



Souvenir Journal Letter

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Greetings,

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, as it approaches its thirty-fifth year of struggle on behalf of workers and their families, is preparing a historical document reflecting those struggles. The struggles and contributions of our early leadership — Cleveland Robinson, Charlie Hayes, Nelson "Jack" Edwards, Addie Wyatt, Oliver Montgomery, Ola Kennedy, Lillian Roberts, Geraldine Johnson — helped lay a solid foundation for our organization.

From just our right to exist to issues of full employment, immigration, human rights, workers' rights, a free South Africa, affirmative action and political empowerment for our community, we have fought to keep our voice in the critical debates around pressing issues. We will attempt to chronicle, in word and picture, our participation in these events. Perhaps you will see yourself. To do this, we need your help.

It is our responsibility to preserve our history for ourselves and for those who will follow. The role of the CBTU must be in our history classes, our libraries, and our archives and on the study list of do this. You can help us by taking out an ad in this journal.

In solidarity,

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