

**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 7, 2005**

Meeting was held a Perkins Restaurant, Urbana - April 7, 2005

Present: Ruthie Hillsman, Clara Bright, Patricia Adair, Lynn Randall
Betty J. Hassell - absent: Barbara G. Washington

Update: Sponsorship for the Guest Speaker:
O'Brians - \$100.00
Steven Seebert: \$50.00
Busey Bank, Savoy - \$50.00

There will be four nominees for the awards, plaques and certificates will be awarded to these recipients.

(We have in hand as of this date 1 nominee
(Mrs. Lillie M. Terry)

(Deadline date for nominees extended to April 15, 2005)

GIFTS: Gift Baskets will be given as a token of appreciation
to the speaker and mistress of ceremony

Complimentary Tickets - persons participating on program outside of NCNW
Members)

Special Recognitions: It was decided by the committee to recognize
The Oldest Mother and Youngest Mother present
(They will receive gift baskets)

Program: (See attached for Sample Draft copy)
Lorraine Cowan has agreed to do the program for NCNW

PARK INN: Betty Hassell, Ruthie Hillsman, and Clara Bright met on Tuesday,
April 5, 2005 - finalize to menu and table decorations

**TICKETS: MCNW MEMBERS WE MUST SALE TICKETS WE WILL
SETTING UP FOR ATLEAST A 100 PEOPLE**

DRAFT
PROGRAM FOR MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

"Mothers Empowered and Destined to Make A Difference"

WELCOMEMrs. Barbara G. Washington
INTRODUCTION OF MC.....Mrs. Donna T. Harold
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY..... Ms. Alexandrq Harold
SOLOIST.....Mrs. Faye Catchings
INVOCATION.....Mrs. Shirley Melker

- BRUNCH -

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Ms. Lynn Randall
KEYNOTE SPEAKER.....Ms. Carla Curtiss
RECOGNITION AWARD RECIEPIENTS:.....^{author}Ms. Cheryl Kennedy
Ms. Hattie Marion

- Volunteerism
- Service to the Community
- Service to the Church
- The Mother of the Year 2005

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:.....Ms. Gwen White
Ms. Earlene Terry

CLOSING REMARKS..... Mrs. Beverly Lacy, President

please note there are alternates if the persons we have asked or will be asking is not available.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
Financial Secretary/ Treasurers Report

April 9, 2005

Beginning Balance	3718.84
Receipts	
Membership	
Darnetta Brown	25.00 National
Maudie Edwards	25.00 National
Donations	
O' Brians	100.00
Busey/ Savoy	50.00
Steven W. Seibert, D.M.D., M.S.	50.00 *
2b deposited *	
UI (Entertainment for Fundraiser)	400.00
Deposits	600.00
Disbursements	
Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund	500.00
Urbana High School / Summerville	200.00
Mt. Olive Baptist Church	100.00
National Dues	385.00**
Supplies / Beverly Lacy	22.00
Total	1207.00
** National Dues	
Pat Adair	125.00
Joy Black	10.00
Murial Bondurant	25.00
Larine Cowan	25.00
Maudie Edwards	25.00
Cynthia Feary	25.00
Meg Miner	25.00
Dianne Pinderhughes	25.00
Lene Thompson	25.00
Marcy Voncil	25.00
Barbara Washington	25.00
Gwen White	25.00
Total	385.00
Ending Balance	\$3,111.84

*Collection
\$ 100.00*

*Respectfully Submitted
 Ruthie Hillsman*

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
May 14, 2005
AGENDA

Call meeting to order

- Prayer
- 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.

Minutes of previous meeting – Recording Secretary

Officer's Report

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Financial Secretary/ Treasurer

Committee Reports

- Mother's Day Luncheon
- Bylaws

Old Business

- The Early American Museum at the Lake of the Woods in Mahomet invites you to meet Mr. Jack Simpson and to learn from his work on "Beginning African American Family History" on Monday evening May 23rd from 7-9 p.m. NCNW are co-sponsors.

New Business

- Indiana Black Expo bus trip

Slate of Officer's 2005 -2006

Meeting Adjourns " This Little Light of Mine"

Next Meeting : NCNW Potluck – Please bring your favorite dish to share. We will fellowship, reflect on our past and bring ideas to help strengthen NCNW .

Pres Rita Mejias

1st VP Alicia Lowery

2nd VP Evelyn Terry

Recording Secretary

~~_____~~ Joyce Catecheys

Corresponding Secretary

LeAnn Raddall

Assistant Secretary

~~_____~~ Shirley Miller

Carol Leves

Historian appointed

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
MINUTES OF April 9, 2005
TAKEN BY Alissia Young
COMPILED BY ALISSIA YOUNG

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by President Lacy

We had two sets of guest speakers, so they went first before the meeting officially began

Gladys Pope spoke to the group on behalf of A Woman's Fund and Dorothy Vickers Shelley. She's on the board of a Woman's Fund. She says they need more board members. If interested contact Tammy who is the Director of a Woman's Fund or Ms. Pope. She is also sponsoring a fundraiser in dedication of honoring Ms. Vickers Shelley. Proceeds will go to seniors for scholarships. She's asking for NCNW support. They have a wish list at a Woman's Fund also and she's informing the organization about that in case anyone would like to donate. Black Hair Care Products and Feminine Hygiene Products are always needed. Gladys will give tickets to Beverly Lacy and we are being asked to sponsor the women and children at a Woman's Fund to go to the play (fundraiser).

Barbara Gillespie Washington introduced 2 guest speakers from the National Board For Professional Teaching Standards program. They came at our request for more in depth information regarding the program. Their names are Evelyn Walton and Brenda Foster. NCNW can help by identifying candidates to become certified. We can also contribute funds as an organization.

Prayer by Chaplain Alicia Lowery
Pledge recited by all

Attendance roster: L. Randall, R. Myles, N. Delaney, H. Marion, R. Hillsman, B. Lacy, A. Young, C. Lewis, R. Thompson, Ms. Jamerson, A. Lowery, G. White, B. Hassell, P. Adair (incomplete)

Minutes were read and approved with corrections from the 03/12/05 meeting.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: B. Lacy said we would table her report until next month.

◆1st Vice President: Passed around a sheet for volunteers to sign up to be role models/volunteers for the Girls Scouts. 4/19/05 anyone interested can attend a lunch meeting with Ms. Webber.

◆2nd Vice President: Not Present, we made corrections to the name sheet.

◆ Financial Secretary/Treasurer Report: Beginning balance = \$3,718.84
Ending balance = \$3,111.84

COMMITTEE REPORTS

◆ MOTY Brunch: Committee met 04/07/05 at Perkins

Seibert We now have sponsorship for the guest speaker from O'Brien's Auto Park \$100, Steven Seibert \$50.00, and Busey Bank \$50.00

There will be 4 nominees for the awards; plaques and certificates will be awarded to the four recipients.

Gift baskets will be given as a token of appreciation to the mistress of ceremonies and guest speaker.

NCNW members are strongly encouraged to sell tickets we have seating for 100 people.

Carol Lewis reported 92 tickets are out now but she will distribute more today. Ticket deadline is 4/27/05. Carol would like them sold and the money turned in by that date. Beverly Lacy asked if we were having vendor's members said we normally don't. The program will be finalized this week and will be given to Rene Thompson.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws: Cheryl Kennedy talked about the draft of the bylaws and asked the membership to share their thoughts so we could work on getting them approved. Cheryl talked to us about the family history program 7-9pm on 5/23/05 at the museum. Registration is required. We are looking for volunteers to be hostesses, we will provide lite snacks.

By-laws discussion: Alicia Lowery asked if people representing an organization hold an office?

Affiliated members can't be officers

Elections will be held in April and the vote for these will be in June.

Lynn Randall motioned with approval of bylaws with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee Chairperson is Barbara Gillespie Washington and Alicia Lowery will Co-Chair.

Donations: 4/23/05 is the Beautillion they give scholarships we were asked to donate so we voted to donate \$100.

College for Kids: we voted to donate \$300
Sister net: we voted to donate \$250

Dorothy Vickers Shelley is in Carle Arbours for those who want to send cards

Birthdays for April are V. Harris, E. Terry, J. Jackson, G. White, and C. Bright, R. Myles led us in singing happy birthday

Rene Thompson asked us for special prayer as she is going before the board to be ordained as an elder in her church.

Tickets for the MOTY brunch were distributed after adjourning

Meeting adjourned with the singing of "This Little Light of Mine" @ 4:04pm

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
 Financial Secretary/ Treasurers Report

May 14, 2005

Beginning Balance	\$3,111.84
Receipts	
Membership	
Gwen White	25.00
MOTY Ticket Sales/ Donations	\$2,543.00
Deposits	\$2,718.00
	228.00 pending *
*ticket money pending	
Disbursements	
Parkland College for Minority Kids	300.00
Sisternet	250.00
Botillion	100.00
Supplies/ Cartridges for printing / Hillsman	64.00
MOTY Plaques	172.40
Park Inn MOTY Brunch	2,922.67
Guest Speaker MOTY, Carla Curtis	275.00
Ending Balance per bank request	\$1,948.76
Bills Pending	
Upsie Daisey	93.75
Campus Florist	152.00
Total Due	\$245.75
Omission from March report	
ISBE, Teachers Certification	\$150.00
Cotillion	100.00

Respectfully Submitted
Ruthie Hillsman

*American Council
 Society \$100*

Mother of the Year 2005 Ticket Report

Total Tickets 200
 Adults 180
 Children 20

Complimentary Tickets
 Guest Speaker 2
 Intro MC 1
 MC 1
 Soloist 1
 Awardees 8

Ticket Sales & Donations	\$2,868.00
Pending (collect)	228.00
	\$3,096.00

Expenses	
Brunch	\$2,922.67
Plaques	172.40
Guest Speaker	275.00
Campus Florist	152.00 *
Upsie Daisey	93.75 *
Total	\$3,615.82
Pending *(pay)	

100.00 collect for Wrist Corsages

Expense to NCNW	\$518.82
	-100.00
	\$418.00

Donations	
Campus Florist	Floral Arrangement
Prairie Gardens	Floral Arrangement
Upsie Daisey	Floral Arrangement
County Market @ Kirby	Floral Arrangement
O'Brian	\$100.00
Busey/ Savoy	50.00
Steven W. Seibert	50.00

A "Special Thanks" to all who made this a Wonderful Mother's Day Celebration.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN
"RECRUIT, RETAIN AND RENEW"

MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 14, 2005

Earlene Terry
217-355-2523 (New)
EMAIL: eterry12@aol.com

1. Attendance Sheet

Print Name

Add new information, (Address/Phone/E-mail) Please make sure this is correct)

2. Membership:

Total Members 61

51 Active

8 Inactive

35 Paid National and Local Dues

10 Paid National Dues

8 Paid Local Dues

8 Not Paid National or Local Dues

3. Annual Local and National Dues are due **TODAY**

Annual Local Dues

\$12-Students

\$ 24-Senior Citizens

\$ 36-Regular

Annual National Dues

\$10-Students

\$ 25/1Year \$40/2Years 60/3Years

\$500(4 Payments @ \$125 Annual Payments)

4. New Members:

Please Welcome:

Rhoda Malone

5. Prospective Members

1. Christine Goins

2. Candace Gwin

3. Christina Gwin

4. Earnestine March

5. Gina Crawford-Moton

**AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR THE
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH - 2005**

May 7, 2005 - 11:00 a.m. - 2pm

Park Inn - Urbana, Illinois

Cheryl:

Here is the list of awardees for the Mother's Day Brunch. Only names will be listed in the program. Below is the order that they should go:

-COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

RUNNER UP: MRS. BERTHA MITCHELL

WINNER: MRS. EMMIE JEAN JACKSON

FAMILY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

RUNNER UP: MRS. VERNITA TAYLOR

WINNER: MRS. LILLIE TERRY

VOLUNTEERISM:

WINNER: MRS. DELORIS LEE

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION RECOGNITION WARD

RUNNER UP: MRS. CAROLYN HUNTER

WINNER: MRS. LEAH TAYLOR

THE MOTHER OF THE YEAR - 2005

(She met all the qualifications)

MRS. WILLETA DONALDSON

I enclosed copies of all the recipients so you can pick out the important qualities of each of each one. Also please include the person that nominated them. Thanks so much. If you have any questions, please call me at 351-8706 or 359-3840. Mrs. Hattie Marion will give them the flower and award.

Thanks again: Betty J. Hassell

Mrs. Euleta Donaldson

a Mother of the Year⁴

2005

Justified on All Categories!

(Family, community, church)
volunteering

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Donaldson

#17

*Strong
Mother of
Year
candidate*



I'LL ALWAYS LOVE MY MAMA

With so much going on in the world today, God and Mothers are the only things we have to depend on, respectively. We learn at an early age that through spiritual guidance, God is the only constant we have in our lives we can totally depend on. He is a Spiritual Guide, a Comforter, a Healer and many more things. However, one thing is also certain – He gave us mothers here on earth to instill in their children the way He wants us to live. He also gave us mother figures when we have no mother to care for us or ones who will not concentrate only on the needs of their own children but others as well. That is truly demonstrated in the life and family of Willeta Donaldson. She has been a Spiritual Guide, a Helper, a Comforter, a Provider, and Healer among other things that make her the “Mama I’ll always love!” I feel she is worthy of this Mother of the Year Award because of the many God-given talents she uses in her everyday life, no matter the situation or the people involved.

As a young girl, my mama would sit on her porch on Sunday mornings, dressed in Church clothes, waiting for people to pass by and asking them: “Are you going to Church?” They would respond “Yes.” She then would ask “May I go with you?” And again, for whatever reason – they were special people of God also – they would say “Yes.” She would go with these people to Church and if events were going on all day at Church, she would be there. This, I believe, began her Spiritual Guidance – teaching and singing in the Church, which she has continued to do over the years; using the gifts God gave her to minister to others in song.

Upon graduating from high school in 1958, she began employment at the University of Illinois in Admissions and Records where she remained until retirement in 1995. During her employment, she assisted many students on getting into and staying in college, whether they were general students or athletes. She also assisted other U of I employees in their jobs as needed, in whatever capacity they asked. Whatever she could do to help people and further herself in her job, she did. She became the 1st African American Stenographer when she started at the University as well as the 1st African American Administrative Assistant. Regardless of the situation or people involved, she was a Provider to her family and a Helper to many others.

She met and married Carlos Donaldson over 45 years ago and raised three (3) children. When we were younger, she worked nights at the U of I (my dad worked days) to make sure there was someone home at all times for us children. She made sure we had breakfast and were dressed before sending us to school and prepared some meals during the day so that we could eat when we arrived home from school. This is when my dad would take over while she worked evenings. She was available during the day to visit our schools, attend conferences or do whatever else was needed by the school or teachers to aid in our education. If she encountered things going on with other students she would relay this information to the students’ parents who could not or would not go into the schools to see what their children were doing. As we got older and, she participated in the P.T.A. and assisted my dad, who by that time was on the school board, by attending school board meetings and getting other parents to be involved in their children’s education. She was truly involved in the education of her own as well as other children in the community.

Volunteer

*Community
&
Family*

Again, she is a Helper and I will always love my mama.

Church involvement

As we grew up, she made sure we were active in, not just going to, Bethel A.M.E. Church, where we all still attend and are active in today. We were active in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School (which she taught for a few years), Church, the Youth Choir, Young People's Department (Y.P.D.) and whatever else was going on. Today, she is an active member of the Bethel Choir, Bible Study, Stewardship and Finance Committee, Benevolent Committee and Usher Board. She is a Spiritual Guide to many at the Church.

While I attended the University of Illinois in the early 1980's, my mama was not only mine, but countless other students as well, having them over for dinner or just to relax. That is one reason why she earned the award of U of I Black Mom of the Year in 1981, being that "Mom away from home" for many students away from home and needing guidance to make it through. Some of the students even came to Church with our family, because she knew they had grown up in the Church and did not want them to lose sight of their upbringing just because they were away from home. Hmm – a Spiritual Guide.

Community

While all of the above was going on in my mama's life, she dealt with 2 grandsons who were each born prematurely (she would go to the hospital intensive care units and sing to and pray for not only her grandsons, but to the many other babies there). When it was time for her grandsons to leave the intensive care unit, the nurses would ask her to return to provide the "therapy" these babies so needed in hearing her voice each day. (She obliged and went back). She also dealt with the following: a sister who for many years was very ill and eventually passed on Christmas Day 1996; an terminally ill nephew (who passed away on New Year's Day 1995); a niece who suffered a massive stroke in 1998 (she had 4 young children and her mother had previously passed away) and an ill mother who passed away in March 2003). While many others may have given up, mama kept praying and singing, while comforting them and indirectly helping to ease their pain and still able to keep her own family together, never once complaining of the things she had to do. She is a Comforter and Healer and I'll always love my mama.

Through everything that has gone on, my mama has prayed, sang, spiritually guided, comforted, provided and helped not only her own children and family, but others as well. That's why I love my mama. If the world had more mamas like Willeta, what a better world this would be. A Spiritual Guide, a Helper, a Comforter, a Provider, and Healer – that's what God put her on earth for and she has honored that role everyday of her life which makes her most deserving of this award. She deserves this and much more because she is my mama and she's loved!

Prayerfully and Lovingly Submitted by,

Carletta Donaldson, Daughter of Willeta Donaldson
406 E. Brookens Drive, Urbana, IL 61801
217-390-4393

Church Contribution Recognition

Award

#1 winner in this
category

Mrs. Leah Taylor

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#6

very active
Church involvement
family

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Mrs. Leah Taylor, wife and best friend of Mr. Clarence Todd Taylor, is Truly The Mother of The Year because of her radiant Personality and her many involvements.

She is the mother of two biological children, Star and Diamond, Star is an Elementary School teacher at Robeson School and Diamond is currently in school at Illinois State University majoring in Education. Leah is a Grandmother of one - Alyah Gwin who is 5 years of age. She is an adoptive mother of five children ranging from the ages of 2-16.

She also runs a full-time Day-Care Center out of her home. She keeps approximately 6-8 children daily. She tutors one of her children who is homeschooled.

She finds time to be active in her ~~church~~ Church functions. She is President of The Pastor's Aid at The Church of The Living God.

Since she's been President, this organization has raised the most money for support of The Pastor and his wife under her leadership

Church Contribution

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in the history of the Church.

She is active in The Inspirational Choir of The Church of The Living God where she leads songs and is one of the Section leaders in the Soprano Section.

She is faithful in the Mid-Week Praise and Bible Study Services on Wednesdays where she sings in The Choir and performs duties where needed.

~~She~~ She travels annually to the State and National Conventions of

the Church. She is also faithful to her husband's home Church, Salem Baptist Church, where he is The Minister of Music. She sings in the Choir on the Given Sundays.

She supports her husband totally on any Community Projects he undertakes.

She also, remarkably, has given Home Hospice ~~care~~ Care for ~~her mother~~ her mother ~~the duration of her illness~~ all the way

up to the time of her passing.

She is a Woman who loves to shop for her kids and shop for Groceries.

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She will still find time to Council
Various people • who might Call and
need encouragement of advice.

She Works on Keeping her weight down
and her body in Shape on a daily basis
at the neighborhood fitness Center and
with Walks around the Park.

Upon your first Conversation with her,
you will find out that She is "Very Real"
She will put you at ease upon your first
Conversation.

She Loves her mother-in-Law
deeply and there is nothing she wouldn't
do for her at anytime!

Her Spiritual life is also well in tack.

You might hear her Call on Jesus or Say
"Thank You Jesus" or "aint nothin' but
the Devil" anywhere, it doesn't matter.

To all who know her, Leah Taylor
is an extraordinary woman, wife ~~and~~ Grandmother
and Mother.

About Leah Taylor

From as early as I can remember, my mother has always loved working with children. One of her first jobs was at the Church of the Living God Day Care center in Chicago IL. I remember frequently, during naptime, begging her to take me out early, but she didn't because she valued my education. As early as I can remember, I don't think we, we being my sister and I, have ever lived in a house with just the three of us. There was always a cousin, niece, little brother or sister my mom had offered to help raise. In Chicago, she owned three businesses and still made time for school visits, late night projects, and every church event there was. She now has five adopted children, one foster child, and two biological children, and for them she too makes time for school visits, late night projects, and every church event there is. She has given my sister and I a love for working with children, and she has taught me the importance of every child having a loving family. She is a woman that has always put God first and a woman that has always loved children.

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Church Contribution
Recognition Award
Runner Up!
Mrs. Carolyn Hunter

Carolyn Hunter

RE: Letter of Recommendation

April 10, 2005

Dear Missionary Barbara Gillespie-Washington:

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her worth is far above rubies. This is how I depict Carolyn Hunter. A woman full of virtue that is difficult to accurately access. There is so much about this woman of God. She is the modern day Proverbs 31 woman. She is a woman full of truth, wisdom, knowledge, patience, love and understanding. Carolyn Hunter is a mother, a devoted wife and a teacher both naturally and spiritually. Her hands are always outstretched to extend caring and hospitality.

*Strong
Church
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As an educator at Edison Middle School, she is profound. At various times of the day, you may find students waiting to see her for support and encouragement. She is very skilled at understanding the needs of young people. She realizes the crucial need for someone to be an advocate for many of our hurting and disadvantaged youth. She never turns a deaf ear, but tries to guide them and give support at many levels. She does this with a smile and a willing attitude. As young people have grown up, they find time to come back and appreciate Carolyn Hunter.

I know the word flawless is a strong adjective, but this is just the way I see Evangelist hunter. As a member of her church, I watch closely how she entreats her husband. What a great help she is to her husband . They both spend many hours attending to the members at Powerhouse Church. How does she work all day and still have time for us? We call at many inconvenient times, but she has a word of encouragement. Sometimes, they have to get up out of their comfortable beds to help with emergencies that arise. She is never a hindrance to her husband. If he has to go to take care of church affairs, she doesn't complain. Being a pastor's wife seems hard to me, but Evangelist Hunter is a woman to be admired and seems like a special mother to all the youth.

Evangelist Hunter serves in many capacities in our local church, the Progressive District and Central Illinois Jurisdiction. She is the Executive Chairperson of the Women's Department in this diocese. She is an evangelist who moves through out the state of Illinois and beyond with a mission to win lost souls to Christ. She is a faithful and diligent worker that can always be depended on. Many times, she has to transport youth across the state so they can receive special training and take an active part in activities that help to develop their souls spiritually and their minds academically. We are so grateful for all that she does for us as young people.

With great dignity and pleasure, without reservation, I am proud to write this letter of recommendation for my most beloved First Lady. I believe she has been called and designated to help in such a time as this. If anyone qualifies for Mother of the Year, it is Carolyn Hunter.

Sincerely,

Sis. Jennifer Farrow
(217) 398-4220

Volunteerism Recognition Award
#1 Winner
Mrs. Delois Lee

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOT MOTHER OF THE YEAR

April 15, 2005

To National Council of Negro Women,

I am nominating my mother ~~Deloris Lee~~ for the *Mother of the Year Award*. My mother is a strong woman that walks in wisdom and seeks to help others. My mother is a beautiful woman whose personality and sincerity only adds to her outward appearance. As a mother of five children, four of which are five years apart, she had to be "super woman". I can remember the way my mother would pick up on a bad day and greet me with a hug and later sing me a lullaby at night. She taught us that cleanliness was next to Godliness and since she is a Godly woman and raising a Godly family, we to must clean. Our house was always clean because we never knew when we may go to church Sunday, Tuesday, Friday or any other unannounced time and someone need to come home with us.

For awhile one may have thought we were running a boarding house. There was always someone staying at our home. I remember my mother always wanting the evangelist or preachers visiting our church stay at our home. She taught us to always welcome the opportunity to take care of the man of God. I believe she will have many stars in her crown for those she has taken in and treated as family in our home.

My mother taught us to respect our Father and we never were able to play them one against the other. Even after 33 years of marriage, she teaches us to respect our father and will let us know we will never be too grown for a lesson. Deloris Lee has taught me to fear God because if I get out of line or at a fork in the road, not knowing which way to go, God would tell her that I had done wrong or worse was considering the wrong thing. I have not yet figured out how that happens but I thank God because it has kept me from doing a lot of things because I was afraid that Mom would know.

In addition to raising five children aged 38- 21, my mother finds time to serve our community through many organizations. Her work and ministry has been manifested in working with the youth, owns and operates her own Daycare and runs a food pantry. She was a founder for the Liberty Temple Food Pantry listed in the First Call for Help resource list. She has since established another pantry through her local church Old Landmark Pantry. She has a special heart to reach out and touch others. My mom will give the shirt off her back for someone in need. She is part of her neighborhood association and night watch program. Mom teaches the children in her care how to be compassionate and respectful of and to others.

My mother is a picture of strength. I admire my mother most because her love for us is unconditional. Right or wrong, she loves us still, but we will be corrected. When we apologize she says, "God made me your mother, I will always love you".

Deloris Lee, my mother has touched the lives of many. She is a picture of beauty, strength and wisdom. In my book, she will always be the *Mother of the Year*.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheri Dee

Deloris Lee
Community
& Family

Family Contribution

award -

#1 winner for this category
Mrs. Helle Perry

My Aunt's family Lillie Terry

#2

The women who I am speaking of was born 73 years ago to the mother of Louise Lewis in Humboldt, Tennessee. She was born and raised in Humboldt, until she moved to Champaign, IL, where she later fell in love with and later married to John E. Terry. Lillie and John Terry has had 6 children. 3 of them still living, and three of them deceased. Lillie is a grandmother, and great-grandma to us. She is also other people's granny too. We could be walking down the street, and people would say "hey grandma". Sometime people who don't know her say that. I would look at her and say now do you know all of them. Lillie has been a great help to this family. She has raised her 6 kids, and later raised my mother and two aunts, after their mother died. (which was her daughter.) Then several years later she is raising my twin brother and younger sister. Sometimes

She would get up in the middle of the night to rub my brother or sister down, when their going through a sickle-cell crisis. She would get up no matter if her legs and feet hurting just to take care of them. She would get out in the cold, rain, sleet, and snow, just to make sure we look nice for are concerts, or programs. Now did I wanted to you she is 73 years old she gets out and come to are games, come to our concerts, get out and come to our programs. It is not one thing she wouldn't do for us. I know one time I was so scared when trying out for basketball. I came home and said "Grandma I'm scared." She said for what I said, "I don't think i'm going to make it. She said, "If you believe in god, and you tired your hardest you can do it. And sure nough I made the team. She came to every game, and I appericate her for that.

Every three weeks my sister has to have blood transfusion. She has to have them because she is eleven and they don't want her to go and have a stroke. Every day before she has to go in she has to go get her blood taken. My grandma's right there, and the next morning at 7:30 am in the morning she's ready to take my sister. If her legs hurt she goes, if she has a cold she goes. Can't nothing stop her if it comes to one of us. But for the past few months she hasn't felt well. She always tired, and can't do much. Sometimes I wonder what would happen to my 15 year old brother and my 11 year old sister and me. She took us in after our mom died and I don't know what would happen. She have took in so many people besides her family she cooks meals for people, she give clothes to people, make sure

people would have money in their pockets, she would give up her last \$5 if someone needs it.

This family has been through a lot in the last 2 and 3 years and I think if she wasn't here I don't know what would happen if I couldn't hear her say "You could do anything you want to." Just ask my brother he has never been on honor roll before, and she kept telling him that all school year and sure enough he made it. If you would have seen his face you would have been crying too. That's a true woman. I know my little sister used to hate when people would talk about our mother, she would say let it be because you know were your mom at but God they know were theirs at. I love my grandma she will always love us and we would always love her. Love,

US Brittany Day

For all she has done
and is still doing for us
and others. This is why
I recommend my grandma
Mrs Lillie M. Terry as a
nominee for Mother of
The Year.

Submitted by:

Brittney Hayes

Church St

Champaign, IL

(217) 352-0861

Nominee:

Mrs Lillie M. Terry

302 East Church St

Champaign, IL 61820

352-0861

Family Contribution
Award -

Runner Up -

Mrs. Vernita Taylor

~~Jensa Simone Taylor~~
#3

April 11, 2005

Hi, my name is Jensa Simone Taylor and I am writing to nominate my mother Vernita Curry-Taylor for the "Mother of the Year Award". My mother is the best mother in the world. She has supported me from day one and is still supporting and guiding me to become the best I can be. Recently I was crowned Ms. Enterprise for 2005 in the Gamma Upsilon Psi Society's Cotillion Ball. I know I would not have accomplished this without the hard work that my mother did in raising money for this event and her knowing everybody. Even knowing everybody, she still had to have the gift of having a beautiful personality to persuade people to give money on my behalf to receive scholarship money.

My mother has always devoted her time and energy to her husband, children, church and her school where she is the best guidance counselor. Not only do the students come to her for support and guidance, most of the students call her MAMA. Now that to me is the ultimate in this society today. Her students call her MAMA because they know she genuinely cares about them. When other staff members can't get a student to cooperate with them they will usually call on my mother who then works her magic on them and nine times out of ten will be able to handle that student. People around her know that is a special talent and she uses that talent to help others.

When my mother and I are out in the community I know it will be a long day because she can't go anywhere without knowing somebody and them calling her MAMA or wanting to talk to her. I know sometimes I might feel a little jealous of her relationships to old students, and present students, but I know that is who she is and what makes everyone love her the way they do.

Community Service

In addition to that, when she has had past students who became pregnant, she was the one to take them to Planned Parenthood for their appointments when their parents couldn't take them and was in the labor room with three of her old students while they gave birth.

In conclusion, I believe my mother should be one of your award recipients because of what she does for her family, her church her school and the community.

Thank You,

Jensa Simone Taylor
2106 Charwick Drive
Champaign, Il. 61822
217-398-3883

My Mother:

Vernita J. Curry-Taylor
2106 Charwick Dr.
Champaign, Il. 61822
217-398-3883

family's community contribution

~~Annex~~
Community Recognition Award
④ 1 Emmie ~~Lee~~ Jackson
1 (The winner
of this award)

Rec Jw

#1

April 4, 2005

Jackson

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign County Section
Post Office Box 963
Champaign, IL 61824-0963

To whom it may concern:

We the children (Waymond Jr, Eugene, Beverly and Angela) of ~~Miss. Emmie Jean~~

~~Jackson~~ would like to nominate our mother for the Mother of the Year Award.

Our mother exemplifies qualities that we feel that makes her mother of the year:

#1: Love

Our mother has shown us nothing but love in all of our years of infancy and to this very day. She has always been there for us. We can't remember a night that she wasn't home with us. Our mother will always help us in anyway that she can, whether its advice, money or fellowship.

Our mother has provided shelter, food, for number of relatives, friends and strangers. She has such compassion to help people. As children we can recall her opening up her doors to people off the streets. These people were facing life crisis, financial difficulty, or needed somewhere to lay their heads on a temporarily basis. We didn't always understand why she did what she did, but now we realize that is her ministry.

Our mother is and always has been a stabilizing force for our family. Even in the midst of tragedy she has been a rock for us. We can remember when our father died tragically on the morning that we got this life changing phone call about our father. We can remember our mother hugging all of us telling us, "Everything is going to be alright, and that the Lord will see us through this tragic ordeal." We admire her perseverance and

Strongest Parent
+ Love
Community

commitment to her family. We were teenagers when we lost our father, and now that we adults, and have our own children, we recognize the struggle and the responsibility of raising four children. Once again in her own way she has shown us how to stand in the midst of tragedy.

#2 Dedication

Our mother is very dedicated to community service. She has been employed at the Manor Care Nursing home for twenty-five years. She has always shown compassion and a deep love for the care of elderly people. We asked her why did she choose to work in this field and her answer was, "If we as people continue to live, we too will get old and will need someone to care of us one day. Therefore, you have to be careful how you treat people."

#3 Virtuous

Our mother is a virtuous woman. Our mother has always displayed good morals. She raised us to be morally good. Not only did she raise us to be morally good, but she lives it by example. Her motto has always been, treat people the way you wish to be treated, respect others and live a life in which the Lord is calling for.

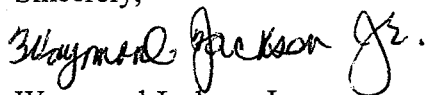
#4 God-fearing

Our mother is a humble woman; a praying woman; a woman of faith who can stand under pressure. She believes in God and his word. She is a member of the Alpha and Omega Church of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of Bishop Edward T. McGhee.

These are just a few qualities and accomplishments that go along with our mother. She has been everything the kids, the family, friends could have dreamed of.

If she is chosen for the Mother of the year award, we the children want to say, Mom we thank and praise God for given us such a jewel. We thank you for the life that you lived before us. 1982 was the most devastating ordeal we had to face. You didn't see how we were going to make, but look at us now. With the help of God, He brought us through. And we the children want to say your single-parenting has not been invain, and we want to say thank you.

Sincerely,



Waymond Jackson Jr.
515 Edgebrook Drive #48
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 363-1365

Emmie J. Jackson
411 E. Church St.
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 356-6179

Community Recognition Award
Runner Up:
ms. Bertha Mitchell

File - Received Mail

305 Nelson Court
Champaign, IL
61820
NCW
Dear NCW,
Subject: Mother of The Year Award

*Mitchell #4
Community Service & family*

When you look up the definition of mother you find the word nurture, strong, caring female; a woman who puts her child(ren) first. When most of us think of mothers, we all think that our mothers fit that definition to perfection.

But I would like to nominate a woman, who though is my mother, surpasses the Webster definition of mother. Proverbs 31, of the King James Version of the Holy Bible, describes the duties of a woman, wife, and a mother; and although she is a single mother she meets the standards of all three.

It starts with the simple things, the basics. She is up before sunrise to "prepare the house." By the time we are up she has cleaned the house, made lunch, and sometimes breakfast. If there is a special activity or event that we are participating in that day, she makes sure we have everything that we need. Some would perceive this as spoiling, but in actuality she is supporting us in our activities. She believes that it is her job to take as much pressure off of us so that we can focus on performing well. She believes in family support.

She is wise and observant. ~~Berna Mitchell~~ is a woman who pays attention to her children and protects them while teaching them life lessons. She has two children; a son and a daughter. Currently her son is attending high school a Culver Academy and is excelling well, independently. Within his first semester he made the honor roll. He is also an accomplished hockey player, black horse trooper, and polo player.

Her daughter is a graduate of Illinois State University with two degrees in Politics and Government and International Economics, and is currently studying law. Both of her children strongly feel that their accomplishments would not have been met without the support, the sacrifice, and the teachings of their mother.

Her son writes:

"What do we think of when we think of great mothers? Maybe someone who lets you bring friends over, go to the mall, to parties, or stay at a friends over night. In my opinion that is not what a great mother is.

In my opinion a great mother is a mother who calls all of your teachers every week to make sure that you are doing well in school.

A great mother is a person who works three jobs to make sure her children have what they need and rarely buys something for herself.

To me, a great mother drives three hours after working all day, to make dinner for your entire dorm just to surprise you on your birthday.

To me that's a great mother."

But her nurturing, caring, and strength doesn't stop with her children. Bertha L. Mitchell is also a substitute teacher who has made a difference to every child's life that she has come into contact with.

She has taken children who had trouble reading, writing, or the concepts of math and gave them the confidence in themselves to succeed.

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(During the Tsunami tragedy she took a geography lesson and motivated her 5th grade class to become world leaders and raise over \$500 for the victims.)

But you don't have to take my word for it, walk into her 3rd grade classroom today and you will find gifted children exceeding the limitations that others have placed upon them. When asked how they liked having Ms. Mitchell as a teacher, one 3rd grader replied, "I like having her [Ms. Mitchell] as a teacher. She teaches us a lot of things and how to be polite."

Bertha Mitchell often takes children with special needs or children which society or the school systems has given up on and make them into a productive citizen. During the summer months, with the permission of the parents, she takes the children and have them help with her catering company. She takes this opportunity to show them how to manage a business, and the importance of responsibility.

Bertha Mitchell does not limit her nurturing style to her own children. She teaches many while providing nurturing for others, and strength to all. That is why Bertha Mitchell deserves the mother of the year award.

Thank you,
Marcus L and laRufus M. Mitchell

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Champaign, IL 61820

Email: larufus@uiecu.org

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Active	Humphrey	Kathryn	716 Tawney Court	Champaign, IL 61820	356-4180		Jan
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National Council Of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign County Section
October 8, 2005

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward	1,000.00
Receipts (Membership Dues)	171.00
Balance in National City Bank	73.36
Disbursements	-0-
Balance On Hand	\$1,244.36

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC,
CHAMPAIGN SECTION
November 12, 2005
AGENDA**

Call meeting to order

Prayer

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, and 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, thus aid her to achieve the glorious destiny of a true and unfettered democracy.

Minutes of previous meeting

Officer's Report:

President: Rita Myles

1st Vice President: Alicia Lowery

2nd Vice President: Earlene Terry

3rd Vice President-Marion Malcome

Recording Secretary: Position Open

Treasurer: Shirley Melker (Executive Advisor: Ruthie Hillsman)

Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Randall

(Financial Secretary: Carol Lewis)

Parliamentarian: Betty Hassell

Historian: Cheryl Kennedy

Chaplain: Patricia Adair

Committee Reports:

- Gala
- Mothers Day Brunch

Old Business: New Business: Recording Secretary

:Planning for our annual Christmas Party

Collect Dues

Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 10, 2005

Bylaws to be emailed December



The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
P O Box 963
Champaign, IL 61820-0963

October 8, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Myles

Chaplin Adair opened the meeting with Prayer and all members recited the Pledge. No minutes were available; President reminded everyone the office of Secretary remains open.

Officers Report:

President passed out (printed) the duties of officers. She asks officers present to read their duties. President Myles read duties of the officers that were not present. After all duties were read, the President stated the emphasis previously given by 2nd VP Terry for NCNW remains the same, to Recruit Retain Renew. In addition to Recruit Retain Renew the President stated her goal is to have each member become familiar with NCNW and what it means to be a member. She wants the members to know the duties of the officers and have everyone on the same page as we learn more about the organization.

President Myles reported on the Executive Committee (EC) meeting and an amendment to the By-Laws, which she presented as New Business.

1st VP (Alicia Lowery) reported that the EC recommends to the body that the annual gala on January 27, 2006 be "Madi Gras". Deb Frank Feinen offered the motion and Beverly Lacy 2nd, the motion and the body approved it. Volunteers to serve on the Madi Gras Gala Committee: Beverly Lacy, Pat Adair, Earlene Terry, Nichole Jackson and Chris Goins.

2nd VP (Earlene Terry) distributed a printed report on Membership, 37 active 22 inactive members. She requested that dues be paid as soon as possible. Also please keep her updated on your phone number, mailing address and e-mail. The Calling Committee remains the same for 2005-2006, Dora Jamerson, Nela Delaney and Carol Lewis.

Treasurer (Shirley Melker absent)/Financial Secretary (Carol Lewis) gave a verbal report current balance \$1,244.36. A printed report will be presented to the membership for September and October at the November meeting.

Corresponding Secretary (Linda Randall) reported on birthdays, Bea Wilson.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes from the last meeting were presented and accepted with corrections.

President is still looking for options on buying t-shirts, sweat shirts or blouses. If anyone has contacts for apparel please let her know.

New business:

President Myles said after reviewing the by-laws with the EC there are recommended changes. Those changes were reviewed, discussed, voted on and accepted by the membership. President will provide the updated amended by-laws at the November meeting.

President also said after reviewing the by-laws she would allow the Chaplain to decide on the closing of the meeting by song and/or prayer.

President reported on the training held by Red Cross and what is required if NCNW members would like to become a member of the Red Cross. She further stated that items for the hurricane victims could be taken to Salt & Light. Other members mentioned items can be donated to the Canaan Baptist Church Foundation.

Linda Lawson presented new Business Cards to the officers. Also stated if the organization needed printing done she would need to be notified several weeks in advance.

Linda Randall reminded everyone that it was not too early to think about the speaker for the Mother's Day Brunch. Please give her any recommendations.

Announcements:

Deb Frank Feinen announced she is serving on a MLK County & City Wide Joint Committee. A celebration will be held January 13, 2006 at the Holiday Inn. She will keep us updated on this event.

Alicia Lowery announced the Community Wide Job Fair October 13 at the Urbana Civic Center, 6 - 8 PM

President announced that Naomi Jakobsson is presenting a Citizens workshop on Social Security Monday 10/17 4-6:30.

Mildred Smith Jones announced that Katherine Humphrey's is in the Nursing Home-Inman's.

President asks everyone to state their name, so we can begin to put faces with the names. A new member was acknowledged, Cris Goins and one visitor Gina Moton.

The President adjourned meeting and Chaplin ask everyone to repeat a closing prayer.

Submitted by Alicia Lowery

Rita Myles, President

Recruit
Retention - officers } Mentor - train
- adopt new members } new members

Mardi Gras - Tickets \$35

Mr Lee \$1500

Base sponsor @ \$500

Another potential

- Laurie Cowan OEA

Curly Lee Ford?

Carol Lewis auctioneer - made \$200 last year

Beverly Lacey General MC

need auction items
things of value

36
25
#61

Bring newsletters to next meeting
also binder

Christmas Party - December 10th

Gift exchange ~~not to give~~ no less than \$10

Callers call their members to see what they
will bring

Email from Rita
about Fairland
exhibit

National Council Of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign County Section
November 12, 2005

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward	1,244.36
Receipts (Membership Dues)	530.00
Balance in National City Bank	73.36
Disbursements	-0-
Balance On Hand	\$1,847.36



National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Champaign County Section

P.O. Box 963 Champaign, IL 61824-0963

Telephone: (217) 621-9664

Email: champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com

November 12, 2005

Dear Prospective Supporter:

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, child of slave parents, distinguished educator and government consultant. Since then, NCNW has been established through out the United States, as well as, in Egypt, Senegal and Zimbabwe. Odessa Hudson created the local section in 1981. For over twenty-four years our mission has been to promote the physical, mental, social and spiritual advancement of women through commitment, unity and self-reliance, thereby to improve the quality of life for women, families and communities.

NCNW works through supporting advocacy and community-based programming. Our Champaign section has embraced a wide range of programs and projects:

- College scholarships
- Educational programs
- Domestic violence prevention and victim care
- Health and wellbeing of children
- Substance abuse recovery care for men and women
- Cultural, racial and ethnic diversity
- African American culture and family values

Since we are a nonprofit organization, each of these endeavors is possible only through donations. Please consider demonstrating your commitment to our community through co-sponsorship of NCNW's Annual Fundraiser; this year's theme is "Mardi Gras Ball". The Ball will be held **January 27, 2006** at the **Holiday Inn**, Urbana, IL, 6PM. Individual tickets are \$35.00 and a table is \$350.00. Also, please note on the attachment an option to contribute to a "**Silent Auction**".

As a co-sponsor, your name or the name of your business will appear in the program. Please respond by Friday, January 7, 2005, to the address above or if you have questions call 217 377-3663 or 217 621-9664. Your partnership with NCNW is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rita Myles, President

Alicia M. Lowery

Alicia Lowery, 1st Vice President
Program Chairperson
Attachment

NCNW MOTTO:

**Leave no one
behind!**

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

The NCNW, Inc. is a voluntary non-profit organization helping women to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and the community. NCNW has an outreach of four million women, all-contributing to the peaceful solutions of problems of human welfare and rights.

Local meetings are held the second Saturday of each month September through June. Membership is open to all women regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

**Local Founder
In 1981:
Odessa Hudson**

Founder: Mary McLeod Bethune
Local Founder: Odessa Hudson

Chair and President Emerita: Dorothy I. Height

President and CEO: Jane E. Smith
Local President: Rita Myles

2006 - 25th Anniversary of Chapter

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC, CHAMPAIGN SECTION
December 10, 2005
AGENDA

Call meeting to order

Prayer

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, and 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, thus aid her to achieve the glorious destiny of a true and unfettered democracy.

Officer's Report:

- President: Rita Myles
- 1st Vice President: Alicia Lowery
- 2nd Vice President: Earlene Terry
- 3rd Vice President-Marion Malcome
- Recording Secretary: Position Open
- Treasurer: Shirley Melker
- Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Randall

- (Financial Secretary: Carol Lewis)
- Parliamentarian: Betty Hassell
- Historian: Cheryl Kennedy
- Chaplain: Patricia Adair
- Executive Advisor: Ruthie Hillsman

Committee Reports:

- Gala
- Mothers Day Brunch

*Betty Hassell
Lynn Randall
Holiday Dinner
2nd Sat in May*

Old Business:

New Business:

Collect Dues

Adjourn

Gift Exchange

Next Meeting: January 14, 2006 Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas!!!!

*Tickets/money due Jan 21st
want some history
at Mardi
bras
tables*



The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
P O Box 963
Champaign, IL 61820-0963

November 12, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Myles

Chaplin Adair opened the meeting with Psalm 51:17 and all members recited the Pledge.

Minutes were read and approved. President reminded everyone the office of Secretary remains open.

Officers Report:

President

Reported that the amended By-Laws will be available at the December meeting. She reported that NCNW is celebrating its 70th year Historical Convention Journal Anniversary. She received a suggestion that we place an advertisement in the Convention Souvenir Journal if the deadline is extended. President read from the National Handbook to Recruit and Retain (R&R). She asks all past/returning members who have held an office to adopt a (new) member who has not held an office. This mentoring relationship is an effort to help explain and encourage newer members. Also the past/returning members can answer questions and encourage involvement of the newer members. R&R member mentoring was established for:

Pat Adair/Joyce Catching, Dora Jamerson/Frankie Johnson, Alicia Lowery/Nichole Jackson, Earlene Terry/Sharon Robinson, Marion Malcome/Cris Goins, Lynn Randall/Denise Williams. At the next meeting we will continue to add to R&R.

1st VP (Alicia Lowery) reported a meeting with Mr. Lee Kirksey to provide the entertainment for the annual gala on January 27, 2006 "Madi Gras". NCNW membership voted to contract his services for \$1,500. It was also suggested that if Mr. Kirksey can provide the DJ for an additional

\$300, secure that service as well. Membership was asked to begin soliciting for auction items from business. Carol Lewis has agreed to coordinate the Auction.

2nd VP (Earlene Terry) reported on Membership, 59 members, and 33 active 26 inactive members. She stated dues are \$36 local/Seniors \$24 and Nat'l dues \$25 is now past due. Also please keep her updated on your phone number, mailing address and e-mail. The Calling Committee and e-mails are being sent as a reminder of the meetings.

3rd VP absent, No report

Treasurer Shirley Melker & Financial Secretary Carol Lewis absent. Ruthie Hillsman, Executive Advisor presented the October and November printed reports. As of November 12 the balance is \$1,847.38.

Corresponding Secretary (Linda Randall) reported on birthdays, Christine Goins, Cheryl Kennedy, Marion Scantleberry and Deborah Mays. Also, reminded members to keep in mind the Mothers Day Brunch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cheryl Kennedy, Historian, Director of the Early American History Museum reported that the Doris Hoskins were now in the achieves at the Museum. She reported on the need to start the publishing of the newsletter in 2006. She will be in need of articles. The public school teachers have a collaborative (AHTC) with the museum. Received a grant for teacher development. Cheryl reported that the Legacy Exhibit is still in need of Women and Men's bio's. Also she reported that the Smithsonian Exhibit "Between Fences" would be presented at Douglas Center. Additional information on the web at www.earlyamericanmuseum.org.

New business:

President Myles discussed the Christmas party on Dec 10, 2005. It will be held at the Church. Denease Williams will coordinate the food and Pat Adair will coordinate the gifts.

Introduction of visitor, Sharon Robinson.
All members introduced themselves.

Announcements:

None

President adjourned the meeting, Chaplain Adair closed with a reading.

Submitted by Alicia Lowery

Rita Myles, President

December 9, 2005

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras started a long, long time ago, and at different times in different places. Early Christians only performed baptisms on Easter Sunday. So people would fast and pray before being baptized, and that tradition became Lent. Mardi Gras Day is on Tuesday because it is the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Mardi Gras 2006 is the 150th anniversary of krewes parading down the streets of New Orleans. Revelers come enjoy an exhilarating eight days of parades and celebrations, Feb 18-26, 2006

- The Ball will be held **January 27, 2006** at the **Holiday Inn**, Urbana, IL,
 - 6PM Social Hour - Dinner served at 7PM
 - Individual tickets are \$35.00 and a table of 8 is \$350.00 (TODAY)
 - Ruthie Hillman and Carol Lewis
 - Silent Auction after dinner
 - Carol Lewis
 - **AUCTION ITEMS CAN BE PICKED UP OR DROPPED OFF
CAROL LEWIS @ 351-6174**
 - Mr. Lee & Company's performance includes a Master of Ceremonies, Band, Singers, Comedy and "DJ."
Beverly Lacy
 - Live Entertainment begins at approximately 9PM
-

Help needed

Hostesses - See Pat Adair
Advertisement
Securing Auction Items

Committee: Ruthie Hillsman, Nichole Jackson, Pat Adair, Beverly Lacy, Chris Goines, Earlene Terry, Alicia Lowery

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_____ Yes, I will co-sponsor the event with a contribution of (circle) \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000

_____ Yes, I will attend.

Reserve: # Individual Ticket(s) _____ X \$ 35.00 = _____

Corporate Table (s) _____ X \$350.00 = _____

(Reserved tickets must be purchased by December 30, 2005)

_____ I am unable to attend or co-sponsor, but I would like to donate \$ _____

I will donate the following for the SILENT AUCTION _____

AUCTION ITEMS CAN BE PICKED UP OR DROPPED OFF CALL CAROL LEWIS @ 351-6174

Name: _____ Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Contributions to NCNW are tax deductible to the extent of the law. Make checks, money orders or cashier's checks payable to National Council of Negro Women

Under: Mary McLeod Bethune Chair and President Emerita: Dorothy I. Height President and CEO: Jane E. Smith
Local Founder: Odessa Hudson Local President: Rita Myles

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN
"RECRUIT, RETAIN AND RENEW"**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR DEC. 10, 2005

EARLENE TERRY
217-355-2523
E-MAIL: eterry12@aol.com

1. Attendance Sheet:

Please sign with new information, Name, Address, Phone Number, e-mail and Birth/Month.

2. Membership:

Total membership-----61
Active-----39
Inactive-----22

See the attached sheet, these names were sent to Nationals, if the amount is not let me know. This was send on November 26.

If your National Dues are not due for a few months, we were asking for you pay before the report was send, but your Local Dues are due.

3. LOCAL DUES

Students-----\$12
Senior (61 & older)—\$24
Regular-----\$36

NATIONAL DUES

Students-----\$10
Regular-----\$25 (1 Year)
2 Year—\$40, 3 Year—\$60,
Life----- \$500 (Payable in 4
Installments of \$125 each)

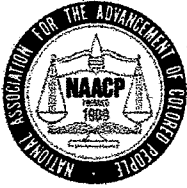
Earlene Terry
2nd Vice President

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC

Report of Payment send to Nationals

By Earlene Terry, on 11/26/05

NAME	NATIONAL DUES
Joyce Catchings -----	\$25.00
Alicia Lowrey -----(last of 4 payments)-----	\$125.00
Frankie Johnson -----	\$25.00
Cheryl Kennedy -----	\$25.00
Nicole Jackson -----	\$25.00
Deborah Feinen -----	\$25.00
Christine Goines -----	\$25.00
Denease Williams -----	\$10.00
Marion Malcome -----	\$10.00
Lolia (Bea) Wilson -----	\$25.00
Clara Bright -----	\$25.00
Hattie Marion -----	\$25.00
Beverly Jackson-Lacy -----	\$25.00
Mildred Smith-Jones -----	\$25.00
Earlene Terry -----	\$25.00
Dora Jamerson -----	\$25.00
Mariam Scantlebury -----	\$25.00
Nela Delancy -----	\$25.00
TOTAL-----	\$520.00



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Reverend Jerome C. Chambers, President and CEO

Minnie Pearson
First Vice President

Rev. Troy Burks
Second Vice President

Alvin S. Griggs
Treasurer

December 19, 2005

Dear Religious, Corporate or Community Leader:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Champaign County Branch will host the 17th Freedom Fund Banquet on Friday, March 10, 2006, at the Round Barn Banquet Center, Champaign. For over ninety-five years, the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization, has worked with people of all races, nationalities, and faiths to provide equality for all men and women. Over the years, many of you have stood with us, so again, we ask you to partner with us as we seek to fulfill our mission of ensuring the political, educational, social and economic rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination on the local, state and national levels.

Enclosed is information on how you can provide financial support to the local NAACP. We need your help to improve the quality of life for all people in Champaign County. So please complete the attached form and return it on or before Friday, February 10, 2006. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jerome Chambers
President

Larine Cowan
Freedom Fund Banquet Chair

MEMBERSHIP IS POWER!

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Advocacy for Justice Committee

500 E. Park Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820

December 23, 2005

Dear Religious/Community Leader:

Plans are underway to celebrate the Twentieth National Holiday Honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please do all you can to help our committee publicize the following local events. You can help by reproducing and distributing the enclosed bulletin insert and by reading the announcement below during your meetings and services. Thank you for your continued support of this annual celebration!

“I Have a Dream”