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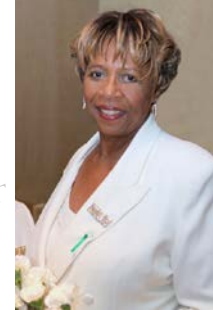
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Our Motto is Have A BLAST
B = better
LA = larger, and
ST = stronger



Sectional Director's Message

Welcome to the New Year. I hope 2012 brings the members some of the things they enjoy and want. I am looking forward to a successful year with NAUW. Working together we can do tremendous things with community service, health and education.

I hope the international project is going well in each branch. Remember we want to send 2012 shoes to Haiti. The country is still devastated and they can use all the help we can offer.

South Central Los Angeles Branch Members are hosting the Southwest Sectional Conference on February 3-4, 2012 at Torrance Holiday Inn, 19800 S. Vermont, Torrance, CA 90502, (310) 781-9100. The conference theme is "Heart and Soul". The Sectional Conference will be a rewarding experience for each of our members in attendance. The workshops will provide a wealth of information for you. We will have an opportunity to take care of Sectional business and meet members from the other branches.

Put in your summer plans a trip to Atlanta for our National Convention July 30th to August 4th. The Atlanta Branch is working diligently to make this a successful convention. Let's have a record number of members from the West Coast attending the convention.

Progressive Women Redefining Community Service in the 21st Century



From the desk of
Southwest Lay Member
Dr. Essie French-Preston



Save the date: Founder's Day,
Saturday,
March 3, 2012, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Double Tree Hotel, Carson, CA

The Scholarship committee met to review the applications received for the Southwest Sectional Scholarship and to plan the scholarship program for the Southwest Sectional Conference. The recipient for the 2012 Sectional Scholarship has been selected.

The Scholarship Luncheon keynote speaker is Margarette Francisco, Esq. a graduate of California State University, Los Angeles; University of West Los Angeles, School of Law; University of Maryland, University College. She is also a member of the California Bar Association.

The speaker selected for the Southwest Sectional conference breakfast will be S. Pearl Sharp who attended Bowling Green State University, earned her B.S. degree in media production and is an author, poet, actress, filmmaker/broadcast journalist and award-winning independent film maker.

I would like to thank my committee members: Josephine Bolden, Helen Ricks, Marjorie Glass, Jean Balthazar, Adriana McNally, Goldie McCaleb, Linda Dickerson, Margaret Dawson, & Selena Wright.

Southwest Branch Highlights:

Capitol Branch reports that "Membership REGROUPING" is the first priority for this fiscal year. Capitol Branch is happy to report Linda Alexander and Doris Jones will be attending the Southwest Sectional Conference in February as our Representatives.

Mark your calendars for September 15, 2012, from 11 AM to 7 PM in Royer Park, Roseville, CA. Free Admission to ONE ROOT YOUTH VILLAGE FOR THE KIDS. One Root Youth Village Founders are Sahib Lanre Hassan and Doris Marie Jones, NAUW Southwest Section Capitol Branch President. Members man a booth; distribute NAUW literature, books and pencils to children at the fair. Capitol Branch members also collect new and gently used books and magazines as their ongoing service project. They deliver them to three places: a nursing home, hospital and medical center. Plans for 2012 include a guest appearance by former Sacramento resident Leslie Wagner Wilson. She is a survivor of the Jonestown holocaust and will be autographing her book in Sacramento. See Capitol Branch Newsletter for more information. (Mandy Piggee)

"Capitol Branch Members sponsor and provide workshops for the Girls Self Esteem Workshops GSEP. My granddaughter participates in the program. For the children we give books and pencils and for the adults we

give magazines and books.



(Doris Jones) 😊

Capitol Branch Member, Linda Alexander regularly tutors school age children at the elementary school.

Compton Branch reports an ongoing read to children program at East Rancho Dominguez County of Los Angeles Public Library every 3rd Saturday of the month from 12:30 noon to 2PM. Branch members donated two boxes of goodies complete with turkeys for needed families for

the Christmas season. Membership meetings are held on the 3rd Friday each month at IHOP from 6-8 PM. Josephine Bolden was selected and honored as the 2011 Compton Branch Woman of the Year.



President Josephine Bolden with donations

*Lay a good foundation for your activities
Open your hearts and give
Volunteer to read to a child
Encourage others*



President Deborah Davis Inland Empire

Inland Empire Branch reports

Audrey Jordan joined Inland Empire Branch as a member and continues to create magic in spirit, encouragement and enthusiasm! In October the branch voted for its first "Woman of the Year." Deborah Davis was awarded the honor at the November meeting with a special plaque presented to her at the Holiday Luncheon held on Dec. 3, 2011. Deborah is a chartered member and has served as President for the last three years.

November was the beginning of our community service project focused on feeding families in need. Members collected and donated more than eight bags of non-perishable groceries and \$150 in gift cards to the Foothill Family Shelter in the City of Upland.

Also in November **Inland Empire Branch** welcomed six new members. Joining the Inland Empire were; Sheri Dyson Clark, Jean Hawkins, Angelia Pilcher, Marilyn James-Miller, Jessie Henry Thomas, and Charlene Robinson. This branch may take the honor of the largest number of new member added. President Deborah Davis stated, "We are excited to have these ladies join us as we continue to build our young branch and their talents will enhance our work in the community."

Mark your calendar for March 2nd as Inland Empire Branch celebrates "National Read Across America Day." This year marks the 2nd year Inland Empire Branch will be involved in Magnolia Elementary School celebration in Upland. Members are excited to share with kindergarteners first, second and third grade students.

South Bay Branch reports the Annual **SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH** Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2012, from 1-4 PM at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation

Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. The cost is \$55.00. Tickets will be available at the Sectional Conference.

Hattie McFrazier, President of South Bay Branch and chair of the LAUSD School Attendance Review Board 8th District served as a panelist at the South Los Angeles Public School Town Hall Meeting on January 23, at Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church and responded to “WHAT DOES REAL EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE LOOK LIKE?” The keynote speaker, Dr. Maulana Karenga, Professor of African American Studies at CSULB presented the STATE OF TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS: the struggle for social justice in education continues.

Linda Dickerson, Financial Secretary was selected and crowned the South Bay Branch Woman of the Year for 2011/2012. **Billie Frierson**, National Woman of the Year and South Bay Branch Secretary will serve as a panelist sharing on February 22, 2012, at 6 PM, 111 North Central Ave, Los Angeles, and the event is sponsored by A RAVEN ABOVE PRESS in association with the Japanese American National Museum. February's theme will focus on African Americans of American Indian descent with a screening of the film, “American Red and Black.” Valena Broussard Dismukes will moderate a panel discussion on how some African Americans connect with their American Indian heritage.

South Bay Branch honors Audrey Jordan



Audrey Jordan's inspirational spirit and dynamic leadership abilities were applauded by South Bay Branch Members with flowers, a certificate and a gift. Photo #1 is President Hattie McFrazier, Southwest Sectional Director Audrey Jordan and Bernice Shannon Southwest Sectional Consultant. Photo #2 seated: Hattie McFrazier, Audrey Jordan, Callie Calvin and standing: Judy Carter, Pamela Ennis, Sharon Johnson, Mary Jackson Freney, Geraldine Perry, Adair Gray, Mary Brown, Bernice Shannon, Margarette Crockett, Cassandra Noble, San-D Smith, and Emma Smith. (Photos courtesy of Billie Frierson)

Hold the date June 30, 2012 for the
6th Annual Leimert Park Village Book Fair ~ South Bay Branch 2nd year sponsor
Time 9 AM to 6 PM more than 5000 attended last year. Volunteers are welcomed; contact bf96delrio@aol.com

West Coast Cities Branch in celebration of Women's History Month will once again co-sponsor with El Camino College Compton Center **"In the Spirit of Women Conference"** in spring of 2012 at the Compton Campus, 1111 E. Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA.

West Coast Cities crowned Pearlie Nelson Woman of the Year. West Coast Cities will host their annual Hall of Fame Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, March 24th at 11:00A.M. Please join us at the Double Tree Hotel in Carson, CA located at 2 Civic Plaza Drive. For tickets please contact President Pamela Foster or Rebecca Osborne. Tickets are \$55. Are you feeling lucky? There will be lots of door prizes. See you there. Pamela Foster-President

Inglewood Branch reports with deepest sorrow the passing of Barbara Young on December 19, 2011. Barbara was a past President of the Inglewood Branch and a very active member at the Sectional and National levels. Barbara was an active and dedicated member of the Inglewood Branch for 22 years.

The Annual Green and White Inglewood Branch Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Ayers Hotel in Hawthorne. The time is 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$55.00. Tickets will be available at the Sectional Conference.

The **Red Dress Day** will be held on Saturday, February 25th at Inglewood High School. This event is a joint venture between the Inglewood Branch of NAUW and the Inglewood Unified School District. The focus of the Red Dress Day is education on heart health and related health protection issues. There is no cost to attend this event. A flyer will be available for distribution at the Sectional Conference. (Judy Washington)



INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
In conjunction with the
NATIONAL ASSOC. OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN INGLEWOOD BRANCH

Red Dress Day



Presents...
"SMART WAYS TO LIVE WELL"

In honor of Women's Health Awareness and Safety Month please join us for a morning of health education booths, health screenings, informative presentations, and light refreshments.




FREE TUTORING ..
Resources will be available on site for IUSD schools identified as Program Improvement.

- Meet Supplemental Education Service (SES) Providers
- Applications for SES
- English and Math

Saturday, February 25, 2012
9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Location:
Inglewood High School
Sentinel Inn

231 S. Greville Ave.
Inglewood, CA 90301

Sponsored By:
IUSD Special Projects Department
NAUW- Inglewood Branch

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Culver City Reports two Octogenarians Honored: **Carmen Almond** and **Ruthie Williams** turned 80 years young in December 2011 and January 2012 respectively. They have been

members of the Culver City branch for over 20 years. **First Vice President Mildred Slaughter** presented birthday presents honoring their legacy and their work with the National Association of University Women. Photo #1 Carmen Almond and Ruthie Williams honored with President Mildred Slaughter standing. Photo #2 President Helen Ricks and First Vice President Mildred Slaughter share a bounty of foods for the holidays with two youths for their families.



Dr. Virginia Hathaway received permanent appointment for the new executive directorship with 100 Black Men - Young Black Scholars' Program.

Dr. Virginia Hathaway is President of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Los Angeles, immediate past president of the National Association of University Women, Culver City Branch, and the National Chairperson of the NAUW Position Paper on "Lifelong Learning: A Cultural Legacy;" former regional coordinator of Phi Delta Kappa, International, the association for professional educators; and President of the Council of Black Administrators (COBA) Emeriti Association, which sponsors the COBA Success Academy at the University of Southern California.



Dr. Hathaway, NAUW Chair announced that doctoral fellowship applications will be mailed to branch presidents around 2/28/2012 and are due 4/15/2012.

Los Angeles Branch reports the completion of their very successful 47th annual Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show produced by Mr. C Sophisticated Silk Fashions. It was held at the Proud Bird, November 19, 2012 and branch member Dr. Giovanna Brasfield served as the emcee. Sectional Director Audrey Jordan attended and reports a job well done with fantastic fashions and extremely talented models!

Santa Monica Branch reports several projects to fund educational scholarships (1) we completed our candy drive on 1/31. (2) On February 11, 2012 from 10 -2 PM, Santa Monica

Branch will host a delicious salad luncheon at Messiah Baptist Church, 4500 W. Adams, Los Angeles, CA 90016 and tickets are \$10. (3) Hold the date: June 9th for a turnaround fundraising bus trip for \$21. Tickets for both events will be available for purchase at sectional conference.

Moving forward with members Zola Jones and Delores Bodey read stories as special guest at Baldwin Hills Public Library. Lenora Brantley, Maureen Malone, Martha Lovelace, Delores Bodey and Margaret McCrary have made tutor volunteering at Virginia Road Elementary School their weekly priority from 2008 through 2012.

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**Human Relations—author unknown**

The six most important words: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words: "You did a good job."

The four most important words: "What is your opinion?"

The three most important words: "If you please."

The two most important words: "Thank you,"

The one most important word: "We"

The least important word: "I"



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Special thanks to **Beverly Thomas** as she continues her exemplary work as our technical specialist for the Southwest Section and ten branches.

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