



Celebrating Over 100 Years of Community Service

National Association of University Women

"Progressive Women Remaining Relevant in a Global Society"

October 2017 Newsletter

**Message From the National President,
Evelyn Wright**

Greetings My NAUW Sisters,

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing summer. Many of you were able to take trips out of the country to exotic places. Now we have returned to begin the 2017-18 year for the National Association of University Women! The months of September and October will be busy ones for NAUW as we plan the magnificent programs that will service our communities. I envision Health Fairs, Career Days, Reading Jubilees, Founders Day activities, Cancer Awareness Programs and much much more. Many branches



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will provide information to prospective members during the month of October at our Membership Teas. First Vice President Worthams and I can't wait to see our numbers increase! We are grateful for God's grace which has sustained our sisters experiencing devastation, loss and turmoil due to Hurricane Harvey. With this in mind, I am proud to introduce "My Sisters Keeper". This is a new fund designed to give emergency assistance to an NAUW member who has suffered due to a natural disaster such as a hurricane, tornado, flood or fire to name a few.

We have identified at least seven sisters in the South Central Section who will be recipients of "My Sisters Keeper". Let's continue to pray for them and lift them up. I am sure this fund will go a long way in showing our dears sisters that NAUW cares. I look forward to seeing you all at your sectional conferences. Most definitely, I am excited about the prospect of your attendance at the 71st National Convention to be held in Manhattan Beach, California in 2018! This is a convention you don't want to miss. See you there. Be blessed as you exemplify we are "Progressive Women Remaining Relevant in a Global Society"!

Sincerely,
Evelyn Wright
National President



ANNUAL REPORTS- Thank you to all branches who have submitted their Annual Report. This report is extremely important to document activities/programs to maintain our 501c designation with the IRS. As of this date, all Annual Reports have NOT been submitted. If your branch is among this group, please complete and send immediately. The financial piece is utilized to file our taxes for the organization. Figures must be accurate. Scholarship donations, book grants, donations to other groups should be itemized. Please check for accuracy PRIOR to sending this report into national. **Annual Reports are due June 30,2017.** Copies are to be mailed to the National President at Headquarters, First Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Sectional Director. Keep one for your records.

IRS 990 Form- Many of you have received letters from the Internal Revenue Service indicating you have not filed a 990 Form. PLEASE BE ADVISED YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.

Each branch of the National Association of University Women comes under the umbrella of the national body. The chapter is a subordinate organization in a group exemption and filed as part of a group return under the name National Association of University Women Group Return with the EIN 90-0536679 . All necessary forms are filed by our accountant.

If you receive a letter from the IRS asking you to submit a reason why you have not filed, please do the following:

- Complete the request giving the name and phone number of your current branch president
- Give the National EIN number and explanation listed above (90-0536679)
- Return the form to the IRS
- Send a copy of the completed form to the National Headquarters

Please do NOT send the form to the National President to complete.

HEADQUARTERS- New hours of operation are Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. We are so delighted to have a New Office Manager. Feel free to call headquarters and make her welcome. If you are in the DC area, you may visit during these hours. All other days of visitations must be approved by National President Wright. Her info is listed below.

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JOURNAL- The Spring 2015 Journal has been mailed to branch presidents. What a lovely edition. We are thankful to the many members who responded by submitting articles, essays and poems for our enjoyment. Can't wait to read it! A very special "Thank You " is extended to former Journalist Dr. Bettye Williams and newly appointed Journalist Natasha Pollard for making this a reality. We will now begin "double duty" as we prepare for the 2017 Journal and **2016 BULLETIN** simultaneously. Begin collecting pictures and information you would like to have submitted to the Bulletin for the period ending June 2017. More info will be forthcoming in regards to number of pages for submission from Journalist Natasha Pollard.

Board of Directors- Annual meeting was held at Headquarters Sept. 21-24 in Washington, DC Members had the opportunity to visit the Mary Church Terrell Elementary School now renamed Somerset Academy. It is a newly formed charter school with high academic achievement. We were able to see firsthand the changes being made to upgrade and improve the school. June 2018 is significant for the school. This will mark the first graduating class of the new school. NAUW will participate in supporting this class. Mary Church Terrell would be proud. More information will be shared along with pictures at the 71st National Convention.

NATIONAL CONVENTION- The 71st National Convention will be held at the Marriott Manhattan Beach in sunny California. The Culver City and West Coast Cities Branches are our host. Co Chairs Kenya Dennis and Valerie Vaultz are planning a fabulous time for each of you. We have negotiated an unheard of price for your accommodations! Room Rates are \$184 for single, double, triple and quad. So join with fellow members to share a room and lower the cost! Yes, the Los Angeles area is more expensive than many other cities, but believe me, we are in PRIME LOCATION during the high volume summer season. START SAVING NOW. I want you there to help send me off as I transition to a Forever Emerald. Convention Dates are August 1-5, 2018. The Board of Directors will meet Pre Convention July 31, 2018 and Post Convention August 5, 2018. Rates apply two days before and after the convention. Registration Rates, schedules etc. will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

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Today's Meditation

Tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, mass floods, the largest fire in history, rumors of war and the largest hurricane on record in the Atlantic Ocean happening now. Be encouraged and increase your prayer of faith to know. . .

“The Lord has heard my cry for mercy, the Lord accepts my prayer.”

(PSALMS 6:9 NIV)



You are in my thoughts and prayers,
Evelyn Wright, National President
Linda P. Armstrong, National Chaplain/Woman of the Year

Message From the National 1st Vice President, Christiana Worthams



Greetings My NAUW Sisters,

As we enter the fall season and begin our 2017-2018 NAUW year, I hope that these greetings find you and your families well. I am very excited as I reflect on the hard work we have done in all of our Sections. I want to thank each of you for your service as we've worked together to make significant contributions to NAUW for the benefit of women, children, and the disadvantaged in our communities.

Since our National Convention in St. Louis, we congratulate North East Sectional Director Ann Glover-Lingham for the chartering of the Jamaica Rockaway NY Branch in April 2017. We also congratulate former South Central Sectional Director Betty Wilkerson for the chartering of the Terrebonne Branch in January 2017 and the North Texas Branch in October 2016. And we welcome aboard the members of these three branches!

We remain focused on meeting our stretch goal of chartering a minimum of two new branches in each Section by the end of our 2017-2018 NAUW year and each branch to increase its membership by 25% this year. Our Sectional Directors need our help in identifying, organizing, and chartering new branches. I invite you to reach out to your Sectional Director or to me with your suggestions and recommendation of prospective contacts of like-minded women who share the commitment to our NAUW mission as we remain "Progressive Women Remaining Relevant in a Global Society."

Sisterly,
Christiana Worthams, National First Vice President

Message From the 2nd Vice President, Letisa Verren



Dear Branch President and Branch Members,

It is with profound pride and excitement that I extend sincere congratulations to you, my NAUW sisters, for your dedication and commitment to positively impact the quality of life of countless individuals during the 2014-2016 program years.

Since its establishment, the National Association of University Women (NAUW) has clearly established itself as a public service organization that strives to confront the problems of African-Americans and, hence, all Americans. A wide range of programs addressing education, health, international development, and political awareness and involvement has emerged and evolved over the years. In realizing its mission, the NAUW will provide an extensive array of public-service activities through its Four-Point Program. The Four-Point Program is designed for all branches, large or small. Simply select the programs that your branch would like to participate in, use the suggestions listed, and tailor your activities to deliver the results needed for a successful outcome.

I am pleased to announce that we will continue our journey with the Four-Point Program initiated in the fall of 2014. Branches throughout the organization expressed their excitement and eagerness by successfully embracing our Four-Point Program. The Four-Point Program provides branches the opportunity to execute service programs addressing community needs, in conjunction with programs in traditional target areas. It is for this reason that we will continue moving forward with our program, beginning fall of 2017 and conclude in 2018.

Please take these next few weeks to prepare to creatively implement programs that will again effectively serve your respective communities. As always our goal is to improve the lives of others with innovative and high-impact programs, portraying the ideals of the NAUW members who preceded us.

Sisterly,



Letisa Vereen, National Second Vice President

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Program 1 – Educational Development

The Educational Development program is designed to help develop our youth because they are truly our future. The program has an objective of assisting in the development of youth by coordinating programs that will prepare them to fully participate as successful leaders in the 21st century.

NAUW Young Achievers will address the issues challenging middle and high school-aged African-American girls and/or boys. Through a series of workshops and interactive programs, the Young Achievers program supports a successful completion of middle school and facilitates the transition to high school.

The program will create an environment of learning that enriches the lives of girls and/or boys in grades six through twelve focused on educational, cultural, philanthropic and socio-economic principles while stimulating spiritual growth through enrichment programs. Our success will produce a strong-minded leader with the ability to stand strong in today's global society.

The Reading Bridge program will create a reading project where every member in the branch is involved in One-on-One reading with a reading friend. Select a reader from kindergarten through adult (suggested times will vary from 30 minutes with very young readers to 50-60 minutes with teens and adults). Keep the focus on the books and make the reading experience positive and fun. Branch members will keep a monthly log of hours devoted to this project.

| Program Area | Proposed Activities for Branches | Measuring Success |
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| <p>Educational Development</p> <p>NAUW Young Achievers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide college tours • Conduct team-building exercises • Host self-esteem workshops, seminars in fiscal responsibility and other empowerment workshops • Provide community service opportunities (MLK, Jr. Day of Service) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile a list of participants; track the number of activities branch members and community persons are engaged in • Summarize and report the dates, types of activities performed, and educational benefits sustained |

The **Reading Bridge** program will educate the membership and the African-American community about the importance of focusing on literacy through reading.

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| <p>Educational Development</p> <p>Reading Bridge Program</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide at least five books to the reader • Provide older readers with a journal for taking notes on books read and for journal writing • Visit your reader once a month | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile a list of participants; track the number of books read • Summarize the dates and the educational benefit sustained |

Program 2 – Health Promotion

The National Association of University Women will promote health awareness in three areas: Organ, Tissue and Bone Marrow Donation Awareness Program; A Healthy Lifestyle: Fighting Obesity and its Consequences; and Alzheimer’s disease.

Organ, Tissue and Bone Marrow Donation Awareness Program will educate the membership and the African-American community about the importance of, and need for, donating organ, tissue, and bone marrow.

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| <p data-bbox="354 184 532 212">Health Promotion</p> <p data-bbox="298 285 587 342">The Organ, Tissue and Bone Marrow Donation Program</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="639 184 943 264">• Host informative workshops to promote organ, tissue and bone marrow donation awareness <li data-bbox="639 296 922 352">• Host blood drive and register participants for program <li data-bbox="639 373 954 430">• Register participants in diabetes and breast cancer walks <li data-bbox="639 451 976 531">• Provide health tips in the branch's monthly newsletter and/or at branch meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1008 184 1317 264">• Track the number of activities branch members and community persons are engaged in <li data-bbox="1008 296 1328 373">• Summarize and report the dates, types of activities and benefit sustained |

A Healthy Lifestyle: Fighting Obesity and its Consequences will focus on the importance and a major prevention awareness campaign with emphasis on hypertension, cholesterol and diabetes management with diet and exercise.

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| <p data-bbox="354 984 532 1012">Health Promotion</p> <p data-bbox="289 1043 597 1100">A Healthy Lifestyle: Fighting Obesity and its Consequences</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="639 984 846 1041">• Host healthy cooking demonstrations <li data-bbox="639 1062 878 1110">• Host a family health day <li data-bbox="639 1121 971 1178">• Participate in diabetes and breast cancer walks <li data-bbox="639 1199 976 1276">• Distribute pamphlets about current health and wellness issues affecting the African American community <li data-bbox="639 1297 959 1354">• Provide information on available health care resources <li data-bbox="639 1375 954 1453">• Encourage members to improve their quality of life and to promote healthy lifestyles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1008 984 1317 1062">• Track the number of activities branch members and community persons are engaged in <li data-bbox="1008 1094 1328 1171">• Summarize and report the dates, type of activities and benefit sustained |

The Alzheimer's Program will generate awareness and support for Alzheimer's programming and research. Alzheimer's disease is one of the fastest growing health challenges among African-Americans. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells, or neurons, resulting in loss of memory, deficits in thinking and language skills, and behavioral changes.

Research shows that older African-Americans are about twice as likely as older whites to have Alzheimer's and other dementias. A growing body of evidence suggests that risk factors for vascular disease — including diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol — may very well be risk factors for Alzheimer's.

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| Health Promotion The Alzheimer's Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host an Alzheimer's workshop• Participate in Alzheimer's walk-for-a-cure campaigns• Distribute pamphlets about Alzheimer's, its symptoms, stages, and how it affects the African-American community• Provide information on available health care resources for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track the number of activities branch members and community persons are engaged in• Conduct a survey to report the benefit to participants |

