



The Emissary

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Announcements

- The 2023 Annual Report can be accessed online at www.generationsforamerica.org.
- **View the 2024 Scholarship recipients now on the website** www.generationsforamerica.org.
- Go to the *Generations for America* (GFA) website www.generationsforamerica.org for more information about our *Good Life Initiative* (Senior Citizen) and Scholarship Programs.
- Donate to GFA @ www.generationsforamerica.org.
- Email inquiries about GFA to grow@generationsforamerica.org.

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Message from the CEO

Welcome to the fall edition of our quarterly newsletter, *The Emissary*. I hope you enjoy reading Generations for America's (GFA) newsletter while you watch football and prepare family recipes during the holidays.

In this issue, you will read about one of our amazing board members, an outstanding senior citizen in the community and read what one of our past scholarship recipients is up to. This issue will give you important voting preparation tips, when the 2025 scholarship application will open and information about our next fundraisers.

GFA's first annual meeting was held in August at the Auburn, AL Public Library. A quorum was met with our leadership as we planned activities and made decisions concerning 2025.

We also launched the podcast called "A Nonprofit Podcast with Generations for America" in September. Our next episode will post in October. I hope that you enjoy the podcast. The goal of the podcast is to increase public awareness of GFA, our programs, activities and fundraising events.

My birthday is in October. And of course, I will have my yearly social media birthday fundraiser on Facebook and Instagram from October 1st through the 30th. Our four day Double Good fundraiser is going to be held November 1st through November 5th. We will be emailing, texting and posting on social media asking you to buy Double Good gourmet popcorn in support of GFA!

Your generous donations allowed GFA to award 15 scholarships this year. Scan our new Zelle QR code on the last page and donate to GFA. The 2024 GFA Scholarship recipients can be viewed on the website (www.generationsforamerica.org). I look forward to partnering with you this fall as we continue to support our programs.

Best Regards,

Karen M. Newsome



2025 Scholarship Application

Open this November!

Since 2021, GFA has awarded 29 scholarships to assist students attending college. We are proud of our efforts to help support students as they pursue their academic and career goals and are excited to continue to promote this opportunity.

Scholarship applications for the 2025 academic year will be available beginning **November 18, 2024, and will close February 3, 2025.**

Students should check our website or Facebook announcement on November 18th to start applying.



Board Member Limelight!

By Karen Newsome



Willie L. Newsome is the son of Willie and Elizabeth. During his youth, he resided with his two siblings in Birmingham, AL, and attended Calloway Elementary School and George Washington Carver High School. He graduated from the University of Alabama (Roll Tide!) with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Minor in Mathematics. Willie is currently employed with Southern Nuclear, a subsidiary of the Southern Company. He is married to Karen and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Willie is a Christian and is a member of Oakey Grove Baptist Church, where he serves as the Finance Committee Chairman.

Seasoned Citizen Spotlight!

Odell Gentry

By Verlinda Gentry

Our Senior Citizen Spotlight this quarter is Mrs. Odell Gentry. Odell is married to Darnell and they have three sons and four grandchildren. She is a very active member of St. Ellis Full Gospel Church, a deacon, a Praise team member, and a Gospel Choir member. Retirement is a joy. Something she looked forward to for years. She loves to shop and can easily spend 12 hours shopping. To stay physically fit she attends Zumba class on Tuesday and Thursday.



Where are they now?

GFA Scholarship Recipient

By Dr. Shakela Johnson

Autumn Gary is a 2023 graduate of Central High School in Phenix City, AL. Autumn is in her second year as a pre-law student at Spelman College, majoring in political science. As a freshman, Autumn's academic honors included being on the Dean's List, being inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and being in the Pre-Law Society. Autumn also had an opportunity to study abroad in Barcelona, Spain, this past summer. Autumn is thriving at Spelman, and we look forward to her continued success.

Everything You Need to Vote

By Karen Newsome

Find out when to vote and where your polling station is. Learn what form of ID to bring with you on Election Day.

Voter ID requirements: Each state sets its own voter ID rules. And most require voters to bring identification to vote in person. Know the voter ID laws in your state before going to the polls.

Find your polling place: Your polling place is where you go to vote in local, state, and federal elections. Find out where yours is located, its hours, and if you can change your polling place.

Use voter guides and sample ballots to learn about candidates: Voter guides and sample ballots include the candidates and the state or local issues up for a vote. Reviewing them before you go to the polls can help you decide who to vote for.

**Check Your Registration**
Not sure if you're registered to vote? We'll help you check and register if you can.

**Register To Vote**
It takes less than 2 minutes to register.

**Vote By Mail**
Can't or don't want to vote in person on Election Day? Request an absentee ballot.

**See What's On Your Ballot**
We'll show you what's on your local ballot and help you make a voting plan you can take with you to the polls.

**Get Election Reminders**
We'll remind you when and what you need to vote, so that you never miss an election again.

**Pledge To Register**
Too young to vote? Pledge to register and we'll text you a reminder on your 18th birthday.

The Electoral College Explained

By Karen Newsome

Electoral votes are allocated among the States based on the Census. Every State is allocated several votes equal to the number of Senators and Representatives in its U.S. Congressional delegation—two votes for its Senators in the U.S. Senate plus several votes equal to the number of its Congressional districts. Under the 23rd Amendment of the Constitution, the District of Columbia is allocated three electors and treated like a State for purposes of the Electoral College. Each State (which includes the District of Columbia for the Electoral College) decides how to appoint its electors; however, they must do so according to law enacted before Election Day. Currently, all States use the popular vote results from the November general election to decide which political party chooses the individuals who are appointed.



A Nonprofit Podcast with GFA

Host Karen Newsome

Purpose

The purpose of the podcast is to promote GFA's programs, events and activities.

Period

The podcast will post quarterly.

Host

Karen Newsome, GFA President

Topics for Discussion:

The topics discussed will be the headlines released in the Emissary, GFA's quarterly newsletter.

- Message from the President
- Discuss upcoming fundraiser
- Board Member Spotlight
- Senior Citizen Spotlight
- Current Affair (i.e., AI, Voting, Senior Citizen Wellness)



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