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***The Great And Respectable Black Organization***

**“God First And Family Second“**

**Members**

**Donny Ambush**

**Francis Beckwith**

**Todd Dawkins**

**Jerome Davison**

**Jeryll Dorsey**

**Marcus Dorsey**

**Ron Johnson**

**John Moore**

**Craig Hackey (Posthumously)**

**Elise Hackey (Honorary)**



**Members**

**James Moten**

**Wellington Page**

**Angelo Perkins**

**Eugene Plummer**

**Larry Plummer**

**Gregory Plummer**

**Kenneth Ricks**

**Chester Selby**

**John Thomas**

**Lenny Wise**

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***PROGRAM***

**Cocktails \*\*\*\*\* 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Master of Ceremonies \*\*\*\*\* Larry Plummer**

**Prayer\*\*\*\*\* Francis Beckwith**

**Dinner \*\*\*\*\* 7:30 – 8:30pm**

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**Welcome Address \*\*\*\*\* Kenny Ricks**

**Introductions/Presentations \*\*\*\*\* Larry Plummer**

**Remarks \*\*\*\*\* Donny Ambush**

**Music \*\*\*\*\* DJs Russell Wise and  
Donnie Young**

**Decorations \*\*\*\*\* Dorothy Perkins**

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**Open Bar Immediately Following Remarks**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**The Great and Respectable Black Organization (GARBO) welcomes you to our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We are pleased that you have chosen to be here tonight to help us have a joyous time on this special occasion. I am sure that you and the members of GARBO will cherish the memories of this festive event for many years to come.**

**Our motto, “ God First, Family and Community” is the theme for our 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. As we look back, we can truly say that we have been really blessed. GARBO is always mindful that the Lord gives us the strength and wisdom for life’s long-term successes and challenges. GARBO never opens meetings or sits down at formal dinners without thanking God first. We stand as witnesses to so many blessings that have been bestowed upon us over the years. Our families, especially our wives, have been our backbone. And you, the community, our very special friends, have been most supportive. Thank you so much.**

**I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the sadness we all experienced by the sudden passing of one of our most dedicated members, Craig Hackey. Your support to his family and in particular to the Craig Hackey Memorial Scholarship Fund has been commendable. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of love and generosity you continue to give to the Hackey family.**

**GARBO members past and present have contributed to the 25 years of success of this organization. Our pledge of giving back to the community will continue. Socially, we will sponsor fun-filled bus trips, picnics and dances. Those of you who recall our early years, will remember that we were a “pretty good” softball team. Now, over half of our members, along with our wives, are proud members of the GARBO Gospel Singers, who recently celebrated their own 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

**We recently welcomed four new members to GARBO. These men are representative of the values and image that make us most proud. They possess the character and enthusiasm needed to make this organization even stronger.**

**I am convinced that the legacy GARBO leaves to future generations will be that strong black men can make a positive difference in our families, our community, and in this country by focusing on tonight’s theme. Please have fun tonight because it is truly your celebration.**

**In closing, please know that GARBO only does what men should, belonging to something greater than ourselves for the betterment of our community.**

**Sincerely thankful,  
Donny Ambush, President**

## **GARBO History**

**Presented By: Larry Plummer**

**Garbo was formed in December 1979 by a group of Baseball players from the Germantown Giants and softball players from Montgomery County who played in the City of Gaithersburg for Anthony Jackson. Since 1979 was the last year that the Germantown Giants played baseball in the Maryland State League, the team felt a pressing need to continue the camaraderie they shared for over 20 years playing baseball. These men decided to organize a softball team and play in the City of Rockville League. Once organized in the early 1980's, it became apparent that money was needed to support the cost of playing softball in a league [fees and equipment]. The members decided to become an organized social club by electing Officers and developing a verbal outline on how the organization would be structured. The rules were clear, the social club and ball team would be self - supportive while each member was to be a respectable person on and off the ball field.**

**At the first official membership meeting, the members decided that the club needed a name. They agreed on the name of "Garbo" which stands for garbage or old funky baseball players (hence the trash can logo). The members later decided that the name Garbo would serve as an acronym for "Great and Respectable Black Organization".**

**By 1980, many of the Black entertainment establishments had closed in Montgomery County, Md. Meeting people and having a good time socially became increasingly difficult for Black people. Garbo quickly recognized the need to sponsor quality social events through its own need to raise money and to bring the Black community together to have fun. They began to sponsor picnics, ballgames, dances, and cruises. All of these social events were successful so the membership decided to give back to the community that was so supportive to them.**

**Garbo played softball in the City of Rockville League for 16 years playing against other black teams such as Skill Hill, Snowdens, and A.J. Trucking winning several division titles and one City championship. They also sponsored many successful dances at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, which now has been replaced by the classic Anniversary Dance held each spring since 1990. The Anniversary dance is now recognized as the premier social event for Black people in this region.**

**A major highlight for the organization was the sponsoring of three cruises, the first in 1987 and two in the 1990's. All who participated said they had the best time of their lives.**

**Garbo is most proud of its Gospel Choir, which has been singing since 1990. The choir is comprised of Garbo members, their families and close friends. The Choir performs in many Church sponsored events in the area to help raise needed funds. We are equally proud of our scholarship program that has been in existence since 1980. Thousands of dollars have been donated to deserving students in Montgomery and Frederick Counties. Garbo has also supported youth groups and needy families in the area for the past 25 years.**

**The passing of one of our most dedicated members, Craig Hackey on March 5, 2002, shocked Garbo, family and friends. Since Craig was always willing to give of himself to help others, the Craig S. Hackey Memorial Fund has been established to help with his two children's education. We thank all of you who are supporting this very important endeavor.**

**Many of the original Garbo's have moved on and are no longer members; however, they continue to lend support whenever they can. Most notables, William Joppy the father of former middle weight champion, William Jr. and George Hackey Jr. now the Pastor of Sharp Street U.M.C. Our current membership of 18 men and one honorary member are outstanding and stand ready to keep the Garbo tradition alive for many years to come.**

**Garbo's 25 years of success is attributed to its motto of "God first, the family second, then the community". For God, our families and the community have been most supportive.**



*The men of GARBO are proud to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
with you, our many supporters.*

*Thank You!*

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*Front Row: Jeryll Dorsey, Chester Selby, Jerome Davison, Larry Plummer,  
Ron Johnson, and Todd Dawkins*

*Second Row: John Moore, Wellington Page, Marcus Dorsey, Gregory  
Plummer, and Francis Beckwith*

*Back Row: Donny Ambush, Angelo Perkins, John Thomas, Kenneth Ricks,  
Gene Plummer, James Moten, and Lenny Wise*





## ***GARBO Gospel Singers***

### **Front Row**

***Nadine Davison, Rose Wise, Wanda Ricks, and Shirley Plummer***

### **Second Row**

***Wellington Page, Dottie Perkins, Julia Savoy, June Plummer, and Larry Plummer***

### **Back Row**

***Gregory Plummer, Kenneth Ricks, Chester Selby, Jerome Davison, Jeryll Dorsey,  
Lenny Wise, Gene Plummer, and James Moten***

***Not Picture – Nikora Groomes***

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**The GARBO Gospel Singers congratulate GARBO on celebrating  
25 years of community service**

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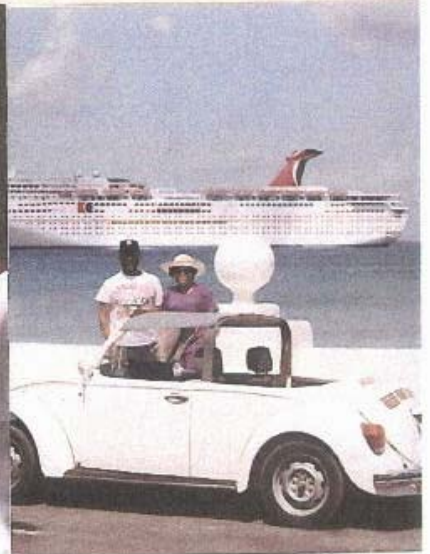
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*CONGRATULATIONS GARBO ON YOUR 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

*"To God be the Glory for the Things He Has Done"*



*As members of the Garbo family we want to extend a heartfelt and sincere Congratulations to GARBO.*

*We thank God for each and everyone of you for all of your endeavors throughout the years. Your service and support shown in your outreach ministries in helping others in support of the Scholarship Program and your involvement throughout the community has truly been a blessing.*

*May God bless you and keep you is our prayer.*

*Sincerely,  
Kenny, Wanda, Rose & Lenny*

## ***MEMBER'S MESSAGE***



*As a Garbo family, it gives us great pleasure to participate in this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We have shared many joys and some sorrows over the years and it is so encouraging to know that we have an extended family.*

We believe that the success of this Great and Respectable Black Organization is contributed to our motto, "God first, family second, and excellence on the job and community involvement".

*Congratulations to Garbo and to all of you who support us. We wish you long life, good health and prosperity.*

*Most Sincere,  
Larry & June Plummer*



### ***Congratulation to our Garbo Family***

***Your 25 years of giving to the black community has been commendable. We would like to personally thank each of you for the loving and caring you have given the Hackey family over the years.***

***We'd like to express how proud we are that my brothers Larry & Greg Plummer are members of the 'Great and Respectable Black Organization' (GARBO).***

***May God continue to bless you!***

***Doris & George Hackey***



***Congratulations GARBO on your 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Your community service is unparalleled !!***



***The Trice Family – Ramon, Ruby, and Nile***



*WE will always  
treasure our  
long association  
with GARBO.*

***Happy 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary***

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*Marcus and  
Janet Dorsey*

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**Rosena V. James**

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William O. Hackey, Jr.  
Betty Jane Hackey**

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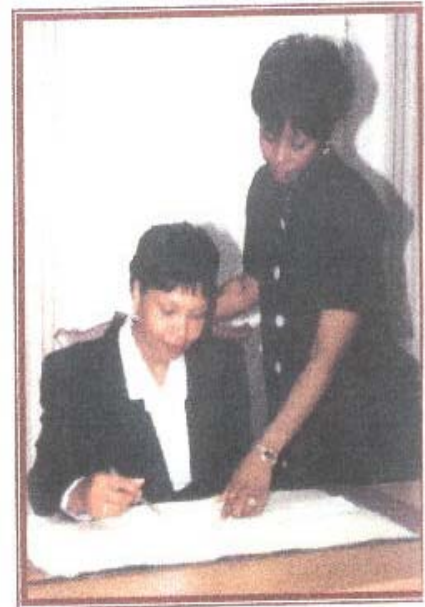


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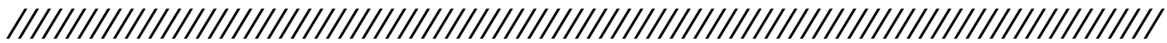
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**Congratulations GARBO on Your 25 Years**



***May God Continue to Bless You***

***- Anna Ambush and Family***



**Congratulations from Karen and Wendel Matthews**

***Best Wishes in the Future to  
GARBO***

***In hope that they have another 25  
Wonderful Years***



# **GARBO**



**Don't let the size of a task or the length of time needed to accomplish it keep you from doing it. With God's Help, it can be done.**

*Nehemiah 6:15*

We extend our congratulation to GARBO for a job well done in the community. You took a leadership role in the community without hesitation and your unselfish action is truly some-thing to be emulated. You lead by example and your actions will be judged by your deeds. It is a privilege supporting you and we are proud of the contributions you have made and will continue to make in the community.

***Connie & Burley Frazier***

***C & B***

**Come cruise with us May 2006!!**

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**Congratulations to the GARBO - 25 Years of Excellence**

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***- Diane and Erika***

*I proudly salute Garbo for your outstanding service to the Black community.*

*Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!*



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**- Jeryll and Sherri Dorsey**

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**On their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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**\*\*\* Congratulations to GARBO \*\*\***  
**Hope you have many more**  
**anniversaries together.**

**– Garnett (Bubby) & Shirley Plummer**

***Congratulations***  
***Garbol***



**We've enjoyed being part of  
the group.**

***Jimmy Moten & Julia Savoy***





***Congratulations G.A.R.B.O. on 25 Years  
The Beckwith Family***



***Here's to 25 Years – And 25 more!  
Congratulations GARBO  
- Chester and Joan Selby***



***Congratulations G.A.R.B.O. on 25 Years  
The Dawkins Family (New Member)***



***Congratulations on your 25th  
Anniversary and may God continue  
To Bless each of you.  
- The Prather Family***



*Congratulations GARBO Family  
May God Continue to Bless You  
- Donny and Georgette*

*Happy 25th Anniversary  
GARBO*



*A wonderful group of Men  
doing God's work.  
Jerome and Nadine Davison*

*Congratulations GARBO*

On your

*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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*From*

Courtney and Gertrude Fletcher



*Congratulations GARBO on your  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*We have been very blessed by God to  
be a part of this wonderful group.  
Our prayer is that we continue to be  
role models for our younger men and  
women.*

*- Shirley and Eugene Plummer*





### *Congratulations Members*

We would like to congratulate GARBO for the fine job that they have done for “25 Years.” Our blessings go with the club as we face new challenges. Courage and hard work will carry us far in this world. The results of numerous meetings and long hours of dedicated work have been exemplified in the many contributions we have made to scholarship funds and the community. The GARBO is heartfelt and continuously shares unselfish love towards others. We are very proud of GARBO, and may the past happy memories be a prelude to future heartening memories to come.

- With love,  
Gregory and Debra



### *Congratulations Grand-Dad*

Love,  
Briana Plummer and Alaira, Asaun,  
and Amia Groomes



### **Wishing GARBO All the Best After 25 Years**

*- Love. Dottie and Perk*



**Congratulations GARBO on 25 years of  
brotherhood**

*Cheryl and Ron "Boo Boo" Johnson*

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**Congratulation to Garbo  
On Your 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

***"Trust in the Lord with all thine  
heart and he shall direct thy path"***

***Proverbs 3: 5***

***Inspirational Voices  
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Congratulations to GARBO  
on their 25th Anniversary.**

***Congratulations to Garbo***

***On your***

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

***from***

***Warren Historic Site  
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***Elsie Thomas, President***

***( New members are welcome )***

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***25<sup>th</sup> Year of Service to the  
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# GARBO CALENDER OF EVENTS

**1. Summer trip to Atlantic City**

**2. Fall Disco**

**3. Fall Garbo Gospel Singers 16th Anniversary Program**

**Don't miss these upcoming events sponsored by  
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everyone who attends.**

**For information contact any Garbo member.**

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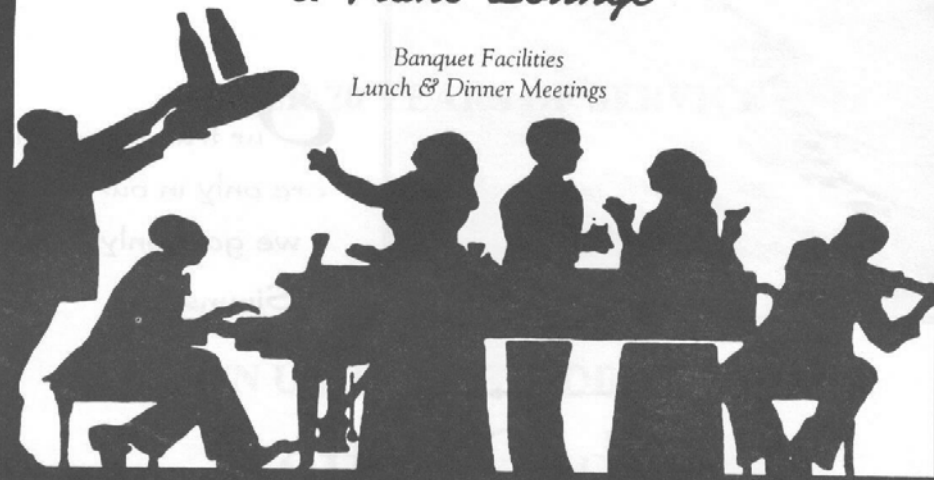
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