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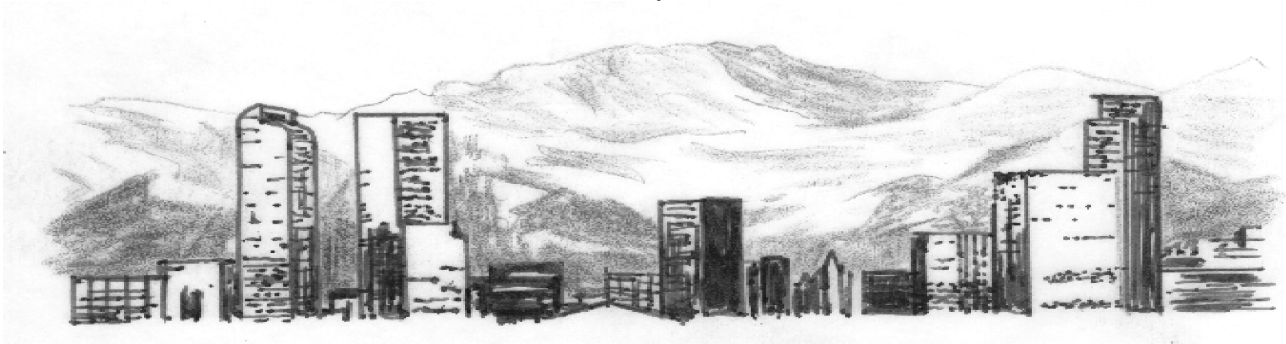


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James Gross – 1941, 42. 46, 59, 65, 66, & 1969 (Founder)

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Wilbur Hardy – 1980 & 1981

Robert Wright – 1982 to 1984

Walter C. Daniels – 1985 to 1987

Lloyd C. Shelton, Jr. – 1988 to 1990

Robert I. Patton – 1991 to 1994

Kenneth G. Crichlow – 1995 & 1996

Robert J. Shoates – 1997 to 1999

Charles T. Smith – 2000 to 2003

Penfield W. Tate III – 2004 to 2006

Marvin Pierce – 2006 to 2008

T. Greg Labrie – 2008 to 2011

Dwight T. Gentry, Sr. – 2011 to 2014

Jeffrey T. Smith – 2014 to 2016

Maurice Dismukes* – 2016 & 2017

Alonzo Butler – 2017 to 2024

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The Owl Club of Denver
In Memoriam
February 2024

Warren D. Alexander
Vernon C. Armstrong
Raymond Bailey
Frank Barbee
Omar D. Blair
William Blanchard
Ferris Cassius
Dillard Collins
Charles R. Cousins
Wiley Y. Daniel
Walter C. Daniels
Ben Davis
Howard Denton
L. C. Davis Finley
Dr. Bernard F. Gibson, Sr.
Elliott H. Gray
Raymond Grizzard
James Gross
Wilber Hardy
Raymond B. Holman
Larry K. Hurst, Sr.
C. Columbus Johnson
Michael B. Johnson
Hubert L. Jones
William H. Kirk
Isaiah Kelly, Jr.

Clyde Lange
Ralph D. Mason
Burris McCloud
Lloyd McHenry
Arthur B. McQueary
William E. Miller
C. Lester Nelson
Andrew J. Noel, Jr.
Edmond Noel
Robert T. Patton
Marion H. Qualls
Winfred Seymour
Lloyd C. Shelton
David Smith
Dee Smith
George W. Smith
Jesse W. Smith
Mahlon M. Smith
Carl Terrell
Noel Waller
John J. Whitney, Jr.
Robert R. Williams
Alfred Wood
Fred Young
Elvin Donald
Carl Pigford

The Owl Club of Denver Owl Members

February 2024

Gregory Anderson

Derris C. Newman

Alonzo E. Butler

Marvin Pierce

Maurice Dismukes

Skip Riley

Roy W. Gentry

Charles T. Smith

Maurice Goodgaine

Jeffrey T. Smith

Londell Jackson

Penfield W. Tate III

Theron Greg Labrie

James A. Walker

Zachary McNeal

Ronald Washington

The Owl Club of Denver Owlettes

February 2024

Mary C. Alexander	Marla Newman
Robin Anderson	Linda Patton
Barbara Butler	Linda Pierce
Ida S. Daniel	Jane Pigford
Sharon Daniels	Dr. Ramona Rodriguez
Leatha Gentry	Jean Shelton
Patricia D. Goodgaine	Marva Shoates
Melba Hardy	C. Mickie Smith
Lola Hurst	Ida Smith
Sheila Johnson	Rosalyn Smith
Josephine Kelly	Shelia A. Smith
Beverly Kelley	Paulette Tate
Tara J. Labrie	Nina Washington
Jeneva McQueary	Delores Williams
John Schmahl	Deidra Walker

Gregory Robert Anderson, CFP®



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Gregory Robert Anderson, CFP® joined the Owl Club of Denver in May 2004. Gregory has faithfully supported the Club in various roles. He is currently the Debutante Committee Chairman having served for more than a decade. Gregory is the Vice President of the Club's Board of Directors, and he is a nine-year member of the Owl Club Scholarship Fund Board of Directors. Gregory also served as Financial Secretary. His wife, Robin Anderson, is an Owlette and has served as a Narrator and Coordinator for the Owl Club Debutante Ball. Gregory's most significant Owl Club highlight was the 69th Debutante Presentation held in 2020 and collaborating with Owl members, Ronald Washington and Marvin Pierce, to present and recognize 20 Debutantes virtually. The Debutante Ball was meticulously planned and executed during the COVID 19 pandemic with its mandates and restrictions. Gregory's aspirations for the Owl Club are: Increasing club membership; creating a diner club commune with club members and their significant others; and, socializing at cultural events, theater, and community activities, etc.

Personal Background:

Gregory grew up in Denver, Colorado and graduated from Smoky High School, Aurora. In high school, Gregory participated in football (quarterback), baseball (second base), and student government (state government President in his junior year). He received a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from The Colorado College in 1982. In college, Gregory was involved with the Black Student Union, Black History Month committee, and the photographer for the college's newspaper. Gregory obtained his Master's degree in Financial Services from The American College in 1995.

Gregory and his wife have one son, Barton. Robin is a Certified Residential Appraiser. He enjoys cycling, photography, and hiking; Gregory has hiked the Grand Canyon six times on day trips as well as Colorado's Fourteeners.

Professional Career:

Gregory is the founder and Chief Investment Officer of GRAnderson Wealth Management Group. GRAnderson Wealth Management Group, Inc. is a registered investment advisory firm specializing in comprehensive retirement planning design, financial planning and investment management services. These plans offer customized solutions to meet clients' life goals, with an emphasis on alternative and tax advantaged investments, which include real estate, energy, and private equity. He holds the following financial services designations: Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor (CMFC).

Prior to forming GRAnderson Wealth Management Group, Gregory completed a 15-year career with financial services giant TIAA-CREF. In his last position with TIAA-CREF, he was the Managing Director for the Western Counseling Center. In that role he was responsible for the inbound call center that provided financial and retirement planning services to its participants. Previously, Gregory was the National Sales Director of TIAA-CREF's Trust Company in St. Louis from 1998 to 2000. He started his TIAA-CREF career in 1990 in the Denver Regional Office. There, Gregory worked directly with institutions and participants, providing financial and retirement planning services. Immediately prior to joining the Trust Company, he managed the Service Plus and Tax Deferred Annuity units in the Western Counseling Center. In this capacity, Gregory was responsible for managing and directing a sales group and a project management team for the division.

Gregory started his career in the financial services industry with a regional banking group as a commercial loan analyst and banking officer from 1983 to 1986. He then worked with Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant from 1987 to 1990.

Organizational Endeavors:

Gregory is a thirty-nine year member of Shorter AME Church in Denver. He is a charter member (1985), past president (three times), and Board of Directors member of the Greater Park Hill SERTOMA Club. The SERTOMA Club supports hearing health, Christmas baskets/toys for children, youth activities and Young Life Denver. Gregory was recognized as SERTOMA of the Year. He also is an alum of Leadership Denver, a rigorous selection program with the Denver Chamber of Commerce.

Alonzo Ernest Butler



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Alonzo Ernest Butler, also known as Al, joined the Owl Club of Denver in April 2003. He is the current President, serving his third term. Al has also supported the Club as Vice President, Board Director, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and a member of the Debutante and Membership committees. Al recalls fondly the 2002 Debutante Ball and the presentation of his daughter, Traci; it was a proud father moment for him as he escorted her to be presented. Al relishes the time the Club participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parade and displaying the Owl Club banner. His wife, Barbara, has also volunteered her time to the Club by securing donations in the form of gift cards and other offerings granted to the Debutantes and their escorts. Barbara has consistently provided time and treasure in support of the Debutante Reception and scholarships.

Personal Background:

Al was born July 20, 1953 at George Air Force Base (AFB) in Victorville, California and the only boy of seven children. Al's sisters live in Denver and remain close to him. They are: Deloris Butler, the eldest, retired from the Federal Reserve Bank; Mary Davis retired as a Principal from the Denver Public Schools; Joann Butler retired from Century Link; Lorraine Butler (deceased) retired from City and County of Denver; Geri Grimes (deceased) served as the Director of Hope Center and was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame; and, Cynthia Warren is a Home Care Specialist. Al, a military brat, lived on Albrook AFB, Panama from 1956 to 1960. One memory from Al's early youth that taught him about discrimination and to stand his ground in the face of blatant racism; his mother taught Al how to stand up for himself against challenges in life. Al's chief hobby over the years has been baseball and he played semi-pro baseball in the 1970's. Al remembers playing in the Men's Senior Baseball League's all-star game at Bears Stadium (Mile High Stadium) and a feeling of joy because his father was watching him play. Al's other hobby is playing a variety of card games such as Bid Whist, Spades, Hearts, and Tunk; he is skilled at Dominoes and Billiards too.

Al has been married to Barbara A. Butler for 44 years and to their union two daughters were born. Alonna, (married to Amod Avery) and Traci (married to Aaron Green). Al and Barbara have four grandsons: Jaylen Avery (age 21), Braylen Green (age 14), Aaron Green, Jr. (age 7), and, Elijah Green (age 1).

Al graduated from East High School where he competed and lettered in football (cornerback) and baseball (outfielder and infielder). Al was an All-City honorable mention in baseball and his team won the Summer League city championship in 1969. Al attended Trinidad State College and played baseball two years for the Trojans. He attended Metro State College, playing two more years of baseball.

Professional Career:

Al retired as a Sergeant from the Denver Sheriff Department (DSD) after 28 years of service. Al had an accomplished and fulfilling career with DSD leading, guiding, directing, and mentoring people on the force; he functioned as a field training supervisor and officer. Al was a member of the DSD Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) and served eight years as President of the Black Sheriffs Protection Association (B.S.P.A.). He designed the B.S.P.A.'s uniform pin which is still being worn today. Al's efforts in the DSD contributed to increasing the number of Black deputies hired and promoted to higher ranks. Al received commendations from the Undersheriff and Inmate Coordinator for his work on the jailhouse basketball tournament which was held for five years without any incidents or acts of violence from the inmates. Al was on the command staff for major construction projects at the county jail. He coordinated the administration, building improvements, security, and safety for the newly constructed seven story county jail which involved movement of inmates from the old buildings. Al was awarded numerous uniform pins ranging from community service to life saving; his name is listed on wall plaques along with city dignitaries. Al appeared and was interviewed on National Geographic's 'Lockdown' television show featuring the Denver County Jail.

Organizational Endeavors:

Al is a member of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, Denver and he is a Master Mason, Centennial Lodge #4 Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated.

Maurice Dismukes

Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Maurice Dismukes joined the Owl Club of Denver in June 1983 and became Secretary in August 1983, serving in the position for 26 years. Maurice has been the House chairman for 20 years and the Chairman of the Board since 2000 with a brief break of two years. Maurice has supported all activities of the Club including the New Year's Ball and Debutante Cotillion. He recalls fondly the programs of yesterday: Installation of Officers Luncheon (required for members and wives; paid by the club); Owlette Meetings (met once a month and took field trips to Shopping centers, sponsored a summer BBQ luncheon for members, and bus trips to the casinos); Fundraiser with Country Dinner Playhouse (sold tickets to Denver and Boulder playhouses); and, awards were presented to members and Owlettes. Maurice's service to the Club was acknowledged with the Meritorious Service Award, Outstanding Achievement Award and other club awards to name a few. His wife, Mrs. Frances Dismukes (deceased), was President and Secretary of the Owlettes, and she served as a Debutante coordinator and narrator.



Personal Background:

Maurice is a member with a rich and principled history in the Metro Denver community. Maurice proudly states he is a military dependent from the old-school, born an only child. His father retired in Denver, Colorado after 29 years in the United States Army; yet, Maurice traveled back and forth to other areas of the country namely Mississippi during his formative years. Ultimately, he received his secondary education at R.E. Hunt High School in Columbus, Mississippi and he played baseball (pitcher and first baseman).

Maurice's hobbies are collectable cars and toys, and donating vehicles to Big Brothers.

Maurice's college career started at Tyler Junior College, an all-white institution of higher learning in Tyler, Texas, the rose capital of the world. He was one of 31 African-American students to attend the school in 1965. Maurice finished his initial college training in Texas in May 1967, receiving an Associates of Arts in Fine Arts (Theater Arts and Physical Education). He left Texas to complete his college education at Colorado State College in June 1969, obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in subjects US History and Recreation (an emphasis in Physical Education). Colorado State College would later become the University of Northern Colorado (UNC).

Professional Career:

Maurice was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 where he was trained as a Military Policeman, serving honorably for two years. Upon his discharge in 1971, Maurice joined the police force in Aurora, Colorado and worked as a patrolman through 1989. He was one of two African-Americans on the force when he started. In 1990, Maurice became a US Marshal working court security until his retirement from federal service in 2005. In retirement, he has owned and operated a lawn care business.

Organizational Endeavors:

Maurice is a man about the community holding membership in several organizations. Since 1974, he has been a member of Centennial Lodge #4 PHA. Maurice is also affiliated with Mountain & Plains Consistory #33 (Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado) and Syrian Temple #49 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. along with various houses therein. He was a 'big brother' for 23 years with Big Brothers, joining before the union of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Maurice is a past member of the Cerebral Palsy Association and the Adams County Diversion Team, a group dedicated to helping young people assigned to the diversion program.

Maurice began his Omega experience in the Lampados Club during the fall of 1966, entering the Sigma Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated at Texas College on April 14, 1967. Maurice awards and accomplishments in Omega are numerous: Two Omega Man of the Year Awards; Two Founders Awards; recipient of Chi Phi Chapter's 2011 Centennial Year 'Bridge Builder' Award; and, the Eighth District Stalwart Brother. He was the secretary of the Scholarship Board which was later changed to the Holmes Omega Scholarship Foundation. Maurice is Life Member #362 and has been an active, financial member in good standing throughout his entire Omega journey. He has the 25 Year service pin and certificate, the 40 Year service pin and plaque, and the 50 & 55 Year service pins.

Roy Willis Gentry

Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Roy Willis Gentry has been an integral member of the Owl Club of Denver since June 1980, dedicating his time and expertise to various committees such as Budget, Audit, and Bylaws. His commitment reached its pinnacle during the club's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 1991, a moment he holds dear. Roy envisions the Owl Club evolving into a self-sustaining community-supported organization under his continued guidance.

Personal Background:

Roy, originally from Phoenix, Arizona, embarked on a journey that led him between Denver, Colorado, and his hometown before settling permanently in Denver in June 1993. A family man, Roy is married to Mrs. Leatha Arnette Gentry and is proud to be part of a large and loving family, including four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Beyond his professional and community endeavors, Roy enjoys a variety of interests, including golf, skiing, and extensive travel. His journeys have taken him to intriguing destinations such as Africa, Europe, Costa Rica, Cuba, Jamaica, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii (cruise), and various locations across America. Roy Willis Gentry stands as a testament to a well-lived life, marked by dedication to community, professional excellence, and a zest for exploration and learning.

Roy's academic journey began at Phoenix Union High School, where he not only excelled in the Advanced, Able & Ambition (AAA) Program but also demonstrated leadership as Sophomore Class Treasurer and involvement in various clubs. He furthered his education at the University of Colorado at Boulder, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, complemented by a Junior College degree from Phoenix College.

Professional Career:

As a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and seasoned business owner, Roy's professional journey has been marked by excellence. From the First National Bank of Denver's Management Trainee Program to pivotal roles at Colorado Economic Development Association, Denver Coalition Ventures, Inc., and as a partner in the CPA Firm of Ashby Armstrong and Johnson, Roy's financial acumen and leadership were evident. In 1991, he received the Outstanding Business Award from Dollar & Sense of Chicago, IL, an honor that included a four-day weekend with leaders and celebrities. Roy's 1970 experience as a Robert F. Kennedy Fellow, mentored by IBM's Chairman, Tom Watson, speaks to his enduring commitment to excellence. Roy's contributions to US West, Inc. including pioneering the introduction of fax-mail capability, showcase his strategic thinking. Roy eventually retired in 1996 and established Roy Willis Gentry P.C. CPA, serving as its owner and president for nearly 25 years.

Organizational Endeavors:

A life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Roy played crucial roles as past Polemarch (President) and past Keeper of Exchequer (Treasurer) for the Denver Alumni Chapter. Roy's outstanding contributions have earned him recognition as the Kappa Alpha Psi Man of the Year in both Phoenix and Denver. His commitment extended to community initiatives, notably serving as the Chairman, Board of Directors for the Five Points Community Center. Roy's dedication to Kappa Housing as a founder and project Accountant exemplifies his enduring impact.



Maurice Goodgaine, Jr.

Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Maurice Goodgaine, Jr. joined the Owl Club of Denver in February 2006. He has supported the Club as Secretary, Finance Chairman of the Debutante Committee, Chairman of the House Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors. Maurice received an Outstanding Service Award for his efforts during fiscal year, 2008–2009 and the Superior Service Award in 2010–2011. Maurice believes the two virtual Debutante presentations in 2020 and 2021 will be crowning events in the history of the Club. Maurice's daughter was an Owl Club Debutante in 2008. His wife, Patrice Goodgaine, is an Owlette and has served as a coordinator helping the Debutante's with their preparation on the day of the Ball. Maurice hopes the Owl Club becomes associated the championing educational excellence and mentorship in the East Denver area.



Personal Background:

Maurice was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. Maurice and his wife, Patty have a son (Marcus) and daughter (Elise). Maurice graduated from Regis High School and he played basketball (guard), ran track (440 low hurdles, high jump, 440 run, and relays), and he competed in cross country. Maurice received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Master of Science in Taxation from Colorado State University (CSU). While at CSU, Maurice was a member of the Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society. Maurice has operated Various Industries LLC with a partner. He enjoys family, sports, outdoors (camping, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding), and his daughter's two rescue dogs (Lola and Zorro).

Professional Career:

Maurice was the former Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Denver Employee Retirement Plan. During his career, Maurice has been an accountant, controller, urban renewal specialist, banker, and independent insurance agent. His body of work include opportunities at the following companies: Price Waterhouse Coopers & Touché; Bratcher Industries; Colorado Housing Finance Authority (CHFA); Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA); Heritage Bank (VP Branch); Insurance Town & County; and, Hamble Insurance.

Organizational Endeavors:

Maurice is a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Maurice community service record include board membership and other endeavors. Here is a small segment of his service: Board Chair of Colorado Banking Board; Board Member, Adams County Housing Authority; Board Member, Colorado Community Land Trust (CCLT); Member, Metro North Chamber of Commerce; and, Board Member, National Association for Industries and Office Parks (NAIOP) Colorado Chapter (2004–2008). He was recognized as the Metro North Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Person of the Year in 2014.



Londell D. Jackson, M.Ed.



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Londell D. Jackson joined the Owl Club of Denver in November 2023. He is presently a member of the Entertainment and Debutante committees. His aspiration for the Owl Club is to help broaden the visibility across, among, and within the various communities where Black/African American men convene.

Personal Background:

Londell is a 4th Generation Denver Native and 6th Generation Colorado Territory Native. He is the son of Gregory Jackson and LaVonda Harrison both of Denver, CO. Londell is currently married to John H. Schmahl and the couple has no children. Londell enjoys hiking and camping, and loves to cook and eat; he is also a huge fan of horror movies.

Londell is a graduate of East High School and studied at Morehouse College majoring in French. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Metropolitan State University of Denver in Nonprofit Administration in Urban Communities and went on to complete a Master of Education degree from Regis University with a specialization in Adult Learning, Training, and Development. These educational attainments have allowed Londell to assist nonprofit professionals and their customers and clients achieve their highest goals, objectives, and outcomes.

Professional Career:

Londell has over 25 years of combined professional, volunteer, and educational experience from which he draws upon while in his role as Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Specialist for the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's Office of the Future of Work. Throughout his career, Londell has supported organizations which have worked to uplift Denver's underserved and marginalized communities as well as those organizations which support Colorado's nonprofit sector do what they do better. Additionally, he has worked for private foundations and nonprofit organizations which have had a national reach to support LGBTQ+ rights, workforce development priorities, and our nation's personal financial education sector.

Londell has exercised his talents as an adult educator through teaching. He served as an adjunct instructor for the Colorado Community College System Online, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Denver's University College, and University of Colorado at Denver's Graduate School of Public Affairs where he taught developmental math, nonprofit studies, philanthropic studies, and program evaluation respectively. Londell has been recognized for his professional endeavors: 2013 ASAE Foundation Innovation Grant Award. For the development of on-demand educational toolkits; and, 2004 A face of success in nonprofit organization administration. Metropolitan State University of Denver, Alumni Association.

Organizational Endeavors:

Londell has been a member in good standing of Mensa since 2008, having served as Member at Large for the Denver Chapter. He is currently affiliated with Ile Ori Ogbe Egun, Ifa Initiate and previously a parishioner of Saint Ignatius Loyola Church (2003-2020).

In the community, Londell has lent his time and talents to numerous groups and organizations over the years such as local workforce development boards, citywide commissions, foundation boards, educational committees, and national affinity group committees. Here is a brief listing of Londell's extensive record of service:

- The Spirituals Project Choir, Member 2023-present
- Office of Financial Empowerment Advisory Committee, Colorado Attorney General's Office, Member 2022-present
- Denver Men's Serve, Member 2020-present
- TEDx Mile High Adventures Board, Member 2019-present
- Greater Denver Area Sports Association, Board of Directors, Commissioner 2018-2022
- Adams County Workforce Development Board, Vice Chair 2019-2022
- Metropolitan State University of Denver Foundation Board, Member 2013-2016
- City & County of Denver, GLBT Commission, Commissioner 2013-2014

Theron Gregory Labrie



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Theron 'Greg' Labrie joined the Owl Club of Denver in April 2003. He currently serves as the Treasurer after several years in the Financial Secretary position; Greg is a past President of the Club. In addition, Greg's work on committees include the Entertainment (Chairman), Social Secretary, Security, and Website. He has delivered both innovative and traditional programs for the social calendar as well as to strengthen the cohesion of the members. Greg's leadership and service on the social projects have benefited Owls, Owlettes, family, and friends. He has spearheaded activities such as Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments, Fish Fry at the Owl Club, Casino Bus Trips, Super Bowl gatherings (in-person and virtually in 2021), to name a few. Greg's Owl Club involvement is a family affair. His wife, Tara has been a guest speaker at a Debutante Reception; Greg's daughter was an Owl Club Debutante in 2013 and his son was an Owl Escort for three years, 2017, 2018, and 2019. Greg's aspiration for the Owl Club is to continue to be relevant for another 80 years and be a force in the community.

Personal Background:

Greg was born in Kansas City, MO and raised until the age of 14. His family moved to Opelousas, LA where he completed high school, graduating third in a class of 325 students from Opelousas High School. Greg is married to Tara and they have a daughter (Briana) and a son (TJ); Team Labrie are a model of family first, selfless service to others, and amity. Greg enjoys spending time with family, entertaining friends, golfing, skiing, and traveling domestically and internationally. Greg graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southern University with a B. S. degree in Civil Engineering; he was also named the Most Outstanding Civil Engineer Student Award at Southern. Greg graduated with a MS degree in Environmental Policy and Management from the University of Denver and he was awarded the Certified Public Manager certification from the University of Colorado.

Greg and his family are members of Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church. He is a member of the Denver Chapter of the Southern University National Alumni Association and he held memberships in Toastmasters International and the 100 Black Men of Denver. Greg is the recipient of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's 2012 MODEL Man of the Year Award.

Professional Career:

Greg is a Professional Civil Engineer (PE) and is currently the Director of Public Works for the city of Brighton, Colorado. He is also a Certified Public and Floodplain Manager. Previously, he was a Certified Public and Floodplain Manager for Adams County, Colorado creating pristine developments and infrastructure for the betterment of cities and citizens; he has worked 15 years for the county. In April 2021, he was selected as the Employee of the Season for Success in Practice in Adams County; Greg was also named as a Who's Who in Colorado Business and nominated for the Engineer of the Year.

Greg is a military veteran with six years of service with the Army National Guard; he was assigned to D Company, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Greg completed Officer Candidate School at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, LA and finished his term of service as a Second Lieutenant, receiving an honorable discharge.

Organizational Endeavors:

Greg is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He was initiated into Chi Phi Chapter, April 14, 1990. Greg has held several district and chapter offices which included Eighth District Publicist and Chi Phi Basileus, Vice-Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seal, and Chapter Editor. Greg is the recipient of several district and chapter awards throughout his journey in Omega. Here are some of his accolades: Eighth District Superior Service Award; Chi Phi Chapter Omega Man of the Year, Superior Service Award (multiple years), Founders Award, Chapter Service Award (multiple years) and Basileus Award (multiple years), among others.

Additionally, Greg is the Chairman of the Clarence F. Holmes/Omega Scholarship Foundation. Under his leadership, the foundation has continued its long tradition of awarding four or more scholarships to deserving students for their entire undergraduate matriculation. Greg has assisted with the following fundraising activities while on the foundation's board, such as, the Pancake Breakfast with Applebee's, Lunch at Outback, and multiple golf tournaments to name a few.

Zachary E. McNeal

Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Zachary E. McNeal joined the Owl Club of Denver in August 1998. He has served on the Entertainment and Membership committees during his tenure. Zach's proudest accomplishments are that his three children graduated from Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, and Howard University, all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In Zach's words, "Those are my best accomplishments...NO doubt!" Zach's two adult daughters were Owl Club Debutantes and his adult son was a Debutante Escort. His wife, Ramona was a narrator for the Debutante Ball. Zach's hope is that the Owls Club of Denver continues to be a model organization for Denver, Colorado, and particularly our youth.



Personal Background:

Zach was born and raised in St. Louis Missouri. He went to both Catholic and public elementary schools as well as high school in St. Louis. Shortly thereafter, Zach moved to Denver and attended the Community College of Denver, University of Colorado (CU), and Regis University. Zach completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from CU and a few years later he obtained a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in International Business.

Professional Career:

Zach started his career with IBM as a Systems Engineer in Denver. Zach progressed from a Systems Engineer to Marketing and Sales with IBM as well as other roles leading to a Segment Manager overseeing the IBM team responsible for all Process Industry customers, i.e. Oil & Gas, Mining, Pharmaceutical, and Biochemistry. He was part of IBM's Petroleum Industry Worldwide vertical team covering the largest international software companies for Oil & Gas and Mining.

Zach joined the world's leading visual computing company, Silicon Graphics (SGI) as new technologies became more prevalent and he progressed to become the Director of Channel Sales for all the Americas – Canada, Mexico, United States, and South America.

With a burning desire to be an entrepreneur, Zach started a small company as a business partner and integrator of the technology companies he had worked with through the years. Becoming a business owner suited Zach well and the training he had received throughout his career positioned him to take the leap outside his industry to start a business in concession's ownership at Denver International Airport. This allowed Zach to even recruit, mentor, and train youth within the community on running and working in a small business.

Zach has received many corporate awards throughout his career in IBM and SGI as well as in concessions within the airport industry.



Derris C. Newman

Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Derris C. Newman became a member of the Owl Club of Denver in August 2022. He joined after his daughter, Ms. Moira Maria Newman made her Owl Club Debutante introduction with the organization in June 2022; it was the Club's 71st presentation. Derris is currently the Recording Secretary and a member of the Debutante and House Committees for the Club. He has recently secured a Renewable Energy Grant from the Denver Foundation to fund the Solar Owl Project which will install solar panel on the roof of The Owl Club's headquarters and generate solar energy for the building and the surrounding area's electric grid. Derris is also working with the House Committee to place the Owl Club of Denver and its building on the National and State Historic Registries. His aspirations for the Club includes assisting the organization's outreach to produce another 70+ years of honoring the regions' young African American women recognizing their intelligence, leadership, and integrity.



Personal Background:

Mr. Newman is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana and relocated to the Denver Metropolitan Area with his family in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina decimated the region. Derris, his wife, Marla Jones-Newman, and daughter presently reside in Parker, Colorado where they enjoy visiting various farmer's markets and festivals throughout the state, domestic and international traveling, cooking, and gardening. His daughter, Moira, is a 2022 graduate of Regis Jesuit High School and is a sophomore at Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts. Derris' parents currently still live in the greater New Orleans Region, and his brother Charles D. Newman resides in Houston, Texas with his family.

Derris received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems with a concentration in Management at the University of Loyola in New Orleans. He has studied Accounting at Louisiana State University and Hotel Restaurant and Tourism at the University of New Orleans. Derris is also a graduate of Jesuit High School of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Professional Career:

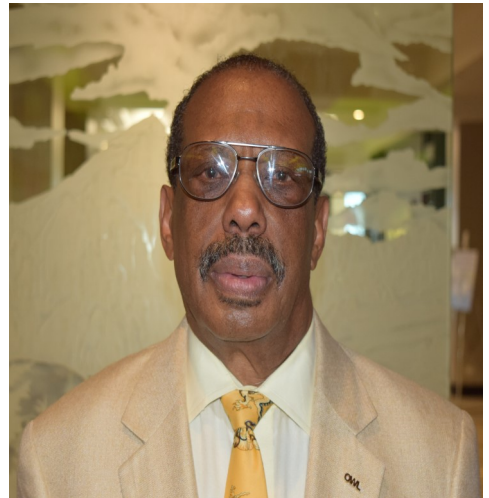
Derris is the President and CEO at Market Target Solutions, LLC which is dedicated to independent and objective market and financial analysis for Tribal, private, and public gaming, and other entertainment facilities. He consults for public and private clients seeking to plan, develop, and operate, both Commercial and Native American casino gaming, sports, entertainment, convention, and cultural facilities. Mrs. Marla M. Jones-Newman is the Vice President of People and Culture at Mother Jones, a non-profit American progressive magazine.

Organizational Endeavors:

Derris has volunteered as a mentor with the Boys To Men program which mentored middle school aged African American males at a New Orleans Public School. Derris served in several executive positions including President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer throughout his ten-year period volunteering with the group until Hurricane Katrina ultimately ended the program's activities. He obtained grants which allowed the program to host their annual Orientation Retreat away from their urban surroundings to the Fontainebleau State Park near the shores of Lake Pontchartrain in Louisiana. In the year 2000, as a young professional, Derris was a member of the Young Leadership Council, where he secured the public display permits for the Festival of Fins Redfish Sculptures which was the largest art display to ever hit the streets of the City of New Orleans. The event raised over \$550,000 for 65 local non-profits. As a Coed at the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Mr. Newman pledged to the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega, Inc. service fraternity where he chose to be a leader, friend, and of service to the community.



Marvin Jerome Pierce



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Marvin Jerome Pierce joined the Owl Club of Denver in February 2000. Marvin has held several leadership roles and committee positions in the Owl Club. His record of service includes: President; Vice President; Chairman, Debutante Committee; Scholarship Committee; Budget; and, Debutante Committee. Marvin is currently the Chairman of the Owl Club Scholarship Fund, Incorporated and a Director on the Club's Board of Directors. Marvin remembrances of significant Owl Club programs and activities include: New Year's Eve celebrations; Debutante receptions and cotillions; and, fellowship at various social events both inside of the Club and outside at different venues.

His daughter, Brionn was a Debutante in 2000 and his wife, Linda was a Debutante narrator, coordinator and Treasurer of the Owlettes.

Personal Background:

Marvin was raised in Denver, CO, the youngest of three children (2 boys and 1 girl); his brother is deceased. He is married to Linda who is a retired Audit Manager from Kaiser Permanente Regulatory Compliance Department. Marvin and Linda have six children, one deceased, seventeen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Marvin grew up in Scott United AME Church and later in life started attending Macedonia Baptist Church. Marvin's hobbies include activities both current and over the years; they are a love for sports (attends Denver Nuggets games regularly), private pilot lessons, travelling extensively, and entertaining friends consistently.

Marvin is a graduate of Denver East High School and attended Metropolitan State College and Front Range Community College. Marvin has a degree in Food Service Management and Prep, and he is certified as a Dietary Manager and Food Service Executive (CFE). Marvin held a Serve Safe Certification; he is a Mediator and a Notary Public.

Professional Career:

Marvin retired as the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Denver Health after 34 years of service. His career in food service is extensive and noteworthy. Marvin has been an Army cook, cafeteria manager, hospital food service manager, and department director. At Denver Health, formerly known as Denver General, Marvin has seen the Denver hospital organization grow from a one patient tower at the start of his employment to five patient towers at retirement. During his tenure at Denver Health, Marvin was recognized as a food service leader when the hospital was ranked 10th nationally for dietary food service and nutrition. Here is a synopsis of Marvin's food service endeavors: Director, Sydeso In-room Food Service; Director of Food and Nutrition, Denver Health; Liaison to Morrison Food Service Contractor, Denver Health; Troubleshooter Specialist, Foodmaker Incorporated (Jack in the Box); Manager, Jack in the Box; Manager, Canteen Food Service Chef Manager at AT&T;(formerly Western Electric) Cook, Denver Stapleton Airport.

Marvin is a military veteran of the U.S. Army serving three years (1967-1970) and attaining the rank of Specialist E-Five. He worked as Cook and Assistant Mess Sergeant; his military assignments were Fort Bliss, TX (basic training), Fort Lee, VA (Culinary school), Camp Humphrey, South Korea (Mess Cook, Shift Leader), and Fort Eustis, VA (Mess Cook, Shift Leader). Some of Marvin's U.S. Army decorations and awards were: Expert Marksman; Good Conduct Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, and recognition for serving 3,000 + soldiers (Engineers and Infantry) three meals daily.

Organizational Endeavors:

Marvin was a five year member and past Co-President of the Colorado Branch of the International Food Service Association (IFSEA); he is the recipient of the Iron Skillet Award from the Colorado Branch. Marvin is a Court Mediation Services (nine years) which is affiliated with the Denver Bar Association as well as a Lead Mediator (seven years). He is a member of The Retired Enlisted Association (20 years) and the American Legion (21 years). Marvin participates with the Look Who's Cooking Now and the 100 Men Who Cook community events.

Carl Pierre Pigford

Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Carl Pierre Pigford joined the Owl Club of Denver in January 1985. He served as the Social Secretary and helped with the annual Debutante Cotillion. Carl enjoyed the camaraderie, playing cards, and the preparation of young, smart women's introduction to the community. Carl's wife, Mrs. Jane Pigford supported the Debutante Ball as a coordinator for several years. Both Jane and his daughter, Kaarin, were Debutantes in 1956 and 1988, respectively. Carl's son, Tony was an Owl Club escort in 1991. Incidentally, Mrs. Florida Pitt Waller was the first Debutante Ball's narrator. Other Debutantes in the family were Julia (Carl's sister), Diane Ward Jones (Jane's sister) and Linda (Carl's niece).

Carl hopes that the Owl Club of Denver can thrive for another 80 years, and continue to carry on the impact and legacy that has been built by so many amazing Black men in Denver.



Personal Background:

Carl was born in Denver, Colorado and is the third youngest of eight children (six boys and two girls). Carl has been married to Jane for 63 years. She is a retired educator and school Principal. Carl and Jane have two grandsons, Isaiah 24, and Wells 2.

Carl is a proud Manual High School graduate. He was a prolific basketball player, leading the state in scoring and receiving All-City and All-State recognitions. Carl went on to play basketball at the University of Seattle and he graduated from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado with a degree in Industrial Construction. Published in 2008, The Great Book of Denver Sports Lists included Carl in their "Best Ever High School Players in the Metro Area."

Professional Career:

Carl is a retired entrepreneur who ran a commercial construction company for 35 years. His company located in Denver, The Rocky Mountain Door Company (8th Avenue), constructed doors and other fixtures for the Central Library, the Denver International Airport (DIA), the Cherry Creek Mall and the Pepsi Center. His company serviced residential garage doors, bathrooms, and glass.

Carl was in the United States Army Reserve and served during the Berlin crisis.

Organizational Endeavors:

Carl is a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the Denver Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, and Connecting Link for the Denver Chapter of Links Incorporated. Carl has been a youth basketball coach, a reading buddy and tutor at Florida Pitt Waller K-8 and Stedman Elementary schools. He and his sister, Julia support a scholarship fund for Manual High School graduates that is named after their parents, Joseph and Lottie Pigford.

Carl and Jane are the recipients of the Honorable Menola Upshaw Humanitarian Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 for their dedication to the Denver community and impact on the youth in particular.



Skip Riley



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Skip Riley joined the Owl Club in October 1988 and has been an active member over the years; his sponsor was Raymond Grizzard. He is currently a Director on the Club's Board of Directors. Skip has supported the Club as Vice President, Chairman of the Owl Club Debutante Committee for 13 years, and a member of the Debutante Committee since 1988. He was taught the Club's 'Waltz of the Bells' in 1989 by the dance's creator, Mrs. Ernestine Smith; Skip has been an instructor of the waltz ever since. He is a charter member of the Owl Club Scholarship Fund which was established to offer aspiring Debutantes with college funds; Skip is the current Secretary. He was a member of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee working on the Club's souvenir program team. Skip was an escort for the Debutante Cotillion while in high school and his daughter (1994) and granddaughter (2015) have been Owl Club Debutantes too.

Personal Background:

Skip was born in Denver, Colorado on March 28, 1948 and he grew up in northeast Denver. He attended Denver Public Schools graduating from Manual High School in 1966. Skip was a member of Manual's basketball team that won a state championship in 1966; he played guard on the team. In 2015, his team (state champions) was inducted into the Colorado High School Hall of Fame along with his Manual teammates on the state championship basketball team. Skip attended Mesa College on an athletic scholarship. Skip has two children, Corey B. Riley (son) and Piper R. Billups (daughter), and three grandchildren, Cydney, Ciara, and Cenaiya. Skip is a world traveler and he has enjoyed cruising, playing cards, and riding horses.

Professional Career:

Skip worked 41 years as a United States Postal Service (USPS) letter carrier; his time with USPS started in high school performing duties in the evenings. Skip was employed at the Department of the Army Rocky Mountain Arsenal prior to being drafted into the Air Force. Skip also spent time at the Air Force Finance and Accounting Center assigned to Contracts & Procurements as well as Retirement Pay before transferring back to USPS.

Skip is a military veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving from 1968 to 1972. He worked in the communication and computer centers having been trained as a data entry and tape reader technician. Skip's assignments were: Lackland AFB (San Antonio, TX); Shepard AFB (Wichita Falls, TX); Altus AFB (Altus, OK); Sondrestrom Air Base (Greenland); and, Boiling AFB (Washington DC). Skip received several Outstanding Airman awards and other Air Force commendations and ribbons.

Organizational Endeavors:

Skip is a member of the Cure' D' Ars Catholic Church joining in November 1984. He is an active member and leader in the Knights of Peter Claver since April 1988. He has served as the Past Grand Knight, Vice Grand Knight, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Delegate to numerous Conferences and National Conventions as part of Local Council #261, Denver, Colorado. Skip is a charter member of Bishop Carl F. Fisher Assembly #42 established in 1993 and has been active for 30 years with service as the Past Faithful Navigator, Past Faithful Captain. Some of his leadership positions, community service programs, other philanthropic projects, and awards include:

- Served on Exemplification Committee Initiation Team, initiating Bishops, Monsignors, and Priests into the Noble Order Service to Parish Community
- Past President and chairman of the Usher Board, 25 years
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives, helping to distributed baskets to those in need in the local community
- District Deputy, 2012-2018. Oversaw all operations of the Noble Order in eight states: Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky
- Member and leader on the National Board of the Knights of Peter Claver
- District President, 2006-2012 and District Secretary, 2000-2006
- Saint Peter Claver Silver Medal Award, 1991
- Established a new Council #397 in 2011 at Loyola Catholic Church, Denver, Colorado
- The Knights of Peter Claver Excalibur Award for Service (2019) after serving on the National Board of Directors, 2012-2018

Charles Thomas Smith

Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Charles Thomas Smith or 'CT' joined the Owl Club of Denver in June 1989. He is a past President of the Club and a current member of the Debutante committee where CT has served for 30+ years. He is the Chairman of the Repass Committee. CT's Owl Club experience can be traced back to the late 1940's and early 1950's. His father, Mr. George W. Smith, Jr. was a member of the Club and his mother, Mrs. Ernestine Smith was an Owlette. Also, Mrs. Smith was a dance instructor who created the 'Waltz of the Bells' dance for the Debutante Cotillion. CT's wife, Mrs. Rosalyn B. Smith, has been an integral part of the recent Debutante Ball history, serving as a Coordinator for 15+ years and a Narrator for a number of years as well. She is President of the Owlettes, who are the wives of Owl Club members. CT's sister, Dr. Charlene M. Smith was an Owl Club Debutante as well as his second daughter, Dr. Tamie L. Smith. His aspirations for the Owl Club is for it to continue to be the most respected social organization in the African-American community as it has been for so many years.



Personal Background:

CT was born in Denver, Colorado but spent his early childhood in Chicago, IL before moving back to Denver, CO. CT attended Whittier Elementary, Cole Junior High School, and Manual High School, graduating from the latter. At Manual, CT excelled in football (running back) and track (100, 220, 440 yard dashes and relays); he received an athletic letter in both sports. CT participated in the University of Denver's relays. CT was a member of Manual's choir assemble singing pop music with a quartet of friends. He obtained Bachelor and Master degrees in Sociology from the University of Colorado (CU) Boulder. At CU-Boulder, CT ran track on a scholarship and performed exceptionally well by winning the 100 and 220 yard dashes in the last track meet of the Big Seven Conference.

CT is the father of three daughters: Terri L. Gentry, Tamie L. Smith and Toni L. Bridges (deceased). CT and his wife, Rosalyn (a retired school teacher), enjoy attending church (South Suburban Christian Church) and traveling within and outside of the continental United States. Their trips abroad include Hawaii, China, Europe, Egypt, and Mexico to name a few.

Professional Career:

CT is a retired Denver Police Department (DPD) Division Chief, having served and protected the community for 36 years; he was one of five DPD Division Chiefs. His police journey started in 1959 as a Patrolman walking the Five Points area. CT moved to the Traffic Bureau, writing tickets and investigating accidents. He became a Patrol Sergeant in District 2 and later a Lieutenant in Community Relations. CT received the 'Star' insignia as Division Chief of Community Services responsible for addressing citizens' concerns and issues. He is the recipient of numerous honors, recognitions, and uniform pins. CT's most notable accomplishment was the establishment and implementation of the Denver 'Crime Stoppers' program. In the early 1970's, Crime Stoppers was featured on Denver Channel 7, KDKO 1510 am radio, and six other radio stations. The program highlighted the crime of the week with re-enactments and cash awards; CT did the narration for the program.

Organizational Endeavors:

CT is the owner of Expressions in Video, a company he started as a result of the Crime Stoppers program and its success. During the mid-1970's, CT did voice overs, weddings videographer, and Owl Club video specialist. CT was also Chairman of the Board for The HOPE Center for 25+ years, one of the oldest Black-led non-profit organizations serving and impacting children of color in Northeast Denver for six decades. CT is now retired, and enjoying life with his wife. He is always however, willing to help out whenever and wherever he can because he has a Heart for the Black Community.



Jeffrey T. Smith



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Jeffrey T. Smith joined the Owl Club of Denver in January 2005. Currently, he is the Social Secretary; previously, Jeffrey has served the Club as a past President, Financial Secretary and a member of the Debutante and Entertainment committees. Jeffrey's aspirations for the Owl Club of Denver is to increase membership over the next few years and to remain vigilant in the program of honoring outstanding high school African-American young ladies.

Personal:

Jeffrey was born in Miami, FL to Walter W. and Lize E. Smith; he is the oldest of four children (one brother and two sisters). Jeffrey grew up as an Army brat and he lived on the following military bases: Ft Hood, TX; Mannheim, Germany; Fort Benning, GA; Fort Campbell KY; and, Denver, CO. While in Denver, he attended Smiley Junior High School and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1978. At Thomas Jefferson, Jeffrey was co-captain of his wrestling team during his senior year receiving an athletic letter.

Jeffrey and his wife, Shelia have been married for 41 years having met in college; they have three children (Candice, Chere & Jeffrey II) and two grandsons (Elijah and Emmanuel). He enjoys golf, board games, playing cards, sending hallmark greetings cards, cooking, and line dancing.

Jeffrey graduated Cum Laude from Lane College, Jackson, TN with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. While at Lane, Smith was president of the Student Government Association (1981-82) and a member of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). Jeffrey is Life Member #107 of the Lane College National Alumni Association.

Professional Career:

Jeffrey retired November 2020 from TIAA, a fortune 100 financial services company. Over his 25 year career, Jeffrey led and coached employees while serving in contact center operations, outbound sales, written correspondence, email operations, and business readiness. Jeffrey is the recipient of four awards at TIAA: National Contact Center (NCC) Diversity & Inclusion Manager of the Year for Denver (2016); NCC Above and Beyond Award (2011); Mass Market Star Performer Award (2005); and, TIAA-CREF Excellence in Consulting Services (2000).

Jeffrey served in the United States Army for nearly seven years (3 years in Field Artillery (1LT) and 3 years as a Finance Specialist (E5)). He was stationed at the following bases: Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN; Fort Wainwright, AK; Fort Benning, GA; and, Fort Sill, OK. Jeffrey is the recipient of several awards and medals to include the Army Commendation Award, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Field Artillery Association's Honorable Order of Saint Barbara Award.

Organizational Endeavors:

Jeffrey is a 33 year member of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church; he has served in the Male Chorus and Brotherhood. Jeffrey is a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM), Toastmasters International's highest level and recognition for leadership and communications. In 2005, he was named Area Governor of the Year in the Denver Division and in 2002, Jeffrey received the Area D4 Toastmaster of the Year Award. He is a financial member of the Aurora Branch-NAACP and the American Legion. Jeffrey is a recipient of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s 2014 MODEL (Man of Distinction, Excellence and Leadership) Man of the Year Award. Jeffrey is a Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and was the 29th Eighth District Representative (Regional President). In college, he was the 5th District's 2nd Vice District Representative (Regional Undergraduate President) the 5th District Scholar of the Year Award. Jeffrey's honors and awards are extensive; here is a brief summary of his accomplishments: Omega Man of the Year (multiple awards); Lifetime Founders' Award (multiple awards); and the Eighth District Lifetime Founders' Award (multiple awards).

Penfield Wallace Tate III



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Penfield Wallace Tate III, Esquire joined the Owl Club of Denver in December 1994. He has been a past President and chairman of several committees to include the Constitution and By-Laws. Penfield is currently the Membership Chairman and a Director on the Club's Board of Directors. His aspirations for the Owl Club are to: Have 50 active members; enjoy more frequent fellowship outside of Club meetings; honor 30 Debutantes regularly; expand and modernize the current building; and, purchase an additional building in which to host the Debutante Ball and serve as a home for other black community organizations including Fraternities and Sororities.

Personal Background:

Penfield was born in Philadelphia, PA where his mother lived with her parents while his father was serving in the Korean War. He has three younger sisters. Penfield is married to Mrs. Paulette F. Tate and they have a daughter, Elleana E.W. Tate. Penfield likes to work out, fly fish, barbeque, scuba dive, and read.

Penfield received a diploma from Boulder High School, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Professional Career:

Penfield is currently an Attorney and a former State Legislator, State of Colorado. His awards and achievements are many; here are some of his special recognitions:

- Selected by Super Lawyers Magazine and Colorado Super Lawyers magazine.
- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce's "M. Doak Jacoway Volunteer of the Year" Award
- Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Denver Alumnus of the Year" Award
- Recipient, Sachs Foundation Scholarship
- Recipient, Outstanding Young Men of America
- Recipient, Family Voices Award
- Recipient, Colorado State University, Honor Alumnus
- Recipient, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Community Service Award
- Recipient, Colorado Education Association, Award
- Recipient, Metro State College of Denver, Distinguished Service Award
- Recipient, Colorado Social Legislation Committee Award
- Recipient, Anti-Defamation League, Service in Civil Rights
- Recipient, American Diabetes Association, Denver Chapter, Father of Year Award
- Recipient, King M. Trimble Award, Sam Cary Bar Association
- Co-Recipient, 2023 Reverend. J. Carlton Babbs Community Service Award, Greater Park Hill, Inc.

Organizational Endeavors:

Penfield is a Lifetime member and former President of the Sam Cary Bar Association. He is an 18-year member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Penfield is also a 19-year member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, having served as President, President-Elect and Secretary of the Denver chapter along with service on Regional Committees.



James Anthony Walker



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. James Anthony Walker joined the Owl Club of Denver in November 2023. James' involvement with the Club started when his daughter, Jamilia was presented as a Debutante in 2012. James' aspiration for the Club is for it to continue the legacy.

Personal Background:

James was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. He is married to Mrs. Deidra Walker, his wife of 28 years; Deidra is an IT professional. Two children, a daughter and son, were born to their union, Jamilia and Jaron, respectively. Jamilia is a marketing executive and resides in Washington, D.C. and Jaron is an engineer and resides in Augusta, GA.

James is a strong advocate for public education and has been engaged with school programs. James served as Chair for two terms on the Collaborative Decisions Making Board (CDM) for both the Denison Montessori Elementary School and the Denver School of the Arts. He volunteered for the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) for Denison Montessori and Mitchell Elementary Schools. James helped with other school extracurricular activities, such as the Bishop Machbeuf High School Football program, math tutor at Hallett Elementary School, and a 'soccer dad.'

James graduated from Denver South High School and he obtained a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Tuskegee University in 1982. While at Tuskegee University, James activities included: Served as President of the Student Council of the American Institute of Architect; Chair of the Religious Enrichment Week Activities; and he was recognized as a 'Who's Who Among Outstanding College Students.' In 1995, James obtained a Master's degree in Construction Management and Business from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.

James has completed the 'Ride the Rockies' Colorado Bicycle Tour. He enjoys The Arts and is an Audiophile, a person who loves listening to high-quality sound from a stereo or home theater. Also, James has a personal interest and specialization in Historic Perseveration work. He recently started golfing.

Professional Career:

James has been in the building and construction industry as an Architect and self-employed General Contractor for nearly 44 years. He is the Principal Owner of the J.A. Walker Company, a full service, award-winning and performance driven construction firm specializing in Pre-construction Service, General Contracting, and Construction Management. His company has completed construction projects valued at over \$800 million dollars with the following noteworthy endeavors: Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building, Downtown Denver; the People Mover (train) system at DIA; the African American Research Library in Five-Points Denver; the Historic Preservation/Renovation of The Oaks (home of Booker T. Washington); and, the George Washington Carver Museum in Tuskegee, Alabama. James belongs to the following professional associations and trade organizations: Member, Associated General Contractor (AGC); Board Member, African American Construction Council (AACC); Appointed, Denver Board of Appeals (served as Chair); and, Member, Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce.

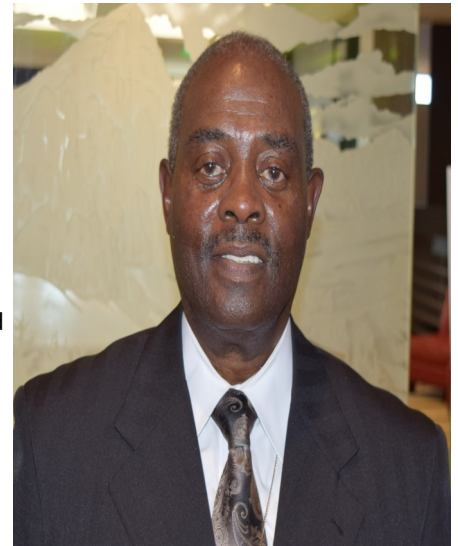
James holds a N12 - National Standard Building Contractor (B) Certificate and License. Here is a brief summary of James' vast professional experiences:

- Manager of Statewide Planning, State of Colorado
- Chair and member, Board of Appeals, Denver Building Department of the City and County of Denver
- Appointed to the City and County of Denver Board of Appeals to arbitrate and resolve issues between the Building Department and citizenry
- Selected Chair of the City and County of Denver Business Development Citizen's Committee to ensure equitable and fair access to City contracts

Organizational Endeavors:

James and his family are members of the Scott United Methodist Church, Denver, CO; he joined as a child. James has served as the President of the Trustee Board, a Lay Leader, Chair of the Van Ministry, and President of the United Methodist Men's Group. He is a Lifetime Member of the Denver Branch of the NAACP, and has been involved with the Urban League of Metropolitan Denver and the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce. James is a member of other social and civic activities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (44 Years); Colorado Tuskegee Alumni Club; Aurora Lions Cyber Club-Lions Club International; and, Jack and Jill of America, Denver Chapter. He is a graduate of the African American Leadership Institute, Metropolitan State College.

Ronald LeRoi Washington



Owl Club Involvement:

Mr. Ronald LeRoi Washington joined the Owl Club of Denver in November 2002; his sponsor was Raymond Grizzard. Ron is an active member and has supported the Club as Vice President, Co-Chairman of the Owl Club Debutante Committee, Publicity Chairman, and the Secretary of the Club's Board of Directors; he is currently the Financial Secretary. Ron is also an instructor of the 'Waltz of the Bells,' the club's signature Debutante dance performed at each Cotillion. Ron believes the two recent Debutante Cotillions of 2020 and 2021 will be held in high regards in future years because of the Club's ability to present the Debutantes virtually while overcoming the many challenges of a world pandemic and local COVID 19 restrictions.

The Owl Club is a family affair for Ron. His wife, Mrs. Nina Patrice Washington, is an active Owlette with prior service as the auxiliary's Vice President. Nina has helped the Club as a narrator and co-narrator for the Debutante Ball three times and as a coordinator assisting young ladies with preparation for the presentations over the years. Also, Ron's daughter, Chelsea was a 2005 Debutante.

Personal Background:

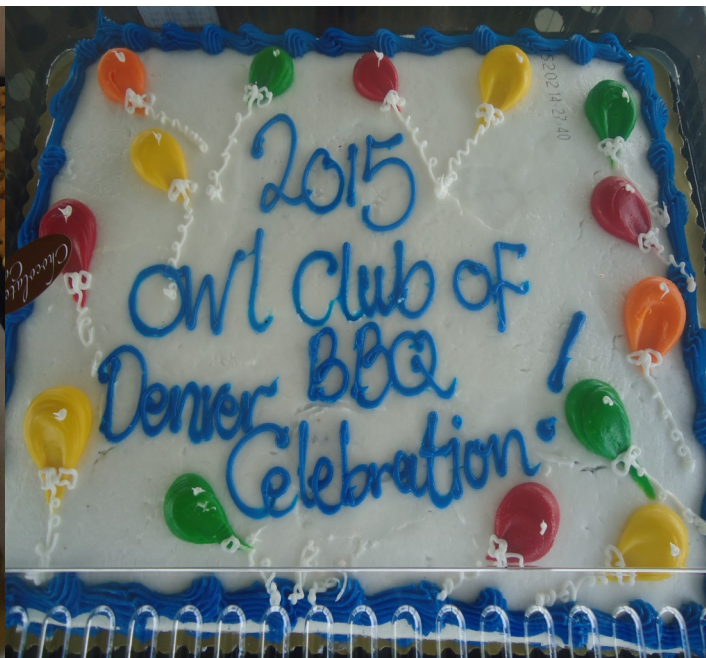
Ron was born in Denver, Colorado on January 20, 1952 to Thomas and Deannie Washington; Ron's father and mother are deceased. He has been married to his wife, Nina for 40 years and to their union three children (Sheritta Washington 50, Chelsea Jones 37, and Kyle Washington 42 (deceased)), eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Ron is a product of the Denver Public Schools having attended Stedman, Smiley, and East High School. At East, Ron was in the same music department with famed performers Philip Bailey, Larry Dunn, and Andrew Woolfolk of the group, Earth, Wind and Fire (EWF). Ron enjoys bowling, cycling, golf, traveling, his grandchildren, and whatever his wife wants to do. Ron truly believes in the words of Dr. Martin King which state, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." His favorite scripture is from Luke 12:48, "To whom much is given, much is required." Ron is a lifelong learning and his education pursuits include: Blue Cielo ECM Solutions, Engineering Document Management Administration Certification; Regis College Career Education Program & Computer Information Systems; and, Colorado State University, attended and majored in Physical Education and Social Science.

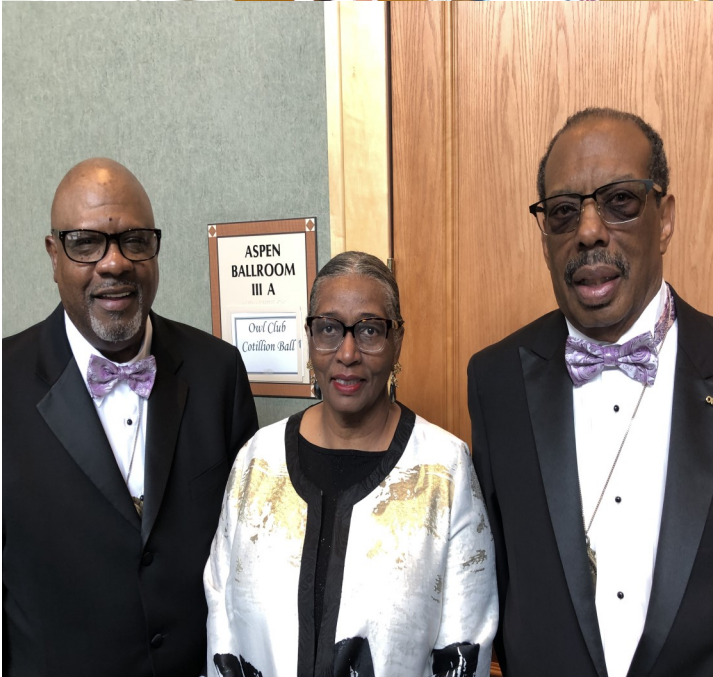
Professional Career:

Ron retired in 2015 after 34 years of service with Tri-State Generation and Transmission, a regional electric utility, as a manager of Computer Aided Design and Engineering Document Management. Ron was promoted to the manager's position after a very short time of serving in the position of Engineering Designer. Prior to Tri-State, Ron worked for the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation as an Engineering Technician of Transmissions Systems for five years.

Organizational Endeavors:

Ron is a faithful member of Shorter A.M.E. Church and has served in various roles at the church, such as Steward Board Member, Vice President of the Pioneer Usher Board, Board Member on the McQueary & Noel Scholarship Committee, and a co-leader in the Married Couples Ministry. He was recognized as the Desert Mountain Conference 2015 Man of the Year. Ron completed leadership training at the African American Leadership Institute (AALI); and, as a Class of 1998 graduate, he assumed a leadership role as committee and conference co-chairperson for 12 years with the AALI Expanding the Visions and Sistah Pride Youth and Family Empowerment Conference. Ron was also selected as one of Urban Spectrums African Americans Who Make A Difference in 2005. In addition, Ron has a passion for bowling and works in the bowling community as a leader, administrator, and coach. Ron is a certified coach in the United States Bowling Congress & The National Bowling Association (TNBA) since 1987, and the Director of the Denver Bowling Senate (DBS) Juniors Bowling Program for the past 22 years. He received the TNBA National Coach of the Year award in 2016 and has led his DBS Juniors Bowling Program Division One teams to four consecutive Final Four national championship appearances from 2015 through 2018.







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Tiana Johnson Alexandra Johnson Cecilia Konrad



Moira Newman



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