





Hudson & Cole



NNational Council of Negro Women

Turkey (with cranberry sauce)

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|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Cornbread | Greens | Green beans |
| Dressing  | Cakes  | Pies        |

Campbell



Luncheon at Jumer's  
1996  
Mary Benson, Mary Alexander  
President: Ruthie Hillsman





6/8/96  
Ruth Latham spoke on  
the Life of Mary  
McLeod Bethume



Dr. Juliet Walker spoke on her book, Free Frank and also on her several month's stay in Africa



Miriam Scantlbury, Nettie Cook and speaker Juliet Walker

Donations to:

## *Sister Mary Gabriel Curby Fund*

Named in honor of the late Sr. Mary Gabriel Curby, the fund was established at Covenant Medical Center. The interest income earned on the fund is used to help the poor to pay for their health and health-related human service needs, such as bus/cab fare, a meal in the cafeteria, overnight lodging to be near loved ones, or a prescription.

## *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarsip*

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s memory, these scholarships are awarded to college-bound high school seniors, in amounts up to \$1,000 per student. Applicants are chosen according to the following criteria: academic achievement, financial need, career and educational goals, an essay, and demonstrated commitment to Dr. King's dream.

## *A Woman's Fund*

Its mission is to combat domestic and sexual violence against women and children by providing safety and support services through A Woman's Place (which offers a 24-hour hotline, shelter, counseling, and legal/medical assistance for victims of domestic violence), the Rape Crisis Service (crisis support and legal/medical advocacy for victims of sexual violence and their significant others), and the Education and prevention Department (which works to increase public awareness of domestic violence)



Scantlebury, Benson and Graves  
Ticket Table

*National Council of Negro Women  
 Champaign County  
 Officers*

*President Ruthie Hillman*

*1st Vice President Dorothy Vickers-Shelley*

*Recording Secretary Odessa Hudson*

*Financial Secretary Nettie Cook*

*Treasurer Marion Scantlebury*

*Co-Chairpersons for Mother's Day Luncheon  
 Hattie Marion  
 Tanya Jackson*

*National Council of Negro Women  
 Annual Luncheon*



*Saturday, May 11, 1996  
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Jumer's Castle Lodge  
 Urbana, Illinois  
 11:30 - 1:30*

In Praise of Mother  
of the Past, Present and Future  
a poem by Maya Angelou  
"Woman's Work"

Shine on me, sunshine.  
Rain on me, rain.  
Fall softly, dewdrops,  
And cool my brow again.  
Storm, blow me from here  
With your fiercest wind.  
Let me float across the sky  
'Til I can rest again.  
Fall gently, snowflake.  
Cover me with white,  
Cold icy kisses and  
Let me rest tonight.  
I've got the children to tend,  
The clothes to mend,  
The floor to mop,  
The food to shop.  
Then the chicken to fry,  
The baby to dry.  
I got company to feed,  
The garden to weed.  
I've got the shirts to press,  
The lots to dress,  
The cane to cut.  
I gotta clean up this but.  
Then see about the sick,  
And the cotton to pick.

Sun, rain, curving sky,  
Mountain, oceans, leaf and stone,  
Star shine, moon glow,  
You're all that I can call my own.

Mistress of Ceremony.....Mrs. Dorothy Vickers-Shelley

Welcome.....Mrs. Kathryn Humphrey

Invocation.....Mrs. Octavia Cole

Lunch

Poem.....Barnett Marion-Lewis

Introduction of Speaker.....Mrs. Hattie Marion

Guest Speaker.....Mrs. Inez Sykes

Recognition of Mothers

Remarks.....Mrs. Ruthie Hillisman



# FEATURES

KNOW OUR MEMBERS



EVENT EXTRAS

**LYNDA ZIMMER**

## Volunteer's work centers on children

Doris Hoskins' nearly 60 years of service to the community started with children.

Back in 1939, when Hoskins — a graduate of Urbana schools — had six children of her own, her main interest was helping the public schools.

So she joined the Parent Teacher Association at J.W. Hays Elementary School, now called King Elementary.

"It was for the enrichment and betterment of all kids in the system," she said.

School personnel soon had her signed up as a room mother to make cupcakes and cookies and as music chairman for holiday programs.

"It wasn't a paid thing, but I just did it," Hoskins said. "I don't think we called it volunteering back then and yet it was."

She later joined the citywide PTA Council, becoming an officer and a life member.

During her school volunteering years, she also had four more children.

Now, at age 84, she has outlived two of her 10 children and two husbands — Lorenzo Wylie and Dr.

Eugene Hoskins — but still volunteers.

"I've got to," Hoskins said. "To me, it's very important to help others and it helps me, too. There's a spiritual aspect to it."

She called her volunteer work this summer a blessing that helped take her mind off the June death of her son, her youngest child.

**HOSKINS**

Back when her last child finished school, she changed the focus of her volunteer activities from schoolwide and citywide PTA duties to the Citizen's Advisory Council for the Urbana school board and also took a seat on the Urbana Park District Advisory Council.

For most of those years, she also worked at a paid job at the University of Illinois — teaching orientation classes to new, nonacademic employees.

In 1974, family illnesses required Hoskins to leave her paid and volunteer jobs. Mr. Wylie developed heart trouble and one of her daughters suffered an aneurysm.

Both were treated at the former Mercy Hospital, now called Covenant Medical Center. It is within walking distance of the Wylie-Hoskins home at 1208 W. Church St., U, where Hoskins still lives.

"I was at the hospital a lot and spent time straightening out magazines," Hoskins said. "In 1975, I was invited to join the auxiliary," she said.

In more than 20 years with the hospital, Hoskins has visited with patients and their families, sorted mail, helped with the homebound program, worked in the gift shop, raised funds, served on boards to expand the hospital building, but never has been a patient.

When her husband's and daughter's health improved, she went back to work at the UI during peak times and also taught remedial reading and secretarial skills at the Urbana Adult Education Center.

Her work has branched out beyond the schools.

At St. Mary's Catholic Church, she is a lector, eucharistic minister, trustee and cook — of everything from soup for the men's emergency shelter to lamb for an annual Holy Week meal.

She has gotten involved with countywide black history and minority scholarship programs.

She joined RSVP, the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, took training and became a counselor in tax and health insurance matters.

Hoskins' volunteer work keeps coming back to kids. She has worked with Matthew House for underprivileged children since 1979 and is a board member emeritus. She also has ushered for youth series events at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

Hoskins' thanks from the community take the form of scrapbooks full of letters and plaques.

In 1993, she was named the outstanding volunteer of the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging and this summer, she won the Book of Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club of Champaign.

Hoskins concluded a written autobiography of her volunteer work with "Sharing is very important to me, and trust mine has been OK."

Lynda Zimmer is a News-Gazette staff writer. Her Event Extras column appears Fridays. Send suggestions for including your community event to: Calendars, The News-Gazette, P.O. Box 677 Champaign, Ill. 61824-0677.

Doris Hoskins, an active member of NCNW

**HOSKINS**

Doris Hoskins, Urbana, has been selected as the 1996 recipient of the Book of Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club of Champaign. The award is the highest honor the club can

bestow on a member of the community for outstanding service to mankind. She has worked as a volunteer with the PTA, the Urbana Park District Advisory Council; the History of Black People of Champaign County Committee through the Early American Museum, Mahomet; the National Council of Negro Women; the board of Catholic Social Services; the board of Matthew House; the youth series at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts; St. Mary's Catholic Church; the board of the Retired Senior Volunteers Program; Covenant Medical Center Auxiliary; and the board of Covenant Medical Center Foundation.

Friday (Nov. 22, 1996) at home.

She was born June 16, 1910, at Champaign, a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth King Louis. She married Earnest T. Cook on Jan. 25, 1942, at St. Louis, Mo. He preceded her in death in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Williams of Urbana; two



**COOK**

grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Rosemary Jones of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Grace Jones of Dayton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Cook graduated from Champaign High School. She was a member of Church Women United and the Bethel A.M.E. Church, where she served as treasurer, steward of the missionary board and a church building fund-raiser.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, where she served as treasurer for numerous years, and a Worthy Matron of the Deborah Chapter #27 in 1971.

She was also a volunteer with Telecare; an election official; corresponding secretary of the Champaign-Urbana Kindergarten Association; a past officer of the Royalettes and a recipient of several public service awards.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethel A.M.E. Building Fund, which was Mrs. Cook's key project.

# HARVEST OF CULTURES

A Pre-Thanksgiving

Celebration of Diversity

Saturday, November 23, 1996

6:00-9:30 p.m.

Urbana Civic Center



Sponsored by:  
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
Champaign County Section  
and  
YWCA - University of Illinois

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Pledge

It is our pledge to make a lasting contribution to all that is finest and best in America, to cherish and enrich her heritage of freedom and progress by working for the integration of all of her people regardless of race, creed, or national origin, into her spiritual, social, cultural, and civic life, and thus aid her to achieve the glorious destiny of a true and unfettered democracy.



YWCA - University of Illinois  
Mission Statement

The Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America is a women's membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values. Strengthened by diversity, the Association draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people. The Association will thrust its collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary.

# Harvest of Cultures Program

Ruthie Hillisman, President  
NCNW - Campaign Section

Gayle Jeffries, President  
YWCA-University of Illinois

Doris Hoskins, Member  
NCNW and YWCA

Opening Remarks

Food Service Begins

Entertainment

Closing Remarks



*"Here then is my legacy...I leave you love. I leave you hope.  
I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another...  
I leave you faith. I leave you racial dignity...  
I leave you, finally, a responsibility to our young people."  
(Mary McLeod Bethune, NCNW founder, 1935)*

# Entertainment Schedule

Erika Harold

Amazing Grace  
Softly and Tenderly

Mwansa Mandela

My Funny Valentine  
Giving You the Best That I've Got

Otto Haack

The Oregon Trail

Haruko Kinase-Leggett

Comments/Break

Ritmo y Fabor Latino

Las Brujas  
(Mexican candle dance)

Illini Folk Dance  
Society

Od Lo Ahavi Dai  
Ta'am Haman  
Lech Lamidbar  
T'filati

Ritmo y Fabor Latino

La Culebra  
El Son de la Negra  
Jarabe Tapatio

Palestinian Cultural  
Organization

Debka  
(folk dance)

Ritmo y Fabor Latino

Salsa



African and African-Related Women's Association  
Curried Chicken (Zambian dish - chicken, vegetable, spices)  
Sabusa (Ugandan dish - beef and vegetarian)



Early American Museum  
Oregon Trail Stew (meat, vegetable, dumplings)  
, sugar, oatmeal)



La Casa Cultural Latina (T: Jackson)  
Arros con Pollo (rice with chicken, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cilantro, spices)

I became a part of this community after moving here in 1958 from Chicago, Ill. I was born in Arkansas to Hill and Rosa Mason, an only child.

I was married in 1943 and am the mother of 4 children 3 sons and 1 daughter who died with cancer in 1991.

While in Chicago, I worked every day for 5 years as a substitute teacher in the Chicago public schools. I had done my undergraduate work at Ar. M. & N. College in Pine Bluff, Ark. I was a home economics major & was certified to teach Biology.

After moving to Champaign, I worked for the U. of I. as a Foods Chemistry Laboratory Technician for 9 years. After leaving the U. of I., I became Director of Community Organization under the auspices of the office of Economic Opportunity. Later after the resignation of the OEO Director I became Co-Director with Rebecca Williams of the whole Economic Opportunity Program.

Worked with The Urban League to open the Frances Nelson health center, which was funded under OEO, the Urban League, the volunteer participation of the Drs, and nurses and community participation.

Served for 6 years on The Urban League board, The family Service board and the University board of the Y.H.C.A. Also worked with C.C.E. Champ, County for quality education. This org. worked in the areas of desegregating schools in Champ, Co.

Finally went back to the U. of S. as a grad. student in social work. While attending I became director of a day care pilot program using the English version of The Summer Hill project that had proved so successful in England. This eventually grew to a very successful venture growing to an enrollment of 60 pupils and moved to the U. of S. McKinley foundation with a larger staff + a new director.

I did not finish the graduate degree but was eventually hired by the State dept of children + family services as a social worker. Retired from there after 17 years in 1988.

Since then I have been affiliated with NCNW, Douglas Center Senior's Golden Age club and an advocate of young people in any capacity I am able to serve.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN**  
**AGENDA**  
**March 9, 1996**

**Next Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 13, 1996**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Song and Prayer
- III. Officer Reports
  - A. President
  - B. Secretary
  - C. Treasurer
  - D. Financial Secretary
- IV. Correspondence
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Annual Luncheon
  - B. Festival of Culture
- VI. Old Business
  - A.
  - B.
- VII. New Business
  - A.
  - B.
- VIII. Dues Collected
- IX. Introduction of Speaker
- X. Meeting adjourned

Refreshments



Gregory Hall

March 21 4pm

Dr. Juliet B. K. Walker is a professor

in the Department of History at the

University of Illinois - Champaign.

She completed her undergraduate work

at Roosevelt University - Chicago. She was

awarded Master of Arts and Doctor of

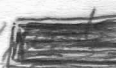
Philosophy degrees <sup>from</sup> ~~at~~ the University of Chicago.

Her post doctoral work was completed

at Harvard University - Boston.

Dr. Walker is the author of Free Frank:

A Black Pioneer on the Antebellum Frontier.

Free Frank was published in 1983 and is  
available at the University of Illinois Bookstore 

and Pages for all ages. Her book, History of Black Business in the United States is forthcoming. It will be published by Twayne Publishers. She is editor of the Encyclopedia of African American Business History which will be published by Greenwood Publishers. Both books will be available in 1997.

Dr. Walker has been recipient of numerous fellowships, awards and grants, including a Fulbright Fellowship for research and teaching in South Africa

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