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*Message from the
South Bay Branch
President 2012-2014
Fannie Love*



Greetings:

As the end of my two-year reign as President draws near, I would like to highlight the following achievements: In October, we achieved one of the goals I presented at the beginning of my term, namely, developing a major new youth activity. I'm pleased to say that we started a new *Rites of Passage Program* for young ladies in the fifth through eighth grades. At this time, we have seven very active and engaging young ladies participating this cycle. Kudos to the committee members: Margarette Crockett, Cassandra Nobles, Edna Yow and Ann Bowles.

In November, we held a very successful members retreat at the Holiday Inn Torrance. The session proved to be very enlightening and productive. I want to thank the special participants Mary Brown, Cherita McFrazier, Lillie Scott, Bernice Shannon, Sharon Johnson, Hattie McFrazier, the *Bold and the Beautiful Players*, Pamela Ennis, Cassandra Noble, Margarette Crockett, Sandra Smith, and our special guest speaker, Dr. Virginia Hathaway. Special commendations go to the committee: Cherita McFrazier, Fannie Love, Lillie Scott, Bernice Shannon, Mary Brown and Sharon Johnson.

Finally, in December, Margarette Crockett, Cassandra Noble and I visited the California Council for Veterans Affairs, Inc., (transitional housing for homeless female veterans, 2501 West Florence Avenue, Los Angeles 90043), and presented to the Director-Margaret Bush Ware, and a homeless veteran, a bread box, two comforters, cleaning supplies and clothes. We hope to make an additional donation before June through the generous cooperation of our South Bay members.

I end with wishes for a successful *Spotlight on Youth* in April in our new location, the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Torrance. Sale! Sale! Sale!

Fannie Love, President, South Bay

Women Moving Forward with Purpose and Pride

Edna Yow crowned October 19, 2013

Women of the Year Edna L. Yow



After Lillie Scout crowned our 2013-2014 Woman of the Year, Martha Abrams-White presented a beautiful bouquet of red roses to Edna Yow.



Edna L. Yow is from Montgomery, Alabama. She came to Los Angeles in October of 1967. Edna was hired as a Finance Manager for Los Angeles Unified School District immediately after arriving in Los Angeles. She served in that position for 22 years. Edna then began teaching with Los Angeles Unified School District and taught for 22 years after which she retired in 2011. She also served as the instructor for the Cedars Sinai Medical Center School-To-Work Mentoring Program for many years.



Lillie Scout, President Fannie Love and Martha Abrams-White with Edna L. Yow

Edna Yow has been a member of National Association of University Women for approximately ten years. She has held positions of 2nd Vice President and Co-Chair of our annual fundraiser, "Spotlight on Youth." She has served as the editor of South Bay LEAVES Newsletter for two years and regular contributes to each publication.

Mrs. Yow currently holds the position of Southwest Section Recording Secretary and Co-Chair of the 2014 "Spotlight on Youth Scholarship Event." Edna serves on the Board of Center for Empowerment of Families. This organization serves underprivileged families, teenage fathers who would like to play a role in their child's life and learn how to be a father, teenage mothers and imprisoned juveniles.

Edna is the mother of two, grandmother of four and great grandmother of one.

Again we offer hearty congratulations to Edna L. Yow 10/2013 to 10/2014 South Bay Branch Woman of the year! 2

South Bay Branch focuses on Youth, Literature, Health and Community!

South Bay Branch Members began their highly successful six-month ***Rights of Passage Program*** for young girls. The first meeting was held on October 19, 2013 at the A. C. Bilbrew Library. Ann Bowles, Margarette Crockett, Edna Yow, and Cassandra Noble are serving as co-chairs of the program.



Cassandra Noble has created a vigorous program to keep the young ladies active and involved with focus on building social skills, building self confidence, learning the duties of citizenship and civic pride, exploring a positive sense of adventure, developing responsibility and gaining the courage to try something new. Other activities include completing and presenting a historically significant biographical book report, using the library regularly, reading, making their own quilt, skating on ice, making Thanksgiving baskets, visiting Exposition Park Shuttle and rock exhibits. Each young lady participated in a Readers Theater: Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King; and joined the Christmas Caroling at Sun Ray Nursing Home. Several young ladies voluntarily presented additional solos to the delight of everyone present. In keeping with the spirit of Christmas they distributed warm socks and cozy lap blankets to senior residents.

Upon reflection on the experience several of the young ladies stated that this was their first experience with elderly seniors; only one in the group had prior experience with seniors in their home. Planned for next month is etiquette and table setting. Parental permission to photograph is on file for the Rites of Passage Program.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, **April 27, 2014** to attend South Bay Branch **Spotlight on Youth Program** 1:00-4:00 PM at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton; 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503 Tickets are \$65. Send your money to NAUW South Bay Branch, P.O. Box 47703, Los Angeles, CA 90047. To be a part of the program students from elementary - college are encouraged to take part in one of the five auditions opportunities held at Grace United Methodist Church, 4112 West Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043 on Thursday 3/6, 3/13/ 3/20, and 3/27 from 5-6:45PM. For information contact Committee Co-Chairs A. Kimbell, E. Yow and M. Crockett 323 779-0516; you may also write to NAUW South Bay Branch P.O. Box 47703, Los Angeles, CA 90047

Hold the date June 21, 2014 for the **Leimert Park Village Book Fair**; **NAUW South Bay Branch Members** invite all members and their neighbors to enjoy the largest literary event held in our local community with more than 150 authors, poets, artist and storytellers. More than 5000 have attended in previous years. We will be in booth #3 at 4331 Degnan Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90008 contact B. Frierson 323 533-7403. This event is free to the public.

South Bay Branch Retreat

Spearheaded by Cherita McFrazier and the South Bay Branch Retreat Committee (Fannie Love, Bernice Shannon, Geraldine Perry, Lillie Scott, Mary Brown, and Sharon Johnson), South Bay Branch had its first retreat on November 9, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Torrance. The purpose of the retreat was to reflect on the importance of sisterhood and leadership. The theme was *South Bay Branch Moving Forward with Purpose and Pride*.



President Love and Retreat Committee Chair Cherita Mc Frazier, The highlights of the retreat were the presentations given by NAUW member, Dr. Virginia Hathaway and Hattie McFrazier, Past President of NAUW South Bay Branch, where we did creative pair- share and group projects that helped us to bond together as sisters and work together as a team; the Litany presentation by Bernice Shannon enabled us to think critically about the meaning of the litany; the “Bold and the Beautiful” skit that featured our talented members: Pamela Ennis, Margarette Crockett, Edna Yow, Cassandra Noble and Sandra Smith; in addition, the Woman of the Year presentation. Likewise, Lillie Scott gave a wonderful reflection of her experience with South Bay Branch and gave us valuable advice. Three members also won monetary prizes for answering the most questions correctly on the NAUW By-laws Quiz. We also danced a little to get some exercise. The retreat was enjoyed by all in attendance. <http://www.retreatinabag.net/> is the website where I found the skit.



Margarette Crockett & Ann Bowels are energized by proceedings and guess speaker Hattie McFrazier gave an awesome presentation on team building



*An Amazing Message
from keynote speaker
Dr. Virginia Hathaway*



President Fannie Love acknowledges keynote speaker Virginia C. Hathaway

Dr. Virginia C. Hathaway, Executive Director of youngblackscholars.com is a proponent of life-long learning and community service. Dr. Hathaway earned her A.B. Degree, with a major in English and a minor in Spanish, and General Secondary Credential at the University of Southern California. She holds the Master's Degree, Professional Administrative Services and Bilingual Cross/Cultural Specialist Credentials from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Virginia C. Hathaway, National Coalition of 100 Black Women Los Angeles Chapter President, brings a wealth of experience in the field of education to the organization. She has inspired a generation of young college professionals. Dr. Hathaway, a proud member of the Association of Pan African Doctoral Scholars and currently serves as APADS Public Relations Director.

As a recipient of the National Association of University Women's "Millennium Doctoral Scholar National Fellowship," Dr. Hathaway served as NAUW National Position Paper Committee Chair for four years, culminating in the publications "Lifelong Learning: A Legacy of Culture" (2008) and "Embracing Our Roots: Celebrating A Century of NAUW Service," which she presented at the "NAUW National Centennial Convention" in Washington, D.C. this year in August.

Dr. Virginia Hathaway also serves as Emeriti Liaison of the Los Angeles Unified School District Council of Black Administrators (COBA) and as Education Committee "Legacy Scholars" Chair of Alpha Gamma Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she works closely with students and staff at the University of Southern California, her alma mater. She attributes her inspiration to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Arbie L. Conley. She currently serves as a Professional Development Consultant and supervises Master's Degree Candidates in the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Retreat continue



Standing center is Hattie McFrazier immediate past President of South Bay presented Know your by-laws awards to the winning team at the South Bay Branch Retreat and on photo #2 members display their work from a team building exercise.



Cassandra Noble, San-D Smith & Margarette Crocket were in character; Keynote speaker Virginia Hathaway & Fannie Love and Edna Yow

Retreat Speaker Hattie McFrazier has been recognized for 31 years of service as an educator for the Los Angeles Unified School District. Mrs. McFrazier always puts the needs of others first and has had a lasting impact on people of all ages and backgrounds. She dedicates herself to causes she is truly passionate about and is family-oriented, a mentor, friend, bold with firm beliefs, shaped by southern roots; a strong, assertive, and gifted woman.

Her teaching career began in South Los Angeles at Charles Drew Middle School as a Social Studies teacher in 1980, and taught at Locke High School, Curtiss Middle School and Cooper Continuation School as a Social Studies and Mathematics teacher. She worked for 13 years and served as a Crisis Team Leader, and worked as a School Attendance Review Board Chairperson for the last 15 years. Mrs. McFrazier believes that every child deserves a second chance.



Mrs. McFrazier is a community and union activist and has served on many committees, councils and boards for UTLA, LAUSD, LEA and California Teachers Association/Association for Better Citizenship (ABC), CTA State Council, and is a delegate for the NEA Representative Assembly. Mrs. McFrazier is: a leader, sorority sister, counselor, teacher, and historian. She is currently the Far West Regional Director of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.; a group of professional women whose focus is excellence in education for all children. She is the past president of South Bay Branch of the National Association of University Women and a member of Alpha Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is admired for the many roles she has played in her church.

What was accomplished at the retreat?

1. **We reviewed Policies and Procedures** – refreshed our knowledge on how we do things and what are expected responsibilities as NAUW Members.
2. **We evaluated programs and fundraising systems** and developed bottom line goals for each member to achieve. We came to a consensus on what we must do better in the areas of education, literacy and health goals through our programs.
3. **We used this time in Teambuilding and to open communication;** on the top of the list was how to improve communications, take ownership of our responsibility and provide solutions to improve. We can always improve.
4. **Brainstorming – Empowering** members to come up with new ways of doing things is essential to developing high morale and accountability. We are all accountable for our new member's success.
5. **New Leadership or Management – Retreats** are great ways to introduce new **managers** or leaders, and their ways of looking at organizational **behavior** and business practices.
6. **Customer Service** – In most organizations, private and public sector, having good customer relationships and giving good **service is essential**. Customer service is to make sure our new member felt welcomed and get involved.
7. **What we could do because it's Fun and Good for the Team** – South Bay Branch decided that all good teams celebrate. So we had a fantastic Christmas Party and gift exchange at Member Linda Dickerson's home. We attacked our fundraising efforts in two areas and concluded the African American Expressions fundraiser and Bus trip Fundraisers. We earned almost a thousand for our scholarship fund between the two projects.



National Association of University Women South Bay Branch	
Program 2013-2014	
September 14	President's Goals Program Presentation Early Bird Presentation Rededication
October 12	Rites – 9 a.m.: Orientation Program: Breast Cancer – (Women of Essence Collaboration/walks) Spotlight Presentation Woman of the Year – Vote
13	Sectional Membership Recruitment Tea 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. @ DWP – 4038 S. Crenshaw, LA 90008 Branch Presentation/Powerpoint Branch Table/Poster Display
November 9	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Retreat @ Holiday Inn Torrance 19800 S. Vermont Ave, Torrance 90502 Woman of the Year Presentation Thanksgiving Give-A-Way (please bring nonperishable food items)
16	Rites – 9 a.m.: @ Messiah Baptist Church Thanksgiving baskets/quilts Outing: Exposition Park: shuttle/rock

December 14	Rites – 9 a.m.: Character Development/ Kwanzaa project/Givens project Program: Obesity Spotlight Update
December 21	Rites – 10 a.m.: Sun-Ray Nursing Home visit Holiday Celebration – 5 p.m. @ Linda Dickerson's Home 4914 Orinda Avenue, LA 90043
January 11	Rites – 9 a.m.: Future Planning/Goals: Dr. Cheryl Love/Black History report Program: Supporting Women Vets Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King Spotlight Update
18	Rites Outing: TBD by participants (something fun)
Jan. 31 – Feb. 1	Sectional Conference
February 8	Rites – 9 a.m.: Cultural Diversity Program: African – American History featuring Joyce Hogan Spotlight Update
15	Rites Outing – 10 a.m.: California African American Museum

March 8	Rites – 9 a.m.: Health: Debra Omotosho/Table Etiquette Program: Health - Heart Spotlight Update Nominating Committee Activated
14	Rites Dinner-5:00 p.m. @ Messiah Baptist with fashion show from your closet
April 3-24	Rites Rehearsal for "Coming Out" Program Every Thursday: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
April 12	No Program Spotlight Final Preparations
27	Spotlight on Youth
May 10	Program: Candidate's Forum Spotlight Committee Report/Evaluation Nominating Committee Report Election of Officers National Convention-Selection of delegates (July 29 – August 3 in New Orleans) Rites – 1:30 p.m.: "Coming Out" Finale
June 14	Program: Wrap-up Early Bird dues Spotlight Final Report – Sale Winners Special Presentations Installation of Officers Catered Lunch (Paid by Members)
21	Leimert Park Book Festival

New Member Welcomed

Barbara Clark received an official NAUW book bag and other packaged goodies from



President Fannie Love on December 11, 2013.

Sharon Johnson represented the South Bay Branch at the South-west Sectional Recruitment Tea and made an excellent presentation Adorned in our official colors of green and white at the Membership Tea are Sharon Johnson, Rita Miles and Sylvia Walker. Sharon Johnson who is serving as South Bay Branch 1st Vice President of

Membership presented a DVD on activities and recruitment efforts.

South Bay Membership meeting Ways and Means Committee Chair Billie Frierson announced the following: "Once again the top leader in sells for African American Expressions Fund-raising project is Mary Brown! Her organized hazel free approach for getting the job done is truly appreciated. We applaud your can do spirit. Ms. Brown's contribution to the project made it the best."



Thank you Mary Brown for your superior salesmanship, dynamic leadership and wonderful organizational skills



Joy is working with our Rites of Passage Program! South Bay is moving forward with purpose and pride.

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