



St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section

NCNW Monthly Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this fiscal year is winding down, we still have several upcoming projects: The Food Festival, the Health and Wellness Expo and Founder's Day. The help of each member is needed! Thanks to everyone for your continued commitment and dedication. I am, as always, proud and so excited to be a part of this exceptional Section.

Yours in Service,
Thelma

NATIONAL NEWS

Please take note of the Florida Survey and Informational Session emailed out by NCNW National Headquarters regarding possible formation of a State NCNW Section. All members are asked to respond. The Informational Session is scheduled for June 22nd from 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. in Tampa. The deadline to return the survey is May 1, 2019.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole is currently President/Chair of National NCNW, elected in October 2018. She entered Fisk University as a freshman at fifteen years of age and later transferred to Oberlin College in Ohio where she earned a B.A. in Sociology in 1957. She earned her master's and doctorate degrees in anthropology from Northwestern University in 1959 and 1967 respectively. She has served as President of both Spelman and Bennett Colleges.

Cynthia Glenn, Historian

Prayer List

Dr. Sharon Brown
Dr. LaDonna Butler
Signora Farris
Valarie McGarrah

Let's continually pray one for another!
"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17

COMMUNITY EVENTS

April 2nd – Voices United; Alumni Singers, free concert; John Hopkins Middle School, 7 pm

April 13th – St. Pete. Earth Day; Historic Williams Park; 350 2nd Ave. N., 10:00 a.m.

May 2nd – Prayer Breakfast (National Day of Prayer) sponsored by IMA/Rev. J.C. Pritchett, Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 1045 16th St. S. Tickets \$20.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"It never hurts your eyesight to look on the bright side of things"

Barbara Johnson

SECTION EVENTS

- ◆ **April 4th** – Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., FAP Council House
- ◆ **April 7th** – Black Pearls General Membership meeting, 2:00-4:00 p.m., FAP Council House
- ◆ **April 14th** – Food Festival, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pinellas Technical College at 901 34th St. S.
- ◆ **April 20th** - General Membership Meeting, 9:00 am social time, 9:30 a.m. meeting begins, FAP Council House.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new March member: Wanda Wilson of Tampa, FL (Jacquelyn Wilson and Dr. Ada Davis).

Upon the opportunity, please take a moment to extend an NCNW heartfelt hand of sisterhood.

BIRTHDAYS

Althea Hudson 4/8
Tanesha Mellis 4/13

HIGHLIGHTS

♦ The Black Pearls Mother-Daughter Tea was fantastic! Congrats to Director, Sandra Gibson, the advisors, the Black Pearls and their families. The number of Black Pearls family members who came out to support the program was phenomenal! There was great fellowship, fun and entertainment, Black Pearls style. The tables were beautifully decorated and the food delectable. Another successful event for our girls.

Sisterly,
Thelma



Black Pearls and Director Sandra Gipson



Apostle Clarice Pennington



Black Pearls Families

BLACK PEARLS NEWS

Two of our Black Pearls were presented at the Essence of Ebony Pearls Debutante Cotillion at the Historic St. Petersburg Coliseum on March 16th. Let's congratulate Shenyah Ruth, President and Kaila Preister, member.

Also, Shenyah had the privilege of traveling to New York with the Northeast High Seniors Finance Program. They spent four days in the City and had a great time!



Shenyah Ruth and escort



Kayla Priester and her parents



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