



THERESA WALKER

Senior of the Year

AWARDS LUNCHEON



Saturday

May 20, 2023 | At Noon

The Victory Room
Lou Walker Senior Center
2538 Panola Rd, Lithonia, GA 30058

Welcome



DeKalb *for*
Seniors Inc.



Welcome to the Theresa Walker Seniors of the Year Awards Luncheon

DeKalb for Seniors is proud to celebrate the nominees at this year's luncheon by honoring influential Seniors who are community-builders in DeKalb County.

Now in its 20th year, DeKalb For Seniors, Inc. serves as the fundraising arm of the Lou Walker Senior Center with the aim of assisting the center in fulfilling its mission for seniors in DeKalb County. DFSI is comprised of a volunteer board of directors who provide support and advice to generate necessary resources. Our goal is to advocate for seniors and the center while assisting in programming and funding for items not covered by the center's budget.



Congratulations

to the nominees of the
**2023 Theresa Walker
Senior of the Year Award.**





The Lou Walker Senior Center

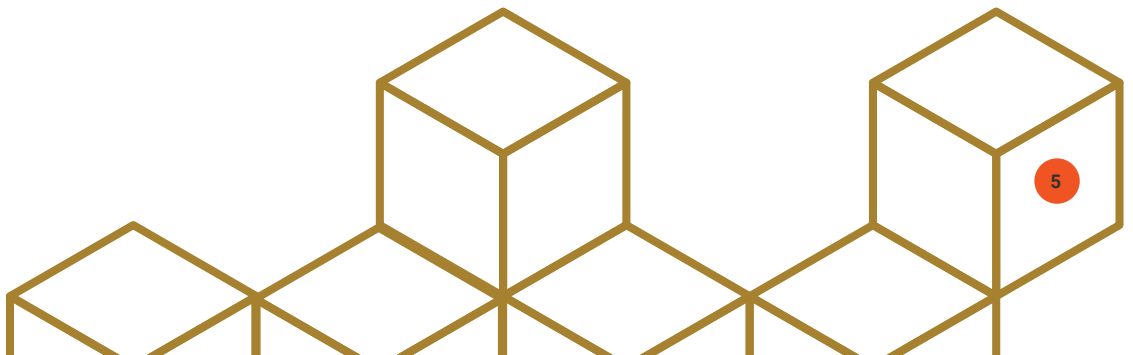
You are always welcome at the Lou Walker Senior Center! The Lou Walker Senior Center was created for active older adults who are 55+ and reside in DeKalb County, Georgia.

VISION

- To create a “senior-friendly” community where seniors are valued and respected.
- All sectors of the community come together to meet the needs of seniors.
- Seniors have the opportunity to serve and be served.
- Seniors live healthy lifestyles with a focus on prevention.
- The community has easy access to information and services.
- Seniors have access to efficient, coordinated and comprehensive services that enhance their quality of life.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lou Walker Senior Center is to maximize independence and enhance the quality of life for the growing number of seniors in the community through serving as a focal point for information and services. To work together to deliver a “world class” program of services with emphasis on integrity, fairness, open communication and accessibility.





May 20, 2023

Congratulations to this fantastic group of DeKalb County senior citizens who continue to pave the way for our community through their civic involvement. As you will hear, many say they are retired but folks like this never really retire. The call to be a servant leader stays with you no matter your age and the work continues as well.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Theresa Walker Senior of the Year Awards Luncheon. It is so good to come together once again and fellowship and celebrate. The last few years were hard, but we are still moving forward and excited about the future.

Thank you all for your support during those years when the center was closed. A lot didn't happen, but the things that we did do were able to be held because of your continued support. Many people didn't realize how important the center was in their lives and gathering – even if it was outside for a few hours – made a world of difference.

We need your continued support and thank you in advance. We are excited about the future of the Lou Walker Senior Center and consider it an honor to be able to support it and we look forward to many more exciting events and activities.

In Service,

Donna Dees

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Theresa Sheridan Walker

Theresa Walker was born Theresa Sheridan on March 19, 1945 in Chicago. She graduated from Tolleston High School in Gary, Indiana where she played the flute in the concert band and participated in several clubs. After attending Ball State University in Indiana and working for a time with Gary Public Schools, she married Louis Walker in 1976 and moved to Atlanta. Together they raised four children: three sons and one daughter.

After working in public relations for a handful of Atlanta businesses, Walker and her husband set out on their own business endeavor. They founded Paragon Productions, a public relations firm, in the late 1980s.

In 1997, she and her husband cofounded the Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce, intent on building connections within the African-American business community. They dabbled in a few other business ventures throughout the years.

The Lou Walker Senior Center, which opened in 2005, was her husband's dream but Theresa Walker made it a reality after his death in 2004. It was her proudest accomplishment. She had long worked to improve the lives of seniors and her advocacy efforts only increased into her retirement and later years.

Mrs. Walker served on the DeKalb For Seniors Board of Directors for several years and was instrumental in many of the major fundraisers and activities. In October of 2013 Mrs. Walker passed away from cancer. In honor of her memory, DeKalb For Seniors renamed the Senior of the Year Silver Awards Gala to the **Theresa Walker Senior of the Year Awards Luncheon.**

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Phyllis Kitchens

Kelly Jordan – *In Honor of Marcia Glenn Hunter*

Charleen Knox

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"Seniors don't RETIRE, they REFIRE!!!"

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May 18, 2023

Dekalb For Seniors, Inc.
2538 Panola Road
Stonecrest, GA 30058

Dear DeKalb For Seniors, Inc:

DeKalb for Seniors, Inc. (DFSI), has been a profound advocate for the seniors of the Lou Walker Senior Center as well as seniors all over DeKalb County, since its inception. As our fundraising arm, you continue to support the various programs offered here at the Lou Walker Senior Center (LWSC) through your fundraising efforts, as well as giving of your time.

The formation of the Caregivers Resource Network by DFSI, has filled a void in our community. The Human Services grant has provided a very inimitable opportunity to support our seniors that are caregivers. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, DFSI continued the collaborative work with LWSC Social Workers to facilitate monthly virtual group support meetings, which provide an avenue for caregivers to share their feelings, concerns, and experiences with other caregivers. Through seminars, workshops and caregiver conferences, seniors learn about available resources including respite care, and receive tips on how to improve what they do while also caring for themselves.

DFSI has provided tremendous leadership while working hand-in-hand with our community partners to bring this Caregivers Resource Network to life. We look forward to the expansion of the program, as we help the seniors to lessen the burden of caregiving and encourage greater self-care.

The Lou Walker Senior Center supports DFSI's humanitarian effort to raise additional funds, to elevate this program. We are excited about the next phase of the program, which promotes the quality of life, independence, dignity, and overall health of all the DeKalb seniors especially this underserved population of seniors.

Sincerely,

Ericia King

Ericia King, LWSC Director





Annette Hill **Mistress of Ceremonies**

Annette is a gifted facilitator, speaker and events organizer. As the owner of HSI Events she provided professional direction and oversight since 1992. She is a retired Federal Program Manager who worked for 34 years at various levels of responsibility with the Environmental Protection Agency. She has always volunteered in her community to add value to important causes such as Salem Bible Church, Gresham Park, Spelman College, the Dekalb Public Library and the Lou Walker Senior Center. She is well known in our community for her wit, passion, and unique ability to excite and engage diverse audiences.

Annette has earned several awards from the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College, Dekalb Parks and Recreation and Salem Bible Church. Annette is married and has two grown children and three wonderful grandchildren. Her retirement days are spent preparing Sunday School lessons and Wednesday night classes for the SBC Small Groups Ministry. She also finds time to include line dancing, ZUM-BA, Bid Whist and her favorite, traveling as often as possible.



Stonecrest Mall - Suite 2010
2929 Turner Hill Road, Lithonia, GA 30038
(Inside Stonecrest Mall – Upper Level – Across from Round 1)

Janice “Jan” Reynolds-Jones, Executive Director is a native of Kansas City, Missouri and has resided in the Atlanta area since 1991. Jan has been a professional model for over 45 years and has shared her talent as an Instructor for over 55 years. Some of Jan’s professional accomplishments in Modeling included: Miss Black Missouri of America, Miss Missouri USA Finalist, Miss Boat and Sport, Miss Josette, Miss Swahili, Bubbling Brown Sugar, and Winner of the PCJ Prettiest Mother & Daughter Contest.

Jan has served as Pageant Judge, Pageant Director, Fashion Show Director, Modeling Instructor and Choreographer. She produced and hosted Ms. America Senior Pageant (Age 50 & Up), Ms. Plus Size Pageants (Girls, Teens, Women & Seniors), and the Gentleman GQ Fashion Show.

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You can reach ICON Models & Talent Studio at 770-837-7587 or via email: moviestarjan@yahoo.com.

Event Program

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies

Lou Walker Senior Center Remarks

ICON Models

Blessing of Food

Lunch Served

Presentation of Honorees

Performance by Milkshake

Senior of the Year Award

Acknowledgements

Closing Prayer



2023 NOMINEES



William Bush

William “Bill” Bush takes an active role in the youth, encouraging them often and even adopting some as his own.

This 86-year-old teaches Bible Study at Shy Temple CME and is active with the Ministry to Men and their food distribution.

He is a major spiritual contributor and loves God and his church.

Mr. Bush was nominated by Shy Temple CME Church.



Wilma Byrd

Wilma Jean Byrd worked for BellSouth for 30 years during which she was the first black woman executive to be loaned to United Way during their fundraising drives. Wilma is currently President of Sherrington Neighborhood Association, working on Code Enforcement issues, organizing block parties, donating school supplies and delivering food baskets to neighbors who are sick and shut in.

Ms. Byrd is a member of Hillcrest Church of Christ, and works with an organization entitled Let’s Talk History, where on Saturday she helps teach children as well as adults about black history.

Ms. Byrd was nominated by Rochelle Evans.



Marcia Glenn Hunter

Marcia Glenn Hunter was born in Lithonia, Georgia. A true public servant, Marcia served as the first female and first African American female to hold the office of Mayor of Lithonia from 1995 – 2003. Since retirement from Federal service in 2004, Mrs. Glenn Hunter has continued to engulf herself in public work. She is the past President, now Board member, Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance and a member of the Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mrs. Glenn Hunter is married to legendary Coach Willie E. Hunter and is the mother of one son, Stephen Miguel, U.S. Army retired. She has 3 grandchildren Quan, Desire’ and Jeremiah. Her blended family includes two daughters Andrea (Kenneth), Kelli (Charles) and grandson, Hunter.

Mrs. Hunter was nominated by Dr. Earl Thurmond.



Conneva Hall

Conneva Morrow Hall began working with DeKalb County Schools in 1975 and retired after 31 years of service in education. Ms. Hall is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Xi Xi Zeta Chapter.

A member of Salem Bible Church in Lithonia, she serves on the Outreach Ministries, President of the Eastside Mothers Board and Member of the Crown of Glory Ministry Serving the Elder member at Alice William Towers.

Mrs. Hall was nominated by J.D. Hall.



Charleen Knox

Charleen Knox is a native of Louisiana and spent most of her early life in the San Francisco Bay area. She retired after thirty-five years of service with AT&T as a managing engineer.

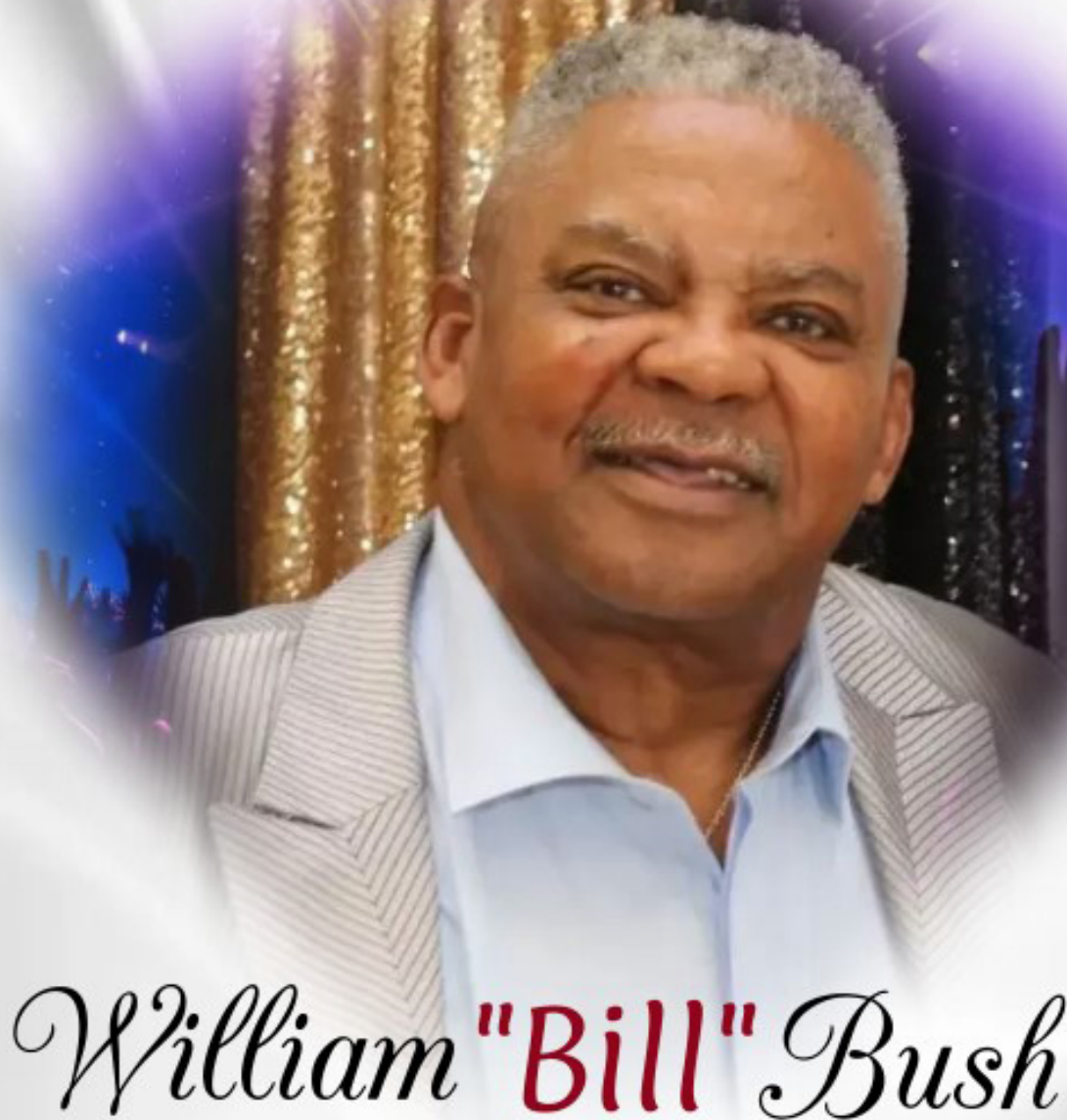
Her love for children and a passion for community organization led her to Exchange Park in Decatur, GA where she spent fifteen years volunteering with the youth sports program, coached softball and eventually became the Director of the softball program.

Ms. Knox is the mother of two children and proud grandmother of five.

Ms. Knox was nominated by Janet Proctor.

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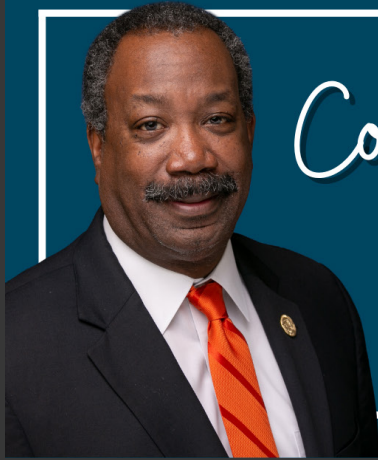
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Congratulations

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**Steve
Bradshaw**

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CONGRATULATIONS

With utmost pride and admiration,
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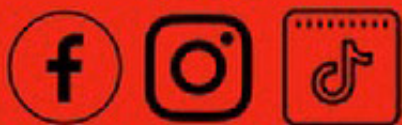
Trumpeter/Flugelhornist Extraordinaire

Milkshake is Atlanta's own trumpeter/flugelhornist 'extraordinaire', a title befittingly tagged him by the late 'Tippy' Calloway, Atlanta's legendary radio hosts. In the music community, he has also been referred to as Atlanta's 'Ambassador of Jazz', whose instruments have taken him all over the world.

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