

Petersburg Chapter



**History of Petersburg Chapter**

On April 23, 1955, the Petersburg Chapter became the eighth chapter of National Epicureans, Incorporation to be installed. Eppie Ruby Ellis Mitchell, National President, was the installing chapter representative. Eppies Ola A. Whitlow and K. Elizabeth Campbell were the founders. Richmond Chapter was the sponsor.

There were fifteen bright and enthusiastic Chapter Members. They were Bernice Lee Atkins, Eloise Baysmore, Katherine Howard Bennett, Catherine Vaughan Bland, Blanche Wilson Bridge, K. Elizabeth Johnson Campbell, Emma Baugh Griffin, Estelle Hollemon Woodlift, Bernice Hines Pleasants, Laureta Vaughan Matthews, Glencye Davis Lewis, Jean Price Rogers, Johnnye Loverly White, Ola Anderson Whitlow, and Edna Jones Valentine. We are blessed to still have one of the charter members with the Chapter. Eppie Laureta Vaughan Matthews is currently an Emeritus member.

Members of the Petersburg Chapter have been active participants in Epicurean activities for sixty-three years. The Petersburg Chapter members showcased their talents by serving as national officers, as follows:

**KATHERINE H. BENNETT**

National Journalist (1957-1958)  
National Vice President (1960-1962)  
National President (1962-1964)

**ELOISE BAYSMORE**

National Journalist (1969-1971)  
Corresponding Secretary (1983-1985)  
National Treasurer (1995-1996)

**LAURETA V. MATTHEWS**

National Vice President (1970-1972)  
National President (1972-1974)

**JEAN P. ROGERS**

National Treasurer (1974-1978)

**YVONNE E. MARTING**

National Corresponding Secretary (1998-2002)

**AGNES D. HASSELL**

National Corresponding Secretary (2014-2018)

Under the umbrella of friendship, and leadership of the current President, Angela Barnes-Hargress, Petersburg Chapter have had and continues to have enchanted activities (community and social), elegant dinners and everything in between!

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Seated L-R: Janice Mann, Thelma Deane, Agnes Hassell (Financial Secretary), Bernice Hayes

(recently deceased), Angela Barnes-Hargress (President), Jacquelyn Billips. Standing L-R: Cynthia Clear Booker (Journalist), Vivian Bland (Treasurer), Virginia Mann, Joy Goodrich, Sharon Williams (Corresponding Secretary), Lula Lawson, Nicolette Miller, Peggy Custis (Vice President), Vivian Stackhouse (Recording Secretary), Joyce Roberts, Evelyn Wilson, Cecelia Johnson. Not Shown: Willene Gaines, Joan Henderson, Laureta Matthews, Paula Mims, Anna Thweatt, and Yvonne Williams.