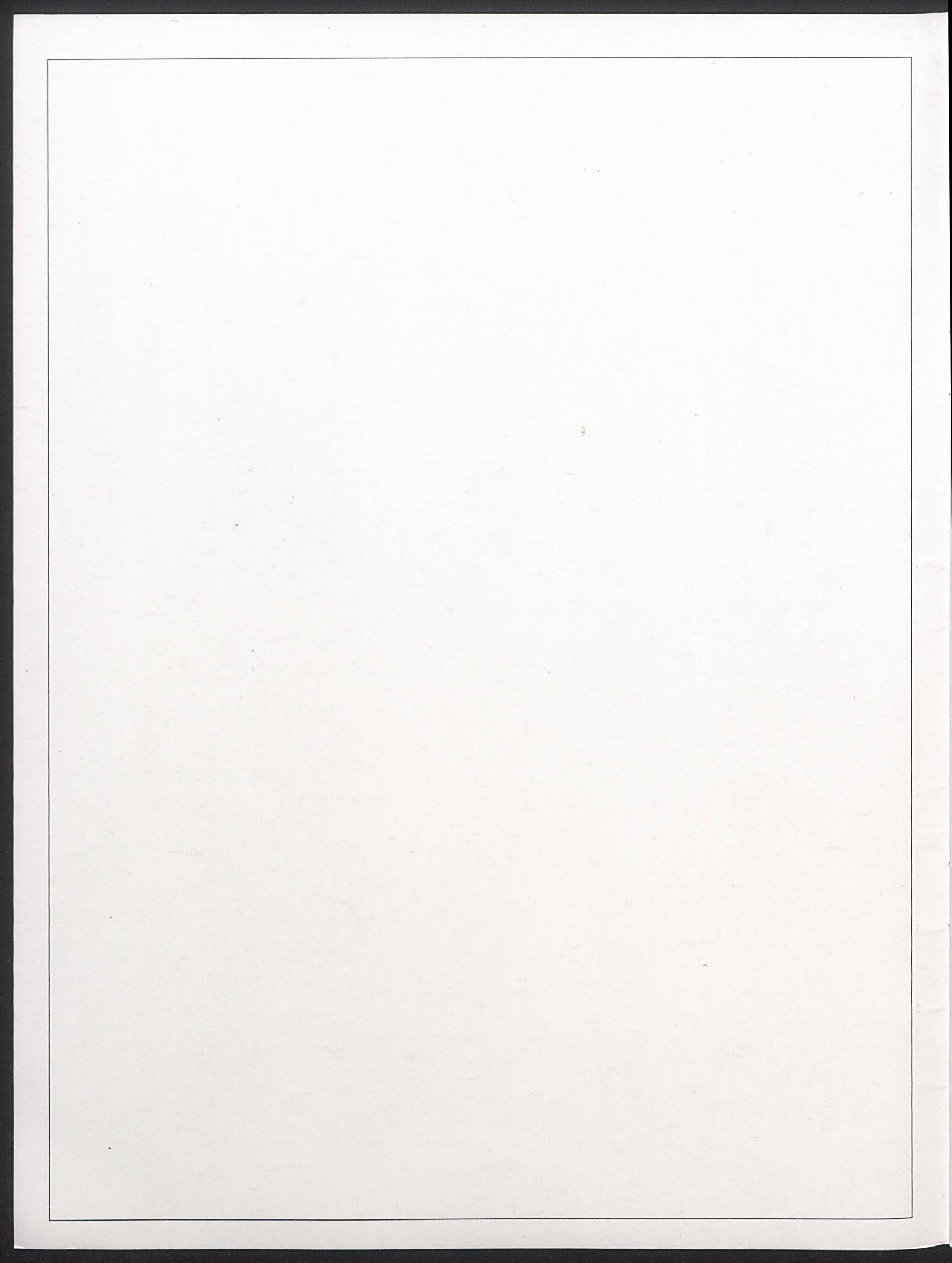


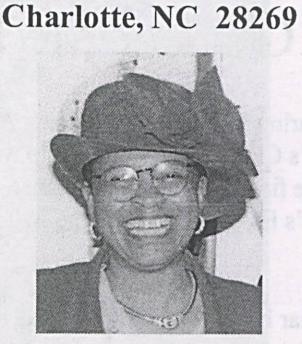
Women's History Hall of Fame Induction







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Dear Friends and Members:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our 13th 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, Fannie Flono, Annie Gillespie, Beatrice Thompson, and The Honorable Lynn Wheeler. 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, 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 Delores J. Hurt 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

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 2012 Hall of Fame inductees are: Fannie Flono, Annie Montgomery Gillespie, Beatrice Thompson, and The Honorable Lynn Wheeler; and

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

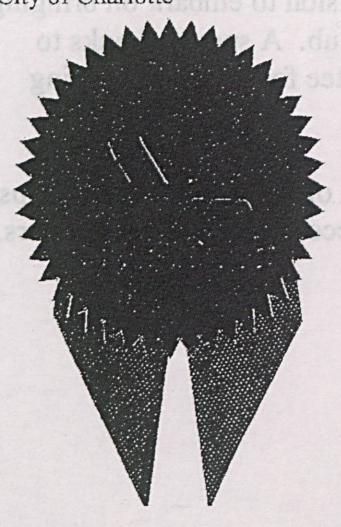
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Anthony R. Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, and Harold Cogdell, Jr, Chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2012 as

"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 R. Foxx, Mayor City of Charlotte Harold Cogdell, Jr. Chairman Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners





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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 as well. Both organizations embraced her ideas, and a partnership was formed. This is our thirteenth 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 Fannie Flono, Annie M. Gillespie, Beatrice Thompson, and The Honorable Lynn Wheeler. 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 2012.

13th Annual Women's History Hall of Fame

PROGRAMME

Dr. Carlether Burwell, Charlotte Club President - Presiding

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony Delores Hurt, Women's History Hall of Fame Chair

Mistress of Ceremony

Valerie Glenn, Recording Secretary

Entrance of Inductees
Peggie L. Reid, Escort

Invocation

Marie Butler, Chaplain

Greetings

Juanita C. Miller, Southeast District Governor Emily Zimmern, President and CEO, Levine Museum of the New South

The Occasion

Anna Hood, Charlotte Club Co Founder

t of Fame.

Presentation of Proclamation
The Honorable Harold Cogdell, Jr.
The Honorable David Howard

Musical Selection Pastor Alfred C. Harrison

Presentation of Inductees
Sandra Frazier, National Recording Secretary

Women's History Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Dr. Carlether Burwell

Inductees' Remarks
Fannie Flono
Annie M. Gillespie
Beatrice Thompson
The Honorable Lynn Wheeler

Unveiling of Hall of Fame Plaques
Thereasea Elder and Sally Robinson

Musical Selection
Pastor Alfred C. Harrison

Recognition of Hall of Fame Members Vashti Hurt, First Vice-President

Closing Prayer

Mae Orr, Parliamentarian



FANNIE FLONO



Fannie Flono is an associate editor for The Charlotte Observer, and has written editorials and columns since 1993. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Clark College in Atlanta and has worked at several newspapers throughout the Southeast as both a reporter and editor. She has won awards for investigative reporting, education reporting and column writing. She held a number of jobs at The Observer, including political editor and city editor, before moving to editorial.

In 1993, she was one of 10 American journalists chosen as fellows for a study tour of Germany. In the fall of 1998 and spring of 1999, she was one of 24 American and foreign journalists studying at Harvard University as Nieman Fellows. In 2005, she was one of 9 journalists selected for a study tour of mainland China and Hong Kong. In 2008, she was the James K. Batten Professor of Public Policy at Davidson College. In 2011, she was one of three U.S. journalists and six foreign journalists chosen as Jefferson Fellows for a three-week tour of Japan, South Korea and China.

In 2009, she was inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists Regional Hall of Fame. In 2010, she was named a Maya Angelou Women Who Lead in Media recipient. Her book, "Thriving in the Shadows: The Black Experience in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County," was published in 2007.

ANNIE MONTGOMERY GILLESPIE



Annie M. Gillespie is a native of Charlotte who was reared in the Cherry Community. She graduated from Second Ward High School. After graduating from college, she married her high school sweetheart, William T. Gillespie. They have a son, William, Jr., daughter-in-law Carla and a grandson, William, III. Her academic credentials include an undergraduate degree in Social Science from North Carolina College at Durham (North Carolina Central University), a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Nova-Southeastern University and professional

training and instructor certifications from Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida Department of Highway Safety.

She began her professional career in Charlotte as its first African American Female Police Officer on July 31, 1968. It was the catalyst for thirty-two years of public service in both the criminal justice and educational professions. Charlotte Police Department (CPD) assignments included the Youth Bureau, Community Affairs and Adam Two Team Policing with special assignments to the Intelligence and Vice and Narcotics Departments. A highlight of her career was to represent CPD at the Department of Justice's First Policewomen's Training in Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs in Washington, D.C. After nearly seven years of law enforcement, she and her husband relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to begin graduate studies and employment. She made the transition from municipal law enforcement to public education.

She enjoyed a twenty five year career with The School Board of Broward County, Florida in school safety and security. While employed, she charted a trailblazing career in non traditional roles for females in a male dominated department. She became the school district's first female school based Security Specialist, first African American female Investigator, first female School Resource Officer Coordinator and the first female supervisor in the school district's police department, The Special Investigative Unit. Additionally, she has been an Adjunct Instructor at Broward Community College's Criminal Justice Institute, and a Substance Abuse Traffic Education Instructor.

Annie readily gives of her time, talents and resources as reflected in her active participation and community involvement. She is a Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Broward County Alumnae Chapter; a member of the United Nations Association- Broward County Chapter; and a member of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Her work in these organizations exemplifies her belief that service to others is a lifetime commitment. Her greatest joy has been mentoring young women.

She has been the recipient of awards, recognitions, and honors to include: Broward County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.; West Charlotte High School National Alumni Association; The Charlotte Museum of History; The Special Investigative Unit, North Area Transportation; Broward Students Against Gangs, Violence and Drugs; Broward County D.A.R.E. Officers Association; Lauderhill Parent Teacher Association; The North State Law Enforcement Officers Association and Revival Faith Center Ministries.

Annie is an avid participant and supporter of charity walking events. She enjoys reading, gardening and travelling. Her family life, unflinching faith, and good friends keep her balanced. She retired from the School Board of Broward County, Florida, June 2000. In 2003, she and her husband returned to the area that gave them solid roots and allowed them to soar.

BEATRICE THOMPSON



"Media Maven & Broadcast Legend"

Beatrice Thompson is a broadcast veteran in the Carolinas, with more than three decades of experience in television, radio, and public relations.

A native of Charlotte, Ms. Thompson matriculated through the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System, upon completion, she attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she obtained her B.A in Radio & Television Broadcasting.

She began her broadcast career at WBTV Channel 3 in Charlotte where she became the first African American female news anchor in the city of Charlotte. There she anchored the station's morning and

midday newscasts, while at the station she also co-hosted the stations entertainment show "Backstage after Dark". After being with WBTV, Ms. Thompson went on to become a corporate spokeswoman for Duke Power Company, now Duke Energy, one of the major energy producing corporations in America. She specialized in the area of environmental issues.

NBC News Charlotte affiliate (WCNC) was the next stop for Ms. Thompson. There she became the morning news anchor and went on to an eleven year run that included reporting and broadcasting news specials. Beatrice Thompson now serves as the News & Public Affairs Director for two CBS radio stations here in Charlotte: WBAV 101.9 FM and WPEG Power98 FM.

In addition she anchors a daily top rated news show, "The Front Page with Bea Thompson" (WBAV), the highly rated Sunday talk show, "Straight Talk with Bea Thompson" (WBAV) and the Sunday morning program, "Power in the Community" (WPEG). She is also the host of "Queen City Limits", a television talk show program in cooperation with the city of Charlotte.

Beatrice Thompson has received numerous journalistic & community involvement awards, and sits on several boards and advisory committees across the region. Her accolades include:

- "Women Who Lead Award" from Dr. Maya Angelou & the Charlotte United Negro College Fund organization
- "Critic's Best-Pick Radio Show- Straight Talk" from Creative Loafing
- "Vision Award" from the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas
- "Second Harvest Food Bank Media Award"
- "U.S. Small Business Association Award"
- "Odyssey of a Woman Award" from the Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho
- Named as one of the "50 Most Powerful Women of Color in Charlotte" and is among the "Who's Who of Black Charlotte"

Beyond the accomplishments and awards for her work, she is most proud of her daughter, Miss Jamila Omari Rasheed, a business administration major at Claflin University and the former Miss UNCF/Claflin University.

Ms. Thompson is also a history and trivia buff who loves to bake & travels extensively.

THE HONORABLE LYNN WHEELER



Lynn Wheeler is President of Wheeler Communication Group, LLC, a public relations, public affairs and lobbying firm. Lynn is a former Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Charlotte, serving on the City Council of Charlotte for fourteen years—four years representing District 6 and ten years as an at-large representative.

Prior to her first election in 1989, Ms. Wheeler served on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission for four years, as Vice-Chairman of the Commission and Chairman of the Zoning Committee. While a member of the Charlotte City Council she chaired the Council's Budget Committee and Economic

Development and Planning Committee for 12 years as well as its Regionalism Committee.

Lynn serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Enrichment Program, on the Board of Visitors of Johnson C. Smith University and the Community Advisory Board of WBTV.

She served as Vice-Chairman of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Development Corporation and as Chairman of the Carolinas Urban Coalition. Lynn has served on the Boards of Directors of the Charlotte Center City Partners, the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, the Community School of the Arts, the North Carolina Dance Theater, the Carolinas Partnership, Charlotte Whitewater Park, Historic Charlotte, the University Research Park and the Urban League. She served on the Queens University Law School Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Board of Advisors of the Children's Theater.

Ms. Wheeler was the recipient of the *Charlotte's Best* Magazine's "Woman of the Year" award and was named one of Charlotte's 25 Most Powerful Business Leaders" by *Charlotte's Best* magazine. Also Lynn has received the Convention & Visitor's highest honor the Crowning Achievement Award. She received the readers' award for "Best Member of Local Government" for Creative Loafing newspaper, as well as the readers' award for Best City Council Member. She was a nominee for the Women's Equality Day award in 1995 and 1997 and served as the 1998 Co-Grand Marshall of the Martin Luther King Day Parade. She was named a recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1999 Keepers of the Dream Honor Roll.

Lynn has also been a frequent columnist for the Business journal and Charlotte's Best Magazine. On two week long civil rights tours with civil rights activist Julian Bond in 2009 and 2010, Lynn Blogged daily for Qcitymetro.com of her experience.

Lynn was a political analyst/ reporter for WBTV in 2004/2005, and subsequently served as a co-host with Danny Fontana on WDYT radio and later a bi-monthly contributor on the Pete Kaliner show on WBT 1110 AM radio in 2010, 2011.



Women's History Hall of Fame Members

2000

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

2001

Thereasea C. Elder Mary Klenz Georgía 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
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2009

Commissioner Vilma D. Leake Cheryl Silver-Emanuel Joan Zimmerman

2010

Peggy Beckwith Tanya Stewart Blackmon Sandra G. Watson

2011

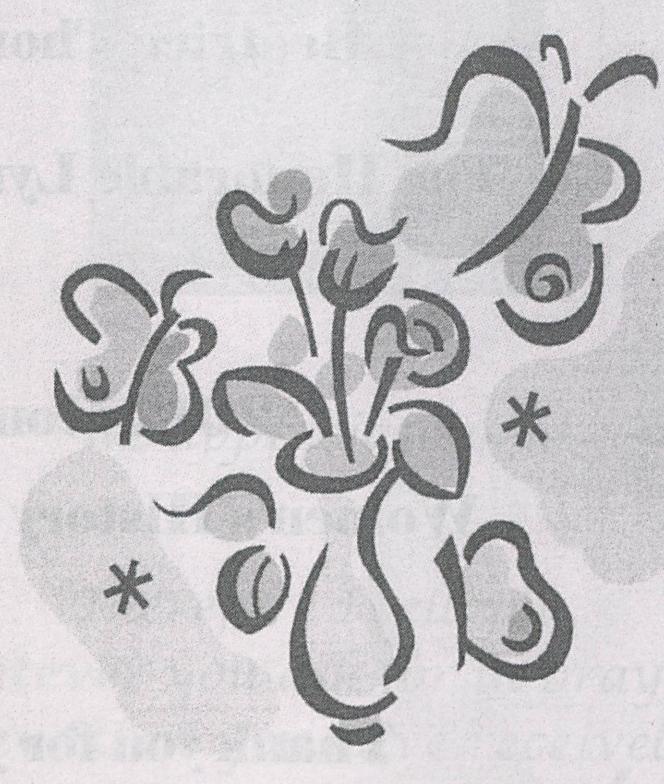
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WINE W. GILLESPIE

ON YOUR INDUCTION INTO THE

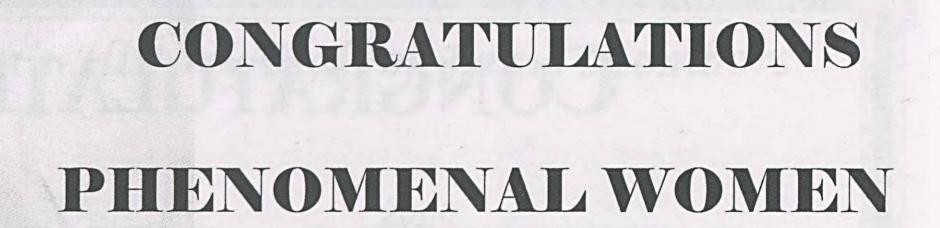
Women's History Hall of Fame



With our love,

Your Family,

Bill, Tommy, Carla and William T. Gillespie, III (Trey)



Fannie Flono

Annie M. Gillespie

Beatrice Thompson

The Honorable Lynn Wheeler

2012 Honorees Women's History Hall of Fame

Thank you for your dedicated service to humanity.

Thereasea C. Elder

Congratulations Annie M. Gillespie



We appreciate you!

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24 NIV

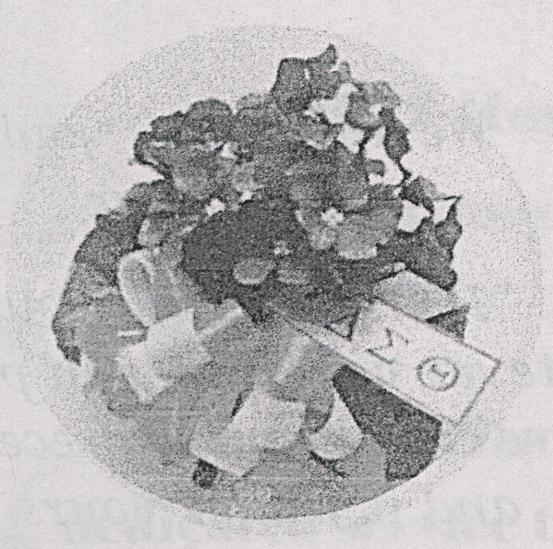
Johnnie Cooper and Peggie Reid

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ANNIE M. GILLESPIE

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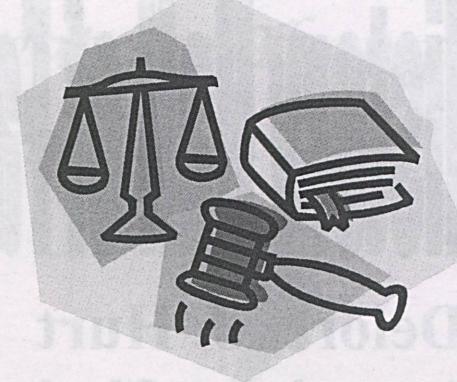
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BROWARD COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Congratulations!

"YOU ARE A TRAIL BLAZER AND INSPIRATION"



Annie Montgomery Gillespie

We are so proud of your past accomplishments and the wonderful things you will continue to do in the future.

May you continue to be blessed as you strive to make communities a better place to live by influencing others to excel.

Many opportunities became available for women in law enforcement, because of your zeal and dedication.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

(The Gillespie Girls and Families)

Carlether Burwell

Marie Butler

Carolyn Fuller

Willie Ann Helton

Vivian Little

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TO THE

2012 Women's Listory Hall of Fame Inductees

Delores J. Hurt Committee Chair

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TO A VERY
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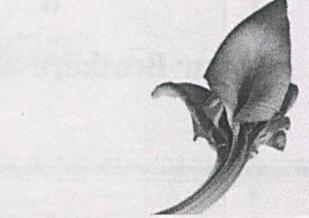
ANNIE M. GILLESPIE

MAE ORR

Congratulations

Honorees

Fannie Flono
Annie Gillespie
Beatrice Thompson
The Honorable Lynn Wheeler



Sarah Coleman

Congratulations

to my friend

Annie M. Gillespie

On being inducted into

The Women's History Hall of Fame

The Levine Museum of the New South

Charlotte, North Carolina

This is a very proud moment for all of us who know and love you!

"Delight yourself in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

Gwendolyn C. Batie

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

CONGRATULATIONS TO

ANNIE W. GILLESPIE

"And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Galatians 6:9



WEARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

With our Love, Eula E. Gilmore, Your Mom &

Your Brothers and Sisters

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

ANNIE M. GILLESPIE

We applaud you on this momentous occasion.



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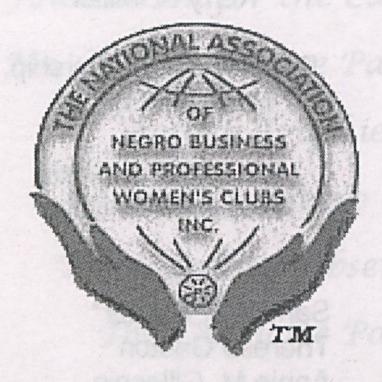
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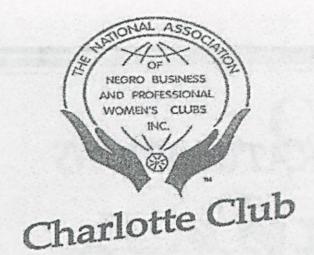
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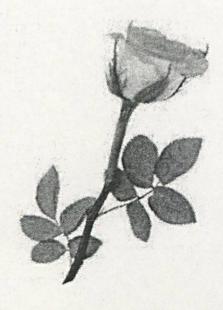


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