee Mt. PA . . . Youth Learn-to-Ski Trip

On Feb 8, 2020 JSSI provided free transportation to youth with an adult paid membership for the **Sponsor-A-Youth Learn-to-Ski** one-day trip to Shawnee.



# SUNSHINE and RAIN

## Congratulations . . . Dual Graduation



On June 18, 2020, **Fred & Hazel Brown** (grandparents) and **Darron & Cheryl** (parents) had two graduations to celebrate on the same day. **Andrew** graduated from fifth grade grammar school to middle school. Whereas, **Jordan** graduated from eighth grade middle school to high school. Both schools are in Burlington Township, Springdale NJ.

### SUCCESS! NBS Election Winner Executive Vice President

In case you have not heard, **Mr. Lee Valentine** received the required number of votes necessary to win the special NBS election. We welcome and congratulate him on winning this position.

## Retirement Wishes ... Enjoy time doing the things you love



**Patricia "Pat" Faison, (L)** a spring 2020 retiree, Pat holds the distinction of being the longest tenured Newark Museum of Art employee. She was the most consistent force behind organizing The Museum's Black Art Film Festival. It has run continuously for 45 years, the longest one in the US to celebrate African American and African diasporic producers, filmmakers, directors and actors. Her initial post began in 1971 as Programs and Publications Assistant.

**Wanda Williams-Nunnally**, JSSI Past-president and member officially retired for the second time from what started as a P/T job, before turning into a fulltime job. She and her husband, Arthur moved to Delaware.

## Sympathy to Our JSSI Families and Friends



**Kendall Nelson**, a husband, father, grandfather, and New Jersey Transit Bus Operator for 28 years passed from COVID-19 on April 13, 2020. His wife paid tribute to him on Facebook, writing how he "wore many hats and wore them very well. He knew how to balance it all, he made life look so easy [and] always cared about his family. Nelson was a member of ATU Local 825 and had been awarded bus operator of the month honors.



**Gloria "T"heresa Whitten**, JSSI lifetime member passed at home on July 13, surrounded by family. Her late husband was Ritchie Whitten, Sr, a JSSI founding lifetime member. A celebration of Gloria's life will be held at Weequahic Park on or about August 12. Call Ritchie Whitten Jr. at 973-885-0280 for more info. Cards can be sent to: 47 Girard Place, Newark NJ 07108.

**Latya Taylor**, the wife of Kevin Taylor passed and our thoughts are with the family. Messages of comfort can be sent to: Keven Taylor, 5079 Just Street NE, Washington, DC 20019-5559

## May Our Condolences and Prayers Comfort Extended NBS Families



**Julia Alexander** is gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. She was a Pasadena CA, Snow Busters Ski member and mother of our NBS National Treasurer.



**Nathaniel "Nate" Jackson**, past-president and founding member of Blade Runners Ski Club, Los Angeles CA. passed in March from COVID-19 complications shortly after attending the NBS 2020 Summit. Messages of condolence may be sent to his wife: Audrey Webb-Jackson, 2670 St. James Place, Altadena, CA 91001.



**Charles E. Jackson, Jr.**, a member of Blade Runners Ski, Los Angeles CA, Snow Busters Ski, Pasadena CA and Winter Fox Ski Assn in Los Angeles CA. Charles suffered Covid-19 complications after returning from the NBS Summit. Sympathy messages can be sent to his children: Chanell S. and Nick Jackson, 5883 1/2 Doverwood Drive, Culver City CA 90230



**Haymon T. Jahi**, a former NBS National President, he transitioned this life on April 9, 2020 due to COVID-19. He was also a founding member and past president of Fire & Ice Ski Club, San Jose, CA. A real passion for skiing, he missed only one Summit in 27 years. Cards or messages of sympathy may be sent to: Cheryl Morgan, P.O. Box 611956, San Jose, CA 95161

## GET WELL . . . Sending Healthy Vibes in Your Direction

**Janie Hankerson**, a former JSSI Sunshine news reporter and lifetime member has managed to stay safe and well, free from Covid-19 while residing at the Roosevelt Care Center located in Edison NJ.

**Gary D. Garrett**, President of All Seasons Ski, Stockton CA was hospitalized and battled COVID-19 for 10- days. He is feeling better.

**John L. Williams**, member of the Ski Jammers in Houston TX and long-time attorney for NBS, had a 48-day stay in the hospital where he spent most of his time on the ventilator. He is recovering at home.

**Ben Finley**, one of the legendary founders of NBS, spent 2-days in isolation battling pneumonia. Now, he has zero symptoms of COVID-19 and plans to attend future summits.

## Winter Games 2020

The games were held at Mt. Creek, Vernon NJ on the weekend of Feb 3&4.  
Photo (L) Chris Smitty; (R) Lance & Kevin

## New Jersey Special Olympics



**JSSI 2020 Econo-Trip  
Killington, VT January 17-21**

JSSI members enjoyed food, conversation, and hospitality on MLK weekend. Also, tote bags from our REI sponsor were handy for carrying essentials.



**NEW DATES**

December 2020  
Hall of Fame Induction

December 5-12, 2020  
Early Out ER/ESWU  
Telluride CO

February 27 – March 6  
NBS 2021 Summit  
Aspen Snowmass CO



**The President's Corner**

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Now a different framework of ideas and recommendations influence our best practices during daily routines. More reason to prepare ourselves to address issues that change on a weekly basis. For example, working from home, telecommuting part-time, home schooling, online zoom gatherings, wearing facial mask, dealing with the psychological challenges and coping with the mental health aspects of completing tasks while Covid-19 continues to run its course.

This global pandemic has caused many of us to experience a wide range of emotions. Whether you are serving on the frontline as an “essential” worker or supporting your job by working from home, taking the time to rest and de-stress is critical to maintaining good health and wellbeing.

A number of museums are now offering online access to their galleries, including the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum in NYC. In cases where you have not had the time to get outside during the day, take a virtual walk in the woods via the internet. If you are bummed out about postponing your 2020 travel plans, take a virtual visit to Italy and explore the streets of Rome.

If you wake up with the morning blues, try listening to some jazzy tunes on YouTube. Tools to help you de-stress during this infectious epidemic are just a click away. Besides, if you have a stress management tip that works for you, do share it with us by posting it on our website or social media.

Love, Peace and Blessings to all in light of this World turned upside down.  
**Stay Healthy JSSI Family**



**NBS Raffle now LIVE!**

**Enter Founders Hall of Fame Induction Raffle**

Support Art and Ben’s induction into the Hall of Fame. There are some GREAT Prizes: A 7-bedroom house for 5 days in Vail over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, an Icon Pass for the 20-21 Season, a 1 bedroom Snowmass condo with lift tickets for 3 days, plus so much more. You need not be present or a NBS member to win. Any funds remaining after induction expenses are deducted will be allocated to the OSF. Be one of the lucky winners.

