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UNKNOWN FACTS ABOUT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. JANUARY 15, 1929 – APRIL 4, 1966

When you think about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. most of us usually think Civil Right Activist. Dr. King had a normal side to him just like anyone else. Here are a few facts that you probably didn't know.

- 1. His first name is really "Michael". He was named after his father who was known as Michael King Sr. or Daddy King.
- 2. He was named after a Protestant Reformer in 1957 when his father officially changed both of their names.
- 3. He loved playing pool (billiards) and played for the respect of the people for over 20 years.
- 4. Dr. King skipped the 9th and 12th grades in school. He started his college education at the age of 16. At the

age of 19 he graduated from Morehouse College with Bachelor's Degree in Sociology

- 5. Dr. King was a huge Star Trek fan.
- 6. He was arrested a total of 29 times
- 7. In 1958, Dr. King was stabbed in an assassination attempt by Izola Ware Curry
- His family filed a lawsuit over his death and was awarded \$100.00

There are more facts about the life and legend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please visit www.history.com or biography. yourdictionary.com. Also, you can research Dr. King online, just type Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in your search engine.

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Message from the President Mrs. Mary Parham

Greetings,

January marks the beginning of 2023 a new year and a new decade to inspire our

brothers and sisters to be persistent in the face of COVID19, the Delta Variant and Omicron Variant. Never give up and to continue to wear a mask and wash your hands often.

I would like the honor of wishing you a happy and productive 2023. I am looking forward to the challenges and successes and wish you the same as well.

Let's set aside some time to spend more cherished moments with our families, because they are not going to be around forever.

Let's remember to say "I Love You" to family, friends and loved ones, and truly, truly mean it. We have much to be Thankful for.

Let's not forget to hold hands and savor all the special moments that we've been given for the gifts of life is God's greatest gift to each of us.

Most of all, let's all remember that the number of breath's we take does not measure one's life, but life is truly measured by the moment's that take one's breath away.

From all us at J Kelly Referrals and support staff, we wish you a wonderful and prosperous New Year in 2023.

Never give up, no matter how dark the clouds over your head may look. God has plans for you that will bring unsurpassed joy to your life in 2023.

PHILANDER SMITH

J Kelly Referrals would like to take this time to Congratulate all of the students at Philander Smith College Flight 1877 Take Off Challenge

> Second Place Team Left to Right: Mr. Bruce James Peace Aghaeze Sophia Awoniyi Amelia Ayomoh Oluwaseyitan Balogun



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2023 INCOME TAX CHANGES

The U.S. tax code has made some changes to filing incomes taxes in 5 key categories. Here are the more common changes that will affect income taxes in 2023.

1. A new set of tax brackets. Wage earners in the U.S. pay taxes on a marginal basis. This means you pay a higher rate of tax on your highest dollars of earnings, and less taxes on your lowest earnings. Your income and filing status dictate what tax bracket you fall into.

2. Higher 401(k) contribution limits. Saving in an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan is a great way to set yourself up with a nice nest egg for retirement. Plus, the more money you put into a traditional 401(k), the more income you get to shield from the IRS for tax purposes.

3. Higher IRA contribution limits. If you don't have access to an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan (which may be the case if you work for a small business or are self-employed), you can save for retirement in an IRA instead. This year, IRA contribution limits are \$6,000 for workers under age 50 and \$7,000 for those 50 and over. Next year, these amounts are increasing by \$500, so workers under 50 will have a maximum contribution limit of \$6,500 and those 50 and over may contribute up to \$7,500.

4. Higher HSA contribution limits. If you're enrolled in a high-deductible health insurance plan, your plan may be compatible with a health savings account, or HSA. HSAs let you set aside pre-tax funds for healthcare spending purposes. This year, HSA limits max out at \$3,650 if you have self-only coverage and \$7,300 for family coverage. There's also a \$1,000 catch-up for savers 55 and over. Next year, HSA contribution limits will rise to \$3,850 for self-only coverage and \$7,750 for family coverage. That \$1,000 catch-up amount will stay the same.

5. Higher FSA contribution limits. If you're not eligible for a health savings account, it pays to look into a flexible spending account, which will also give you a tax break on the money you set aside for medical costs. The difference between the two is that HSA funds never expire, and FSA funds do. So, you'll need to be careful about the money you contribute to your 2023 FSA, to ensure you can spend it all on eligible expenses before the end of the year. This year, the maximum FSA contribution is \$2,850. Next year, it will rise to \$3,050.

For more information contact your bookkeeper or accountant before you prepare your taxes. You can always call the IRS. Individuals 1-800-829-1040. Businesses 1-800-829-8933. Hearing Impaired TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

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Monday, January 16, 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

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