

Meeting: **Town Hall** – Celebration of Charlotte King
 ACLU Kandler Award Recipient & Founder of SDARJ

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 7:00-8:30 PM

Location: Friendship Baptist Church, 500 W. 4th Street, Lewes, DE 19958

Chairperson &

Moderator: Ann Loar Brooks

Speakers: Listed Below

Recorder: Ann Loar Brooks

Introduction & Opening

Ann Loar Brooks opened the meeting, thanked Rev. Edwards and Friendship Baptist Church for their generosity in hosting the evening and the many SDARJ members who worked to create the evening's event, and welcomed an audience of 40-50 community members.

Announcements

- January 14, 2020 – SDARJ's monthly Town Hall
 - ACLU's Smart Justice Campaign Presentation
 - Nancy Powell & Sandy Spence will present Delaware's 2020 Legislative Agenda
- February 11, 2020 – SDARJ's monthly Town Hall
 - A historical review of African-American music from the 1800's to modern day

Program

Don Peterson introduced Karen Lantz, Legal Director of ACLU Delaware, who described the Kandler Award and explained why she believed that Charlotte King was an obvious choice to receive it. D. Peterson displayed the video the ACLU prepared and ran at their November Kandler Award ceremony in Wilmington.

Bernice Edwards, Executive Director of First State Community Action Agency and who introduced Ms. King at the ACLU's November event, spoke about Ms. King's accomplishments and life. Ann Loar Brooks provided a few more bits of biological information, primarily garnered Aimee Wiest.

Carol Wzorek outlined the formation and history of the SDARJ and the scholarship fund and drew attention to the importance of funding both the organization and the fund. Baskets and envelopes for that purpose were placed near the exit to the hall.

Gwendolyn Miller invited Ms. King to join her at the podium and presented her with a framed photo of Ms. King with Bryan Stevenson and \$150 in gift cards to Wawa – gifts provided by members of the celebration planning committee.

While Ms. King remained at the podium, Nancy Powell announced that the steering committee had decided the scholarship fund would henceforth be named The Charlotte King Scholarship Fund.

Ms. King asked to make a few remarks. She thanked the SDARJ steering committee and other members of the organization for their contributions, humbly stating that she believed that she shared the award with the whole organization.

The crowd was invited to stay for a reception beautifully prepared by N. Powell who was assisted by Wanda Baskerville, Alicia Jones, and Charlotte McNaughton. Aimee Wiest entertained the gathering by playing festive holiday music.

Closing

The event ended at approximately 8:30PM.