



The North Carolina Federation of Negro Women Clubs,  
Young Adult and Youth Clubs, Inc.

# Pre-Convention Issue

Spring 2015

## Presidents Message



Greetings Club Sisters:

I take pleasure in extending my sincere greetings to the officers, youth, delegates, alternates and members of the

North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, Young Adult and Youth Clubs when we convene for the historic 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Smithfield, NC, June 18-20, 2015.

This occasion provides a welcomed opportunity to express my high regard for the work of the Federation that is carried out by the Local, District and State Associations. I look forward to this occasion with great anticipation because I know it will be a pleasurable and informative event.

The Convention theme, "Looking Back, Reaching Out, Moving Forward to fulfill a Legacy," implies we must celebrate the past and salute the future of this great organization. From the beginning our founder, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, has empowered organizations to uphold and expand our visions as we rise to the challenge of change.

Many thanks to the Northeastern District for its hospitality. I am sure that our presence will enhance the splendid relationship that already exists between Federated sisters. Our main purpose is to do whatever it takes to make this convention a success. To be successful, we must fall in love with our work. We are working for one common cause – to lift as we climb.

Continued blessings,

Laura T. Jamerson

## 106th Anniversary State Convention June 18-20, 2015

### CONVENTION THEME:

"Looking Back, Reaching Out, Moving  
forward To Fulfill a Legacy"

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All club sisters.

*Be sure to invite guests to our special events.*

### CONVENTION SITE:

Hosted by Northeastern District  
At

Holiday Inn Express and Suites  
190 Equity Drive  
Smithfield, NC 27577

Make reservations directly

By May 15, 2015

(919) 934-3350

Rates:

Standard rooms:

Double Queen \$89.00

Suites: Double Queen Kitchenette and  
pullout sofa \$109.00

### Convention Registrations:

Adults: \$125.00 by May 15, 2015

Late after May 15-May 25, 2015

Add \$5.00

Youth: \$80.00

Guests: President's Luncheon (Friday):  
\$35.00

Banquet (Thursday): \$40.00

Checks payable to: NCFNW, Inc.

Mail Registrations to:

**Sandy Borders**

**509 Piedmont Ave.**

**Shelby, NC 28150**



### **Hotel Amenities**

In door pool  
On-site Self -Laundry  
Fitness Center  
24 Hour business center

### **Local Attractions**

Carolina Premium Outlet Center  
Ava Gardner Museum  
The Hinnant Vineyards  
Smithfield Cinemas  
Howell Theater  
Selma-Antique Town

### **North Carolina Membership Award to be presented at Banquet:**

Criteria: Club with the most increased new members; organize a new club or reactivate one;  
Youth club: Add 1 new member and reactivate a club that has been dormant for two years.

Please complete form and send to:

Mrs. Hannah Tootle (hantu@yahoo.com)

2532 Mayberry Loop Road

Morehead City, NC 28557

Deadline: June 1, 2014

### **Souvenir Journal**

Submit your ad for the Souvenir Journal

¼ page ad \$25.00

½ page \$50.00

Whole page \$100.00

Inside front/Back Cover: \$200.00

Inside or Outside Back Cover: \$200.00

\$15 charge per photo

**Send ads to:** Mrs. Diane Kirby

Post Office Box 731

Kenly, NC 27542

diane.kirby62@yahoo.com

**Mail checks to:** Mrs. Sandy Borders

509 Piedmont Avenue

Shelby, NC 28150

Deadline May 1, 2015

### **ARTS/CRAFTS:**

Do not forget your Arts and Crafts for display.  
You may set up on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

### **SILENT AUCTION:**

Bring items for the Silent Auction table. Funds will benefit the Scholarship program.

**DISPLAY TABLE** will be available to display history, please submit to Mrs. Barbara Lassiter, chairperson. Clubs are asked to bring programs, booklets, or lite display. It is a great time to showcase your club's work.

### **MARCH OF DISTRICTS:**

Do not forget to bring your banner. This will **not** be a judged event. Each local club in the district is asked to pay \$25.00 registration.



### **UMBRELLA/HAT PARADE**

will take place at the President's Luncheon. This event will be judged and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be acknowledged.

There is a \$5.00 entry fee for each adult category and \$2.50 for youth.

Complete the form send to  
Mrs. Rosa Langston, 264 Carl  
Garner Road  
Newport NC 28570



### **NECROLOGY:**

Send name(s) and form for Memorials to:  
Geraldine Young (gyoung@nc.rrr.com)

524 Reynolds Avenue  
Durham, NC 27704







**2015**

Don't forget to offer scholarship applications to graduating seniors in your district. We want to have recipients from all districts!

**Due June 1, 2015 To:  
Ms. Barbara Myers  
102 New Orleans Blvd.  
Morganton, NC 28655**

### **Pink Lady Contest**

Bio form due to:

Mrs. Doris Kilgore  
2307 Mason Street  
Shelby NC 28150

Form and Funds are due to:

Ms. Sandy Borders  
509 Piedmont Avenue  
Shelby, NC 28150

**By June 1, 2014**



**Scrapbooks will be judged!  
Bring your club's fabulous  
memoires!**



#### **Attire:**

*Award's Banquet:* Gorgeous

*President's Luncheon:* Hats,  
pearls, gloves

*Prayer Breakfast:* White

## **A WORD FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

The Constitution Committee received only one submission from a member requesting a change/amendment 0 to the Bylaws and one to the Constitution to **North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs**. The request was received in a timely manner along with a rationale and the signatures of three Clubs members supporting the request. The changes to the Bylaws and the Constitution were presented to the Executive Board at the State Spring Meeting of the NCFNWC March 7, 2015 for discussion and a vote to accept or reject. The amendments were approved unanimously. However the process of amending the Bylaws and Constitution is not complete until all members of the NCFNWC have had the opportunity to see the requested changes and to vote at the State Convention in June. The following are the changes requested:

### **Amendment to the Bylaws**

#### **I. Article III**

#### **Duties of the Executive Board Chair**

The duties of the Executive Board Chair:

n. To elect the chairman of the Board at off years. The chairman shall be elected at the first meeting of the Executive Board meeting after the annual meeting. She will serve a four-year term and may not immediately succeed herself.

#### ***Amend to Change:***

***To elect the chairman of the Board in even years. The chairman shall be elected at the annual meeting. She will serve a four-year term and may not immediately succeed herself.***

### **Amendment to the Constitution**

#### **Section 3 - Election of Officers**

b. Vice Presidents of the Western and Southeastern districts shall be elected in even years at the state convention.

c. The following elective officers of the Federation shall be elected at the state convention in odd number years: Vice Presidents of the Central and Northeastern districts.

#### ***Amend to Change:***

***The State Vice Presidents from the Central, Northeastern, Southeastern and Western districts shall be elected at the state convention in even years.***

All Club sisters are asked to review the amendments and be prepared to cast your vote at the state convention in June 2015.



The **Bessie Satchel/Carolyn Manning** Award recognizing youth work was proposed and approved by the Executive Board. It will be voted on at the State meeting by the body. The committee will also present the Criteria.

*Carolyn Robinson, Chairperson*

## Club News

### The Junior Daughters of Dorcas Club

assisted in the monthly Bingo held at the Brian Center Nursing Home on Friday December 5, 2014. This was one of the club's fall projects. The club sisters prepared and filled Christmas stockings with 15 different items. The Christmas stockings were given to the residents and staff followed by the singing of Christmas Carols and our club song. This project culminated the clubs 91st Anniversary of working together in one accord. Mrs. Dorothy Farrington, President, gave a victorious welcome to the residents, members, and guests and expressed joy on the club's existence since it was organized on October 23, 1923 here in Durham. Prayer was repeated softly together followed by the clubs oral pledge.

Reflections on our motto "Lifting as we climb" cast back deep thoughts of the woman Dorcas who was full of good works and deeds. Acts 9:36.



Assembling items to stuff Christmas bags are:  
Mrs. Lou S. Barnes, Mrs. Ida L. Barnes, &  
Mrs. Alberta M. Morrison

## Fayetteville Senior Club

In observance of Women's History Month, we celebrated two "Women of Distinction" at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon on March 28, 2015. Each year the club chooses two women who exemplify our motto: "Lifting as We Climb". About 125 attended. Guests included Dr. Mary K. Thomas and Ms. Pat Long from Silver City Club and Mrs. Queen Degrafenriet, State President of the National Council of Negro Women among others. A Violin selection was performed by Abijah Hill, Spoken Word by young adult Salima Harris and solo by Pauline Gore.



**Honoree Cheri Siler-Mack** was elected on November 4, 2014 Judge of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in Cumberland County. She graduated from NCCU in 1987 with a B.A. Degree in political science and a minor in public administration/ criminal justice and a Juris Doctor Degree from NCCU School of Law In 1991.

In 1992, she became Senior Assistant District Attorney assigned to juvenile court. She is adjunct professor at Shaw and Fayetteville State Universities. In 2013, she received the prestigious Cumberland County "Champion for Children Professional Award" recognizing her passion for children and her significant contributions in promoting the welfare of children. Judge Siler-Mack is an active member of Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church and mother of one son, Noah. Retired General Major Rodney Anderson presented her.

### Bicycle Man Community Outreach Project



**Honoree Ann Mathis**, native of SC, attended Fayetteville Technical Community College, where she was trained as a Dental Assistant and worked at the Health Department and the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville.



She and her husband, Moses, founded The **Bicycle Man Community Outreach Project**. To date this organization has put smiles on thousands of young faces at Christmas and has helped the homeless by providing bicycles for transportation to seek employment. She is also involved in the B.U.G Program, Give A Kid A Break and provided computers to mentally and physically challenged youth and adults.

She is a former member of the Human Relation Commission, a member of Nexus Organization, a Community Service Club that gives scholarships to deserving High School Graduates and an active member of Hood Memorial AME Zion Church. Since the passing of her husband, Mrs. Mathis has taken full rein of his Bicycle program. She promised him that she would continue his **DREAM AND LEGACY**. Mrs. Sandy Cookman and Ms. Diane Malloy presented her.

**Mrs. Leatta Gidney** was celebrated during Negro History Month at Mt Olive Baptist Church in Fayetteville. She has a rich history of service and teaching and was so deserving of the recognition of the work she did in the Shelby, NC community and in the Shelby Negro Woman's Club before relocating to the Fayetteville area near her daughter, Gayle.



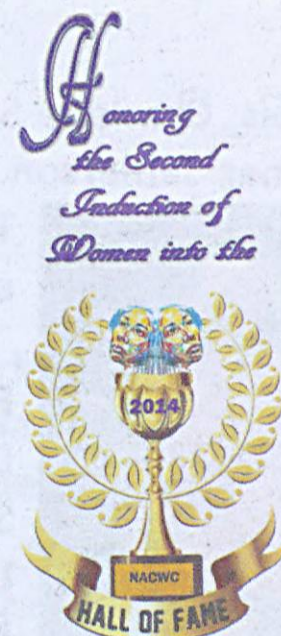
She was later celebrated on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



Veteran's Home in Fayetteville and provided the prizes and refreshments. This promises to be a recurring event for the club.

The Fayetteville club spent a Saturday afternoon in January playing bingo at the State

## Le Vingt Femmes



**Hannah Tootle** was inducted into the NACWC Hall of Fame. The purpose of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor two women from each of the five regions who have dedicated their lives to helping address issues affecting minority women, youth, the indigent and senior citizens. They are Living Legends and have made contributions to family, their community, education, economics, civil rights, literature, and the political realms. They have shown endurance, determination, survival, longevity, courage, resistance, and tolerance for more than a quarter of a century.

*"Hannah believes her greatest challenge lies in not having enough resources to help those with the greatest need. She is always willing to serve wherever she is needed and when volunteers are wanted she stands out in the front, offering her services."*

*The Regional President*

## Shelby Negro Woman's Club

### Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Shelby Negro Woman's Club celebrated its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Student Activities Center, Cleveland Community College, Shelby, NC - "Spring Fashions on the Move" was the theme.

Doris Kilgore, club president welcomed and introduced club members. Kittye Winston gave prayer and blessing. The event raises money for



scholarships for four area high school students. Contributions and donations are also given by the club to charitable organizations in the county.

Models: Charlene Shivers, Leon Craig, Henry Clark, Summer Jamerson, Jeff Johnson, Sandy Borders, Tierra Watkins, Skipp Hamilton, and Tanesha Maddox.



Fashions compliments of: Dillard's, Marshalls, Hollywood Styles and Tanner Factory Stores. Ushers: Horatio Anderson, Marquan Hamilton, Gavin Tribble and Trey Smith and members of the Young Alumni of Cleveland County, Travis O. Strong, Director

Commenter: Delbert Pharr

Music: Horace Maxwell & Company

Caterer: Myra's

Photographer: Pierre Martin

Souvenir Booklet: Edna R. Davis,

Special activities committee: Laura Jamerson, chairperson and fashion coordinator, Pattie Hunt, Alva Finney, Bettina Oates and Sandy Borders, Chase Mack and Jamarus Whiteside

*The club celebrated its 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a member's church on March 29, 2015.*

## Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club

Celebrates 37<sup>th</sup> Clubhouse Anniversary and 69 Years of Service on November 2, 2014

Members and guests of the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club gathered to celebrate the club's 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Special guests included members of the Edenton Woman's Club. Earlier this year, the EWC had invited members of the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club

to be their guests at a gathering at the Barker House, marking the first time the two clubs had held a joint meeting.

Stella Brothers, current president of the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club, recalled the club's rich history and its founder, an educator, for whom the club is named.

"I had the honor and privilege to join this club in the 80s when she was still alive,"



Brothers said. Brothers noted that over the years the club had served as a place of encouragement and a beacon of hope for the African-American clubwomen who had kept it going. Guest speaker for the occasion was Laura Jamerson, state president of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs. She also paid tribute to Parker, who was born in 1897 and died at age 102. "According to history she had a vision to enhance the lives of African-American families," Jamerson said. "Today's club members continue to reflect that commitment." "As you look around this establishment," she told the assembled clubwomen, "I know you feel proud to continue building on that foundation."

EWC President Susan Nolton thanked the club for inviting their members to be a part of this special occasion. "Thank you for the opportunity to learn about your club," she said, noting that the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club was slightly older than the EWC.

Brothers said she hoped that this gathering and the one earlier this year would form the basis for an ongoing relationship that would lead the two clubs to do something together to benefit the community.

At the conclusion of the program the two clubs shared a meal and a time of fellowship.





# Youth

Theme: "Federated Youth Ready to Embrace and Fulfill the Legacy"

**AWARDS BANQUET:** Thursday Evening, June 18, 2015

All youth and supervisors are to wear dressy, Sunday attire.

**President's Luncheon:** Dressy outfits:

**YOUTH NIGHT:** Friday, June 19, 2015

**Female Graduates:** Seniors will wear white dresses and dark shoes.

**Male Graduates:** Seniors will wear dark suits with white shirt, dark tie, and dark shoes.

All other youth will wear their performing outfit, or white dresses –females or dark suits,

All youth will sit together according to their **Competition Age Group for Talent.**

**Petite (5 – 8) Pre-Teen (9 – 12) Teen (13 – 18)**

All Female Supervisors will wear white dresses or white suits and All Male Supervisors will wear dark suits, dark ties, dark shoes, and white shirts.



## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 20, 2015

All female youth and youth supervisors will wear white dresses. All male youth and supervisors will wear dark suits, white shirts, and dark ties.



## NO On-Site Registration

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_.

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete one form per person.** Registration fee includes Banquet (\$40) on Thursday and Luncheon (\$35) on Friday. Ticket for individual meals are available for purchase at listed prices.

Make check payable to North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, Inc. and mail to: Sandy Borders, 509 Piedmont Avenue, Shelby NC 28150, 704-322-6993, Email: [sandyborders30@gmail.com](mailto:sandyborders30@gmail.com). **Registration fee is \$125.00 for adults and \$80.00 for youth. Deadline is May 15, 2015. \$5.00 Late Fee - After May 15, 2015.**

**Hotel Accommodations:** Please make your reservations directly with the Holiday Inn Express& Suites, 190 Equity Drive, Smithfield, NC 27577. Contact number: 919-934-3350 and ask for reservations. The room rate is \$89.00 (Standard Room Double Queen) plus taxes – Suites (Double Queen with Kitchenette) \$109.00 plus taxes. All reservations must be made by May 15, 2015. **Regular hotel rates will be charged after May 15, 2015.**



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

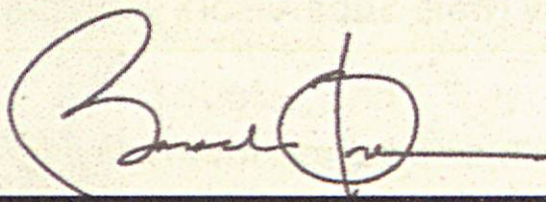
June 19, 2014

I am pleased to join in celebrating your 105th anniversary.

In America, history is not only made by presidents and generals. Change often comes when caring and engaged individuals join together to build a brighter, stronger future for themselves and for the generations to come.

For years, you have carried forward a proud tradition. By daring to imagine the world as it could be and working tirelessly to realize that vision, you are helping America reach a better tomorrow.

Congratulations on your anniversary. As you reflect on your years of service to your community, I hope you take pride in what you have achieved. I wish you all the best for the years ahead.



We are pleased to share a letter from President Obama that arrived after our last State Convention.

**We are getting ready to host the  
2016 National Convention!**

**Get on Board!**

**We need all hands on Deck!!!**

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