#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

# Spring 2015



**Mary McLeod Bethune** Founder

**Dorothy Irene Height President Emerita** 

**Ingrid Saunders Jones** National Chair

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# message from THE CHAIR



NCNW Family, Friends and Supporters

As you know, our 56th National Convention and 13th Uncommon Height Gala were held in August. On behalf of NCNW, thank you to our sponsors, speakers, delegates, attendees and quests! Your investment of time, talent and treasure made all of the difference! And, as we stand on the eve of our beloved council's 80th anniversary, I believe that our time together affirmed that the vision articulated by our founder, Mary McLeod Bethune is both still relevant and increasingly urgent. While we have made great strides towards racial and gender equality, we have much more work to do.

Recent reports demonstrate the continuation of a disturbing trend in our nation—more of the nations' wealth being concentrated among fewer and fewer people. What was once a dream for African American families—to be a part of the Middle Class — has evolved into a nightmare as the entire group continues to shrink. While the nation continues to recover from the devastating effects of the recession, the reality is that African American women and families continue to struggle. Chronic disease, unemployment, unequal pay and lack of affordable housing are among the issues that still disproportionately affect our community.

Achieving economic security and restoring the Black middle class will require tighter focus on affordable education, increasing the number of African American girls interested in and pursuing careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related fields as well as increased support for our sisters who possess an entrepreneurial spirit and the needed skills to start, manage and flourish in their own business. Moreover, we must educate ourselves and others relative to personal finances and leverage the tools available to secure our futures. If we don't, who will?

We have already begun. In August, our 56th National Convention provided opportunities for more than 400 NCNW leaders to take a hard look at issues related to Education, Health and Economic Security. I hope that those who attended the convention went home "fired up and ready to go." Highlights from the Convention and our thirteenth Uncommon Height Awards Gala are included in this special Spring edition of Sisters. I am counting on you to help mobilize our communities around the issues that matter! Working together both locally and nationally—we have the power to move mountains!

On a personal note, thank you for the calls, cards, contributions and other expressions of concern sent to me and my family as we have and continue to face our "new normal," life without my beloved mother, Mrs. Georgia Ann Lyles Saunders. Your love and support made the difference.

Enjoy this issue of Sisters and thank you for your continued leadership and support.

**Ingrid Saunders Jones** 

## the 56th national CONVENTION

It is taking great courage for us to face the world as it is today and to realize that unless we do some very careful thinking and very careful planning right now even in the midst of disaster, we shall have to face this same situation again ten or twenty years hence. **WE MUST GO PLACES BUT WE MUST GO TOGETHER.**"

Call to Convention, Mary McLeod Bethune (1941)

CNW's 56<sup>th</sup> National Convention was held **August 20-23, 2014** at the Gaylord National

Resort and Convention Center in the picturesque National Harbor. Operating under the theme "Our Legacy. Our Leadership. Our Future" this gathering was convened by Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones, National Chair, NCNW and co-chairs Dr. Paulette C. Walker, 25<sup>th</sup> **National President, Delta** Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Mrs. Paulette Norvel Lewis, the recently retired **Regional Administrator** of the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Women's Bureau.

Affectionately named the "PIPS" during the convention, this powerful trio led the effort to examine the issues

facing our community and, more importantly, to identify some strategies that can help propel us back







into the Middle Class including mentoring, health equity and financial literacy.

This year, the Dorothy
I. Height Leadership
Institute featured three
special, concurrent



tracks prior to the official opening of the convention on Wednesday. Over 125 individuals registered for the Health and Wellness Seminar, Boot Camp for Entrepreneurs, Startups and Small Business Owners

and New NCNW
Officers Training.

The NCNW's Board of Directors met over dinner at which time Dr. Elcedo Bradley, National President, Chi Eta Phi Sorority presented Ms. Jones with a \$1,000 contribution.



The **OFFICIAL WELCOME RECEPTION** featured renowned violinist, **Mr. Ken Ford**, who





totally captivated his audience. It was followed by the opening of NCNW's ENTREPRENEURS MARKETPLACE, which featured a wide array of vendors and partners including the National Park **Service**. Also located in this space were the wax figurines of Mary McLeod Bethune and Dorothy I. Height. Generously sponsored by the Great Blacks in Wax Museum (Baltimore, MD), the display drew NCNW's faithful throughout the convention.

The **OPENING BUSINESS SESSION** was abuzz with excitement as our National Chair presented her first convention report, highlighting the progress made towards achieving financial solvency,



strengthening NCNW's infrastructure and realigning our national programmatic goals. Ms. Clara Axam, President, Clarification & Mediation, LLC provided a summary of the themes that emerged from the six regional town hall strategic planning meetings held between December 2013 and July 2014. Rev. Leah Daughtry, Chair, 2014 Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees for election to NCNW's Executive Committee, noting the increased geographic diversity reflected in the group.



Ms. Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre, 24<sup>th</sup> National President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Chair, National Affiliates Committee. hosted the **PRESIDENTS** 



LUNCHEON. Recognizing that we are ONE, the luncheon celebrated the contributions of the leaders



of NCNW's community-based sections **and** national affiliated organizations. **Dr. Susan** Taylor, Founder and CEO, **National CARES Mentoring** & Editor Emerita, Essence Magazine delivered a soulstirring message that challenged

conference attendees to recognize mentoring as a core part of the work that we must do as individuals and as organizations. With participants already on their feet, Sister Butler-McIntyre issued the challenge that we must just **DECIDE** to do something!





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#### the 56th national CONVENTION (continued)



(From the left) Commander April D. Kidd, Ms. Malika Saada Saar, Jeanette Jordan and Dr. David Rivers

#### An informative TOWN HALL MEETING ON

HEALTH EQUITY was held on Thursday evening. Greetings and introductory remarks were given by our national chair, Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones. Dr. Sandra Gadson, M.D., International President of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society,



African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and a past president of the National Medical Association framed the conversation and presented the session



organizer and moderator,
Dr. David Rivers, Associate
Professor and Director, Public
Information and Community
Outreach at the Medical
University of South Carolina.
Panelists included Commander
April D. Kidd, Nurse Officer,
U.S. Department of Defense;

Ms. Jeanette Jordan, Registered Dietician and Certified Diabetes Educator and Ms. Malika Saada Saar, Special Counsel on Human Rights and Director, Human Rights Project for Girls, The Ruben Group. Speakers explored the disproportionate incidence of chronic, preventable disease (e.g. high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, obesity, cancer) among African American women. Stress, domestic violence, human trafficking and other concerns were also discussed.

On Friday, Mrs. A.
Lois Keith hosted
the LIFE MEMBERS
BREAKFAST. No
stranger to NCNW, Mrs.
Keith previously served
as Assistant Secretary
of the Board. Our
national chair recently
appointed her Chair



of the Membership Committee—returning her to a post in which she previously served with distinction.

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#### the 56th national CONVENTION (continued)



**Dr. Valerie Montgomery** Rice, President, Morehouse School of Medicine and a 2014 Recipient of NCNW's coveted Uncommon Height Crystal Stair Award, delivered the morning message entitled "Living Well!" Challenging attendees to invest in self-care as a lifestyle. Dr. Rice's mantra, "it's not

your weight, it is your waistline" could be heard throughout the remainder of the convention. Life Member Guilds, members and friends contributed over \$11,000 during this lovely morning affair. The list of contributors is included in this newsletter on page 2.

Organized by the **Honorable Patricia** W. Lattimore, Chair of the Election Committee and her capable committee, the Election took place following the Life Members Breakfast with a stellar slate of dedicated, diverse and deeply committed women elected to NCNW's 2014-2016 **Executive Committee** and Nominating Committee. See pages 12-15 to meet your national officers for 2014-2016!



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Hosted by Ms. Dawna

#### the 56th national CONVENTION (continued)



Michelle Fields, the conventions' BETHUNE/
HEIGHT LUNCHEON
felt like church! Recently appointed the National Chair, Bethune/Height Recognition
Program, Ms. Fields welcomed participants and wondered aloud what our Founder, Dr.
Mary McLeod Bethune would say today. Thanks to the gifted Rev. Tierrah McNair, Chief Encouragement Officer,

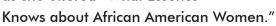
Soul Shaping Publications, we heard Mrs. Bethune singing "We Are Climbing Jacobs' Ladder" and received encouraging us to stay focused on our children! Members of the convention recalled and celebrated the life of Mrs. Esther McCall—truly "The Queen"—who served as the National Chair of this vital fundraising initiative since its inception in 1974 until her death in 2013.

Ms. Lori George Billingsley, Vice President, Public Affairs and Community Engagement, Coca-Cola North America surprised registered convention attendees when she announced that, in partnership with ESSENCE, The Coca-Cola Company would raffle a special guest travel package to the 2015 ESSENCE Music Festival. Ms. Mattie Cromwell, a Life Member from the Hartford (CT) NCNW Section was the winner of this amazing gift. She accepted the prize amid





thunderous applause (and yes, a bit of envy)! Ms. Billingsley then introduced the speaker, Ms. Michelle Ebanks, President, Essence Communications, Inc. and People Español. Ms. Ebanks who mesmerized the entire convention as she offered "What Essence



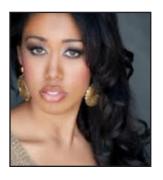
A captivating speaker, Ms. Ebanks acknowledged the unique and sometime difficult challenges that Black women face noting "We ought to be able to expect our children to return home safely when they leave our homes!"



NCNW presented a special award to Mr. Robert G. Stanton, Superintendent of the National Park Service (Retired) whose contributions to Dr. Height and NCNW as a strategic partner, advisor, confidante, spanned several decades. Mr. Stanton helped NCNW with the installation of the statue of Ms. Bethune located at the center of Lincoln Park; facilitated the initial Dorothy I. Height Black Family Reunion Celebration and helped secure the partnership between the Bethune Council House and Black Women's Archives that still works to preserve Ms. Bethune's legacy and promote scholarship.



As the Bethune/Height Luncheon closed, the stage was flooded with women who blended their voices singing "This Little Light of Mine!"





Friday afternoon featured Collegiate and Executive Tracks. Hosted by Ms. MacKenzie A. Green, NCNW's Young Adult Vice Chair (2012-2014), the featured speakers for the collegiate track included Ms. Kameran "Kamie" Crawford,

Miss Teen USA 2010: Ms. Caroline Jhingory (Photo Not Pictured), Author and Wellness Consultant and Ms. Phronie Jackson, Former AAALI Coordinator, NCNW.





**A** Then I speak to school children, I tell them not to worry so much about what they are going to do. Decide instead what you are going to be and from that you will do.

- Dorothy Irene Height

The Coca-Cola Company sponsored the Executive Track which was moderated by Ms. Lori George Billingsley who highlighted her company's 5 by 20 Initiative designed to reach five million female entrepreneurs by 2020. CLICK **HERE** to learn more about the 5 by 20 Initiative.







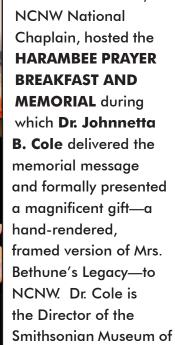




Focusing on financial literacy, individual and organizational wealth building and risk management, this session featured four experienced finance and wealth building professionals including Mr. John Ripoll, Senior Vice President and Private Client Advisor, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; Ms. Shirley Mitchell, Senior Vice President and Senior Marketina Strategist for the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Regions, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; Mr. Don Murphy, CEO and Managing Associate, The Wesley Peachtree Group and Mr. Joe Moore, President and CEO, JLM Risk Management Group. Topics addressed ranged from budgeting, tax reporting, insurance and strategies for increasing wealth.







On Saturday morning,

Williams-Skinner,

Dr. Barbara

African Art and a former president at both the historic Spelman College in Atlanta, GA and Bennett College in Greensboro, NC.

During the closing session, Ms. Jones recognized the National Office staff as well as women who have completed their term on NCNW's Executive Committee including Ms. MacKenzie A. Green, Mrs. Joan Douglas Jordan, Rev. Leah Daughtry, Ms. Delores Crockett, Dr. Rockel Etienne and the incomparable Queen

#### **Esther McCall**

(deceased). Speaking on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, Ms. Jones surprised Mrs. Peola H. McCaskill, National Parliamentarian, with a bouquet of flowers





in appreciation of her tenured and continued service to the organization.

Immediately following the official report of the 2014 Elections Committee, The **Honorable Alexis** M. Herman led the installation of national officers and presented the members of the 2014-2016 Nominating Committee.



The convention closed with challenging remarks by Mrs. Paulette Norvel Lewis, Dr. Paulette C. Walker and Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones— all of whom spoke of their vision of NCNW as a relevant and powerful network of Black women working hand in



hand to make an even greater difference in the lives of women and girls of African descent. Dr. Barbara Williams Skinner pronounced the benediction and Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones, National Chair, adjourned the 56<sup>th</sup> National Convention.



# meet ncnw's 2014-2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**NATIONAL CHAIR** Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones (GA), Retired Senior Vice President, Global Community Connections, The Coca-Cola Company

**VICE CHAIRS** 



Ms. LaToia A. Jones (DC), Associate Director, Human Rights and Community Relations, American Federation of Teachers: First African American **Executive Director of the College Democrats of America** 



Dr. Thelma T. Daley (MD), Distinguished College Professor and Counselor, 16th National President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Past President American School Counselor Association; Past President, The American Counseling Association; Past President, Women in Community Service



Ms. Deborah W. Foster (VA), Retired Executive Vice President, Strategic Alliances & Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, United Way Worldwide; Chair of the Board, Bennett College



Ms. E. Tonya Greenwood (NJ), Past National President of the Continental Societies, Inc.; NCNW Life Member; Life Member, Founder and First President, Fort Monmouth Chapter, National Association of **Black Procurement Professionals** 



Ms. Carol Curtis (CA), President, East Oakland/ Hayward Section; Retired City of Oakland Accounting Clerk/Payroll & Personnel Representative; Immediate Past Secretary, NCNW

ASSISTANT SECRETARY



The Honorable Diane Watson (CA), Retired Member, House of Representatives; Former Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia



**Beverly Beavers-Brooks** (TX), Former Sr. Vice President, **Bank of America (Community** Development Group); Former Regional Administrator, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor



**ASSISTANT TREASURER** Dr. Linda Hunt (MD), Former Adjunct Professor Bowie State University; Parliamentarian, NCNW Prince George's County Section

### meet ncnw's 2014-2016 MEMBERS AT-LARGE



Ms. Margo Wade LaDrew (CA), Founder & Executive Director, Black Beauty Shop Health Outreach; Creator of the LA View Park Section's Red Ribbon Affair



Ms. Paula McCraney (KY), CEO, P Mc & Associates; Former Director of Public Relations, Jefferson County Clerk's Office & Board of **Elections**; Former Chief Administrative Officer, Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office; Past President, Louisville Section, NCNW



Ms. Johnnie M. Walker (NY) Chairperson, NCNW New York State Convener Team; Retired Housing Administrator; Member, W.H.O.M.S., African Methodist **Episcopal Zion Church** 



Ms. Tonya Todd (OH) President, Dayton Section NCNW; Civil Rights Investigator



Ms. Cecilia Webb (NM) First Vice President, NCNW Albuquerque Section; Owner, Cecilia Webb Insurance & Outreach Coordinator, Office of African American Affairs, New Mexico State



Ms. Sherri Washington, Esq (GA), General Practice Attorney and Founder of The Washington Law Group, PC; Parliamentarian, Rockdale Newton Section of the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women; Member, Rockdale Newton Section, NCNW

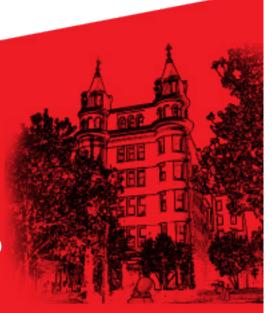


Ms. Princetta H. Farries (IL) Former President, Ethele Scott NCNW Section; Former State President of the Illinois Associating Club Women; Member, Top Ladies of Distinction

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2014-2016)**

Joanne Blount (NJ) Cynthia M.A. Butler-Mcintyre (LA) Pamela Howard (IL) **Arion Jamerson-Brown (NY)** Gwen Jarvis (OH)

Helena Johnson, Ph.D. (CA) **Audrie Lawton (TX)** Patrice Taylor Shelton (VA) **Deborah Tucker Barrow (NY)** Dr. Annetta Wilson (IL)





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Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre
(LA) 24th National President,
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Inc.; Retired Educator and
School Administrator; Member
of the Board, Christopher
Columbus Fellowship
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COMMITTEE

Mrs. Annie Lois Keith (GA) Past
National Assistant Recording
Secretary; Past Membership
Chair, Past President, DeKalb
Section NCNW

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BETHUNE/HEIGHT
RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Ms. Dawna Michelle Fields
(NY), National Program
Manager, Bright Smiles, Bright
Futures, Colgate-Palmolive
Company; Past Vice Chair,
NCNW



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COMMITTEE
The Hon. Patricia W. Lattimore
(DC) Senior Associate, New
Ventures, LLC; Chief Executive
Officer, Delta Research and
Education Foundation



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The Honorable
Constance B. Newman (DC)
Former U.S. Assistant Secretary
of State for African Affairs;
former Director, U.S. Office
of Personnel Management,
Independent Consultant

INTERIM CHAIR, FINANCE



Frances R. Jones (LA)
McDonald's Owner/Operator;
Past CEO, National Black
McDonald's Operators
Association

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The true worth of a race must be measured by the character of its womanhood.

– Mary McLead Bethune



# appointed to the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



**ADVISORY COUNCIL** Vivian Pickard (MI) President, GM Foundation and Director of Corporate Relations, General Motors Corporation

**CO-CHAIR CORPORATE** 



**PARLIAMENTARIAN** Mrs. Peola H. McCaskill (DC) Professional registered parliamentarian; Certified registered nurse anesthetist (Retired)



**CO-CHAIR CORPORATE ADVISORY COUNCIL** Pat Harris (IL) **Global Chief Diversity Officer** & Vice President, Global Community Engagement, McDonald's Corporation



**SENIOR ADVISOR** The Hon. Alexis Herman (DC) 23rd U.S. Secretary of Labor; President, Dorothy Irene **Height Education Foundation** and President and CEO, New Ventures, LLC



GENERAL COUNSEL Carolyn House Stewart (FL) Immediate Past International President Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



**PAST CHAIR** Dr. Barbara L. Shaw (MD) NCNW Chair (2010-2012); **Past International President** W.H.O.M. Society, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and Past President, North America Area World Federation of Methodist and **Uniting Church Women** 

Te have to realize we are building a movement.



# the 56th national CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



# the 56th national **CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**



Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones

AND

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

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#### the 13th UNCOMMON HEIGHT GALA

#### he THIRTEENTH UNCOMMON **HEIGHT AWARDS GALA**

was held on Saturday, August 23. Dressed in formal and semi-formal attire, guests enjoyed a reception amid elegant décor, candlelight and the smooth sound of the **Howard University** Jazz Band which also performed during the program. Co-Chairs Ms. Lori George Billingsley, Vice President, Public **Affairs and Community** Engagement, Coca-Cola North America and Dr. Thelma T. Daley, Vice Chair, NCNW, extended warm greetings Reflecting

on Dr. Height's presence in their lives and her impact on our nation, they reminded us of the significance of the Crystal Stair Award. Mr. Jonathan Slocumb, actor and comedian, served as the Master of Ceremonies and poet and spoken word artist Mr. Hank Stewart delighted the audience with two original pieces.

Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones, National Chair







formally presented Mr. Harry Johnson, Jr., President of the Memorial Foundation and the recently appointed chair of the **Franklin Associate Male** Assembly (FAMA), an



initiative established in honor of the late Dr. Charles L. Franklin, Jr. the husband of The Honorable Alexis M. Herman. Dr. Franklin loved Dr. Height and NCNW and had a desire to rebuild NCNW's associate (male) members program. Mr. Johnson offered brief remarks, invited all of the men present to join him in supporting the effort and delivered a check for \$1,000 as part of his pledge of \$10,000!

This year, NCNW conferred the Crystal Stair Award on **Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice**, President and Dean of the Morehouse School of Medicine (Atlanta, GA). When Dr. Rice was announced as the new president and dean of Morehouse School of Medicine. she became the

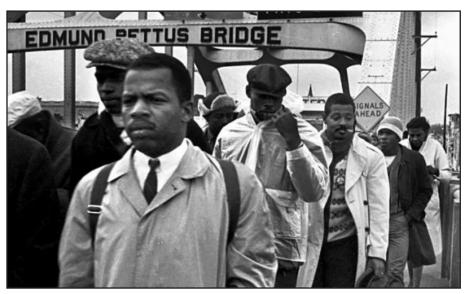


first African-American woman to lead a freestanding medical school. Dr. Rice is a renowned infertility specialist and researcher and most

#### the 13th UNCOMMON HEIGHT GALA

recently served as dean and executive vice president at the school, where she served since 2011. **CLICK HERE** to read Dr. Rice's entire bio.

No stranger to NCNW or the civil rights movement, The Honorable John Lewis was also recognized. Elected to Congress in 1986, Mr. Lewis represents Georgia's Fifth Congressional District. As a senior leader in the Democratic Party, he is a member of the House Ways & Means Committee, a member of its Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support and Ranking Member of its Subcommittee on Oversight.



During the height of the Movement, from 1963 to 1966, Lewis served as Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he helped form. At the age of 23, he was one of the architects of and a keynote speaker at the historic March on Washington in August, 1963. Born and raised in rural Alabama, Mr. Lewis helped lead marches from Selma to the state capital in Montgomery as part of the effort to secure voting rights for Blacks. On March 7, 1965, then 25-year old John Lewis was among dozens of demonstrators who were tear-gassed and beaten as they crossed



Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge. Now known as "Bloody Sunday," the events on that bridge were viewed by millions worldwide and helped to galvanize support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965,

which was signed into law in August of that year.

Today, Congressman Lewis remains a staunch defender of voting rights.
Globally, he continues to inspire new and emerging civil and human rights leaders.
CLICK HERE to read Congressman Lewis' entire bio.

Following dinner and the presentation of awards, Ms. Jones recognized the co-chairs of the 56<sup>th</sup> National Convention—Dr. Paulette C. Walker and Mrs. Paulette Norvel Lewis; NCNW's staff and consultants and the co-chairs

of the 13<sup>th</sup> Uncommon Height Awards Gala—Ms. Lori George Billingsley and Dr. Thelma T. Daley.

She then presented the incomparable, singer-songwriter Ms. Valerie
Simpson who, with her full band, delivered a soul-stirring, toe tapping set that ended with attendees on their feet and dancing in the aisles.



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# the 13th UNCOMMON HEIGHT GALA (continued)



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## the 13th UNCOMMON HEIGHT GALA (continued)





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## ncnw welcomes new LIFE AND LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS

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#### Life Members

Karen Alford Kim Allums Janice Bell Anderson Tanya Y. Anderson **Annie Archie** Ursula Archie Harris Gertrude B. Batiste Carmen Bell Ridwana D. Bentley Shirley Richards Berry Sakinah Black Delphinea W. Blackburn Carolyn Blackshear Ruth W. Britt Moncenya D. Broadus Kiana Brooks Earlyne Brown Ethel L. Brown Hannah F. Brown Sadie Brown Gayle Marrie Brown-Driver Otha Hambrick Bryant Dr. Versie G. Burns Pamela T. Burton Diamond Butler Priscilla Carrow

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Stephanie Denise

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# ncnw welcomes new LIFE AND LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS

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### Life Members (continued)

Rev. L. Lynn Mitchell Vounzell C. Murphy Dr. Carolyn Orange Barbara Page **Beverly Peoples Sheryl Perkins** Katherine I Perry Sarvilla T. Pope **Claire Potier** Princess Powell-McEvilley Deborah Jean Randall **Harriet Reese Blondell Rice** Dr. Lena Q. Richardson-

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Leola G. Smith Naima Smith Diane C. Stratton Lydia Core Templeton Mildred V. Tucker Katie B. Turner Carolyn A. Vallas Gloria B. Walker **Evalena Washington** Sherri L. Washington Teresa R. Weissman Joann A. West Rebecca Wheeler Jeane G. Wise Jacqueline Duncan Woodford

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**Duplin County Alumnae** Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Grand Chapter, Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Dale City-Prince William County Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

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Teresa Cummings Cecilia C. Cunningham J. Deanna Easley Honorable Shirley Franklin Rachel Gholston Clarice Golden Sharon Hassan Cecelia Corbin Hunter Anita Horne Jenkins Andrea Louise Jenkins Lisa M. Johnson Rosaline Johnson

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Mary E. Justice-Conner

Frances W. Thompkins Linda Hall Vassall Dr. Paulette C. Walker Julia Winborne Pearlie M. Young-Rainer

#### **GROUP LEGACY LIFE**

Glories B. Zimmerman

Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

**CLICK HERE** for complete listing of new Partner, Advocate and Leadership Circle Members.

## a special THANKS for your contributions

Thank you to the NCNW Life Member Guilds, Sections and Members who contributed at the 2014 Life Members Breakfast.

NCNW Daytona/Springfield Life Members Guild
NCNW Greater Washington Life Members Guild
NCNW Indiana Life Members Guild
NCNW New Jersey Life Members Guild
NCNW Ohio Life Members Guild
NCNW South Carolina Life Members Guild

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NCNW Cleveland Section
NCNW Manhattan Section
NCNW Mary McLeod Bethune Section
NCNW Tampa Metropolitan Section
NCNW Texas Coalition
NCNW Washington Section and Margaret Pemberton



Starlee Alexander Sharon Trimble Beard Lillie Bowles

Jacqueline G. Boyce

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# meet the nominee for u.s. attorney general LORETTA E. LYNCH

n November 8, 2014, President Barack Obama nominated U.S. Attorney **Loretta E. Lynch** to replace Eric Holder as the next Attorney General of the United States, or "the people's lawyer." If confirmed, Ms. Lynch will become the first female African American U.S. Attorney General. As members of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), we strenuously object to any suggestion that her nomination is simply an attempt by the President's attempt to maintain the racial and ethnic diversity of his cabinet. The reality is that Ms. Lynch is well-qualified for the position.

Ms. Lynch took the oath of office on May 3, 2010 as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. In so doing, she returned to the Office she previously led as United States Attorney from 1999 to 2001 under President William J. Clinton. Today, she oversees all federal criminal and civil investigations and cases in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island as well as Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island. Ms. Lynch has expanded the office's national security practice into the area of cyber security and has also made community outreach a priority. Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Ms. Lynch to the Attorney General's Advisory Committee in 2010, naming her Chair of the Committee in 2013. She also sits on the Department of Justice's Diversity Council.

Ms. Lynch began her career in the Eastern District in 1990, after working as a litigation associate for a leading New York firm. Ms. Lynch served as Chief of the Long Island Office from 1994 to 1998, after serving as the Deputy Chief of General Crimes and as Chief of Intake and Arraignments for the district. While in the Long Island Office she was the lead prosecutor in a series of trials involving allegations of public corruption. Ms. Lynch also served the

district as Chief Assistant, where she was a member of the trial team in U.S. v. Volpe, et al., a five week civil rights case involving the sexual assault by uniformed New York City police officers upon Haitian immigrant Abner Louima.

She was a frequent instructor for the Department of Justice in their Criminal Trial Advocacy Program and served as an Adjunct Professor at St. John's University School of Law.

Before returning to the office as United States Attorney in 2010, Ms. Lynch was a partner in the New York office of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P

Ms. Lynch received her A.B., cum laude, from Harvard College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. She is a charter member of the Xi Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.—one of NCNW's 37 national affiliated organizations.

We, the members of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) support the appointment of Ms. Loretta Elizabeth Lynch as the next Attorney General of the United States of America.



# ncnw speaks POLICE VIOLENCE AND REFORM

Tith the new year now well underway, we know that there is much for which we can all be thankful. We also know, however, that there is much to be concerned about. We are witness to

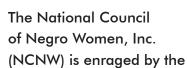


**REKIA BOYD** 

our nation becoming more diverse and more divided. Undeniably, gaps in income equality, access to quality education, healthcare and affordable housing are among the stark indicators that while we have indeed made progress, the struggle for equality and justice

continues. The death of Trayvon Martin along with recent grand jury decisions in Ferguson, MO and New York City sparked mass protests in those communities and beyond for good reason. Michael Brown and

Eric Garner joined an all too long list of African Americans whose lives were lost to violent encounters with law enforcement officials.





**MIRIAM CAREY** 

use of excessive force by law enforcement and the subsequent denial of justice to the Brown, Garner and all other families who have faced the same situation. The organization recognizes the stress



**ERIC GARNER** 

that every Black mother, father and/or guardian raising male children feels when stories like that of Michael Brown, Eric Garner and Tamir Rice make the evening news. Sadly, as members we know that

those feelings are not limited to a specific event or occurrence. Rather, we live day in and day out with a cold fear as our sons. husbands and fathers leave the house. That fear will not allow us to go to bed until everyone is present and accounted for in our



JOHN CRAWFORD, III

homes. And there is no doubt that this constant stress impacts the physical and mental health and wellbeing of African American women. Noted below is a list of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, friends-African Americans killed by police in the last 10 years. Today, the words civil rights leader of Fannie Lou Hamer resound loudly as she said "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired!"

As chair and vice chairs, we are calling for every member of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) including our 38 national affiliated organizations, 230 community and campus-based sections and every individual member to recommit to the struggle for justice and equality. There are four things that we can all do right now that can make a difference.

- 1. **Pray** for the Brown, Garner, Rice and all other families impacted by police violence.
- 2. Participate in local activities that are productive and focused on police reform and accountability. As a starting point, we encourage you to look at the 10-POINT JUSTICE PLAN developed by the



MICHAEL BROWN

# ncnw speaks POLICE VIOLENCE AND REFORM (cont'd)

National Urban League. NCNW endorses this plan and we hope that you will too!. **CLICK HERE** for the plan.

- 3. Talk to the young men and women in your family, church and community. Help them to understand the events that are unfolding and how to properly respond to the environment in which we find ourselves. This is critically important as we advocate for police reform and accountability of the justice system. We must also recognize that if we don't equip our children to deal positively with and survive the realities of the day, no one will!
- 4. **Share** the list of African Americans killed by police violence in the last 10 year. Post it on FaceBook, ask your pastor for permission to include it as an insert in your church bulletin, etc. Let us not allow any of these names to be forgotten!

Just over a year ago, our nation observed the 50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington and the iconic "I Have a Dream" speech delivered from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The times are such that we must decide that his dream is still THE DREAM, that we refuse to accept the nightmare of police brutality of violence and then, we must struggle on. **Dr. Dorothy Irene Height**, civil rights icon and NCNW's beloved president emerita often said "If the times are not ripe, we have to ripen the times!" There is no argument that given recent events, the times are ripe. Now, we must act to facilitate needed reform in law enforcement and our justice system.

Ingrid Saunders Jones, National Chair Thelma T. Daley, Vice Chair E. Tonya Greenwood, Vice Chair Hon. Diane Watson, Vice Chair LaToia A. Jones, Vice Chair Young Adults

# african americans KILLED BY POLICE

(1994-2014)

2014: Tamir Rice (Cleveland, OH)

2014: Victor White III (Iberia Parish, LA)

2014: Dante Parker (San Bernardino County, CA)

2014: Ezell Ford (Los Angeles, CA)

2014: Michael Brovvn (Ferguson, MO)

2014: Tyree Woodson (Baltimore, )

2014: John Crawford III (Beavercreek, OH)

2014: Eric Garner (New York, NY)

2014: Yvette Smith (Bastrop, TX)

2014: Jordan Baker (Houston, TX)

2013: Barrington Williams (New York, NY)

2013: Carlos Aids (New York, NY)

2013: Deion Fludd (New York, NY)

2013: Jonathan Ferrell (Bradfield Farms, NC)

2013: Kimani Gray (New York, NY)

2013: Kyam Livingstone (New York, NY)

2013: Larry Eugene Jackson, Jr. (Austin, TX)

2013: Miriam Carey (Washington, DC)

2012: Chavis Carter (Jonesboro, AR)

2012: Dante Price (Dayton, OH)

2012: Duane Brovv.n (New York, NY)

2012: Ervin Jefferson (Atlanta, GA)

2012: Jersey Green (Aurora, IL)

2012: Johnnie Kamahi Warren (Dotham, AL)

2012: Justin Slipp (New Orleans, LA)

2012: Kendrec McDade (Pasadena, CA)

2012: Malissa Williams (Cleveland, OH)

2012: Nehemiah Dillard (Gainesville, FL)

2012: Ramarley Graham (New York, NY)

2012: Raymond Allen (Galveston, TX)

2012: Rekia Boyd (Chicago, IL)

2012: Reynaldo Cuevas (New York, NY)

2012: Robert Dumas Jr (Cleveland, OH) . . .

For complete list, click here.



ver the past 15 years, "trafficking in persons" and "human traffickina" have emerged as umbrella terms for activities involved when someone obtains or holds a person in compelled service. Major forms of human trafficking include:

- Forced Labor
- Sex Traffickina
- **Bonded Labor**
- **Debt Bondage Among Migrant Laborers**
- Involuntary Domestic Servitude
- Forced Child Labor
- **Child Soldiers**
- Child Sex Trafficking

Everyone has the potential to discover a human trafficking situation. While victims may be kept behind locked doors, they are often hidden in plain view at construction sites, restaurants, elder care centers, nail salons and in agricultural fields and hotels. Traffickers' use of coercion (e.g. threats of deportation, harm to the victim or their family) are so powerful that victims are often too fearful to accept help. Knowing the indicators of human trafficking and questions to ask will help you act appropriately.

#### **Human Trafficking Indicators**

While not an exhaustive list, these are some red flags to watch for:

- Living with employer
- Multiple people living and/or working in cramped space
- Inability to speak to individual alone
- Answers appear to be scripted and rehearsed
- Employer is holding identity documents
- Signs of physical abuse
- Submissive or fearful
- Unpaid or paid very little
- Under 18 and in prostitution

#### **Questions to Ask**

Assuming you have the opportunity to speak with a potential victim privately and without jeopardizing the victim's safety, here are some sample questions to ask to follow up on the red flags you became alert to:

- Can you leave your job if you want to?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you been hurt or threatened if you tried to leave?
- Has your family been threatened?
- Do you live with your employer?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Are you in debt to your employer?
- Do you have your passport/identification in your possession?

#### Where to Get Help

If you believe you have identified someone in a trafficking situation, call 911 immediately. Do not attempt to rescue anyone on your own!

A victim who has escaped a trafficking situation should immediately be referred to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1(888) **373-7888**. The Center is equipped to handle calls from all regions of the United States from a wide range of callers including, but not limited to: potential trafficking victims, community members, law enforcement, medical professionals, legal professionals, service providers, researchers, students, and policymakers.

For more information, contact The Center at: www.traffickingresourcecenter.org (Website); 1(888) 373-7888 Toll Free; Via text at: BeFree (233733) (For victims seeking immediate help.)

# bring back our girls: NCNW HAS NOT FORGOTTEN

A pril 15, 2014 was NOT just an ordinary day. Nor is it significant because it represents the deadline for filing income taxes here in the United States. Rather, dozens of heavily armed members of Boko Haram rolled into Chinok, a small northeastern town in Nigeria and kidnapped 276 teenage school girls from the Chibok Government Secondary School. Boko Haram is an extremist group whose name in the Hausa language means "western education is a sin."



Previously closed following threats from the extremist group, the school opened so that the girls

could take final exams. Asleep in their dormitory,

the young women awoke to gunfire, were herded into vehicles and watched their school be burned to the ground. Several girls either escaped or were allowed to flee but there are still approximately 230 missing. Reports that the girls were forced to convert to Islam and have been auctioned off for as little as \$12 each to become "wives" of the terrorists abound.

Early on in the crisis, we witnessed intense global media coverage, reports of a "deal" between the Nigerian government and Boko Haram, utrage expressed by human and civil rights organizations around the world and numerous rallies and marches to raise awareness about the plight of those

girls. Today, the sad truth is that little more has been done. Can we really just move on? Turn a blind



eye to this perversity? Allow terrorists to openly engage in the trafficking of our daughters without consequence? Allow education to be denied to young women? While it is true that 4 million girls ages 4-11 do not attend school in Nigeria and 20% of girls in Nigeria are raised by age 15, we cannot afford to believe this is simply a Nigerian issue. Those girls **ARE OUR GIRLS!** 

Girls around the world and here in the United States are still being denied an equal, quality education. They are being sold, abused and discarded. We **must** increase our awareness of the signs of human

trafficking and take action when we encounter potential victims. We **must** speak boldly to government leaders and demand action.

We **must** insist on the education of our daughters so that they are

properly equipped to make positive contributions in their communities and the world!

We **must** spread the word—WE WANT OUR GIRLS BACK, NOW!

**#BRINGBACKOURGIRLS** 





# mid-atlantic bethune/height RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

he Annual Mid-Atlantic Bethune Height Recognition Program (BHRP) **Luncheon** was held at the Washington Navy Yard Catering and Conference Center in Washington, DC. Attended by over 350 individuals, the event was chaired by Ms. Martha Morris, President of the Northern Virginia Section with co-chairs Dr. Linda Hunt, Ms. Janis Johnson and Ms. Camille Turpin (collegiate representative). Collegiate Section members from Howard University, Frostburg State University, Delaware State University, Bowie State University, University of Maryland, College Park and George Washington University served as hostesses, welcoming every guest, assisting with seating and managing the coat check with ease and grace.



Ms. Dawna Michelle
Fields follows the late Mrs.
Queen Esther McCall who
served as National Chair,
BHRP until her death in
2013. Ms. Fields noted "I
am honored to accept this
appointment—I grew up

Ms. Brenda Farmer,
Director of University
Events and Ceremonies,
Delaware State University
served as the Mistress
of Ceremonies and
attendees were especially
pleased to welcome
Dr. Thelma T Daley,
Honorary Chair and Ms.
Dawna Michelle Fields,
Chair, National BHRP.



in the Bethune Recognition Program and had the privilege of knowing and working closely with Mrs. McCall. I look forward to our working together to grow the BHRP so that, in turn, we grow our support of NCNW's national office."

Ms. Fields noted that the BHRP is patterned after the Donor Program of Hadassah. Established in 1974 by NCNW section leaders in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York working with Dr. Height to ensure funds were available to support the work of the national office.

With music provided by Grandioso, the program was well organized and spirit-filled. **Ms. Taylor Davis**, a Student at the Howard University School

of Nursing offered the Response to the Litany—bringing many in attendance to tears as she represented the hope and commitment of young women who believe in Mrs. Bethune's vision.

In addition to recognizing Achievers and new Life and Legacy Life Members, the Mid-Atlantic Region conferred the coveted Illuminated Scroll award on **Sister Donna M. Mitchell**, Principal and President,

## mid-atlantic bethune/height RECOGNITION LUNCHEON (continued)



Destiny Management Services, LLC and Recipient of the Outstanding Woman in Industry Award; Sister Princess Powell-McEvilley, Co-Founder, Change II and Recipient, Outstanding Volunteer Award and the **Prince George's** County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Science in Everyday **Experience (SEE) Initiative**, Recipient, Leader in Science Award.





# ncnw young adult VICE CHAIR

#### KICKS OFF DINNER AND DIALOGUE SERIES

TaToia Jones, elected NCNW
Young Adult Vice Chair at the 56th
National Convention hosted a Young
Professionals Dinner and Dialogue on
Monday, December 1st. Coinciding
with World AIDS Day, twenty young
women (ages 25-38) spent the
evening in candid conversation about
NCNW's future.



Rev. Alyce Walker Johnson, Interim Chief
Administrative Officer gave an overview of NCNW's
history, membership and current priorities and
programmatic focus areas including: Education,
Health and Economic Security. Dr. Alana
Hackshaw, a consultant working with NCNW's
Economic and Entrepreneur Development Center
(EEDC), highlighted the Center's goals and

upcoming events.



Moderated by NCNW's
Immediate Past National
Treasurer, the **Rev. Leah Daughtry**, Pastor, House of
the Lord Church (Washington,
DC) and President and
CEO, On These Things, LLC,
attendees responded to the

question "How can we ensure the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is relevant to your life and experience?" The rich conversation highlighted the fact that most of our nation's established civil rights and women's leadership organizations are dealing with the same issues—attracting and retaining youth and young adults.

Participants acknowledged that NCNW isn't always on the radar screen of young women in their age bracket and stressed their desire for concrete opportunities to improve the quality of life for Black women, families and communities. Some of our nation's brightest young women spoke forcefully to the issues of the day and encouraged NCNW to mobilize its membership (including national affiliated organizations) on the most critical policy and advocacy issues that affect Black women and their families;

to leverage its network and speak to issues like the way Black women continue to be portrayed in their media and our under-representation in leadership positions in various sectors; serve as a research and information hub and become the "go to" organization for accurate information about women of African descent.

Rev. Daughtry noted that the inputs received would be critical to NCNW's strategic planning process and challenged the young women present to work closely with our Young Adult Vice Chair to help lead NCNW's transformation so that it is better able to reflect, represent and support women at every stage of life including those who are young professionals. Ms. Jones noted that this is the first of a series of dialogues planned for young professional women. She expects to host similar events around the country in 2015.

Special thanks to The Honorable Alexis M.

Herman and The Dorothy Irene Height

Education Foundation for contributing a Life

Membership for the event. Dr. Menna Demessie,

Senior Research and Policy Analyst for the

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) was
the recipient of this generous gift and has already
committed to working with us to strengthen our
beloved council.

#### 2014 world AIDS DAY

On Monday, December 1, NCNW joined institutions, organizations and individuals around the globe for the annual World AIDS Day Observance. Individuals were challenged to "Rock a Red Ribbon" and NCNW's sections, guilds and national affiliated organizations did just that!

While World AIDS Day is over, it is critical that we not let up on our HIV/AIDS education, prevention, care and support efforts!

Black women — more than any other women in the United States — are getting HIV. In fact, of all of the women living with HIV in the United States, approximately 66% are African American.

The majority (87%) got HIV by having unprotected sex with a man. Sadly, at some point in her lifetime, 1 in 32 black women will be diagnosed with HIV infection.

But that is not the end of our story. Yo<mark>u can make a</mark> difference and here is how:

- Learn how to prevent HIV infection.
- Take the test and make sure that you know you own status. Many clinics and testing locations in your area offer free HIV tests. You can even get confidential or anonymous HIV tests. Click Here to use the Take Charge. Take the Test.™ site locator or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) to find out where you can get a free HIV test in your area.
- Seek medical care immediately if you test positive for HIV. Treatment can help to keep you healthy and you can find support and get connected to care and other services

- No matter what, avoid all risky behavior, including unprotected sex
- Wear your Red Ribbon everyday as a visible sign that you are informed and committed to ending HIV infection NOW!
- Talk to your partner, family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and encourage them to get tested too!



#### **REMEMBER:**

- May 10-16- National Women's Health Week
- June 27 National HIV Testing Day

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is a participating partner in The Act Against AIDS Leadership Initiative (AAALI)—a partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and some of the nation's leading organizations representing the populations hardest hit by HIV and AIDS. Together, we use our collective strength and influence to increase HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, testing, and action within communities disproportionately affected by HIV/ AIDS across the United States.

## the dekalb section HOLIDAY GALA

THE LOIS KEITH TRAILBLAZER AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE (SERVANT LEADERSHIP)

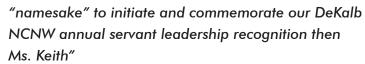


The DeKalb Section of NCNW held its annual holiday gala on Sunday, December 7, at the Atlanta Marriott Centry Center. Always a highlight of the season for hundreds of guests, this years' event was particularly special as the section announced the creation of The Lois Keith Trailblazer Award for Exemplary Community Service and presented the inaugural award to Mrs. Annie Lois Keith.

Mrs. Keith is a former president of the DeKalb Section and served as co-host of the Southeast Regional Town Hall Meeting held last year in Atlanta. She has served as the Assistant Secretary of the Board (completing her term in 2012) and National Membership Chair, a post that she was recently reappointed to making her one of the newest members of the NCNW Executive Committee.

Ms. Angela Crew, President of the DeKalb Section explained "We are so grateful for the manner in which Mrs. Keith has and continues to give leadership to this section, our community and NCNW in general. We wanted to recognize the traits that we believe so aptly reflect true servant leadership." Ms. Derricka Williams, a member of the DeKalb Sections' Technology Committee who helped spearhead the

creation of the award said "We, at NCNW, could not think of a better



NCNW's national chair, **Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones** was among the many family and friends present to celebrate and congratulate Mrs. Keith. Ms. Jones extended warm greetings and noted that "...Lois Keith is one of a kind. Her passion for NCNW to have an impact in the communities we serve is just infectious and I don't think we can find anyone better to lead membership—she is proud of her affiliation with NCNW and makes it her business to bring others into the fold. I am blessed to have such an

amazing leader on my team and I thank the DeKalb section for recognizing her today!"



In presenting
The Lois Keith

Trailblazer Award for Exemplary Community
Service (Servant Leadership) the section stressed
"The servant-leader is servant first. It begins with
the natural feeling that one wants to serve. Then
conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. The
best test is: do those served grow as persons? Do
they, while being served, become healthier, wiser,
freer, more autonomous and more likely themselves
to become servants?"

NCNW CONGRATULATES MRS. A. LOIS KEITH, RECIPIENT, THE 2014 DEKALB NCNW SECTION LOIS KEITH TRAILBLAZER AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE,



## ncnw's united nations REPRESENTATIVE REPORT EXCERPT

#### 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information Conference Highlights

TCNW maintains accreditation as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Fannie Munlin who serves as NCNW's Main Representative lead NCNW's delegation of 30 members who attended the 65th Annual UN Department of Public Information (DPI) Conference held August 27-29, 2014. More than 1,500 NGO representatives from 170 countries were in attendance, making this conference the largest ever! Working under the theme "2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda," attendees assessed progress towards the UN Millennium Development Goals, explored strategies to eradicate poverty and discussed ways to achieve sustainable development throughout the world. Keynote speakers Included Maher Nasser, Acting Head of the United Nations of the United Department of Public Information and Jeffery Huffines; Chair 65th UNDPI/NGO Annual Conference.

During the conference, NCNW's representatives met the UN Regional Representatives serving Africa, Asia and Latin America; gained insight regarding the role and function of the NGO/ DPI Executive Committee and participated in an intensive Question and Answer Session attended by the representatives of more than 50 NGOs from around the world. Exploring ways to deepen efforts to share information and leverage the network of NGOS, NCNW's delegation presented an overview of NCNW including our history, membership and network of community-based sections.

Economic stability remains among the top issues both in the U.S. and around the world. Conference attendees agreed that the post-2015 Sustainable Development agenda must have the eradication of poverty for all people as the primary goal. Asserting that entrepreneurship is one of the keys to lifting individuals out of poverty, the conference also concluded that those living extreme poverty must be involved in the development strategies, programs, systems to end poverty as they have marketable skills and talents that, with the proper support systems, will allow them to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

The Reading of the Declaration was a major highlight of the conference at which time remarks were made by H.E. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary General and Ms. Amina Mohammed, United Nations Secretary General's Special Advisors on the Post 2015 Development Planning.

Ms. Munlin continues to represent NCNW with distinction, having served in a number of leadership roles, including member of the DPI Conference Planning Committee (2014), Chair of NGO/DPI Conference Nominations Sub-Committee (2014) as well as a past chair of the entire convention.

For a complete list of NCNW's Delegation, **CLICK** HERE.

> Fannie Munlin **NCNW Main United Nations Representative**

# ncnw's economic and entrepreneur DEVELOPMENT CENTER

With generous support from the Ford Foundation and The Coca-Cola Foundation, NCNW is working to reimagine the Economic and Entrepreneur Development Center (EEDC). As part of our observance of NCNW's 79th Founders Day, the center hosted a free seminar "Fund My Dream: Financing Options for Startups and Small Businesses" on Saturday, December 6. This half day session was designed to expose entrepreneurs to both tradition and non-traditional ways to finance their small business or start up.

The conversation was led by Ms. Natalia Oberti
Noguera, Founder and CEO of Pipeline Fellowship;
Mr. William Michael Cunningham, Managing
Partner at National Crowdfunding Services, LLC; Ms.
Tameka Montgomery, Associate Administrator,
Office of Entrepreneurial Development, Small
Business Administration and Mr. Paul Taylor,
Executive Director, Small Business Resource Center
(Baltimore, MD).

Topics included angel investing, crowdfunding "dos and don'ts" as well as resources for those considering starting a business as well as for those who have already started "living their dream!" Twenty five individuals—many already in business for themselves—attended the session. In addition, twenty members of the Morgan State University NCNW Section joined the conversation and luncheon Q and A session about entrepreneurship.

2015 will be a pivotal year as we continue to build the NCNW Economic and Entrepreneurial Development Center with an aim of reaching over 3,000 women throughout the United States by 2020. The Center will provide information, training, technical assistance, and peer to peer and mentoring support to African American women seeking to establish and/or maintain a small business or startup.

Stay tuned!



Ms. Natalia Oberti Noguera Founder and CEO, Pipeline Fellowship, Moderator



Mr. William Cunningham Managing Partner National Crowdfunding Services, LLC



Ms. Tameka Montgomery
Associate Administrator
Office of Entrepreneurial Development, SBA



Mr. Paul Taylor Executive Director Small Business Resource Center (Baltimore)



# in loving MEMORY

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

Rev. 14:3 (NLT)

Pearlena Allen Nellie Felton Helen Nichols Dr. Maya Angelou Bernice Nunn Martha Flaggs Barbara Boxley **Ruby Fountain** Joyce A. Reynolds **Christine Bradford** Queen Gary **Gerald Roper** Jolene Bristow Othetta Glover Georgia Ann Lyles Saunders Colleen Scarborough Oscar Brown Dorothy E. Hammond Birdia Ruth Hawthorne **Ruth Sizemore** Betty Brown Willie H. McCallum Michele Humeston Thelma Stukes Eleenn Capiti Louise Isaac **Katherine Tignor** Roberta Carter June Jackson Beverly S. Vincent Gloria Chapmon Hilda H. Jerfferson Frances Walker Lorraine E. Wallace Willie B. Kennedy Vivian B. Clinton Clementine "Tina" Kirkendall Carol J. Cole Jean A. Ward Julia Culver Rosa Lee Lovely **Harriet Washington** Zennie M. Cummings Margo Weaver Queen Esther McCall Electa Davis Vera M. McLaughlin Arvel Wells-Kargbo Olivia S. McMillan **Maxine Davis Nellie Redmond Williams** Rhodie Nance-Branner Lovie Winslow Agnes Everage **Ethel Ewards** Mildred Nelson

<sup>&</sup>quot;I leave you love. I leave you hope. I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another. I leave you respect for the use of power. I leave you faith. I leave you racial dignity."

# rev. alyce walker johnson COMPLETES HER ASSIGNMENT

#### **NCNW Family,**

Please join me in offering a big **THANK YOU** to Rev. Alyce Walker Johnson.

Having joined my team in August 2012 for what was supposed to be a short, 4-month temporary assignment, the **Rev. Alyce Walker Johnson** will officially complete her consulting service to NCNW at the end of this month. Early in my tenure, I asked Alyce and members of the Executive Committee to lead an intensive organizational assessment. As a result of this work, we expanded Alyce's consulting role to include day to day leadership of the national office as we worked to stabilize and reposition our beloved council.

Indeed, Alyce served as the Chair's Liaison for Transition and Governance and Interim Chief Administrative Officer for much of her time with us. As many of you know, she was instrumental in our efforts to address a range of strategic and operational issues, including:

- Bringing NCNW current with all organizational and legal reporting requirements, including financial audits and 990s.
- Ensuring NCNW fulfills all programmatic grant obligations
- Preparing outstanding federal government and community foundation grant reports and audits
- Managing the 2013 National Affiliates Assembly held in Las Vegas
- Managing the 56th National Convention held in August 2014 and supporting the 13<sup>th</sup> Uncommon Height Gala

ongoing efforts to strengthen our relationship with Industrial Bank and other community partners



- Addressing the backlog in membership
- Ensuring the ongoing functioning and general upkeep of the Dorothy I. Height Building and the property on 16<sup>th</sup> Street

Over the last two years, NCNW has and continues to make real progress towards financial solvency, strengthening our infrastructure and realigning our programmatic work against our national priorities in Education, Health and Economic Security. Again, I hope that you will join me in thanking Rev. Alyce for her contributions. Alyce's transition is already underway and, as a woman of faith, she reminded me "To everything there is a season, and time to every purpose under heaven..." On behalf of the entire NCNW family, we wish Rev. Alyce all the best as she begins a new season in her life and ministry.

**Ingrid Saunders Jones** 

# up & coming CALENDAR

#### MARCH

- Delta Days at the U. S. Capitol (Washington, DC) 1-3: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- 12-15: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. South Eastern Regional Conference (Memphis,
- 12-15: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. 75th Eastern Regional Conference (Atlanta, GA)
- Delta Day at the United Nations (New York, NY) 13: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- 19-22: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Midwestern Regional Conference (Oklahoma City, OK)
- 19-22: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. 75th Central Regional Conference (Columbus,
- 24 Dorothy Irene Height Birthday (103rd)

#### **APRIL**

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 2-5: South Central Regional Conference (San Antonio, TX)
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. **8-12**: Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference (Richmond,
- 8-12 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Great Lakes Regional Conference (Pittsburgh,
- 15-19 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. South Atlantic Regional Conference (Orlando,
- 16-19 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. 75th Western Regional Conference (Phoenix, AZ)
- 22-26: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Central Regional Conference (Louisville, KY)
- 22-26: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. North Atlantic Regional Conference (Atlantic City, NJ)
- **22-26:** The Links, Inc. 43rd Eastern Area Conference
- 24-26: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. 73rd Northwestern Regional Conference (Hampton, VA)
- 4/29-
- 5/3: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Far Western Regional Conference

#### MAY

- 10: Mother's Day **13-17:** The Links, Inc. 43rd Southern Area Conference
- 25 Memorial Day (NCNW is closed)

#### JUNE

- NCNW National Affiliates Assembly and Board 4-7: of Directors Meeting Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel Atlanta, GA
- 16-20: The Links, Inc. 39th Central Area Conference (Cincinnati, OH)
- 21: Father's Day 24-28: Continental Societies
- 59th National Conclave 24-28: The Links, Inc.
- 42nd Western Area Conference **25-29:** Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. 39th Syn-Lod Conference (Washington, DC)
- 6/29 -National Urban League Conference 7/1: Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 6/26 -7/3: Women's Missionary Council, C.M.E. Church 18th Quadrennial Assembly Arlington, VA

#### JULY

- 9: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Zeta Organizational Leadership Conference Washington, DC
- Mary McLeod Bethune Birthday (140th) 10:
- 12-15: Women's Missionary Society, A. M. E. Church Young People's Division Conference Indianapolis, IN
- 16-19: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Leadership Seminar Chicago, IL
- 17-21: Women's Missionary Society, A. M. E. Church 18th Quadrennial Convention Indianapolis, IN
- **19-26:** Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. 63rd Boule (Indianapolis, IN)
- **25-31:** Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society (WHOMS), A. M. E. Zion Church 28th Quadrennial Convention Orlando, FL
- 22-29: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 52nd National Convention Houston, TX
- 7/29 -8/2 National Black Nurses Association Convention (Atlanta, GA)

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