

Members Make the Difference

A Message from Will J. Carter '57

Membership Committee Chair

Kudos to the efforts of the Class of 1991. This group of dedicated Fiskites put together a rather unique fundraiser as part of their recent virtual class activity with **Class Agent Jennifer N. Gamble '91** at the helm. The class raffled chances for alumni to win memberships in the Association – one Life Membership (\$750 Value), one Sustaining Membership (\$250 Value) and one Annual Membership (\$50 Value). A special thanks goes to **Tonya Johnson Smallwood '91**, who spearheaded the effort to increase membership. Join me in publicly welcoming the winners.

- • **Kellie Brown '91** - \$750 GAAFU Life Membership
- • **Dathon O'Banion '90** - \$250 GAAFU Subscribing Life Membership
- • **Gregory Dendy '18** - \$50 Annual Membership for 2021

I want to give special recognition to Gregory, who transferred his newly won Annual Membership to another Fiskite. Soon after he found out he had won; he immediately solidified a full paid Life Membership. Gregory paid it forward and is currently our youngest Life Member.

Let me give a BIG Thank You to those who continue to join the Association. This year the Membership Committee has a goal of 200 new members. It is imperative that we sons and daughters of Fisk be focused on improving efforts to increase the membership of the GAAFU, Inc. as this is the lifeline of our organization. Even though the COVID 19 pandemic poses distractions, we are moving in the right direction.

As you know, the \$50 Annual Membership Fee in the GAAFU, Inc. has been this modest amount for a long, long time. Likewise, the \$750 Life Membership Fee has remained the same for several decades. I think it would be neither unreasonable nor imprudent for a modest increase in the Life Membership Fee to be considered as expenses do not remain constant. Your support is very much appreciated.

Fisk Forever,
Will J. Carter '57, Chairman, GAAFU, Inc. Membership Committee