

Profile of Achievement: Virginia Mignon Chubb

As a teacher, Virginia Mignon Chubb has worked for excellence in education, and she has developed good communication with the parents of students that she has taught. As a member of this community, she has worked for peace, justice, and racial equality.

Mignon was born in Roanoke, Virginia. She is the daughter of Mrs. Perneller Delaney Chubb and the late Leon Chubb. She took her Bachelor of Science Degree at Bluefield State College and her Master of Education at the University of Virginia.

Mignon retired from the Roanoke City Schools. Over the years, she received many accolades. Some of the more notable ones were the Virginia State Social Studies Teacher of

the Year Award; the Mary Hatwood Futrell Award for Distinguished Leadership in Education; the NAACP Outstanding Educator Award; the National Conference of Christians and Jews Award for Exemplary Life and Contribution to Building Brotherhood in the Community; and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Peace, Justice, and Equality.

Mignonne was cited several times in the Roanoke Times & World News for the Black History Project and the World's Fair, two activities that she provided for her students each year. While teaching at Wasena Elementary School, she took a group of sixth graders and parents to France and Italy. The PTA of Wasena School presented a plaque with the inscription "for outstanding service to her students."

Some of the boards on which Mignon has served are those of the Roanoke Catholic Schools, the Harrison Museum of African American Culture, the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation, the American Association of University Women, the NAACP, the Kisumu Sister City, and the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference).

Mignon is the author of a book, Finding the Spark, which provides readers with tips on developing students' self-esteem. Furthermore, she is the founder of Creative Services, Baskets by Mignonne, and the Northwest Investors. ~~Most~~ recently, she has become an associate of Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.

One of the highlights of Mignon's career was working with former Senator Granger MacFarlane as an intern in 1988 and Delegate Clifton Woodrum, III as a legislative assistant during the 1989 General Assembly. She also served on the district committee for the election of the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder as Governor of Virginia.

At present, Mignon is a member of the Bluefield State Alumni Association, the Virginia Retired Teachers Association, the Catholic Daughters of America, the Kisumu Sister City Group, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Virginia Conference of Parents and Teachers (life), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (life). Moreover, she is a member of St. Gerard's Catholic Church.

At present, Mignonne is serving as Co-Chairperson of the Roanoke Committee for the State SCLC Convention, which will be held at the Wyndam Hotel in Roanoke on June 21-23, 2000. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mignonne's favorite quotation is taken from Dr. King: "We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always 'ripe to do right.'"