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## **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT NEWS**

### **WORDS FROM OUR GOVERNOR:**

**Greetings members of the "Supreme" Southeast District! Our 59th District Conference, in historic Montgomery, Alabama, birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement has renewed our purpose as a district!**

**Many thanks to our host, the Central Alabama Club. Conference Coordinator, Marie Castillo, and Vice Governor Carlether Burwell, for their successful partnership with their smooth scheduling of programs and 'on time' events centered on our theme, *"The Southeast District-Moving Forward with a Purpose –Committed to the Progressive Growth and Development of Business and Professional Women."* It was a large member representation, inclusive of many new members.**

**March was also **Women History Month**, as we hallmarked the advances made by business and professional women of the past, and celebrated the professional legacies of the present for their contemporary achievements. We highlighted a few events at the Conference, however, let's hear more about your respective Women History Month events—no more "hidden figures" for us, right ladies?**

"I have heard that many of you may not be aware of some of the projects and improvements that are happening for the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. So.....to keep you in the "know," I have created the

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* "President's Corner,"** a periodic video and/or printed communique that will provide a snapshot of B&P updates and tidbits, on issues that you'll want to keep informed of. As your National President, please know that if you have questions about things you wish to be informed of, please free to send me emails to strengthen our resolve. "

Yours in true B&P Spirit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie E. Taylor".

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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- ♦ April Founders Day
- ♦ July 16-23, 2017  
National Convention  
Fort Worth, TX

**Dr. Yardley Nelson Hunter,  
SED Editor**

# THE JASPER CLUB



## **A FOUNDING MEMBER, MS. ANNIE GRACE PAGE, TO BE HONORED IN JUNE**

The Jasper County Juneteenth Coalition will honor Ms. Annie Grace Page for her great services to the communities over the years. As a founding member, Ms. Page is passionately involved and concerned about the problems and social ills affecting the young people within her community, and exemplifies the true meaning of the Club's pledge in all her actions.

Annie G. Page, the daughter of the late Jacob Elijah and Annie V. Tatum, is a native of Bay Springs, MS, Jasper County, and an active member of the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church of the Lake Como Community in Bay Springs, MS, where she is Church clerk, Trustee Secretary, and has been a member of the musician staff for more than 40 years.

Annie is a 1964 graduate of Bay Springs Vocational High School and a 1967 graduate of Mississippi Valley State University, earning a BA degree in Elementary Education, and later earned a Masters Degree in Education from Mississippi State University. Annie also received an AAA Certification in Elementary Supervision, Counseling, Elementary Principal and Administration at the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University. She served in the East Jasper County School District for 26 years, as Assistant Principal at Nora Davis Magnet School, Laurel, MS, and as Principal at Gardiner Middle School, Laurel, MS. After retiring from the Laurel School District in June 2001, Annie was led her back to Heidelberg as Lead Supervisor with the Education and Training Institute, assisting school dropouts and adults in seeking GEDs and JOB Training. Through this program many students attended college, became employable, and some even became entrepreneurs.



In 2005, Annie transitioned to Jones County Junior College to work in the same capacity as the Education and Training Institute Program, with a satellite computer lab site located in Laurel, MS.

When the Jones Junior College computer lab moved to Bay Springs, she transferred there to work with new clients.

Civically, Annie has served several terms as Secretary on the Jasper County Democratic Committee, and in other capacities with the Mississippi State Teacher's Association. In 2015, Annie became a Silver Lifetime member of the NAACP.

Annie has two children, Anita and Lee; nine grandchildren, six great grand-children, one brother, one nephew and one niece, and daughter-in-law. Her motto is "assisting wherever needed".

## THE BROWARD COUNTY



SED says thanks and 'kudos' to The Broward County Club for recruiting Ms. Hyacinth Henderson! Ms. Henderson presented in a panel discussion at the Southeast District Conference, Montgomery, Alabama. Her delivery was well received by the attending membership. Conference Coordinator Marie Castillo, called her presentation, as "wonderful! On point and filled with important and useful information." Club Sister Hyacinth is 1st VP in The Broward County Club. Ms. Sylvia Ferguson is President.



*Hyacinth Henderson*  
Investment Adviser



THE  
**HENDERSON**  
FINANCIAL GROUP

Hyacinth is an Investment Adviser at The Henderson Financial Group. She has over 13 years of experience in the financial planning industry. Long before working for the firm in an office setting Ms. Henderson was running her father's snow cone company at the tender age of 9. Today, Hyacinth's principle duties are to ensure that The Henderson Financial Group's clients are being provided with exceptional service and support at a high level of excellence. Ms. Henderson possesses a comprehensive understanding of the financial planning process and investment products which she uses to service the firm's clients, develops and maintains professional relationships and identifies potential prospects. She is also responsible for new business development and ensuring the firm's brand is properly positioned throughout the community.

Hyacinth's passion for people has thrust her into the public speaking arena. With her professional knowledge and positive attitude, she uses her gifts to spend time teaching and empowering her community to be better stewards over their finances. In addition to teaching adults about finances, Hyacinth regularly volunteers her time teaching the youth about the importance of establishing good financial habits at various youth organizations and schools throughout South Florida.

Hyacinth is a member of Raymond James' Network for Women Advisors, Raymond James' Black Financial Advisors Network, Broward County Business and Professional Women's Network, South Florida Black Professionals Network, Association of African American Financial Advisors (AAAA), National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO Miami), and Young Professional Network of Miami.

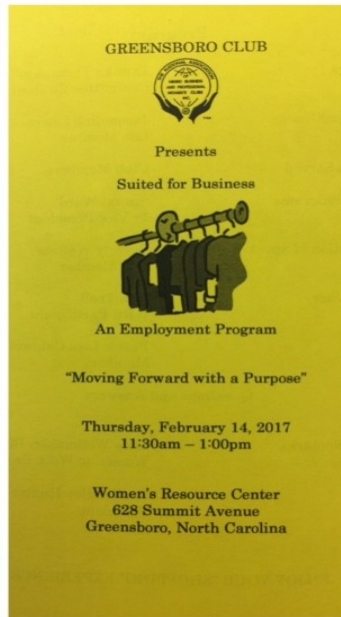




# THE GREENSBORO CLUB



## “Suited for Business”

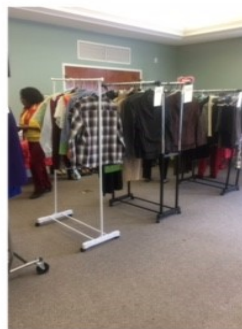


The Greensboro Club brought suits, fellowship and encouragement to participants of the Women to Work Program via its annual “Suited for Business” Program on February 14th. The event, taken place at the Women’s Resource Center, is designed to further assist the Center’s Women to Work participants prepare for the job market. Women to Work is a job readiness program that provides hiring strategies for women actively seeking employment.

The Greensboro Club partnered with the Greensboro Child Development Program sponsored the luncheon, and attendees were treated to an employment success story by Ann Trull, a Women to Work participant.

An inspirational message was also given by Rev. Lisa Caldwell, Greensboro Club member and Pastor of Troy Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church. The luncheon’s highlight was The Greensboro Club providing participants

with the opportunity of selecting donated suits, casual clothing and accessories appropriate for job interviews and the Co-chairs of the event, Greensboro Club members Tamika Thompson and Janice Holt, coordinated this annual event with the Women to Work Program Director, Lucy Wellmaker. Dr. Yardley M. Hunter is



# **THE GREENSBORO CLUB**



## **WOMEN HISTORY MONTH ATTORNEY “BRIDGE BUILDERS”**



**The Greensboro Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. recognized local female attorneys at its annual “Bridge Builders” program ,  
March 11 at Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, Greensboro, NC.**

**“Bridge Builders” is the Club’s celebration of Women’s History Month, a national mandate of the Association, developed to document the lifting up women -worldwide– for their contributions to their business and profession and to the betterment of their community.**

**Honorees were: Monica L. Bentham, attorney in private practice in Greensboro; Jennifer E. Bowden, of R. Steve Bowden and Associates; Margaret Dudley, attorney in private practice in Greensboro; Whitney Frye, adjunct law professor at N.C. Central University and general counsel and associate commissioner of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association; Eunice Jones-Obeng, attorney in private practice in Reidsville; Afi Johnson-Parris of the Ward-Black Law Firm; and Nekia Pridgen of the Pridgen Law Group.**

**Judge Patrice A. Hinnant of the N.C. Supreme Court, District 18, was the guest speaker. (center)  
Dr. Yardley N. Hunter is President of The Greensboro Club.**



# THE NEWETA CLUB



## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders' Day Celebration



The Neweta Club, chartered October, 1987, serving the Newnan/Coweta County area, held its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders' Day Celebration at Newnan Chapel United Methodist Church, Rev. Terrilyn Lemons, Pastor, on January 15th, at 3:00 pm, Debora Mack, Mistress of Ceremonies.

Honorees serving in educational services were recognized: Dr. Theodore Travis, current Assistant Principal, Northside Elementary School; retired: Mrs. Martha Guy Mrs. Georgia T. Jones, Mrs. Sara C. Williams and Neweta Club retired teachers, Mildred Addy, Mary Elder, Annie Hines, and Alice Malcolm. Mr. Willie Roger Tucker was awarded the Humanitarian and Coweta School Mentor. Surprised honoree Neweta Club President Brenda D. Martin received the Sojourner Truth Award for Meritorious Service.

Wilma Simmons introduced Neweta Club members, Alice Malcolm gave the Welcome/Occasion, Inspiration and Prayer by Christian Reid, Neweta Youth member, Radiedre' Hill read the Neweta Club History, and the scripture was read by Bulanda Presley.

President Brenda Martin, presented the plaques and Southeast District Governor Minnie Forts, conducted the Induction of new Adult Club member, Jameika Powell, and presented the Sojourner Truth Award to President Martin. Musical selections by Freddie Britt, Recording Vocalist and long-time Neweta Club supporter.

The Founders' Day theme, "Education" focused on National mandate, L.E.T.S. ("Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Technology, Service (Health, Education, Employment, and Economic Development").

# **THE NEWETA CLUB**



## **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders' Day Celebration**



The program ended with remarks from Neweta President, Brenda Martin. Benediction/blessing were given by Rev. Lemons, Pastor, Newnan Chapel United Methodist Church. Guests were invited to the reception in Newnan Chapel's Fellowship Hall and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

### **CURRENT ADULT MEMBERSHIP (member inducted\*):**

**Brenda Martin, President**

**Radiedre' Hill, First Vice-President**

**Cathy Moses, Secretary**

**Mildred Addy, Assistant Secretary**

**Sheila Echols, Treasurer**

**Beverly Hill-Jackson, Financial Secretary-**

**Wilma Simmons, Tech Support**

**Jameika Powell\***

**Annie Hines**

**Bulinda Presley**

**Debora Mack**

**Octavia Mahone**

**Missouri Simmons**

**Alice Malcolm**

**Gertrude Smith**

**Angelique Reid**

**Mary Elder**

**"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right side up again!"**

**— Sojourner Truth**

# THE GREATER ATLANTA CLUB



**Greater Atlanta Club President, **Pamela Majette**, received the President Barack Obama Lifetime Achievement Award 2016, on January 18, 2017, at the Georgia State Capital Building. The Honorable Georgia State Senator Donzella James, District 35, hosted and President Appointed Ambassador, Dr. Lenora Peterson presented the award.**

**The President's Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes leaders contributing more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service in their lifetime. President Majette's 19,000 plus volunteer hours reflects her commitment in assisting others is in making a difference in the lives of those who have been gravely affected by the injustices of our society. During her 24 years as an engineer, she volunteered as a probation officer- an experience spanning more than 20 years. President Majette currently involves herself in numerous community activities and supports causes close to her heart, such as the All Is Not Lost Anti-Human Trafficking and ZERO Waste By 2020 Campaigns.**



**As a long time professional, President Majette's staunch motto for the ladies she works with in the NANBPWC, Inc. "We are all about BUSINESS (Brilliant Unique Sisters Incredibly, Nurturing, Extraordinary & Successful Superstars)" guides her as she continuously leads the organization on the local level.**

**In attendance were her husband, Michael of 25 years and a GAC Ombudsman, the couple's three budding boys who they recently adopted, her mother, Burnett Burden, a charter GAC member, and Southeast NANBPWC, Inc. Governor, Minnie Forts.**



# THE GRIFFIN-SPALDING CLUB



**Griffin-Spalding Club  
Sub-Debutante **Dezmere Reid**, Sophomore at Griffin High School, received the 2016-2017 School Year Governor's Honors Award in Science.**

**Pictured...Dezmere Reid, Governor's Honor Winner and Cammie Brie, Sub-Debutante Advisor**



**Griffin-Spalding Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.**

## **Founders' Day Celebration**

**Guest Speaker  
Mrs. Lois Keith**

**Vice President National Council of Negro Women**

**Date:** Saturday, April 8, 2017

**Time:** 3:30 PM

**Location:** Mt. Zion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
321 E. Taylor Street  
Griffin, Georgia 30223

**RSVP: by April 1, 2017**

**Mrs. Kathelene Hines, 678-938-2339**

# THE GREATER GREENSBORO/REIDSVILLE CLUB



Four new Club members were recently inducted into the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., the Greater Greensboro/Reidsville Club. The new members are in white.

Pictured from left to right are, Tracey Moore, Kelley Douglas-Smith, Deborah Flowers and Millicent Lee. (Top right insert.) Sitrena McLendon is Membership Chair – fifth person from the left; Shirley Douglas is Club President -seventh person from the right.

Club Sisters are excited about the members bringing much talent and a variety of experiences to the Club.

## Heart Health Month



The Greater Greensboro/Reidsville Club members and invited guests participated in the “Go Red for Women” movement on February 11, 2017 for Heart Health Month.

The guest speaker was Ms. Gretchen O'Shay, Director of Development – Guilford Heart Ball and Go Red for Women, American Heart Association, Greensboro, NC.





## DONATION TO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Among their many support programs The Greater Greensboro/ Reidsville Club takes great pride in donating snacks for students enrolled in the Black Child Development (BCD) after school program. The mission of the Black Child Development is to improve and protect the quality of life of children, youth, and families in the Greater Greensboro community. The Greater Greensboro/ Reidsville Club recognized the importance of students being nourished between close of school and getting home and poured in a variety of high protein snacks. Many thanks to Club Sister Andrea Burnell-McLean, who coordinated the project with BCD staff members, Jelaina Siler and Leshaunna Cole and Sitrena McLendon.



**Winter Gala - March 11, 2017**

**Founders' Day – April 30, 2017**

In partnership with Levine Museum of the New South

# Women's History Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony

Valerie D. Glenn  
2017 Women's History  
Hall of Fame Inductee



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## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's History Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

On March 10, 2017, **Valerie D. Glenn**, SED Recording Secretary and immediate past president of the Charlotte Club, was inducted into the Women's History Hall of Fame (WHHOF). Valerie was honored for her significant contributions to the community with almost 15 years of experience as an educator in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system. She is joining a long list of other distinguished women who are trailblazers and whose contributions significantly impact the community. Their names, along with their outstanding Her-stories, are inscribed forever in the Women's History Hall of Fame.

Thereasea "TD" Elder, a charter member, Life member and WHHOF committee chairperson of the Charlotte Club, introduced the idea of the Women's History Hall of Fame as a venue to honor women during National Women's History Month. The Charlotte Club of NANBPWC, Inc., in partnership with the Levine Museum of the New South, jointly held the first induction ceremony on March 24, 2000. An induction ceremony has taken place annually since the first one.



# THE CHARLOTTE CLUB



The National Association of Negro Business and  
Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

CHARLOTTE CLUB



FOUNDERS' DAY

Saturday, April 29, 2017

11:00 AM

Crowne Plaza Charlotte \* 5700 Westpark Drive  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Ticket cost is \$40

Working to Empower Communities and Shape Lives



**Miss Rebecca Borders**

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE SENIOR

Ms. Borders was selected to be Miss Beta Psi because she is outgoing, friendly, and a dedicated leader who is committed to the progress of the Beta Psi Organization

Ms. Borders is a 22-year-old senior, majoring in Business Administration. She is a native of Walkertown, North Carolina and the fourth of six children. Her aspiration is to attend art school after graduating from Livingstone College to become an interior designer. She enjoys singing sewing, creating, and finding ways to better her community.

# THE CHARLOTTE CLUB



## **Club Sister Kerry Rushin Miller**

### **Honored as the First Black Female Undergraduate at UGA**

**The University of Georgia (UGA), Office of Institutional Diversity, realized her impact to the institution's civil rights movement when Charlotte Club Sister Kerry-Rushin Miller desegregated its campus in 1962.**

**Fifty years later, January 12, 2017, Club Sister Miller was called back on UGA's campus to talk about her undergraduate experience in personally addressing desegregation as the UGA's the first African America female freshman and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from UGA in 1966. One would agree that "that was a bitter sweet moment," however, Club Sister Miller used the experience as fuel to move forward and became the second African American female to be hired as an Engineering Associate at the Western Electric Regional Engineering Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia. Her forward movement continued. In 1975, she was one of two females selected to join the Southern Bell management team in Charlotte, NC, where she retired 29 years later, in 1996.**

**In 2005, Club Sister Miller joined The Charlotte Club in 2005 and continued her momentum in community service as a tutor, a life skills coach, and a job readiness counselor for several non-profit agencies. Among her awards for her contributions to the Charlotte community were the Sojourner Truth Meritorious Award and The Charlotte Club Service Award.**



## WASHINGTON COUNTY CLUB



**The 2017 Washington County Women History Program was held on Sunday, on March 12, 2017 . The honorees (pictured on right) were:**

- Dr. Christy Mountain-Bonner, first African American Female Pediatrician in the county;**
- Mrs. Tonya M. Brooks, first African American Female Assistant 1st VP of one of the local Banks;**
- Ms. Australia Cochran, first African American Female Newspaper Owner in the county**
- Mrs. Michon W. Lunsford, first African American Female Attorney Father-Daughter Partnership in the Washington County**
- Mrs. Vivian D. Pierce, first African American Female Licensed Embalmer in the county**

**The speaker for the Washington County Women History Program , Dr. Runee B. Sallad ( on left), was born and raised in Washington County where she graduated with honors from Washington County High School in 1989. Dr. Runee B. Sallad , currently Director of Georgia College Early College, supports students in beginning their dream by helping them earn college degrees. Her speech inspired the audience to become more actively involved in the lives of businesswomen and entrepreneurs in the area. Young Adult BRIMM members ,Ms. Michelle Maze and Ms. Jackie Sanders, and Adult members, Mrs. Jeanne Carson, Dr. Vivian Jones, and Mrs. Elizabeth Watts presented the honorees their plaques.**

**Congratulations Club Sister Jeanne Carson and her committee for spearheading the recognition of five business and professional African American Women from the local area!**



# West Central Georgia Youth Club



YOUTH  
CLUBS  
ROCK!

**BETA PSI MEMBER AT LARGE,  
SPELMAN COLLEGE  
ATLANTA, GA**

YOUTH  
CLUBS  
ROCK!





## \*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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