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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT NEWS

WORDS FROM OUR GOVERNOR:

Greetings Club-Sisters,

Thank you for submitting your club Program Outlines. The new and innovative proposed outlines programs are relevant to our communities and will help to keep our "District Supreme".

Remember good programming impact our communities.

Special thanks to all clubs who recruited, reclaimed and retained members this club year. We have 420 members as of today. We do not have all Youth Clubs in this count.

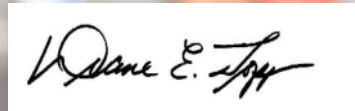
Let us support and encourage our leaders and sister members to emphasize, caring, sensitive and positive communications. Give input, suggestions and solutions to make our Club, District and the National Association what you want them to be. Let's come together with a new attitude and a determined commitment to carry out our National Mission.

We will be sending out the Call to Conference soon. The date is March 24-26, 2017. The Central Alabama Club will be hosting in Montgomery, AL. Please make plans to attend.

Thank you for your expressions of condolences. The "Best and Greatest Sisters" in the National Organization can be found in the "Supreme Southeast District".

" We are a strong organization, our long history of support and commitment has been demonstrated time and time again. We are embarking on a journey of recovery by building our organization. We don't have to invent the wheel, we know what it looks like, we just need to continue to make the wheel turn. We just need to get out of our own way. Our future awaits us, our presence will embrace us, and our past will continue to strengthen our resolve. "

Yours in true B&P Spirit



Diane E. Toppin
National President
NANBPWC, Inc.

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SAVE THE DATES:

- ♦ March 24-26, 2016
SED Conference
Montgomery AL
- ♦ July 16-23, 2016
National Convention
Fort Worth, TX

Yardley Nelson Hunter, SED Editor

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JASPER CLUB



Dr. Linda Ellis Brown, president of the Jasper Adult Club, will serve as Mississippi State Coordinator taking over from Ms. Barbara Johnson, Vicksburg Club, who is now serving as the Southeast District Treasurer.



Lang chosen for Sojourner Truth Award



Mrs. Berdia L. Lang

The Jasper County Adult Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated, Bay Springs, Miss., has selected Mrs. Berdia L. Lang to receive the National Sojourner Truth Award for 2016.

Lang will be honored as the recipient of this prestigious award at the club's annual Founders' Day Awards Luncheon.

The Sojourner Truth Award is the highest honor awarded by the National Association. The award is given as a reminder of the endless efforts that freedom demands of those who would be free and to recall the fact that slavery comes in many forms, enveloping the spirit as well as the body.

The recipient of the Sojourner Truth Award must have contributed to society in a number of ways. The recipient's contributions must include character building, community participation, fostering inter-racial goodwill, involvement and leadership in cultural activities and commitment to increasing tolerance, understanding and respect, and strengthening human relations. She must be about the business of raising the economic standards of all people, especially minorities. Above all, she must be involved, willing, and able to leverage her position in the community to garner the help needed to educate and encourage our youth.

Lang will receive the award on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at 3 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building in Raleigh, Miss.

For ticket information please contact Linda Ellis-Brown at 601-527-8341, Marie Moffett-Crosby, Sharon Ellis, Jackie Thigpen, Phyllis Norris, Marvia Roberson, or any member of the Jasper County and Vicinity Club.

SOUTH FLORIDA CLUB



In recognition of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, during the regular monthly meeting, the South Florida Club members increased their awareness of the disease by including the National Initiative on Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Club members made and wore pink ribbons, participated in a "Test Your Knowledge of Breast Cancer" pretest, and conducted a presentation and discussion on causes, prevention and ways to improve health risks. Members received pens, cup holders, scented candles, stickers, and reading glasses as souvenirs. A light meal was enjoyed by all in attendance.

CHARLOTTE CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Kerry Rushin Miller, President of the Charlotte Club:

In 1962 became the first African American to be accepted to the University of Georgia as a freshman. She and two others will be honored at a celebration event for the *First Black Freshman Class of 1966* at the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast. The celebration is one of an itinerary of events to be held for the honorees on January 12-13, 2017 at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA.

Delores Johnson Hurt, immediate past Director of Membership of the Charlotte Club, was recently named President of the League of Women Voters of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The League is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



“Success isn’t about how much money you make, it’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.”

-First Lady Michelle Obama

Sarah Stevenson, Life member and past president (1980-1984 and 1994-1998) of the Charlotte Club:

Received the 2016 Maya Angelou/Elizabeth Ross Dargan Lifetime Achievement Award on September 10, 2016. She was one of six women who were honored at the 14th Annual UNCF Maya Angelou Women Who Lead Luncheon held at the Charlotte Marriott City Center in Charlotte, NC.

Will receive the Philanthropy and Community 2016 Spirit of the Center Award on December 3, 2016. The award will be presented at the 2016 Art & Soul Jazzy Holiday Gala by the chairperson of the Harvey B. Gantt Center Board of Directors.

Thereasea C. Elder, Charter member, Life member, and immediate past Life Member Chairperson of the Charlotte Club:

Honored on October 13, 2016 at the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Thereasea C. Elder Community Health Leadership Academy. “The academy will train Community Health Ambassadors in local congregations and interfaith communities... The ambassadors will learn about health and human services to reduce health inequities in our communities.” The event was sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Health Department and Village HeartBEAT (Building Education & Accountability Together). Attendance included members of the Charlotte Club, community leaders, public officials, and many other supporters. The ceremony was held at the Thereasea Clark Elder Neighborhood Park, named after the honoree several years ago.





GREENSBORO CLUB



The Greensboro Club hosted a November dinner meeting in celebration of their sisterhood and the Thanksgiving season. After taking their annual club picture, Club Sisters enjoyed an evening of delicacies prepared at *The Vine of the Magnolia House*, owned by a former Club Sister—who will be readily embraced again!

The 7 November meeting was highlighted with a presentation from a Parent Liaison from the Guilford County Schools *Say Yes! To Education*. The initiatives of this new scholarship program—guaranteeing tuition to all college bound students in Guilford County Schools—has a significant impact on the Club's future scholarship program, so there was much to be understood.

The meeting closed with Club Sisters Sandra Alexander, Bertha Dixon and Geraldine Ray discussing the annual Holiday Gala fundraiser, scheduled for December 10.

“You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.”

-Rosa Parks



GREENSBORO PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED WITH “WOMAN OF VISION AWARD”

Greensboro Club President, Yardley Hunter, was recognized November 11th, by the Bennett College Durham Alumnae Association as a recipient of one of their “Women of Vision Awards of Excellence and Veteran Leadership”, and part of the alumnae chapter's 26th annual White Breakfast fundraising event, in conjunction to celebrating Bennett College's 90th Anniversary as a women's college.

The award also recognized President Hunter for 21 years as a military veteran. A retired USAF Captain, President Hunter adds to her list of military experiences being the only Black female officer, in a 12 officer cadre, selected by the Air Force to train the first class with females in the USAF Academy Class of 1980.

President Hunter is a 1975 Bennett graduate, as well as her Class Reunion Coordinator. A charter member of the 1926 Club—donors giving the college's founding year amount in financial support—President Hunter was highlighted for her continuous dedication to her alumnae and her life long service in promoting women empowerment in the community.

Her husband Steven, and son, Michael B. Hoyes, Jr. were proudly in attendance.



GRIFFIN-SPAULDING CLUB



SHOWCASING NEW ENTREPRENEUR “THE DOLL HOUSE, LLC.”

On a beautiful Sunday September 25th from 5-7:00 pm, the Griffin-Spaulding Club sponsored a fashion event showcasing a new entrepreneurship, “The Dollhouse, LLC.”, Lesia Weekly, owner. The event was: Sneak Preview Fashion Show: Divas, Discussion and Dessert.

Mrs. Weekly, an African American woman, launched her new clothing business in downtown 135 S. Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia. The boutique, a specialty shop, offers a variety of styles and fashions in sizes Small - 3X. Shoes, handbags and designer jewelry are also available for purchase in order to complete your outfit.

The business overflowed with more than forty (40) guests and club members anxiously awaiting to get a sneak preview of the fashions and styles for this fall. Mrs. Weekly, enthusiastically introduced each diva as they hit the red carpet wearing outfits chosen for all occasions. Divas included Emma Jean Foster-Taylor, Club President, Lottie Pyron, 2nd Vice President, debutante participants, parents and guest models.

Throughout the event NANBPWC sisters were busy networking with guests about our club, the benefits of membership, and the positive things that we do in the community.

Refreshments were given and prizes were drawn throughout the evening, including gift certificates to shop at the Dollhouse. Music was provided by Ombudsman Rufus Taylor, Jr.

The day ended with guests browsing, shopping and excited that there is a new specialty boutique conveniently located downtown Griffin, without having to drive miles into other cities.

PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE INTEREST OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

The NANBPWC, Inc. Founders were owners, managers, college graduates, and other professionally licensed women, who had managed to realize some measure of personal success, at a time when there was not a national movement to improve the lot of black Americans; where there was no black capitalism program, nor any black studies curricula. Still, these women felt prepared to offer leadership.



GREATER ATLANTA CLUB



Marcy Burden is a Young Adult Member of The Greater Atlanta Club. She is a graduate of Oakwood University, attended Emory University and is currently a senior at Valparaiso University School of Law.

Marcy has received numerous awards and scholarships during her academic career. While in law school she has participated in several legal organizations. She is a member of the Black Legal Student Association, President of the Christian Legal Society, Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity, and President of the International Moot Court Society. She founded the Criminal Justice Society Law Revue Volume 50 at Valparaiso University. During the past school year (2015-16), she had the privilege of competing in the Price Media Law Moot Court Competition Americas Round held at the B. Cardozo of Law in New York. Being a finalist in this competition she and the team from Valparaiso travelled to Oxford, England to compete with law students from around the world.

Marcy's inspiration, after graduation from law school in May 2017, is to be a criminal defense lawyer and one day in the near future to be a judge.

Marcy joined the Greater Atlanta Youth Club at the age of ten. She was also a recipient of our National Scholarship Awards upon graduating from high school.

De'ja Jones was awarded a scholarship from *Learning With Léa, Inc.* during ASU's 2016 Homecoming. De'ja Jones lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and is currently a junior at Albany State University in Albany, GA, studying Psychology. *Learning With Léa, Inc.* is owned by Juléa Eppinger, a native of Atlanta and a 2011 honor graduate of The "UnSinkable" Albany State University. *Learning With Léa, Inc.* provides tutorial services and academic support to adults and children. Juléa Eppinger is a nationally certified tutor, educator and doctoral candidate at North Central University, in the field of Psychology. She is a young adult member of the Greater Atlanta Club and was a charter member of the Greater Atlanta Youth Club.



Pictured left to right: Juléa Eppinger, De'ja Jones
October 21, 2016





METRO ATLANTA CLUB



On October 16, The Metro Atlanta Club held formal ceremonies of Officer Installation, Member Rededication and New Member Induction at the lovely home of President Janice Andrews. The ceremonies were heart warming and inspiring as we recommitted ourselves to the mission of NANBPWC, Inc. and our club.

We were honored to have Governor Minnie Forts to induct four dynamic women into our sisterhood, Carolyn Bolden-Carter, Trevious Grier, Stephanie Merrick and Lauren Myers.

Reclaimed were Tameka Horton, Diane Larche', Life Member and Mary Jones. The Honorable Magistrate Judge Wanda Dallas, Clayton County officiated the Officer Installation and charged the new leadership team to "give of their best, give strength , give honor, give loyal devotion ". We all left inspired!



GREATER GREENSBORO-REIDSVILLE CLUB



Joe L. Dudley, Sr. , and Club Sister Eunice M. Dudley, Co-Founders of Dudley Products were honored on October 19, 2016 by being featured in the Heritage Calendar for the month of February 2017, celebrating the NC African-American Experience.

MID-COLUMBUS CLUB

on the Move through Volunteering



Despite busy schedules, three Club Sisters with the Mid-Columbus Club, Columbus, Georgia, gave of their time to volunteer with some of the elementary schools in Columbus.

- ◆ President Brenda Chambers recently began reading to students at Georgetown Elementary.
- ◆ Second Vice President Josie Johnson volunteers each Tuesday at Reese Road Leadership Academy in the media center. Each Wednesday, also known as “Wonderful Wednesday”, she reads to the Pre-K 3 and 4 year olds at Fourth Street Child Development Center.
- ◆ Mary McFolley volunteers at St. Mary’s Magnet Academy where her granddaughter is a student. She works with the reading programs, book fairs and grandparents’ activities.

They all agree that these are enjoyable and rewarding experiences.

BOWARD COUNTY CLUB



Celebrates Members’ Accomplishments

SHEREA GREEN

- 10/2014** - Became a "**Certified Jail Services Inspector**" with The Florida Jail Standards Committee
- 11/2014** - Designated as "**Certified Jail Manager**" with the American Jail Association which is recognized by The Jail Manager Certification Commission (JMCC)
- 3/2015** - Recognized by Barry University during Women in Leadership Week
“Honoring Women That Serve in the Community.”
- 5/2016** - Received "**Achievers Award**" - Broward County Business and Professional Women's Network.
- 7/2016** - Graduated from
“Command Officers Development Course” - The Southern Police Institute Department of Criminal Justice College of Arts and Sciences University of Louisville.
- 8/2015** - Recognized by State Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed as a
“Pacesetter for Women in Law Enforcement.”

ANN MCPHEE MORMAN

- 11/5/2016**.... Ann celebrates her **80th** Birthday.



*Fostering Sisterly Relationship



On the Local, District and National levels, we can follow the

Ten Commandments of Sisterly Relationship:

1. Speak to Sisters. There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at Sisters. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile
3. Be Cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
4. Be Genuinely interested in Sisters. You can like almost everybody, if you try.
5. Be Friendly and sisterly. If you would have a friend be a friend.
6. Be Generous with praises – Be cautious with criticism.
7. Be Considerate with the feelings of your Sisters. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other side and the right side.
8. Remember to be understanding, respectfully and accepting of your Sisters.
9. Be Ready and willing to assist all Sisters if asked.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility.

You will be rewarded with **friendly Sisters** and a **GREAT CLUB** - if you obey.

Be careful of what you say, how you say it and most of all who you say it to. In this age of smart phones and other technology, you may be photographed or recorded.



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NATIONAL COLORS	RED AND YELLOW
NATIONAL FLOWER	YELLOW TEA ROSE
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBILITY
NATIONAL MATRIARCH	SOJOURNER TRUTH

