

# ABBOTT NEWS



Abbott Race Unity Institute Newsletter

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## Annual Meeting November 12

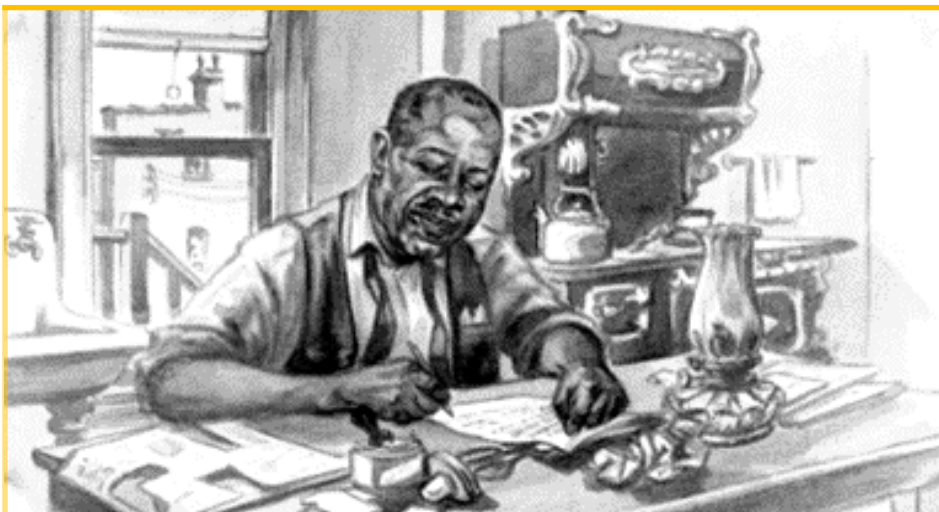
Our Annual Meeting will take place as part of our Saturday Unity Luncheon on November 12. At that time all members in good standing will be asked to ratify the slate of members for the incoming Board of Directors. The slate consists of: LaTanya Abbott-Austin, Carolyn Carver, Frank Chu, Ethel Daniels, BriAnne Dixon, Georgia Golden, Diane Knight, Andrea Lawson, and Bruce Whitmore.

## Did You Know?

- “With drops of ink, we make millions think” was a motto of Robert Abbott’s that frequently appeared in *The Chicago Defender*.
- Robert was born on the first official Thanksgiving Day in the United States. (*continued*)

*And now, thank God, the day is coming, yea, the day is almost here, when every land, from orient to Occident, from pole to pole, from mountain to shore, and from the shore to the farthest isle of the sounding sea, at last will throw off the yoke of doubt, forget biased conceptions of human rights, and join in glad acclaim by helping to usher in the glad era of an enlightened civilization and the universal acknowledgement of the brotherhood of man.*

- Robert Abbott



Robert Abbott working on the *Defender* in his landlady’s kitchen.

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# THE **BIG** CONVERSATION

**November 17**

**4:30-6:30PM**

**Conference Center**

Join us in the **BIG Conversation** as we promote **diversity** and **cultural awareness** in all aspects of life through active engagements of active **discussions on social issues and ideas**.

Light Refreshments will be served



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We are proud to be the co-sponsor of this event along with the College of Coastal Georgia's Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

The BIG Conversation aims to promote the sharing of ideas which will lead to better understanding and communication among persons of various cultures, races and religions.

We hope to see you at the College of Coastal Georgia's Conference Center on the 17th! Bring your friends and family.

## Don't Miss Tyler Bagwell

Saturday, November 12, is not only our Annual Meeting, but our next Saturday Unity Luncheon. Same time (noon), same place (Golden Corral, 114 Golden Isles Plaza).

Speaking will be Tyler Bagwell, Assistant Professor of Speech Communications in the College's Arts and Humanities department. He is an avid and extremely knowledgeable historian. Among his many projects are two documentary films about the region's history about which he spoke at a luncheon last year. This time Tyler will share stories of indigenous people of the South and will show several old drawings depicting the Native Americans who lived in South Georgia in the 1500s. Definitely an event you don't want to miss!

## Did You Know? *continued*

- Robert was a grocery errand boy when he was eight years old. Of his fifteen cent weekly salary he paid a dime toward his room and board.
- Robert was an exceptionally fine tenor and sang at the famed 1893 World Columbian Exposition in Chicago.
- One of Robert's early jobs was setting type for railroad timetables.
- Robert was responsible for starting the music career of Nat King Cole.

Learn why Robert “ranks as a leader with the giants of his time” and how he became one of the greatest champions in the history of the United States for creating true unity among all races. Read *The Inspirational Life of Robert Sengstacke Abbott* on our website ([abbottinstitute.org](http://abbottinstitute.org)—About Us section). It is presented in six parts to make reading it easier. It will make you even prouder to be a member of the Abbott Institute!

# Internâtionâl Festivâl



Our 6th Annual International Festival at the College of Coastal Georgia will be held earlier next year, so mark your calendars now:

**Friday, March 31st**

The festival theme will be:

**Unity Through Cultural Diversity**

Look for exciting details in January.

# Robert S. Abbott and His News Boys



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Kevin Pullen is an astoundingly gifted artist. When one reporter asked about his training, “he jokingly said his kindergarten teacher put a ball of clay dough in his hands and the rest is history.” That history has resulted in the creation of several stunningly beautiful sculptures.

Kevin has now chosen to honor the great race unifier. The sculpture is actually a model which Kevin hopes to cast in bronze. It is being exhibited at Glynn Visual Arts, 529 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island until November 21st.

Stay tuned for more of Kevin’s story and his plans for this magnificent tribute.