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Soon-to-be-newlywed operators David Jones and Cherian Brown are marrying on July 15 after dating for seven years. The couple met at Division 2 and started seeing each other after speaking at an employee function.



Photos by Jimmy Stroup

Crossroads Depot Division 2 Operators to Wed in July

- David Jones and Cherian Brown are taking all the attention in stride

By JIMMY STROUP

(June 22, 2007) The division recreation room may not be the best place to ask a girl out on a date. But after seven years, Metro bus operators David Jones and Cherian Brown seem to have done all right starting their relationship in just such surroundings.

The couple will wed in a few weeks, on July 15.

"We hit it off pretty much right off the bat," Jones said. After noticing each other around the division, Brown, 50, and Jones, 44, got a chance to speak at a birthday party and have been companions ever since.

Popular around the division, Jones

and Brown manage to take all the extra attention over their impending marriage in stride, smiling and waving to all the people who giggle and joke, calling them “lovebirds” and “the Joneses” (in some cases, “the Browns”).

“They are two of the best operators we have in the division. I think as a couple they’ll be successful in love and financially because they’re just great,” said Diane Frazier, Assistant Manager of Transportation at Division 2.

“I wish I had 400 just like them,” she said.

Countdown to marriage

For their honeymoon, Jones and Brown are as yet undecided, but have whittled the choices down to the Caribbean or an ocean cruise to some exotic destination.

The quickly-approaching wedding is first on their minds, though, and both seem very calm and comfortable in the closeness of the “big day.”

For Jones the wedding represents the discovery of a person who was able to make him want to leave his permanent bachelorhood in the dust. Brown, who will be on her second marriage, brings experience to the table and said without reservation that “this is the one – this is it, no doubt.”

Asked about the qualities they see in each other that brought them together and moved them into this next phase of life, Jones was brilliant in his description of Brown, her hand in his.

“What I respect about her is that she’s an honest person, a loving person. One who you can depend on, one who you can talk to. She’s a very giving person. She’s the woman I love,” he said.

“That was really good. I don’t know what I’m going to say after that,” Brown said, smiling and looking forward to July 15.

“Same for me,” she concluded.



Operators David Jones and Cherian Brown hold their Employee of the Month Awards, which they both received in 2004; Brown in March and Jones in September. Brown has been with Metro for eight years, since 1999. Jones started in 1997 after he ended his career in construction.