

# Highlights of The Journal's 20th Anniversary Celebration on Pages 10 & 11.



Ruthie & Joe Hopkins (center) with Helga Kuhn (l) and Suzanne Lawrence (r), event coordinators

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## San Gabriel Valley Pasadena Journal Celebrates 20 Years

By Xavier Higgs

Joe and Ruthie Hopkins could be considered one of Pasadena's prominent couples.

On Friday evening, November 20, 2009, some of Pasadena's leading business, political and community leaders came together and celebrated the 20 Anniversary of the Pasadena Journal.

As co-publisher of the Pasadena Journal Newspaper, Joe, a Civil Rights Attorney, is known for his poignant, unapologetic editorials. Ruthie, his wife, is Managing Editor and Co-Publisher of the newspaper and active in the community as well.

Ironically, many who attended the event have been the subjects of Joe Hopkins' editorials. Nevertheless, an over capacity crowd filled the historic Pasadena Tournament of Roses House to honor the Hopkins' and their newspaper's contributions to the Pasadena area.

"We had no plans to celebrate the paper's 20th anniversary," said Ruthie. It was a friend who suggested they commemorate the



occasion.

Once a decision was made, Joe and Ruthie approached the Tournament of Roses, and were pleased that the Tournament would accommodate their event.

Among those in attendance was State Assembly Member, 44th District, Anthony Portantino, who along with other local politicians presented proclamations. "These two are newspaper people keeping us honest and making us all do better," said Portantino.

The Journal gave special recognition to Woods-Valentine Mortuary and Metropolitan Baptist Church for their loyal support throughout the years.

In 1989, *Hoppies Journal* was published as a newsletter which later became *The Pasadena Journal*. According to the Hopkins', the paper was established to advertise Joe's law office, one son's barber shop and another son's t-shirt

## The Journal's 20th Anniversary

By Jasmine Doxey



business, as well as to fill a void of news coverage in underserved and the greater community at large. "We did not realize the impact of that first Journal," said Ruthie.

In one of many lighted moments of the banquet celebration was keynote speaker, Dr. Rosie Milligan, who pointed out Joe and Ruthie's devotion to the African American and greater Pasadena community.

"20 years or being lied to and talked about," she said jokingly, but nevertheless, and most importantly, changing people lives by spotlighting African Americans who would otherwise have gone unnoticed."

Both Joe and Ruthie want to continue to share with the community because they believe in serving the African American community. "We see this paper as a labor of love," Ruthie concluded.

experience to have been a part of the 20th Anniversary Celebration. It was on that chilly Friday evening, when it was all over, that I took with me a new perspective of journalism as well as a sense of importance and the ability to achieve above and beyond.

Through being a part of *The Journal* and its 20th Anniversary, I was able to experience, first-hand, a new element of the journalistic field in terms of filming as well as meeting, socializing and working with new people. It has been a privilege to be a part of something that gives unconditionally to the community and something every other young man or woman should experience for himself or herself.

The same words of encouragement given to me that night in November from so many of those at the Anniversary Celebration, I now give to everyone else: Do not let intimidation get the better of you—Keep on keeping on. As I stood amongst the Journal family towards the end of the celebration, I saw how revered Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins were by their supporters for their twenty years of service.

I, too, can become as successful as these two and bring back something positive. And so can anyone and everyone else—if you work hard and persevere towards your goals and ambitions.

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security force. Given this cover, the United States could at some point when the military benchmarks, goals an etc. look good, declare victory and move out.

The Obama Administration will have its most serious problems with the Republicans who are fixated on a “win – lose” type of evaluation of American objectives in the region. But they – and the American people -- should face the fact that you cannot win a war in Afghanistan with 40,000 troops; if you used General McChrystal’s own math for fighting a counter-insurgency war you would eventually need 668,000 troops. That means the whole country would have to be occupied, not just “strategic villages” as the case with his current strategy.

The method that Obama used in arriving at his decision then, was as much political as military. It was political in that the framework was one in which he knew in advance that he would leave Afghanistan in an appreciable time and so, should not invest the maximum amount of troops, given a hightening economic crisis by voters and the working class calling for jobs on his domestic front. But it was also political in that he had to use a mechanism

which would bring along the legitimate voices in the military establishment to support the final policy and the only way this could be done was to bring them to the table, hear them out, offer counter-propositions and obtain their pledge to support the final decision. The consensus might still fall apart, but this was the best way to try to put it together.

Generals always want to fight a war to win, that’s their job, but that will always be done in a given political context. The context when the Iraq war started and Obama announced during his campaign that Afghanistan was a “war of necessity” since that was where Al Queda that killed 3,000 Americans was hiding. The context has now changed, with 3,000 American casualties in Iraq eight years later and a White House Jobs Summit being held in the same week the new Afghanistan war strategy is being released. Sometimes context is everything, but this time it must at least be given equal time.

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African Americans, both young and old, are turning to community colleges in record numbers for an education during these challenging economic times and there is one organization that is providing a ray of hope for these talented students – Resources for Educational and Employment Opportunities (REEO).

REEO is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit whose mission is to empower community college students with the opportunity to transfer to a four-year university, to earn a college degree and to obtain a job upon graduation by providing financial, educational and professional development resources.

REEO’s co-founders Scott Stimpfel and Anthony Jefferson are Pasadena City College alumni who have dedicated themselves to helping socio-economically disadvantaged and underserved community college students achieve their academic and professional dreams.

“As an African American college graduate I can attest to the difficulties that many African American students encounter while pursuing a higher education degree,” says Jefferson, “however, these hurdles can be overcome and REEO is providing

# REEO - Empowering African American Community College Students

the resources to overcome them.” REEO has developed a unique approach that is vastly different from that of most organizations and foundations assisting community college students.

“REEO does not throw money at community college students; close our eyes and hope they will transfer and be successful at a university,” said Stimpfel. Through a rigorous curriculum REEO prepares and empowers community college students to excel at top research universities, compete for internships at prominent corporations, and to be leaders in society. “I will put any Rising Star that has finished our program up against the best students from Harvard,” says Stimpfel.

As part of the curriculum, Rising Stars have an opportunity to apply for internships with corporations, which usually lead to full-time jobs after graduation. Dale Pattugalan, a former PCC student and current University of San Diego student, earned an internship with KPMG as a Rising Star at Pasadena City College. Now she has a full-time offer from KPMG and will start her job in the audit division when she graduates in spring 2010.

“REEO is the gift that keeps on giving. Never have I witnessed a program that teaches students so many important life lessons. From resume writing, to interviewing skills, to networking, REEO has

truly acted as a catalyst to my overall development as a student and as a future businesswoman. This program gives us the tools we need to face the world and the confidence we need to conquer it,” said Dale.

Not all corporations have been willing to support community college students. “Most corporations turn their backs,” says Stimpfel, “fortunately there are innovative corporations like KPMG, Bank of America and Juice Monkey Productions who have made significant commitments to empowering our talented students.” Stimpfel is continuously looking to develop more corporate partnerships to help community college students.

In addition to resources, REEO provides its students with influential African American role models and mentors. Two key REEO leaders are African Americans: REEO’s West Los Angeles Community College Leadership Director, Tony Gamble and REEO’s Pasadena City College Leadership Director, Dr. Christopher Jimenez y West.

“Foundations, politicians and the education establishment always talk a big game about helping to close the achievement gap for African American students,” says Jefferson, “REEO has transferred 100% of its students, so I would challenge these groups to recognize REEO’s work and help support talented community college students.”

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