



## St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section

# NCNW

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Family,

In critical times like this, as we prayerfully await the end of this COVID-19 pandemic, we must continually lift each other up in prayer. While we have never experienced circumstances such as these in our lifetime, we know one thing for sure, God is with us and He is able!

As we adjust to new life restrictions, we will continue the business of our section, with the exception of events, via other technological means. *Until such time as the pandemic has ended, teleconference communication for meetings shall continue.* We also will continue communication with each other. Let's especially not forget to check on those members who live alone.

Be Careful, Be Safe and Stay Prayerful.

Yours in Service, *Thelma*

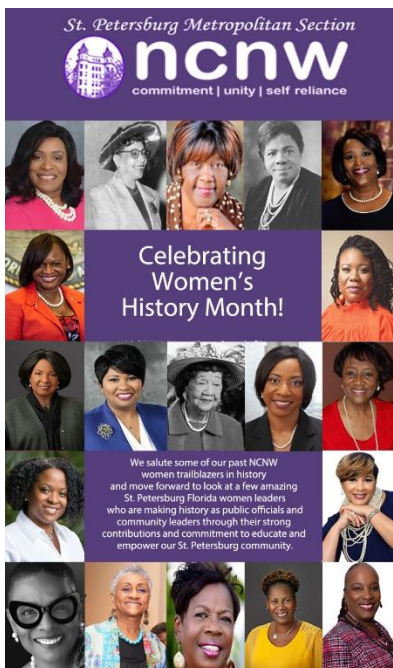
### HIGHLIGHTS

In accordance with the directive from the National Membership Initiative Committee, our section launched a Women's History Month social media blast. Ten women, elected officials and organization leaders, were videotaped at the Council House. Also, several members submitted photos and brief comments for posting to the website. Please take a look at the website to view the entire rollout: [www.ncnwstpete.org](http://www.ncnwstpete.org).

Our Technology/Communication team members, Lynn Harrell Johnson and Valerie Williams, are busy revamping the website. Members can now pay dues and assessments via the website. There is also a link which can take you directly to the National payment site and a "DONATE CLICK" is also available. Many improvements are coming. Check back periodically to see what is new!

Sisterly,

*Thelma*



### NATIONAL NEWS

National Headquarters has opened the period for members to send amendment proposals to the National Bylaws. All proposals must be submitted by the deadline of April 28<sup>th</sup> to the National Bylaws Committee. Please check your email dated March 25<sup>th</sup> the template which must be utilized when submitting proposals. Submissions may be sent by email to: [2020nationalncnwbylaws@gmail.com](mailto:2020nationalncnwbylaws@gmail.com) or mailed to 633 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004.

The National Convention is now scheduled for September 24 – September 28, 2020 at the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. If you have never attended, consider doing so. It is truly a wonderful experience! Information will follow as soon as available regarding conference hotel room rates and registration fees.

### SECTION EVENTS

- April 2nd - SPMS Exec. Comm. Mtg. via teleconference 6:00 pm
- April 12<sup>th</sup> - Black Pearls Gen. Membership Meeting via teleconference 2P-4P
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - SPMS Gen. Mbr. Mtg; via teleconference

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ❖ Currently all Community Events have been cancelled.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our family is continuing to grow! New members during the month March include:

Theresa Jones  
Mary Murph  
Terri Lipsey Scott  
Dr. Tonjua Williams

As always, let's extend a warm St. Pete. Metropolitan welcome to each new member.

## BLACK PEARLS NEWS

The Black Pearls held their annual Mother-Daughter Tea on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Empath Health at 12 noon, enhanced with beautiful table décor overflowing with delicious delicacies and teas. Many thanks to our guest speaker, Min. Alicia Lemon-Williams, who brought a powerful spiritual message. Also, thank you, Dr. Ladonna Butler, for delivering a strong message of support during the Health segment. Our Black Pearls did not disappoint, showing talent through dance, a piano recital, singing and providing script for each of their beautiful "Butterflies" chosen to represent their Tea theme.

They displayed great teamwork in support of another successful fundraiser. As always, we appreciate the dedicated support and donations from the Parents and our SPMS NCNW sisters!

Blessings,

Sandra Gibson

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NIV

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## BIRTHDAYS

Naomi Kellogg	4/2
Gwendolyn Reese	4/4
Althea Hudson	4/8
Tenesha Mells	4/13
Ethelstine Harris	4/18

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Sharion Thurman Reeves

"Easter Monday" is an African-American tradition which dates back to 1891, beginning in Washington, D.C. What caused African-American families to celebrate on the day after Easter isn't exactly known, although it seems clearly related to Washington's segregated practices at the time. Some said that it was because the black families weren't allowed at the White House Easter Egg Roll. Others believed that the black housekeepers had to work in the homes on Easter Sunday, so Easter was celebrated on Monday. Originally, African-Americans gathered at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. The day at the zoo was filled with an Easter egg hunt, trivia, games, music and picnics. The tradition quickly spread throughout the African-American communities, especially in the South, and subsequently became a cultural addition to the traditional Easter celebrations.

## Prayer List

Deidre Downing-Jackson (husband)  
Signora Farris (recuperating at home)  
Carolyn Hobbs (husband)  
Ella Morehead (husband)  
Angela Rouson (grandmother's transition)

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