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## **Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame 33rd Announcement Reception**

The Flint Public Library's lower level meeting room is the home of the Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame (GFAASHF), a collection of over 100 plaques honoring Flint athletes, celebrating its 33rd year, dedicated to its motto, "To preserve, not compete."

Members of the Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame gathered Tuesday, February 7, at the Flint Public Library, for the official announcement of its 2017 inductees.

This year's inductees are: Cloyce Dickerson, Jr. (Hamady High School, multiple sports, basketball and track and field, 1), Starry Hodge (Northwestern High School, multiple sports; basketball, volleyball and track and field), Marjona (Howard) Kemp (Northern High School, multiple sports; basketball and track and field, ), Ron Polk (posthumously, multiple sports, basketball, football and track and field, Northern High School), Curtis "Too-Tall" Williams (city basketball leagues, softball, referee and umpire), Moses Williams (Central High School, multiple sports, football, wrestling and track and field) and Carl Word (Southwestern High School, football, basketball and track and field). In addition two teams will be honored: The 1945 M&S Orange Softball Team and the 2003 Mott Bears National basketball team coached by Steve Schmidt with assistant coaches Yusus Harris and Carl Jones.

You can also take a virtual tour of the Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame online by visiting [aashof.org](http://aashof.org). The Hall of Fame website includes downloadable nomination and criteria forms, history of the Hall of Fame, and information about each inductee since the first class in 1985 through 2016. The 2017 inductee class will be added in March 2017.

The 33rd annual ceremony dinner will be held on Sunday, March 26, 4PM at the Riverfront Banquet Center, Flint, honoring this year's inductees. For tickets (\$45) or for more information on the dinner call Mary Coleman, ticket chair, 810. 659-4693. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 10. Michael Harris is the president of The Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame. The founder is Norman Bryant.

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