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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Family! Yes, I am still "SO EXCITED"! We are now bringing the 2017-2018 fiscal year as well as with my first term as President to a close. Reflecting back over the past two years, we have much to be grateful for. Blessings have continued to flow beginning with moving into our newly renovated home, redecorating from the outside to the inside and culminating with a tremendously generous donation from a private benefactor. God has truly been good and I personally believe that we are "Blessed to be a Blessing". Keeping our National initiatives in mind, I am looking forward to new ideas from you to help our Section maintain its momentum and increase our community outreach. Let's stand firm on the premise that "TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS".

Yours in Service,

Thelma

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Breaking News!

We added four (4) new members over the summer: Dierdre Downing-Jackson; Pearl Keys; Cheryl Purdy; and Lillian Williams. Reach out at our general meeting and welcome them.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Rene Flowers of the St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section of National Council of Negro Women for her re-election to the Pinellas County School Board District 7.

NATIONAL NEWS

The NCNW 58th National Convention will be held November 9th-11th, 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street, NW Washington, D.C. If interested, you can go to our website (ncnwstpete.org) and click on National Convention. You can register for the Conference and make hotel reservations. Those who attended the Florida Conference know the excitement of fellowshiping with our NCNW Sisters from other areas...multiply that 10+ times for National! Hope to see you in Washington.



PLEASE REMEMBER

It is **DUES TIME AGAIN!** Local is \$55 payable in September and National (\$50) payable in October. National dues paid July-August place you in good financial standing til October 2019.

Also, don't forget our assessments and the importance of compliance. Assessments are important for our budgetary planning. We have two (2) assessments annually of \$50 each payable in October and March. The first is used to sponsor scholarships for graduating Black Pearls. This year we have three (3) seniors on the active roster. The second assessment due in March helps to assist with our Founder's Day Program. A portion of both assessments is allocated to the Council House maintenance budget. Keep in mind, payment of assessments is required for committee participation.



(Dr. Bethune with girls from the Literary and Industrial School in Daytona)

Dr. Bethune started her school for negro girls with \$1.50 in 1904. It was chartered in 1905 and continually grew. In 1923, it merged with the negro boys Cookman Institute forming the Daytona Cookman Collegiate Institute, a co-educational junior college. The school's name was officially changed to Bethune Cookman College on April 27, 1931.

Cynthia Glenn, Historian

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

“You learn something every day, if you pay attention”. Roy LeBlond

HIGHLIGHTS

In June, ten executive board members attended the training session in Daytona organized by then Florida NCNW Interim President and Member-At-Large, Ms. Sandra Gipson of Miami, Florida. Dr. Thelma Daley, Member-At-Large, was the training facilitator. The session was informative and inspiring. Everyone returned energized and looking forward to the coming organization of the State of Florida as a Section.

Our Inaugural Florida NCNW Conference in Daytona August 17th-18th was phenomenal! Thirty-six (36) of our members were in attendance.

The gravesite service program honoring Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune on Friday was a heart touching tribute. Then came the All White Party, with Sisters from throughout Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio and of course our National Leaders from Washington conversing and dancing...WOW! The conference on Saturday delivered a flow of talented, knowledgeable presenters with varying styles of leadership, but all committed to the mission of NCNW.

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- Rev. Sarah Edwards
- Signora Farris
- Carolyn Hobbs (husband)
- Atty. Tamara Felton-Howard (husband)
- Rev. Gustav Victor

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble”.
 Ps. 46:1 NIV*



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Cecelia Lawson 7/5
- Allene Gammage-Ahmed 7/24
- Thelma Bruce 7/28

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Annette Gilliard-Morris 8/3
- Deanie K. Victor 8/16
- Pearl Keys 8/24
- Taneka Dixon 8/29

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Joanne Rainey 9/8
- Catherine Lewis 9/20
- Lorraine Brown 9/23
- Sandra Gibson 9/27

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CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY



SECTION EVENTS

September 15th---SPMS General Membership Meeting. FAP Council House. 9:00am coffee and fellowship; 9:30am meeting begins.

TBD---Presentation by Roy James Financial Services

TBD---Member Orientation Session

COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 22nd---Timbuktu Center for African Studies (Gwen Reese) presents "African History and Culture" portrayed through dance and drumming by the Dundy Dole African Ballet Dancers (Family Blessings) and Artz 4 Life Companies (Ms. Jai Hinson). 12 noon until 2:00 pm at The Johnson Branch Library. Students of all ages and parents



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