



A Gathering of Voices: The Longwood Writers Workshop **Extended Biography**

OTTO E. STALLWORTH, JR., MD

Dr. Stallworth was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama during the 1940s, 50s, and early 60s. Crossed the Alabama state line for the first time at 16-years-old to attend Howard University, and eight years later at 24 received a medical degree from Meharry Medical College. He completed his medical internship at Case Western Reserve Youngstown Hospital Association, did his anesthesiology residency at UCLA-Harbor General Hospital, and received a Master of Business Administration degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills. He was appointed Chief of Anesthesia at age 29 at a hospital in the South Bay area of Los Angeles. In addition, he owned and operated the Otto E. Stallworth Jr. MD. Pain Management Center and Hickman Pain Management in Santa Monica, California.

Outside of medicine, he had several businesses, including Oh Yes! Management, Oh Yes! Business Management, and Hollywood Fries Restaurant. At his personal management company, Oh Yes! Management, he discovered and secured a record deal for Taste of Honey. Taste of Honey became the first Black artist in the 22-year history of the Grammys to win the award for Best New Artist in 1979, for their song "Boogie Oogie Oogie."

He started his Hollywood Fries Restaurant in the Westwood/UCLA section of Los Angeles with partners Hollywood Casting Director Reuben Cannon, actor Danny Glover, and Pepsi executive Olden Lee. However, it closed in 2005, becoming a casualty of post-9/11 economics.

Dr. Stallworth began his slow retirement in 2015 and pursued his hidden love for writing through a Master of Fine Arts program at UCLA. He could not complete the program after his first year because of a short-term illness, but in his time there, he completed a screenplay, *MURDER AT BEAUTYWORLD*, which is to be the title of his murder mystery book. *SUNSETS BY OTTO JR. MD* is a collection of sunset photos published in December 2023 and available at Amazon, Apple, BookBaby, Barnes and Noble and many other retailers.

In 2018, Denise Nicholas, award-winning actress and author of acclaimed book *FRESHWATER ROAD*, invited him to join her Longwood Writers' Workshop, where *ARE YOU A N####R OR A DOCTOR? A MEMOIR* was conceived and delivered February 2023.

In 2022, Dr. Stallworth formed the Stallworth Oh Yes! Foundation and funded full four-year scholarships at Howard University and Meharry Medical College, his alma maters. The foundation hopes to provide more scholarships as the foundation grows. Please visit www.ottoestallworthjrmd.com for more information on Otto E. Stallworth, Jr., MD.