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♥ The Couple's Club ♥  
"Love Notes"



January 2019 ~ Volume 1, Issue 5

Happy New Year 2019!!!

The Couples Club presents...

**RESCU**

*Relationship Enhancement Support Class for YOU!!!*

RESCU includes Dinner for TWO, complete with Dessert and Beverages,  
"Battle of the Sexes" Game, Discussion Topic led by  
Bishop and Min. Tony & Natoya Minor: **"In-Laws Vs. Outlaws"**,  
Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle,  
Applebee's Date Night Gift Card GRAND Door Prize, AND **FREE** Child Care  
What else can you ask for?!

All for JUST **\$15 Per Couple!!!**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

**6:00PM**

**8519 Clark Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102**

(Held on the Lower Level of Simpson Metro-West UMC)

50/50 Raffle! Tickets just \$1 or \$5 for 6 tickets!!! Winner takes ½ of the pot!  
Gifts for First Timers, and additional Door Prize Drawings!!!

Call or Text 216-309-1636 to RSVP especially if you need child care

**BONUS!!!** Bring another couple with you, and get a 2<sup>nd</sup> Door Prize ticket entered into a  
drawing for the Grand Prize!!! Bring a couple under 30 years old and get even  
ANOTHER ticket entered in the Drawing!!!

January Date Night is **Saturday, January 26, 2019!!!**  
Watch for details, but get ready for **FUN!!!**



**THE COUPLES CLUB**  
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**VALENTINE BOWLING PARTY**

Food

**\$12**

Fun

Sunday February 17, 2019  
4-7 p.m.

Maple Heights Bowling Lanes  
15809 Libby Road  
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

Dancing

Door  
Prizes

50/50 Raffle

Ticket contacts  
Fannie Terrell 216-355-2719  
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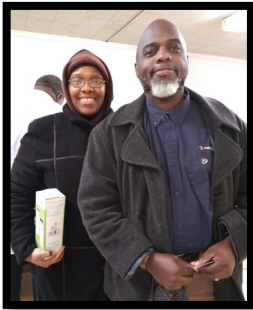


Happy  
Anniversary



Daryle and Sharron Foxx, January 27, 1984  
Ephraim and Anju Abdullah, January 10, 2010

## Spotlight On A Couple



Meet the Abdullahs



The Couples Club is proud to introduce to the readers of "Love Notes", Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim and Anju Abdullah! This couple has been married as of January 10, 2019 for nine of the ten years that they have been together.

Ephraim is a self-employed entrepreneur who wears many hats! Some of his businesses, gifts, and talents include being a professional photographer, a licensed cosmetologist, barber, cosmetology educator, insurance agent, real estate agent, and consultant. Ephraim, in his spare time, enjoys photography, doing business, helping people, meditating, and listening to music.

Anju, who is employed by the Cuyahoga County Office of Early Childhood, wears almost as many hats as her talented husband! In addition to her full time job, Anju is an Insurance Agent, Real Estate Manager, and a Certified Community Health Worker. In her spare time, Anju enjoys eating, watching movies, helping others, learning more about herself and God so that she can be her best and fulfill her purpose, and spending time with her family.

This power couple together have a total of 12 children ranging in age from 19 to 27 years old.

The Abdullah's church home is the Second Lakeview Baptist Church where Anju's father, the Rev. Dr. Leroy Banks, Sr. is the pastor. Anju continues to work faithfully with the youth ministry there.

In addition to Second Lakeview Baptist Church, the Abdullah's also attend Masjid Al Haqq, where Imam Jamiel Rahman is the spiritual leader.

As if this couple does not have enough on their plates, they are now active members in The Couples Club and are Certified Marriage Educators via the Dasi-Ziyah Family Institute. Ephraim also serves as the President of the Board of Trustees of Marvelous Faith Ministries, Inc.

The next time you attend an event with The Couples Club, be sure to seek out the Abdullahs, strike up a conversation with them...you will be SOOO glad that you did!



## Prayer Changes Things

In past issues of Love Notes, this was a common article. "Prayer Changes Things". We just want to remind all couples to pray for one another. Pray for all of the couples on our mailing list. Those that you meet at events and outings, pray for them by name. We don't have to know specifically what is going on in their lives but just know that the enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy our relationships so we all need prayer and support. Remember to keep all of the couples associated with The Couple's Club in your prayer list. Pray for their relationships, their families, and that God's will be done in their lives. If you would like your special prayer requests listed in this newsletter, please submit them to [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com) before the 20th of each month.

Our club's theme scripture is Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of the Lord". We are our brothers and sisters keepers!



## Relationship Tips

In relationships, after time, it is easy to lose sight of how to keep the spark alive.

Here are some fun ideas and ways to keep your fire burning!

1. Start each day with a hug.
2. Serve breakfast in bed.
3. Say "I love you" every time you part ways.
4. Give compliments.
5. Write a love letter.
6. Make little signs that say "I love you" and put them all around the house.
7. Be forgiving.
8. Hold hands.
9. Do your mates chores for the day.
- And FINALLY....
10. Re-create the day and event when you met.



## Marriage Mentors


Within The Couples Club, we are aware that many times, many couples will go through problems and have stressful situations within their relationships. We always encourage couples that they should not vent to their single friends regarding their issues within their union. When you are facing struggles with your mate, it may be very beneficial to seek counsel from another couple who has weathered a few storms in their lives. The Couples Club offers Marriage Mentors to assist with other couples who may be involved in a married, engaged, or dating relationship to assist in providing wisdom and support.

Currently, in the Cleveland area, we have two Mentor Couples, Larry and Myra Jemison and founders Marvin Smith and Faith Lloyd-Smith. In the Lorain County area, John and Doris Cannon, serve as Marriage Mentors. Should you desire to connect with a Mentor Couple, feel free to call: 216-309-1636 or email your request to marvelousfaith@gmail.com


## Save the Dates

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SAVE the DATE!!!!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyme Around Prom

Saturday, April 27, 2019

7pm

Holiday Inn Independence  
6001 Rockside Rd,  
Independence, OH 44131

2018 Prom Theme

**"FOCUS"**

"FOCUS" on your mate this year with The Couples Club!!!

Was Prom the best night of your life???  
Did you MISS your Senior High School Prom?

Well, NOW is your chance to do it ALL OVER AGAIN!!!

The Couples Club's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "2<sup>nd</sup> Tyme Around Prom" is complete with Dinner Buffet, DJ, Dancing, Prom King & Queen, Door Prizes, and SOOO MUCH MORE!!! We have a GREAT **TYME** every year! There is also even an opportunity to stay over at the hotel for a discounted rate for those who want a room!

Call 216-309-1636 to RESERVE your ticket **NOW!!!**



## Congratulations Brian Sims

Congratulations to Donald and Lakisha Chatmon on the graduation of their 2nd oldest child, Brian Sims from Youngstown State University!!!

Brian, himself, is no stranger to The Couples Club, having attended TCC events in the past and even seeking wise counsel in sessions with TCC Marriage Mentors.

During his college tenure, Brian also launched his very successful career as an amateur boxer! Brian is a great example to the children and youth who come behind him. Knowing that, he has eagerly agreed to come and speak to the men and boys of 3MB to share his experiences and motivational words of encouragement.

Best wishes, Brian! Kudos to you and your family!



## December Date Night!!!



Saturday, December 29, 2018, couples from The Couples Club met at Bar None in South Euclid, Ohio in support of Couples Clubbers, Darryl and Sharron Foxx as "Sharron Foxx & Company" rocked the house with great Pop tunes, Motown, Rock, Jazz, and R&B!!! The place was packed with wall to wall fans and friends! Many people sat around and socialized, buying drinks, snacks, and conversing. Bar None also has a pool table, Skee Ball Game, and Bowling Game if folks wanted to engage. Some folks chose to just subtly enjoy the music and the atmosphere while a few folks found a space on the floor to dance a bit and get their groove on!

If you missed this event, don't worry, Date Night with TCC is EVERY 4th Saturday of the month, sometimes the 5th Saturday. Just be sure to watch your email, "Love Notes", text messages, and the TCC Facebook Page and Group. We will always keep you updated!

"If you missed this event" was supposed to be the beginning of a new paragraph.

Is your name missing from this picture??? Chances are that you may not be a VIC Member of The Couples Club!

## VIC Members of The Couples Club



VIC Members of The Couples Club are Very Invested Couples! These couples are "Investing" in their relationship so much that they invest very minimal monthly "dues" to The Couples Club.

Benefits to becoming a VIC Member are:

VIC Members attend RESCU Group Sessions at NO cost!

VIC Members pay discounted rates to ALL TCC events including The Second Tyme Around Prom, the TCC Bi-Annual Retreat, and even fundraisers!

VIC Members receive a COMPLIMENTARY Classic T-Shirt after 3 months of membership and receive discounted rates on all TCC Apparel thereafter!

SOOO, that being said, if YOU are not a VIC member, ask a VIC member or Planning Committee Member the next time you attend an event with The Couples Club "how can I become a Very Invested Couple?" You will be SOOO VERY GLAD that you did!!! INVEST in YOUR relationship! It is worth it!!!



## 3MB Men Mentoring Men and Boys

### Vision

Empowering male youth to become positive productive adults while inspiring men to become effective leaders in the community, to assist in filling the gap of the absentee fathers by providing optimistic male role models.

### Mission Statement

To teach and educate male youth and men to make wise decisions and good choices by providing them with mentors, leaders, training, and support through hands-on learning experiences, spiritual education, group discussion, life skills training, social skills, and recreational activities.



**3MB Kickback,**  
**Fridays 6:30—9 pm**  
**for Men and Boys of all ages!**  
**Men's Study Group (MSG),**  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays 7 pm**  
**Call or text 216-309-1636**  
**to RSVP for more details.**

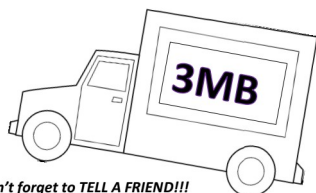


Cleaning out your home?  
 Getting rid of old "clutter"?

**3MB can *HELP!!!***

3MB will come pick up your bagged clothing, blankets, towels, linens, shoes, purses, books, games, toys, household items, dishes, and even small appliances, all at **NO COST TO YOU!!!**

Give 3MB a call at **216-309-1636**  
 to schedule your pickup!!!



PS: Don't forget to **TELL A FRIEND!!!**

The **3MB MoMu Project** is currently accepting applications for new program participants.

**MoMu is Moving On & Moving UP:**

- Residential Project
- Targeting young men ages 18-30 years of age
- Home Renovation Project
- Provides Weekly Independent Living Skills Sessions
- Provides Weekly Faith-Based Study Sessions
- Weekly Recreation Activities
- Weekly 3MB Kickback Facilitation for Youth
- Monthly Men's Night Out
- Community Service Projects 1-4 times monthly
- College Tours and Exposure to Trades and Higher Learning Institutions and Opportunities
- Provides Job Readiness Skills Sessions
- Assists with securing and maintaining Employment
- Annual Wilderness Camping Experience

MoMu Project Participants receive all of the above, bed, meals, cable TV, and **FREE WiFi** services.

For more information or to schedule an interview, call:

**216-309-1636**



## RESCU December 2018 Highlights - Photo Gallery

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, several couples met at Simpson UMC on Cleveland's near west side to learn and discuss how to obtain "Balance in Your Relationship". This was the RESCU-Relationship Enhancement Support Class for YOU topic this month.

In today's society, so many of us have so many roles that we must juggle. We are someone's son/daughter, we might be a spouse/mate, a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, employee, employer, member of faith-based institutions, perhaps we are in ministry, belong to fraternal organizations, we may be students, the list could go on and on and on..... Many of us wear MANY hats! That being said, how do we wear our various hats effectively without shortchanging or neglecting one of the other areas??? Good question!

Our speakers for the evening, Pastoral Couple, Pastor Orville and Lady Sadawna Gainer, from M.A.S.H. Ministries New Life Center, led us in great discussion while reminding us that next to our relationship with our Heavenly Father, the relationship with our mate is most important. The Gainers shared ways that couples can assure that they spend quality time. Not negating the fact that most of us have very busy lives and that we must tend to many things and give each of them worthwhile attention, the Gainers suggested that we even take the time to SCHEDULE a minimal of weekly appointments with your mate and utilize our cell phones to even just text our mates daily.

Want to learn more about this topic, you may have to drop by 8101 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 on any given Sunday morning at 11am, to set up an appointment and find out more from the Gainers!

Now that WONDERFUL Holiday meal of Baked Chicken, Roast Beef, Stuffing, Black Eyed Peas, Green Beans, Yams, Homemade Rolls, and FABULOUS Dessert....well, if you missed that, we can't help you until next month when you have to just COME to see what is on the menu

Next month's RESCU will feature Bishop Dr. Tony and Min. Natoya Minor of Community of Faith Assemblies as they present on the topic of "In-Laws vs. Outlaws" and they share their VERY unique success of bringing two and MORE families together! You will NOT want to miss RESCU Group, Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 6:00PM!

OH!!! And by the way, might we add that the LADIES did take the trophy in our "Battle of the Sexes Game" again! This time the game was "Family Feud".

Gentlemen, we encourage you to bring some other couples and tell the guys to get ready to help you redeem yourselves on January 13 as we play the TCC Version of "Name That Tune"!!!



## 2019 Sponsors and Supporters

The bible tells us in the book of James that we "have not because we ask not". Marvelous Faith Ministries as a whole has embraced this concept and has been blessed in many ways by the time, gifts, and talents of so many over this past year and by the following supporters in 2018:

### Financial Supporters:

Ms. Jonetta Spires Scott,  
Mr. Howard Tony Strowder  
Mr. Ceylon Triplett



### In-Kind Donors/Supporters:

Kingdom Builders Fellowship Church, Bishop Jackie Parker, Mrs. Flora Lard, Mrs. Ione Parry, Simpson Metro-West United Methodist Church, Jones Road Chapel, Pastor Lucious Terrell, David & Fannie Terrell, Diondra Henry, George & Dorothy Jackson, Jonetta Scott, Larry & Myra Jemison, Michael McCoy, Community of Faith Assembly, Susan Riedthaler, Ephraim Abdullah, Shelene Byrd

### VIC TCC Members

Marvin Smith & Faith Lloyd-Smith, John & Doris Cannon, Larry & Myra Jemison, Ceylon & Folami Triplett, David & Fannie Terrell, Mike & Katherine Colvin, Billy & Monica Starks, Larry Davis & Lisa Terrell

### MFM Board of Trustees:

Ephraim Abdullah, Howard Tony Strowder, Faith Lloyd-Smith, Marvin Smith, David Terrell, Fannie Terrell, Jonetta Scott, Andrew Stith, Peniel Adams, (Todd Kennedy and Flora Lard, pending)



## Your Personal Corner

Have something that you would like to share in "Love Notes"? Great!

Email it to [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com) by the 25th of every month and we may publish your information as well!

Ads in Love Notes are also available for a small fee! Email us or call 216-309-1636 for information!



Your ad can go **HERE** and be seen by over 1,000 people **MONTHLY**!

Call 216-309-1636 or  
email [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com)  
for more information!

## Patti's Corner

*Hello Loyal Readers. I hope 2019 will bring everybody the best year for sure.*

*I really enjoy doing this monthly newsletter for Pastor Faith and everybody. I would like to put few questions for you all and the answers will be revealed in this monthly newsletter. Hope you enjoy learning something.*

1. Who invented a code made up of dots and dashes?
2. How many notes are there in the musical scale?
3. Which is the only bird that can fly backwards?

Answers:  
1. Samuel Morse  
2. 7 notes  
3. Hummingbird



## Relationship Humor



LONG DISTANCE ROMANCES IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY.



I've been reading Joshua, but how many times do I have to walk around you before you fall for me?  
#ChristianPickUpLines



## Flash SALE

### TCC Apparel

Want to represent your organization well? Well know that TCC has its own line of apparel! In the world of Greek Letter Organizations, we would consider these items "TCC Peri" or paraphernalia! But here, we offer TCC Apparel! Get your own TCC Apparel by sending an email with your name and contact information, sizes, and quantity to [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com)

#### Classic T-Shirt

TCC Members, \$15  
VIC Members, \$10

#### Retreat T-Shirts

TCC Members, \$15  
VIC Members, \$10

#### Classic Long Sleeve T-Shirt

TCC Members, \$20  
VIC Members, \$15

Quoted prices are based on sizes S-XL  
Add an additional \$5 for extra X's

Personalization available for extra \$5

#### Sweatshirt

TCC Members, \$20  
VIC Members, \$15

#### TCC Hoodie

TCC Members, \$35  
VIC Members, \$25

#### TCC Hoodie Jacket

TCC Members, \$35  
VIC Members, \$25



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## January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year 2019	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 RESCU 6 pm	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Date Night TBA
27	28	29	30	31	Updated Events	

Please call or text **216-309-1636** to RSVP for all Calendar Events and for locations.

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### The Couple's Club.....Mission Statement

As Christian couples, we seek to unite and fellowship on a monthly basis in support of one another. We desire to have good, clean and wholesome fun in the name of Jesus. We seek to witness to unbelievers in a non-threatening, non-judgmental way, leading by example. We are non-denominational. All are welcome regardless of age, race, religion, nationality, color or creed. Our key goal is to nurture our relationships and "Re-Kindle the Flame".

**Our Motto is: Just COME and BRING another couple!**

**Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galations 6:2, KJV)**

