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The MGC family has suffered a great loss with the passing of Al Adams. Al was a founding member of MGC and served as President for the past two years. Al gave from his heart to MGC. When people remember Al they speak of his friendliness, his warmth, his inspiration, and his leadership. He saw the good in people and also found ways to bring out the best in them. He helped build

A Builder of Bridges

community within MGC and build bridges between MGC and Ohio University and local communities.

Al's greatest legacy for MGC is his vision. He saw that MGC could be a resource for historical and genealogical research in multi-cultural families and communities. We could provide a museum, library, and research center. Our community has a unique perspective with families that have a blend of cultures. By sharing histories, we could give knowledge

and enlightenment to the rest of the world.

Al gave of himself—his time, his energy, his talents, and his love. We will miss him greatly. But, his vision and inspiration live on. Let us see the best in ourselves the way Al saw the best in us. Let us see and fulfill our potential the way Al would have encouraged us to do.

Vickie Thurston

Outstanding Organization

My first article as president of MGC will also be my last. Due to personal reasons I will not have the time to dedicate to the organization that it deserves.. and to the standards that Alvin Adams has set. He has left MGC with a tremendous foundation and will be greatly missed.

As most of you know, one of the many things that MGC is doing is to help to preserve the history of our

very unique people. This is possible only with the help of each and every member and your contributions to this organization. Your support and the pride you have shown in your heritage has been a joy to watch; I look forward to seeing it continue, even if from a short distance.

I'll end by saying how much I have enjoyed working with everyone in the organization and hope that I can

somehow continue to be of assistance on occasion. I have learned so much over these last four years.

Sherry Walker

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MGC Publications

MGC Building Fund

The Multicultural Genealogical Center continues to aggressively move forward with plans to have it's own facility that would include a library, museum and research center. Thank you to all of those who have already contributed to the MGC Building Fund. Should you wish to contribute, please send your donations to the MGC Treasurer, Mildred Vore at P. O. Box 125, Chesterhill, Ohio 43728.

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TOTAL **\$3,262.00**
(to date)

Mildred Vore
Treasurer

MGC Publications

The Multicultural Genealogical Center Heritage Cookbook: A Celebration of our History and Diversity, Vol. 1 (2003) is a collection of recipes handed down through the families whose stories are included plus recipes from old cookbooks, etc. Stories and genealogies complement the recipes. 110 pp., spiral bound, soft cover, illustrations, index.

The Multicultural Genealogical Center Heritage Cookbook, Vol. 2 (2004) is a further collection of historical recipes. ISBN 0-9755300-2-X, 109 pp., spiral bound, soft cover, illustrations, index.



A Significant Presence: A Pictorial Glimpse of the Black Experience in Athens County, Ohio by Ada Woodson Adams & Nancy E. Aiken (2004) offers a glimpse into the history of Blacks in Athens County, Ohio and at Ohio University. ISBN 0-9755300-1-1, 60 pp., 185 photographs, soft bound, index.

As Long As Hearts Remember edited by Alvin C. Adams

consists of tributes, original poetry and stories, photographs, and obituaries of deceased loved ones from multicultural families in southern Ohio. ISBN 0-9755300-0-3-175 pp., soft bound

Enclosed is a book order form for these 4 publications.

Nancy Aiken

In Memoriam

Alvin Clay Adams, 66, a founder of the Multicultural Genealogical Center in Chesterhill, died peacefully at home on Saturday, April 24, 2004.

He was born Alvin Clay Adams, Jr. on April 30, 1937, at the foot of Carr Hill in Morgan County to Alvin Clay Adams, Sr and Ada Blanche Holbert. In 1959 he became the first black student to graduate from Ohio University with a journalism degree. In addition, he was a founding member of the Kappa Alpha Psi OU Chapter. After college he worked as a city hall reporter for the Chicago Daily Defender and later as an associate editor at Jet Magazine.

He spent more than 30 years doing public relations for a variety of companies, including United Auto Workers and the State of Illinois. He retired in 1997 from Illinois Power Co. of

Decatur. For six years, he was co-owner with his wife, Ada, of Oakland Market & Deli, a neighborhood grocery store in Decatur.

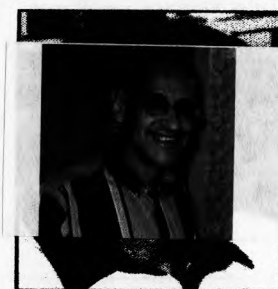
In 2003, Al was awarded the L. J. Horton Distinguished Alumnus Award by Ohio University's E. W. Scripps School of Journalism. Other awards included an Outstanding Small Business Award, acknowledgement in the Congressional Record and recognition from Tabor School of Business at Milliken University.

Al is survived by his wonderful wife of 43 years, the former Ada Woodson of Nelsonville; a daughter, Amelia Marie Adams of Norman, Oklahoma; a son, A. Clay Adams III of Urbana, Illinois; a sister, Dessie Nichols Butcher Workman of Stewart, Ohio; two maternal aunts, Naomi Baker and Phyllis Nichols; three maternal uncles: Jim, Dave and Dick Holbert; numer-

ous other relatives and many fantastic friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; grandparents, Luther and Dororthy Holbert; four maternal aunts, Freda and Gloria Holbert, Anna Owens and Dorothy Hill; and a maternal uncle, Carl Holbert.

Near the end of his days, Al reflected that "The Lord provided me a fruitful and interesting life". A memorial service was held on Thursday, April 29, 2004 at Jagers & Sons Funeral Home in Athens, Ohio. Interment followed at the Greenlawn Cemetery.



Alvin Adams

Upcoming MGC Membership Meetings

July 13 Meeting
Chesterhill Meeting House

"Truth or Fiction?? In History"

MGC is asking attendees to bring something to show and then tell the audience about it's history. The audience will decide if they have been told the truth or fiction.

(Example: An individual will tell a story of an old family Bible that has been handed down. The audience will decide whether or not what the individual has said is truth or fiction?)

August 10 Meeting
Chesterhill Library

Joses Laguerre

An individual from Haiti will speak of his homeland, the Haitian people and the school he operates there

September 14 Meeting
Nelsonville, Ohio

The 1860 Log House

October 12 Meeting
Cutler School, Cutler Ohio

Multicultural Experiences in Narratives, Artifacts and Pictures

Introduction by Mike Brant

November 9 Meeting
Chesterhill Meeting House

Speaker and topic to be announced

December 14 Meeting
Lyons Club,
Chesterhill, Ohio

The Art of Cooking with History

Speaker to be announced

Ada Woodson Adams
Mildred Vore

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Tabler Reunion

Sunday, August 29, 2004
12:30 p.m.

The reunion will be held at the Federal Hocking
Middle School on Route 144, Stewart, Ohio.

A potluck dinner will be at 12:30 p.m. with the
entertainment beginning at 2:00 p.m.

MGC Board Members

Sherry Walker, President
Ada Woodson Adams, Vice President
Vickie Lee Thurston, Secretary
Mildred Vore, Treasurer

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Membership Information

- Annual Membership runs from January 1 through December 31
- To become a member of MGC, simply fill out an application form (applications can be obtained by contacting the address below) and send it along with your dues to:

The Multicultural Genealogical Center
P. O. Box 125
Chesterhill, Ohio 43728-0125

Or bring it to the monthly meeting at The Friends Meeting House on St. Rt. 555 next to the fire station in Chesterhill. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

If you would like to take advantage of the installment plan for a lifetime membership, please contact **Mildred Vore, Treasurer**, at the monthly meeting.