



ST. PETERSBURG METROPOLITAN SECTION

NCNW

Monthly Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the close of this fiscal year, we have two more events in the month of May. First, our Community Health Fair on May 4th at Empath Health from 11:30-1:30pm. Chairperson LaDonna Butler and her committee members have some surprising things in store for this event. This is our opportunity to give back to the community through health awareness. Expect a program encompassing learning and fun! I encourage all members to attend and bring some friends. Our community persona is important so let us show our commitment to the section by our presence!

On May 25th, we celebrate our 77th Founder's Day! Excitement is mounting because of our guest speaker, Dr. Thelma Daley! Dr. Daley is a renowned, phenomenal orator. She is a current National Vice Chair on NCNW and also was the 16th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. We are anticipating a great turnout. Certainly, our Section is expected to be front and center. Please spread the word, sell tickets, and let's pack the house!

Yours in Service,

Thelma

BLACK PEARLS NEWS

Kaila Priester, senior at Northeast High, has been added to the cheerleading team at Florida A & M University where she will begin her freshman year in September. She is also receiving an Academic Letter for maintaining a 3.7 overall GPA for the 1st semester. Her graduation is May 23rd @ Tropicana Field @ 1:30pm. Congrats to Kaila!

Sa'Coya McKenzie is dually enrolled at Gibbs High and St. Pete College. She will graduate on May 25th with her high school diploma and AA degree. Congrats to Sa'Coya!

Shenyah Ruth is receiving a scholarship from the Northeast High Finance Department at the end of the year banquet on May 7th. Her graduation is May 23rd @ Tropicana Field @ 1:30pm. Congrats to Shenyah!

Jos'lyn McCallister recently completed her first tour as a docent for the Dali Museum.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

As we began to celebrate our local founder Fanny Ayer Ponder of The St Petersburg Metropolitan Section of The National Council of Negro Women Inc. let us be mindful of over 40 years of Community and dedicated service that she gave to this city, as well as her accomplishment doing her life time, it is because of Fanny Ayer Ponder that this section will continue to live on.

Cynthia B. Glenn, Historian

HIGHLIGHTS

The Food Festival was another successful event to the credit of St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section NCNW! Congratulations to Chair and Co-Chair, Mae Welch and Cynthia Jenkins; all chairs and co-chairs of the countries represented; and to every section member who participated. The décor and food menus for each country reflected the love and dedication of all members. Kudos to Mistress of Ceremony, Karen Davis-Pritchett, for the delightful tour around the world in words and to the Black Pearls for their presentations of the countries. The entertainment inspirational and soul stirring!. A good time was had by all and I am certain that our guests will return next year.

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GOOD NEWS

May 2nd, SPMS Black Pearls receives Grant Award from Fla. Sheriff's Advisory Board!



SECTION EVENTS

- May 2nd Executive Board Meeting; 6:00 pm; FAP Council House
- May 4th Community Health Fair; Empath Health, 3050 1st A/S; 10am-1:00pm
- May 12th Black Pearls General Membership Meeting; 2:00pm; FAP Council House
- May 18th SPMS General Membership Meeting; 9:00 am social time; 9:30 am meeting begins; FAP Council House
- May 25th 77th Founder's Day Event; Callaloo/Manhattan Casino; 642 22nd St. So.; 11:30am. LET'S PACK THE HOUSE!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 3rd Relay For Life; Lakewood High School; 6:00pm til midnight. *Please take a shift @ the field, also DONATE to our team!
- May 11th Community Summit on Life in South St. Pete; Mt. Zion AME, 1045 16th St. So.; 2:00 pm
- May 14th Fred Minnis Bar Association Banquet; Stetson College; 6:30pm; tickets \$60.
- May 22nd R-Club Breakfast; St. Pete Coliseum; 7:30 am
- May 23rd Callaloo 1st Anniversary; 642 22nd St. So.; 6:00-7:30 pm, Free Event



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gwendolyn Reese	5/4
Wanda Stuart	5/7
Dorothy Milton	5/10
Tonya Cameron	5/13
Kareen Belnavis	5/15
Kathryn Reed	5/15
Valerie Williams	5/18
Dr. Sharon Brown	5/19
Dr. Mary Stokes Mims	5/19
Shirley Jones	5/25

Prayer List

Signora Farris

Cecilia N. Lawson

Dr. Ramona Valentine

Sharion Thurman- Reeves

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord"
Jeremiah 30:17 KJV

STATE OF FLORIDA AD HOC COMMITTEE NEWS

Just a reminder, please do not forget to complete the State of Florida Survey. This survey was sent by the Florida Ad Hoc committee which was appointed by National Headquarters. An email or postal mail was sent to all members throughout Florida. The informational meeting will be held June 22nd from 10am to 2pm in Tampa. Further details will be provided.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Do what you know best: if you're a runner, run; if a bell, ring."

Lyman Burnstein

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