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Ready for Prime Time: The Metro Choir sang the National Anthem before the Avengers game at the Staples Center last May.



Photo by Jill Weisleder courtesy of the LA Avengers.

Metro Choir to Present a Rousing Finale to Black History Month Celebrations at Metro

(Feb. 21, 2007) Black History Month concludes with a noontime performance of the Metro Choir, Feb. 28, on the Plaza level of the Gateway Building. Featuring the Rev. Eric P. Lee, executive director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles, the event will include drummers, guest soloists and a military tribute.

The month-long celebration began with a multimedia presentation by Damien Schnyder on the critiques of American society found in hip-hop music. Schnyder is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin.

Wanda Moore with AAEA leaders George Parks and Susan Dove.	Wanda Moore gives a retrospective of former Mayor Tom Bradley.	Author Moore autographs copies of her book, "Never, Never Give Up!"

Next up was speaker Wanda Moore, who presented “The Untold Legacy of Mayor Tom Bradley,” a lecture and slide show illustrating the administration of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. Moore served as executive assistant to the five-term mayor.

Moore’s entertaining slide show, punctuated with her lively comments and energetic style, chronicled her years with Mayor Bradley. When the world’s glitteratti came calling. Moore answered the door. Astonishingly, the photographs captured memorable moments with the likes of Billy Dee Williams, Ella Fitzgerald, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Telly Savalas, Prince Charles, Charlton Heston, Muhammed Ali, Arthur Ashe, Sarah Vaughn, Count Basie, Johnnie Cochran, and a host of notables. Moore was on the scene and at the side of Ray Charles when the legendary singer getting a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

		
A soul food buffet of endless delights.	One of the slides shows elephants on the range. "I can never go to a zoo again," says Lane-Goodson.	Pat Lane-Goodson, center, takes the audience on an armchair safari with tour guide Julien Dothard, right.

The following Thursday, celebrants enjoyed a catered a soul-food buffet luncheon that preceded an armchair safari to Kenya and Tanzania presented by Pat Lane-Goodson, senior contract administrator, and tour guide Julien Dothard. The “Journey to Africa” slide show, narrated by Lane-Goodson, took us on the safari of a lifetime to see the Maasai Mara, Lake Nakuru, Amboseli, Ngorongoro Crater, and so much more.

While on safari, Lane-Goodson was moved by how animals and people live side-by-side in peace. “I can never go to a zoo again,” she said. “After seeing those beautiful animals roaming free, I don’t want to see them in a cramped space behind bars.”

Metro’s African American Employees Association sponsors Black History Month programs.