

January 12, 2002

The January meeting of the Champaign County Section of the NCNW was called to order at 2:15 PM. Ruthie Hillsman, President, presiding

Present were: Ruthie Hillsman, President
Jacqui Archey, 1st Vice President
Lynn Davis, Treasurer
Octavia Cole, Chaplain
Hattie Marion)
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Doris Hoskins)
Odessa Hudson
Dora Jamerson
Kathryn Britt Humphrey
Cheryl Kennedy
Dorothy Vickers Shelley
Mary Haywood Benson
Lynda Lawson
Clara Bright

President Hillsman reminded us of our responsibilities as Officers and members of the organization. Octavia Cole, our Chaplain led us in prayer.

Due to the absence of our Secretary, no minutes were read at this meeting.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed by Lynn Davis. Approved as presented.

Next agenda item was the report on the Gala. Copies were given to all present. The distribution of proceeds of some of the monies was as follows: \$500.00 to the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund; \$100.00 reimbursement to NCNW to cover costs of the event; \$25.00 for a Space Ad acknowledging Betty Hassell being given the 17th Annual Eddie B. Edwards Award at the dinner in Bloomington, Illinois. She is being honored for her services as Secretary and Assistant Minister of Music and with her Community Service; \$60.00 to a debutante's request for support of her participation in Cotillion 2002.

Much discussion concerning the remaining dollars was held. Some suggestions were:

Reading Recovery Program
College for Kids at Parkland
Books for Boys and Girls Club

No decision was reached at this meeting.

Programs/exhibits for February Black History Month are in place – Parkland College and the Champaign City Building will house exhibits. For March – Women’s History Month – an exhibit will be in place in the Champaign City Building Atrium.

For April, Jacqui Archey, 1st Vice President – will provide a program. She will also prepare programs for the February Black History Month and for March’s Women’s History Month.

Mother’s Day Brunch to be held at the Park Inn on May 11, 2002 – Clara Bright and assistants will have in place, the Mother’s Day Brunch. They are hard at work completing the planning. Dorothy Vickers Shelley is in charge of tickets, which will be the same as last years - \$12.00.

Lynda Lawson handed out a full page calendar for the year 2002. Dates of upcoming events can be noted on it. Bulk-Mailing for announcements of the Mother’s Day Brunch was presented to the group. Included in this mailing would be an entry form to nominate a “Mother of the Year” to be honored at the Brunch. Further research will be done with the Postal Service before a decision is made.

Since our June meeting is the last general meeting for the year – the “Taste of NCNW” has traditionally been the focus for the day. Plans for summer activities may be presented and discussed at that time.

With no further business, the meeting was declared closed. All joined hands in singing THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE with great gusto.

Respectfully Submitted

Doris Hoskins – Historian
Secretary Pro tem

February 1, 2002

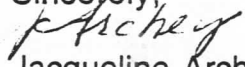
National Council of Negro Women

Dear NCNW Member:

Our next meeting is dated for Saturday, February 9th, 2002. The entire month of February is Black History Month I have asked Mrs. Althea Jones to be our guest speaker. Mrs. Althea Jones is a member of the Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Program. She will present to us a "Tribute to Magnificent Women." This will follow our usual business meeting at 2:00 PM. I have also contacted two local artists to do a solo and a showing of African American art. Presently they are working on their schedule and hopefully will make contact with me by this weekend.

I'm sure our talented sisters will wonderfully and spiritually bless us. Come out and support our organization and guests. Friends will be welcome. See you at our regularly scheduled meeting and the admirable entertainment.

Refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Archey
Vice President

Ruthie Hillsman
President

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT

January 17, 2002

February 14, 2002

Beginning Balance	\$1,526.09
Deposits / Credits	131.00
Checks	120.00
Dedits / Charges	22.00

Check #	822	Louis Kehinde	Brochures	\$75.00
Check #	823	Kinkos		5.06
Check #	824	Post Masters	Postage for Mother's Day Mailing	40.80

Ending Balance **\$1,514.25**



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
3328 RIDGEWOOD DRIVE, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS 61821
TELEPHONE (217) 356 - 0396

February 10, 2002

2002 Mother of the Year Award

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) of Champaign Urbana is seeking nominations for "Mother of the Year 2002". The purpose of this award is to recognize "Mothers" who have significant accomplishments with respect to their Church, Community and/or Social Service, Volunteerism and Employment.

The NCNW encourages you to nominate an outstanding "Mother". Submit no more than 2 typewritten pages describing the accomplishments of your nominee. Your nomination letter should include your name, address and phone number as well as the name, address and phone number of the nominee.


The **deadline** for receipt of nominations is **March 29, 2002**. A selection committee evaluates all nominations. The award recipients will be notified by mail and publicly recognized and honored at the NCNW Mothers' Luncheon May 11, 2002 at the Park Inn at 11 A.M.

Submit your nomination to:

Mother of the Year
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN
3328 Ridgewood Drive
Champaign IL 61821

Thank you for your consideration in nominating an outstanding Mother for the 2002 NCNW Mother of the Year

Sincerely,


Ruthie Hillsman, President

FOUNDER: Mary McLeod Bethune PRESIDENT: Dorothy I. Height LOCAL FOUNDER: Odessa Hudson AFFILIATED WITH: National Council of Women of the United States
International Council of Women/National Assembly for Social Policy & Development Contribution are tax deductible for income purposes



National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Champaign County Section

3328 Ridgewood Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61821

Telephone (217) 356-0396

Leave no one behind!

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

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To Nominate a Mother:

- ✘ Write a nomination letter describing the accomplishments of your nominee (maximum of 2 typewritten pages)
- ✘ Include your name, address and phone number
- ✘ Include name, address, and phone number of nominee
- ✘ Submit nomination before March 29, 2002 deadline to:

Mother of the Year
National Council of Negro Women
3328 Ridgewood Drive
Champaign IL 61821

Selection of Winner

A selection committee evaluates all nominations. The award recipients will be notified by mail and publicly recognized and honored at the NCNW Annual Mother's Day Luncheon.

Annual Mother's Day Luncheon

Saturday, May 11, 2002, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Gladys Hunt

Holiday Inn, 1001 Kilarney, Urbana, IL

Ticket Information: 377-3663 or champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com

Local Founder: Odessa Hudson
Local President: Ruthie Hillsman

Founder: Mary McLeod Bethune

Chair and President Emerita: Dorothy I Height

President and CEO: Jane E. Smith

NCNW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



WHAT IS NCNW?

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WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF NCNW?

The National Council of Negro Women was founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune. Mrs. Bethune saw the need for harnessing the power and extending the leadership of Black Women through a national organization. NCNW is an organization of organizations and services as a clearing house for the activities of women.

WHAT DOES NCNW PROVIDE?

NCNW sponsors educational, economic, social, cultural and scientific projects nationally and in specific communities across the nation. Through its projects, the NCNW strives to achieve equality of opportunity and eliminate prejudice and discrimination base upon race, creed, color, sex or national origin. The national NCNW office functions as a central source for program planning.

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR SUCH AN ORGANIZATION?

NCNW seeks to fill the gaps that exist in our communities, particularly in meeting the needs of minority women. Through its core of volunteers in 34 states the NCNW addresses local needs of citizens through organized strategies.

WHO WORKS WITH NCNW?

NCNW is supported by 38 national affiliated organizations and 250 community-based sections. NCNW is affiliated with the National assembly of Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations, the National Council of Negro Women's Business Council, Alliance for Volunteerism, Black Leadership Forum and the National Committee for Hispanics and Blacks.

WHEN WAS THE LOCAL SECTION ORGANIZED?

The local section was organized in 1981 by Mrs. Odessa Hudson. She felt the need to bring together women in Champaign County and strive to meet the needs of our community. NCNW promotes programs and services to support and strengthen the lives of African American Women and their families. 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.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC, CHAMPAIGN SECTION

MARCH 9, 2002

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 Reports:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President (Betty Hassell - illness. Interim - Linda Lawson)

Secretary (Chevonne Collins - position open)

Financial Secretary (Caprice Banks - position open)

Treasurer

Chaplain

Birthdays; Bereavement;

Sick - Mrs. Willie L. Campbell Room 4145 Carle Hospital

Betty Hassell is recovering - Thanks for prayers

Committee Reports:

Mother's Day Luncheon

Old Business:

Parkland Foundation: College for kids

UHS Black Chorus

New Business:

Collect Dues/Attendance:

Alicia Lowery

Meeting Adjourn - "This Little Light Of Mine"

National Council of Negro Women, Inc Progress Report: Mother's Day Luncheon & Membership

March 9, 2002

Linda G. Lawson, Ph.D.

Mother's Day Luncheon

1. 172 (including members) "Mother of the Year" nomination letters mailed Feb 7, 2002
2. Deadline for responses March 29, 2002
3. Location: Holiday Inn, Urbana – handled by President Hillsman
4. Tickets: printed and ready to sell – handled by Dorothy Vickers-Shelley
5. Ticket disbursement to members: Alicia Lowery
6. Children tickets???: Details by Alicia Lowery
7. Tickets \$12/person. Luncheon costs us (\$11.99/person includes 17% gratuity)
8. Solicitations & Donations:
 - ◆ Flowers: handled by President Hillsman
 - ◆ Gifts, awards: IN PROGRESS (Pres. Hillsman, V.P. Archey, A. Lowery, L. Lawson)
9. Advertisements:
 - ◆ E-mail: handled by A. Lowery, A. Reggans, L. Lawson
 - ◆ News Gazette: handled by Alicia Lowery (show clipping)
 - ◆ TV: Community calendar – IN PROGRESS -- handled by A. Lowery
 - ◆ Radio: WBPC & WEFT – IN PROGRESS -- handled by Pres. Hillsman
 - ◆ Invitation cards: -- handled by L. Lawson
 - ◆ Fliers: Created by Angela Reggans. UIUC campus distribution handled by L. Lawson; non-campus distribution handled by V.P. Archey & Pres. Hillsman
10. Award rules & judging of nomination letters: TBD by committee after March 29th deadline.
11. WE ARE WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!!!

Membership → Image, Affiliation, Funds

1. Current membership number is 49. Since the Feb 9th meeting, the following persons have joined—new phone and address on membership list: (distribute list)
 - ◆ Beverly Lacy (\$25 national)
 - ◆ Stephanie Cook (\$25 national)
 - ◆ Denise Harrison (\$500 lifetime national—pd in full)
 - ◆ Mary Perry (\$0.00 + owe for \$12 sweatshirt)
 - ◆ Angela Reggans (\$25 national)
 - ◆ Tanya L. Jackson (\$_____)
2. Image in Print: → Image/Recognition → Membership → Funds → Image → ...
 - ◆ Brochures (show both)
 - ◆ Typesetting (show letters)
 - ◆ Key: recruiting talented workers → Angela Reggans
 - Stationery
 - Fliers
 - Free E-mail account: champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com 3/01/02
 - Web-site for Champaign NCNW, Inc. → IN PROGRESS

3. Stationery: (show sample)
 - ◆ Ordered through office
 - ◆ \$10.34+tax for 500 sheets 24lb, natural linen, cotton, water-marked
 - ◆ \$7.63+tax for 100 matching envelopes
4. PO Box for organization:
 - ◆ Why do we need a PO Box for NCNW, Inc?
 - More professional → Address not based on someone's personal/home address
 - Can receive dues/reports/documents from those not attending.
 - Printed stationery
 - ◆ Who will have access?
 - Designated officers/members of NCNW, Inc.
 - **Dependable person** (3 times/wk – distribute contents to correct officer BEFORE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING)
 - ◆ Prices:
 - 2001 N. Mattis Post Office is lowest priced (ph: 373-6000)
 - Access to boxes 24 hrs a day/7 days a week
 - Window hrs: Mon-Fri. 7:30am—6pm; Saturday 8am—2pm.
 - Smallest size: \$45 a year (4" X 2")
 - 2nd Smallest size: \$65 a year (6" X 6")
 - Next size up: \$120 a year (4" X 12")
5. Bulk Mailing: → Recognition → Membership → Funds → Image → ...
 - ◆ Current mailing list of 181 costs us (181 x 0.37 = \$66.97)
 - ◆ Cost increases: membership, contacts, & stamp prices rising
 - ◆ Example mailings each year:
 - Monthly notices
 - Mother's Day Luncheon
 - Membership drive
 - A Taste of NCNW
 - Bus Trip
 - Holiday Gala
 - ◆ Current Cost:: \$66.97 x 5 = \$334.85
 - ◆ Details: handled by Alicia Lowery
6. Funds:
 - ◆ Paying **Local Dues!!** (\$12/yr seniors; \$24/yr students; \$36/yr all else)
 - ◆ Sponsors: details by Alicia Lowery
 - ◆ Corporate donations: letter of tax exempt status – Pres. Hillsman
7. Affiliation: → Image → Membership → Funds → Image → ...
 - ◆ Chamber of Commerce/city officials
 - ◆ Urban League
 - ◆ NAACP
 - ◆ YWCA
 - ◆ NCAAM, Inc (details by Pres. Hillman esp. starting early with them)

APPEALS:

1. Paying Local dues
2. Chamber of Commerce
3. Child-care during meetings

VOTE:

1. PO Box rental
2. Bulk Mailing
3. Stationery
4. Monthly member reports/notices/correspondence
5. Children luncheon tickets

National Council of Negro Women, Inc , Champaign Section, Membership Roster

Adair Patricia	204 N. Abbey Rd	Urbana	IL	61802	344-2521
Archev Jacqueline	2112 Ransom Place	Urbana	IL	61801	344-5340
Banks Caprice	303 W. Green, Apt B 304	Champaign	IL	61820	398-8311
Benson Mary	24 Hedge Court	Champaign	IL	61821	359-6402
Bright Clara	1208 W. Tremont	Urbana	IL	61801	384-5304
Campbell Willie	1210 W. Bradley	Champaign	IL	61820	351-2174
Clark Phyllis	1206 1/2 W. Dublin St.	Urbana	IL	61801	367-6302
Cole Octavia	1205 Crispus Dr	Champaign	IL	61820	352-8703
Collins Chevonne	502 W. Green, # 310	Urbana	IL	61801	337-5429
Cook Stephanie	106 East G.H. Baker Dr	Urbana	IL	61801	337-1418
Daniels DeShonda			IL		
Davis Arahlynn	1803 S. Anderson	Urbana	IL	61801	384-5391
Dyer Rosie	608 E. Beardsley Ave	Champaign	IL	61821	356-4986
Edwards Maudie	1204 1/2 N. Goodwin	Urbana	IL	61801	367-0763
Harris Violet	104 W. George Huff Dr	Urbana	IL	61801	344-1517
Harrison Denise	1107 W. John	Champaign	IL	61821	359-3699
Hassell Betty	2114 Georgetown Circle	Champaign	IL	61821	359-3840
Hillsman Ruthie	3328 Ridgewood Dr	Champaign	IL	61821	356-0396
Hoskins Doris	1208 W. Church	Urbana	IL	61801	328-1987
Hudson Odessa	1212 Paula Dr	Champaign	IL	61821	359-4623
Humphrey Kathryn	716 Tawney Court	Champaign	IL	61820	356-4180
Hursey Shirley	1309 Ellis Dr	Urbana	IL	61801	367-4176
Jackson Tanya	502 W. Hill St, # 305	Champaign	IL	61820	390-6372
Jamerson Dora	1305 W. Tremont	Urbana	IL	61801	328-2045
Kennedy Cheryl	219A S. Lake of Woods Rd	Mahomet	IL	61853	586-3748
Lacy Beverly	412 E. Church St	Champaign	IL	61820	359-3972
Lawson Linda	301 W. Curtis Rd, # 4--202	Savoy	IL	61874	373-9859
Leggett Haruko	607 W. Pennsylvania	Urbana	IL	61801	328-6767
Lowery Alicia	1502 Cambridge Dr	Champaign	IL	61821	398-6839
Malcome Marion	1205 S. Fourth St	Champaign	IL	61820	332-0108
Marion Hattie	926 N. Linview Ave	Urbana	IL	61801	328-4409
McNeal January			IL		
Myles Monique	1005 S. Lincoln Ave, 281 LAR	Urbana	IL	61801	332-2987
Myles Rita	301 Nelson Court	Champaign	IL	61820	352-4527
Odlor Binta	303 W. Green, Apt F 203	Champaign	IL	61820	351-7429
Perry Mary	46 Richard Drive	Urbana	IL	61802	384-8352
PinderHughes Dianne	714 W. Washington St	Urbana	IL	61801	328-0270
Reggans Angela	2404 Clayton Blvd -- G	Champaign	IL	61822	359-4163
Rollins-Gay Bonita	1205 W. Dublin	Urbana	IL	61801	367-5980
Scantlebury Marie	PO Box 6466	Champaign	IL	61826	
Scantlebury Miriam	2204 Clover Lane	Champaign	IL	61821	359-3330
Shelton Linda	1803 S. Anderson	Urbana	IL	61801	344-2435
Shelton Verma	1803 S. Anderson	Urbana	IL	61801	384-0495
Vickers-Shelley Dorothy	117B W. Michigan	Urbana	IL	61801	384-0622
Walters Delicia	1111 W. Nevada st	Urbana	IL	61801	332-5855
Washington Sandria	810 S. Oak St	Champaign	IL	61821	365-0042
Williams Margot	1607 Trails Dr	Urbana	IL	61802	353-2683
Witherspoon Precious	108 Sterling Court # 103	Savoy	IL	61874	637-0287
Wyatt Micyleia	1306 N. Lincoln Ave # 215	Urbana	IL	61801	365-9274
	9-Mar-02				

Donor List for NCNW

Deena's Style Shop, Rantoul
Boneyard Pottery
Art Floral Co.
Rick Orr Florists
Abbott's Florists
Blossom Basket Florists
Barsch Florist
Upsie Daisy Florist
Calico Heart Florist of Savoy
Springfield Electric, The Lighting Center
WILL-TV
Glenn Poor's Audio Video (cell phone)
Champaign Audio
Eastern Rug Gallery
Glass Lake Studio
Krannert Center For The Performing Arts
BodyWorks Associates (massage)
Regent Ballroom (dance lessons)
Denny's Professional Cleaners
University Auto Park (auto detail/wash)
Pages For All Ages
The Great American Seafood Company
Mirabelle's Fine Pastries
World Harvest Foods
Jillian's Entertainment & Restaurant
Strawberry Fields
Garber's Cleaners
That's Rentertainment (video rentals)
Pie-full Delight Restaurant
Upclose Printing 359.3200
Piccadilly Beverage Shops
Timpone's Restaurant
J.N. Michael's Restaurants
Cinema Art Cafe'
The Jolly Roger
Milos Restaurant
Urbana Golf and Country Club
Minnecci's Ristorante
Cafe' Kopi
Mikos Restaurant
Biaggi's Certificate
Kennedy's At Stone Creek
Papa Dels Pizza
Corkscrew Wine Emporium
Baymont Inn (jacuzzi suite overnight stay)
Buffalo Wild Wings
Champaign Park District Virginia Theatre
Dixon Graphics (500 business cards)
Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center (king suite)
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
The Great Impasta

Hawthorn Suites (king suite 1 night)
Mettler Center (6 month membership)
Ned Kelly's
Outback Steakhouse
Panera Bread
Park Inn (presidential suite 1 night)
WDWS/WHMS (sporting events tickets and CDs)
WCIA
Central States Coca-Cola Bottling Company

April 13, 2002
Monthly Meeting Minutes
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign Section

The meeting was called to order by President Ruthie Hillsman @ 2:10 in the afternoon. Prayer was offered by Chaplin, Mrs. Cole. The reciting of the NCNW Pledge followed.

President Hillsman thanked Linda Lawson, acting 2nd VP, for chairing the March 8, meeting. President Hillsman also commented that Linda Lawson would be a potential for the 2003 Presidency. President Hillsman stated that she has served 6 years and is looking forward to passing the gavel. She also thanked Alicia Lowery for filling in as Financial Secretary.

President Hillsman reminded the NCNW membership of the importance of officers being present at meetings and officers be accountable for the office they had accepted. She also spoke about the officers who had accepted positions and not fulfilled their duties. Some officers had not called her to say when they would be absent nor given an explanation for their absence. It is important to the success of the organization that when you accept a position that you fulfill that obligation. If you are not able to fulfill the duties of the office you should resign.

President Hillsman then called for the Officers Reports:

1st VP – Jackie Archey not present

2nd VP- Linda Lawson (acting) gave a detailed report of her activity regarding membership. She distributed a printed membership report and a copy of the membership roster (copies attached) Linda Lawson then led the discussion of the eleven items on the membership report. She ask for volunteers to make monthly telephone calls to members (Linda made calls for the 4/13 meeting) to remind them of the meeting &/or upcoming events.

- Pat Adair – will call members Adair – Cook,
- Miriam Scantlebury – will call members Daniels – Hudson
- Dora Jamerson – will call members Humphrey – Malcome.

President Hillsman suggested that there should be a second person responsible for each group. The President and VP should not be assigned group telephone calling responsibility. After some discussion

- Alicia Lowery – will call members Marion – Scantlebury
- Beverly Lacy – will call members Shelton – Wyatt

Kathryn Humphrey and Beverly Lacy volunteered to be back-up to the primary callers. If the primary is not available to make the calls they should notify the back-up person and the President. President Hillsman noted that the roster carried some names that were no

longer members and she would assist Acting 2nd VP Linda Lawson in making the corrections and redistribute the roster. President Hillsman also informed the membership that Shirley Melkur's name had been received from National NCNW and should be added to the roster.

Acting 2nd VP also discussed the need for visibility in the community at upcoming events. President Hillsman also stressed the need for NCNW to participate, set up a table/tent when there is a community event. If members are aware of any events please give her a call. There was also discussion regarding the need for child care during the meetings. Ms. Humphrey and Mrs. Cole gave information on who to contact (Ms. Philips) for the use of the Church's Child Care area.

The reading of the March minutes were read by Gwen White, and accepted with two corrections: the February date 2/09/92 was changed to 2/09/02, and UHS=Urbana High School. The President noted there were items in the minutes that she was not prepared to address at this meeting; however she would at a future meeting.

President distributed treasurer's Report. Beginning bank balance 2/15/2= \$1,514.25 and ending bank balance 3/31/02 = \$1,122.25. Balance as of today 4/13/02 is \$850.00 (Treasurer is out of town on business)

Chaplain reported on Birthdays, Gwen White (new member) and no bereavement. President Hillsman gave an update on Mrs. Willie Campbell and Mrs. Betty Hassell; both are recovering at home.

The Mother's Day Luncheon printed report was distributed (copy attached). An update from the selection committee for the Mother of the Year award was given.

- Barbara Gillespie Washington – Mother of the Year
- Addie Williams –Church
- Beverly Napper – Runner Up Church
- Lucille Roberts –Community
- Victoria Greear – Runner Up Community
- Mary Brown – Family
- Joan Jenkins Pelmore Runner Up Family
- Eunice Rivers – Volunteerism
- Cautanya Coombs Runner Up Volunteerism

The committee also stressed the need for the memberships participation at the Luncheon. Also, there is a need for gifts from the business community. All members should inquire wherever you do business.

President Hillsman gave an update on NCNW's donations to the Urbana High School and Parkland's College for Kids Minority Fund.

New Business was to select a chairperson to prepare a slate of officers for 2003. All offices will be declared vacant and an election will be held at the next meeting 6/8/02. Pat Adair accepted the position. She will contact members and prepare the slate of officers. The President declared a Quorum and called for a vote to combine the offices of Financial Secretary and Treasurer. It was motioned by Alicia Lowery and seconded by Pat Adair. The vote carried and the two positions are now one. The by-laws will be changed to reflect the merging of the Treasure and Financial Secretary offices.

There were three visitors present; Alice McGee, Vickie Britt and Gwen White. Gwen stated this was her second visit and that she would become a member. After they introduced themselves, President Hillsman asked all members to introduce themselves, as well.

The President asked members who planned to attend the Urban League's Annual Banquet on 4/22 to join her in purchasing a table or at least sitting together to represent NCNW. President Hillsman informed members that she was currently on Sundays at 7PM during April on WILL-TV. Also, the Early American Newsletter (co-edited by Doris Hoskins) featured an article on NCNW and the HERITAGE display.

The meeting ended with singing "This Little Light of Mine" @ approximately 3:50.

Ruthie Hillsman, President
Alicia Lowery, Acting Secretary

5 March 2001

Ms. Diane Friedman
President & CEO
Provena Covenant Medical Center
1400 West Park Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Ms. Friedman:

I am pleased to support your efforts, in collaboration with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health Department, to create a Champaign County Women's Health Coalition.

As a member of the National Council of Negro Women, I see great benefit for our community and our membership in the formation of a local Women's Health Coalition.

NCNW is a vehicle for information exchange on "what works in effective program and advocacy strategies," "how" and "where"; as well as "what is happening on key issues" and how grassroots efforts can best develop and support joint positions and orchestrated actions. NCNW is a national coalition of national organizations and community-based groups that represent national and community strength to the powers that be in the nation's capital and in our communities. As a powerful diverse coalition, NCNW addresses the community concerns of African American women and their families with one unified voice.

Since this coalition will dovetail so nicely with the goals of our national organization, you have the full support of the local chapter.

Please do not hesitate to call me for more assistance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruthie Hillsman
3328 W. Ridgewood Drive
Champaign, IL 61821
(217) 356-0396

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION

May 7, 2002

AGENDA

Pres. _____ R. H.
1st. V. _____ Orena
2nd. V. _____ ~~Linda Lawson~~
Secretary _____ Angela
Asst. Secy. _____ Jean White
Fin. Secy. _____
Treasurer _____

Call meeting to order

Prayer

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Officer's Reports:

President

1st V. President

2nd V. President Interim-Linda Lawson

Secretary position open

Financial Secretary Interim - Alicia Lowery

Treasurer

Chaplain

Birthday; Bereavement;

Committee Reports:

Mother's Day Luncheon --- May 11,02

Taste of NCNW Letters and phone call reminders

Nominating Committee --

Old Business:

College for Kids Scholarships

Donation to Parkland Foundation, College for Kids Minority Fund

Thank you from Willie Summerville - Successful trip

New Business

Prepare for Day in the Park @ Douglas Park (date to be announced)

Planning for Annual Fund raiser

Guest: Robert Walker

Acknowledge Mother's and take pictures

Meeting Adjourn - " This Little Light Of Mine"

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER ; -))

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Treasurers Report
May 7, 2002

Beginning Balance	\$1,088.03	April 18, 2002
Deposits	3,594.00	
Checks	116.00	
Ending Balance	4,566.03	May 15, 2002

Check # 0788	\$116.00	Larry Windingland	Awards
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	Mother's Day Ticket Report
Ticket Sales	\$3,589.00

Expenses	
Brunch	\$3,229.90
Awards	116.00
Flowers	32.25 due
Total Expenses	\$3,378.15

Balance today's date (6/8/02) per phone request \$1,336.07

National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Campaign Section, Membership Roster

Adair Patricia	204 N. Abbey Rd	Urbana	IL	61802	344-2521	
Alvarado Ava M.	1008 E. Kerr St.	Urbana	IL	61802	337-7939	NOT ACTIVE
Archey Jacqueline	2112 Ransom Place	Urbana	IL	61801	344-5340	
Banks Caprice	814 W. Clark St	Champaign	IL	61820	398-8311	
Benson Mary	24 Hedge Court	Champaign	IL	61821	359-6402	
Bright Clara	1208 W. Tremont	Urbana	IL	61801	384-5304	
Campbell Willie	1210 W. Bradley	Champaign	IL	61820	351-2174	NOT ACTIVE
Clark Phyllis	1206 1/2 W. Dublin St.	Urbana	IL	61801	367-6302	NOT ACTIVE
Coffey Kathryn	2306 Burlison	Urbana	IL	61801		
Cole Octavia	1205 Crispus Dr	Champaign	IL	61820	352-8703	
Collins Chevonne	502 W. Green, # 310	Urbana	IL	61801	337-5429	
Cook Stephanie	106 East G. H. Baker Dr	Urbana	IL	61801	337-1418	
Daniels Deshonda	1345 N. Lincoln Ave, Apt 1048	Urbana	IL	61801		INTERNSHIP
Davis Arahlynn	1803 S. Anderson	Urbana	IL	61801	384-5391	
Dyer Rosie	608 E. Beardley Ave	Champaign	IL	61821	356-4986	
Edwards Maudie	1204 1/2 N. Goodwin	Urbana	IL	61801	367-0763	
Harris Violet	104 W. George Huff Dr	Urbana	IL	61801	344-1517	
Harrison Denise	1107 W. John	Champaign	IL	61821	359-3699	
Hassell Betty	2114 Georgetown Circle	Champaign	IL	61821	359-3840	
Henry Katie	308 Nelson Ct.	Champaign	IL	61820		
Hillsman Ruthie	3328 Ridgewood Dr	Champaign	IL	61821	356-0396	
Hoskins Doris	1208 W. Church	Urbana	IL	61801	328-1987	
Hudson Odessa	1212 Paula Dr	Champaign	IL	61821	359-4623	
Humphrey Kathryn	716 Tawney Court	Champaign	IL	61820	356-4180	
Hursey Shirley	1309 Ellis Dr	Urbana	IL	61801	367-4176	
Jackson Tanya	502 W. Hill St, # 305	Champaign	IL	61820	390-6372	
Jamerson Dora	1305 W. Tremont	Urbana	IL	61801	328-2045	
Johnson Dimitra	1109 Lanore Drive	Urbana	IL	61801		
Kennedy Cheryl	219A S. Lake of Woods Rd	Mahomet	IL	61853	586-3748	
Kennedy Ethel	908 North Fifth Street	Champaign	IL	61820		
Lacy Beverly	412 E. Church St	Champaign	IL	61820	359-3972	
Lawson Linda	301 W. Curtis Rd, # 4--202	Savoy	IL	61874	373-9859	
Leggett Haruko	607 W. Pennsylvania	Urbana	IL	61801	328-6767	
Lowery Alicia	1502 Cambridge Dr	Champaign	IL	61821	398-6839	
Malcome Marion	1205 S. Fourth St	Champaign	IL	61820	332-0108	
Marion Hattie	926 N. Linview Ave	Urbana	IL	61801	328-4409	
McNeal January	1345 N. Lincoln Ave, Apt 1048	Urbana	IL	61801		INTERNSHIP

National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Champaign Section, Membership Roster

Melker Shirley	1305 W. Bloomington RD	Champaign	IL	61821	356-3199	
Merrifield Estelle	1403 W. Beslin	Urbana	IL	61802		
Myles Monique	1005 S. Lincoln Ave, 281 LAR	Urbana	IL	61801	332-2987	
Myles Rita	301 Nelson Court	Champaign	IL	61820	352-4527	
Odior Binta	303 W. Green, Apt F 203	Champaign	IL	61820	351-7429	
Perry Mary	46 Richard Drive	Urbana	IL	61802	384-8352	
PinderHughes Dianne	714 W. Washington St	Urbana	IL	61801	328-0270	
Rawls Shirley	2023 Burlison Dr	Urbana	IL	61801	344-1892	
Reggans Angela	2404 Clayton Blvd -- G	Champaign	IL	61822	359-4163	
Rollins-Gay Bonita	1205 W. Dublin	Urbana	IL	61801	367-5980	NOT ACTIVE
Scanlebury Marie	PO Box 6466	Champaign	IL	61826		
Scanlebury Miriam	2204 Clover Lane	Champaign	IL	61821	359-3330	
Shelton Linda	1803 S. Anderson	Urbana	IL	61801	344-2435	
Shelton Verma	1803 S. Anderson	Urbana	IL	61801	384-0495	
Shelton-Boodrum Alcarlius	2111 Meadowlark Ct	Urbana	IL	61802		
Smith Jackie	2605 B. Wellington	Champaign	IL	61821		
Tanner-Coffield Vivian	1502 N. Ridgeway Ave	Champaign	IL	61821	359-4420	
Underwood Evelyn	1309 W. Tremont St.	Urbana	IL	61801	367-8215	
Vickers-Shelley Dorothy	117B W. Michigan	Urbana	IL	61801	384-0622	
Walters Delicia	1111 W. Nevada st	Urbana	IL	61801	332-5855	
Washington Sandra	810 S. Oak St	Champaign	IL	61821	365-0042	
White Gwen	800 S. Mattis # C3	Champaign	IL	61821	352-0303	
Williams Dawn	1703 E. Florida Avenue	Urbana	IL	61802	328-0987	
Williams Margot	1607 Trails Dr	Urbana	IL	61802	353-2683	
Williams Paula	1804 Summit Drive	Urbana	IL	61802	239-7242	STUDENT
Williams Rebecca	599 Hazelcrest Dr	Rantoul	IL	61866	892-2344	
Witherspoon Precious	108 Sterling Court # 103	Savoy	IL	61874	637-0287	
Wyatt Micylella	1306 N. Lincoln Ave	Urbana	IL	61801	365-9274	

JUNE 8, 2002

PROGRAMME

Alicia M. Lowery, Mistress of Ceremony

Stephanie Cook, Welcome

Shirley Melker, Invocation

BRUNCH

Introduction of Speaker

Gladys Hunt, Keynote Speaker

Reverend Vincent Carter, Saxophone Solo

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Selection Criterion

Nominees were evaluated on contributions to their family, church, community, and volunteerism. We are honored to acknowledge their efforts and pay tribute to this year's awardees.

Clara Bright, Committee Chairperson
Linda Lawson, Committee Member
Alicia Lowery, Committee Member

President Ruthie Hillisman, Closing Remarks
NCNW, Inc. thanks you for your support!

2002 Awardees

Mother of the Year

Barbara Gillespie-Washington

Church Contributions

Addie Williams

Beverly Napper (Runner Up)

Community Contributions

Lucille Roberts

Victoria Gear (Runner Up)

Family Contributions

Mary Brown

Joanne Jenkins-Felmore (Runner Up)

Volunteerism

Funice Rivers

Coutanya Coombs (Runner Up)

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign County Section

2002

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

&

MOTHER of the YEAR AWARDS



Saturday, May 11, 2002
Holiday Inn
Urbana, Illinois

champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com

OFFICERS

Ruthie Hillisman, President
Jacqueline Archey, 1st Vice President
Betty Hassell, 2nd Vice President
Linda G. Lawson, Interim 2nd Vice President
Lynn Davis, Treasurer
Alicia M. Lowery, Interim Financial Secretary
Hattie Marion, Historian
Octavia Cole, Chaplain

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is to harness the power of African American and other minority women to ensure access to, and full participation in the socio-economic-political systems which impact upon the quality of life for all persons.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A Time to Remember
Art Florist
Locks of Glory
Marie Scantlebury
Meijers
Parkland College
Parkland Foundation
Prairie Gardens
Vpsie Daisey Florist

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign County Section
3328 Ridgewood Drive
Champaign, Illinois, 61821

Family

#10

March 28, 2002

RE: Ms. Mary Brown
1020 West Harvard
Champaign, Illinois, 61820

Dear Women of the Council:

Throughout history, the world has benefited from the great works and contributions of women. One contribution that is often overlooked is the role of motherhood. We know of many outstanding mothers, including our own. However, today I am asking you to set aside a few moments to pay tribute to a mother who exceeded the boundaries expected of any woman or mother.

I am writing this letter to nominate the above named person as NCNW's Woman of the Year. Mary's outstanding "feat" did not happen in a one-year period, but over a few years. Mary accomplished something that is highly unusual for a non-related, divorced, full-time employed female to do—*she adopted six children*. What a love and caring Mary felt for children in order to accomplish this feat.

Mary Brown was born in Vance, Mississippi in 1955 to the union of Viola Brown and the late Roy Brown. The family moved to Champaign the following year when Mary was one year old. Mary successfully attended Champaign Schools and received a degree from Parkland College. However, first and foremost, Mary dedicated her life to Christ at an early age, has learned his ways and is raising her children in the word.

Mary has two grown and achieving children born as a blessing to her marriage. They are Rashedi and Sigele Overstreet. Sigele is obtaining a Masters in marketing degree from Troy University in Alabama, and Rashedi is completing his bachelor's degree in Social Services at Eastern Illinois University.

Even though Mary was no longer married, she remained a strong and inspiring figure in her children's lives—encouraging them to achieve, attain and continue to serve God.

Mary's Mother, Viola Chatmon, stated that Mary always had a strong love for children and even when she wasn't old enough for 'real' babies, she showered her love on her doll collection. As soon as she was old enough to baby-sit, she became the neighborhood babysitter, once again showing her love and devotion to children. It was this type of love and devotion that guided her to become a foster parent for a number of years, and that led her to the adoption process.

A plea went out in our land for "One Church, One Child," encouraging families to adopt minority and other children. Well, Mary heard the plea and went five steps farther than requested—she adopted six children!

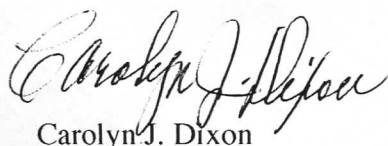
They are:	Michael Brown (6 yrs.)	Taylor Brown (6 yrs.)
	Janika Brown (9 yrs.)	Javon Brown (10 yrs.)
	Monel Brown (12 yrs.)	Antwon Brown (16 yrs.)

All of the children were much younger when Mary adopted them. She really had her hands full, as she also works a full time job. Thank goodness her Mother, Viola and stepfather L.C. Chatmon, along with Sigele and Rashedi knew of the old African Proverb that says, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Mary understands the village concept, as she has welcomed family and others into the children's lives. She is raising them in Church and they all attend the children's Tuesday night Bible study, Sunday school, and church, and some of them are a part of the mentoring program. Seven of Mary's eight children are Baptized believers, learning and growing in Christ daily. What a blessing—and what great leadership!

Based on the above, which is just a small part of Mary's accomplishments; I proudly recommend her as NCNW's Woman of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn J. Dixon

1726 West Haven Drive

Champaign, IL 61820

(217)356-0580

CJD: ld

Community

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign County Section
3328 Ridgewood Drive
Champaign, Illinois 61821

Dear Committee:

I am writing this letter to nominate my mother, Lucille Roberts, for the 2002 Mother of the Year Award.

My mother, who is also affectionately known in the community as "Pepper", is a native of this community and she takes great pride in fulfilling her duties and responsibilities as Wife, Mother, Librarian, and President of the Carver Park Association.

It amazes me to see the love and energy my mother puts into helping the senior citizens of her community. Each year our family Thanksgiving meal is always put on hold until the senior members in the Carver Park neighborhood who are disabled and can't get around have been delivered a full course meal. Not only is she concerned about their nutrition, she has formed communication efforts with the Champaign Police Department to ensure that the safety of her neighborhood is second to none. She is an advocate for drug free neighborhood and reports any negative behavior affecting those in her community.

Senior citizens from Urbana and nearby neighborhoods constantly call her when they have problems with issues such as lights out or if they need her to represent them at a city council meeting regarding certain issues.

In the professional arena, mama has served at the University of Illinois for the past 30 years in the position of Librarian and served on many interview panels to make sure that minorities are hired in positions at the Library.

In the past she was a strong supporter and advocate for the safety of children by

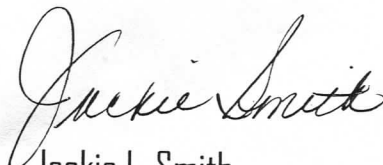
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A few months ago, we had a brief scare when mama was hospitalized and told by her doctor that she needed to slow down. My first thought was "what would we all do without her", but that thought was overruled with another thought of "what we all have done because of her".

I am not surprised with the level of commitment she gives to her community and her family because it is a result of the commitment she made to God that as long as He gives her the strength, she would do good things until He calls her home.

My family and community have been richly blessed by her contributions of service and I would like for her to know how much she is appreciated and loved. Therefore, I respectfully submit this nomination for my mother, Lucille Roberts as 2002 Mother of the Year.

Sincerely,



Jackie L. Smith
2605-B Wellington Dr.
Champaign, Illinois 61821
217/356-8408 (h)
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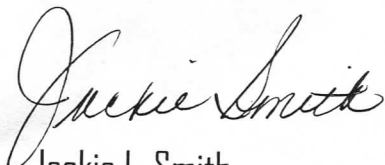
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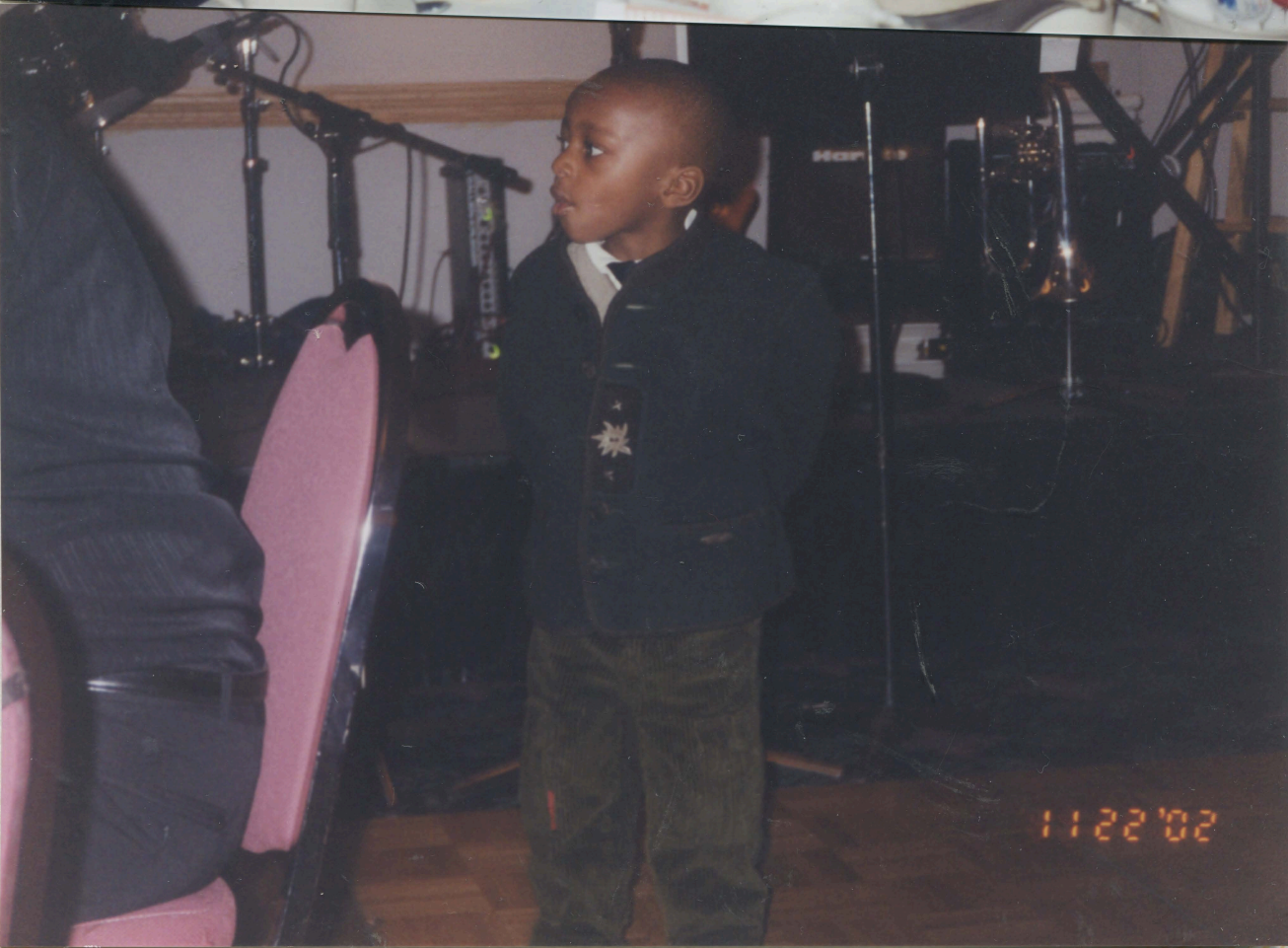












June 8, 2002
Monthly Meeting Minutes
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Champaign County Section

The meeting was called to order by President Ruthie Hillsman @ 2:15 in the afternoon. Alicia Lowery offered prayer. The theme for the meeting was "A Taste of NCNW". President Hillsman said we would begin with tasting and return to the business part of the meeting afterwards. During the taste, the president asked for words of wisdom and recommendations on how to better the local organization from former president, Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell is relocating the first week of July to Memphis, TN. Mrs. Campbell offered suggestions and invited us all to visit her when in the city of Memphis. President Hillsman presented Mrs. Campbell with a farewell gift, NCNW Tote Bag and Tee Shirt. President Hillsman asked other members of their plans for the summer.

President Hillsman introduced a guest, Robert Walker, Founder of the Champaign County National Council of African American Men (NCAAM). Mr. Walker presented a verbal proposal on behalf of NCAAM. The verbal proposal, in part, asks that NCNW join other African American and community organizations in a collaborative effort to have a Community Calendar. The primary purpose would be to have a calendar of events for the community. This would allow better planning and participation of the community as well as the members of individual organizations. Verbal proposals are being made to NCNW, Concerned Citizens, Ministerial Alliance, Urban League and Parkland. A written proposal will be sent at a later date to NCNW.

The business meeting resumed with the reading of the NCNW Pledge. President Hillsman gave a report of NCNW activities for the year 2001/2002. Officers' reports followed.

1st VP no report

2nd VP Betty Hassel thanked everyone for prayers and cards during her extended illness. Betty expressed gratitude to Linda Lawson, Acting 2nd VP, for the wonderful job she had done in her absence. Linda distributed a printed roster of the membership, 65 members on the role. Linda also asked those members with e-mail to list it on an attendance sheet that was circulated.

Printed Treasurer's Report was distributed, read and accepted.

The minutes were read and approved with one correction; NCNW, Inc is Champaign County Section.

Birthday, Mrs. Campbell.

Committee Reports:

NCNW Mothers Day Luncheon: President Hillsman commented on how the brunch began at the Library and over the years has grown. This year's brunch was the largest in attendance yet. She asked for a report from the committee members. Alicia Lowery thanked everyone for their support and asked that more members consider getting involved in the planning next year. The "Mother of the Year", Barbara Gillespie was present. She thanked NCNW for the insight of giving and bestowing the award on her.

A slate of officers was not prepared due to death in the family of the chairperson, Mrs. Adair. The president called for volunteers to fill offices, discussion followed. Betty Hassel motioned and Mrs. Cole seconded that Ruthie Hillsman remain as President, Alicia Lowery as Financial Secretary/Treasurer, and Linda Lawson as 2nd VP. The motion carried with no one opposing. The 1st VP office was left open. President Hillsman asked Angela Reggans to accept the office of Secretary and Gwen White the Assistant Secretary. It was motioned by Shirley Hursey and 2nd by Linda Lawson, the motion carried with no one opposing. Mrs. Cole will remain as Chaplain.

New Business:

- NCNW Tent and Table for CU Day in the park (Second Saturday in August).
- NCNW paid for 2 Parkland College for Kids scholarships. To date, only one student has been chosen. A second student needs to be identified to participate in the program.
- A place for the Holiday Gala. President Hillsman explained that an NCNW member, Beverly Lacy, was the new PR person for Jumer's (now called the Lincoln Castle) and had requested that we return there. Linda Lawson stated that Beverly would personally oversee the event and would guarantee food and service. It was agreed upon by the members present to give Lincoln Castle, formerly Jumer's, another try for our holiday gala.

A thank you card from the Mother of the Year and an e-mail thank you from Victoria Greer, runner up awardee, were read.

FOUR visitors were present: Barbara Gillespie Washington, Earlene Terry, Nela Banks-Delaney and Deannie Brown.

Closed with the singing "This Little Light of Mine"

Linda Lawson and Jackie Archey took photos of Barbara Gillespie Washington and Eunice Rivers for our NCNW scrapbook.

Received Dues:

- Angela Reggans \$10
- Rita Myles \$36
- Barbara Gillespie Washington \$25 (New Member)

The following members were present

Archev, Jacque
Campbell, Billie
Cole, Octavia
Edwards, Maudie
Gillespie-Washington, Barbara
Hassel, Betty
Hillsman, Ruthie
Hoskins, Doris
Hursey, Shirley
Lawson, Linda
Lowery, Alicia
Marion, Hattie
Myles, Rita
Scantlebury, Miriam
Reggans, Angela
White, Gwen

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
BYLAWS**

Article I: Name

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) Champaign County Section, hereinafter referred to as, "The Section".

Article II: Purpose

Section 1 To promote and support the national program of NCNW.

Section 2 To carry out the purpose of NCNW in relation to the needs of the community and the concerns and emphasis of the national organization.

Section 3 To promote unity of action among all women in matters affecting educational, cultural, economic, social and civic life.

Article III: Membership

Section 1 Women recruited by the section, whatever their race, creed, color, national origin, or economic status.

Section 2 Direct members through an affiliated organization, which chooses to participate in the section and pays the section dues.

Section 3 Community based organizations whose purposes are in harmony with NCNW.

Article IV: Fees and Dues

Section 1 The annual membership fee for NCNW shall be \$25.00

Section 2 Annual dues for The Section
Senior citizens (defined as members 61 years of age and over) shall be **\$24.00**, payable in monthly installments of \$2.00.
Student members (full-time college students, undergraduate or graduate) shall be **\$12.00**, payable in monthly installments of \$1.00.
All other members shall be **\$36.00**, payable in monthly installments of \$3.00.

Section 3 Life members shall pay only the local dues of The Section.

Article V: Officers

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04/03/00

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Section 1 Elected officers shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2 Appointed officers shall be: Historian, Parliamentarian and Chaplain.

Article VI: Duties of Officers

Section 1 **President** shall preside over meetings, appoint committees and chair executive meetings. President's name must appear on all checks with one of the authorized signatures. She shall be the official spokesperson of the organization.

Section 2 **First Vice President** shall be program chairperson and chair meetings in the absence of the President. She shall carry out other duties designated by the president.

Section 3 **Second Vice President** shall be membership chairperson. Shall preside in the absence of the above officers; other duties as designated by the President.

Section 4 **Recording Secretary** shall record the proceedings of the meetings; other duties as designated by the Chair.

Section 5 **Corresponding Secretary** shall be responsible for sending notices and correspondence that is necessary for the smooth working of the organization.

Section 6 **Financial Secretary** shall receive all monies; authorized to sign checks; responsible for keeping an accurate record pertaining to all financial transactions.

Section 7 **Treasurer** shall receive all monies from Financial Secretary and deposit all monies in bank. She shall pay all bills.

Section 8 **Chaplain** shall conduct all religious services and serve as chairperson of the sick committee.

Section 9 **Historian** shall compile a complete history of NCNW, collect still, moving or recordings of NCNW's work and accomplishments. She shall be responsible for preserving this material by the best method available.

Article VII: Elections

Section 1 Any member who is currently financial and active shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 2 All officers shall be elected for one-year and may be re-elected for three consecutive terms.

Section 3 Nominating committee shall bring a slate of officers to the June meeting. Installation shall take place in September. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Revisions to By – Laws September 2002

Article V : Officers

Section 1 Elected officers shall be : President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary / Treasurer.

**Update approved by the section
Ruthie Hillsman, President**

**CHARTER MEMBERS
OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
SECTION OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
NEGRO WOMEN**

- ALEXANDER, ODELIA *dec'd.*
- BRIDGEWATER, ERMA
- BROOKS, MARY JANE
- COLE, OCTAVIA
- COOK, NETTIE *dec'd.*
- COOPER, MICHELE
- COPELAND, ELAINE
- COUNCEL, CYNDI
- DONALDSON, ESTHER
- DYER, ROSIE
- EMBRY, CALLIE
- EMBRY, ROSE
- EVANS, FRANCES
- FERGUSON, CELESTE
- GRAY, LUCY JESS
- HARRIS, MARY ANN
- HAYWOOD, MARY
- HENDRICKS, RUTH
- HERNDON, WILDA
- HILL, DAVIE
- HINES, RUTH *dec'd.*
- HOWARD, KATHY
- HUDSON, ODESSA
- HUMPHREY, KATHRYN
- HUNTER, NARMEN
- IRWIN, LAURA SMITH
- JEFFERSON, STEPHANIE
- JOHNSON, PATRICIA
- JORDAN, EVOLA *dec'd.*
- LEE, GERALDINE
- MARION, HATTIE
- McMULLEN, MADELINE
- MINOR, PEGGY
- MOCK, JOYCE
- MORRIS, CORA
- PICKETT, CHERYLE
- RAWLS, LESIA
- RAWLS, MILDRED
- RENFRO, RENEE
- RHODES, SHEILA
- RIVERS, ELLEN *dec'd.*
- ROBINSON, DOROTHY
- RODGERS, ARNETTA
- ROLLINS, FRANCES
- SANDERS, YVONNE
- SAYLES, MATTIE
- SCANTLEBURY, MIRIAM
- SCOTT, ANNA WALL
- SCOTT, SARAH *dec'd.*
- SESSIONS, HALESTINE
- SMITH, LILLIAN *dec'd.*
- SMITH, MARGARET
- STRATTON, GENEVIEVE
- SYKES, EMMA
- TAYLOR, WILDA
- VICKERS-SHELLEY, DOROTHY
- WALKER, SHIRLEY
- WHITE, LEONA *dec'd.*
- WILLIAMS, REBECCA JESSIE
- WILSON, AGNES
- WRIGHT, EMMA *dec'd.*
- WRIGHT, MARY
- ZANDERS, JEWELYNE

A WORKSHOP ON BYLAWS?

BYLAW SUGGESTIONS

Bylaws, except for those items which must be contained in a corporate charter of an incorporated society, contain the most fundamental rules of an organization. They define the primary characteristics of a society and prescribe how it shall function and should therefore include only those rules considered so important that they may never be suspended except under cautious and previously specified conditions and may be changed only through a relatively difficult, prescribed, and restrictive procedure.

The most generally accepted format is:

Article IV (in Roman numerals) Officers

Section 1. (using Arabic numbers)

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Etc.

Bylaws usually include at least the following topics:

Article I. Name

- . The full, exact, and properly punctuated name of the society.

Article II. Object

- . The purpose of the society. [This statement sets limitation on the kinds of business which can be considered. It should be written in a single sentence if possible.]

Article III. Members

- . Classes of membership (active, associate, student, etc. and rights of each)
- . Qualifications or eligibility for membership
- . Required fees and dues (when payable, when delinquent, and when membership will be dropped. This is often written as a separate article.)
- . Special requirements for good standing and/or resignation procedures
- . Provisions for honorary membership (if desired)

Article IV. Officers

- . Officers required (including honorary if desired)
- . Qualifications
- . Method of election or appointment
- . A listing of special duties plus a statement that "These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the society."
- . Method of nominating officers
- . Method of electing officers, term of office, time at which term begins
- . Method of filling vacancies

[If provisions are complex, some items may require separate articles.]

Article V. Meetings

- . Day on which regular meetings are to be held
[If desired, provision for changing date may be included.]
- . Designation of one meeting as the annual meeting
- . Authorization for calling of special meetings
- . Quorum for all meetings

Article VI. Executive Board

- . Membership (composition of the board)
- . Powers
- . Special rules for conduct of business, quorum, when and how often meetings are to be held, etc.

[Title of this article may vary: "Board of Managers," etc.]

Article VII. Committees

- . Establishing of standing committees
[A list of the required standing committees plus a statement "and such other standing committees as shall be authorized by the society" may be included.]

Article VII. Committees (cont'd.)

- . Name, composition, manner of selection, and duties of each committee
- . Procedure for establishment of additional standing committees
- . Specific provisions [if desired] for the automatic reference of certain aspects of business to certain committees and procedures for further delegation of responsibilities.
- . Authorization of, and procedure for appointment of, special committees
- . Ex-officio membership
[Recommended: "The president shall be ex officio of all committees except the nominating committee."]

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

"The rules contained in the current edition of ... [specifying a standard manual of parliamentary procedure] ... shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws and any special rules of order the society may adopt."

Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws

- . Requirements and procedure, including previous notice and two-thirds vote
- . [If desired] Specification as to the meetings in which amendments may be considered
[If notice is to be given in a meeting, rules should say "at the previous meeting, not at a previous meeting."]

Possible additional separate bylaw articles:

Finance, Duties of Officers, Executive Committee, Administrative Departments, Disciplinary Procedures, Dissolution, and -- if a regional, state, or national body -- provisions for constituents at other levels.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS

CHAIR (CHAIRMAN, CHAIRPERSON, PRESIDENT): The presiding officer who conducts the meeting and sees that the rules are observed.

ASSEMBLY: A meeting of the members of a deliberative body.

MOTION: A formal proposal submitted to an assembly for its consideration and decision; it is introduced by the words, "I move....."

MAIN MOTION: A motion which introduces a subject or brings business before the assembly for discussion and action.

There are two ways that you can bring business before an assembled group:

1. Make a motion
2. Present a communication

Before you can make a motion or address the assembly on any matter, you must "obtain the floor."

OBTAINING THE FLOOR AND PRESENTING A MAIN MOTION

1. Member rises and addresses the presiding officer (the Chair)
Madam Chairman!
2. Chair recognizes member
The chair recognizes Ms.....
3. Member introduces her proposal (motion)
I move that.....
4. Another member seconds the motion
I second the motion..... (or simply "second")
5. Chair clearly states the motion
It has been moved and seconded that...
6. Members debate the motion (question)
Discussion ensues

7. Chair restates the motion
The motion (question before us is.....
8. Chair takes the vote (puts the question)
Those in favor say "Aye"
Those opposed say "NO"
9. Chair announces the results
The "Ayes" have it, the motion is adopted
The "Noes" have it, the motion is lost

Before any subject is open to debate three things are necessary:

1. A motion must be made by a member who has the floor.
2. The motion must be seconded.
3. The motion must be stated by the presiding officer

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CAPSULE

By

Barbara Oliver-Hall

COMMITTEE REPORTS

After a report has been read, it has been received. Thus it is NOT necessary that a motion be made "that the report be received." In fact, this motion is meaningless since the report has already been received.

When a committee report contains recommendations, the reporting member (generally the committee chairman) usually makes the motion to adopt the recommendation(s) at the end of his or her report. Form to be used:

"By direction of the committee, I move that (action to be taken). . ."

No second is necessary since the motion is made on behalf of the committee.

If a report is to be issued or published in the name of a whole organization, a motion "to adopt" the report is in order. Unlike motions to take action recommended in a report, a motion to "adopt a report" should be made by someone other than the reporting member. Procedure:

1. The chair can say: "If there is no objection, the report will be adopted."

OR

2. A member (delegate in this case) may move "that the report be adopted."

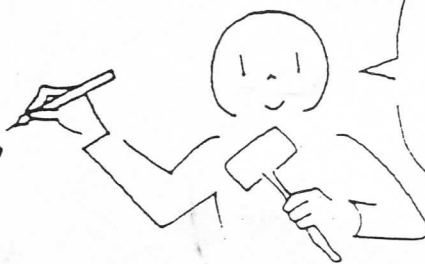
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
is the **BEST WAY** to
GET THINGS DONE
at meetings

BUT-- it only works if **YOU**
use it right !

- ✓ **MAKE MOTIONS** that are in order
- ✓ **OBTAIN THE FLOOR** properly
- ✓ **SPEAK** clearly and concisely
- ✓ **OBEY** the rules of debate

... and most of all,

BE COURTEOUS



That's
always
IN
ORDER!



A Woman's Place • Rape Crisis Services

505 West Green Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801
(217) 384-4462

FACT SHEET

A Woman's Fund was founded in Urbana in July 1971 by a grass-roots group of women.

A Woman's Fund has three programs:

A Woman's Place: domestic violence shelter and services for battered women and their children

Rape Crisis Services: services for victims of sexual assault and abuse

Education & Prevention: community education and class-room programs to reduce violence

In fiscal year 1994 (July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994):

2,040 calls were handled on the two 24-hour hotlines, one for A Woman's Place, one for Rape Crisis Services.

838 clients were provided counseling services.

294 women and children stayed in the shelter of A Woman's Place for an average stay of 27 days:

144 women, 150 children
5,620 nights of care

353 people were given assistance in getting emergency orders of protection.

702 community education presentations were made.

1,832 children participated in child assault prevention programs in elementary school classrooms

682 high-school students participated in 3-hour work shops on dating violence.

Volunteers are an integral part of the service provision of A Woman's Fund. At any time, over 80 active volunteers provide counseling, advocacy, hotline service, education.

The mission of A Woman's Fund is to eliminate violence against women and children and, until that happens, to provide safety and support for survivors of that violence as they take control of their own lives.



United Way

SHARED WITH the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN - CHAMPAIGN
COUNTY SECTION

12 November 1994

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. "LIVING THE DREAM" SCHOLARSHIP

From 1988 to 1994, forty-two students have been selected as recipients of the scholarship. The amount awarded has increased from \$500.00 in 1988 to \$4,000-\$6,000 in 1994.

Champaign-Urbana high school students may apply. Applicants are considered based on the following criteria:

Academic excellence
Financial need
Career goals
Achievements in keeping with the
philosophy of Dr. King, Jr.
Essay

Excerpts from selected essays -

"My goals of becoming a lawyer directly relate to Dr. King's dream of 'justice for all' . . ."

"Through the simple act of making friends, I have helped to bring the races together. . ."

". . . my class sang "We Shall Overcome. . . I wanted to know more about Dr. King. . . I have participated in numerous activities which have given me an opportunity to interact with people who at first seemed different from myself."

"I will be the first in my family to ever attend college. . . As a college student, I would continue to work for a better world and 'a beautiful symphony of brotherhood'."

A committee of six reviews the applications and determines who the recipients will be. The number of recipients is determined by amount of secured funds.

In the Beginning - (from which the scholarship program grew)

In 1985, Governor James Thompson appointed Reverend Claude E. Shelby, Sr. to the state of Illinois committee to plan and garner support for the first national observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Reverend Shelby contacted religious leaders through the Ministerial Alliance and the Ministerial Association. A group was formed and named the Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee. Several suggestions for activities were presented. The suggestions which were implemented for the first observance (1986) were a community interdenominational evening service and a breakfast the following day.

NCNW - Champaign County Section
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Living the Dream" Scholarship

Collections were taken at both the service and the breakfast. Expenses were met and money left over. This overage of money helped spark the idea of helping young people further their education via scholarships.

Money is solicited from the Champaign-Urbana community. Currently, some businesses are donors. As of January, 1994, the University of Illinois, Parkland College and Tougaloo College (Mississippi) have become scholarship partners by granting matching funds.

YES, THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HAVE INCREASED. THAT IS GOOD. MORE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED WILL BE BETTER. Thirty-seven of the forty-two recipients are African-American. We must give money for the next "thirty-seven" and the next "thirty-seven." THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

Please consider the following:

We have twenty-eight+ Black churches in C-U.

One Sunday per year could be designated as Scholarship Day.

All of the energy, fervor and money which we use for Pastor's Anniversary would, also, be exhibited for Scholarship Day.

Champaign-Urbana Day

All who attend pay a head tax of \$1.00

Organizations

Each give \$100.00 per year

Individual

Put away \$1.00 per pay check for the MIND fund. At end of year, write a check to scholarship fund.

Tell your family, co-workers, etc. about the scholarship fund and the need for \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Give \$1.00 for each year you have walked on planet Earth.

Have a "fish fry" or "chittlin' strut."

Sell pies as our own Mary McLeod Bethune did. Proceeds to you know where.

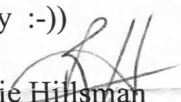
Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Vickers-Shelley

June 17, 2003

Good Morning Mrs. Hoskins,

Someone sent this to me by e - mail and right away I thought of you. The very last sentence " We make a Living by what we get, we make a Life by what we give " and my dear you have given so much to our community. You have also shared much of your WISDOM and EXPERIENCES with me and I feel blessed to have had you cross my path.

Enjoy :-))


Ruthie Hillsman

DREAMS

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of kids.."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a Living by what we get, we make a Life by what we give.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT September 14, 2002

Linda G. Lawson, Ph.D.

1. Attendance Sheet
 2. Current membership number is 65.
 3. 8 new members since June 8th: Louise Allen, Murial Bondurant, Tanya Chillis, Nela Delaney, Barbara Gillespie-Washington, Naomi Jakobson, Earlene Terry, & Mary Walden.
 4. CU Day 8/10/02: Thanks to R. Hillsman, S. Cook, G. White, D. Pinderhughes, D. Jamerson, A. Lowery & L. Lawson—booth helpers. 6 new members; 8 prospective members.
 5. Membership Letter:
 - Local vs. National
 - Annual Local dues payment vs Monthly Local dues payment
 - Attendance & Participation
-

HOLIDAY GALA REPORT September 14, 2002

1. Committee members:
 - Linda Lawson, Chair & ticket coordinator
 - Ruthie Hillsman, Co-chair & ticket coordinator
 - Gwen White, Events & Program Coordinator
 - Alicia Lowery, Program & Advertising Coordinator
 - Jacque Archey, Events Coordinator
2. Date/time/place: Friday. Nov 22nd. 6pm—11pm. Holiday Inn Urbana
3. Volunteer sign-up sheet.
4. Fliers & Entertainment by *Chambana Jazz Quintet*
5. Tickets:
 - On sale from today 9/14/02 until **NOVEMBER 9TH MEETING**
 - **No ticket mailings:** sign-up from ticket roster
 - Vegetarian meal count

*November 9th
deadline for
ticket sales*

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2002

AGENDA

Welcome Back

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 her 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.

Recommendations to by - laws (due to the lack of available members to fill positions)

Article VI Section 4 Recording Secretary and Section 5 Corresponding Secretary to be filled by one office member.

Article VI Section 6 Financial Secretary and Section 7 Treasurer to be filled by one office member.

Installation of Officers 2002 - 2003

President, Ruthie Hillsman

1st VP, Jacqueline Archey

2nd VP, Linda Lawson

Secretary, Angela Reggans

Assistant Secretary, Gwen White

Financial Secretary / Treasurer, Alicia Lowery

Historian - to be filled *Cheryl Casady*

Chaplain, Octavia Cole

Officer's Reports:

President

1st Vice President, Program Chairperson

2nd Vice President, Membership Chairperson

Secretary

Financial Secretary / Treasurer

Chaplain, Birthday's, Illness, Bereavement

Committee Reports

Members are needed to serve on various Committees
Please become a part of some of the programs that
are making a positive difference in our community.

HEALTH

EDUCATION

WELFARE

Old Business

New Business

Collect Dues

Meeting Adjourn --- "This Little Light of Mine"

NEXT MEETING: October 12, 2002

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING

*Legacy exhibit
Parland shows*

*NCAMM
work w/NCAMM
to create exhibit
on men*

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2002
BY GWEN WHITE

- * Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.
Welcome by the President
Prayer by the Chaplain
Pledge recited by all

- * President's Report
 - ☞ By-Laws amended
Article VI Sections 4 & 5 - Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary to be combined into one position.
Article VI Sections 6 & 7 - Financial Secretary and Treasurer to be combined into one position.

 - ☞ President Hillsman nominated Cheryl Kennedy to serve as Historian. Second by L. Lawson. Kennedy accepts position. Members acknowledged Mrs. Hoskins faithful service as historian for the past 20 years.

 - ☞ Installation of officers for 2002 - 2003; Introduction of officers by Dianne Pinderhughes
President, Ruthie Hillsman
1st VP, Jacqueline Archey
2nd VP, Linda Lawson
Secretary, Angela Reggans
Asst. Sec., Gwen White
Financial Sec./Treasury, Alicia Lowery
Historian, Cheryl Kennedy
Chaplain, Octavia Cole

- * Officer's Report
 - ☞ 1st Vice President: Report read by President Hillsman in the absence of J. Archey. (See attachment)

 - ☞ 2nd Vice President
Introduction of all members and visitors
Current membership - 65
Eight new members since June 8, 2002, including Louise Allen, Murial Bondurant, Tanya Chillis, Nela Delaney, Barbara Gillespie-Washington, Naomi Jakobson, Earlene Terry, and Mary Walden.

 - Special thanks to those who assistant with CU Day 8/10/02

Encouraged payment of local dues in one lump sum and payment of national dues at the local sector.

Payment calendar and annual calendar discussed.

☞ Secretary/Asst. Secretary: Minutes from 3/8/02 meeting read and approved by the body.

☞ Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Presented by President Hillsman for A. Lowery and approved by the body.

Beg. Bal.	\$ 1,146.84
Ending Bal.	987.84
Proposed budget for 2002 - 2003	10,525.00

☞ Chaplain
Flowers were sent to Doris Hoskins during her hospitalization.

Happy Birthday to You!!!!

☺ A. Lowery	☺ D. Pinderhughes
☺ P. Adair	☺ M. Malcolme
☺ N. Jakobson	☺ L. Lawson
☺ M. Edwards	☺ M. Walden
☺ L. Young	

* Committee Report

☞ Members are needed to serve on various committees such as health, education and welfare.

☞ Holiday Gala is 11/22/02, 6pm - 11pm at Holiday Inn
Committee members:
L. Lawson, Chair & ticket coordinator
R. Hillsman, Co-chair & ticket coordinator
G. White, Events & Program coordinator
A. Lowery, Program & Advertising coordinator
J. Archey, Events Coordinator

☞ Ticket sales from 9/14/02 until 11/9/02
Volunteers needed to assist with the Gala
Gala committee meeting to be held immediately following 10/12/02 NCNW meeting.

* Meeting Adjourned with singing of "This Little Light of Mine"

Members Present

P. Adair
L. Lawson
R. Hillsman
O. Cole
D. Hoskins
M. Walden
M. Scantlebury
B. Hassell

G. White
M. Malcome
D. Pinderhughes
B. Odoir
A. Young
K. Humphrey
M. Edwards
N. Delaney

E. Terry
M. Terry
H. Marion
N. Jakobson
D. Jamerson
C. Kennedy
S. Cook
A. Lowery

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2002
BY GWEN WHITE**

- * Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.
Prayer by the Chaplain
Pledge recited by all

- * Guest Speaker - Phyllis Clark, of the City Clerk's Office, representing Naomi Jakobsson in her absence. Jakobsson is running for State Representative. Her mission is to empower women and fight racism.

* **OFFICER'S REPORT**

- ☛ President: Request suggestions on how to strengthen membership. Ideas are needed for programs related to health, education, and welfare. Central High School has requested a donation of \$200. Central to provide specific information regarding the capacity in which the donation will be used.

- ☛ 1st Vice President: Absent due to brother's illness. No report available at this time.

- ☛ 2nd Vice President: Current membership is 66. Two new members since Sep. mtg., including Larine Cowan and Alissia Young.

Upcoming events:

- *October is National Rape Crisis Month
- *10/12/02 - Erica Harold, Ms. America reception. President Hillsman to present plaque to Erica from NCNW. Motion made for NCNW to reimburse President Hillsman for the plaque. Motion accepted and approved by the body.
- *10/19/02 - Am. Heart Walk, Lake of the Woods Park
- *S. Cook to conduct free CPR classes at Canaan Baptist Church. Date to be determined.

- ☛ Secretary: Minutes from March 4, 2002, meeting read and approved by the body.

- ☛ Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Report read and approved by the body.

Beg. Bal.	\$ 987.84
Total Receipts	1,105.00
Disbursements	941.28
Ending Bal.	1,151.56

10/12/02

- ☛ Historian: Presented by President Hillsman in Cheryl Kennedy's absence. Request artifacts and/or memorabilia to display from women who has made a contribution to the community.
- ☛ Chaplain:
Get well card sent to Doris Hoskins as she is recovering from illness.

Happy Birthday to You!!!!

☺ O. Cole ☺ D. Hoskins ☺ A. Young

** Mary Benson has been maintaining NCNW's email and randomly checking messages. ***

* **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- ☛ Holiday Gala is Nov. 22, 2002, 6pm - 11pm at Holiday Inn. Nov. 9, 2002, meeting is the DEADLINE to buy/sell tickets. All money and unsold tickets must be returned by said date.
- ☛ Request Gala volunteers to stay after to discuss assignments and duties.
- ☛ A. Lowery to continue advertising with newspaper, tv and radio.
- ☛ Vendors at the Gala to include NCNW, Mary Kay, A. Jones, African Art, Fragrances from Paradise.
- ☛ S. Cook volunteered to chair Dec. 2002 Christmas Party. Each member to bring a gift for exchange. Details forthcoming.

* **NEW BUSINESS**

- ☛ Star Point is selling tickets for a Tea Party, \$4 each.
- ☛ L. Davis is interested in running a Financial Planning Seminar.
- ☛ B. Odior is a member of Women of Color at the Univ. of Illinois. Her organization would like to plan a network/social for women in the community.

* Meeting Adjourned with song, "This Little Light of Mine".



National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Champaign County Section

3328 Ridgewood Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61821

Telephone: (217) 356-0396

Email: champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com

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**

October 19, 2002

Dear Prospective Business Sponsor:

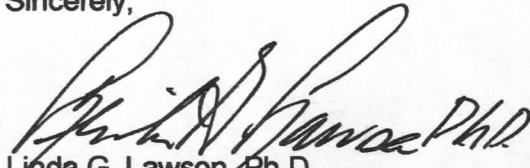
As a voluntary, non-profit organization founded by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is an "umbrella organization" championing the rights of women in Champaign County. We are challenged with the task of furthering the physical, mental, social, and spiritual advancement of women through commitment, unity and self-reliance.

Some of our past community contributions and services include: The Martin Luther King Fund, The United Negro College Fund, The Sister Mary Gabriel Curby Fund at Provena Covenant, Parkland Scholarship Fund, Urbana High School Concert Choir, The Gamma Upsilon Psi Cotillion, The Women's Fund for Battered Women, and The Women's SafeHouse. Additionally, we honor outstanding mothers in the Champaign Urbana community during our annual Mother's Day Brunch and Mother of Year Celebration.

Since we are non-for-profit, all of these endeavors are carried out with funds and donations from our annual fund-raising event held each Fall. This year's annual fundraiser will be held at the Holiday Inn, Urbana, IL on November 22, 2002. As part of this event, we raffle donated items and give door-prizes to those in attendance. This letter is our request to your business to partner with us and assist us in our fund-raising efforts by donating one or more items which may be used in our raffle or as door-prizes. Your name will appear in our program as one of our valued supporters.

Your continued support of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is greatly appreciated. Please call (217) 898-1815 to confirm your partnership or to address any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Linda G. Lawson, Ph.D.,
Chair, Program Committee

Founder: Mary McLeod Bethune
Local Founder: Odessa Hudson

Chair and President Emerita: Dorothy I. Height

President and CEO: Jane E. Smith
Local President: Ruthie Hillsman

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION

November 9, 2002

AGENDA

Call meeting to order

Prayer

Pledge: It is our pledge to make a lasting 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.

Officer's Report's:

President

1st V. President

2nd V. President - Linda Lawson

Secretary

Financial Secretary / Treasurer

Chaplain Birthday, Bereavement, Good & Welfare

Historian

Committee Report's:

November Annual Fund raiser

December Annual Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

Old Business:

" Each One Win One " NEW MEMBER

New Business

" Each One Win One " NEW MEMBER

Meeting Adjourn - " This Little Light Of Mine"

HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MEMBERSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 9, 2002

Linda G. Lawson, Ph.D.

1. Attendance Sheet
2. If you have changed your address, phone, or e-mail recently, please list your new information on the attendance roster to help keep our records current.
3. Current membership number is **66**.
4. No new members since October 12th meeting. Copies of our prospective membership packets are available (see Alicia Lowery or Gwen White)
5. Annual **Local Dues** are now **PAST DUE**.
 - a. \$12 – students
 - b. \$24 – senior citizens
 - c. \$36 – regular
6. Annual **NATIONAL DUES** are due
 - a. **\$10 – students: this was incorrectly stated as \$25 last month.**
 - b. \$25 – regular
7. Thanks to all who participated in the following events and helped to make NCNW more visible in our community:
 - a. Reception for Ms. America
 - b. American heart walk
 - c. UIUC Black Faculty Staff Reception
 - d. UIUC Political Forum (more details: Dr. Pinderhughes)
 - e. Reception for Champaign Superintendent, Dr. Culver
 - f. StraightTalk Live on WBCP 1580
 - g. *donation to Cassan Missionary Baptist Church*



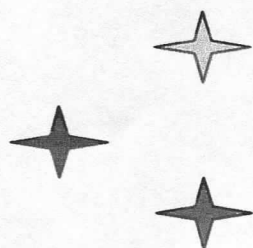
The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Presents their annual fundraiser &



HOLIDAY GALA

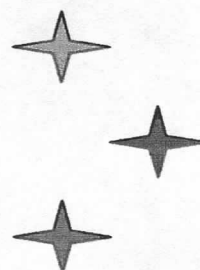
"A Night of Elegance to Remember"



Friday, November 22, 2002

at

The Holiday Inn, Urbana, IL



6:00 PM: Social Hour in Hotel Atrium

7:00 PM: Dinner

8:00 PM: Entertainment Featuring

9:00 PM: Dance/Live Music

*Chambana
Jazz
Quintet*



Tickets: \$30.00/person or \$200.00/ table of 8

Ticket Information / Reservations Contact:

373-9859 or 356-0396





NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

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October 31, 2001

Ms. Ruthie Hillsman, President
Champaign Illinois NCNW Section
3328 Ridgewood Drive
Champaign, Illinois 61821

Dear Ms. Hillsman:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., it is a pleasure to thank you for your cooperative participation in the Re-Certification process.

We are pleased to inform you that the *Campaign Illinois NCNW Section*, as a subordinate of the NCNW National organization, is in compliance with the requirements of tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code (IRS). This, of course, includes compliance with the NCNW Bylaws.

You will receive a new Charter in a special *Founder's Day Chartering Ceremony* to be held as a part of the Celebration at the closing session of the 50th National Convention of the National Council of Negro Women, on Sunday morning, December 10, 2001. The occasion will mark a new beginning as we move to fulfill the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune.

We look forward to seeing you at the NCNW Convention.

Evelyn S. Field, Chair
Re-Certification Committee

Dorothy I. Height
Chair/President Emerita

NOTE: Your IRS *EIN Number* is: 37-0213052
Section was first chartered: 1981

If there has been a change in office, please see to it that the newly elected officer receives this notice. Please submit on the Election of Officers Form immediately.

Founder: Mary McLeod Bethune

Chair and President Emerita: Dorothy I. Height

President and CEO: Jane E. Smith

Affiliated with: National Council of Women of the United States
International Council of Women/National Assembly for Social Policy & Development
Contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

ACCENT wed 11-6-02

NCNW plans gala

"A Night to Remember"

The Champaign County Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women is pleased to announce that the Chambana Jazz Quintet will be performing at their annual fundraiser and holiday gala. This year's event, "A Night to Remember", will be held Friday, November 22 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Urbana.

A Social Hour in the Atrium begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The 8 p.m. program will feature entertainment by Chambana, and a dance will follow. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$200 for a table of 8. For reservations, call 373-9859 or 898-1815 by November 9.

Nationally, the NCNW was founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod-Bethune. She saw the need for harnessing the power and extending the leadership of Black Women through a national organization. The organization has grown to have about 140 chapters in 34 states.

NCNW seeks to fill the gaps that exist in our communities; particularly in meeting the needs of minority women. The organization sponsors educational, economic, social, cultural and scientific projects nationally and in specific communities across the nation. Through its projects, the NCNW strives to achieve equality of opportunity and eliminate prejudice and dis-

The Champaign County Chapter was organized in 1981 by Mrs. Odessa Hudson, who wanted to bring women in Champaign County together to strive to meet the needs of our community. Currently, the local chapter has 54 members ranging in age from 18 to 96, with occupations such as college students, public school educators, college professors, accountants, engineers, retirees, nurses, homemakers, counselors, and more.

Their motto, "Leave No One Behind!" challenges the organization to fulfill the goals of the founder, Dr. McLeod-Bethune by creating innovative human service programs to:

- * Sustain a campaign against hunger and malnutrition.
- * Counsel and prepare youth for the world of work.
- * Introduce and service Black and Hispanic youth and adults in health careers.
- * Provide community-based alternatives to detention for young women in conflict with the law.
- * Inform women of their rights in housing and employment.
- * Face not just the symptoms, but the causes and supports needed in teenage pregnancy and parenthood.
- * Open doors for the advancement of women in education and management.
- * Develop unique programs in child care advocacy.
- * Compile and preserve historical contributions of Black women individually and collectively.

The Champaign County Chapter was able to help the following organizations in 2001-2002: The Martin Luther King Fund, the Parkland Scholarship Fund, Urbana High School Concert Choir, and the Women's Safe-House, just to name a few of their projects.

The 2002-2003 officers are: President, Ruthie Hillsman; 1st VP, Jacqueline Archery; 2nd VP, Dr. Linda Lawson; Secretary, Gwen White; Financial Sec./Treasurer, Alicia Lowery; Historian, Doris Hoskins; and Chaplain, Octavia Cole.

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. To find out more about the Champaign County Chapter of NCNW, call 356-0396 or email champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com



Chambana will perform at the annual NCNW gala November 22.

crimination based upon race, creed, color, sex or national origin. The national office functions as a central source for program planning.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2002
BY GWEN WHITE

- * Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.
Prayer by the Chaplain
Pledge recited by all

- * **OFFICER'S REPORT**

- ☛ President: Nationals recently verbally informed us that the rebate program has been discontinued. In the past, we have sent Nat'l the total dues and they sent us a \$5 rebate. During the last six years, we continued to send Nat'l members dues, however, we kept the \$5 rebate. However, since Nat'l has discontinued the rebate program they request back pay for the year 2002. We are awaiting an official letter from Nat'l informing us that the rebate program is discontinued prior to sending in the back pay.

- ☛ 1st Vice President: February 2003 is Black History Month. Would like members to participate in poetry, music, etc., in observance of said month. Request volunteers/tutors for Project Read.

- ☛ 2nd Vice President: (Read by A. Lowery in L. Lawson's absence) Current membership is 66. No new members since Oct. mtg. Reminder to update your address, phone number and email address, on the attendance roster. National dues are now due and Annual local dues are past due. Big thanks to those who participated in the reception for Ms. America, American heart walk, UIUC Black faculty staff reception, UIUC political forum, reception for Champaign superintendent, Dr. Culver, and Straight Talk Live on WBCP 1580!!!

- ☛ Secretary: Minutes from October 12, 2002, meeting read and approved by the body.

- ☛ Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Report read and approved by the body.

Beg. Bal.	\$ 1,151.56
Total Receipts	1,338.00
Disbursements	111.83
Ending Bal.	2,377.77

- ☛ Historian: Request volunteer/assistant to help collect press material, pictures, and any memorabilia related to NCNW.
- ☛ Chaplain: Request volunteer to assist with keeping record of members birthdays, illness, etc. R. Myles volunteered to help.

Happy Birthday to You!!!!

☺ H. Marion ☺ C. Kennedy ☺ S. Cook
☺ C. Collins

** Mary Benson has been maintaining NCNW's email and randomly checking messages. ***

* COMMITTEE REPORT

- ☛ Holiday Gala is Nov. 22, 2002, 6pm - 11pm at Holiday Inn. Received a host of donations, gift certificates, and support from area vendors.
- ☛ S. Cook to chair Dec. 2002 Christmas Party. Each member to bring a gift for exchange and a food dish. J. Archey will attempt to secure Douglas Library for party.

* Meeting Adjourned with song, "This Little Light of Mine".

* Members present included M. Walden, S. Cook, D. Hoskins, C. Kennedy, O. Cole, M. Edwards, B. Hassel, M. Benson, H. Marion, M. Scantlebury, R. Myles, D. Jamerson, M. Malcome, C. Collins, J. Archey, B. Odior, E. Terry, N. Delaney, B. Lacy, P. Adair, K. Orington, A. Lowery, G. White.

Need pictures of events for History Materials -
Annual report

Battle
Marion

NONW email address: Mary Beason monetary
champaign = nonw @ hot mail .com

Need minute from Sept meeting, pictures
Help collecting releases / material pertinent
to activities

Canaan Missionary Baptist Ladies

Sala volunteers

Beauty +
dora -

Sales NONW merchandise - ~~needs help there~~

Door keepers

Greeters

Inside hostess

Wrest courages for members

Members do not
participate in
door prizes or
raffles

Stephanie Cook - Dec. 14th

Potluck

Exchange gift - not to exceed \$10

Legacy exhibit



The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Presents their annual fundraiser &



HOLIDAY GALA

"A Night of Elegance to Remember"

Friday, November 22, 2002

at

The Holiday Inn, Urbana, IL

6:00 PM: Social Hour in Hotel Atrium

8:00 PM: Entertainment Featuring

7:00 PM: Dinner

9:00 PM: Dance/Live Music

*Chambana
Jazz
Quintet*



Tickets: \$30.00/person or \$200.00/ table of 8

Ticket Information / Reservations Contact:

373-9859 or 356-0396



NCNW, Inc. would like to thank the following Supporters:

*Diamond In The Rough
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JBJ's
Lil' Porgy's
Locks of Glory Beauty Salon
O'Charley's
Olive Garden
Parkland Planetarium
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Red Lobster
The Seaboat, Inc.*

HOSTESSES

*Stephanie Cook
Nela Delaney
Betty Hassell
Dora Jamerson
Beverly Lacy
Hattie Marion
Binta Odior
Earlene Terry
Gwendolyn White*

Special Thanks To:

*Mwansa Mandella
CHAMBANA JAZZ QUINTET*

*The National Council of
Negro Women, Inc.,
Champaign County Section*

**HOLIDAY GALA
&
FUNDRAISER**

"A Night of Elegance to Remember"



November 22, 2002

*Holiday Inn, Urbana, IL
6:00 pm*

*Entertainment featuring
CHAMBANA
JAZZ QUINTET*

PROGRAM

Introduction of the Mistress of Ceremony

Linda Lawson

Mistress of Ceremony

Barbara Gillespie-Washington

Welcome

Marion Malcome

Invocation

Octavia Cole

**** DINNER ****

History

Chevonne Collins

Special Dedications

First presenter: Beverly Lacy

Second presenter: Naomi Jakobsson

Third presenter: Haruko Leggett

Musical Selection

Vocalist, MWANSA MANDELLA

Remarks

Ruthie Hillsman, President

Entertainment

CHAMBANA JAZZ QUINTET

*** Drawings for Prizes ***

*** Drawings for Ruffled Items ***

Dance

CHAMBANA JAZZ QUINTET

MOTTO:

Leave No One Behind!

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is a voluntary, non-profit organization helping women to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families, and the community.

NCNW, Inc. 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.

Make a difference by joining today!

Program Committee

Chair, Dr. Linda G. Lawson

Co-Chair, Ruthie Hillsman

Advertising Coordinator, Alicia M. Lowery

Program Coordinator, Gwendolyn M. White

2002—2003 Officers

President, Ruthie Hillsman

1st Vice President, Jacqueline Archey

2nd Vice President, Dr. Linda G. Lawson

Secretary, Gwendolyn M. White

Financial Secretary/Treasurer,

Alicia M. Lowery

Historian, Cheryl Kennedy

Chaplain, Octavia Cole

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
December 14, 2002

*HAPPY
HOLIDAYS*

AGENDA

Call meeting to order

Prayer

Pledge: It is our pledge to make a lasting 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.

Officer's Report's:

President

1st V. President ~~ABSENT~~

2nd V. President

Secretary

Financial Secretary / Treasurer

Chaplain **Birthdays, Bereavement, Good & Welfare**

Historian

Committee Report's:

November **Annual Fund raiser**

December **Annual Christmas Party & Gift Exchange**

January **Financial Planning Seminar : Presenter: Lynn Davis**

Old business: **Table until January 2003**

New business : **Donation recommendations :**

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Scholarship Fund \$500

Parkland College for Minority Kids College for Kids Program \$500.00

CHRISTMAS PARTY : **Co ordinator : Stephanie Cook**

Meeting Adjourn

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SECTION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2002
BY GWEN WHITE

- * Meeting called to order at 2:20 p.m.
Prayer by the Chaplain
Pledge recited by all

- * **OFFICER'S REPORT**

- ☛ President: Summarized 2002 events/activities. NCNW need to continue to focus on how to better ourselves and NCNW as a whole. Need to become involved in the lives of our youths as records reveal that their school grades are steadily decreasing.

- ☛ 1st Vice President: No report available at this time.

- ☛ 2nd Vice President: Membership roster updated and to be forwarded to Nationals. Thirteen members removed from roster due to their request and/or failure to renew membership. Current membership is 53. No new members since Nov. mtg. Reminder to update your address, phone number, and email address, on the attendance roster.

- ☛ Secretary: Minutes from December 14, 2002, meeting read and approved by the body.

- ☛ Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Report read and approved by the body.

Beg. Bal.	\$ 2,377.73
Total Receipts (incl. all Gala receipts)	6,664.73
Disbursements	3,883.62
Ending Bal.	2,781.11

- ☛ Historian: No report available at this time.

- ☛ Chaplain: R. Myles volunteered to keep track of birthdays.

☺ Happy Birthday to President Hillsman!!! ☺

- * **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- ☛ 2002 Holiday Gala was a success!!! We sold 196 of 200

tickets, incurring a profit of \$2,049. Pictures of Gala available for everyone to view. Goals for 2003 include increased ticket sales and early planning.

**Suggestions for an even greater Gala for 2003 include having the Gala on Saturday, discounted student tickets, advertise early, etc.

Volunteers needed to coordinate specific areas of Gala 2003.

* **NEW BUSINESS**

☛ Martin Luther King Jr.'s Scholarship Fund request \$500 - motion to donate and approved by the body. Parkland College for Minority Kids Program request \$500 - to be discussed at a later date.

Jan. Meeting to include a discussion on the possibility of having a financial planning seminar.

Black History Month Celebration at Blues Bistro on 2/15/03 from 7 to 10pm. Located in the Gallery Lounge at Parkland. All proceeds go to NCNW.

NCNW display at Parkland 2/15/03.

* **NCNW CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE**

* Meeting Adjourned with song, "This Little Light of Mine".



