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# Elizabeth Baker honored by Horne Foundation

By **Bonnell Holmes**  
Editor

Elizabeth Baker was presented a silver Bowl and monetary gift on April 27, from the Horne Foundation, for her contribution to Brooks County as a public servant and for her role as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Mrs. Baker served as Brooks County Clerk of the Superior Court for 28 years.

The engraving on the silver bowl reads "The Horne Foundation Gentlewoman's Service to Society Award - Elizabeth Dewey Baker May 2005."

Dr. Horne said, "Mrs. Elizabeth Baker is a gentle-

woman- a gracious lady and she is a mother who has shown her daughter and granddaughter the way of caring in both her position as a public servant and in her life as a private citizen; she is also a mentor for other community females."

Mrs. Baker said, "I appreciate being honored to receive this beautiful bowl and monetary gift. I enjoyed my years as a public servant and cherish my role as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother."

The honoree has one daughter, two grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Photo by Mary Ann Shiver

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker receives an engraved bowl from Dr. Horne of the Horne Foundation

## Guest Columnist: Doc Horne

# Medical Messages from a "Doctor's Diary"



I still remember, with a tremendous feeling of gratitude, the privilege of being nurtured by a gracious Mother - her heartfelt compassion went far beyond the painfulness of her physical cardiac infirmities! Though her physical presence is no longer with me, her gentle spirit is still here, and through her procreative gift of life to me, I am yet able to perpetuate her unique sensitivity and compassion toward a people as a citizen of the world and as a physician. Medical messages remind us of important health-related issues and life situations from which we may perpetually learn and improve the lives of ourselves and others.

The year was 1994. I remember, poignantly, the message from my cousin regarding my Dear Mom that morning; I could detect her anxiousness though she attempted to speak with calmness; this foreboding telephone call occurred around the time of day when I normally telephoned my Mom to ascertain how she and my Dad were faring in routinized fashion - every day!

My Mother provided the fantastic at-home care to my dad, not only by her children's account (most of whom were in the field of health care) but by the affiliated Attending Physicians, nurses, and others who witnessed the phenomenal absence of decubitus ulcerations and other usual sequelae that would normally have ensued with long-standing debilitation in a person with expressive aphasia from multiple stroke episodes, bilateral amputations, etcetera.

Having been around the medical practices of her two children that were physicians, one child that was a registered nurse/nurse practitioner, one child that was a medical receptionist and one child with a degree in psychology who had worked as an administrative assistant in the practice of one of the physician siblings, my Mom was truly a "Medical Mom;" in a real sense; she had the Blessings of positive personal exposure to the "medical world" and the opportunity to assimilate so much medical acumen from a lay perspective.

When my cousin mentioned that my Mom had collapsed at My Dad's bedside early that morning and was able to crawl to the telephone to reach her but that My Mom was experiencing "chest pain and sweating" (my Mother had cautioned my cousin, "I don't want you to call my 'Baby' and worry her; by now, she has an office full of patients and they need her; I'll be alright." Fortunately, by pre-ordained destiny, my cousin insisted on calling). My medical mind immediately geared toward the probability of angina, impending MI, and their associated ominous complications; just one look at my facial countenance prompted the medical management proprietor for my private physician's practice to begin securing exigent physician coverage for the patients already in treatment as well as

for the next few days and to attend to the pragmatic details of ensuring immediate flight arrangements so that I could be at my Mother's bedside!

When I reached my Mother's bedside, I surmised that, although she was not on MI precautions at the moment that she had sustained serious infarction, but I, politely, with humility, assumed the position of a loving and supportive daughter, respectfully acquiescing to the medical protocol and processes already in place. I embraced her and stayed unrelentingly by her bedside until the Attending, in his kindness, arrived; my Mother's electrocardio-

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gram indicated extensive infarctions; her Attending was graciously in accord with transport of my Mom to a regional intensive coronary care unit in a neighboring state.

There are numerous occurrences that were significant in my Mom's scenario. I shall share a few. In the direst of circumstances, my Mom was a person who would prioritize compassionate acts toward others' favor, despite her own need. For instance, before transport to the cardiac center, I was sitting in a chair, observing her potential needs, not daring "to sleep a wink," when my Mom awakened momentarily but briefly and said, "Baby, I want you to go home and get some sleep before you get sick." She was gravely ill but her thoughts were centered around my health - that was the true character of my Mother!

My Mother's Attending at the regional cardiac center was a fellow Pharmacy Graduate of mine and through some inspiration and encouragement from me, had decided as I had, to continue

his medical contributions to society as an Internal Medicine Physician as well; the Attending cardiologist was a trusted colleague of his; my Mother's status evidenced extensive MI with many complications - congestive heart failure, pericardial effusion, compromising cardiac arrhythmias, potential cardiac tamponade, pronounced coronary artery occlusion, etcetera.

Suffice it to say that her prognosis was serious; the message here is clear - the initial Attending was gracious in allowing agreeable transfer; the regional Attending internist and cardiologist were gracious in allowing for sagacious thinking and management with a team approach aside from their own professional autonomy; the nursing staff was gracious enough in both hospital instances to allow me to stay at my Mother's side; my Mother was gracious in her own humanely mortal circumstance for herself; I was gracious in exhibiting proper respect as regards protocol and medical pragmatics despite being a physician; and though my

colleagues had sought to "prepare" me for the prognostic likelihood that my Mother would not return home, they yet allowed the ultimate in terms of affording the medium for the "brain trust" to avail - reflective of all of the sagacious minds in force; and Deity, in His Supreme Import, allowed us all to be reassured that's "God's Grace Is Sufficient." My Mother, phenomenally, was Blessed to return home and God gave me four more years of beautiful moments with her! To reiterate, the "Medical Message from the 'Doctor's Diary,'" offers that "In medical situations as in other life situations, 'Be gracious with humility, as you prayerfully expect God's Grace through the medical hand of man.'" "Grace begets Grace!"



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# Charity Toasting Celebration: HORNE FOUNDATION'S HOMAGE TO GENTLEWOMEN



**Gentlewoman, Mrs. W.M. Gomillion, Landowner, Business-Woman, Professional Dressmaker (Dr. Horne's Grandmother)**



**Gentlewoman, Mrs. E.J. Horne, Landowner, Business-woman, Cosmetologist, Church Officer, Civil Charity Fundraiser (Dr. Horne's Mother)**



**Gentlewoman, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker & Dr. Horne Toast at Horne House (heirloom collection-furnishings, Silver originate from Great Grandmother of Dr. Horne. Mrs. V.R. Gomillion Early-wife of Nat'l Church Leader.**

A Gentlewoman reflects the attributes of refinement, culture and service to society. The Horne Foundation salutes Mrs. Elizabeth Dewey Baker for her exemplary service to Brooks Countians for twenty-eight years as the Brooks County Clerk of the Superior Court, for her humanitarian sensitivity toward all Brooks Countians and as a Gentlewoman providing a Maternal Model for her own progeny, community adults, and youth- inspiring positive family ideals and traditions. The Horne Foundation's Gomillion-Horne Gentlewoman's Silver Cup for Service to Society is an award that is inspired by two Gentlewomen who demonstrated their contributions to the local community during their culturally-enriched lifetimes epitomizing graciousness, charm, and service - Mrs. W.M. Gomillion Glee and her daughter, Mrs. E.J. Horne (Mrs. Hilton Horne, Sr.). Spirituality, family values, education, culture and service were of paramount importance to both these Ladies. Historically, Mrs. W.M. Gomillion, the daughter of Will and Vestella Raswell Gomillion, was born on Christmas Eve in 1900; her parents were privileged to become Quitman landowners in the early 1900's, purchasing land from a prominent Quitman Physician of the times, Dr. McMichael (documented in Brooks County Deeds And Records); Mrs. W.M. Gomillion received the benefit of charm school and Normal College instruction from insightful encouraging parents; she later fostered positive educational goals for her own two children - enrolling her own son and daughter, Mrs. E.J. Horne, in private elementary school at Lucy Moten Elementary School (now Florida A. & M. University High School) during the Para-Great Depression Era in our country in the later 1920's thus echoing the longstanding family ethic of the importance of significant educational opportunities for both males and females in the family - a phenomenal view for their times. Mr. Oscar "Sonny Boy" Sims (a septuagenarian who was recently inspired to continue his education in Valdosta) indicates in an interview, "I remember, Mrs. Gomillion; she was kind of like a local celebrity around here in those days, the way she carried herself, the way she talked; the way she dressed like rich folks; the way she acted; she had her own heirs property and her own café business; she was all class and still was 'down to earth', Dr. Horne reminds me of her grandmother, Mrs Gomillion."

Mrs E.J. Horne was locally legendary as the Consummate Hostess, as a Mentor and past President of the "Beauty and Culture League" a regional service societal organization that sponsored regional charity and society events during the fifties and sixties. Mrs. Horne's gracious style, genteel manner, and effervescent personality reflected by her engaging nature and charming smile is well-remembered. Mrs. Samuel Madison, Sr., the Mother of Pro Cornerback, Mr. Sam Madison, Jr and god-mother to Dr. Horne, comments, "Dr. Horne's Mother and I share a common connection to the great institution of Lucy Moten (now FAMU High) which was known for not only quality academics but the teaching of moral values and culture - one of the reasons that I traveled eighty miles round-trip from my teaching position to support Sam Jr.'s private school education there." Mrs. Frances Hall, a retired teacher, remembers, "I was always proud of my cousin; when she was nine, she moved to Tallahassee with her Mother and brother and attended private school there but her Mother allowed her to visit with me during unforgettable summers in Brooks County until they moved back to Quitman. I remember when she opened her own beauty parlor, "Horne's Beauty Salon in 1949 as a Master Cosmetologist; I remember in the early nineteen forties (1940's) when she dressed her two oldest children in 'little white doctors' jackets and she and Hilton Sr. bought them 'doctor kits,' the older Horne children were inspired to be doctors - unusual for the times; her closest friends and schoolmates were 'Dr. Foote's girls' (a prominent Tallahassee Physician); her Mother exposed her to other children with positive goals in her upbringing." It is no wonder that her children Dr. R. Marie Horne, M.D. and her brother, Dr. Hilton Horne, Jr., M.D. represent the first Physician Siblings in Quitman and Brooks County and Dr. B. Marie Horne, M.D., although one of the younger Horne children, is the first female Physician/Pharmacist Graduate in Quitman and Brooks County. They were inspired to do so by their parents from their very beginnings in life! This was their destiny." (Mrs. Horne encouraged mentoring by others such as nationally-prominent personage, Dr. Charles Gomillion (of U.S. Supreme Court history) who, mentored and wrote to the Horne Children from their childhood to adulthood, applauding their accomplishments). Mrs. Hall further offers, "I remember when my Cousin, Mrs. E.J. Horne and Miss Floree McIntosh, Mrs. Rosa Malloy, Mrs EL. Chisolm and I were invited to a Ladies Tea on historic Court Street in the nineteen sixties (1960's) which was given at the time by Mrs. Grace Lee, wife of prominent Pharmacist, Dr. Lee." Mrs. Minnie Motley, asserts, "The times that we entertain in our Victorian furnished living room give honor to Mrs. E.J. Horne who was a model of fine living to us and shared her own Victorian Living Room taste with Mr. Motley and me." Medical Management Proprietor Liz Howell Tiller indicates Over numerous years, I had the privilege of observing, first-hand, the graciousness, integrity and classy nature of Mrs. Horne and Dr. Horne. Mrs. Horne would politely bring breakfast upstairs to me laden with silver, service, linen napkins, her garden red roses and the best of breakfast cuisine on a silver tray, as she so graciously entertained guests at her Horne, Horne House." Mrs. Baker also admired Mrs. Horne and the order rid family traditions and community service that she contributed. We salute Prominent Citizen, Mrs. Elizabeth Dewey Baker, a Gentlewoman!

# Medical Messages from a Doctor's Diary

By Dr. R. Marie Horne, M.D.



As I, and the other Educational Advocates and Partners of the Annual Educational Rally listened to the inspirational messages by both the Founder and President of Madison Avenue for Kids, Sam Madison, Jr. and Saskia Madison, respectively, regarding the paramount importance of educational attainment, its significant impact, was reiterated in their accounting of their own personal scenarios and life experiences.

As they presented the youth with the potential awards associated with specific academic challenges on a pragmatic basis, that is, Madison Avenue for Kids pledged the awarding of desktop computers for three educational levels of academic recipients (elementary, middle and high school) who attain the greatest measurable degree of academic improvement in the potential student's grade point average. I reminisced about my own similar commitments.

I was pleasantly reminded of my own personal and professional commitment to educational enrichment of youth within the confines of the humanitarian infrastructural aspect of my practice. The "open door" policy of encouraging children of the parents who receive service from my practice to share the results of their superlative academic performance, has been well-established over the years. It is with humility and personal satisfaction that I have had the blessings of inspiring and enabling the accomplishment of other fellow peers who have become doctors of medicine themselves as well as mentoring students who become doctors of medicine, who, too, will share in the commitment to serve the medical needs of society and contribute to the amelioration of physiological pathogenesis in a sensitive, considerate and dedicated fashion, as the Exuberant and scholarly students of the parents who participate, receive five dollars for each "A" grade for the various subjects during the academic interims in their school year on the elementary, middle and secondary school level and collegiate students receive periodic scholarship incentives of varying degrees for their stellar achievements. This incentive, although miniscule fiscally, generates its own altruistic largesse in ingratiating academic goals in young scholars; it reassures the parents that the community of adults that surround their children are contributive to their productive development which reinforces, positive outlook in both.

In addition, years ago, I elected to provide the children of the patients in my internal medicine private practice, the forum for accessibility to myself and my affiliate staff in terms of providing a supportive avenue for their children - to candidly confide personal issues of medico-social concern to them, to provide a supportive network for answering their health questions, and to provide an avenue for addressing their potential problematic situations with professionals, mentors and surrogate individuals through whom they could establish effective rapport and thus avert the potential of initial embarrassment in discussions with their parents in certain instances; one clearly salient point was assuredly comprehended by both parent and child - that I and/or my staff would encourage and require the child to immediately inform the parent in our presence, within the context of our sensitive and dedicated professional demeanor, of

any potentially dangerous situation to their social, physical or psychological well-being immediately, otherwise; the parents gave their consent and permission, gratefully, to allow their children the opportunity of "talking about personal issues confidentially with Doc." I have been poignantly and positively dedicated to listening to patients and their children intently and allocating generous time for them - despite the attendant time constraints imposed by the immensity of responsibility in satisfying the requirements and inundations of perpetually exhaustive daily schedules. The inherent aspect of being sensitive and supportive but protective to the rights of the child and their parents should be personally and professionally observed.



I was Blessed by Deity with two parents whose constant, dedicated and intense commitment to their children's comprehensive rearing inclusive of spiritual, social, educational and cultural enrichment and inculcation of a personal humanitarian focus, is their legacy. I still feel the impact of the resounding positive parental examples to me and my siblings.

In emulating my parents in observing the ecclesiastical tenet of charitable service, my life and the lives of those others who are the recipients of my service have been reciprocally enriched. The medical message and challenge to doctors as well as the general populace, is to continue to give of your time, of your knowledge, of your camaraderie, as well as share, as you desire, your resources, for life frequently teaches that your life will be abundantly favored because you dared to care for your fellowman - a spiritual directive that defines the truly sagacious and discerning individual and servant of mankind. The concept of giving of one's services refreshes itself each time one sees the reflection of that service upon the countenance of an appreciative recipient of that service. Philanthropy of service and benevolence abounds.

## LETTERS

### *Thank You S.L. Jones & Jerry Peek*

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jerry Peek and the Brooks County Road Department for the fine work they did on the Schmoie and Blair Roads in the southern end of Brooks County near the Florida line. This fine crew of dedicated county employees dug out our ditches, mowed along the sides of the road, trimmed branches and limbs on the larger oak trees and unstopped our culverts. They did an excellent job in making some much needed improvements.

I would also like to thank our County Commissioner, S.L. Jones, for helping the folks who live in his district and in helping to keep our roads in good condition.

Thanks to all of you.

**Mrs. C.W. Schmoie**  
*Blackwater Plantation*

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# Medical Message from "A Doctor's Diary"

By Doc Horne

My brother and I, and my other three siblings, were all visiting during a family celebration, and as my Dad often supervised, he made a pronouncement regarding his medical condition. It was customary in our home that the entire family shared their meals together around the central table and that we received many a philosophical pearl about life and our inherent responsibilities to God first, the family second; and the expectation of individual accomplishment and service to society was as natural as inspiring oxygen from the atmosphere.

My Dad would be seated at the head of the table while my Mother graciously and methodically attended to each family member's culinary needs at the other head of the table - nearest to the kitchen as a proper matron and hostess to the family would optimally position herself; "I suppose I can have a bottle of a hundred of my diabetic pills and take them right if I can send you two children to school to become doctors," to which my brother and I instantaneously and almost simultaneously replied, "No Daddy, you don't need that many at one time."

Our professional rationale was that if my Dad were permitted fewer tablets at his access, we could make sure that he stayed within prescribed dietary parameters and we could more efficiently require serologic glucose analyses - and that his "blood sugar" status could be monitored more safely. My Dad, although of optimal physical stature and body surface area, was of the personal opinion that he had to eat certain foods, deciding his own quantities, "to stay healthy to work and send you all to college and medical school;" and he was so naturally affable in nature and charming, that it was difficult sometimes, but necessary always, to give him the physician admonition that you can't just take the number of "diabetic tablets" you would like based on how you feel, Daddy."

In addition, we had encouraged him to call us long distance (Our admonition to him was constant even when he was vital and before the expressive aphasia of the debilitating stroke episodes occurred and before the sequelae of peripheral vascular compromise compounded his medical dilemma); we cautioned him regarding the precautionary measures he must take if he potentially developed any serious injury - in particular to his lower extremities, his feet; fate

would supervene when a minute piece of glass became embedded in his foot (one of the few times when he was without his shoes) and he would "doctor" on it at first himself without my Mom nor his children's knowledge; Daddy was a strong, assertive and independent man - very sensitive to others and accustomed, from adolescence, to attending to his needs as well as his siblings' needs and his parents' needs (his mother had severe diabetic complications and his dad developed severe diabetic retinopathy eventually).

The lapse in time between onset of infection and proper treatment was crucial to the potential clinical outcome. My dad did not desire "to worry us about a 'little sore area'" on the plantar aspect of his foot and because diabetic neuropathy sometimes prevents immediate detection by the individual himself/herself initially, complications may arise and accelerate rapidly; the initial delay in exigent, proper care, eventually culminated in amputation, which led to other protracted medical occurrences; as valiant as my dad was in assuming life's plethora of responsibilities, he was equally as valorous in withstanding the debilitation of illness and did so with some degree of resignation and relative grace - extraordinary in view of the fact that his productivity during his entire life was contingent on his mobility, his positive initiative and his considerable ability to "take positive charge" in situations.

Posthumous advice, of course, does not occur in the real sense but one's life scenarios can be illuminating and my dear dad, would certainly offer two messages of gentle and well-meaning admonition toward prevention dynamics - compliance in taking the physician's directive as regards diabetic meds and urging one to never feel that one is "worrying" the provider (even informing your own children if they are medical providers); the sagacity of these admonitions should be noted; compliance as regards following proper medical principles does not diminish from your independent nature - you can still retain it, as well as those qualities such as the precious humility and positive sensibility that my Dad certainly manifested!

My mother would receive two sets of physician journals (some of which came to our house and the AMA publications would have a necrology section); she would oftentimes remind my brother and me

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about the frequency of "younger aged physicians appearing on those lists" and cautioned us about the long hours of days replete with constant practice and on-call obligations; she knew that we were dedicated doctors - she and my Dad had set the example for dedication to one's work and positive endeavor, but she cautioned us to take care and monitor our health too; my Dear Brother, who succumbed to complications centered around the occurrence of non-ketotic hyperosmolar coma of diabetes mellitus - which so adeptly with great expertise treated suc-

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cessfully in his own patients, would offer the sagacious and sensitive message that although doctors should and must dedicate their expert and vigorous professional efforts on behalf of their patients, they must diminish their own propensity for fatigability associated with becoming over-worked and become over-wrought themselves by endless practice hours; so that the brilliance that deity allows them, for the benefit of others, might be extended within the spectrum of longevity that they seek to ensure for themselves, as well as their patients.

# Horne Foundation's Celebration: Gentleman & Gentleman Silver Stein for Service to Society Award



Dr. Hilton Horne, Jr. M.D., Gentleman Physician of Internal Medicine Practitioner & Medical Researcher - Walter Reed Army Medical Research Hospital Microbiologist - Bethesda Naval Hospital Histopathology Research-Station, Germany Shriner (Aswan), Real Estate Owner, Musician, Culture Connoisseur, Philosopher



Mr. Hilton Horne, Sr., Gentleman, Community Leader, Real Estate Proprietor, Consummate Family Provider, Church Deacon Board Chairman, Masonic Order, Landscaper for Prestigious Properties, Mentor



Mr. Jim McGhee, Sr., Gentleman "We appreciate the kindness of The Horne Foundation in acknowledging our service to the community, and are thankful for the contributions that Dr. Horne and the Horne Foundation are making to Quitman and Brooks County."

Mr. Jim McGhee, Jr., Gentleman "I will always remember that Dr. Horne fulfilled one of my greatest dreams as a young man. She gave me the privilege of escorting two famous national celebrity artists for the College Concert sponsored by The Horne Foundation in February 2004; I was privileged to accompany the famous stars for sixteen hours providing them with Limousine and Escalade Service, enjoying their company and sharing the same VIP courtesies along with them."

The strength of any societal community is partly contingent upon the positive accomplishments and service of its citizens. The Horne Foundation celebrates this success and service! The Horne Foundation's Silver Stein for Service to Society Award is celebrated during Father's Day. Despite the Era in time, the quality of being a Gentleman reflects that the man possesses politeness, masculine sensitivity, and "courtly" manners; and when these attributes accompany a sense of "style and substance" as regards one's life accomplishments, the scenario of a rare Gentleman emerges as a source of positive emulation!

Mr. Hilton Horne, Sr. taught his son, Dr. Hilton Horne, Jr. M.D. the art of being a Gentleman; Mr. Horne was known locally for sporting his dapper custom-made suits and his charming and friendly smile, when he was not being the consummate provider and worker around town: Mr. Ferris Stevens, a retired teacher and a gentleman himself, indicates, that Mr. Hilton Horne and his progeny, in part, developed that sense of innate style and flair "from Mr. Hilton's Daddy, Mr. Finners Horne who we, as kids called the 'professor' because, each morning, on our way to school, he would give us words of wisdom as he sat on the porch at his Home: Mr. Finnie wore a different silk shirt, different matching silk socks, different dress trousers and different dress shoes every day: (this was around the early nineteen thirties); "I am a teacher, partly, today because I yearned to be like Mr. Finnie Horne when I grew up;" " Dr. Horne, your Grand-Dad, Mr. Finnie Horne was quite the gentleman." Mr. Morris Miller asserts, "My father-in-law, Mr. Hilton Horne, Sr. and his wife, Mrs. Horne had a unique vision for their children and not only set goals for the family, but provided the necessary means to achieve those goals; the Horne Family became successful on several levels and their legacy lives on because of the impact that they made and even now the continuing success and impact of their children."

Mr. Hilton Horne's industriousness was multifaceted as he is well-remembered for his trustworthiness, proficiency, efficiency, willingness to work, and "take charge" affable attitude tempered by his natural humility; he was chief shipping clerk at the South Georgia Grocery Company headquarters in Quitman the parent company for the national Suwanee Stores and Suwanee Swifty Store chain; he landscaped the grounds, fashioned rock gardens and painted many of the prestigious homes on Court Street, West Lake, and Plantation Drive, etc.; he was a real estate proprietor himself, he and his wife owned several houses and properties, ultimately providing a five thousand square foot, eight bedroom home for their five children; he was mentor to community males of varying ethnic predilections - he counseled the young men "on the corner" inspiring and actually placing them in jobs and teaching them on the job as well as counseling the ivy league young men during the summer break from the law schools and institutions of higher learning among the plethora of mentorship activities that he provided for Brooks Countians; he was an avid community peace-maker and civic leader during the sixties pointing out to the community youth that it was more advantageous to themselves and society to arm themselves with an education, business savvy and productiveness than weaponry; he was a mentor to his own children espousing them to achieve, inspiring them to succeed, providing the educational template along with their equally inspiring Mother for their ensured accomplishment; he and their Mother equipped them culturally for any potential societal forum in which they might seek- giving them the socialization skills, cultural exposure and etiquette dynamics initially at home and then abroad; the two parents tendered their children's acquisition of a relative "elitist manner" with the equally important and simultaneous teaching and inculcation of graciousness and humility in their characters; they desired that their children be refined but not "snobbish," accomplished but gracious, high achievers but ready to modify the underachiever's status to a more positive level, leaders in life but followers of God (selfassuredness by virtue of achievement and dedicated service to society, but willingness to empathize with the less fortunate); the Horne parents practiced what they "preached" in productivity and service; they exposed their children to the best in fashion, the best in domestic and cultural life-style, the best in culinary mechanics and the best in educational opportunity; they reared them in a nurtured, protective environment through sometimes turbulent social change during certain historical periods of the times.

Mr. Hilton Horne, Sr. and his Spouse, Mrs. E. J. Horne, traveled with each of their children when each embarked on his/her collegiate academic journey. When Dr. Hilton enrolled in a Pre-Med Curriculum in August 1961 at Howard University, Mr. and Mrs. Horne ceased their industrious undertakings long enough to accompany him and their other four children to the Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C.: over a two-week vacation period in 1961, they allowed their children to visit and tour the White House, the beautiful Catholic Monasteries with the stately gardens and mosaic architecture, the historical Smithsonian Institute, the Treasury Department, Howard University's Campus, etcetera; the Horne parents had much vision for their children's future accomplishment; they were guided daily by this noble family edict of success, service to society, cultural enrichment and spiritual enlightenment. The richness of the traditional interior design features of the distinguished 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, White House residence are still echoed today in the opulence of some of the features in the Horne House. 1600 residence in Quitman; that trip and other family historical excursions overtime exerted their positive impact on the Horne ideology of family values, cultural practices and life-style over numerous decades;

Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. M.D. had his daddy's natural smile and charm, his penchant for immaculate attire (his Dad started ordering his Son custom-made suits when he was 15 with matching Italian leather shoes), a mellifluous voice and a seemingly innate leadership posture; his Dad taught him the art of being a Gentleman and his Mom taught him the art of Gracious Living: Dr. Hilton did achieve and he did serve society; to elaborate upon a few of his accomplishments besides becoming an Internal Medicine Physician he was privileged as he commented in his own words. "It was indeed an honor to be inducted into the internationally-acclaimed Howard University Choir, coming from a small town and having the experience of developing musically with fellow Howard students Roberta Flack, Donny Hathaway and Jesse Norman and performing in the Howard University Choir ( occasionally for White House-related program functions) in the sixties" as he related to various youth and adults in fulfilling speaking opportunities. Dr. Hilton also felt privileged to receive recognition citations for superlative performance in microbiologic and biochemistry research when he worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Research Hospital and Bethesda National Naval Hospital and also for histopathological research during his military enlistment abroad in Germany, where he also became a Shriner (Aswan); while abroad, he traveled extensively in Europe. Dr. Hilton Horne's patients from his private practice in Dawson still attest to his sensitivity, skill, dedication and uniquely positive professional posture. Dr. R. Marie Horke and her brother Dr. Hilton Horne, Jr. had a unique camaraderie that transcended and augmented their sibling ties; for instance, they were not only a part of historical accomplishment in their native Quitman but on the State of Georgia level, they were both Medical Scholar Honorees along with a few other Honorees at a luncheon in the seventies in Atlanta- where then Governor Carter and later President Jimmy Carter took the time to engage in congratulatory conversation with each recipient and genuinely inquire as to their future aspirations in medicine and to give accolades and encouragement to their achievements. This was just one memorable instance of numerous phenomenal experiences that both shared as Doctors of Medicine, as culture connoisseurs, as students of positive philosophy and spiritual enlightenment, as innovators and as servants to society; the two sibling comrades were Blessed to serve humanity in the scope of projects with national import also; Mr. Maccio Antonio Horne, Jr., a retired Principal of Valdosta Middle School and former long-term member of the Lowndes Board of Education, remarks, "My Cousins, Mr. Hilton Horne Sr. and Dr. Hilton Horne, Jr. M.D., and I, are descendants of the 'Seven Horne Brothers'; the parents of the 'Seven Horne Brothers', although born in the 1800's, remarkably, cultivated the seed for land-ownership in Brooks County; this philosophy of owning land was a part of the family philosophy that has been handed down through the generations of Horne descendants despite the eras in time. My two Cousins were both Gentlemen and loved humanity!" "The Senior, Mr. Hilton Horne was the epitome of industriousness to his family and the community and he had a magnetic personality; and I savored the times of camaraderie with Dr. Hilton as we engaged in many a philosophical discussion and enjoyed fluently communicating in the German language as it was a second language to the two of us." "Mr. Hilton Horne, Sr. and Dr. Hilton Horne Jr., M.D. certainly carved a positive niche in Quitman/Brooks County history!" Mr. Maccio Antonio Horne, Jr., a gentleman himself, is well-regarded in the Quitman and Valdosta communities for his suave and polite manner as his Dad, Mr. Maccio Antonio Horne, Sr. was a gentleman, too, and strove to instill in him the significant import of the ideals associated with being a gentleman also. This was a part of the Horne Family ideology and ethic cultivated from one generation to the next. Dr. Hilton began avid genealogical research of all of their family genial lines in the nineteen sixties in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hilton was a connoisseur collector in the family tradition, collecting numerous valuable inclusive of silver stems, pewter stems, porcelain stems, etcetera. The Horne Foundation's Gentleman and Gentleman Silver Stein for Service to Society Award is presented to another Dad and Son who also represent a community- innovator duo in the tradition of Mr. Horne and Dr. Horne Jr. They sport that same kind of charming smile and emulate a similar productiveness that the Horne Gentlemen exhibited; they are Mr. Jim McGhee, Sr. and Mr. Jim McGhee, Jr., two Quitman/Brook Countians who, in the tradition of Mr. Hilton Horne Sr. and Dr. Hilton Horne, Jr. M.D., are parlaying their positive gentleman's decorum and business savvy in the field of successful accomplishment. The masculine radiance of the charming smile and the uniqueness of the gentlemanly comport, noticeably evident in the Horne gentlemen, is also evidenced in the McGhee gentlemen. We salute them as Gentlemen and Entrepreneurs!

# Horne Foundation honors deserving seniors

By **Bonnell Holmes**  
Editor

The beautiful Horne home, complete with glowing chandeliers, detectible cuisine and gracious hospitality was the setting for an awards presentation February 17 for several deserving senior members of the community.

The event, a tea, honored ladies ranging from ages 75-100 years of age. Honored were Mrs. Cherry Horne, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Mrs. Ressie Rutherford and Mrs. Alice Cooper.

"We rendered homage to heroines who are representative of seniors who have served as mentors to both youth and adults in our community and have also demonstrated spiritual service," said Dr. Horne.

The celebration entitled "Homage to Heroines" was sponsored by the Horne Foundation.

Horne said these ladies were

selected because they had served as longstanding mentors to youth, to the community, society and their families.

The honorees were presented with armetale collectible trays, honorariums and red roses.

"The gift of the red rose and honorarium to each honoree reflects our respect for their gifts of service to society," Horne said.

The Foundation also selected these ladies because of their longevity. February, being National Heart Month, is a time to show Agape love. Those honored are in good health and continue to be a service to the community.

The Horne Foundation is composed of medical doctors, attorneys, educators, celebrity consultants, entrepreneurs and ministerial leaders. The Foundation acts for the betterment of society and the community.



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Left to right: Mrs. Cherry Horne, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Ms. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Horne Foundation hostess, Dr. R. Marie Horne, Mrs. Ressie Rutherford, Mrs Alice Cooper, Not pictured, Mrs. Dorothy France McGhee, celebration assistant.

# Horne Foundation & Charity Collaborations

The Home Foundation is privileged to serve the philanthropic and humanitarian interests Of Quitman and Brooks Countians and, in addition, to supportively partner in selective charitable events and services on behalf of other similar charities - inclusive of organizations which also have local, regional, national and international outreach and which have comprehensive and collaborative goals in servicing society and in addressing significant needs of those who require our collective humanitarian efforts. Thus, the Horne Foundation supported two recent annual events that render positive impact and significant import to servicing humanitarian needs that benefit the participating communities.

On March 11, 2006, Education Advocates and Partners including the Horne Foundation celebrated with the Madison Avenue For Kids Foundation during the annual event co-sponsored by Pro Football Cornerback, "Miami's Man on the Corner," Samuel Madison, Jr., - whose illustrious feats on the gridiron and stellar humanitarian and charitable performance in society garnered him the presentation by his Hometown of the official, "Key to the City" and Declaration of March 11, 2006 as Sam Madison Day in Monticello during the festivities of the Educational Rally. The Educational Rally provides a phenomenal opportunity for children in Monticello and surrounding communities (Quitman and Brooks County youths were in attendance for the festivities) to be availed of several charitable services and to experience post-rally, one-on-one interaction with a celebrity athlete, receive autographs, and have personal conversations with personages. The children experienced the entertaining prowess of their peers who gave on-stage performances in the way of karate skill maneuvers and African drum rhythm selections with interpretive dance routines. The peer performance presentations and the opportunity of interaction with a Celebrity Sportsman provided a tremendously positive, esteem-building activity for the young inquisitive minds and developing personalities of the participating youths. The thematic focus of the Fifth Annual Educational Partnership Rally, "Commitment Comes From the Heart," was capably addressed by Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Mary Madison, profound Motivational Speakers, President and Founder of Madison Avenue For Kids Foundation, Saskia and Samuel Madison, Jr., and participating Monticello officials and health interest agencies. The organizers' emphasis centered around children and their parents, mentors, and supportive community networks who collate their combined efforts to insure "commitment of youths and parents to converge on healthy choices ... as experts agree that children and young adults who acquire and maintain Healthy Choices benefit academically as well as physically." The children and their parents were recipients of not only sagacious advice but complimentary gifts and services surrounding this most significant educational event.

The other momentous event supported by the Horne Foundation as a Bronze Sponsor is the Quota International of Valdosta's Quota Club Eleventh "Annual Taste of Valdosta," a Culinary experience for the veteran and expert culinary industry in showmanship of their skills and artistry in fashioning palatable cuisine and formulating artistic culinary presentations and vignettes; and for the Sponsors and surrounding community public to participate as a taster of the cuisine offerings in this most auspiciously unique gastronomic festivity held on April 1, 2006. Brooks Countian resident and Quotarian Linda Tillman is one of the adeptly proficient organizers. The proceeds for the 2006 "Annual Taste of Valdosta" are garnered for several significant organizations. The noteworthy Quota Club funds "Children's Advocacy Center," "Lowndes Advocacy Resource Center," "Miracle League of Valdosta," "New Freedom Inc. Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program." The Blessing of local, regional, state, national and international charity collaborations generates concerted humanitarian service. The Horne Foundation is pleased to graciously serve!



Dr. R. Marie Horne, M.D. presents football to Pro Cornerback Samuel Madison (autograph session).



Saskia Madison joins festivities.



Quotarian Linda Tillman and Dr. Horne.

# Medical Messages from a Doctor's Diary

By Dr. R. Marie Horne, M.D.

We Attending Physicians, as the internal medicine specialist, along with the consulting surgeons, gathered around the bedside of a patient who happened to be affluent and influential. After providing her with explanations regarding her clinical situation, silence prevailed. Then, in her demeanor or self-assuredness, she remarked to us, "Now what am I to do with all of you doctors about, as you appear to be unified in your medical opinions!"

Each of us doctors could have immediately articulated our reiterative clinical stance, espousing the clinical methodology to support the opinions, but out of respect to the patient, and giving prevalence to our own individual reflections in this serious matter, we allowed silence to be pre-eminent because the time-immemorial adage of "silence is golden," often-times befits a particular situation; but I thought to myself, knowing that whether a patient is affluent, influential, self-assured, destitute, unsure, seemingly helpless, etcetera, all patients are human, all patients deserve our best efforts and all patients deserve sensitivity.

Furthermore, it would be sagacious or wise that patients consider three simple concepts involving reliance, compliance, and "defiance" from a positive posture: One may rely on the Power of Prayer; One may comply with the physicians' best protocol and One may "defy" any potentially ominous odds that might disfavor a clinical situation - in exercising the divine right of faith and spiritual knowledge that the ultimate Healing comes through the physician from the Almighty Hand of God!

All three reinforce one's peace of mind, strength of Spirit, and faith which may marvelously modify one's physiological status, there-

by altering outcome, in tandem with the obvious combination of the physicians' protocol.

I perceived our patient's feeling of vulnerability, reflected in her facial countenance; the humility of that moment in sharing the potentialities of outcome and sensitively caring for (this various) although mortal lady, re-energized us and added to our own teaching that day, and subsequently.

As a physician, I am pleased each time that I am privileged to witness that the divine strength that can emanate from the mortal human in consolidarity of

purpose - the patient, the doctor, the family, the friends, can make the difference, as God is Divine and positive outcomes are His Specialty and work through us.

In his eloquent espousals and intellectual but impassioned entreaties, Dr. King reminded all mankind of each individual's Divine call to serve "ye one another." He reiterated the reverberating universal truths that bind us together in the human fabric of accomplishment for the betterment of each other and in our

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