

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 14, 2010**

Memorial for Jordi Reyes Montblanc

- Rescheduled to Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00
  - St. Mary's Church on 126<sup>th</sup> Street

New Yorkers for Haiti – Benefit by MBP and Haitian Roundtable to Help Victims of Haiti Earthquake

- Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:30 PM
- Talay Restaurant, 701 West 135<sup>th</sup> Street at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- MBPO website lists ways to make donations

Percy Sutton Funeral Services

- Letter of condolences sent to family
- Funeral Program attached

Community Board 9 Annual Report

- Due to Borough President's Office by March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Committee chairs/co-chairs to submit Committee accomplishments & goals to CB9 Office by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Other input may be requested in order to complete District Needs Statement

Wilson Boys/Girls Club/P.S. 186 Task Force

- Recommend re-institution to centralize issues and serve as point with Club/MBPO and City

CARRY-OVERS

Legal Responsibilities and Requirements of Board Members – J. Yan memo

- Much discussion resulting in request that Yan conduct separate session with all Chairs of Manhattan CB's to ensure consistent interpretations and actions and to respond to unanswered questions (meeting still not scheduled)
- In light of possible change in policy that Public Committee Members be included in determination of quorums, Office has sent letters confirming status

Borough of Manhattan Complete Count Committee ("CCC")

- MBPO has formed a CCC to be comprised of residents, community, religious, cultural, tenant and government leaders, plus advocacy, NFP, community based and student organizations
- Goal: to encourage maximum participation of Manhattan residents in completing 2010 census
  - Census forms will be mailed between March 15 and March 17, 2010
  - NYC's average response rate for 2000 census was 55%

- CB9 response rates by census tract are included as attachment
  - 6 of CB9 census tracts had response rate of 45.9% or less
- Community Boards are asked to identify community-based groups that should be included in outreach efforts

Mayor's Office Initiative – Community Board Partnership

- CB9 has been paired with CB4
- Goal: Share best practices, learn about issues in other Boards, create longer term relationships
- Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs to attend General Board meeting, DSC meeting, Committee meetings, as available
  - **Note to Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs:** CB4 Calendar is attached in this package (go to their website for addresses – [www.nyc.gov/mcb4](http://www.nyc.gov/mcb4))

# Borough President Daily

"New Yorkers for Haiti", a Benefit by BP Stringer and The Haitian Roundtable to Help Victims of Haiti Earthquake

The devastating images from Haiti's capital have been a call to action for many New Yorkers who want to lend their help and assistance. My thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Haiti and to the Haitian community here in New York City, many of whom are now seeking information about their loved ones.

Relief efforts are already underway by the United Nations and hundreds of countries. However, as details of what exactly is needed in Haiti are yet to be unveiled, New Yorkers have an opportunity to leave a lasting, concrete contribution to the embattled nation in this time of tragedy. My office, spearheaded by Deputy Borough President Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, a Haitian American, have quickly organized together with The Haitian Roundtable a major fundraising event to provide the US fund for UNICEF, one of the organizations leading the relief efforts on the scene, with much needed funding for the purchase of supplies and equipment that address Haiti's most urgent needs.

## **New Yorkers for Haiti Fundraiser Details:**

**When:** Friday, January 15, 6:00pm-8:30pm

**Where:** Talay Restaurant 701 West 135th Street at 12th Ave

If you can not attend the fundraising event, you can go directly to the [UNICEF's Haiti Relief webpage to make a donation here](#).

Please note that these donations will go entirely to relief efforts, and will not result in special treatment by or access to City officials.

## **Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort Resources**

### *U.S. State Department*

If you're trying to locate family members or U.S. citizens living or traveling in Haiti, please call the U.S. State Department hotline at 1-888-407-4747. You can also visit their special [website on the Haiti earthquake here](#).

### *International Red Cross*

Donations to the International Response Fund will be put toward "immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance and other support to help those in need." Contributions to the International Response Fund can be sent to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013 or made by phone at 1-800-REDCROSS or online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

You can also text "HAITI" to "90999" on your cell phone and a donation of \$10 will be given automatically to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts, charged to your cell phone bill.

### *Hospital Albert Schweitzer Haiti*

The hospital was not damaged and is helping with all trauma and surgery. Please donate to the ASH hospital here.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

**SCOTT M. STRINGER**  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

January 13, 2010

Patricia Jones  
Community Board 9  
16-18 Old Broadway  
New York, NY 10027

Dear Pat:

I am writing to outline the process for compiling and submitting the 2009 Community Board Annual Reports to my office.

The New York City Charter mandates that annual reports be submitted by April 1st each year. Last year I asked that annual reports be submitted to my office in advance of this deadline and I would like to do the same this year. Please submit your annual reports to my office by Friday, March 12th, 2010. This will allow my office to include the annual reports in our Borough Board Budget Priorities report to the Mayor, which will strengthen our case to preserve the community board budgets.

Members of my staff will be speaking with the district managers about the annual report template, which is attached. I urge you to work closely with your district managers to ensure timely completion of the report. In particular, you will need to be proactive in communicating with your committee chairs about the information that they must provide.

In addition to the items included in the template, I am asking each board to submit a brief cover letter to my office outlining how the proposed budget cuts would impact their ability to meet goals in the coming years. This information will help me write my own letter to the mayor outlining borough-wide impacts of any proposed cuts.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Shaan Khan at (212) 669-4416 or via email at [skhan@manhattanbp.org](mailto:skhan@manhattanbp.org) or Shanifah Rieara at (212) 531-3030 or via email at [srieara@manhattanbp.org](mailto:srieara@manhattanbp.org).

Sincerely,

Scott M. Stringer  
Manhattan Borough President

## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT TEMPLATE

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### 1. DISTRICT OVERVIEW

- Brief synopsis of district
- List of board members, public members and district staff

### 2. DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT/BUDGET PRIORITIES

### 3. 2009 BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS & GOALS FOR 2010 (2 – 5 pages)

- At least three accomplishments and goals for coming year
- Policy initiatives (i.e. 197a, 197c, current projects)
- Notable meetings (town halls, hearings, trainings, collaborations, etc.)

### 4. 2009 COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS & GOALS FOR 2010 (2 – 5 pages)

- At least three accomplishments and goals for coming year
- Summary of applications reviewed (ULURP, SLA, DCA, SAPO, etc.)
- Notable meetings (town halls, hearings, trainings, collaborations, etc.)

### 5. DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET SUMMARY

- Key issues that DSC tackled over the past year
- Examples of how DSC coordinated multi-agency efforts to address issues
- *This section should not consist of agendas from the past year but should be a summary of the issues and accomplishments*

# January 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 <sup>th</sup> THEATER (CB4 Office) 6:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> FULL BOARD (Fulton Center Auditorium) 6:30 pm	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup> BLP - South (Westin Hotel) 6:30 pm	12 <sup>th</sup> BLP - North (Board Office) 6:30 pm	13 <sup>th</sup> C/HKLU (John Jay) 6:30 pm	14 <sup>th</sup> WATER (CB4 Office) 6:00 pm	15 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup> MLK Jr. Day -Office Closed	19 <sup>th</sup> CPP (Penn South) 6:15pm	20 <sup>th</sup> TRANS (Holland House) 6:30 pm  LAND (CB4 Office) 6:30 pm	21 <sup>st</sup> HH&HS (TBD) 6:30 pm  QoL (CB4 Office) 6:00 pm	22 <sup>nd</sup>
25 <sup>st</sup> EXEC (CB4 Office) 6:30 pm	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> FULL BOARD (Roosevelt Hospital) 6:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>

## Committee Schedule & Agendas

Meeting dates, times, locations and agendas are current as of 1/12/2010 and are subject to change. Please visit CB4's Web site (<http://nyc.gov/html/mancb4/html/calendar/calendar.shtml>) or call the CB4 Office (212-736-4536) for confirmation.

### Theater Task Force (THEATER)

January 4 Monday 6:30 p.m.

CB4 Office, 330 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> floor

1.

### FULL BOARD MEETING

January 6 Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Fulton Center Auditorium, 119 Ninth Avenue (17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>)

### Business Licenses & Permits South (BLP-South)

**\*\*Check lobby notice board for room changes\*\***

January 11 Monday 6:30 p.m.

Ambassador III Room, Lobby Level, Westin Hotel, 270 W. 43 St. (Near 8<sup>th</sup> Ave)

**1. New Liquor License Applications:** Anthony Piacquadio or Corp to be formed – 515 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 1123 Holdings LLC – 565 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pamela Blackwell Inc. d/b/a Cocoa V – 174 Ninth Avenue (20/21), Chelsea 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Corp. – 222 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ruben's Empanadas Inc. d/b/a Ruben's Empanadas – 224 Eighth Avenue (21/22), Kevin Gouchee Or Entity to Be Formed d/b/a Flor de Sol – 100 Tenth Avenue (16), Old Fulton Partners LLC. d/b/a Juliana's Pizza – 583 Sixth Avenue (16/17), Iakobos Trantides d/b/a Rich – 558 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Nool Ashman or Corp to be formed – 222 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Connemara Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Desmonds Restaurant – 222 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

**2. Transfer/Alteration Applications:** *Transfers* – none; *Alterations* - The New 27<sup>th</sup> Street LLC. – 532 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
**3. Renewals:** Crema Restaurant d/b/a Crema – 111 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Elmo – 156 Seventh Avenue (19/20)  
**4. Sidewalk Café Renewal:** PQ Chelsea – 124 Seventh Avenue (17), 160 Bistro Inc. – 160 Seventh Avenue (19), Kem Rest. Inc. d/b/a Don Giovanni – 214 Tenth Avenue (22/23), 206 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Corp. d/b/a Salsa & Salsa Mexican Kitchen – 206 Seventh Avenue (22)

### Business Licenses & Permits North (BLP-North)

**\*\*Check lobby notice board for room changes\*\***

January 12 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Minetta Room, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Westin Hotel, 270 W. 43 St. (Near 8<sup>th</sup> Ave)

**1. New Liquor License Applications:** Executive Club – 603 W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Twenty Plus LLC. d/b/a Intermission Deli – 505 Eighth Avenue (36), Mexican Rubi's Restaurant – 302 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, One After Another Inc. – 413 Tenth Avenue (33), 38 Times Corp. d/b/a Village 38 – 575 Eighth Avenue (38/39), Dream Team Partners I LLC. – 362 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Nathan Nathan – 321 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, ReneBruno Inc. d/b/a La Golodrina/The Swallow West Stone – 346 W. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Frank Falesto or Corp. to be formed – 440 Ninth Avenue (34/35)

**3. Renewals:** El Azteca Mexican Restaurant – 783 Ninth Avenue (52/53), Skylights Diner Inc. – 402 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, MMJ NY Corp. d/b/a Don't Tell Mama – 343 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno Productions Inc. d/b/a The Westside Theater – 407 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street

**4. Sidewalk Café Renewal:** Thompson Rest. Inc. - 358 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, 356 W. 44<sup>th</sup> St. Restaurant Inc. – 356 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, P & A 665 Restaurant Corp. – 665 Ninth Avenue (46/47), Seta Restaurant Corp. – 686 Ninth Avenue (47/48), 953 Associates LLC. – 798 Ninth Avenue (53), Dana's LLC – 630 Ninth Avenue (44/45), 659 Rest Inc. – 659 Ninth Avenue (45/46)

**2. Transfer/Alteration Applications:** *Transfers* – 714 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Corp. – 714 Ninth Avenue (48/49); *Alterations* - 58<sup>th</sup> Street Br Company LLC & Hudson Leasco LLC d/b/a Hudson Bar – 353-361 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Street (a/k/a 356 W. 58<sup>th</sup> Street)

### Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee (CHKLU)

**CANCELLED**

January 13, 2009 6:30 p.m.

John Jay College, 899 Tenth Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 630T

1. Discussion: Western Rail Yards follow-up

### Waterfronts and Parks (WATER)

January 14 Thursday 6:00 p.m.

CB4 Office, 330 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor

1. Presentation: SS United States

**Chelsea Preservation and Planning (CPP)**

January 19 Tuesday 6:15 p.m.

Penn South Community Room, 343 Eighth Avenue

1. Discussion: tbd

**Landmarks Committee**

January 20 Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

CB4 Office, 330 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> floor

1. Applications: 331 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street
2. Chelsea Landmarks Survey: update
3. Clinton Landmarks Survey: update

**Transportation Planning (TRANS)**

January 20 Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Holland House, 351 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Piano Room

1. Presentation: MTA
2. Presentation: TLC re Taxi stand on 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue
3. Discussion: street renaming re 54<sup>th</sup> Street after music writer Frank Loesser

**Health, Housing & Human Services (HHHS)**

January 21 Thursday 6:30 p.m.

tbd

1. tbd

**Quality of Life/Education, Libraries, and Cultural Affairs (QoL)**

January 21 Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
26th floor

CB4 Office, 330 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St.,

1. Street Fair Renewal: Greenwich Village/Chelsea Chamber of Commerce - , Kenneth Cole Production - 50<sup>th</sup> Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010; 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Association - Ninth Avenue from 42<sup>nd</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup> Streets on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2010, Council on the Environment of NYC - Ninth Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets on July 10<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Executive Committee (EXEC)**

January 25 Monday 6:30 p.m.

CB4 Office, 330 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> floor

1. tbd

**NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING**

February 3 Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue (57<sup>th</sup>/58<sup>th</sup>)



**CB9M** 16-18 Old Broadway  
New York, New York 10027  
(212) 864-6200/Fax # 662-7396

**COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN**

Friday, January 8, 2010

Scott Stringer  
President, Borough of Manhattan

Patricia A. Jones  
Chair

Carolyn R. Thompson  
First Vice-Chair

Yvonne Stennett  
Second Vice-Chair

Anthony Fletcher  
Treasurer

Diane Wilson  
Assistant Treasurer

Theodore Kovaleff  
Secretary

Jane Arrendell  
Assistant Secretary

Eutha Prince  
District Manager

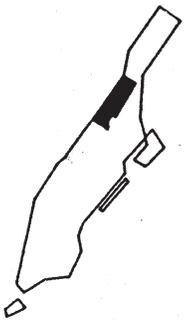
**Tom Kappner**  
501 West 121<sup>st</sup> Street, #2  
New York, NY 10027

Dear Tom Kappner,

Community Board 9 records indicate that you are a Public Member of the Housing, Land Use & Zoning Committee.

General Counsel of the Manhattan Borough President's Office has stated that Public Members may need to be in the determination of committee quorums. Without a quorum, meetings cannot be called to order and no actions (i.e., votes) can be taken by the committee. If Public Members are included in the determination of quorums, you will need to adhere to the attendance requirements of Board Members. Of course, if you decide not to remain a Public Member, committee meetings are still open to you.

Please indicate whether or not you wish to continue to be a Public Member of the above-noted committee,



Yes, I wish to remain a Public Member of the ~~Arts & Culture~~ **HOUSING, LAND USE & ZONING** Committee

No, I do not I wish to remain a Public Member of the Arts & Culture Committee

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Census Outreach - Organizations in CB9 per LIBPO

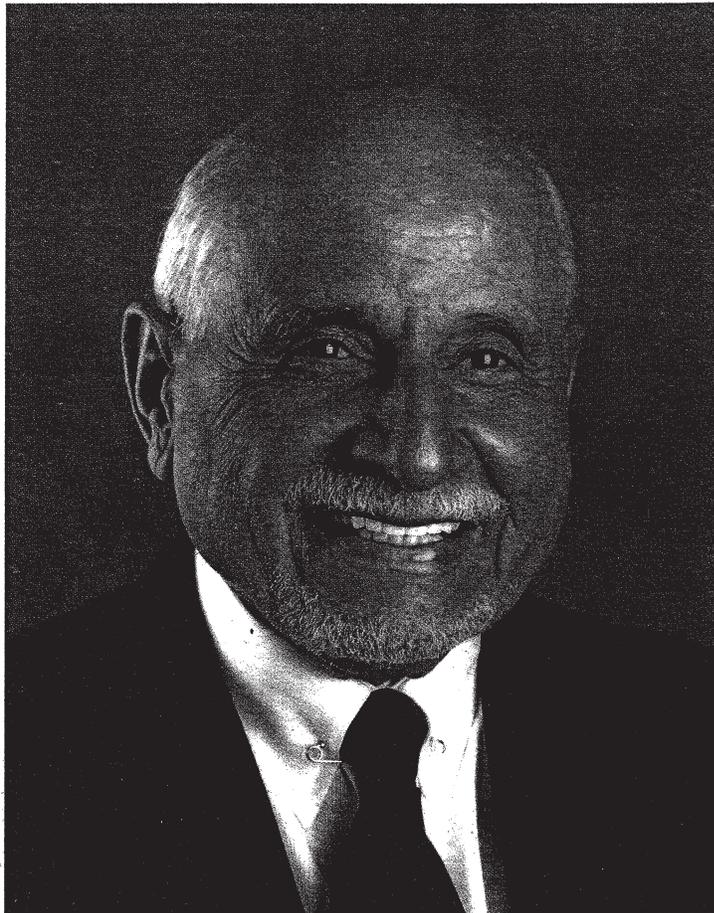
Name of Organization	Contact Salutation	Contact First Name	Contact Last Name
30th Precinct Community Council	Ms.	Hazel	O'Reilly
3333 Broadway Tenant's Association	Ms.	Alicia	Barksdale
600 Block Assn. W. 147th Street	Ms.	Frances	Mack
ACTION	Mr.	Andrew	Romeo
African Hope Committee	Ms.	Clarise	Mefotso-Fall
Boys Club of Harlem ML Wilson Center	Ms.	Giselle	Shorter
Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano	Dra.	Marihu-Maria	de Jesus Galvan
Children's Art Carnival	Ms.	Betty	Taylor
Church of the Intercession	Rev.	Jerry	Keucher
Columbia University	Ms.	Maxine	Griffith
Community Board 9	Ms.	Patricia	Jones
Community Board 9	Ms.	Eutha	Prince
Convent Avenue Baptist Church	Rev.	Clarence	Grant
Council on American Islamic Relations	Br.	Ghazi Khankan	Khankan
Dominican Bar Association	Ms.	Raysa	Castillo
DONAR	Ms.	Fatima	Torres
ECDO	Ms.	Janice C.	Berthoud
Grant Houses Tenant Association	Ms.	Sarah	Martin
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Haitian Community Baptist			
Hamilton Grange Senior Citizen Center	Ms.	Sylmete	Donaldson
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Hamilton Heights Homeowners Association	Ms.	Yuien	Chin
Hamilton Terrace Block Association	Mr.	Gregory	Generet
Jackie Robinson Senior Center	Ms.	Norma	Gomez
Manhattanville Houses Tenant Association	Ms.	Ann	Morris
Manhattanville Senior Program	Ms.	Basilia	Silverio
Morningside Retirement & Health Services, Inc.	Ms.	Mary	Thompson
New York Women's Chamber of Commerce	Ms.	Quenia	Abreu
NYPL	Ms.	Caryl	Soriano
PHASE: Piggy Back, Inc.	Mr.	Abukarriem	Shabazz
Riverside Area Alliance			
Riverside Church Shelter & Crisis Intervention	Ms.	Debra	Northern
RSD Tenant's Association	Ms.	Tonya	Tolson
St. John the Divine Cathedral Homeless Program	Mr.	Steven	Facey
St. John the Divine Cathedral Homeless Program	Mr.	Steven	Facey

St. Luke's AME Church	Rev.	Melvin	Wilson
St. Nicholas Place Neighborhood Association	Ms.	Euzie	Hutchinson
WEACT	Ms.	Peggy	Shepard
West 123rd Street Block Association	Mr.	Herbert	Crews
West Harlem Coalition			
West Harlem Group Assistance	Mr.	Donald C.	Notice
Westside Heights HDFC Council			
Wilson M. Morris Senior Center	Ms.	Mary	Amalbert

*A Celebration of Life*

**PERCY ELLIS SUTTON**

November 24, 1920 ~ December 26, 2009



**January 6, 2010 ~ 11:00 am**

**The Riverside Church**

**The NAVE**

490 Riverside Drive  
New York, New York

**Officiating Minister**

Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.

**Chief Program Minister of The Riverside Church**

Rev. Robert B. Coleman

# Obituary

Percy Ellis Sutton was born November 24, 1920, the youngest of 15 children born to Samuel "S.J." and Lillian V. Sutton. Jimmy, as he was affectionately nicknamed, grew up in a close knit family where discipline, hard work, family love and commitment were paramount. His father, Samuel J. Sutton, born into slavery, was college educated and was the principal of Wheatley High School in San Antonio for over 50 years. His mother, Lillian, was a college and elementary school teacher and Percy's first grade teacher. His father was both his junior high and high school principal. Several of Percy's brothers and sisters taught him before he graduated high school. His beloved mother was the light of his youth and taught by example values like patience, persistence and commitment to the welfare of others. Committed to all children she founded the Ella Austin orphanage in San Antonio. The Suttons were and remain a family of achievers who overcame much adversity including racial discrimination to rise to positions of power and influence based on the tenacity and capabilities of its individual members.

Percy grew up on the "Rocky Crest" family farm, east of San Antonio, milking cows and delivering eggs. He was taught that with opportunities come responsibility. Accounting for his strong and tireless work ethic all of the surviving 12 Sutton children were expected to work in family businesses including a roller skating rink, mattress factory, real estate, funeral supply and funeral home. Ingrained in Percy were credos such as do right, stand for what is right and just, do your best, never look down on the less fortunate, injustice is unacceptable, and giving back is as important as gaining. Nightly there were poetry readings including "If", "Invictus", "Thanatopsis" and "From God's Trombones". Despite his father's objections, Percy and his brother Alexander joined the Boy Scouts. Percy became the first Eagle Scout (the highest rank in scouting) in Texas. In 1930 discrimination was alive in Texas. Percy got his first taste of it when he was harassed and jailed at the age of 13 for passing out NAACP leaflets in an all white neighborhood.

He took up stunt-flying on the barnstorming circuit, but gave it up after a friend crashed. He attended Prairie View A & M College in Texas, Hampton Institute in Virginia, and Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. While at Tuskegee he received combat flight training in the Army Air Corp and eventually joined the ranks of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen. During World War II, he served as an intelligence officer with the Tuskegee Airmen and was awarded combat citations while in the Mediterranean theater. He served as a judge advocate during the Korean conflict.

Percy met Leatrice O'Farrell while in the Army Air Corp. In 1943, prior to being stationed overseas during World War II, they married. A few years after the birth of his son, Pierre, the marriage ended. Percy then married Eileen (Clark) Grevenberg and to that union his daughter, Cheryl Lynn, was born. Percy and Eileen were later divorced and Percy remarried Leatrice. Leatrice remained his "bride," as he referred, to her until his death, a total of 64 years.

After the war, he took advantage of the GI Bill and received a law degree from Brooklyn Law School. While in school, he worked three jobs — as a post office clerk from 4 p.m. until midnight, a subway conductor from 12:30 a.m. until 8:30 in the morning and weekends waiting tables at Lundy's in Sheepshead Bay. He reported to law school at 9:30 each morning. This schedule continued for three years until graduation. He became a distinguished civil rights lawyer establishing with his brother Oliver a law general practice in Harlem. His practice defended organizations such as the NAACP and individuals, notably, Malcolm X. During the early civil rights era he participated in sit-ins and demonstrations throughout the South as a Freedom Rider.

Mainstream politics dominated his life in the 1960s and 1970s, during which he served as a member of the New York state legislature. In 1966 he was appointed Manhattan Borough President, where he served for 11 years until his historic run for mayor of New York City. In 1972, Percy along with veteran broadcaster Hal Jackson, his brother Oliver, Clarence B. Jones and other African American investors purchased and then operated the city's first black-owned radio station.

Percy's best friends growing up were his brothers and sisters, particularly Oliver "Snookie", Essie "Susie" and Alexander "Buster" the ones closest in age. Throughout his life he involved family members in business and social service ventures. Percy also mentored his nieces, nephews and children into his businesses and political ventures. He often quipped, "If you pray for only one thing, let it be for an idea."

Every year while his mother lived Percy and Leatrice made pilgrimages to the family homestead as did other siblings to be with family. When together the Sutton clan were known for and passed time with constant joking, satirical wit and unending support for each other and for causes that mattered. After retirement he spent some of his leisure time farming at Rocky Crest Too, their home in Goshen, N.Y. With joy and pride he shared vegetable & fruit crops with family, friends and neighbors.

A loving family man, a savvy politician, a mentor, a sage, a man who spoke truth to power, a man who gave to others, a man who treated all the same, a consummate orator, a weaver of tales, a man who made you feel special like a long lost friend even after a few minutes together, the family patriarch, who made you feel like he was yours and yours alone; a good father, a good husband and an elegant gentle soul. Summing the life of such an iconic person is nearly impossible.

Percy Sutton is survived by his wife, Leatrice, sister, Essie M. "Susie", children Pierre "Pepe" and Cheryl, grandchildren, Keisha, Maximillian, Danielle and Sierra, great-granddaughters, Nola and Shelby, daughters-in-laws Charlotte and Karen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is missed.

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

GREETINGS AND INVOCATION

Rev. Robert B. Coleman, Chief Program Minister  
of the Riverside Church

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
Riverside Church Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oliver C. Sutton, II- Psalms 23  
Carol Sutton Lewis- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

SOLO

*The Lord's Prayer*  
Soloist- Iessa Mitchell Sutton  
Dancer- Danielle Lee Sutton

PERSONAL TRIBUTE

Rev. Jesse Jackson

IN HIS OWN WORDS

Hon. Percy E. Sutton

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Amazing Grace*  
Riverside Church Choir  
Soloist- Melba Moore  
Accompanied by Danny Mixon

FUNERAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

Charles Andrews, Keisha Sutton-James  
Al Turner, Cheryl L. Sutton

REMEMBRANCES

Clarence Avant, Hon. Inez E. Dickens, Hazel N. Dukes  
Walter Edwards, Clarence B. Jones, Gov. David A. Paterson  
Attalah Shabazz, Lloyd A. Williams

HYMN

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*  
Riverside Church Choir

REMEMBRANCES

Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Arthur Hill  
Hon. David N. Dinkins, Hon. Basil A. Paterson, Congressman Charles B. Rangel

SELECTION from *Thanatopsis*  
by William Cullen Bryant

Pierre M. Sutton  
Maximillian Sutton

EULOGY

Rev. Al Sharpton

BENEDICTION

Rev. Robert B. Coleman

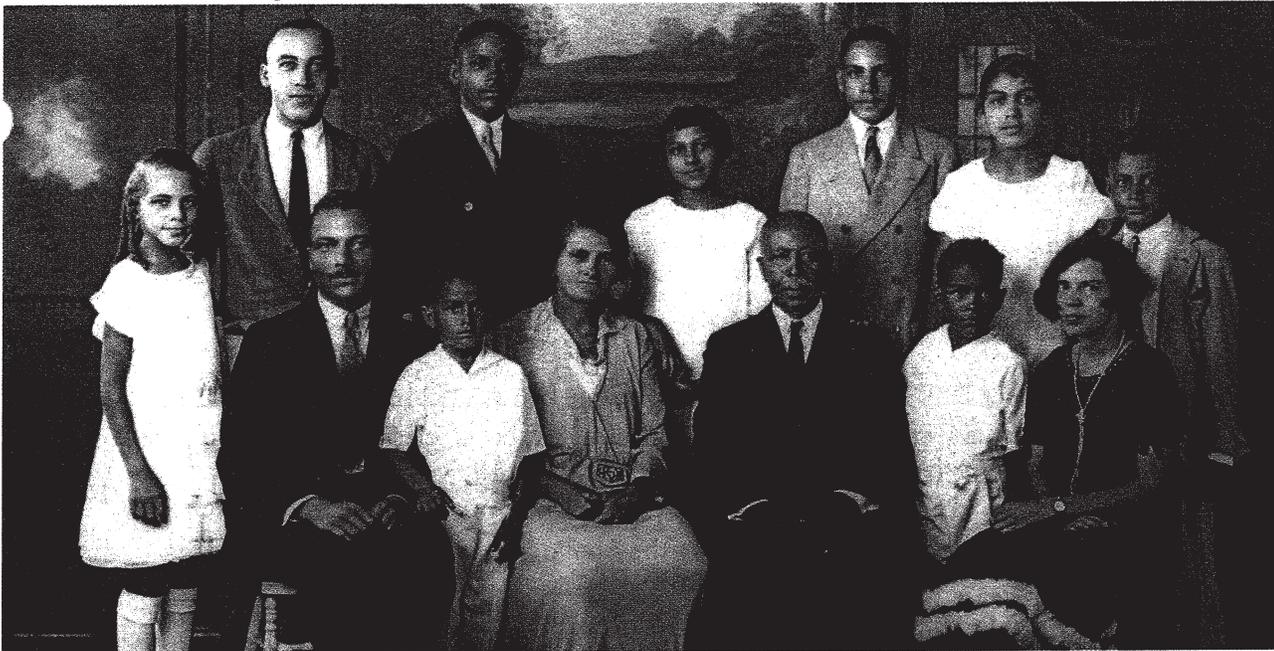
RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Bobbi Humphrey

## *Notable Achievements*

- Organizer and founding member of The New York State Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus in the New York State Assembly.
- Participant in the southern Freedom Rides, arrested 14 times and imprisoned at the dreaded Parchment Farm Penitentiary in Mississippi.
- Recipient of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Springarn Medal from the NAACP in 1987.
- In December 2007 the renaming of 5th Avenue between 124th Street and 142nd Street as the Honorable Percy Sutton Way and renaming of the 125th Street Manhattanville Post Office to The Percy E. Sutton Post Office.
- Organized the successful effort to have the Apollo Theatre receive NYC landmark designation.
- Reopens the Apollo Theatre and operates it as a concert venue, television facility and re-creates the tradition of the weekly Wednesday Amateur night show.
- Creator and Executive Producer of the nationally syndicated television show, "It's Showtime at the Apollo".
- Cofounder of the Annual HARLEM WEEK Festival.
- Authored New York state legislation creating the SEEK program at New York City Universities.
- Spearheaded the expansion of the Manhattan race to the five-boroughs; thus, creating the New York City Marathon.
- In 1971 with Clarence B. Jones, Wilbert Tatum and John Edmonds acquired ownership of the New York Amsterdam News.
- With his son Pierre M. Sutton founded the weekly newspaper The New York Courier.
- Cofounded with Dr. Kenneth Clark & Hilton B. Clark, Data Black, Inc., a black opinion polling company.
- In 1980, created & operated Amistad DOT Venture Capital, Inc., a MESBIC (Minority Enterprise Small business Investment Corporation), with offices in Washington D.C. and New York City.
- In 1993 established Apollo Theatre Records, a record label and recording company.
- Created ACTEL, a joint venture satellite telephone company with operations in Africa.

# *Percy E. Sutton and his Family Legacy*



R-L standing Essie M. "Susie", Samuel, G.J., Smithie "Honey", William "Bill", Cora Mary "Janey", Oliver C. "Snookie", Seated L-R, John, Percy, Lillian V. Sutton, S.J. "Love" Sutton, Alexander C. "Buster" and Lillian.

- S.J. Sutton, father of the San Antonio Sutton Family, freed from slavery at the age of four, arrives in San Antonio in 1886 from Richmond, Virginia after facing racial incidents in Virginia, Mexico and New York City. Sutton leads community effort to create Wheatley High School and later is appointed Principal in 1936.
- Lillian V. Sutton, mother of Sutton Family leads groups at Ella Austin Children's Home, Douglass Junior High and Second Baptist Church – 1920's
- Dr. Carrie Jane Sutton, eldest daughter, first woman doctor to graduate from Howard University, opens medical practice at 430 North Cherry Street in 1924.
- John Sutton encouraged by his employer, Dr. George Washington Carver, accepts a job as a scientist in the Soviet Union in the early 1930's.
- G.J. Sutton in 1948 becomes the first African-American elected to public office in the South since Reconstruction. In 1972, G.J. is the first Black elected official to serve the Texas legislature from Bexar County. He also founded the Texas legislative Black Caucus.
- William Sutton joins A. Philip Randolph as a union organizer with the United Brotherhood of Pullman Porters, the first African-American labor union.
- Lillian W. Sutton-Taylor and Smithie "Honey" Sutton Henry led sit-ins and pickets which results in the landmark integration of The Chameleon Room at Joske Department store in San Antonio in 1964.
- Smithie "Honey" Sutton Henry becomes a Master Instructor in child education as she completes doctorate degree work in Early Childhood Education.
- Lillian Sutton-Taylor has a 50 + year career as a teacher in San Antonio Independent School District and champions cultural programs for black youth.
- Cora Mary Sutton Jackson becomes the head of the educational department for the Oakland Public School system in 1960.
- Essie M. Sutton defying the opposition of Oakland School officials takes her class of educationally handicapped children on a trip across the country. That trip becomes a hallmark event, leading to annual trips visiting Africa, the Soviet Union and other foreign countries.
- Oliver C. Sutton, Sr. is elected to the New York State Supreme Court and later becomes Group Chairman of Inner City Broadcasting Corporation.
- A.C. Sutton becomes the President of the Texas branches of the NAACP for a decade. Later, he is elected to the National Board of the NAACP National Board and serves as a director for 10 years. A.C. also creates the Daisy Bates Educational Conference in 1970 – 1990.\*
- Percy Sutton, former Borough President of Manhattan, creates media company, Inner City Broadcasting Corporation, owning 22 radio stations and one cable television system. He restores the world famous Apollo Theatre, reintroduces the popular Wednesday Amateur night, and creates and produces the nationally syndicated TV program, "It's Showtime at the Apollo".
- Libby Louise died at age 13. Two children died in infancy.

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