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Monthly Musings from the Peas
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WEEKLY GIG

We are regulars at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square, Wilmington. From 7:30 until 10 we perform every Wednesday. For info or menu, directions and so on go to www.catherinerooneys.com.

WEBSITE

We are please to present our new website. www.whirledpeasband.com Please check it out and let us know what you think. All our up-coming gigs, newsletters, merchandise and more is listed.

The Epitome of Modern Woman

During Women's History Month a salute to a woman who has accomplished so much...a rapper, an Academy Award nominated actress, an entrepreneur, a spokesperson, a singer-songwriter, Golden Globe winner, Screen Guild Award winner, Grammy winner, Emmy nominee, record producer, a model, a comedienne, an author and a soon to be television host.

Dana Elaine Owens was born in Newark, NJ, March 18, 1970 to a high school teacher mother and a police officer father. She was raised in the Baptist Church, attended



Catholic schools and was dubbed by her Muslim cousin with the nickname "Latifah" meaning delicate and sensitive in Arabic. This nickname launched her to fame as Queen Latifah.

During her junior year of high school she formed a rap group called Ladies Fresh and then another group called Flavor Unit. She made a solo demo which was received positively and allowed her to launch a European tour and perform at the famed Harem Apollo Theater.

Early on she realized the value of investing. She put her money into developing a delicatessen and video store in the apartment building where she lived.

Shifting from rap and hip hop to soul music and jazz standards she wowed them at the



Hollywood Bowl. She has performed with some of the greats in the business.

Transitioning herself from music, she embarked on an acting career with a role in *Jungle Fever* followed by a series of roles in a variety of movies. Her most acclaimed film role was as the prison matron Mama Morton in the movies *Chicago*. She was nominated for an Oscar for her performance.

She became a spokesperson for CoverGirl cosmetics and has even established her own line with this firm - The Queen Collection.



Peas Pondering

By Queen Latifah

I'm not allowed to get a big head, I've still got to do the simple things in life.

Dreams become reality when we put our minds to it.

If there are kids who want to follow my footsteps, I'd say that my shoes are too big to fill! But their shoe size is just perfect.

