



Ray Charles Played at Queens

by Adelaide Anderson Davis '61, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations

When I went to see the movie *RAY* this winter, I was blown away by the memory that we actually had Ray Charles and the Rayletts in concert here at Queens my senior year (1961) in a packed Ovens Gymnasium filled with students from Queens, Davidson, Chapel Hill and Charlotte. We each paid \$8 for a ticket.

Ray Charles was BIG even then, and so I called my roommate, Bebie Linn Chambers '61, to see if she remembered how we got him to come to Queens. She said that Kay Mack Lane '61 who chaired Panhellenic Council secured him. According to Kay (who is now vice president for academic affairs and dean at Mount Sinai Medical School in New York), she booked him through a UNC Chapel Hill friend of hers.

I hope all Queens alumni will see the movie *RAY* and be impressed that our institution had such a legend in private concert. I surely am.

Letter from Jennifer Garner '92

Associate Vice President for University Advancement

I hope your holidays were enjoyable and full of family and friends. As we reflect on our many blessings, we can be thankful for a productive fall at Queens. Many volunteers helped to host alumni chapter events in Charleston, S.C., Atlanta, Ga., and New York City. Alumni Leadership Conference brought together class volunteers and the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Learning Society presented Charlie Rose, and Charlotte alumni met for Coffee with the President.

As we begin a new year at Queens, we look forward to a busy spring. Through the work of our regional chapter volunteers, we will have alumni events in Charlotte, Greenville, S.C., Knoxville and Nashville, Tenn., and Raleigh, N.C. I hope if you live near these cities, you will attend these entertaining programs and connect with friends from Queens.

The Learning Society will bring Janet Reno to campus on March 3, and The Charlotte BusinessWoman of the Year will be announced on March 16.

Of course Reunion 2005 is around the corner and alumni are busy making plans to return to campus April 22-23.

As we near the end of the fiscal year at Queens, we hope you have supported The Queens Fund with your contribution to the operating expenses and scholarship support for our students. We are eager to reach our 28 percent participation goal and continue to improve our rankings in *U.S. News and World Report*. Many class agents have stepped forward this year with outreach to classmates, and we thank them for their efforts to increase class giving.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors continues to expand its outreach and committee development as we prepare for Queens Sesquicentennial in 2007. I hope you will heed Parker's advice and get involved with Queens.

We encourage the support of your time, talents and resources and thank you for all you do for Queens.

Reunion 2005: April 22-23

Reunion Weekend 2005 is already shaping up to be a full weekend starting on Friday evening, April 22, with a Reunion Kick-Off, where alumni can mingle with faculty and view the artwork on display at the Alumni Art Exhibit and Sale. All the artwork will be on sale with at least 25 percent of the sale proceeds going to The Queens Fund.

Saturday, April 23, will include a Memorial Chapel Service in Belk Chapel, the Awards and Recognition Luncheon and class meetings, where classmates can elect, or re-elect, class officers. The weekend will conclude with a very special cocktail reception hosted by President Pamela Lewis in her home.

The official Reunion Weekend 2005 brochure and registration form was mailed in February.

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Alumni Chapters Hold Diverse Events

Queens has long had a history of active alumni chapters across the southeast, where chapters are organized to bring alumni together for social and educational purposes. This past fall, alumni chapter events were held in Atlanta, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. Volunteer committees in each town organized the event and helped to encourage local attendance. Each chapter holds an event once a year and works to bring alumni, parents and friends to the event. Alumni chapters can also organize efforts to support Focus 445 by visiting and recruiting local high school students on behalf of Queens. Look for a chapter event in your neighborhood, or if you are interested in organizing an alumni event in your town, contact Associate Vice President for University Advancement Jennifer Garner '92 at 704 337-2595 or garnerj@queens.edu.

Fall 2004 Chapter Events

Charleston (pictured above)

Alumni, friends, prospective students and parents gathered at the waterfront home of Edith Campbell Corry '37. The William Ravenel House was built in 1845 in the Greek Revival style, and the parlor overlooks Fort Sumter. Guests were treated to a delicious meal by Mrs. Corry and then engaged in lively conversation on "What is the South?" with Dr. Henry Kammerling, associate professor of history at Queens.

Atlanta

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter held their fall event on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at Portofino Restaurant in Buckhead. Following the delicious lunch, Lil Dyer Cobbs, owner of Seraphim Skin Care, gave the audience tips for life long skin care. The event was well attended by alumni, including a McColl Graduate School of Business alumnus. Members of the Atlanta Alumni Council, chaired by Amanda Templeton Diresta '73, organized the event.

New York

The annual New York City alumni event was held on Dec. 1, 2004, at the riverside home of Beth Rivers Curry '63. Local alumni, as well as 41 members of the Queens theater trip with Charles and Jane Hadley, were in attendance. The theater trip enjoyed three days in New York City and saw the Bobby Short review at the Carlyle Hotel and the Billy Crystal show "700 Sundays."

Alumni, Donor and Community Relations Calendar of Events

March 2005

- 3/3 Wine and Cheese Reception
5:30-6:30pm, Withers House
Please RSVP to Jane Williams at
704 337-2214 or
williamj@queens.edu
- 3/3 Learning Society presents
"Conversations with Janet Reno"
7pm, Dana Auditorium
For more information, visit
www.queens.edu/learningsociety
- 3/5-20 Vietnam Alumni Trip
- 3/16 The 2004 Charlotte
BusinessWoman of the Year
Leadership Forum and Awards
Ceremony
For more information, visit
www.queens.edu/bwoy
- 3/19 Family Easter Egg Hunt
10-11am, Burwell Lawn
- 3/23 Ring Reception
6-7pm, President's Home
- 3/24 Scholarship Donor Luncheon
Heaton Hall, Myers Park
Baptist Church

April 2005

4/22-23 Reunion 2005

May 2005

- 5/4 Senior Wine and Cheese
6:30-7:30pm, President's Home
- 5/6 Graduate Commencement
Dana Auditorium
- 5/7 Commencement
Burwell Lawn
- 5/15-22 New Mexico Alumni Trip

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Letter from Alumni Association President Parker Norman Call '68

Your Alumni Association leadership has been hard at work preparing for reunions this spring and organizing many volunteers to assist with The Queens Fund, our annual fundraising appeal. Each of you receive dozens of charitable requests, and I know it's often hard to decide which ones to support. When your letter comes from one of your classmates, I hope you will take a few minutes to read it and reflect upon all the ways Queens has enriched your life. Even if you were not a scholarship student, your education was subsidized by the generosity of alumni who came before you. We owe that same responsibility to our current students. Please give generously to The Queens Fund.

If your class is having a reunion this spring, I urge you to make plans to attend. The friends that you see from your "mini reunions" wouldn't be your friends today if it hadn't been for your shared experience at Queens. Coming back to the campus is a rejuvenating experience. Please don't let it slip by.

It is a pleasure to serve as your president. The administration, faculty and staff at our University are first rate. We have a terrific Alumni Board, and I would love for you to be a part of it. Let us hear from you.

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Get involved!

Are you, or do you know alumni interested in being on the Alumni Association Board or volunteering with Queens? Complete this form and let Queens know.

- Yes, I am interested in serving on the board at this time
- Yes, I am interested in organizing an alumni chapter in my town
- Yes, I am interested in working with my class on The Queens Fund
- Yes, I am interested in working on my reunion in 2005
- Yes, I am interested in participating in the Alumni Art Show at Reunion

Name _____

Class year _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Comments _____

Your Vote Is Needed! For the 2005-2006 Board of Directors

All graduates of Queens are eligible to vote for the slate of officers for your Alumni Association Board of Directors.

To vote online, go to the Alumni Association, Board of Directors page on the Alumni and Parents home page. Votes are due by April 1, 2005.

While online, check out upcoming alumni events, online giving to The Queens Fund, athletic scores and University headlines.

If you would prefer a paper copy of the slate be mailed to you, please call Jane Williams at 704 337-2256.

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