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PILLAR OF SERVICE AWARD

Join us as we award
Audrey L. Simmons
posthumously for her
tireless dedication
to preserving
Negro Leagues
history and
uplifting the
local community.

AUDREY L. SIMMONS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025 1:30PM-4:30PM

**MARRIOTT OWINGS MILLS METRO CENTRE
LEVEL M
10101 GRAND CENTRAL AVENUE
OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117**



RAYNER "RAY" BANKS
SIMMONS MUSEUM OF NEGRO
LEAGUES BASEBALL, INC.
10302 GRAND CENTRAL AVE
OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117



September 15, 2025

Dear SMNLB Family,

It is with great honor that I invite you to the "Pillar of Service" Award Lunch, celebrating the legacies of Hubert V. Simmons and Audrey L. Simmons. This event will take place on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Marriott Owings Mills Metro Centre, 10101 Grand Central Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

This year's award will be presented posthumously to Audrey L. Simmons in recognition of her tireless dedication to preserving the history of the Negro Leagues and her unwavering commitment to uplifting our local community. Audrey's vision and passion have played a central role in ensuring that the legacy of the Negro Leagues is not forgotten, but rather cherished and passed down to future generations. Her efforts have touched countless lives—whether through education, community outreach, or her steadfast support of the museum's mission.

The "Pillar of Service" Award is designed for honoring those whose leadership, sacrifice, and service strengthen both the museum and our wider community. By spotlighting Audrey L. Simmons this year, we set a powerful precedent for the values this award will stand for—perseverance, service, and a deep commitment to history and community.

We warmly invite you to join us for this historic evening. Tickets are \$80 per person, and your RSVP will not only secure your seat but also help establish this award as a lasting tradition. If you cannot attend but would still like to support, we welcome donations to help sponsor future award recipients.

To contribute:

- By credit card: Visit our website at www.smnlbinc.org/Donate and use the Donate button for a secure PayPal process. Please add a note in the "Add Special Instruction to Seller" field: "Pillar of Service Award Donation."
- Steven Dorsey, Treasurers@SMNLBinc.org
- By check: Payable to SMNLB Inc. and mailed to the museum in the self-addressed envelope.

Your generosity will ensure that this award continues to inspire and honor individuals who embody the true spirit of service. Together, we can make this evening not just a celebration of Audrey's incredible work, but also a commitment to carrying forward the history and values of the Negro Leagues for generations to come.

Looking to celebrate the weekend? The Marriott Owings Mills will have a special hotel rate of \$159 plus taxes until 10/6/2025. Call the Reservation Line at Phone #: 800.228.9290 Group Code: MNL. OR, Please use the following direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/SMNLBincHotelLink>

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating this historic occasion with you as we honor the extraordinary legacy of Audrey L. Simmons.

Warm regards,
Rayner "Ray" Banks
Co-Founder - Board Membership
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**“Celebrating
steadfast pillars who
uphold history,
service, and
community spirit.”**

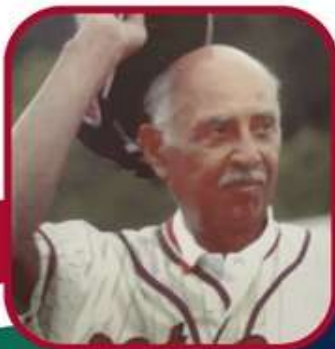
ABOUT US

A Legacy of Vision and Service

The Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball, Inc. (SMNLB) was founded on June 28, 2008, when former Negro Leagues player Hubert V. “Bert” Simmons, his wife Audrey L. Simmons, and their friend Rayner “Ray” Banks gathered to begin building what would become a living tribute to the Negro Leagues and their players.

In November 2013, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced that the Museum would have a permanent home at the Owings Mills Metro Centre Complex, alongside the Baltimore County Public Library and the Community College of Baltimore County. A grand opening followed in Spring 2014, cementing the Museum as a vital cultural and educational institution.

The Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball, Inc. continues to collect, preserve, and display artifacts, photographs, oral histories, and memorabilia, ensuring that the legacy of the Negro Leagues lives on for future generations. Its programs emphasize youth engagement, character development, and the principles of good sportsmanship—values embodied by both Hubert and Audrey Simmons.



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**AUDREY L. SIMMONS'
PILLAR OF SERVICE
AWARD CEREMONY
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2025
1:30-4:30PM**

**Simmons Museum of Negro
Leagues Baseball, Inc.
10302 Grand Central Avenue
Owings Mills, MD 21117**



TICKETS

MENU

- Warm Rolls with Butter
- Garden Salad with Tomatoes, Cucumber, and Red Onion over Spring Mix with 3 salad dressings
- Blackened Salmon with Lemon Garlic Butter Sauce
- Roasted Chicken Pieces
- Three Cheese Mac & Cheese
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Steamed Broccoli
- Roasted Carrots
- Assorted Cookies & Brownies
- Iced Tea, plus
- Hot Coffee and Tea



**Marriott Owings Mills Metro Centre
Level M
10101 Grand Central Avenue
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HOTEL



**Doors Open: 1:15pm
Buffet: 1:30-3:30pm
Program: 2:00-4:30pm**

\$159 + TAX, GOOD UNTIL: 10/6/2025



Donation Amount:
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AUDREY L. SIMMONS' PILLAR OF SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY

SUNDAY 10/19/2025

BUFFET AT 1:30PM - 3:30PM | PROGRAM 2:00PM

	QTY.	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch & Program (Individual Seat)	___ x \$ 80=	_____
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MAIL-IN TICKETING: DUE 10/6/2025

PLEASE CALL/EMAIL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
Hotel rate good until: 10/6/2025
For our Discount Hotel Rate Call: 800.228.9290 Group Code: MNL
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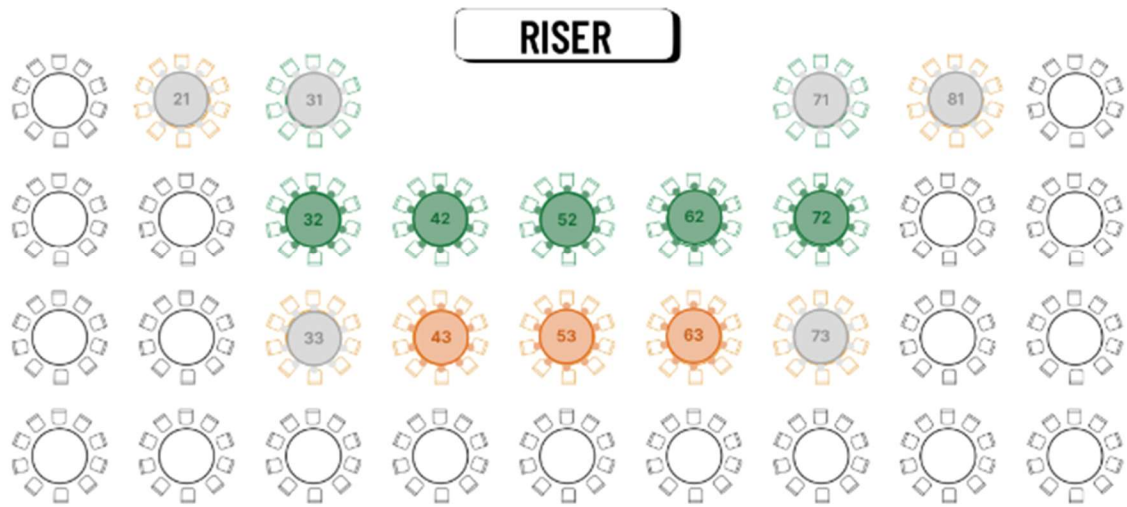
For Lunch & Program (with option to include a donation) — please complete this side only.

MAGNOLIA SALON

Award Ceremony Tables

Sun, October 19, 2025, 2:00 PM -4:30 PM

Marriott Owings Mills - Owings Mills, Maryland



-  **VIP TABLES**
-  **PREMIUM TABLES**

10 SEATS PER TABLE