### WOMEN'S HISTORY HALL OF FAME



THE CHARLOTTE CLUB

AND

LEVINE MUSEUM OF THE NEW SOUTH

PRESENT THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL
WOMEN'S HISTORY HALL OF FAME

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010
5:00 PM RECEPTION
5:45 PM INDUCTION CEREMONY

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Dear Friends and Members:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our 11<sup>th</sup> Women's History Hall of Fame Induction Celebration. I am certain that you will find this program both educational and informative. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our inductees, Peggy Beckwith, Tanya Blackman, and Sandra Watson. These women have made outstanding contributions to our Community.

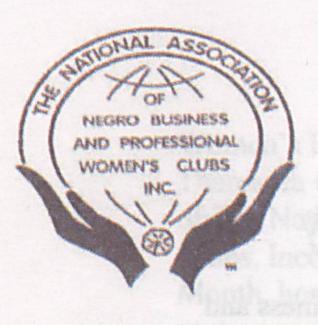
Since 2000, the Charlotte Club's Hall of Fame has supported business and professional women of all ethnic groups in order to showcase their outstanding achievements to those in the community who may not be familiar with their accomplishments.

I commend Mrs. Thereasea C. Elder our founder of the Women's History Hall of Fame for her vision to embark on bringing this program to the Charlotte Club. A special thanks to Mrs. Joan Thompson Miller and her committee for detailed planning for this auspicious occasion.

I hope this year's event is a time of fellowship which helps to cultivate new ideas for group success and future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carlether Burwell President



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### Today Is a Day For Excellence!

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 11th Year of the Women's History Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

I must first recognize Mrs. Thereasea Clark Elder for her Spirit of Giving. She proposed the idea of honoring women for their contribution to the Greater Charlotte Community. The Charlotte Club thought it to be a worthy deed. So today, we are here after eleven years of celebration and 43 Hall of Fame Inductees.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we honor three exceptional women, Ivestia H. (Peggy) Beckwith, Tanya Stewart Blackmon and Sandra Watson. Congratulations to all of you. Each of you has exemplified the Charlotte Club's Theme: "Remembering the past, making a difference in the present to change the future."

We are constantly in awe of the accomplishments of these women and their commitment to making our community a better place for all of us. The time, dedication and compassion demonstrated by them are highly commendable.

Also, many thanks to the Hall of Fame Committee Members for joining together as a TEAM for the successful planning and implementation of this momentous occasion. I appreciate each of you for carrying your load and assisting me in this awesome task.

One must believe that peace begins with a smile and there is always someone in need of one. This simply means that everyone has something to contribute, even you. Give someone a smile. It may be the only one that they will receive. I remain...

Soan Thompson Miller, Committee Chair

"Make This a Day Of Excellence"

## PROCLAMATION City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

WHEREAS, the Charlotte Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. in partnership with the Levine Museum of the New South jointly held the first recognition of women's service to the community by initiating The Women's History Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on March 24, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, each year hence women who make a difference in the community have been highlighted; and,

WHEREAS, the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees are: Sandra G. Watson, Peggy Beckwith, and Tanya Blackmon; and,

WHEREAS, these women have made significant contributions to the community and are role models for others to emulate;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Anthony Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, and Jennifer Roberts, Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2010 as the Charlotte Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

### "WOMEN'S HISTORY HALL OF FAME DAY"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Anthony Foxx, Mayor City of Charlotte Jeneifer Roberts, Chairman Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners





### HISTORY

Women's History Hall of Fame had its beginning in March 2000.

Thereasea C. Elder, a founding and charter member of the Charlotte Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated expressed a desire to, during Women's History Month, honor women who have made significant contributions to the community. She presented her idea to the Charlotte Club of



NANBPWC, Inc. and to Levine Museum of the New South as well. Both organizations embraced the ideas and suggestions of Thereasea C. Elder and a partnership was formed. Today, the Charlotte Club of NANBPWC, Inc. in partnership with Levine Museum of the New South will induct Peggy Beckwith, Tanya Stewart Blackmon and Sandra G. Watson into the Women's History Hall of Fame 2010. These women work untiringly in the community and are role models for others to emulate.

### WOMEN'S HISTORY HALL OF FAME

### 2000

Anna M. Hood Geraldine T. Powe Sarah M. Stevenson

#### 2001

Thereasea C. Elder Mary Klenz Georgia J. Lewis

### 2002

Patrick O. Clark Sarah M. Coleman

#### 2003

Jeanne M. Brayboy Elizabeth R. Dargan\* Mae C. Orr Sally Robinson Rosa R. Winfree

#### 2004

Madine Hester Fails
Sandra L. Frazier
Jacquelyn B. Gates
Betty K. Seizinger\*
Emily F. Zimmern

### 2005

Emma Shaw Allen
Patsy Rice Camp
The Honorable Becky Carney
Juanita Chisholm Miller
The Honorable Valerie C. Woodard\*

### 2006

Marie G. Butler
The Honorable Beverly Earle
Gloria Pace King
The Honorable Ruth Samuelson
Vivian L. Williams

### 2007

Omega Rushing Autry Dr. Linette P. Fox Lillian B. Herron Pat Martinez Joyce Reimann

#### 2008

The Honorable Susan Burgess
Dr. Carlether Burwell
Geneal Gregory
Bridgett Anne Hampden
Carlenia Graham Ivory
Joan Thompson Miller
Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy

### 2009

Commissioner Vilma D. Leake Cheryl Silver-Emanuel Joan Zimmerman

### 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S HISTORY HALL OF FAME

### PROGRAMME

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony

Sandra Frazier

Mistress of Ceremony

Joan Thompson Miller Women's History Hall of Fame 2010 Chairperson

Entrance of Inductees

Anna Hood, Escort

Invocation

Peggie L. Reid

Welcome and Occasion

Mae C. Orr

Presentation of Proclamation

Honorable Harold Cogdell, Jr. Mecklenburg County Commissions

Honorable Patrick Cannon, Councilman City of Charlotte

Greetings

President and CEO, Levine Museum of the New South

**Musical Selection** 

Linda Terrell

Presentation of Inductees

Tara White

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Dr. Carlether Burwell Charlotte Club President

Unveiling of Hall of Fame Plaques

Juanita C. Miller Sarah Stevenson Thereasea Elder

**Inductees Remarks** 

Mrs. Peggy Beckwith Ms. Tanya Stewart Blackmon Mrs. Sandra G. Watson

**Musical Selection** 

Linda Terrell

Recognition of Hall of Fame Members and Special Guest

Carlether Burwell

Remarks

Carlether Burwell Joan Thompson Miller

Closing Prayer

Peggie L. Reid

### **PEGGY BECKWITH**

Mrs. Ivestia "Peggy" Beckwith has made a significant impact on the Charlotte community civically, socially and economically for more than 40 years. Peggy has worked tirelessly in the healthcare community as organizer and former Executive Director of the Sickle Cell Association of Southern Piedmont for more than 30 years, developing services, and raising the level of community awareness regarding the modality of this disease.



Under her leadership the Association received recognition from the Department of Health Education and Welfare as the Model Sickle Cell screening and testing Center. The sickle cell program partnered with Carolina Medical Center to pilot a New Born Screen program for sickle cell and other hemoglobin disorders.

Under Mrs. Beckwith's trail blazing leadership the Sickle Cell Program received numerous accolades for outstanding community service and achievement. Mrs. Beckwith was recognized internationally as phenomenal a leader. She was named Sickle Cell Program Trail Blazer by National Institutes of Health (NIH), appointed by Governor Holshauser to serve as the first lay person to chair the Governs Council on Sickle cell and related disorders and commission by USAID and the City of Charlotte to develop a Sickle Cell Program in Port au Prince Haiti, to be modeled after the Charlotte Sickle Cell Program.

Mrs. Beckwith's outstanding contributions made beyond employment have been numerous. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that African Americans have equal opportunities professionally, politically and socially. In the 50's she broke the barriers in Black radio as one of the first black women in professional radio in the south blazing trails and opening the door for young African American women. She was recognized for her contribution to Black Radio in Gilbert William's book "Legendary Pioneers of Black Radio." In the 50's 60's she helped organize and rally resources politically and socially to address to tumultuous environment of racial discrimination in our local communities. She was highly visible in the effort and preparation for the land mark case "Swann vs. Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education." (These efforts were reported by the Charlotte Observer on the front page showing the Swann's and Peggy Beckwith attempting to attend the school board meeting). This landmark case services as the legal impetus for integration in Charlotte Mecklenburg schools.

Her life long commitment to equality and opportunities for African American women was the exhibited by cofounding the Charlotte Club of NANBPW. In the 70's 80's and 90's she blazed trails as a leaders in the healthcare community, and served as co-founder of the C. W. Williams community Health Care Center. Mrs. Beckwith has been recognized for her outstanding service work as the recipient of the Almita Woods Service Award, the WGIV Radio-Outstanding Black Leader Award, the Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Community Service Award, and the Dr. Martin Luther King- Keeper of the Dream Honor Roll Award. In 2005 Mrs. Beckwith received the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, for outstanding services work was presented by Governor Michael Easley. Her trail blazing community leadership and service has been recognized by the local community, state, region, and national levels.

Mrs. Beckwith's years of fearless leadership, community service, and dedication to improving the quality of life for all humanity is unparalleled. Her life-long commitment to healthcare as a fundamental right for all citizens to enjoy and sustain a "better quality" life has been the highlight of her commitment to service.

For more than 40 years she has worked to develop, organized and mobilized resource in our communities to ensure equal and fair existence for all. Her steadfast commitment to improving our communities and equalizing health disparities for our often forgotten disease populations has been her commitment to those in need. Her determination to forge-on and blaze-trails for all humanity has been her life long mission.

### TANYA STEWART BLACKMON

Tanya Stewart Blackmon is the President of Presbyterian Hospital Huntersville where she is responsible for an operating budget of \$257 million and over 600 employees. Prior to this position, Ms. Blackmon was the Chief Operating Officer at Presbyterian Orthopedic Hospital where she is responsible for an operating budget of \$87 million and approximately 400 employees. At Presbyterian Orthopedic Hospital, she launched performance improvement initiatives to change the culture, and to identify and improve clinical and operational processes. A few of the significant results that have been realized include:



- Patient Safety: The Falls Rate was reduced from 5.63 patient falls/1000 patient days to 1.67 patient falls/1000 patient days, 6% points below the national orthopedic benchmark
- CMS Publicly Reported Data: Maintaining a 95%-100% quality rating for Surgical Infection Prevention (SIP)
- OR Turnover Time: Reduced OR turnover time from an average of 44 minutes to below the industry average for orthopedics.
- Satisfaction Scores:
  - -Patient: From the 23<sup>rd</sup> percentile ranking to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile ranking
  - -Physician (overall quality of nursing care): From the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile ranking to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile ranking
  - -Employee: From the 53<sup>rd</sup> percentile ranking to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile ranking
  - -National recognition from Professional Research Consultants (PRC) for improvements: 11 Five Star Awards and 6 Four Star Awards
- She joined Presbyterian Healthcare (an affiliate of the Novant Health healthcare system) in 1992 as the Director of Inpatient Discharge Planning. During her tenure with Presbyterian, she has been assigned a wide variety of leadership roles including management responsibilities for departments throughout the Presbyterian Healthcare facilities. In her role of Director of Clinical Improvement and Community Care Services, her responsibilities included Clinical Improvement, Infection Control, Medical Management and Disease Management (e.g., the Diabetes Resource Center, the Heart Failure Clinic and the Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic). She has been responsible for securing over \$1 million in grant revenue for the organization to develop disease management programs in the areas of community case management, diabetes and Sickle Cell Anemia Disease.

Ms. Blackmon holds a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina, a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from North Carolina A&T State University.

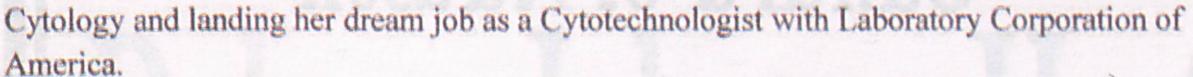
In recognition of her leadership, Ms. Blackmon was named the 1997 North Carolina Social Work Administrator in Healthcare of the Year and in 1998; was named by the Charlotte Business Journal as one of the Top 40 under 40 up and coming leaders in the community; and in 2008 received the Professional Achievement Award by The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

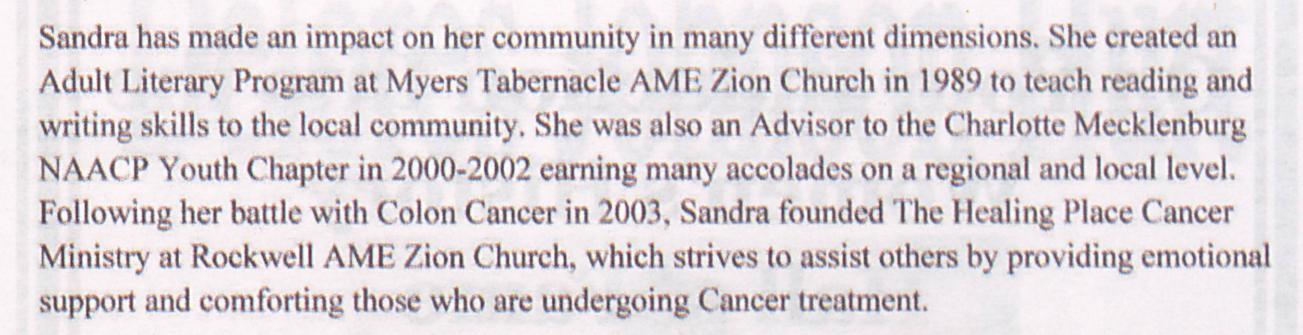
Ms. Blackmon is the mother of two wonderful children, ages 23 and 19 who are attending North Carolina A&T State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, respectively.

### SANDRA G. WATSON

Sandra G. Watson was born and raised in Charlotte, NC. After completing grade school, she attended Bennett College in Greensboro, NC, where she received a B.S. degree in Biology and a Minor in Chemistry.

Most her career has been geared towards healthcare because of her need to constantly help others. Sandra worked as a Counselor and a Medical Technologist before earning an Advanced Degree in





The Healing Place Cancer Ministry spends countless hours calling, visiting and accompanying Cancer patients to treatment. Sandra sends cards with helpful scriptures and thoughtful gift baskets with valuable information and items useful during treatment through her ministry, adding a personal touch.

The ministry is divided into two parts; one being geared toward helping current cancer patients and the other part is a support group for Cancer survivors which meets every month to discuss problems, fears, concerns and to fellowship. The group also acknowledges and celebrates significant Cancer free anniversaries and birthdays. Support group members are paired with a Cancer patient with a similar type of Cancer in order to best assist them throughout their treatment.

Since its inception, The Healing Place Ministry has supported six people through their Cancer treatment; three of them are now members of the support group and are now assigned to helping others.

In addition to the Cancer ministry, Sandra has most recently organized annual Coat Drives and a Back to School Drive for the kids at Druid Hills Elementary School through her workplace. She also makes baked goods for the faculty and staff which have been such a hit with the public it has prompted her to start a home baking business called Sandra's Sweets- Homemade Cakes, Pies and Desserts.

Sandra believes God has blessed her in many ways and one of which is being a nurturer. She plans to devote the rest of her life to serving the community and assisting others.

# Congratulation Sandra G. Watson

On Your Induction Into the Women's History Hall of Fame

We Are Very Proud of You.

The YET Ministry
And Your
Rockwell AME Zion
Church Family

# IN HONOR

OF

NANBPWC, Inc.-Charlotte Club Sister

# Delores Johnson Hurt



For Breaking Down Barriers and Blazing Trails as the 1<sup>st</sup> African American Accepted at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

THANK YOU!!!

Love, Vashti





# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUE TO DELIVER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

PEGGY BECKWITH

SANDRA G. WATSON

TANYA STEWART BLACKMON

DR. CARLETHER BURWELL, PRESIDENT THE CHARLOTTE CLUB



### TO MY MOTHER, PEGGY BECKWITH ON YOUR INDUCTION TO THE WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME MARCH 26, 2010

YOU TRULY DESERVE THIS RECOGNITION BECAUSE YOUR LIFE IN GIVING SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

# COD BLESS THE DAY YOU WERE BORN



I LOVE YOU, YOUR DAUGHTER, DR. DEBORAH JOHNSON

# Congratulation Tanya Thenomenal Woman a Woman of Excellence That You Are!

We Are So Very Proud Of You And Wish You Much Love and Continued Success.

Love Always,
Your Dad,
Brothers, Dario and Daron
And
Your Son and Daughter, Austin and Aspen

## CONGRATULATIONS SANDRA WATSON



LOVE, YOUR FAMILY

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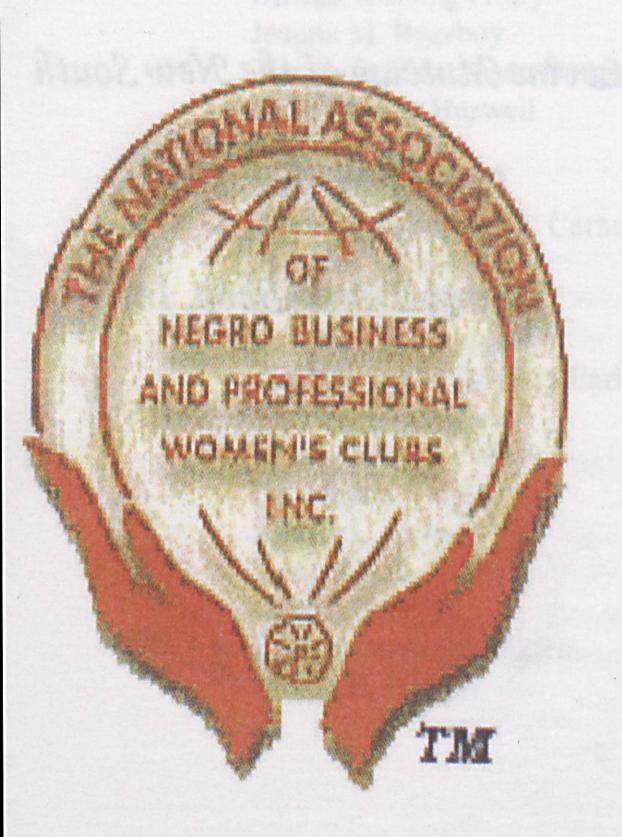


AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

ROMANS 8:28 NIV

MAE ORR

NANBPWC, INC. CHARLOTTE CLUB MEMBER
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT PARLIAMENTARIAN



### CONGRATULATIONS

### 2010 WOMEN'S HISTORY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Mrs. Peggy Beckwith Ms. Tanya Stewart Blackmon Mrs. Sandra G. Watson



Sisterly,

Sandra L. Frazier
NANBPWC, INC.
National Recording Secretary 2009-2011
Southeast District Vice Governor 2002-2006
Charlotte Club President 1998-2002
Women's History Hall of Fame Inductee 2004

### Congratulations to All Honorees



Bread of Life Deliverance Church

Jessie Davenport, Pastor

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Bishop Evert Moore, Overseer

Tanya Hamilton, Administrator

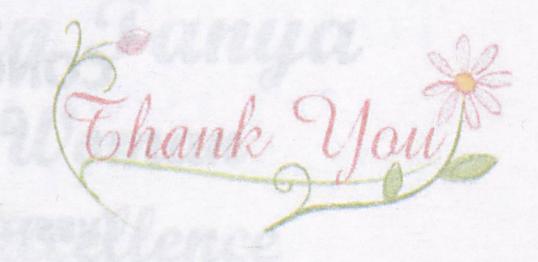
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On a Successful Women's History Hall of Fame Ceremony

Juanita C. Miller
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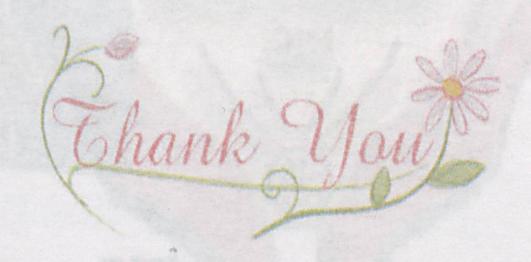
### Acknowledgements

The Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated acknowledge with grateful hearts those who have made this evening possible. A special thanks to the members of the Women's History Hall of Fame for your service to our community. We salute you for continuing to make a difference in the lives of others.

Levine Museum of the New South

Mr. Kenneth Elmore

Victory Trophy Shop, Inc.





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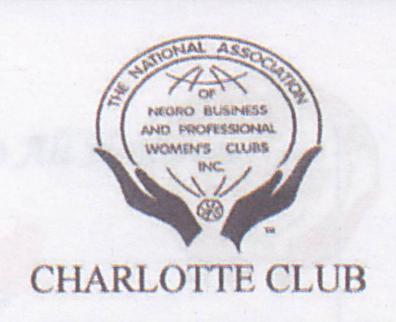
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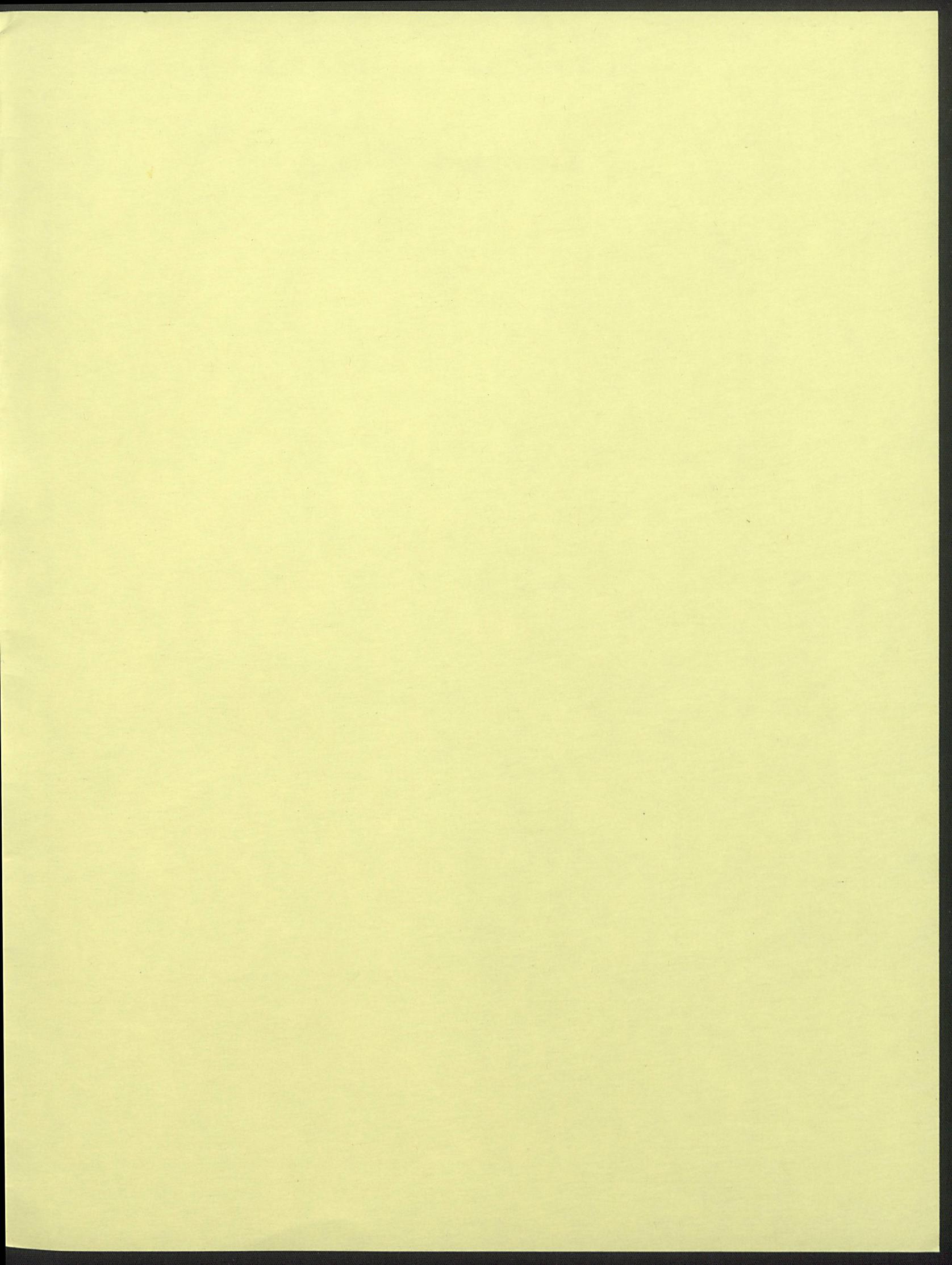
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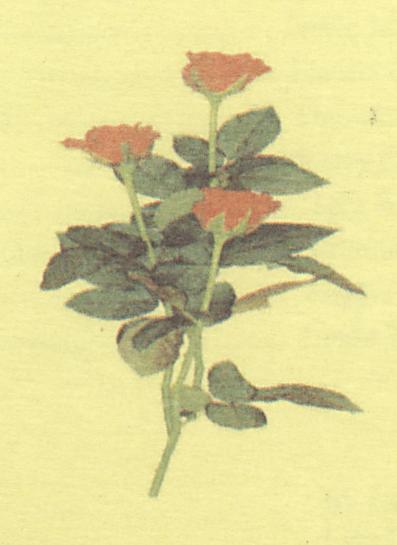
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