



ST. PETERSBURG METROPOLITAN SECTION

NCNW

Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

I have continued to be excited about our section's growth in membership and the repeated successes of our events. God has truly been pouring out abundant blessings! While we are nearing the end of this fiscal year, there is still much work to be done. Upcoming projects include the Black Pearls Mother-Daughter Tea in March and their Young Women's Conference in April. Let's always remember to support our youth! And of course, our section major events include the Food Festival in April and Founder's Day in May. As you know, there are other projects mandated by National for specific months throughout the year. We definitely need to become involved with the census-taking movement. Don't hesitate to offer new service project ideas. The key to success is all of us, seasoned and new members, working together.

Yours in Service,

Thelma

HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATS to the Harambee Tea Chair, Deshay Collier; Co-Chair, Sharion Thurman-Reeves; all team leaders and committee members! The Tea was exceptional, i.e. decorations, delectable sweets, and a fantastic program.

The Black History video captivated the audience! The performance by Gibbs High Center for Performing Arts senior, Roxie Brailsford, was truly phenomenal. Additionally, the African Attire outfits were absolutely beautiful.

The entire event was a great time of fellowship for members and guests. We gained one new member during the Tea!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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

Janette Oke

NATIONAL NEWS

The National Membership Initiative Committee continues to periodically mandate required activities for sections during specific months of the year.

As explained, for the month of March we must highlight Women's History Month. Additionally, celebration of Dr. Dorothy Height's birthday on March 24th is expected.

BLACK PEARLS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to our two Black Pearls who were honored to receive the Mac J. Williams Academic Excellence Award: Jenesis Richardson and Janelle Brown. The pathway to success is paved with hard work and supportive sponsors! Great things lay ahead for these young ladies.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please let us extend a warm SPMS welcome to our new members: Tiffany Bell, Cynthia Espuet, Tangela Murph, Shanika Roach, Pauline Robinson and two members Jennie Heath and Bridgette Talbert who both joined in January. ONWARD AND UPWARD ST. PETERSBURG METRO SECTION!

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Etta Tucker	3/14
Betty Hayward	3/16
Carol Moore	3/24
Joan Thurmond	3/27
Dr. LaDonna Butler	3/30
Ethel Robinson	3/31

Prayer List

Signora Farris

Jamie Wilburn

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

HELPFUL SECTION INFO

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$55 Local and \$50 National Dues are payable in October. Members who joined in May thru September are paid up until October of the following year.

ASSESSMENTS:

The October assessment of \$50 has been used to sponsor the Gilford-Dennard scholarships for our Black Pearls. The March assessment of \$50 has been used to assist with our Founder's Day Program. A portion of both assessments is allocated to the Council House maintenance budget.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY NUGGET

Harriet Tubman was especially interested in the rights of African American women. In 1896 when she was already frail, she was invited as a guest speaker at the first meeting of the **National Association of Colored Women**, a forerunner of the National Council of Negro Women. Despite being illiterate, Tubman's speeches were popular and always left people wanting more.

Sharion Thurman-Reeves
HISTORIAN

SECTION EVENTS

- Mar. 5th - SPMS E-Committee Meeting; 6:00 pm; FAP Council House
- Mar. 7th - Black Pearls Mother-Daughter Tea; Empath Health, 3050 1st Av. S. Tixs 1 @ \$20 or 2 @ \$35.
- Mar. 8th - Black Pearls General Membership Meeting; 2:00-4:00 pm; FAP Council House
- Mar. 21st - SPMS General Membership Meeting; 9:00 am coffee; 9:30 am meeting begins.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Mar. 1st - "Celtic Woman"; Mahaffey Theatre; 7:00 pm.
- Mar. 5th - Grant Writing Basics. 6:00 – 8:00 pm. St. Petersburg Greenhouse; 400 42nd Av. N. (Reg. required 893-7767). ANY MEMBER INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GRANT RESEARCH COMMITTEE PLEASE CONTACT ME (Thelma) @ (727) 459-6101.
- Mar. 9th - Beyond Amendment 4; community discussion on the status of voting rights for returning felons with Congressman Charlie Christ. Childs Park YMCA, 691 43rd St. S.: 10:00 am.