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*Southwest Sectional Director
Dr. Essie French Preston
Greetings my NAUW Sisters*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Southwest Sectional Director.

The Southwest Section is making a difference in the lives of the communities that they serve. Branches are focusing on the "Four-Point Program" Initiatives which are Educational Development, Health Promotion, Community & Political Involvement and National & International Awareness. Over \$24,000.00 have been awarded to high school graduates to continue their education at a four year college or university; a \$1000.00 scholarship was given to a student pursuing a Master degree in Education, over 27,000.00 volunteer hours have been provided by members of the branches toward literacy and reading; over \$1,000.00 have been donated to international projects; Monetary contributions and time have been donated toward Habit for Humanity, Cancer research, HIV/AIDS, Sickle Cell, and EBOLA; Youth programs such as Toys for Tots, Back Pack give away, Rites of Passages, Financial Aid workshops and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) tutoring have been implemented by the branches. Great job!

As Sectional Director I organized our newest Branch. Welcome to the Tri Cities Branch which was chartered October 25, 2015 with seventeen women with a diverse Educational Background. Three additional women were inducted into the Tri Cities Branch on November 15, 2015 which makes a total of 20 new professional women to join our ranks. Congratulations to all new members of the Southwest Section who joined NAUW.

Our National Theme, "Progressive Women Remaining Relevant in a Global Society", serves as the focal point for our 47th Southwest Sectional Conference. The conference is hosted by the Inland Empire Branch. It will be held at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center, February 5-6, 2016, 700 N. Haven Avenue, Ontario, California 91764. We are in for a treat with exciting and motivational workshop presenters. We will engage in Business sessions to promote the welfare of the Southwest Section. This is your opportunity to participate in making decisions about the growth and directions of the Southwest Section.

Get ready for the 70th National Conference to be held in Saint Louis, Missouri July 28-31, 2016. Registration is open.



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Southwest Section Lay Member Report by Clara Frost

Clara Frost, Lay Member

It has been a great honor to serve as Lay Member of the National Association of University Women, Southwest Section. My goal has been and will continue to be that of service to NAUW. Throughout 2015, I worked closely with our Sectional Director, Dr. Essie French-Preston. It was an especially productive period, with some great accomplishments, all of which were supported by a great group of ladies who served on the various committees. The year was busy with meetings, telephone conferences, phone calls and email; all of which facilitated the successful completion of the following tasks:

- **February 28, 2015:** Attended first Executive Board Meeting. Reported By-Laws reviews for grammatical errors. Appointed by Director to work with 1st Vice Presidents in creating a template for business cards and a general recruitment brochure for the NAUW Southwest Section.
- **April 26, 2015:** Attended South Bay's Scholarship and Talent Luncheon fundraiser.
- **June 13, 2015:** Facilitated the installation of Inglewood Branch's new officers.
- **July 11, 2015:** Facilitated NAUW recruitment information session for new Branch members.
- **August 24, 2015:** Facilitated Sectional Scholarship Committee's teleconference meeting. Discussed possible fundraising activities. A recommendation was made to increase the amount donated by Branches from \$100 to \$110, to be effective for the 2017 scholarship.
- **August 27, 2015:** Facilitated Sectional Scholarship Committee's brainstorming session on prioritizing fundraising activities.
- **August 29, 2015:** Executive Board meeting. Submitted report on progress of scholarship fundraising committee and sectional brochure. Distributed scholarship letter and applications to officers. Motion proposed and approved that the deadline to apply for the scholarship be changed from December 15 to December 23, effective 2016.
- **October 6, 2015:** Southwest Sectional Brochure Committee meeting to review the template that was submitted at the executive board meeting by the Director, Dr. French-Preston.
- **October 10, 2015:** Attended Santa Monica Branch's Gospel Brunch.
- **October 25, 2015:** Assisted Director in the Chartering Ceremony of Tri-Cities.
- **November 3, 2015:** Prepared Notice of Request to Amend Southwest Section Bylaw, Article XV Section 2, to increase a one-hundred (\$100) donation to a one-hundred ten dollar (\$110) donation from each branch to fund the Adelaide Dunn Scholarship, effective 2017.
- **November 5, 2015:** Met with Director to review and submit Notice of Request to Amend Southwest Section Bylaw, Article XV Section 2. To be voted on at the Sectional Conference, February 6, 2016. Emailed officers and committee members a copy of the Notice of Request, and, Scholarship letter and application.
- **December 5, 2015:** Discussed upcoming Southwest Sectional Conference. Reminded officers that December 23, 2015 was deadline to apply for the sectional scholarship. Distributed scholarship applications and copies of the Notice of Request to Amend **Southwest Section Bylaw, Article XV Section 2**. Reported on progress of sectional brochure.
- **December 20, 2015 – February 6, 2016:**
 1. Finalized plans for Sectional Scholarship
 2. Finalized plans for Founders' Day
 3. Provided feedback and templates to vendor for procurement of plaques.

As Lay Member, I have been privileged to meet most of the National Association of University Women Southwest Section's members. It has been an honor to work with these Sisters. "Thank you," Dr. Essie French-Preston, Zola Jones, Presidents, Officers and Members for your encouragement and support. You inspire me!

At Your Service...

Clara Frost, Lay Member

2015 Installation of Sectional Director



(Our Carnations)



Willa Snorton
Inglewood Branch

Josephine Bolden
12th Sectional Director

National/International Program Initiative for 2016

We are excited about our efforts to continue our support of the Ann Sandell Independent School in Paynesville, Liberia. We extend our appreciation to President Evelyn Wright for approval of the proposal to provide financial support to **ASIS** for a **Nutrition Assistance Project**.

The National Association of University Women has pledged to help the school by making a school cafeteria/kitchen, a reality to provide a safe and clean space for the students to have a healthy meal at Ann Sandell Independent School.

The National International Affairs Committee is calling on all NAUW Branches to send a minimum contribution of \$60.00 to the National Financial Secretary: Renetta English 27-19 Humphreys Street East Elmhurst, NY 11369 Phone: 718 507 7329. Please make checks payable to NAUW and indicate on your checks or memo for International Project. The deadline for the contributions has been set for June 31, 2016. National Convention special recognition will be given to the Section that generates the most financial support for the project.



ECC Compton Center Counselor Named to International Educators' Hall of Fame

El Camino College Compton Center Counselor Essie French-Preston was recently inducted into the 2015 International Educators' Hall of Fame by Youth On the Move, Inc. Twenty-eight educators from six countries were selected for this honor, which recognizes individuals who have served as educators for at least 20 years and have made significant humanitarian contributions in the field of education.



Membership is Up 

Congratulations to the Branches!

Branch Highlights from the Southwest Section

Los Angeles was the first Branch in the Southwest (1954)

Our History



LA Branch President Terry Cummings and Recording Secretary Sharon Turner at St Monica Branch fundraiser Oct 2015... With National President Evelyn Wright, St Monica President Yvonne Meredith , Sectional Lay Person Clara Frost



Adelaide Dunn(Founder-Southwest Section)

In 1954, Adelaide Dunn, a young woman from Dayton, Ohio, a former member of the Dayton Branch of the National Association of University Women moved to Los Angeles. Longing for the fellowship of other university women, she organized the Los Angeles Branch in 1954. This charted the course for the southwest with Alyce Robinson serving as the branches first President and Adelaide Dunn serving as the first Sectional Director of the Southwest Section.

Terry Cummings is the president of the Los Angeles Branch and brings a history with her. She is the daughter of Ethel Hubert who served as President of the Los Angeles Branch and has been a long time member who has contributed to the sustainability of the branch.



Celebrating the 2014 National Conference in New Orleans



Getting ready for a Branch Meeting 2010



R.C. Ola Brown (1964)
 Founded the Compton Branch which became South Bay.
 Organized the Ontario(1960) and Pomona (1970) Branches.
 The Way We Were- We have work to do!

CULVER CITY STARS!

2014 – 2016 National President Evelyn L Wright & National Woman of The Year Kenya D Dennis



Evelyn Wright is the 2nd SWS member to become National President in NAUW's 100 year history. Evelyn has held numerous positions on all levels of NAUW's organization. She has the ability to work successfully with diverse groups of individuals. Evelyn is a motivator and very influential in getting members excited about NAUW. She is a successful entrepreneur, with 36 years as the Co Founder of Slauson Learning Center of Special Education. Evelyn is a Leader, a Visionary, a woman of substance and character. Evelyn has been a member of NAUW for over 30 years. Culver City is proud to have her star shine brightly in our branch as she carries NAUW to the next level of greatness, with increased membership, branch enthusiasm, increased technology and making sure NAUW remains relevant in a global society.

Kenya Dennis is an Accounting Manager for Revolt Media & TV. Kenya has worked in the Accounting profession for over 25 years, which would include tax and financial preparation, audits and entertainment accounting. Numbers and counting money is not her only passion. Kenya has a passion of helping others. Whether it is volunteering within her community, school boards, youth sports and mentoring students, she is committed to lend a helping hand wherever it is needed. As a wife and mother, finding spare time to assist others was a daunting task. The compassion she has drove her to seek other like-minded women who had the same energy and motivation in making a community a better place. The drive to help others led her to become a member of NAUW. Kenya has been a member of the Culver City Branch for 17 years and has held several positions at the branch, Sectional and National levels. She was voted Woman of the Year in her branch and the Southwest Section three times, and in New Orleans won the 2014 - 2016 National Woman of the year. As the National Woman of the Year, her focus is to bring awareness to NAUW through social media, networking, and making NAUW known to the millennial generation. She is committed to making sure #NAUW becomes a topic within the online communication channels dedicated to community based input, interaction and collaboration.

Culver City's 2015 Woman of the Year, our President Carolyn Williams. Carolyn has been a NAUW member for over 20 years. She is dedicated in making sure Culver City is moving forward and carrying out the vision of NAUW.



Culver City Stars Together Supports the fight against Ovarian and Breast Cancer.



Culver City end the 2015 year with a Holiday Gathering and This years' community outreach gift was donating socks to PATH



Inglewood Branch Making a Difference



President Lois La Beaud

Saturday Tutorial Program at Daniel Freeman Elementary under the direction of 2nd Vice President, Meka Brown.



Members at Dangerfield Institute Girls Group Home Christmas Gift Exchange Program.



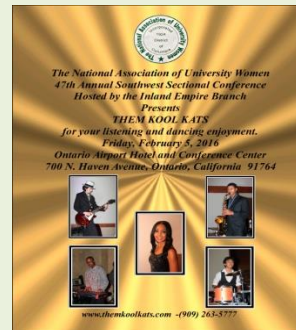
Branch President, Lois LaBeaud and 2nd Vice President Meka Brown joined with families in need, providing them With gift certificates for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season

Inland Empire Job-Well-Done-Congratulations!

The Inland Empire is the host branch for the 47th Sectional Conference under the leadership of President Sylvia Walker. The co-chairs of the conference are Deborah Davis and Rita Miles.



Host Branch -47th Sectional Conference



President -Sylvia Walker



Sheryl Hunter, LaWeeda Ward, Sylvia Walker, Rita Miles



Rita Miles Deborah Davis
47th Sectional Conference Co-chairs



Induction ceremony for LaWeeda Ward

South Bay on the Move!

Rites of Passage:



On April 10, 2015, we concluded our “Rites of Passage” program for young ladies with over 40 in attendance. The “Rites of Passage” is a six-month program consisting of workshops, cultural and recreational outings for young ladies in sixth through eighth grade. This “Rites of Passage” year five young ladies finished the program and three participated in the culminating program.

Danica Collins, Leah Gage, Angelica Collins

Spotlight on Youth:

On April 26, 2015, our annual "Spotlight on Youth" Scholarship and Talent Luncheon fund raiser showcased eight acts of talented youth in vocal, instrumental, oratorical, and dance performances. Spotlight had over 200 community members in attendance. Besides highlighting the positive and talented youth in our community, we raised money to support college students through four years of college. We are pleased to report that students Ashley Loville, UC Riverside and Monyia Singleton, USC graduated after four years. We announced at Spotlight our new scholarship recipients: le'Lar Marshall, California State University, Fresno; Ketly Sylla, Humboldt State University and Brynne Williams, California State Polytechnic University,



Pomona. The Los Angeles Sentinel Newspaper printed an article about Spotlight on 4/30/15.

South Bay Members with National and Sectional Officers at Spotlight
Chair Bernice Shannon

MC Terilyn Lawson, Youth Participants & Spotlight Co-Chair

2015-2016:

New members:

South Bay welcomed two new members and one reclaimed member for 2015-16.



Treemonisha Smith



Melandie Austin-McHenry



Elizabeth Alexander-Bernard

Lillie Scott:



Member Lillie Scott turned 90 years old on October 7, 2015. On September 26, 2015, numerous members from South Bay and Dr. Essie French Preston, Southwest Sectional Director attended a birthday party in her honor. Dr. French Preston presented a plaque on behalf of the Southwest Section, and South Bay President Fannie Love presented a PowerPoint presentation and a framed poster highlighting Lillie's 50 years with NAUW.

Woman of the Year:

On November 14, 2015, South Bay's 2015-16 Woman of the Year was announced – Cherita McFrazier. Cherita has been a member since 2005-06 and currently serves as South Bay's Recording Secretary.



South Central LA Achievers!



SouthCentral Branch enjoying the 46th Sectional Conference with President Claudia Ross Cortez, and National 1st Vice President Christiana Worthams



Sheri Howard and Claudie Ross Cortez

Santa Monica is a Team!



Welcome!

Santa Monica is working toward expending our scholarship fund, increasing membership, becoming partners with other branches and continues our ongoing mentor program with our adopted kids from the National Society of Black Engineering (NSBE)

Yvonne Meredith, President



2015 Past Sectional Director



Santa Monica Branch Members

Beach Cities Branch Innovators

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Dr. Essie Preston, Sectional Director and Inland Empire Branch, Host branch of the 47th Southwest Sectional Conference!



Beach Cities Members:

Seated from the left: Keturah Baker, Michelle Ouattara, Angie McCord, LaFonda Riggins Abigail Mamboleo, Melanie Symister and Kim Simmonds. Back row from left: Dr. Rhonda Jefferson, Tiesha Stewart, Niema Jefferson-Herring, National 1st V.P. Christiana Worthams – our guest, Lashonda Blevins, Joyce Foster and Dorothy Wilson.



Danielle Williams, Dr. Preston, Kiera Taylor and Katrina Seymour...Beach Cities New Members

Tri Cities –Newest Branch Setting the Trend!

The Tri Cities Branch was chartered Sunday, October 25, 2015 at El Camino College Compton Center



Chartered Members



Inducted November 15, 2015



**Sectional Director, Dr. Preston, National President, Evelyn Wright
National 1st VP Christiana Worthams
President, Felecia Hatten, 2nd VP Alice Hawkins,
Financial Sect. Wendy Johnson-Wimberly**

West Coast Cities 2014 -2015 Accomplishments



August Relay for Life Donation/Participation

September Business Meeting

November Veteran's Day Celebration & HBCU Regional Transfer Fair

November Thanksgiving Basket Donations –Helping to Feed 200 Families

December Pechanga's Burs Trip Fundraiser

December His Sheltering Arms Toy Give-Away

December Kwanzaa Celebration and Wiley College Christmas Reception

May Julia B. Williams Gospel Jazz Scholarship Luncheon

Distribution over \$4000.00 for College and Book Scholarship, Youth Program,
St. Timothy Episcopal School, Sectional and International Projects

NAUW National Convention

July 28-31

Hyatt Regency Hotel

St. Louis, MO

Get Ready, Get Set –See you in St. Louis

