



Some of the members of the James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum and Archives Board of Directors pose with Clifton and Jean McClenney, who attended the open house. McClenney is the son of the late Earl H. McClenney, Sr., former President of Saint Paul's College. Regina Gordon, left, Gloria Wesson Menyweather-Woods, Clifton McClenney, Jean McClenney, Barbara Whitehurst-Malone, Teya Whitehead and Carolyn Lofton. (Bobby Conner photo)



Coach Willard Bailey, left, shares a moment with James Grimstead, Chairman. (Sylvia Allen/Brunswick Times-Gazette)



Alumni of Saint Paul's College and James Solomon Russell High School as well as other supporters toured the museum and shared stories and memories of their time at the college. (Bobby Conner photo)



The rooms at the James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum and Archives were filled with people who wanted to meet, talk and reminisce during the open house. (Teya Whitehead photo)

Dr. Iris Lucille King, a member of the 1944 first graduating baccalaureate class and recipient of the Saint Paul's College National Alumni Association, Inc. - Distinguished Alumni Service Award for 1995, greets several friends at the museum open house. (Bobby Conner photo)



Governor signed Delegate Filler-Corn's car seat safety bill

RICHMOND - On Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Governor Ralph Northam signed Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn's (D-Springfield) car seat safety bill, HB 708. This law will prohibit child restraint devices (car seats) from being forward-facing until, at least, the child reaches two years of age or until the child reaches the minimum weight limit for a forward-facing child restraint device as prescribed by the manufacturer of the device. The bill will also expand the reasons that a physician may determine when it is impractical for a child to use a rear-facing child restraint system due to the child's height.

"My entire career has been focused on making people's lives safer. This bill achieves that goal and it advocates for a group of vulnerable Virginians who cannot make decisions for themselves, Virginia's infants and toddlers," said Filler-Corn. "If we actually have data and statistics showing that rear-facing car seats can save lives and prevent injury, then as a member of the House of Delegates, I see it as our duty to pass legislation that will help ensure the safety of all our constituents, in this case, our most vulnerable constituents, our children."

HB 708 passed out of the House and Senate with bipartisan support. It has a delayed enactment date of July 1, 2019.

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of St. Paul's College, its founder, pictures of my grandparents and family and students and meeting those who attended will be with me for a long time. The museum is a testament to the work of James Solomon Russell and is relevant to all."

"I thought the grand opening was wonderful. Witnessing the joy and pride on the faces of my family, alumni, and friends of the college spoke volumes to their experiences at dear St. Paul's College. SPC has a very rich and dynamic past. It has produced some of the finest teachers, farmers, business professionals, tradesmen, statesmen, and clergymen in America and abroad. Many thanks to Mr. James Grimstead, Mrs. Shirley Grimstead, Mr. Bobby Conner, Rev. Terrence Walker, the Museum Committee, the Support Staff, and the Museum Volunteers," said Henry P. Russell, Jr., another great grandson of James Solomon Russell.

A new Adopt-An-Artifact program was introduced during the open house as a way to help preserve some of the rare photographs, documents

and other items in the collection.

The program is a unique way to help support the museum in the preventative care and treatment of all objects in the collection and helps to ensure their long-term preservation. Adopting an artifact provides personal way to become involved with the museum and help provide the financial funding needed to continue the mission of the museum.

One example of an item that individuals, groups, alumni, businesses, etc. can adopt would be one of the hundreds of vintage photographs that are part of the museum's collection. The adoption would allow the item to be digitally archived and then professionally framed to be hung in the museum. A plaque identifying who adopted the item will be attached to the frame before it is put on display. The cost for adopting artifacts will vary according to the item.

Also, during the open house, it was announced that the museum has begun the development of the James Solomon Russell Heritage Trail, which will be a driving trail and anchored from the museum. A map and

interpretive brochure is being developed to include Russell's place of education, all the churches and schools he helped organize, Saint Paul's College and other sites which relate to Russell, his life and work. Interpretive markers will also be developed that will be located at each stop on the trail to give more information about each particular site.

A Facebook page has been established, which is named the James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum and a website is in the process of being developed.

The James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum was established two years ago is incorporated and has been granted non-profit status by the IRS.

All donations are tax deductible and will help support the museum's mission of preserving artifacts and other historical materials relating to the history and heritage of James Solomon Russell and Saint Paul's College.

The museum is located at 219 North Main Street in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and is directly across the street from the Courthouse Square and was the former Virginia National Bank and School Board Office. There is no charge for admission and is open to all alumni groups and the general public.

For more information about the new programs or to become involved with the museum, contact James Grimstead at (434) 848-2173 or by mail, P. O. Box 551, Lawrenceville, Virginia 23868. Email him at gsmus@aol.com.

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