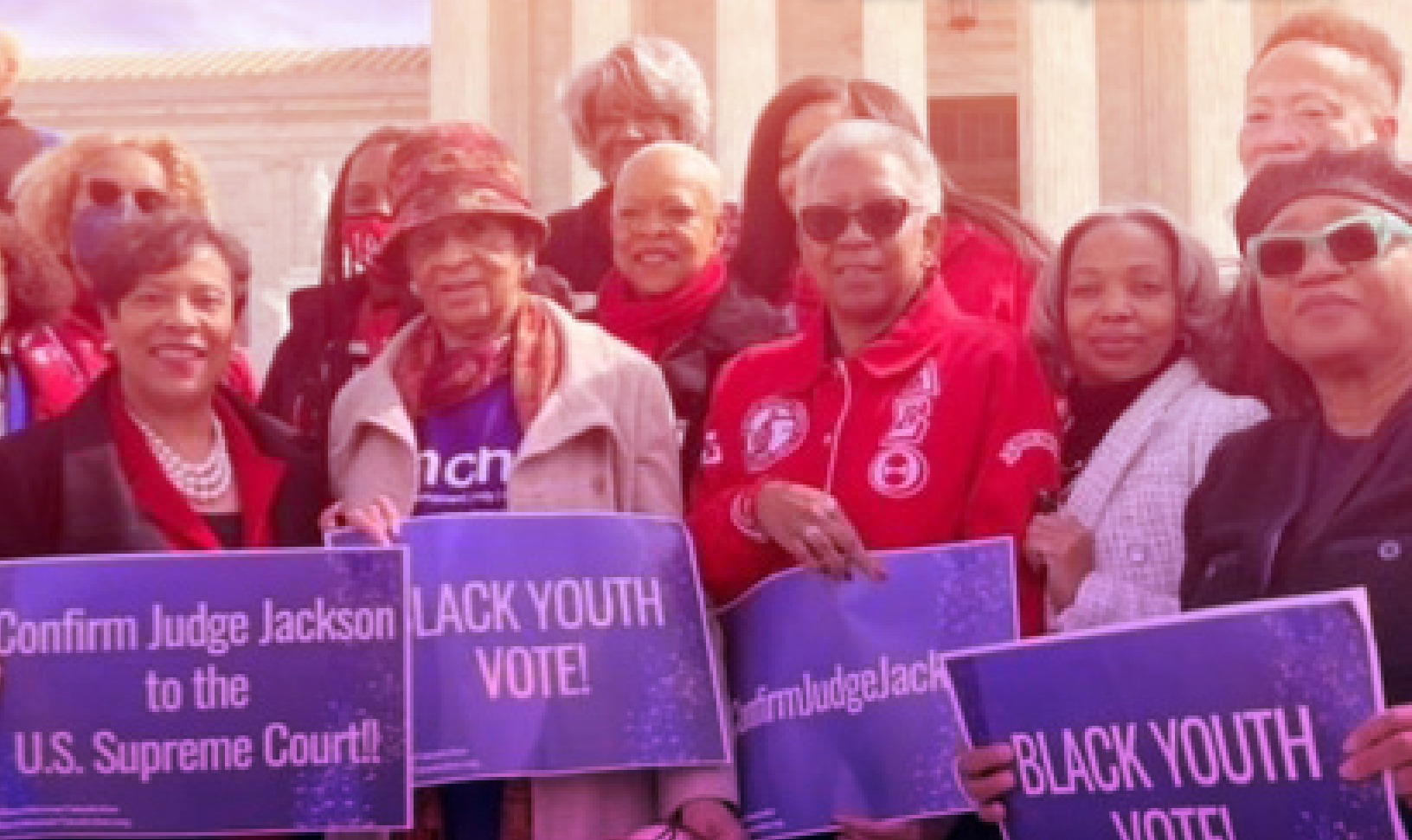


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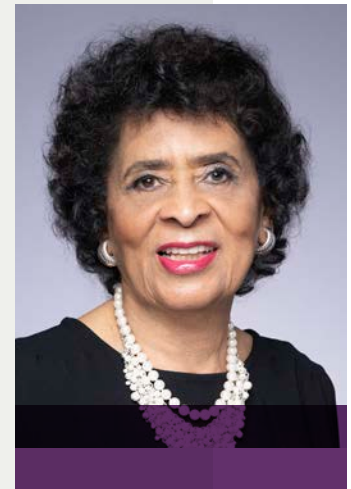
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NOT YET!!!



By Dr. Thelma Thomas Daley
8th National President & Chair

As I reflect on how and why I am writing my first President's message under the banner of NCNW, the paraphrased words of the ole' Negro Spiritual keep coming to my mind, "I been in NCNW a long time, and I ain't got weary yet." I was comfortable in being a solid member and doing my job with the Affiliates and I thought that would be it. However, a voice said, "Not Yet"; there is more to be done. Well, Black women can't get weary no matter the cause, the depth, nor the breadth, there is always a little inner voice quietly whispering, "Not Yet."

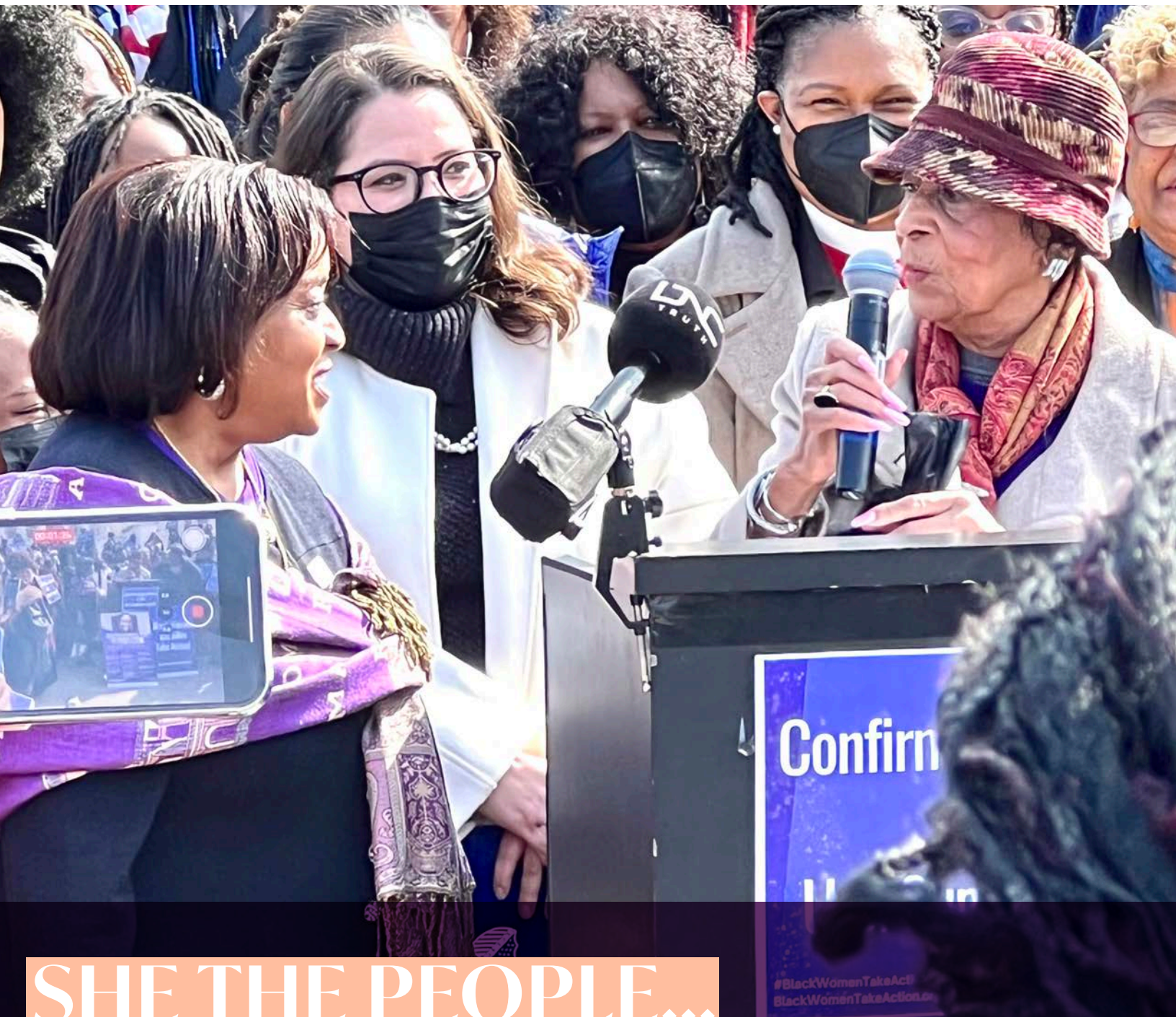
Even when Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer of Ruleville, Mississippi uttered she was sick and tired of being sick and tired, she was telling the world, Not Yet, as a strong Black woman there is much to be done, not yesterday, not next year, but right now. As thousands and thousands of Black women and Black girls watched the acrimony and vilification floated toward one of the most qualified and poised nominees for the Supreme Court of The United States that we have witnessed in our times; the Honorable Ketanji Brown Johnson's intelligence, stamina, wisdom, vast legal knowledge, and unbreakable poise conveyed to all Not Yet will you defeat her or us. With every negative stroke, we ban together to grow stronger in the fight for justice. No, Not Yet is the time to scale down our collective efforts; the struggles and gains of Dr. Bethune and Dr. Height still loom forth as a strategic light ever beckoning us to move forward with force, dignity, and wisdom.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly intruded on the health and lives of black and brown women, Not Yet can we relinquish support of Good Health WINs, and spread the word that two outstanding Black women have been at the forefront in the covid vaccine development and education. Dr. Kizzmekia "Kizzy" Corbett, a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, was a major scientist in the development of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. An equally important role is being executed by the Chair of the President's Health Equity Taskforce, Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith. As heart disease and breast cancer continue to have the highest rates within our ranks, Not Yet can we relax in listening to the voice of our health equity programmers as quality heralds for better health.

The centennial for the right of women to secure the vote was celebrated in 2020, marking that glorious day of August 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment became law. But Not Yet the little voice whispered, for even with the passage of the 19th Amendment and the Signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act into law, August 6, and the struggle for voting rights today, we as Black women have a job to do and the collective voice in NCNW is a route to successful advocacy. Not Yet, not yet, is it time to stray, relax, or give up, for with a guiding vision and a relevant mission coupled with a strong board and committed intergenerational members and staff, NCNW will continue to go forth with impactful footsteps in the journey ahead. Together, we will build on our noble history, as we shape a powerful future. No, Not Yet, do we let the negative voices over- power us for there is a Balm in Gilead that brings love and joy and hope and makes a way where no way seems possible.

Not Yet, My Sisters, for there is work to do and I feel your hand touching my hand as we take this exciting and invigorating journey step by step to a future that only women like you and me and me and you can carve!!! Together, we will journey on to a powerful uplifting future that we will discuss and fortify at the December 1-4, 2022 Convention in the Capital of the United States of America.

The future is bright; let us climb together!!!



SHE THE PEOPLE...

A New View of the Supreme Court of the United States of America

By Janice L. Mathis, Esq.
Executive Director



When Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson is formally sworn in, she will be the first Black woman to hold the position of Justice of the United States Supreme Court. As we all know, the Court is comprised of nine Justices. In theory, each vote carries the same weight. In reality, for the past couple of decades, the Justices tend to vote in blocs, just like American voters do. Urban voters and people of color tend to vote for Democrats. Conservative, rural, and white voters tend to vote for Republican candidates.

It takes five votes to constitute a majority of the court - and on the Supreme Court at least, the majority rules. Justice Jackson is replacing Justice Breyer, who usually voted with the bloc of three more or less progressive members of the Court. Some commentators have said that because she is replacing a person who was her mentor, and whose voting record is likely to be similar to hers, Justice Jackson will not make a big difference in the way Supreme Court decisions pan out. I beg to differ.

Justice Sonya Sotomayor, who is of Puerto Rican heritage, and Justice Kagan tend to vote in the same bloc as Justice Breyer and sometimes Chief Justice Roberts, who has surprised observers by being more progressive and pragmatic than his working-class Indiana roots might suggest. In some cases, the Chief Justice has taken on the unlikely role of swing vote - meaning that as he goes, so goes the Court. For example, it was his vote that saved the Affordable Care Act. Together these four were the progressive bloc.

There is a possibility - perhaps a likelihood - that the same cool, calm demeanor that got Justice Jackson through the contentious Judiciary Committee hearings and Senate floor debate, will prove persuasive inside the Supreme Court chambers where the decisions are actually hashed out. As a teenager, she convinced the majority of her classmates, more than 80% of whom were not Black, to elect her to be the class president. In the highly competitive environment of Harvard Law School, she performed well enough to lead the prestigious Harvard Law Review. Like Roberts,

Justice Jackson is what some observers consider to be an “institutionalist.” This simply means that she has respect for the norms that govern the court. She has repeatedly stated - I understand and respect the limited role that a judge plays in interpreting (as opposed to making) the law.

And there is her unique lived experience - as someone that worked in the federal public defender's office in D.C. representing indigent clients in criminal cases, a sister of law enforcement officers, a niece of a person convicted of a criminal offense, member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson brings more experience as a judge than four of the current justices combined did at the time they joined the court. This gives her the ability to see the American experience through a door and not a keyhole. These traits combine to make Justice Jackson a formidable leader and scholar.

The “notorious RBJ” (Ruth Bader Ginsberg) comes to mind. Often writing opinions for a minority of the members of the Court, she is nevertheless remembered for the impact she made on the way the court operated. In the awful 2013 *Shelby County v. Holder* case that eviscerated the pre-clearance provision of the Voting Rights Act, Justice Ginsburg wrote, “Throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes (in voting) is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.”

Eventually, when this nation returns to respect for “one person, one vote” and “equal protection under the law”, Justice Ginsburg’s words will continue to be remembered. And I have a sneaking suspicion that Justice Jackson is made of similar cloth. At the very least, an entirely new cadre of Americans will read her opinions and support her views because they can clearly see themselves in her experience. And that is the real value of diversity.



WHAT IS A DONOR-ADVISED FUND AND HOW DOES IT WORK

Now that tax season is over, it's a good time to consider how to maximize your tax deductible donations for next year. One philanthropic tool you may want to consider is a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF). This fund provides the ability to make a donation and take an immediate tax deduction for it while waiting to decide how the donation should actually be used.

What is a DAF?

A DAF is a third-party entity set up to manage the charitable donations of individuals, families, and/or organizations. The donor gives the money to the fund rather than giving directly to a charity. It allows donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction and then recommend grants from the fund over time. Donors can contribute to the fund as frequently as they like, and then recommend grants to their favorite charitable organizations whenever it makes sense for them. The money is subsequently donated to charity by the DAF.

What are the benefits of a Donor-Advised Fund?

DAFs provide tax and charitable giving advantages previously available only to those wealthy enough to set up private foundations. Donors are able to take a current tax deduction for contributions made to the fund. This is an important feature allowing a donor to take a tax deduction for all contributions at the time they are made, even though the money may not be disbursed to a charity until much later. This is an advantage to donors who need a tax deduction to make a donation now and then decide where the money will go at a later time when convenient.

In addition to providing financial support to charities, donor-advised funds can provide more immediate income tax deductions for donors, potentially reduce capital gains taxes, and estate taxes. DAFs are an excellent way to create a family legacy and honor a family name. In addition to tax deductions, benefits for donors include:

- Leveraging investment expertise from sponsoring organizations to grow charitable assets over time and strengthen grant making and social good power
- Actively engaging in grant making to support community initiatives and nonprofit organizations when you are ready
- Centralizing recordkeeping to simplify documentation for tax planning
- Supporting family philanthropy and/or legacy planning for future generations



Roslyn M. Hannibal-Booker,
Director of Philanthropy

How do you open a Donor-Advised Fund?

Working with your financial advisor and commercial bank, or community foundation, donate cash, non-cash or complex assets to your DAF, which is maintained and operated by a section 501(c) (3) sponsoring organization. Your contribution is eligible for an immediate tax deduction at the time your gift is made. Your charitable assets grow tax-free until you donate to your favorite nonprofit organization. Sponsoring organizations, such as community foundations and commercial banks, offer a variety of investment options for your charitable assets based on your projected grant making plan.

Check with your financial planner or local community foundation to learn more about starting a donor-advise fund.

For more information contact Roslyn M. Hannibal-Booker, Director of Philanthropy, via email at rbooker@ncnw.org.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. DOROTHY I. HEIGHT

Celebration with a Health Equity Symposium

On March 26th, 2022, NCNW held a virtual birthday party for Dr. Dorothy I. Height along with the Health Equity Committee commemorating her life, legacy, and accomplishments, on what would have been her 110th birthday.

Dr. Height, a Richmond native, social worker, and activist who was known as the “Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement,” served a successful 40-year tenure as president of the National Council of Negro Women. She died in 2010 at the age of 98.

The virtual celebration, which was open to the public, began at 2:00 P.M. and included special guests featuring Dr. Thelma T. Daley, national president and chair of the NCNW and a past national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; followed by our esteemed Executive Director Janice L. Mathis. Both women spoke about the importance of carrying the torch of Dr. Dorothy I. Height even when Black women are plagued with so many challenges.

Also, taking part in the virtual party was the Honorable Alexis M. Herman and past Committee Chair Paulette Norvell Lewis. Both women gave us an historical and personal perspective of Dr. Dorothy I. Height. All guests were surprised by the virtual appearance of Dr. Dorothy I. Height's great-great-nephew Jeffrey Randolph who gave NCNW adulation and praise regarding current work and shared how proud he and his family are in the way NCNW recognizes and reveres his aunt. Mr. Randolph also shared with guests that NCNW has a special place in their family's hearts. The party was moderated by Sarah Denton, chair of the NCNW Health Equity Committee.

Ms. Denton introduced Dr. Yvette Lowery who is the Health Equity Sub-Committee Chair on Breast Cancer and touched upon topics such as mammograms, self-awareness, and self-care. Ms. Lawry also shared with guests all of the wonderful work the Committee is doing around educating our community about Breast care. Ms. Nikki Sharp spoke on behalf of the Maternity Health Committee and reported on several of the projects they are currently working on. Ms. Sharp stated their Committee is laser-focused on working with underserved populations around all public health issues including pregnancy during Covid-19. The Health Equity Committee has been hard at work with its various webinars and works in partnership with NCNW's Good Health Wins initiative. Throughout her life, Dr. Height fought for equal rights for African-Americans and women, voting rights, reforms to the criminal justice system and reducing unemployment and illiteracy, as well as abolishing lynching.

Dr. Height worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders to end segregation and was involved in organizing the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom at which Dr. King delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. On the turntables to keep everyone engaged and involved was DJ NEEK NYCE.

You can still take part in the party. [Click on this link](#). Dr. Dorothy I. Height 2022 Birthday Celebration/ Health Equity Symposium

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INFLATION IS A FACT OF LIFE -- WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

The headlines about inflation are unrelenting, mostly because inflation is persistent and increasing. You'd need \$108 in March of 2022 to buy the same stuff you bought in March of 2021 for \$100.00. And the costs have not gone up evenly. Don't try to buy a new or used car, where prices have increased up to 25 percent in one year. More alarmingly, gasoline prices are up by nearly 50 percent, with some gas prices in parts of California as high as \$7.50 a gallon. Then there is food - with meat prices, especially, rising by as much as 20 percent. Housing, rent, and interest rates are all increasing. Inflation is a fact of life, a very unpleasant fact. What does this mean, and what does it mean to you?

The technical definition of inflation is that too much money is chasing too few goods. Prices are rising because there is a perception (and sometimes a reality) of scarcity. At the beginning of the COVID pandemic, as an example, the cost of everything from toilet paper to chicken parts rose because people were afraid of scarcity. People were stocking up, the shelves were empty, and prices rose. They are also growing because some people have more money, and COVID broke the supply chain. Prices also rose because small businesses, especially in the service sector, had to pay more to keep workers who



By Dr. Julianne Malveaux

have been empowered by the inequities exposed by COVID. The trickle-down effects of inflation include longer lines, slower service, and the expectation of patience.

Inflation hits people on the bottom, those who earn modest salaries, much harder than it affects the rest of us. If you make \$100,000 a year, an 8.5 percent price index costs you roughly \$8,500 a year, depending on how much you drive. If you earn about \$46,000, as the average Black household did, inflation will cost you \$3,910, and with a lower income, you have much less wiggle room to absorb higher costs. Those with higher incomes tend to own their homes, while those who are renters, the majority of the Black population, are subject to capricious landlords, rising rents, and housing scarcity. The rising cost of gasoline hits those who have less access to public transportation and often unreliable private transportation.

For some, inflation is not a bad thing. Rising inflation also means rising interest rates, which is beneficial for those on interest-based pensions. But the gains from investments may be wiped out by the losses from inflation. This inflationary environment is an incentive for us to look at our investment and retirement accounts to ensure they are earning the highest returns.

Is there anything we can do about inflation? From a policy perspective, it makes sense to be connected



to your legislators and understand which policies they should advocate that tend to lessen inflation's bite. Suspending or forgiving some student loan payments helps those at the bottom. So do income supplements like the child tax credit. There is political opposition to measures like these, but this opposition tends not to focus on inflation's impact on people at the bottom or in the middle.

From a personal perspective, this is an excellent time to check your spending and figure out how

inflation hurts you. What changes can you make to minimize your spending and manage inflation? Public transportation versus driving? A diet that is more vegetarian than meat-based? Are there other inflation-conscious lifestyle changes you might make? Inflation is a fact of economic life, and we've had the experience of relatively low rates of inflation in the past few years. In 2018, inflation was at 2.4 percent. It dropped to 1.2 percent in 2020. It is a staggering 8.5 percent, partly because of COVID recovery and supply chain challenges and because the recent war in Ukraine has had an inflationary impact. There is little we can do in the short run to curb inflation, but we must learn to manage it both in our personal lives and in the policy arena. Dr. Lisa Cook is the first Black woman to serve as a governor of the Federal Reserve Bank. Dr. Cook might pay more attention than some of her colleagues to those on the bottom who carry a tremendous burden of inflation.

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YEAR ONE OVERVIEW

By Jade Walker

The Good Health Women’s Immunization Network (Good Health WINs) is building an army of good health champions who understand the importance of immunizations across the lifespan. We are taking action across the nation to educate, advocate for and impact families and communities across the US to end the pandemic, address health disparities, and shine the light on the importance of good health. Through our network of trusted messengers and grassroots activities, we have helped increase vaccination rates, remove social and economic barriers, and improved health equity.

We are engaging in robust conversations with experts like Dr. Jackie from Married to Medicine, who is an OB/Gyn and Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, President of Morehouse School of Medicine, to motivate our communities to consider the COVID-19 vaccine in order to stem other preventable diseases, like the flu. The CDC reports that African American people have the highest flu-related hospitalization rates at 69%; Hispanic or Latino individuals’ flu-related hospitalizations are 45%; and Indigenous people’s hospitalization rate is 49%. Regularly scheduled routine immunization is one gateway to better overall health for children and adults. Good Health WINs was deployed by 12 NCNW state organizations last year and is expanding to Michigan, Alabama and New York (for a total of 15) in 2022.

We found ways to reduce barriers to access by working with county health departments, families experiencing homelessness, incarcerated people and foster families. As we begin year two, we would like to take this opportunity to thank thousands of NCNW volunteers, Affiliates and our national partners, Vaccinate Your Family and Trust for

America’s Health. We also want to share some highlights of year 1 State organization accomplishments.

Good Health WINs Year One State Accomplishments

Texas Sections that participated: Suburban Dallas/DeSoto, Minnie H. Goodlow Page, Golden Gate, High Desert, Ruth Jones McClendon, Beaumont-Southeast Texas, Houston Metropolitan Area, Suburban Dallas/DeSoto, and Barbara Jordan-Houston. More than 1,225 COVID-19 and/or Influenza Vaccinations were administered and efforts reached more than 5,000 Texans.

South Carolina Sections that participated: Bethune Leonard, Columbia, Colleton Florence, Clarendon, and Greenville have administered 679 COVID-19 and/or Influenza Vaccinations and reached nearly 2,000 residents.

Georgia Sections that participated: Rockdale, Gwinnett, DeKalb, and Greater Atlanta have administered 562 COVID-19 and/or Influenza Vaccinations and reached nearly 4,000 residents.

Florida Sections that participated: Brevard, Jacksonville, Metropolitan Dade County, St. Petersburg Metropolitan, West Volusia/Seminole, and Pensacola have provided educational events/activities for over 2,700 residents.

North Carolina Sections that participated: Alamance-Guilford, Fayette, Durham, and Cape Fear Area Sections have touched the lives of more than 1900 residents.



Maryland Sections that participated: Mitchellville-Bowie, Montgomery, and Prince George's have reached nearly 3,000 residents.

Ohio Sections that participated: Cuyahoga County, Clark County, Springfield, Columbus, Lorain County, North Ohio Life Members Guild, and Dayton have administered 108 COVID-19 and/or Influenza Vaccinations and touched the lives of nearly 14,000 residents.

Pennsylvania Sections that participated: Philadelphia, Delaware Valley, Greater Harrisburg, Greater Pocono, and Rankin/Mon Valley/Pittsburgh have administered 115 COVID-19 and/or Influenza Vaccinations and reached 2,000 residents.

Virginia Sections that participated: Stafford-Fredericksburg, Reston-Dulles, Richmond, and New Dominion Sections have provided educational materials to over 1,700 residents.

Mississippi Sections that participated: Gulfport, Natchez, and Okolona Section have administered 140 COVID-19 and/or Influenza Vaccinations and provided educational materials to over 400,000 residents.

California Sections that participated: Vallejo, East Bay Area, Fairfield-Suisun-Vacaville, San Francisco, San Gabriel

Valley, Sacramento, East Oakland/Hayward, and High Desert Section have administered 1,423 COVID-19 and/or Influenza Vaccinations and provided educational materials to 8,800 residents.

We are amazed by the work executed by the NCNW community and the Good Health WINs network. Interested in joining Good Health WINs? You can be a part of this network of cultural influencers too in the following ways:

If you are located within one of the 14 focus states please visit www.ncnw.org to find State Leaders or email Jade Walker at jwalker@ncnw.org.

If you live outside the focus states, please follow, like, comment, repost or share the wonderful activities and timely information found at www.goodhealthwins.org event page, or any of the numerous NCNW social media pages, including Twitter, LinkedIn, FB, TikTok or Instagram.

Use the #goodhealthwins as the official hashtag.

Finally, encourage your community and loved ones who want accurate information to attend any of the free monthly GHW webinars hosted each 1st and 3rd Thursday by NCNW sections, states, the HealthEquity Committee, or our national partners and Affiliates. We are all in for Good Health WINs!

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In 1919, the Club invited the first group of university graduates who lived outside the District of Columbia, to organize. Baltimore accepted the invitation. Through the efforts of the College Alumnae Club, seven branches were organized in cities where college women desired the affiliation with the founding group.

On April 6-7, 1923, representatives of the newly organized branches met in Washington, DC to consider the foundation of a national organization. A temporary National Association of College Women was formed. It was at the next conference on April 25-26, 1924, that the permanent organization was established and in November of that year it was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

The Charter of the National Association of University Women, Inc., was signed by the 13th National President Odessa Farrell on August 9, 1974, at the biennial convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Association accepted its updated Charter and became known as the National Association of University Women (NAUW).

The Association from its inception is a public service and educational organization of college women graduates who are bound by a powerful mystique. It is composed of Women who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of self-fulfillment through



Letisa Vereen
National President

service. The 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization is comprised of over 2,300 members in 84 branches throughout the United States and Africa. Its official headquarters is in Washington, DC.

The National Association of University Women, Inc., celebrated 112 years as an Association in March 2022. Our members serve in top leadership roles in federal, state, and local areas consistent with the Association's Five-Point Program that include educational development, health promotion, HBCU Support, Political Awareness and Involvement, and International Awareness. Today, programs remain the heart of NAUW, and our Five-Point Program is designed to improve the lives of others with creative and high-impact programs. All branches consistently implement programs effectively serving their respective communities.

The National Association of University Women, Inc., National Executive Committee of 14, including five Sectional Directors that oversee the North Central, Northeast, South Central, Southeast, and Southwest areas of the United States and abroad, is led by Mrs. Letisa Vereen, the 25th National President. She leads the organization under the theme, "A Legacy of Service and Commitment in Action." She guides the Associations' officers seeking excellence in administration and looking beyond traditional methods of service to create innovative approaches



NAUW

for organizational infrastructure, resource development, intellectual property, and several other facets needed within the Association.

About the Work

President Vereen and the National Board of Directors have led members in their work with educational development, mentoring opportunities, health initiatives, support of HBCUs, political awareness and involvement, international awareness, partnerships with service organizations, scholarship funding, and more.

Creativity and teamwork promise noteworthy governance and with the continued support of the National Board of Directors, President Vereen implemented a membership database with online dues payment, and electronically

distributes a quarterly Newsletter that highlights the activities of NAUW branches and Sections. Realizing the powerful leadership within the NAUW membership, the National Leadership Academy was established to assist members with developing their leadership skills. In addition, each national committee promoted training and professional development via zoom.

For the continued development and increased collaboration throughout the organization, the following National Committees were established in addition to the regular standing committees: Headquarters Fundraising and Convention & Resource Development.

A major renovation to our beloved headquarters, the "House on the Hill," was completed and all proceeds from



National Association of University Women, Inc.

NAUW's Intellectual Property will be allocated to the maintenance and preservation of the headquarters.

During President Vereen's tenure, the COVID-19 pandemic halted most activities. She and the National Executive Committee cancelled the 2020 face-to-face National Convention but made history by having the inaugural Virtual 72nd National Convention in July 2020, with over 600 participants. For the following year, she encouraged the Sectional Directors to implement virtual Sectional Conferences for the good of the organization.

In May 2022, the organization will host its grand re-opening of the "House on the Hill", the official headquarters building. The 1481 square foot building was purchased on August 25, 1995, by the organization's 19th National President, the late Phyllis J. Eggleston. The newly renovated building features office spaces, a customized boardroom that honors founders and past presidents, a custom bricked patio recognizing current branches and members of the organization, and a 916-foot mural designed by widely recognized DC artist Aniekan Udofia.

The grand re-opening ceremony will begin with the viewing of the newly installed National Registry marker outside the house followed by a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and a historical exhibit about the civil rights activist, Mary Church Terrell. This

program was made possible with participation and contributions from our partners, Howard University and Oberlin College.

Today, plans have been finalized for our 2022 National Convention that will be held July 28-31, 2022, in Orlando, Florida. Our prestigious four-day 73rd National Convention will showcase informative and engaging workshops, motivational speakers, an exciting awards program, and more.

Letisa Vereen will complete her second and final term as the organization's 25th National President at the National Convention in Orlando, Florida. She has been heralded for her exemplary leadership, fundraising, and networking skills. For over 32 years, she has served the organization - having held numerous positions at the national, sectional, and branch levels. She leaves an indelible mark as an NAUW leader.

NAUW members are proud to follow in the footsteps of our founders and to be inspired as we focus on "A Legacy of Service and Commitment in Action." We will continue their vision of sponsoring, promoting, and conducting educational activities for all learners. Join us in our quest to make an impact in our communities and provide excellence in service.

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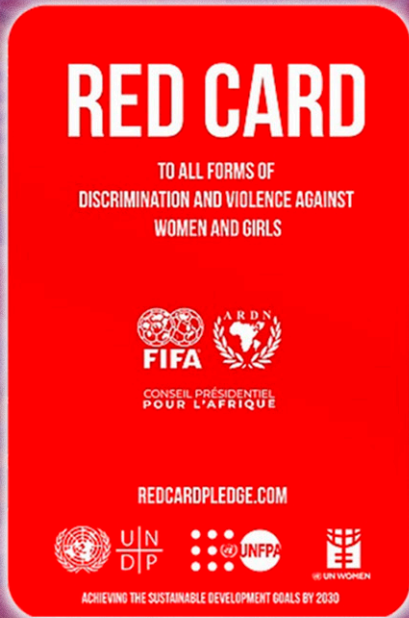
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NCNW STATE, REGION & SECTION NEWS

BARBARA JORDAN HOUSTON SECTION

The Barbara Jordan Houston Section of NCNW continues its support of the GHW's initiative. The section collaborated with Foster Elementary School by donating 400 PPEs, masks, hand sanitizers, kleenex, and healthy snacks. Principal Traci Lightfoot and her staff expressed their gratitude to NCNW for providing these needed items. Section members attending were Clardina Jones, DiAnn Robinson, Lucille Monroe, and Norvella Bryant.



CENTRAL FLORIDA SECTION

The Central Florida Section has had a very busy quarter.

November- A group of their sisters traveled to Daytona Beach to visit the iconic marble statue of Dr. Bethune and her home on the campus of Bethune Cookman University. In December, for their Christmas Giveaway Project, they gave 100 gift bags filled with personal hygiene products to homeless students at two local schools, Clermont Elementary and Windy Hill Middle School.

In January, we celebrated the homegoing services of our eldest member, Mother Essie Morgan Helper, who at the time of death was 103 years old. A plaque was given to her family in honor of her many years of membership with NCNW.

February- Congratulations to our sister, Stephanie Dukes, seeking a run for the Florida State Senate.

In March, Kudos to Vice Pres. Annette Dicks for being instrumental in planning an event in Clermont, Florida, in recognition of Tuskegee Airman Daniel Keel, where he resides. He will be 100 years old this September. Mayor Murray presented Airman Keel with a proclamation from the City of Clermont.

President Carole Davis, graciously represented and accepted the "Woman of the Year" award for our National Pres. Dr. Johnetta Cole, at the annual Onyx Magazine, Women on the Move ceremony.



NCNW State, Region, & Section News *(continued)*

CHESTERFIELD METRO AREA SECTION

Chesterfield Metro Area Section Charter founders, charter members, distinguished guests, and supporters gathered virtually and in-person on January 15, 2022, for the official officer installation ceremony. The occasion marked another NCNW (National Council of Negro Women) section added to a growing list throughout the US. A total of thirty-six charter members participated virtually or in person. The Chesterfield Metro Area Section (CMAS) of NCNW includes the areas of Chesterfield, Charles City, Amelia, New Kent, Powhatan, and Hopewell. NCNW national headquarters had already granted the new section their official charter on September 21, 2021; however, this was deemed a necessary part of this process. The event was held at Providence United Methodist Church, 901 South Providence Road, North Chesterfield, Virginia, where Senior Pastor, Rev. Derrick Parson, gave the invocation. Charles City

County Administrator Michelle Johnson, who was the Mistress of Ceremony, kept the program moving from the beginning to the end.

CMAS Founders Carolyn Harrington, Linda Banks, Jane Harris, and Angela Porter had the vision and passion for organizing and planning the new section over a year ago. Chair of the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors, James “Jim” Holland presented an impassioned greeting; guest speaker, Dr. Alicia Smith-Freshwater, Chief Biomedical Engineer for the VA-Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network, chose the theme of the ceremony, “Accelerating the Cause For Change” as the topic of her presentation.



COLUMBUS GEORGIA SECTION

Columbus, Georgia & CSU Sections PhiLL the Box for the KIND Scholarship

In February, the Columbus, Georgia (ColGA) and Columbus State University (CSU) Sections PhiLLed the Box to raise funds for the ColGA Section KIND Scholarship. The KIND Scholarship will provide long-term funding and mentoring for “average” students with unique abilities. “PhiLL the Box” is an easy fundraiser that pays for items to repurpose. The company provides the truck, and the sections collect clothing and other household textiles. All the sections had to do was locate a collection place and put the donations on the truck. The event was live-streamed by the local IHeart radio station, and the Columbus community donated 2 tons of items. ColGA earned \$750. The event was so successful that the company added an extra \$100. By Popular Demand, the

box will be PhiLLed again at the end of April. PhiLL the Box is available in many states. Contact ColGA info@ncnwcolga.org and put “PhiLL the Box” in the subject line if you want more information. It’s a free and easy way to raise funds.



COLUMBUS OHIO SECTION

NCNW + East High School + Nationwide Children's Hospital + TLOD = SUCCESS

An onsite vaccination clinic was held at East High School. Students, primarily under 18 years of age with parental consent, were able to receive a COVID-19 vaccination (first or second dose) or a booster shot. Immediately after getting the shot, each excited student received a \$50 Visa Gift Card from NCNW and a \$25 from TLOD through the Good Health WINs initiative.

Partnership: Columbus OH Section, NCNW; East High School National Honor Society; Nationwide Children's Hospital; TLOD, Columbus Chapter.

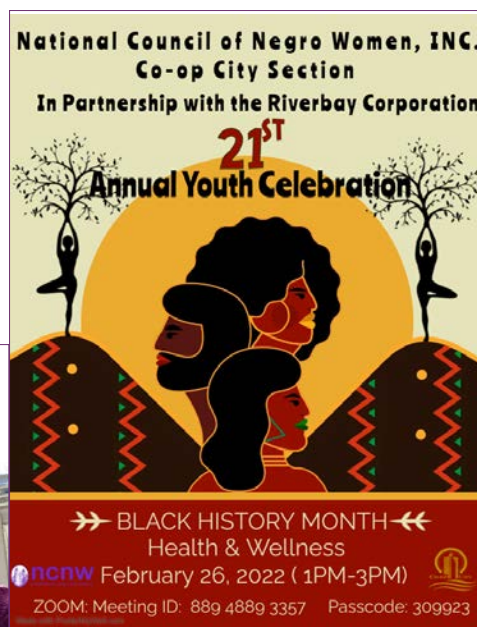


CO-OP CITY SECTION BRONX, NY

The Co-op City Section, Bronx, NY celebrated its Annual Women Represent program on April 2, 2022. Poetry was presented in honor of Maya Angelou. Guest authors Deirdre Savoy and Jasmine Wade read excerpts from their books and shared insight into their writings based on the program's empowering theme, Struggle to Strength: Women's Words on Conquering with Courage.

On February 26th, 2022, the Youth Committee celebrated with the Annual Black History program centered on health and wellness. Fatima Saidysal, a Youth section member, recited an inspirational, self-written poem entitled "In My Melanin."

There was information shared about Kizzmekia Corbett, a viral immunologist who was key to the development of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine. A saxophone solo and the Co-op City Jumpers dazzled us with a jump rope demonstration. Rounding out the program was a mindful yoga demonstration and a libation.



CUYAHOGA COUNTY SECTION

On Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., the Cuyahoga County Section hosted its first Virtual Tea Party honoring amazing trailblazers. The Emerald Anniversary theme, Trailblazers; Influencing Future Generations Through Service, Leadership, Excellence, and Resilience. The event honored local women as essential workers in the education and healthcare field. Leesa Jackson, Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells, Kristie Phillips, Tequita Spoon-Hector, and Youth Member Bryana Smith during the Global Pandemic, all strived toward the highest levels of personal and professional self-sacrifice in Cuyahoga County communities; and represent the ideals and integrity of NCNW. Good Health WINs Project Manager Synovia Moss spoke to guests about the

importance of receiving the Covid-19 Vaccine and the resources available through the Good Health WINs initiative.

The Cuyahoga County Section was chartered on October 11, 1966, by twenty-one trailblazers, who devoted considerable time and energy to communities in meaningful ways and forged leadership paths for other African American women to follow.

The event took members and guests back to 1966, a time in history when we were demanding equality and protesting racial segregation. Guests had the opportunity to win gift baskets centered around the 1966 theme. The virtual tea proceeds will allow CCS-NCNW to



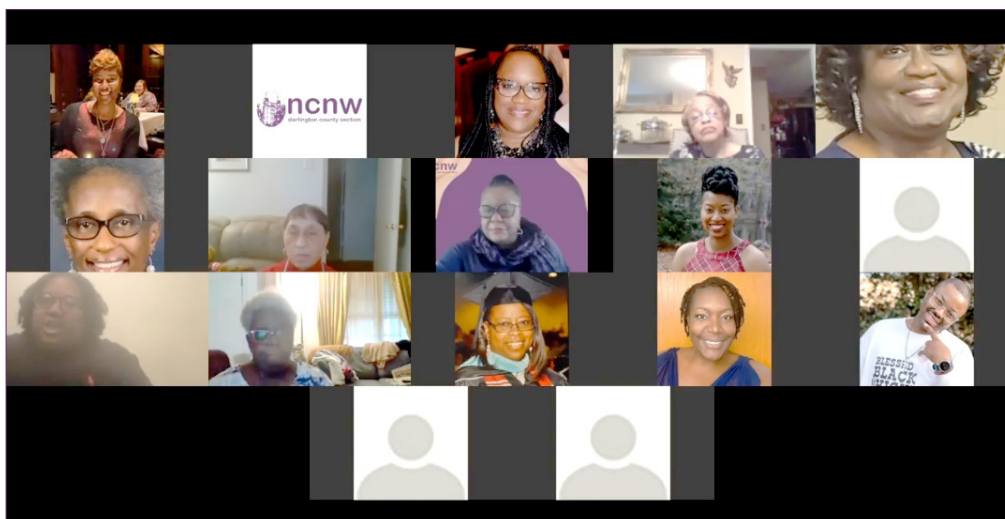
continue its community programs and to award scholarships to CCS youth who plan to attend college and focus on "STEAM."

DARLINGTON COUNTY SECTION

Darlington County Section of South Carolina recognized March as Women's History Month and Sisterhood Month and celebrated with a Spring into Poetry event on March 15th! The entertainment for the evening focused on everyday situations; as we travel through this journey called LIFE. Affiliates, Associates, family, and friends attended this awesome virtual

event that empowered women using poetry and spoken word as the roadmap. Our members had an opportunity to have a seat at the table with good food for thought!

Also, during this virtual zoom event, the latest Good Health WINs updates were given on Covid-19 and vaccines for participants to share with family and friends.



EAST BAY AREA SECTION

Fulfilling dreams, goals, and initiatives in our committee in a very impactful way.

Joy of Giving:

The EBA Section donated numerous coats to underprivileged children ages 1-11 at the Lend A Hand Annual Joy of Giving. The event was well attended by parents, children, volunteers, and the Oakland City Council Members, including Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf.

Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS):

EBA Section attended the Women's and Children's Reentry Campus. City Councilmember Treva Reid and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf are pictured with EBA Section President Carlene Gray.

EBA Section Women's History Month Celebration:

We were very honored to have Dr. Helena Johnson as our keynote speaker for our program along with EBA Section guest speakers: Dr. Felita Clark, Dr. Carolyn Williams, and Dr. Carmen Ward -Sullivan.



FLORIDA STATE COALITION SECTION

The Florida State Coalition of the NCNW observed its first State Founder's Day Celebration and 2021 Collegiate Section Graduates Recognition on Sunday, December 5th, 2021.

Collegiate members from various campuses throughout the state attended this celebration. The program included a historical perspective of NCNW, a musical tribute, and homage to the beginnings of the NCNW in 1935. The event also spotlighted the unveiling of The Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune statue in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole was a special guest.

Meanwhile, Synovia Moss, president and charter member of NCNW, Inc. Milwaukee Section, was the keynote speaker. Moss also is the project manager for the Good Health Women's Immunization Networks (Good Health WINs), a nationwide effort launched by NCNW's national offices in 2021. The goal is to raise awareness of the benefits of immunization as a critical element of good health.

During a portion of the program called "Service Beyond the College Campus," state officials recognized 25 collegiate graduates from Bethune-Cookman University, Florida A&M University, Florida International University, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida, the University of Miami, and the University of South Florida that received degrees in 2021. The "BRIDGE" tribute to the transition from collegiate section to community-based section concluded with a special tribute to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

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Darcell Graham - Deputy Director of Public Service - Enoch Pratt Free Library - Awanya Anglin-Brodie



Vivian Fisher Deputy Chief Enoch Pratt free Library - State Library Resource Center-African American Department - Awanya Anglin-Brodie

GREATER BALTIMORE SECTION (GBS)

The GBS Section partnered with the Enoch Pratt Library for their Black and Women's History Month Projects. Enoch Pratt Library provided GBS with daily content posted on GBS's social media and web pages. Special thanks to Enoch Pratt Library's Deputy Director Darcell Graham and Vivian Fisher, Deputy Chief Enoch Pratt Free Library, and their remarkable African American Department team!

GREATER BOSTON SECTION

As part of its 30 Acts of Giving campaign, which commemorates the section being established 30 years ago, the Greater Boston Section presented an honorary membership to Herlda Senhouse, the second oldest citizen of the state of Massachusetts at 111 years old. Vice President of Programs Linda Cline, (left) and President Lisa Braxton-Reid presented

"Aunt Herlda," as she is affectionately called, with an NCNW hat brooch, ballpoint pen, and face mask. Also, the section observed Women's History Month by celebrating Edmonia Lewis, the 19th century African American and Native American sculpture, and the recent U.S. Postal stamp created in her honor.



GWINNETT SECTION RISE (Reaching Independent Success Effectively) COMMITTEE Taking a Front Seat and Making an Impact in Gwinnett County, Georgia

NCNW Gwinnett Section's RISE (Reaching Independent Success Effectively) Committee partnered with the Gwinnett County Sheriff Department's Reentry Intervention Program (GRIP) to provide life skills to incarcerated women. The purpose of this program and partnership is to transition women from jail back into the community. Gwinnett County's first African American Sheriff, Keybo Taylor, met with NCNW Gwinnett President Sharon Gay, RISE Committee Chair and Co-Chair Keisha Johnson, and Tameka Skeete respectively, on March 7, 2022, to express his excitement about the volunteer program. NCNW Gwinnett Section's contribution to the overall program provides a monthly interactive presentation to incarcerated women participants.



To date, topics have included: Self-Care, Domestic Violence, Coping Skills, Spiritual Vision, Forgiveness, and Communication Skills. Approximately 25 women participate in this program monthly. During a recent meeting to discuss the partnership's future, Sheriff Taylor conveyed interest in expanding the

Section's programming to all incarcerated people at the facility. (Pictured from left to right are: Sheriff Keybo Taylor, RISE Committee Chair Keisha Johnson, NCNW Gwinnett President Sharon Gay, RISE Committee Co-Chair Tameka Skeete).



HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY SECTION Valentine's Rose Fundraiser Event

In honor of the NEWLY Chartered NCNW Collegiate Section on Huston-Tillotson University (NCNW-HTU) campus in Austin, TX, Chartering Officers held a successful Valentine's Rose Fundraising Event. Students and faculty contributed to selling out all of the roses available. ~Dr. Rashaanne N. Lewis, NCNW Greater Austin Section's President (Community Advisor to the Collegiate Charter).



Mrs. Mollette Hall, Mrs. Lauren Johnson and Mrs. Carole Craig (Education Committee Chair)

INDIANAPOLIS SECTION

We feel one of the most beneficial experiences for our girls in the Black Girls Rock Mentoring Program was an all-day tour of Martin University, the only Black University in our state. Two NCNW members organized the arrangements for the tour and our girls had the privilege of speaking to various staff members including the University president, Dr. Sean L. Huddleston. In addition to the University tour, the girls were able to experience speakers and demonstrations on Black hair care, becoming a leader, and preparing for college. Members of our section donated prizes for the girls throughout the school year, and we were able to obtain a grant to pay for special Black

Girls Rock t-shirts and study books on famous African American women.

Throughout the program and at the end of the program, the girls expressed that it made them feel proud to be Black girls and made them better aware of some famous Black women who could be their role models and heroes as they go forward in life, such as Michelle Obama, Amanda Gorman, Simone Biles.



Our Girls

LORAIN COUNTY SECTION

Main Street Lorain Starts Third Annual 'Lorain Blooms' Beautification Project

The Lorain County Section of National Council Negro Women, INC. held its Fourth Annual Vision of Beauty Cotillion on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The Lorain County section held the Cotillillion at The 8820 Event Center in North Ridgeville. Eleven high school senior young women from various schools throughout Lorain county participated in eight months of workshops focusing on mental health, healthy relationships, financial literacy, personal branding, communication and community service, and civic projects.

hard work paid off as they donned their beautiful white gowns for family, friends, and community members.

The Lorain County Section fulfills the mission of NCNW to lead, empower and advocate for girls of color and their families through community service activities, projects, events, and collaborations. The Section is grateful to committed members who chaired the cotillion and presented this amazing family event to our community.

The young ladies were committed to an additional eight weeks of ballroom dance lessons to prepare for the ball. Their



Regan Phillips, left, and Tamara Jones, members of the Lorain County Section of the National Council of Negro Women, will participate in the third annual "Lorain Blooms" beautification project.



MERCER COUNTY SECTION OF NJ

Their vision is their call to action! They thrive to share their journey of caring in the community through the vehicle of giving. We serve in the Mercer County Section of New Jersey. Their vision of helping the community is through voting registration, legislation to help our families, charity awareness walks, book scholarships, and previously offering the Girls that Code Program. They love their community by giving Turkey & Toys baskets at Christmas, donating to homeless shelters, volunteering at various women's shelters, and participating in peaceful marches for social justice. As they advance, they embraced their theme Live, Learn & Love the community.

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METROPOLITAN WOMEN'S NETWORK SECTION MWN 3 Day Women's History Month Event Series

The Metropolitan Women's Network Section held weekend events promoting young women entrepreneurs, honoring Women of Positive Change, and a virtual raffle to support NCNW national programs.

We had several entries enter the contest, but MommyandME Food therapy and BMERCEDEESWIGS were the winners. It was an honor to highlight women from the Rochester, NY, community.

METROPOLITAN SUN ARIZONA SECTION

The Metropolitan Sun Arizona section celebrated its annual Women's History event on March 26, 2022. The event, held at The Pyle Adult Recreation Center in Tempe, AZ (near the campus of Arizona State University), included a luncheon, portrayals of historic, influential African-American women, including Oprah Winfrey, Barbara Jordan, and Shirley Jackson, and recognition of Life Members and new members. Our NCNW Award honoree for the event is Mrs. Rebecca Dawkins, a lifelong member and supporter of NCNW, The Urban League, and former Director of Jack & Jill.

The Women's History program is held in conjunction with our annual Dr. Rockel Etienne Scholarship Fund.

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Roswell Roots

Roswell Roots Celebrates Black History Month

WHEREAS Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing and reflecting on the central role of Blacks in U.S. history and;

WHEREAS the story of Black History Month begins in 1915 with Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans establishing the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, and founded the first Negro History Week in February 1926; and

WHEREAS Negro History Week, growing in scope for over 30 decades, was officially recognized as a national event and became a month-long celebration of Black History in 1976 by President Gerald Ford; and

WHEREAS February was designated Black History Month in recognition of Black achievements that greatly impacted American history and culture; and

WHEREAS The Cultural Arts Division of the City of Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Department working with a volunteer Steering Committee will host "Roswell Roots: A Festival of Black History and Culture"; and

WHEREAS Community partnerships help support this meaningful festival, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Phi Phi Omega Chapter, Fulton County Remembrance Coalition, Fulton County Schools, Community Community Group, National Council of Negro Women North Fulton Area Section, Rainbow Station; and

WHEREAS The 2022 Roswell Roots Festival includes exhibits and events, focused on the culture of Black History, including artist exhibits, storytelling, history, music, education, literature, and more; and celebrates the contributions of Roswell's African American citizens, both past and present;

NOW THEREFORE I, Kurt Wilson, Mayor of the City of Roswell, do hereby proclaim all of February 2022 as Black History Month and call upon all of our citizens to recognize the special celebration of African American heritage and culture through participation in all of the events of the Roswell Roots Festival.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Roswell to be affixed this 26th day of January, 2022.

Kurt M. Wilson
KURT M. WILSON, MAYOR

NORTH FULTON SECTION

North Fulton Area Section, located in Fulton County, GA, in collaboration with the City of Roswell, and the Phi Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presented a first-ever 'Brain Bowl' on Saturday, February 5, 2022. This educational event was part of the community-wide Roswell Roots Black History Festival. Students from seven high schools participated in the competition. The winning team was Benjamin Banneker High School. Winners earned money and book awards.

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MONTGOMERY ALABAMA CAPITAL SECTION

Thursday, March 22, 2022, The Montgomery, Alabama Capital Section of NCNW celebrated an Inaugural NCNW Day at the Capital, Marking this their Official Day every year. Sending gratitude to Representative Lawrence (District 69) for sponsoring the Chapter along with Representatives:

- Anthony Daniels - Minority Leader
- Pebblin Warren - Representative, District 82
- Barbara Drummond- Representative, District 103
- Kelvin Lawrence - Representative, District 69
- Tashina Morris - Representative, District 77
- Minority Leader; Representative, District 53

They each showed love and support and offered wisdom and insight on many vital issues continuing our mission to advocate, empower and lead women and their families in the community.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND SECTION

The Montgomery Chapter was Chartered on September 26, 2021, with 100 plus members to start an exciting year. The Chapter has participated in a Thanksgiving Food Drive, collecting monetary donations and canned goods and hams for a local food bank, Christmas Drive providing clothing and Toys and breakfastst for more than 75 children in the community. The Montgomery Chapter participated in a Non-Profit event that raised more than \$7,000 to provide medication and medical visits for those in the community that Health Insurance does not cover. MACS is only getting started, with much more to come.

The National Council of Negro Women Montgomery County, Maryland Section

created public service announcements (PSA) videos promoting Good Health WINs Week. The PSAs were on our social media platforms, i.e., the website, Facebook and Instagram. The PSAs addressed the importance of vaccines and immunizations.

The Section also partnered with the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Rockville, MD, for the Red Cross Blood Drive, which the church hosts annually. Section members talked to attendees on a one-to-one basis about COVID-19 vaccines and distributed COVID-19 safety pouches.

OMAHA SECTION

41 st Anniversary NCNW Mary McLeod Bethune Awards Event

The Omaha Section - National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) celebrated its annual awards program of service to the community on March 5, 2022, at 10:00 am. The Mary McLeod Bethune Awards Event for 2021 was postponed due to COVID-19. It was rescheduled as the virtual 41st Anniversary NCNW Mary McLeod Bethune Awards Event. Our theme, "Rising Above Adversity with Power," was illuminated by our dynamic speaker, Ms. Janice L. Mathis, Esq., Executive Director of NCNW, Inc. The honorary chairs for this event were Preston Love and Martha Love.

The Omaha section recognized five women for outstanding achievements, four book award winners were identified, and also recognized the Youth in Excellence award winner. The winner of the Black Votes Matter essay contest was also recognized.

Registration for this event required a donation of \$25 plus a \$2.37 processing fee. All funds will support the Bethune Concept Book Award Program to help defray the cost of books for women attending college in the Omaha area.

NORTHEASTERN NC SECTION

The Good Health Women's Immunization Networks (Good Health WINS)

In an effort to promote the Good Health WINS Program, on Thursday, January 27, 2022, NCNW members Waverly S. Knight (Life Member and Financial Secretary) and Joyce C. Dorsey (New Member) of the Northeastern NC Section visited the Monarch River City Achievement Center Day Program to present KN95 masks and some cloth masks, as well, to the adult members and staff of the center in Elizabeth City; NC members of the Northeastern NC Section of NCNW coordinated and presented N95 and Cloth Masks to the Superintendent and her Assistant of the ECPC Senior Center on Wednesday, February 2, 2022; pictured is the Ministerial Staff (top center) and some members of The New Shiloh

Missionary Baptist Church in Camden County, North Carolina receiving masks (N95 and Cloth) that were distributed by Waverly S. Knight on Sunday, February 6, 2022; visited the Currituck Senior Center in Barco, NC on Friday, February 11, 2022, to distribute mask to the Director of the Senior Center; On Thursday, January 27, 2022, NCNW members Waverly S. Knight (Life Member and Financial Secretary) and Joyce C. Dorsey (New Member) of the Northeastern NC Section visited the Monarch River City Achievement Center Day Program to present KN95 masks and some cloth masks, as well, to the adult members and staff of the center in Elizabeth City, NC.



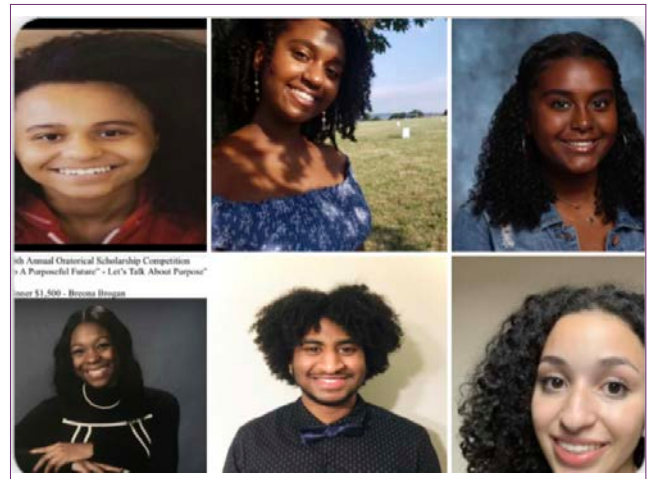
NORTHERN VIRGINIA SECTION

“Atmospheric Pressure and The Social Normality of Today” *By Karita Richardson, 3rd Vice President*

In recognition of 2022 Black History Month, The Northern Virginia Section of NCNW held their Annual Oratorical Scholarship Competition. It was an absolute success! Selected gifted and talented high school students across Northern Virginia, using their creative thinking, rocked the theme, “Atmospheric Pressure and The Social Normality of Today.” Because of Covid-19 constraints, committee members shifted to a virtual program. More importantly, Nova Section members were able to host the Competition and support exceptional college-bound students pursuing a post-secondary degree. Their section received over 50 applications from eager students. A total of \$6,000.00 was awarded to deserving high school seniors.

This year's Oratorical 1st Place Winner, Jordan Wiggins received \$1,500.00. We look forward to planning next year's 2023 Oratorical Scholarship Competition.

2021 and 2022 Participant's photos are pictured.



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ORANGE COUNTY SECTION

Back on Feb.22, 2021, The Bridge Task Force was established in Orange County, California. That meeting began the Process Phase of The Bridge Task Force's Citizen-Law Enforcement Listening Sessions to address issues our Orange County community has, which have given rise to the Generational Mistrust of law enforcement.

The Bridge Task Force invited leaders and members of leading African American organizations in Orange County to attend the first face-to-face round table Listening Session on Sat., Jan. 29th, from 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim California 92805. They had 7 Listening Sessions with a community service

project at the last Session.

Our first Bridge-Listening Session focused on acquainting/ reacquainting with Task Force members, introducing participating Anaheim P.D. members, and answering questions regarding purpose, goals, and objectives. Through that understanding, the Task Force will continue to enlist assistance in developing interesting talking points for the Listening Sessions. Its mission is to reach out to individual members of the African American Orange County community to encourage and Bridge the Gap between Citizens and Law Enforcement by way of Listening Sessions.



QUEENS COUNTY SECTION

In November 2021, the Queens County Section partnered with three NCNW affiliates, the March of Dimes, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens, and Senator Leroy Comrie, for a virtual forum 'Shining a Light on Prematurity: Helping Our Newborns Survive and Thrive.' The Section's maternal/child health committee also visited the NICU at Queens Hospital to meet the staff and present baby bags filled with donated items for the preemies, including a set of quadruplets born just before our visit. Photos from this visit are included in the hospital's nursing newsletter.



RESTON-DULLES SECTION COVID Conversation & Mobile Vaccination Clinic

In support of the Good Health WINs initiative, the Reston-Dulles Section, in collaboration with the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Chi Beta Omega Chapter, Fairfax County, and Fairfax County Health Department, hosted a two-part series, with the first being a "Covid Conversation about COVID-19" webinar.

Part 1: Seventy local individuals listened to a panel of healthcare professionals discussing data and

information on health disparities, specifically within communities of color. In the second part of the series, we sponsored a COVID-19 Vaccine Mobile Clinic and Food Drive at the Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, VA.

Part 2: First, Second, and Booster vaccines were administered, and 200 boxes of food were distributed to residents.





SAN ANTONIO SECTION SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE


The social action committee hosted a virtual event to educate and activate communities to reach out to their Congressional Representatives and request that they sign on as a Co-Sponsor to House Bill 1012 to receive a Congressional Medal. Attendees came from Philadelphia to Los Angeles and everywhere in between. Section members were able to see in real-time the fruits of their labor when the vote reached 290 co-sponsors, the last confirming vote being cast by

Texas Representative Filemon Vela. The House Bill received bipartisan support and, on February 28th, passed and was sent to President Biden's desk for final signature. The six living members were delighted to receive the honor and especially support from Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune's legacy organization. The 6888 Postal Battalion and NCNW continue to forge ahead in the spirit of progress.

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Please join the National Council of Negro Women Ruth Jones McClendon Section in our efforts to help the 6888 Postal Battalion receive recognition in the form of a Congressional Medal of Honor.

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ADVOCATES

- On July 1, 1943, the US Army WAC was created by a law signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights leader Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune advocated for African-American women as enlisted personnel and officers in the WAC.



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www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

Type in your zip code and your representative should be listed!



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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (SGV) SECTION

As part of its STEM program, SGV-NCNW partnered with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA (Caltech) to provide Math tutoring to grades 1 - 12. Graduate/undergraduate students provide one-on-one online tutoring weekly to 20 students. The program helps students gain competency in Math foundations, improve skills, and prepare for college.

Comments from parents:

- My daughter, “earned an A+ in math. Thank you NCNW and Caltech”.
- “Getting great feedback from her teacher.”
- The tutor, “is very professional and caring. I appreciate this.”

SGV-NCNW receives excellent service from Caltech and is proud of this collaboration. SGV-NCNW hopes to continue the collaboration next school term..



SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGIATE SECTION 14th Annual Tea Party: Mary in Wonderland

NCNWSSU hosted its first Tea Party in nearly three years! NCNWSSU dedicated this event to NCNW’s beloved founder, Mary McLeod Bethune. Included was a speech from their current section president, Erica Harrison and a live vocal performance from Spring 2022 inductee Eden Turner. NCNWSSU's First Annual Trailblazer Award was given to their section's current Miss NCNW and 1st VP, Mya White. During this event, they also had a special invocation prayer read aloud by their current 84th Miss SSU in front of the NCNW Savannah section. They danced, laughed, and sipped some tea! Another successful event was hosted by NCNWSSU and dedicated to their local Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club! They gathered a variety of organizations on our Savannah State University Campus. The 84th Miss Savannah State University, NAACP, and HerCampusSavannah fundraised and supported these efforts. NCNWSSU section was able to raise over \$200. With these funds, 60 local children were fed, and everyone close to this event felt proud of what they accomplished.



ST. PETERSBURG METROPOLITAN SECTION

Providing scholarships to deserving high school graduates has always been the focal point of the St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section Annual Awards Program during their Dr. Martin L King Observance. In collaboration with the Ralph W. Young Foundation, this year SPMS awarded twenty-six student scholarships totaling more than \$136,000. Recipients of the scholarships must meet qualifications and are guaranteed continued financial support for eight semesters if they are compliant. Students must attend an HBCU college or any university within the state of Florida. Continuing college students from 2019 to 2021 received an

additional \$115,000. The SPMS Scholarship Committee screens, selects, and continually certifies the students' eligibility until they graduate.



SUFFOLK SECTION

Winter 2021/22 had the Suffolk Section of New York quite busy. The Suffolk Sisters started the month with an awards ceremony honoring local community leaders, including the Suffolk County Medical Examiner, who received the Par Excellence in Health Award, and the owners of the Bayview Kitchen Restaurant. They received the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award. The event also featured a keynote address by their Suffolk Sister McClaney, who focused on financial preparedness through challenging times. The Suffolk Section also hosted its Founder's Day Paint Party - a virtual event everyone enjoyed. Finally, the Sisters gathered together to give back to the community through 3 additional programs for families in need: Adopt a Family - providing clothing, food, and toys to a local family, Toys for Tots - where toys were gathered and distributed



by our members to local children, and our Nursing Home Program where our NCNW Suffolk Sisters visited a local rehabilitation center bringing crocheted blankets, socks and other gifts for the residents.



Photos featuring: Dr. Tricia Daley-Bowles (President), Mrs. Debbie Richberg (1st Vice President), Mrs. Florence Joyner (Corresponding Secretary)

NCNW State, Region, & Section News (continued)

T. MATHIS SECTION On the Move In 2022

The T. Mathis-Hawkins Section of NCNW, Inc. (Dallas, TX) was busy serving the community early in 2022. Under the GHW's initiative, our section partnered with the NCNW Greater Trinity Section and members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. to provide our first Covid-19 Mobile

Testing Drive on March 5, 2022. T. Mathis-Hawkins also presented its annual Black History Program: "Good Health Wins: Advocating for Women's Health in America". The webinar spotlighted three dynamic speakers and their journey towards a healthy lifestyle.



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WASHINGTON, DC SECTION

On February 20, 2022, the Washington Section and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter co-sponsored a panel discussion, "Becoming 51: Understanding DC Statehood." Guest speakers were Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton; Beverly Perry, Senior Advisor to Mayor Muriel Bowser; Akosua Ali, DC Branch NAACP President; and Natasha Dupee, ANC Ward 7EO4. Washington Section's Immediate Past President, Rita Lewis served as moderator. Washington Section President, Lori Hawkins welcomed the audience and spoke to the importance of the partnership to educate the community on issues that impact the lives of women and their families.

On March 19, 2022, the Washington, DC Section hosted "Stepping into Success" Shoe Drive with the primary goal of uplifting women who are reentering the workforce. Members collected over 350 pairs of shoes & boots for Suited for Change, a local DC-based charity committed to providing women in need with professional work attire, coaching, and skills training.

Pictured left to right are SFC Marketing & Program Manager Fernanda Menezes, Project Chair Diedra Yates, Section Member Jeanine Carter, and Section President Lori Hawkins



Section members are joined by Mitchellville-Bowie Section and Sister Affiliates, The Les Gemmes Inc., Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Women's Ministry, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, and the DC Nurses Association at the shoe drive.



VALDOSTA-LOWNDES METROPOLITAN SECTION

The Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Section of South Georgia collaborated with local Divine Nine Sororities to bring awareness and put an end to Human Trafficking.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, the organization's part two of their collaborative human trafficking forum. The keynote speakers were survivor, author, and motivational speaker Sandra Maria Anderson and NCNW member Sandy Alcidonice-Whitfield who is an educator. To further support the initiative, members from all collaborative organizations donated toiletries and feminine products to the local battered women's shelter, The Haven.

The event's purpose was to target at-risk communities and stop human trafficking before it occurred. "We want individuals to know how to

access resources for support if they are concerned about exploitation in their own life or friends' lives," said Dr. Jamie Foster-Hill, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan NCNW section president. The collaboration is a culmination of strength and unity by each organization.



VIRGINIA BEACH SECTION

During a recent gathering, new members of NCNW-VB were warmly welcomed. Before the meeting, the group had been safely meeting virtually during the pandemic. Under the leadership of president Lizzie Warren, members engaged in meaningful discussions using breakout groups. Throughout the year, members continued to maintain a sense of partnership and creative community service. Since September, all have been engaged in service activities such as Alzheimer's Awareness Walk, Susan Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and the Mayflower Marathon Drive. Members were also able to volunteer with the Hampton Roads Food Bank. In the spirit of giving, creative initiatives were a scholarship drive launched

to raise money for annual scholarships to students planning for college; a Senior Brainteaser Drive which included puzzles, pens, crayons, word search, and sudoku books delivered to local retirement facilities; face masks were delivered to local elementary schools in support of masking mandates; school clothes were purchased for two adopted families; Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were provided for families in need, and a Bra-A-Thon for the local women's shelter was very successful. In March, there was a special recognition of Dorothy I. Height by wearing hats and acknowledging "Firsts" in achievement in membership.





WEST VOLUSIA/SEMINOLE SECTION

A group of members from the West Volusia/Seminole Section of the NCNW attended the unveiling of the statue of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune at the Daytona Beach News-Journal Center in Daytona Beach, FL. Dr. Bethune is the first black person to have a state-commissioned figure in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall.

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LINDA E. SOFTLI, NCNW Legacy Life Member and past officer of the Black Adults of Action Section (Inactive), Washington DC, passed away January 7, 2022, at her home in Washington with her sister Muriel by her side. For more than 20 years Linda had been an invaluable leader and member of the League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia (LWVDC). She was serving as Co-President of the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area and 2nd Vice President of the League of Women Voters of DC at the time of her death. Linda was born November 10, 1944, in Queens, New York. As a child she moved with her family to Seattle, Washington, where she finished high school and began working. She came to Washington, DC, where she joined the Evangel Cathedral in Upper Marlboro, was active in politics and volunteered with the American Red Cross, AARP, the National Council of Negro Women, and other organizations that focus on helping people. LWVDC mourns the loss of Linda and recognizes all that she did to strengthen the DC League and its mission to empower voters and defend democracy. A board member of the LWDC said, "May Linda



always serve as an inspiration to each of us to be kind, thoughtful, truthful, energetic and engaged."



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