



**“A Community in Motion”  
by The RTR Committee**

The River Terrace Community is one of the few true communities in the District of Columbia. It is a water front community that is bordered by the Anacostia River, the East Capitol Street Bridge, Interstate 95 highway and the railroad tracks, and the Pepco transfer yard along the Benning Road corridor. It is primarily made up of single family homes with a row of apartments lining one of its borders on Kenilworth and East Capital Streets. These natural borders have created a neighborhood whose residents have lived together for seemingly forever. It is not uncommon to still hang with your childhood friend for the past sixty years in this neighborhood.

Now all of the above being said, the point of this article is that prior to the formulation the River Terrace Reunion Committee and for the past fifteen years, the only social gathering to see old friends was funerals. It is always good to see old friends, but a funeral may not be the best place for laughs and hugs. A life long resident kept making the plea to host a cabaret or a picnic just as a social gathering to see past and present folks that lived in River Terrace. Finally in 2009, his voice was heard and about twenty men met to plan a River Terrace Picnic. The picnic came into fruition through the sacrifice, planning, and monies from each volunteer. The picnic was a success and the neighborhood loved it.

From that event, those volunteers formed a structured social group forever known as the River Terrace Reunion

Committee, (RTRC). We elected officers, formed committees, and held regular meetings to ensure that we would make having an annual picnic a tradition that the neighborhood could look forward to. We also decided that we would create additional fund raising social venues for the community to continue to have the spirit of comradery, friendship, and brotherhood. These social fund-raisers are our bus rides to Atlantic City, and our multi-

ple theme oriented cabarets. The club **does not maintain profits** from these events, but instead manages the funds to support the next free neighborhood picnic. We also attempt to fund a neighborhood Christmas celebration, give backpacks to neighborhood children, and last year we were able to support a \$1,500.00 scholarship to a student on his/her way to college. Finally our message is, support us as we support you. Peace!



Neighborhood children and young visitors were entertained by Inspire the Clown (Monica H. Jordan) and her team of characters ( Dae-Dae the dog, Fue-Fue the frog, Lah-Lah the elephant, and Spiderman who missed the photo opportunity).



Members of the River Terrace Reunion Committee take a moment off from their host duties of the annual picnic to pose for a rare and historic photograph. A few members aren't in the picture due to pressing club responsibilities.

## PHOTO GALLERY: RTRC PICNIC 2014



The members of the River Terrace Reunion Committee decided to show their appreciation to the Senate Asphalt Company for their generous contribution to ensure that we had an successful event.



The volunteers from Georgetown University who are performing their Day of Service in Ward Seven in the background are assisting with face-painting duties, while their counter-parts are preparing to help serve the great picnic dishes.



Bernard Moton, the club's Sargent of Arms gives our youngest member and mascot Joshia, a lesson in the technique of a proper hand shake.



Georgetown University Students have been supporting the River Terrace Picnic for the past four years, as can be seen in this photo opportunity taken at the 2013 Picnic.

### Announcements:

- ◆ Condolences to Stanley Green and Family for the recent lost of his father.
- ◆ Condolences to Roland Christian and family for the recent lost of his sister and brother.
- ◆ Look for information about our upcoming post Thanksgiving Family Dinner Dance (December 6th, 2014)
- ◆ Look for information about our next bus trip.

### A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY



Neighbors and residents of the River Terrace Community:

The River Terrace Reunion Committee's mission remains community and family oriented. We came together in 2009 after attending multiple funerals. We realized that funerals had become our primary venue to meet and greet long lost friends. All River Terrace residents are like an extended family, so we hug, smile, and share updates whenever we meet, and then promise to see each other in the future. Those promises were never kept. To ensure that we begin to stay in touch, and fulfill our promises, we decided to host an annual picnic, two cabarets, and multiple bus trips as the community's platform to see each other in different social venues. Please keep supporting us as we continue this mission, and we look forward to seeing you at our/your next event. Respectful, Lawrence E. Jordan, President, RTRC

To submit a community announcement, give suggestions, donations, or for more information about the River Terrace Reunion Committee, contact RTRC Treasurer, James Gaskins (202) 494-0426.