



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have several upcoming events over the next few months. Please continue to support our Section's and the Black Pearls' programs. Your help and presence is greatly appreciated. Additionally, don't hesitate to offer new ideas for community service projects. I am always available, don't hesitate to call.

Sisterly,
Thelma

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The inaugural Florida State NCNW Conference is scheduled for August 17th and 18th in Daytona Beach, FL. Angela Rouson, Sandra Gibson and Pres. Thelma Bruce have been included in the planning and organization of this event. It is an exciting time for NCNW Sections throughout the State. We are looking forward to as many members as possible participating in this new venture.

The excitement continues! Ms. Ethel Robinson has agreed to update and personalize our Facebook page. This can be a major source of advertisement for our events as social media is a widely utilized tool. THANKS ETHEL for your willingness to serve!



**If you have not yet paid your \$50 March Assessment, please do so. These funds are needed for our Founder's Day Program.

Prayer List

Taneka Dixon
 Signora Farris
 Tamara Felton-Howard (Husband)
 Cynthia Jenkins (Husband)
 Naomi Kellogg (Husband)
 Herminia Marie Washington
 Mae Welch

"I love the Lord because He hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because He bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath"

Ps. 116:1-2 NLT

National News:

SAVE THE DATE: NCNW's 58th National Convention will convene at the Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C., **November 8- 11, 2018**. Information on convention and hotel registration will be available soon.

Section Events:

May 3rd – Executive Board Meeting, **FAP Council House**, 6:00 pm.

May 5th – Black Pearls Young Women's Conference. **Child's Park YMCA**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Free Event

May 19th – General Meeting and Voting Day, **FAP Council House**, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

May 19th – Founder's Day Program, **Historic Manhattan Casino**, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

May 20th – Black Pearls General Membership Meeting. **FAP Council House**, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

As we approach the 76th Anniversary of our local Founder, Fannye Ayer Ponder, let us remember that it's because of her that we have our own building and in 1991, the City Council of St. Petersburg designated it as a historic landmark.

Cynthia Glenn, Historian

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Let everything you say be good and helpful, so you're your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them". Eph. 4:29 NLT

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 3rd – National Day of Prayer, **Gibbs High School Stadium**, 850 34th Street South, 6:30 p.m.

May 20th – Alumni Singers Annual Spring Concert. **Lakewood UMC**, 5995 Martin Luther King Jr. St. S, 4:00 p.m. Freewill offering.

June 2nd – Tampa Metro Section NCNW, Bethune – Height Recognition Luncheon, **Embassy Suites by Hilton, Tampa USF**, 3702 Spectrum, Tickets \$50

June 16th – NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, **Vinoy Park**, 701 Bayshore Dr. N.E. Attire: all white casual, Tickets \$50

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Milton 5/10
Kareen Nugent Belnavis 5/15
Valerie Williams 5/18



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HIGHLIGHTS

- A Taste of the World Food Festival was an afternoon of great food, incredible entertainment and tremendous fellowship. Another successful event for the Section! Congrats to Chairman Mae Welch, Co-Chair Cynthia Jenkins and all committee members for organizing the event. Hats off to each of the six countries for their unique decorations and delicacies. Our guests were well fed and obviously enjoyed themselves! The reputation of the St. Pete Metropolitan NCNW Section for great events is spreading.

- Words cannot adequately express the gratitude due to Mrs. Valerie Williams, our website designer extraordinaire. If you have not yet visited the site, please do so – www.ncnwstpete.org. It is innovative, informative and inspiring. Our guests can view a pictorial history of past events and keep abreast of upcoming activities. Valerie continually has new brainstorm ideas resulting in updates which make the site increasingly user friendly. CONGRATS AND THANK YOU VALERIE! You have added a tool which will contribute tremendously to the status of our Section within the community.

Yours in Service,
Thelma



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