

NEW COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORLANDO HOSTS *The 17th Annual William B. Claiborne, Jr., Scholarship Golf Tournament*

ORLANDO – The 17th Annual William B. Claiborne, Jr. Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Rio Pinar Golf Club, 8600 El Prado Avenue Orlando, Florida 32825. You are all cordially invited and we would welcome your attendance! The tournament was

started by one of Bill's close friends at the New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando, Sam Taylor.

The initial purpose of this event was to build family and offer our children and members a place to enjoy time together. Since then it has evolved to support our graduating seniors and offer fun and fellowship for families and those who would like to 'try' the sport as well as those who are avid participants.

Children were close to Bill's heart and very important to his livelihood. Mr. Taylor wanted to capture this spirit along with having Bill's legacy to live on after Bill was taken from us suddenly in June of 2000. Sam remembers Bill as someone who inspired him to be all he could be, even more than a good friend. Bill was also a silent but forceful mentor who always set an example of what a Godly man should be with his family, the church, and most of all, his God.

After Sam started this event, the New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando Men's Ministry took it over as one of their annual activities to carry out this mission and remember Bill. Over the years, the tournament has attracted players and supporters from as every area of the United States. Businesses and families have supported and played golf with us over the years and we have come to enjoy them as family as well.

Since golf was one of Bill's favorite activities, it only seemed natural to make this event of choice. Bill felt that we could "fel-

lowship" with one another and have a "good time" while learning from one another. He spread the Word of God through his demeanor and his warm peaceful presence. He was a devoted father to his two now grown sons and a loving protective husband to Juanita Claiborne, his wife of 39 years.

Bill Claiborne never met a stranger and always greeted people with a bear hug that everyone remembers and misses to this day. As right-hand armor bearer to Pastor Randolph Bracy, Jr., Bill, was always on the ready to meet the needs of the Pastor. He instilled first class qualities in the men of the New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando as well as those he met in passing. Bill was a mentor to the young and old alike. Bill's favorite scripture was "Wait; Wait I say on the Lord" and he lived that at all times. He knew that God was his leader, his provider, and his trusted friend. He trusted and acknowledged that the Lord would provide his every need.

Since both Bill and, his wife, Juanita's families want to support the activity they come here to enjoy Florida weather by hosting their annual family reunion and traveling from as far as Alaska, Pennsylvania, New Orleans, Kentucky, Chicago, Oklahoma, Kansas, California and Atlanta. This tradition was time for family to fellowship with Bill's father in law, "Papa", Mr. Sylvester Williams, a Katrina evacuee, who moved here to be with his daughter. Mr. Williams went home to be with our Lord just prior to his 101st birthday in January 2010 and he too will be missed. Bill's sons, Keith and Mi-



William Claiborne

chael faithfully come to work and play with a host of other family members.

In years past this tournament, because it does not required skills to participate, has been used to introduce the game of golf to men, women, and children alike. Some have gone on to play it golf as their sport of choice. Our local youth organizations have sent their teams of players and several father and son teams have enjoyed spending this afternoon together. So, please join us. So you see, we don't only cater to the serious contenders but to folks like you, those who want to 'try' the game for fun!

The proceeds from the golf tournament are awarded to deserving seniors as scholarship to further their education. Bill was big on learning and furthering training and education. There have been 35 recipients thus far during these past sixteen years. The tournament has been featured by the Orlando Sentinel Good Living and WFTV – Channel 9/ Florida.com community events. We hope that those of you reading will come out and support our event and, if you are unable to attend, please you put us in your prayers and hopefully plan to join us next year. "It continues to get better every year."

Bill is missed by us all and this is our way to keep him forever on our lips and in our hearts.

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Democratic candidates seeking election to various offices in Florida pose with DBCFlorida President Lydia Hudson (4th Left) and Vice President Russell Drake (1st Right)



Millennial Round Table

Democratic Black Caucus, Florida 36th Annual Conference Provides Agenda For Millennials, Democratic Candidates For Governor Forum, Interactive Workshops

BY LOUIS C. WARD

ORLANDO - Keynote Speaker Orlando District Attorney Aramis Ayala, known nationally for her stance against the death penalty, made a bold and unapologetic presentation, ushering gestures and words of support from her audience as she closed the Soul of the Party

Gala for the Democratic Black Caucus Florida's 36th Annual Conference April 20th to 22nd, 2018 at the Rosen Centre on International Drive in Orlando, Florida.

The largest county wide African American political caucus, the DBCFlorida's 36th annual conference with the theme: "Elevating Black Voices for Equity and a Better Florida" also included workshops on mobilization education and empowerment, a Millennial Round Table and a forum and interview for Gubernatorial Democratic candidates Gwen Graham, Andrew Gillum, Chris King, and Phillip Levine.

With an animated and inspiring delivery, Attorney Ayala asked, "Where are we in the movement toward justice? When people say, 'all lives matter' in response to Black lives matter," Attorney Ayala said, "It dismisses the need to break the chains of oppression."

"The truth is they question us when we stand up, but we can't let anyone question our patriotism to a country we built. I believe in law and order, it's an important concept, but law and order must be coupled with law and justice.

"Civil Rights is not a partisan issue, it's an American issue. And true patriots support civil rights abroad and right here at home," Attorney Ayala continued. "We must stand on the principles of equality for all because we are here, and we are not going anywhere. Racism is either active, dormant or dead. It's cancer and it's toxic, it's literally deadly. And that which is deadly to Black Americans should not be tolerated by any American."

Concluding, Attorney Ayala asked, "What movement has your finger print on it? What issue will you refuse to waver on or refuse to be diplomatic about?" She encouraged everyone to "stand for truth because truth is the common ground that leads us to progress. Stand for justice. Stand for equality."

The Millennial Round Table with Michael Blake, Democratic National Committee Vice President and New York City Assemblyman, facilitating was a big hit. The millennial round table gave a voice to the largest voting bloc in the country, and encouraged the DBCFlorida to create a Millennial Committee, which has already started to recruit millennials throughout Florida.

"The conference was impressive because we were able to bridge a whole generation gap, said Darren Mason, who was appointed Chairman of the Millennial Committee by DBCFlorida President Lydia Hudson. "Now we can build a bench of millennials so that we can have new leadership in line.

"It was powerful to put our generation on a platform to the whole DBCF body, commented Mason about the Millennial Round Table of African American men and women under 35 years old,

discussing their issues of disenfranchisement, discouragement, and lack of involvement in Florida's political process. "We are building Black power for the present and the future."

Gubernatorial candidates seeking the Democratic nomination were asked a series of questions from criminal justice to opioid addiction to affordable housing and more by DBCFlorida's Vice President Russell Drake, and Executive Committee members Christina Forrest and Trevor Mallory. All four candidates were interviewed

The forum was moderated by Stewart Moore from WESH 2 News. Phillip Levine couldn't participate in the forum due to a preset obligation.

The DBCFlorida will announce its Gubernatorial Democratic candidate endorsement very soon.

President Hudson said our DBCFlorida 2018 Annual Conference was well organized with a series of informative and interactive workshops, it presented an opportunity for millennials and young people to become involved in the issues that directly affect their lives, and attendees were able to get a close-up view of all candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, and other candidates seeking election in various coun-

ties in Florida.

"Overall it was fun, educational, informative, and very successful. I applaud our Executive Committee, Jill Lewis, and our team for their commitment for putting this great conference together," President Hudson continued

Mobilization, education, empowerment and how to use the VAN system workshops were held, James Cole and Ella Coffee were the facilitators.

"The conference has proven every year to be more insightful and invigorating, showing us insight into the future, particularly with our youth," commented Grace Carrington, Democratic National Committee (DNC) member and State Committee Woman from Broward County. "If they (youth and millennials) are enjoying the way they are engaged now, I think we are going to be in good shape for the 2018 election and beyond."

Florence Clark of Manatee Democratic Black Caucus said, "The conference encompassed all of the following: Organized, positive, informative, lots of fun, great networking opportunity, thorough and it was very relevant! Everything from the Food to the Workshops, Interview sessions and Forums, Millennial Round-table to the Gala were all awesome! I left exhausted but energized."



Moderator Stewart Moore from WESH 2 News Orlando



District Attorney Aramis Ayala



Gubernatorial Democratic Candidates Forum

THE HIV PREVENTION MEDICATION PREP IS NOW OFFERED IN ORANGE COUNTY

ORLANDO - In an effort to eliminate HIV infections, the Florida Department of Health in Orange County (DOH-Orange) is now offering Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medication.

DOH-Orange's Area 7 and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) programs have worked to offer PrEP and supporting STD services. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), taking PrEP daily reduces the risk of getting HIV by more than 90 percent. Among people who inject drugs, it reduces the risk by more than 70%. Persons taking PrEP should also continue to use other proven prevention strategies, including condoms and safer sexual practices.

"DOH-Orange is excited to now offer PrEP in the community to reduce the risk of transmission of the HIV virus," said Dr. Kevin Sherin, DOH-Orange Health Officer. "PrEP is a cutting edge, evidence based practice for HIV transmission prevention."

Initially, patients requesting PrEP services are evaluated clinically and, if indicated, are able to receive immediate access to PrEP medications. Consideration is then given to every patient based on their eligibility requirements, which includes their financial status and assisting them with access to PrEP services.

Although the prescription is free, the comprehensive evaluation does have a fee. A sliding fee scale has been established and is based on income eligibility.

Evaluation services include client education, HIV testing, HCV testing, liver function test and the prescription of PrEP medications. There is a 3-month follow up after PrEP initiation to assess and monitor an individual's HIV status, adherence to PrEP medication, need to continue PrEP, review of side effects and education on prevention behaviors such as safer sex and condom use.

DOH-Orange is one of many county health departments in Florida that is providing PrEP as part of strategic efforts to eliminate HIV in Florida. The department's goal is for all 67 county health departments to implement PrEP services through STD and or Family Planning clinics by the end 2018.

If you are sexually active, PrEP may be an option for you. Speak to your medical provider. For further information on the PrEP services offered by DOH-Orange, call the STD Clinic at 407-723-4170 or visit the DOH-Orange's STD Clinic at 832 W. Central Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32805.

For other PrEP locations in Central Florida, please visit <https://preplocator.org/>.