



St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section

NCNW Monthly Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well Family, Founder's Day was our last event before summer break. We have had a busy and successful year! Our community service and fund-raising events have been phenomenal. Our presence and impact in the community is definitely positive as evidenced by the continuing increase in membership and increased awareness of our programs. Be assured there is room for your talents. We will continue to push forward in the advancement of the NCNW mission and we welcome innovative ideas from our membership regarding future projects. From the bottom of my heart, thanks to each member for your support and willingness to serve.

"TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS"

Yours in Service,
Thelma

NATIONAL NEWS

The Florida Ad Hoc Committee reports that several National Executives will attend the State Informational meeting on June 22nd in Tampa. Hotel registration information has been sent out via email to all NCNW members. Soon you will receive conference registration information as well. Remember, this is a one-day event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be an optional mixer from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Attire is business causal or business. No specific color. Additional details will follow.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

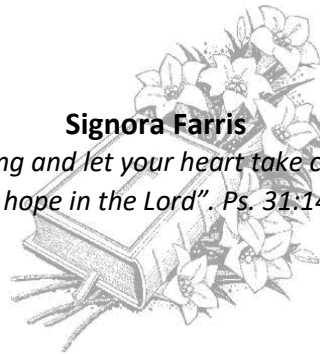
Mayor Herman Goldner declared Fannye Ayer Ponder Day in June 1972. Forty-seven years later, Mayor Rick Kriseman declared May 25, 2019 to be Dr. Thelma T. Daley (NCNW National Vice-Chair) Day at the St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section – NCNW's 77th Founder's Day.

Cynthia Glenn, Historian

Prayer List

Signora Farris

"Be strong and let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord". Ps. 31:14 NRSV



COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 8th – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Harlem Nights Gala, June 8th, 8:00 p.m., Manhattan Casino/Callaloo, 644 22nd St. S. Attire: Roaring 20's, Tickets \$50.

June 15th – NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Dell Holmes Park, Tickets \$50, Attire: casual white.

June 22nd – NCNW State Informational Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Tampa; optional mixer 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Free registration on Eventbrite.

SECTION EVENTS

- ♦ **June 6th** Executive Committee Mtg, 6:00 p.m. FAP Council House.
- ♦ **June 9th** – Black Pearls General Membership meeting, 2:00-4:00 p.m., FAP Council House.
- ♦ **June 15th** - General Membership Meeting, 9:00 am coffee, 9:30 a.m. meeting begins, FAP Council House.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Two persons joined during our May 18th general membership meeting, Caprice Johnson (new member) and Karen Martin (returning member). This takes our Section membership to 100! WOW, CELEBRATION TIME!

BIRTHDAYS

- June Peterman - 6/6
- Rose Mack - 6/6
- Thomas "Jet" Jackson – 6/14
- Karen Pritchett – 6/25
- Christine Smith – 6/25
- Deshay Collier – 6/26

HIGHLIGHTS

May was an extremely busy month. Our first project was the Community Health Fair which due to the efforts of chair, Dr. LaDonna Butler, and co-chairs, Pat McGhee and Karen Davis-Pritchett, was delightfully engaging. Participants enjoyed the quick meal prepared by Chef D; the line dancing; and the informative vendors. Great job ladies, looking forward to next year!

Additionally, our section was enlisted as a community partner by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their Community Health Fair at USF. DST is one of NCNW's affiliate organizations. It was definitely a worthwhile collaboration.

Our 77th Founder's Day celebration was a phenomenal success in every aspect! We were fortunate to have two National NCNW Executive Board members, Dr. Thelma T. Daley and Ms. Sandra K. Gipson, come to celebrate with us. The Council House was beautifully decorated for the Meet and Greet on Friday evening. Community supporters were welcomed by Executive and Program Committee members with smiling faces and an extended hand of fellowship St. Pete Metropolitan style.

On Saturday, the Luncheon program was superb! Tampa NCNW joined the celebration along with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST) sisters from St. Pete, Bradenton, Tampa and Bartow. Again, community supporters stepped up to the plate to bring the event to an almost packed house. Both Dr. Thelma T. Daley, Keynote Speaker, and Dr. Paulette Walker, who introduced her, wowed the crowd! The atmosphere was one of celebration and comradery. It was evident that all of our guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mayor Kriseman stated that while under the weather, he simply felt compelled to make the event because he considers NCNW an important asset to the



Cynthia Glenn, Dr. Paulette Walker, Pres. Bruce, Mayor Kriseman and Dr. Daley



Sandra Gipson awarding Pres. Bruce the Outstanding President Award



Pres. Bruce and Gwendolyn Fields (Sister of the Year)

community. He presented a proclamation award to Dr. Daley and declared May 25th, 2019 Dr. Thelma T. Daley day!

During the program, several of our sisters were honored. Gwendolyn Fields received the Admin. Service certificate for her exemplary performance as Treasurer. Sharion Thurman-Reeves received the certificate of Commitment for her unhesitating willingness to pledge time, talent and resources for the benefit of the Section. Tenesha Mells was awarded the Service certificate for her hard work ethic with no task being too big or too small to handle. The Media certificate was given to Tamara Felton-Howard and Deborah Figgs-Sanders for their partnership in completing the monthly Newsletter. Sandra Gibson was given an award for her service as Mistress of Ceremony; she then was surprised when the graduating Black Pearls presented her with a plaque of appreciation for her committed service to the Youth Council. Both Dr. Daley and Dr. Walker were given awards from our Section and then showered with gifts from the multiple DST Sections. Lastly, Ms. Sandra K. Gipson completely surprised me with award termed the "Outstanding President" award.

The Sister of the Year award was presented to Gwendolyn Fields. This award recipient, elected by majority vote of the membership, is given to a member who exemplifies the standards of Fannye Ayer Ponder; displays commitment to section goals by being in "good standing" and supporting programs; and willingly goes above and beyond responsibilities and expectations. CONGRATULATIONS TO GWENDOLYN FIELDS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EVENT CHAIR, CYNTHIA GLENN, CO-CHAIRS, CHERYL PURDY AND SHARION THURMAN-REEVES, and all committee members. WOW, your hard work truly paid off! Special thanks to Mrs. Thurman-Reeves for her financial sponsorship! Founder's Day is definitely an event to be remembered!

Sisterly,
Thelma

BLACK PEARLS NEWS

Congratulations to our three graduating Black Pearls, Sa'Coya McKenzie, Kaila Priester and Shenyah Ruth. All three are headed to FAMU in Tallahassee. Kaila has already made the cheer squad. Great things lay ahead for these young ladies. Let's wish them all well.



(l to r: Sandra Gipson, Kaila Priester, Shenyah Ruth, Sa'Coya McKenzie, Pres. Thelma Bruce)



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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Learn from the past, work for the present and plan for the future"

Janette Oke

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