



St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Family,

From my heart to yours, I must say THANK YOU to each of you for all you do to make this Section excel as we reach out to the community in service. We have been blessed in many ways continuously over the past 31/2 years and as a result we have added additional outreach programs such as, the Thanksgiving Give Away and Winter Wonderland. Additionally, our membership has grown tremendously, and we WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS INTO THE FAMILY! In the words of our President/Chair, Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole, "Onward NCNW"!

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NATIONAL NEWS

For the second year, National Headquarters has instituted a National Membership Drive Competition. New Section memberships will be counted from September 1, 2019 until July 31, 2020. Consideration is been given to extension of the end date. Sections should pursue new Associate (Men) members as well. Social media, radio and newspapers to bring attention to NCNW and the membership drive should be utilized. REMEMBER, THE MAJOR GOAL IS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP!

The National Membership Drive Initiative Committee is encouraging every Section to plan activities in February to highlight Black History Month. The old adage "more hands make for lighter work" is certainly true. We have lots of work to do St. Pete Metro, let's continue the momentum!

SECTION EVENTS

- February 6th** E-Committee meeting; 6:00pm;
FAP Council House
- February 9th** Black Pearls General Membership Meeting
- February 15th** SPMS General Membership Meeting;
9:00am coffee; 9:30am meeting begins.
- February 22nd** Harambee Tea; Tickets \$15;
Suncoast Hospice Empath Health, 3050
1st Ave. So.; 2:00-5:00pm

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

We all know Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as the Founder of Bethune Cookman College/University. But did you know this fact, Dr. Bethune was a close friend of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the 1st female President of his organization, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc., currently named the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

HIGHLIGHTS



January was an extremely busy month with two phenomenal events, the MLK, Jr. Leadership Awards Breakfast and the MLK Day of Service projects!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Breakfast Chair and Co-Chair, Ms. Gwendolyn Fields and Mrs. Deshay Collier, on an outstanding job! We have heard only rave reviews regarding the Speaker, Reverend/Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman, and the entire program, including the meal and service by Banquet Masters. Scholarship awards to 18 students, two Guilford-Robinson and 16 Ralph W. Young Family Foundation, was our largest ever. The Foundation's commitment of "up to \$130,000.00" to our scholarship fund is spectacular! Also, giving scholarship aide to not only graduating seniors, but also to second year students is a first for our Section. Congratulations are also extended to all sub-committee Chairs and members and the entire Section. It takes all of us to make the Breakfast a resounding success year after year.

CONGRATULATIONS to the MLK Day of Service Chair and Co-Chair, Mrs. Lynn Harrell Johnson and Mrs. Valerie Williams, for their exceptional work on the Extended Stay Families in Transition project! While not present, I was with you in spirit. Through this project we were able to service targeted families on three separate occasions, January 20th, the downtown area; January 25th at Maximo Mall Parking lot and after the main event at locations in various areas where such families in need congregate. We were truly able to activate our motto "Blessed to be a Blessing". A big Thank You to Bay News 9 Reporter, Mrs. Cait McVey, for arranging the media coverage. Last but definitely not least, congratulations to every Section member who participated in this event. All of us working together spells SUCCESS!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

February 1st FLAG RAISING AT CITY HALL, 175 5th Street North; 10:00am. Join the Carter G. Woodson staff and City Officials as they raise the Dr. Carter G. Woodson flag over City Hall for the month of February to celebrate Black History month.

February 1st Movie, "JUST MERCY" OPEN DISCUSSION. Sponsored by the Community Remembrance Project Coalition (CRPC). James Weldon Johnson Library, 1059 18th Ave. South; 2:30-4:00pm. Come out and learn more about the Equal Justice Initiative (Bryan Stevenson) and the work of the CRPC in bringing a lynching monument to St. Petersburg.

February 1st Legacy Week Dinner; 5:00pm; Suncoast Hospice Empath Health 3050 1st Ave. South.

February 8th Legacy Week Breakfast; 9:00am; Maximo Presbyterian Church, 3200 58th Ave. South

February 8th ASALH's 6th Annual Black History Month Gala; St. Petersburg Country Club, 2000 Country Club Way South; 6:00pm; Tickets \$65; Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Maupin.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Two new members joined our family in January: Jennie M. Heath and Bridgette Talbert. Let's give them a warm SPMS welcome!

BLACK PEARLS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Janesis Richardson and Niyah Henderson, 1st and 2nd place winners in the "Ignite the Fire" MLK Day of Service Youth Essay/ Speech Contest! Entries were accepted from middle and high school students throughout Pinellas County.

Essay content was to highlight the civil rights movement as reflected in the principles of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and the impact on the writer's life today. The winners received their award at the MLK Day of Service Ignite the Fire Symposium on January 18th at the Kingdom Harvest Outreach Ministry, 3426 13th Avenue North.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Bill McCarty	2/1
Lucy Williams	2/7
Jacqueline Hubbard	2/12
Deborah Figgs-Sanders	2/12
Jennifer Richardson	2/16
Blanche Ganey	2/17
Georgia Thomas	2/22
Marcea McFarlane	2/26

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"A dream becomes a goal when action is taken toward its achievement." *Bo Bennett*

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