



## *The Charlotte Club*

### *Women's History Hall of Fame*

*16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Induction Ceremony*

*Friday, March 27, 2015  
5:00 PM*

*Levine Museum of the New South  
200 East Seventh Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina*





*NC State Senator Joyce Waddell  
salutes the  
Charlotte Club of the  
National Association of Negro Business and  
Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.  
and its 16th Annual  
Women's History Hall of Fame*







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NEGRO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

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March 27, 2015

Greetings:

The Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC, Inc.) joins me in welcoming you to celebrate several outstanding women of our community at our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's History Hall of Fame event.

This celebration was established by our treasured club sister Mrs. Thereasea Elder. It was through her genius ability that we garnered a cherished partnership with the Levine Museum of the New South, the Foundation for the Carolinas and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to sponsor and preserve the club's history. In addition, we have enjoyed the continued support of so many of you, and forever will remain grateful.

The record shows that we have honored an impressive group of women throughout our 16 years, and we continue to find true gems in our community. Congratulations are extended to our outstanding honorees of 2015. You have earned a significant place in our history as powerful women of this community, and shall enjoy the spotlight that illuminates your accomplishments.

Best wishes to you all and enjoy this celebration.

*Valerie Glenn*

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Greetings!

Welcome to our 16th annual Women's History Hall of Fame Ceremony. The Hall of Fame Induction is one of our organization's premier events. It is a pleasure, each Women's History Month, to recognize women of Charlotte-Mecklenburg who have significantly impacted our community civically, socially and politically.

This year we salute four women for their distinguished public service. Carolyn Flowers, Shirley Fulton, Vi Lyles and Joyce Waddell are women in powerful, decision-making positions which affect, or have affected, millions of citizens locally, statewide and nationally. We want them to know that, as business and professional women, we love them, respect them, support them and trust that, with our help, they will do what is best for us all.

Many thanks to friends and family who come out each year to celebrate this endeavor with us! We must also extend great appreciation to the Levine Museum of the New South and its staff for the hospitality they have provided the Women's History Hall of Fame for over a decade and a half.

Please enjoy the program.

Delores Johnson Hurt, Chair  
Women's History Hall of Fame Committee



# PROCLAMATION

## City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Charlotte Club in partnership with 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 women who make a difference in the community have been highlighted: and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Hall of Fame inductees are: Carolyn Flowers, Shirley L. Fulton, Vi Alexander Lyles, and Joyce D. Waddell; and,

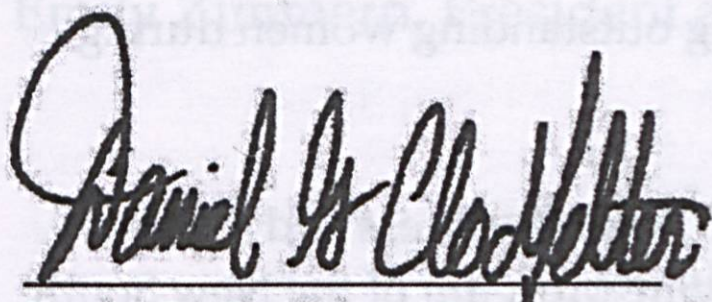
**WHEREAS**, these women have made significant contributions to the community and are role models for others to emulate;

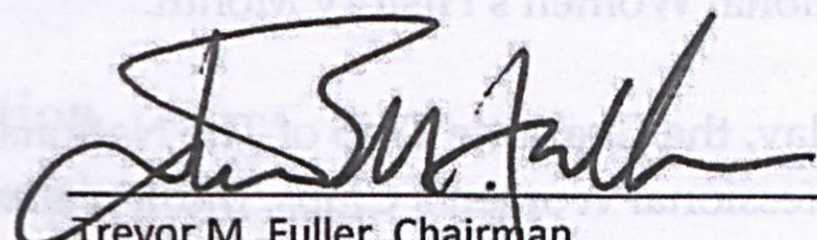
**NOW THEREFORE, WE**, Daniel G. Clodfelter, Mayor of Charlotte, and Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2015 as National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Charlotte Club

### "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.

  
Daniel G. Clodfelter, Mayor  
City of Charlotte

  
Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners





## Hall of Fame History



Thereasea Clark Elder, Founder

Women's History Hall of Fame had its beginning in March 2000. Thereasea C. Elder, a charter member of the Charlotte Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated, expressed a desire to have a Women's History Hall of Fame to honor women during National Women's History Month. This Hall of Fame would include women who are trail blazers; women whose contributions significantly impact the community; and those who exemplify life-long service of dedication to improve the quality of life for humanity.

Thereasea C. Elder presented her ideas to the Charlotte Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and to Levine Museum of the New South. Both organizations embraced her ideas and a partnership was formed. This is our sixteenth annual induction ceremony honoring outstanding women during National Women's History Month.

Today, the Charlotte Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. in partnership with Levine Museum of the New South will induct four women into the Women's History Hall of Fame. The nominees are **Carolyn Flowers, Judge Shirley Fulton, The Honorable Vi Lyles and The Honorable Joyce Waddell**. These women work untiringly in the community making outstanding contributions on local, state and national levels. They are role models for others to emulate. It is with esteem pleasure that these women are nominated for induction into the Women's History Hall of Fame 2015.







*16<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
*Women's History Hall of Fame*  
*Induction Ceremony*

**PROGRAMME**

Sandra Frazier - Presiding

**Introduction of Women's History Hall of Fame Inductees**

**Invocation**

Mildred Campbell

**The Occasion**

Kerry Miller

**Proclamation Presentation**

The Honorable Patricia Cotham, Mecklenburg County Commissioner-at-Large

The Honorable Alvin Austin, Charlotte City Councilman, District 3

**Greetings**

Valerie Glenn, President, Charlotte Club NANBPWC, Inc.

Emily Zimmern, President and CEO, Levine Museum of the New South

**Musical Selection**

Lonzel Fleming, Saxophonist

**Recognition of Special Guests**

Carol Morris, Vice President Community and Civil Leadership,

Foundation for the Carolinas

David Singleton, Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Libraries



## **Presentation of Inductees**

Delores Hurt, Chair, Women's History Hall of Fame Committee

**Carolyn A. Flowers**

**The Honorable Shirley L. Fulton**

**The Honorable Vi A. Lyles**

**The Honorable Joyce D. Waddell**

## **Induction Ceremony**

Valerie Glenn

## **Inductee Remarks**

## **Musical Selection**

Lonzel Fleming, Saxophonist

## **Unveiling of Hall of Fame Plaques**

Hall of Fame Members Thereasea Elder and Sally Robinson

## **Closing Remarks**

Valerie Glenn

## **Closing Prayer**





## Carolyn A. Flowers



Ms. Flowers is currently Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, having been appointed in January 2015 by U.S. Transportation Secretary and former Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx.

Before moving to Washington, Carolyn Flowers served as CEO and Director of Public Transportation for the Charlotte Area Transit System, a position where she was responsible for leading bus and rail service in Charlotte/Mecklenburg.

Ms. Flowers has held financial positions in both the public and private sectors. She was the CEO for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Executive Officer of Operations Administration with responsibility for administrative and budget oversight for all transit operations. She was budget director for the City of Beverly Hills, a financial manager at Wang Laboratories, and a financial analyst and budget officer at Rockwell International Automotive Operations.

She has been a member of the National Forum of Black Public Employees, American Society of Public Administrators, Women Transportation Seminar, Women's Transportation Coalition and Conference of Minority Transportation Officials.

In 2007, she received recognition as the Tom Bradley Alumnus of the Year by the UCLA Black Alumni Association. This award was named after the first African-American Mayor of Los Angeles, who championed an expanded transportation vision for Los Angeles County. In 2008, she was named as the Woman of the Year, by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar. She also received the Ambassador award for her volunteer work with the American Stroke Association and was given a special recognition award by the Greater Los Angeles African-American Chamber of Commerce. In 2010, she was selected by the UCLA Anderson School of Management as one of the 100 most inspirational graduates in its 75 year history for her work in transit. In 2011, she was selected by the Charlotte Business Journal as one of their top 25 Outstanding Business Women to receive their Women in Business Achievement Awards.

Her involvement in the Charlotte community included being on the Board of Visitors for Johnson C. Smith University and a member of the advisory board for the Women's Intercultural Exchange.

Ms. Flowers has a B.A. degree from UCLA in History and Political Science and a MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.



## The Honorable Shirley Fulton



Shirley L. Fulton is perhaps the most recognizable figure in Mecklenburg County, having spent over 20 years in the court as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Resident Superior Court Judge, District Court Judge, and Assistant District Attorney. In 2006, Judge Fulton was recognized by "Super Lawyers" magazine, as a Charlotte Super Lawyer, a distinction earned by only 5% of the practicing lawyers in a given state or region.

A community leader widely admired for her ability to build bridges between hostile groups, Judge Fulton led the revitalization of Wesley Heights community, an inner city neighborhood; served on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Task Force; chaired the board of trustees for the Charlotte School of Law; served as a member of North Carolina Board of Law Examiners, Vice-President of the North Carolina Bar Association and as President of the Mecklenburg County Bar. She is a graduate of North Carolina A & T State University, Duke University School of Law, and the McColl School of Business at Queens University.

Shirley continues her lifelong commitment to active leadership in community-based programs through her work with the Charlotte School of Law and Law and Community Foundation and as the owner of The Wadsworth House, a meeting place for corporate, civic and community leaders, weddings, receptions, social gatherings events and all special events.

In 2010, Judge Fulton was honored with the NC Governor's Order of the Long Leaf Pine and is featured in AT&T's 2015 Heritage Calendar Celebrating the NC African American Experience. She also received the N.C. Supreme Court Justice Professionalism Award in January 2015.

### Education:

J.D. , Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, 1980; M.B.A , Queens University, McColl School of Business, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1998; B.S. , North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Greensboro, North Carolina, 1977

### Professional Associations and Memberships:

Chair, Board of Trustees, Charlotte School of Law; Co-Chair, Mecklenburg County Bar Centennial Committee; Honorary co-chair, Mecklenburg County; Member, North Carolina Bar Association; Member, North Carolina State Bar

### Past Employment Positions:

Assistant District Attorney, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina  
District Court Judge, 26th Judicial District  
Resident Superior Court Judge, 26th Judicial District  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, 26th Judicial District  
Practicing Attorney, Helms, Henderson & Fulton, P.A. (2003 – 2004); Tin Fulton Walker & Owen, PLLC (currently of Counsel)



## The Honorable Vi Lyles



Vi Lyles is an At-Large representative on the Charlotte City Council. She was elected in 2013 and is serving her first term on Council. Lyles worked for the City of Charlotte for almost 30 years, starting off as an analyst in the City's budget department before becoming budget director. She was Assistant City Manager for the City from 1996 to 2004. During her time with the City, she helped create the City's first capital budget and led the restructuring of government programs to evaluate and assess performance audits for City programs. She also led and presented the Community Safety Plan and helped develop the City's affordable housing plan and

Mecklenburg County's Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program for small businesses. She worked with the Charlotte Housing Authority's Moving Forward initiative, the Committee of 21 transportation initiative, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg African American Agenda and the Achieve Together community-based advocacy education initiative.

After retiring from the City, Lyles joined the Lee Institute and Flynn Heath Holt Leadership as a consulting director, assisting non-for-profit governmental organizations in strategic planning and project implementation. She also provided consulting services, leadership development for rising executives and reviews of work processes leading to mergers and efficiencies for nonprofit organizations. She served as the startup director for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Coalition for Housing, working with a citizen's advisory group to revitalize the local government plan to prevent and end homelessness. In 2012, she served as the director of community outreach for the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

Lyles served as the project manager for the Foundation for the Carolinas' initiative to conduct research supporting the creation of a local rental subsidy endowment for families and veterans. Currently, she owns and operates Vi Lyles Consulting, a firm that builds a platform for government and nonprofit organizations to move toward successful programs, policies and procedures through strategic engagement and planning. In 2009, the Southern Piedmont Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators created the "Viola 'Vi' Lyles Young Public Administrator Award," which recognizes energy, commitment and drive for excellence in work and community service.

She has a bachelor of arts in political science from Queens University and a master of public administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a trained facilitator and executive coach, completing programs at the Institute of Government, North Carolina State University and the Lee Institute's American Leadership Forum.



## The Honorable Joyce Waddell



Joyce Davis Waddell is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a B. S. degree. She holds a M. S. degree from A& T State University; a M. A. degree from Appalachian State University and a PhD degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dr. Waddell worked in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System for over 21 years and is retired. Her service in the school system included media specialist, classroom teacher, counselor, staff development coordinator, principal and curriculum supervisor.

A stalwart in the Charlotte community and beyond, Dr. Waddell gives of her time and resources to worthy causes and organizations. She is a volunteer in several areas, including past and present: the Women's Commission; Chairperson of the Housing Appeals Board, City of Charlotte; Life Member, South Carolina State University Alumni Association; Member, Democratic Women, Mecklenburg County; Ten Year Volunteer for Hospice Care; the Florence Crittenton Home Board; Solid Waste Board; Spirit Square Community Advisory Board; Nursing Home Advisory Board and Reorganization Chair of the NAACP, Charlotte Branch.

Several other organizations are beneficiaries of Dr. Waddell's skills, resources and services including: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Rho Psi Omega Chapter; the Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg; National Council of Negro Women, life member; State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party; African American Caucus and Board Member, College Downs Community. She is a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

In 2009, Dr. Waddell was elected to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, District 3, in a highly competitive race with seven candidates seeking the position. She was elected again in 2013 with no opposition. Seeking to expand her political experiences, Dr. Waddell ran for North Carolina State Senator of District 40 in 2014. This race, too, was highly competitive with five candidates seeking the position. She won with 42 percent of the votes cast in the primary and no opponent in the general election. The winning of elections is a testament to Dr. Waddell's commitment and vision to make a difference. While serving on the Board of Education, Dr. Waddell was a frequent advocate for the less fortunate and sought to bring about positive changes. Her voice has been a staple in the Charlotte community for many years.

She spent many wonderful years with her late husband, the noted educator Dr. E.E. Waddell, in whose honor the Charlotte Mecklenburg Language Academy is named.





# Charlotte Club

## Women's History Hall of Fame Members

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*

2010

*Peggy Beckwith\**  
*Tanya Stewart Blackmon*  
*Sandra G. Watson*

2011

*Molly Barker*  
*Mary R. Gill*  
*Delores J. Hurt*  
*Ellen F. Johnson*  
*Dr. Buhilda McGriff*  
*Commissioner Jennifer Roberts*  
*Judith Rose*

2012

*Fannie Flono*  
*Annie M. Gillespie*  
*Beatrice Thompson*  
*The Honorable Lynn Wheeler*

2013

*Martha Bedell Alexander*  
*Stephanie Ansaldo*  
*Joan Higginbotham*  
*LaFreda Lester*  
*Jeanette D. Price*

2014

*Mildred Smith Campbell*  
*Maudia Melendez*  
*Ann Spangler Nelson*

*\*Deceased*



# *Congratulations*

## **Women's History Hall of Fame 2015 Inductees**

*Carolyn Flowers*

*The Honorable Shirley Fulton*

*The Honorable Vi Lyles*

*The Honorable Joyce Waddell*



*Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known  
unto God. Philippians 4:6 KJV*

*Thereasea C. Elder*



# *Congratulations*

**TO THE  
CHARLOTTE CLUB  
ON YOUR 16TH ANNUAL  
HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY  
AND THE HONOREES**

*Carolyn Flowers*

*Shirley Fulton*

*Vi Lyles*

*Joyce Waddell*

**OMBUDSMEN OF THE CHARLOTTE CLUB**

**WILLIAM BURWELL**

**CALVIN GLENN**

**SAM MILLER**

**EMANUEL RICHARDS**





## *The Charlotte Club*

*Extends Congratulations and Best Wishes  
To  
All Awardees for the 2015 Women's History Hall of Fame*



**Valerie Glenn, President**  
**Jessie Cokley, First Vice President**





# NANBPWC, INC.

## Charlotte Club

**Charlotte Club Co-Founders**  
 Anna Hood and the late Peggy Beckwith

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Joan Zimmerman

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*Thank  
You*





# **CONGRATULATIONS**

## **TO THE 2015**

# **HALL OF FAME**

# **HONOREES!**

**Carolyn Flowers, Former CEO, Charlotte Area Transit System**

**Honorable Shirley Fulton, Retired Superior Court Judge**

**Honorable Vi Lyles, Charlotte City Councilwoman At-Large**

**Honorable Joyce Waddell, North Carolina State Senator, District 40**



**Geneal B. Gregory  
2008 Hall of Fame Honoree**



# *Women's History Hall of Fame*

*2015 Honorees*



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