



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the beginning of the current executive board's tenure, our membership has increased tremendously. I applaud all seasoned and new members who have been both willing and eager to work together on one accord to advance the mission of NCNW. Our strength is in unity, mutual respect and collaborative efforts.

As we approach summer break, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of the SPMS Section members. We have had a busy, positive and rewarding year. Our programs this fiscal year beginning with the Tea of Seasons in October '17 thru Founder's Day in May '18 have been labors of love. Still there is much work to be done. It is my hope that the next two years will bring an increase in community service outreach and projects. Bring your innovative ideas to the table! New members who have not participated on committees, please contact me. Everyone's involvement is needed and there is much work to be shared.

The election is over and results emailed. Those without email access have been called. Over the summer months, several committees will be working to jump start September. Again thanks to everyone. I am still excited to serve as your President for the next two years. To our new Executive Board members, Ethel Robinson and Valerie Williams, welcome aboard! Since you have already joined in the work, I simply say: LET'S KEEP MOVING! TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!

Yours in Service,

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune had very strong supporters from St. Petersburg. Some of them included: Mrs. Fannie Ayer Ponder; Ms. Spencer Albury; Mr. William Butler; Mrs. Grace Donaldson; Mrs. Willie Mae Fisher; Mrs. J.J. Johnson; Mrs. M.L. McRae; and Mrs. Carolyn Stitt just to name a few.

Cynthia Glenn, Historian

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seed you plant".

Robert Lewis Stephenson

NATIONAL NEWS

◆ **NCNW J.O.I.N.** (Join, Organize, Implement, Now) is a membership drive which was initiated by National Headquarters. The goal was to enlist as many new and returning members throughout the States between April 20, 2017 and February 20, 2018. Reportedly, over 5,000 members were recruited.

National has now instituted a State Membership Competition and extended the deadline to July 9th. The top three Sections in each four state categories (12 total) will be recognized at the 2018 National convention and in the Sisters Newsletter.

Our state is currently in the #2 position (second to California) in the category of over 1000 members. Let's push increasing membership even more between now and July 9th. Please mark the June 16th meeting. **EACH ONE, BRING ONE!**

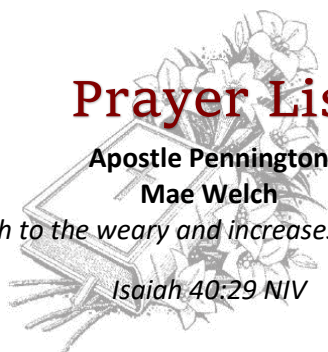
◆ The 58th National Convention is scheduled for November 11th – 13th in Washington, D.C. at the Grand Hyatt. This is a bi-annual event. All members in good standing are eligible to attend.

Prayer List

Apostle Pennington
 Mae Welch

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak".

Isaiah 40:29 NIV



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

◆ The inaugural Mandatory Officer's Training Session is scheduled for the 23rd of this month in Daytona Beach from 8:00 – 3:00 p.m. All elected officers are expected to attend. The session will be led by Dr. Thelma Daley, NCNW Member-At-Large. National NCNW is promoting training for all officers in policy, procedure, protocol, etc. Looking forward to returning with a wealth of knowledge for our Section.

◆ Excitement is building regarding the inaugural State of Florida Conference and hotel registration deadline is July 17th. We must soon finalize plans for transportation and all registration payments. An email will be coming soon with the amount due to cover all expenses. Anyone planning to attend, please be prepared to pay in full at the June 16th meeting. Let's make a great showing for our Section!

BLACK PEARLS NEWS

◆ Black Pearl and Lakewood sophomore, Kazana Bennett, is the proud recipient of a \$7000.00 Youth for Understanding USA grant which enables her to study abroad this summer. She will spend one month with a host family in South Korea. Kazana has been interested in Korean pop music since elementary school and is now ready to experience a dream come true. Congratulations to Kazana!

◆ Jenesis Richardson, Black Pearls Vice-President, received the Vyrle Davis Award for academic achievement at a ceremony on May 5th at the Coliseum. Jenesis is an eighth-grader at Sanderlin IB World School. Great work Jenesis!

◆ Shenyah Ruth, President of the Black Pearls, received her Academic Achievement Letter from Northeast High on April 27th reflecting a 3.75 unweighted G.P.A. Shenyah is in her junior year. Receipt of this honor was one of her goals for the year. Congrats to Shenyah!

HIGHLIGHTS

◆ The Black Pearls 2nd Annual conference was held May 5th at the Child's Park YMCA. These young ladies, along with the AKA Gems, youths from Moore's Chapel AME and others in the community, came together to participate in Robotics training. Special guest, Ms. Emma Alba (Director of Robotics Florida) and NCNW member, Ms. Rose Mack, led the session. Also Ms. Yolanda McGill-Fintak, teacher at Azalea Middle, stressed the importance of nutrition and added fashion and beauty tips. Congrats to Youth Director, Ms. Sandra Gibson, the Black Pearls, Advisors and parents!

The adult workshops were led by NCNW members, Mrs. Angela Rouson and Mrs. Althea Hudson. Also, Mrs. Lola Bivens of CASA returned for the 2nd year. As indicated by the laughter and chatter, all participants were engaged in the dialogue. Another successful event was enjoyed by all!

◆ The May 19th Founder's Day program at the Historic Manhattan Casino was truly a memorable celebration. Thank you to Committee Chair, Ms. Cynthia Glenn and all committee members for their commitment and diligence. The décor was beautiful, the food delicious and the entertainment superb. Special thank you to Black Pearls, Shenyah Ruth and Kaila Priester, who captivated the audience through poetic recitation and dance. Guest speaker, Ms. Gwendolyn Reese was informative and inspirational. Dr. Tonjua Williams, Mistress of Ceremonies, radiated her own unique style and charisma. Success is a result of collaborative work! Thanks to all participants and attendees!

Last, but not least, a heartfelt thanks to Ms. Deborah Figgs-Sanders and Mr. Ramon Hernandez of the Historic Manhattan Casino!

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Left: Black Pearls Young Women's Conference; Right: Founder's Day Chair Cynthia Glenn and Committee members

SECTION EVENTS

June 7th – Executive Board Meeting. FAP Council House. 6:00 p.m.

June 10th – Black Pearls General Membership Meeting. **FAP Council House.** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

June 16th – SPMS General Membership Meeting. **FAP Council House.** 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast by Roy James; 9:30 – Roy James Financial Presentation; 10:15 – SPMS meeting begins.

June 23rd – Inaugural Mandatory Officers' Training. **Daytona Beach;** 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Registration: Free.

August 17 – 18th – Inaugural State of Florida Conference. **Daytona Beach. Bethune Cookman University.** Registration \$75.

November 11- 13th – NCNW National Convention. **Washington, D.C., Grand Hyatt Hotel.** All members in good financial standing are eligible to attend.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 2nd – Tampa NCNW Bethune Achiever's Luncheon. **Embassy Suites by Hilton, Tampa USF, 3705 Spectrum.** 11:00 a.m.

June 16th – NAACP Juneteenth Celebration. **Vinoy Park,** 3:00 p.m. Attire, casual white. Tickets \$50. Come out and enjoy Checkers, Bid Whist and much more!

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Dr. Sharon Brown	6/14
Rev. Sarah Edwards	6/24
Christine Smith	6/25
Deshay Collier	6/26

