



National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Potomac Valley Section

ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022

Refusing To Be Silenced By A Pandemic
A Vision to Give Hope, to Show Love to Make A Difference
for Better Outcomes

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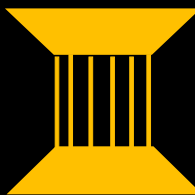
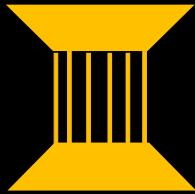
What We DO Matters!

Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder
Dorothy I. Height, President Emerita
Thelma T. Daley, National Chair/8th President
Monica Baltimore, NCNW-PVS President

President, PVS-NCNW

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The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), Inc., is a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune. NCNW's mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent, supporting their families and communities.



"Believe in yourself, learn, and never stop wanting to build a better world."

Mary McLeod Bethune
 Founder, NCNW

The Potomac Valley Section (PVS) is one of 300+ community-based sections of the NCNW. PVS was organized on August 12, 1997, by nine (9) NCNW members, "The PVS-9" and chartered by Dr. Dorothy I. Height National Chair and President on November 13, 1997.

NCNW-PVS ORGANIZING MEMBERS



Audrey Banks



Phyllis Davenport



Evelyn Hill



Delores Lincoln-Willis



Cherry Richardson



Carolyn Shackelford



Mary Watters



Letitia Winfield



Gerald Roper

Since organizing and chartered, NCNW-PVS has valued an ongoing supportive partnership with The People's Community Baptist Church.

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PREFACE

The National Council for Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), Potomac Valley Section (PVS), 2021-2022 Annual Report is a culmination of the tireless efforts of its leaders and members to advance NCNW's mission to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families, and communities.

The work of the NCNW-PVS members proved to be greater than the challenges they had to overcome as the coronavirus fluctuated (high to low) throughout the USA. Members creatively ensured the section connected virtually and in person to advance our mission.

The members volunteered and served on the Section's Bylaws Committee, Finance Committee, Publicity Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Membership Committee, Nominating Committee, Special Committees on Policies and Procedures, PVS Scholarship Program, and PVS 25th Anniversary. Also, the Programs Committee/ Sub-committees such as the Amenities Committee, Girls Rites of Passage Committee, Health Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, Social Outreach Committee, and Seniors Committee.

The 2021-2022 annual report is comprehensive. It includes pictorial images of the work of PVS, heartfelt messages from the PVS President, other section leaders, and members who shared how they refused to be silenced despite the coronavirus safely and with confidence to enhance the lives of others.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 31, 2022



Dear NCNW/PVS Members

Thank you for embracing the mission of NCNW "which is "to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families, and communities." Because of you, the Potomac Valley Section (PVS), stay engaged and empowered to advance our mission.

I have good reasons to express my heartfelt thanks to this dynamic organization of officers, committee chairs, and members. You consistently gave your best, being vigilant and being visible in the communities and people we serve. Our section's motto, "What We Do Matters," reminds me that possibilities are limitless when you, as impassioned leaders, dedicated workers, and committed members, come together on behalf of the most vulnerable. My term as the 10th elected section President and the other section officers' term will be the end of an era on August 31, 2022. I have much gratitude and humbled emotions about the lives and communities we have positively impacted as a community-based section of NCNW. I am pleased to report that PVS surpassed all expectations again. In addition, our membership increased significantly to **216** members.

You did the extraordinary with determination, creativity, and commitment in our business and finance operations, membership and member services, youth and senior enrichment programs, health and wellness, legislative affairs, community service, social outreach, community engagement, and the election of new section officers. You all made my vision "to give hope, show love, and make a difference for better outcomes in every aspect of our operations, internally and externally," a reality, and I thank you.

Finally, thanks to all involved for your invaluable input and actions, whether as a section officer, committee chair, or member who served on committees to develop the 2021-2022 NCNW-PVS Annual Report that tells a story of the work of this community-based section of NCNW.

Thank you for serving faithfully.

Gratefully yours,

Monica Baltimore

Monica Baltimore President



POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION

I. PV'S LEADERSHIP – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SECTION OFFICERS



Monica Baltimore
President



Cynthia Bolton
First Vice President



Marietta James
Second Vice President



Ashley Bayton
Third Vice President



Joan Simms
Recording Secretary



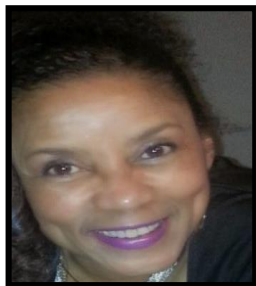
Katherine Torrence
Corresponding Secretary



Marilyn Massey-Ball
Treasurer



Rachelle Coleman
Financial Secretary



Evangeline Washington
Historian



Rev. Dr. Deborah J. Keaton
Chaplain



Valerie Scott
Parliamentarian

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Karen Swain
Chair, Publicity



Demetria Wilson
Chair, Ways and Means



Ethel Lawhon
Chair, Amenities



Effie Smith-Macklin
Chair, Girls Rites of Passage



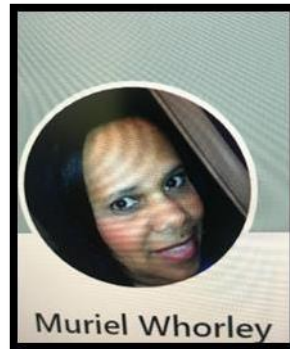
Lorna Forde
Chair, Legislative Affairs



Audrey Burwell
Chair, Health



Andrea Daniels
Chair, Social Outreach



Muriel Whorley
Chair, Policies and Procedures



Bridget Jackman
Chair, Seniors

Note: Cynthia Bolton, First Vice President, also serves as acting Chair Special Committee on PVS Scholarship Program. Marietta James, Second Vice President, also serves as Membership Chair. Valerie Scott, Parliamentarian, also serves as Chair Bylaws Committee. Marilyn Massey-Ball, the Treasurer, and Rachelle Coleman also serve as co-chairs Finance Committee and Chair of the Special Committee on PVS 25th Anniversary. Katherine Torrence, Corresponding Secretary, also serves as Chair Properties Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

***PAST SECTION PRESIDENTS**



***Connie Harshaw
(1998-2002)**



***Jeanette Wolfe
(2006-2008)**



***Ida Fletcher
(2009-2012)**



***Diann Dawson
(2014-2018)**



***Carolyn Lloyd
(2018-2020)**

***Past Section Presidents who do not serve as section officers or committee chairs.** Note: The other past section presidents who are serving as section officers or committee chairs are Effie Smith-Macklin (2002-2006), Ethel Lawhon (2008-2009), and Monica Baltimore (2012-2014).

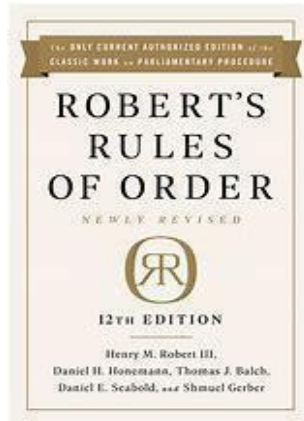


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II. NCNW-PVS Business and Finance Operations

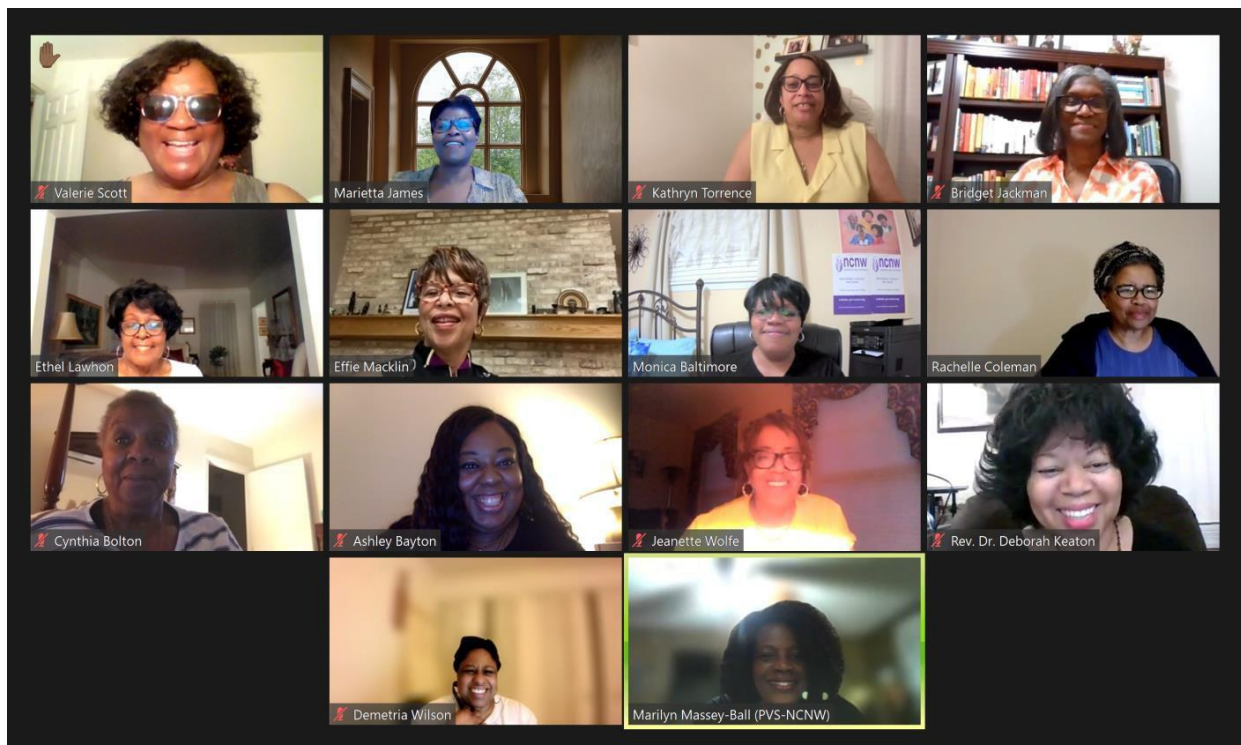
Our business and finance operations include the work of the Executive Committee, Bylaws Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Publicity Committee, and the section's general membership business meetings.

A. Executive Committee



Monica Baltimore
Presiding Officer

Committee Description: The Section President presides over the Executive Committee (EC). The EC acts interim between the general membership and business meetings to execute the section's affairs. The EC comprises elected and appointed officers. Past Section Presidents serve as ex-officio members. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday from September through June unless otherwise ordered.



The Executive Committee had a packed agenda and productive sessions during this program year. We accomplished a lot with our regularly scheduled Committee meetings, plus several special call meetings to conduct the business affairs of PVS. The EC and Ex-officio members exhibited commitment and determination to advance NCNW's mission.

Accomplishments

- Held Executive Committee meetings on September 1, 2021, October 6, 2021, November 3, 2021, December 1, 2021, and January 5, 2022, January 12, 2022 (Special Call Meeting) February 2, 2022, March 2, 2022, April 6, 2022, May 4, 2022, and June 1, 2022.
- Approvals of the appointment of a section officer or committee chair:
 - ❖ Kathryn Torrence, Corresponding Secretary (09/01/2022)

- ❖ Demetria Wilson Chair, Ways and Means Committee (10/06/2021)
- ❖ Marilyn Massey-Ball, Chair, Special Committee for PVS/NCNW 25th Anniversary (11/03/2021)
- ❖ Lorna Forde, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee (02/02/2022)

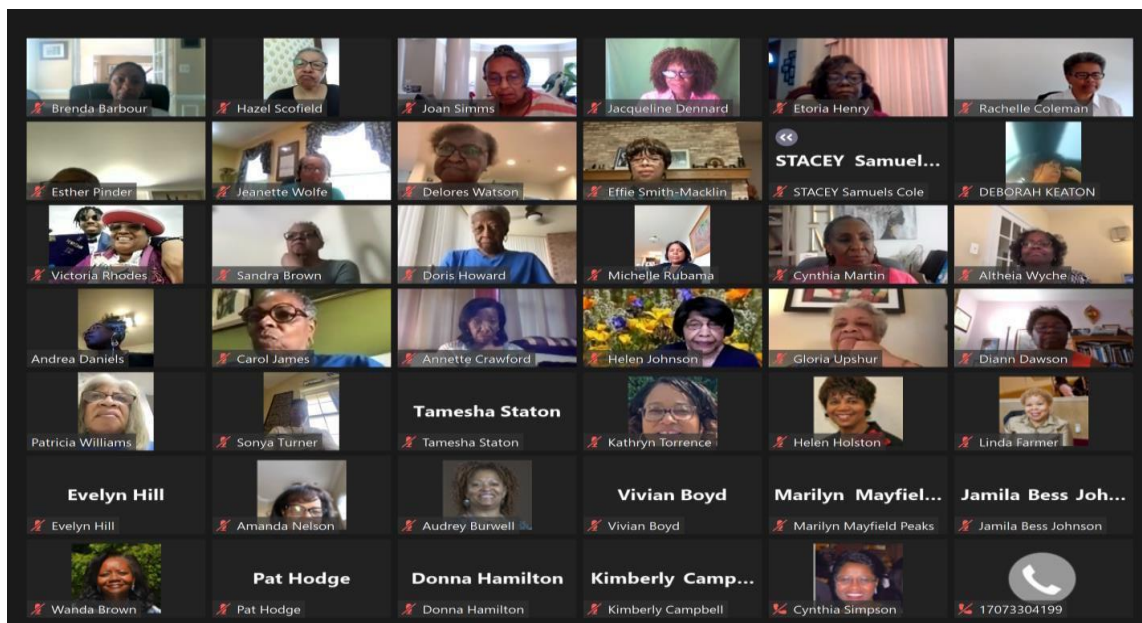
The Executive Committee took the following actions to present to the general membership for consideration and final decisions.

- The proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 Section budget (09/01/2022)
- Approval of proposed launch of PVS Online Petition Campaign to Place Harriet Tubman's Portrait on US \$20 Bill (12/01/2022)
- The proposed establishment of the PVS Scholarship Program (12/01/ 2021)
- Proposed PVS Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser (January 5, 2022)
Proposed modifications to the Section's Bylaws of May 2016, from Article 1 through Article XV (January 5, 2022, January 12, 2022 (Special Call Meeting), and February 2, 2022)
- The maintenance of the PVS proposed scholarship program (03/02/2022)
- A budget request increase of Social Outreach Committee (04/06/2022)
- The proposed plans for NCNW-PVS 25th Anniversary are to be held on November 13, 2022 (04/06/2022, 05/05/2022, and (06/01/2022). The Ways and Means Committee will assist the anniversary planning committee with the fundraising component of the proposed plans.

B. General Membership and Business Meetings

The Section's General Membership Business meetings are presided by the Section President. These meetings are to conduct the business affairs of the section, update the members on the activities of the Section committees, and for educational and informational purposes. The meetings are held on the third Saturday from September until June unless otherwise ordered.





Accomplishments

This program year's projects, activities, and programs were just as productive, creative, and innovative as last year's. The section's general membership meetings were held on September 18, 2021. October 16, 2021, November 20, 2021; December 18, 2021; January 15, 2022; February 26, 2022, March 19, 2022, April 16, 2022, May 21, 2022, and June 18, 2022. The general membership approved many actions to advance the mission of NCNW that ultimately improves the lives of others and the communities we serve. Various section officers, committee chairs, and others made presentations to the general assembly. Birthdays, Anniversaries, and conducted tributes to fallen NCNW-PVS members.

During the general assembly, the members approved the following:

- The fiscal year 2021-2022 Section budget.
- The proposal for PVS-NCNW to apply for a subgrant to NCNW Good Health WINS Grant Program.
- The PVS to conduct an Online Petition Campaign to Place Harriet Tubman's Portrait on the US \$20 Bill.
- To submit a request to establish a PVS Scholarship Program and vote for the Education Committee to maintain it.
- A section-wide Fundraiser selling Double Good Popcorn
- The nominations of members to serve on Nominating Committee.
- The proposed amended modifications to the Section's Bylaws of May 2016, from Article 1 through Article XV.
- To increase the Social Outreach Committee's budget.
- The plans are to observe and celebrate the section's 25th Anniversary.
- Conduct a luggage drive to donate the items to homeless shelters and a family that experienced a tragic fire.

In addition, other actions were taken:

- The Chair Nominating Committee presented the Slate of Candidates for NCNW-PVS 2022 Officer's positions.
- Members elected new Section Officers in May 2022 and held their installation ceremony in June 2022.

C. Bylaws Committee



Valerie Scott, Chair



Renee Key, Vice-Chair

Committee Description:

The Bylaws Committee ensures the Section Bylaws are within compliance with National Bylaws and, when necessary, amend Section Bylaws to ensure requirements are met. Requirements for Bylaws compliance entail reviewing and updating the Section's Bylaws every two years or at the request of the Executive Committee, submitting a detailed budget for the year's activities to the Finance Committee, and providing regular reports to the Executive Committee and an annual report to the membership.

Accomplishments:

NCNW-PVS Bylaws Committee worked tirelessly during the program year to ensure that the Bylaws were updated and in compliance with Federal, State, Local, and National guidelines. Each member of the Bylaws Committee is assigned an article(s) for continued review, relevance, and recommendations throughout the program year.

The Bylaws Committee met in September, October, November, December, March, and May for a minimum of approximately 28 hours via virtually. These hours do not include the hours spent independently by each Committee member for review and research of articles before each meeting. In June, a closeout luncheon was held for the program year. The closeout session included topics such as what went well, what could be improved, and what went wrong during the program year. During each Committee meeting, each member reported and updated findings for compliance.

The following agendas were approved and completed during Program Year 2021-2022:

- September 2021-Bylaws Committee (BLC) discussion with National Parliamentarian Loretta Tillery. Appointed positions, Financial Secretary role, and bonding were key discussion points.
- October 2021-BLC met for an after-action discussion related to a meeting held with PVS Executive Committee on requirements and recommendations for PVS amended proposed Bylaws.
- November 2021-Discussion for Committee member signatures on internal BLC signature page And cost for lamination for hard copies of future Bylaws in the Section.
- Instead of its regular December BLC meeting, a special call meeting was held to present Proposed amended Bylaws to the Executive Committee.

- March 2022-Discussions for future Bylaws to appear electronically on PVS website with approved restrictions.
- May 2022-Discussions held related to future restructuring tasks within the BLC.

Each Committee member will check in with PVS Committee(s) that have relevance to her assigned article(s) for concerns, or updates within the program year.

Each Committee member will engage the section in a periodic workshop applicable to their assigned article recommendations to post workshop dates and times on PVS Website for the section.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Janita Chiquelo-Coen



Vanessa Cox



Victoria Rhodes



Thelma Toler



Delores Watson

Message from the Bylaws Committee: We would like to thank members for their patience and participation in monitoring the Potomac Valley Section Bylaws continuously.



Modifications to the proposed amendments to NCNW-Potomac Valley Section's Bylaws were unanimously approved by the general membership and submitted to the National Parliamentarian in August 2022.

**POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION
 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
 BYLAWS**

**As Modified and Amended by
 National Headquarters and the Potomac Valley Section, NCNW, Inc.**

**Adopted: February 10, 1998
 Amended: June 24, 2000
 January 19, 2002
 May 15, 2002
 April 21, 2007
 March 12, 2012
 May 21, 2016
 Proposed Amended: February 2022**

Approved By: Valerie Scott 08/24/2022
 Valerie Scott, Chair Bylaws Committee
 National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
 Potomac Valley Section
 Date

Approved By: Monica A. Baltimore 08/24/2022
 Monica A. Baltimore, President
 National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
 Potomac Valley Section
 Date

Approved By: _____
 National Parliamentarian
 National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
 Date

Approved By: _____
 National Parliamentarian Emerita
 National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
 Date

D. Finance Committee



Marilyn Massey-Ball, Co-Chair



Rachelle Coleman, Co-Chair

Committee Description: Provide financial planning, reporting, and fiscal management for the section. Obtain "Fair Share" information from the National Office, prepare the PVS fiscal year budget based on historical and current needs, monitor budget execution, and ensure checks and balances within the section's financial operations.

Accomplishments:

- Reviewed past PVS budgets, evaluated new budget requests, and made recommendations for the 2021-2022 proposed annual budget to the Executive Committee and, after approval, to the section. Initiated budget requests for the upcoming 2022-2023 year.
- Undertook training in the use of the new QuickBooks Online Accounting Software.
- Consulted with outside experts regarding requirements and costs for conducting an external audit. Oversaw the work of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary in completing their responsibilities:
- Initiated subscription to QuickBooks Online Accounting Software and undertook training in using the new software. Maintained simplified disbursement procedures with TPCBC Ministry Program Director and Accountant for receiving TPCBC-budgeted funds for PVS projects and activities.
- Renewed PVS registration as a charitable organization within the State of Maryland permits PVS to legally solicit donations and contributions and host fundraisers in the State of Maryland until May 31, 2023 (renewable annually).
- Maintained a general operating account at a financial institution to manage PVS funds received and payments using online depositing and reporting.
- Managed the timely collection of all monies provided to the section and payment of bills/reimbursements. Coordinated with the Membership Committee and the Ways and Means Committee in tracking membership payments and fundraising proceeds, respectively.
- Completed the timely submission of IRS Tax Return (990-N) and State annual financial and business property tax reports.
- Continued electronic completion and signing of the Check and Cash Submission and Check/Debit Request forms. Provided acknowledgments to members and non-members documenting their financial donations for tax purposes in compliance with IRS requirements.
- Made regular reports to the Executive Committee and the Section.

Committee Members: Jean Threadgill and Jeanette Wolfe



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Members:

Cynthia Bolton, Chair

Janita Chicquelo Coen

Andrea Daniels

Linda Farmer

Bridget Jackman

Jean Threadgill

Altheia Wyche



Left to right: Cynthia Bolton, Chair, Altheia Wyche, Bridget Jackman, and Jean Threadgill Not pictured: Janita Chiquelo-Coen, Andrea Daniels, and Linda Farmer

Message from Cynthia Bolton, Chair Nominating Committee: Much appreciation to the 2022 Nominating Committee members, Jeanette Wolfe, Advisor, and Marietta James, IT Specialist, whom all worked diligently throughout the nominating and election processes.

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 COACHING LEADER
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 VISION
 INTELLIGENCE
 INSPIRATION
 GROWTH
 HABITS
 TRAITS
 TEAM
 CHARACTER
 VALUES
 RESPONSIBILITY
 MOTIVATION
 LEADERSHIP
 BEHAVIOR
 TASKS
 SUPPORT
 CHARISMA
 IDOL
 COMPETENCIES
 AID SOCIAL INFLUENCE
 SUCCESS POWER
 ENTHUSIASM
 ENERGY
 COMMITMENT
 ACHIEVEMENT
 PASSION
 SKILLS
 GUIDE
 MOTIVES

E. Nominating Committee



Cynthia Bolton
Chair

Committee Description:

The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to (a) secure nominations for the elected officers; (b) ensure that all candidates for the elected office are financial members and that each nominee has given her consent to be considered for elected office; and (c) submit the slate of potential officers, that includes a profile and qualifications summary for each nominee, to the membership. Coordinate and manage the voting and election processes.

In accordance with the section's bylaws, members of the Nominating Committee were selected by the membership at the February 2022 general membership and business meeting. The Committee solicited section members in good financial standing and is willing to serve to consider being a candidate for one of the electoral positions for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Chaplain, and Parliamentarian. In addition, the Chair invited floor nominations as well.

As a result of the Committee's efforts and per the section's bylaws, the Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates at the April 2022 section meeting.

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Historian

Chaplain

Parliamentarian

Marilyn Massey-Ball

Joan Simms

Dr. Kimberly Campbell

Cynthia Hightower Martin

Jacqueline Dennard

Sandra Brown

Dr. Stacey Coles

Shirley Smithson-Martin

Jamila Bess Johnson

Valerie Scott (Second Term)



2022 CANDIDATES FOR NCNW-PVS ELECTORAL POSITIONS



Marilyn Massey-Ball
Candidate for President



Joan Simms
Candidate for First VP



Kimberly Campbell, Ph.D.
Candidate for Second VP



Cynthia Hightower Martin
Candidate for Recording Sec.



Jacqueline Dennard
Candidate for Treasurer



Sandra Brown
Candidate for Financial Sec.



Stacey Cole, Ph.D.
Candidate for Corresponding Sec.



Shirley Smithson-Martin
Candidate for Historian



Jamila Bess-Johnson
Candidate for Chaplain



Valerie Scott
Candidate for Parliamentarian



SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Members:

PVS Policies and Procedures

Muriel Whorley, Chair
***Cynthia Bolton**
Valerie Scott
Monica Baltimore (Ex-Officio)

PVS Scholarship Program

Cynthia Bolton, Acting Chair
Francenia Beech-Martin
Dr. Kimberly Campbell
Carla Malone
Vickie Mason
Dr. Esther Pinder
Selena Singleton
Effie Smith-Macklin
Monica Baltimore (Ex-Officio)

PVS 25th Anniversary

Marilyn Massey-Ball, Chair
Evelyn Hill, PVS Organizing Committee Member
Carolyn Shackelford, PVS Organizing Committee Member
Delores Lincoln-Willis, PVS Organizing Committee Member
Letitia Winfield, PVS Organizing Committee Member

Ida Fletcher, Past President
Effie Smith-Macklin, Past President
Ethel Lawhon, Past President
Jeanette Wolfe, Past President, and Past Historian
Joan Simms, Past Historian
Evangeline Washington, Historian

Tina Mance-Lee, NCNW Life Member
Karen Swain, NCNW Life Member
Carla Malone, NCNW Life Member

***Cynthia Bolton, Oversight Responsibilities**
Monica Baltimore (Ex-Officio)

Demetria Wilson, Chair, Ways and Means Committee
Other Members of the Ways and Means Committee

F. NCNW-PVS Special Committees

Special Committee on Policies and Procedures



Muriel Whorley
Chair

Committee Description: The Special Committee on PVS Policies and Procedures (SCPP) was appointed by the Section President and approved by the Executive Committee on December 2, 2020. The SCPP reviews, updates, and creates policies and procedures. The handbook will provide members with instructions for the operations and functions of PVS. The SCPP will be dissolved once the tasks are complete.

Accomplishments:

The Special Committee on Policies and Procedures (SCPP) has been working diligently to identify, research, and write relevant instructions for the membership. The SCPP decided that the policies and procedures will be written under the following categories: (1) membership and member services, (2) business and finance operations, and (2) community engagement, community services, social outreach, and more. In conjunction with the SCPP, the Bylaws Committee proposed amendments to the section bylaws to the membership. Upon receipt of the membership's approval, the proposed amendments to the bylaws were submitted to the National Parliamentarian for review and approval in August 2022.

Special Committee on PVS Scholarship Program



Cynthia Bolton
Acting Chair

Committee Description: The Special Committee on PVS Scholarship Program (SCSP) was appointed by the Section President and approved by the Executive Committee on February 3, 2021. The SCSP is charged with proposing establishing a Section scholarship program per the National NCNW organization's basic guidelines and parameters of clarity, purpose, participants, criteria, process, and maintenance. The SCSP will be dissolved once the task is completed.

Accomplishments:

On March 22, 2021, volunteer members of the National Council of Negro Women-Potomac Valley Section (NCNW-PVS) formed a Committee to fill a vital role in establishing the section's scholarship program. As trailblazers, the first in PVS history, the Committee members began the work of fulfilling all the requirements to submit to National headquarters for approval. On March 26, 2022, the proposed scholarship packet was submitted to the National for approval. The details of the five criteria, as outlined in the Appendix of the NCNW Handbook, used to establish the eligibility requirements for the scholarship were:

1. Clarity of Purpose: to provide a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to advance education to fulfill its mission: "to lead, empower and advocate for women of African descent, their families and communities."
2. Clarity of Participants: Scholarship applications must be a graduating high school senior, a young woman of African descent, who plans to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.
3. Clarity of Criteria: Applicant must be in good standing with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale as evidenced by an official transcript or, if lower, a statement that explains the mitigating circumstances(s) that cause her GPA to be lower.
4. Clarity of Process: The scholarship is a one-time award.
5. Clarity of Maintenance: The scholarship will be awarded annually to deserving recipients. The program will be funded through the NCNW-PVS annual budget and maintained by its Education Committee.

At the May 21, 2022, PVS general meeting, it was announced that National Headquarters had approved the PVS Scholarship Program. "What We Do Matters!"

Special Committee on the PVS 25th Anniversary



**Marilyn Massey-Ball
Chair**

Committee Description: The Special Committee on the PVS 25th Anniversary was appointed by the Section President and approved by the Executive Committee on November 3, 2021. This Committee is charged with fundraising and planning commemorative activities and events for the section's 25th Anniversary -- November 13, 2022.

Accomplishments:

The section President invited members to join the "25th Anniversary Committee, which was the 1997 Section Organizing Committee Members, past section Presidents, past and current Historians, NCNW Life Members with specialized skills, and the Chair, Ways and Means Committee. From the Committee's establishment and under the stellar leadership of Marilyn Massey-Ball, Committee Chair: selected a 25th Anniversary theme and logo, secured venue for luncheon, sold out early bird luncheon tickets, secured entertainment, solicited and started securing 25th-anniversary sponsors, advertisements for program journal, 25th anniversary T-shirt and custom-made bracelet.





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POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Members:

Demetria Wilson, Chair

Cynthia Bolton

Gwendolyn Bright

Linda Farmer

Evelyn Hill

Helen Holston

Jamila Bess-Johnson

Yolanda Jones

Renee Key

Ethel Lawhon

Kimberly Littleton

Delores Lincoln-Willis

Roberta Marsh

Joan Simms

Audrey Sturdivant

Karen Swain

Jean Threadgill

Letitia Winfield

Message from Demetria Wilson, Chair Ways and Means Committee

The Ways and Means Committee appreciate the section members who supported this fundraiser by purchasing popcorn or donating to one of the 19 pop-up stores. As Chair, I was challenged to lead the WMC and the general membership in creatively identifying a fundraiser to help financially support PVS's community service and social outreach programs and projects without hosting an in-person event. Challenging as it was, the WMC generated the funds needed and is grateful for the favor and support from all members, families, and friends. That is why we say, **"WHAT WE DO MATTERS, and we refuse to be silenced by a pandemic!"** In these special moments, gratitude is what the Ways and Means Committee has for you!

G. Ways and Means Committee



**Demetria Wilson
Chair**

Committee Description: The Ways and Means Committee (WMC) ascertains the financial needs of the section from the Finance Committee to support the business. The WMC is responsible for planning, executing, and supervising fundraising activities and events for the NCNW-PVS.

Accomplishments

This program year, NCNW-PVS held another virtual fundraiser. This year the general membership overwhelmingly approved the section hosting a 4-day Double Good popcorn fundraiser. For PVS, we were entering uncharted territory to raise funds quickly from February 12, 2022, from 5:00 PM until February 16, 2022, 5:00 PM. Before the fundraiser, the WMC held a training session for members who needed assistance setting up their pop-up store.



Once the fundraiser began, the sisterhood and comradery were fun and exciting. It quickly became a competition between the members who opened the 19 Double Good popcorn pop-up stores to sell the most popcorn. Watching members increase their financial fundraising goals throughout the days was inspiring. Every store and every bag of popcorn sold or donation made yielded overwhelming results with total sales from **342 supporters, reaching 24 states, and contributions to 236 essential workers.** We are grateful to the following Section members who were instrumental in PVS' 4-day fundraiser, including the order of their sales (highest to lowest) and donations generated.

1. Brenita Young
2. Ida Fletcher
3. Monica Baltimore
4. Karen Swain
5. Rev. Dr. Deborah Keaton
"Sensational Seniors Committee"
6. Evelyn Hill
7. Marilyn Massey-Ball
8. Audrey Sturdivant
9. Valerie Scott
10. Kimberly Campbell
11. Ethel Lawhon and Susan McCarley-Shepard
12. Demetria Wilson "Potomac Valley Section"
13. Marietta James "PVS Membership Committee"
14. Linda Farmer
15. Cynthia Bolton
16. Joan Simms
17. Nicole Adolph and Cynthia Simpson
18. Kim Littleton
19. Cynthia Martin

H. Publicity Committee



**Karen Swain, Chair/
Facebook
Administrator**



**Marietta James
Website Administrator**

Committee Description: Prepare public notices of the section's activities and projects on NCNW-PVS Facebook and its website at www.pvs-ncnw.org. In consultation with the Committee Chairs and other PVS leadership, obtain information concerning planned projects and activities to ensure the community knows them.

Accomplishments:

- Posted NCNWPVS activities and events on Facebook to engage and educate the community and Section membership on what all committees are involved in and accomplish throughout the community.
- Maintained the website and posted all Committee's upcoming events and posted any National events and special news updates to the website.

NCNW-PVS Website:

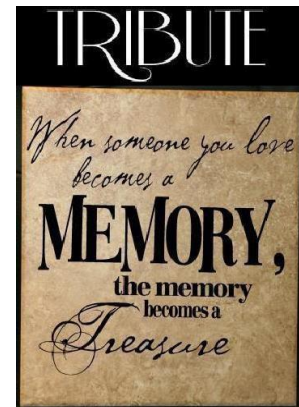


MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER SERVICES



REWARD & RECOGNITION

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues



THANK YOU
for joining us!

III. Membership and Member Services

Membership and Member Services include the Membership Committee, Amenities Committee, inspirational services, and the NCNW Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune-Height Recognition Program

A. Membership Committee



**Marietta James, Chair
and Second Vice President**



Genie Gordon, Vice Chair

Committee Description: The Membership Committee receives oversight from Second Vice President. The Committee is responsible for recruiting, retaining, and reclaiming section members. Maintain a current roster of financial members—host annually new Members Recognition Program. Maintain an ongoing relationship with the National Headquarters.' Director of Membership Operations Director.

Accomplishments:

- Registered **216** members during the 2021-2022 Program year.
- Created the virtual online New Members Recognition Program slideshow.
- More members continue to pay online through the website than at any other time. We continue to receive membership applications through USPS.
- Prepared and submitted reports to the Finance Committee and National for membership dues.
- Maintained current roster to include name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, email, membership status, and birthday.
- Sent out renewal dues reminders.
- Sent out the PVS Membership Directory that included members' pictures to all financial members.
- Maintained attendance records at general membership meetings through an online Zoom attendance roster.
- Six new Life members for the Bethune-Height Recognition Program.
- Encouraging current general membership to recruit new members resulted in 49 new members.

Thank
you!

FOR
YOUR

MEMBERSHIP

Thank You

For becoming a member!

The Membership Committee, under the leadership of Marietta James, Second Vice President, and the Membership Chair hosted a membership drive. The Committee encouraged the members to recruit at least one person to join NCNW. Because of PVS member's recruitment efforts, this community-based section of NCNW significantly increased its membership by **49** new members in the 2021-2022 Program Year. The NCNW-PVS members (in "bold") who recruited persons to join our organization are:

Monica Baltimore (Legacy Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Audrey Burwell (Life Member)

New Youth (ROP) 1
Total 1

Dr. Kimberly Campbell (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Johnnye Goodrich (Annual Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Doris Howard (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Marietta James (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Ocheze Joseph (Annual Member)

New Youth ROP 1
Total 1

Ethel Lawhon (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Evette Lesesne (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Vickie Mason (Annual Member)

New Annual Member 1
 New Associate Member 1
Total 2

Marilyn Massey-Ball (Life Member)

New Annual Member 2
Total 2

Carolyn Riggins (Annual Member)

New Annual Member 2
 New ROP 4
Total 6

Valerie Scott (Life Member)

New Annual Member 2
 New Associate Member 1
 New Youth (ROP) 1
Total 4

Carolyn Shackleford (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
 New Youth (ROP) 1
Total 2

Effie Smith-Macklin (Legacy Life Member)

New Annual Member New 8
 Youth (ROP) 11
Total 19

Thelma Toler (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Kathryn Torrence (Life Member)

New Annual Member 2
Total 2

Evangeline Washington (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Jeanette Wolfe (Life Member)

New Annual Member 1
Total 1

Adolph, Nicole	Campbell Sheppard, Asia	Gordon, Genie
Aldred, Sydney	Cavanaugh, Dr. Tarsha	Grant, Linda
Anderson, Beverly	Chicquelo-Coen, Janita	Green, Naomi
Bailey, Benita	Cole, Camille	Greene, Estelle
Bailey, Pelzer	Cole, Dr. Stacey	Hale, Keeandra
Baltimore, Monica	Cole, Hannah	Hall Turner, Sonya
Barbour, Brenda	Cole, Pamela	Hamilton, Donna
Bastien, Amanda	Cole, Victoria	Hamilton, Marjorie
Bastien, Amari	Coleman, Rachelle	Hamm, Paula
Bastien, Aria	Cotton, Diane	Hardy, Cozetta
Bayton, Ashley	Cox, Vanessa	Harshaw, Connie
Beck, Morgan	Crawford, Annette	Harshaw, James
Beech-Martin, Francenia	Crutchfield, Charlotte	Henry, Etoria
Bess Johnson, Jamila	Cummings, Melbourne	Hightower Martin, Cynthia
Bolton, Christina	Cummings Carr, Stephanie	Hill, Evelyn
Bolton, Cynthia	Daniels, Andrea	Hill, Walter
Boyd, Dr. Vivian	Davenport, Phyllis Hudson	Hodge, Pat
Boyd, Hank	Davis, Vanessa	Holston, Helen
Bridges, Cheryl	Dawson, Diann	Howard, Doris
Bright, Dr. Debra	Dennard, Jacqueline	Hubbard, Jeanette
Bright, Gwendolyn	DeVance-Wilson, Crystal	Jackman, Bridget
Britt, Ruth	Duppins, Makenzie	Jackson, Dina
Brown, Barbara	Duppins, Nikole	James, Carol
Brown, DeAndra	Ellis, Erlene	James, Marietta
Brown, Dr. Dianne	Farmer, Linda	Johnson, Helen
Brown, Fred	Fashina, Aronke	Johnson, Jacqueline
Brown, Sandra	Fletcher, Ida	Jones, Odessa
Brown, Wanda	Ford, Deborah	Jones, Yolanda
Burwell, Audrey	Forde, Lorna	Smith, Ellevia
Butler, Ami'Yah	Gadson, Wanda	Joseph, Ava
Campbell, Dr. Kimberly	Garnette, Olivia	Joseph, Ocheze
Campbell, Walterine	Girault, Bianca	Joseph-Hull, Mary
Campbell Jones, Faith	Goodrich, Johnnye	Keaton, Rev. Dr. Deborah J.

Kelly, Brenda
Kemp, Dr. Juanita
Key, Renee
Knight, Joyce
Lawhon, Ethel
Lesesne, Evette
Lincoln-Willis, Delores
Lipscomb, Inez
Littleton, Kimberly
Lloyd, Carolyn
Macedo, Kimberly
Macklin, Jillian
Macklin, John
Malloy, Vivian
Malone, Carla
Mance-Lee, Tina
Marsh, Roberta
Martin, Janiyah
Mason, Antonio
Mason, Vikki
Massey-Ball, Marilyn
McCarley, Rev. Joan
McCarley-Shepard, Susan
McCoy, Renee
McDonald, Claudine
McMullen, Renee
Middleton, Wanda
Miller Myers, Gail
Moore Hill, Lynn
Moore-Latta, Dr. Judi
Morgan-Quelch, Dorothy
Nasir, Stephanie
Nelson, Amanda
Nero, Audrey
Nix, Janis

Norment, Christa
Onley, Virginia
Parker, Barbara
Peaks, Marilyn
Perry, Akiba
Perry, Sanaa
Pierre, Marylin
Pinder, Esther
Powell, Anita
Quelch, Alexis
Rhodes, Victoria
Richards, Dorcus
Richardson, Sanaa
Riggins, Ari
Riggins, Carolyn
Riggins, Nia
Riggins, Uma
Rubama, Michelle
Sanders, Margie
Saunders, Jacqueline
Scofield, Hazel
Scott, Gerald
Scott, Valerie
Shackleford, Carolyn
Shackleford, Ikeshia
Shannon, Shirley
Shepard, Nina
Sherman, Stacy
Sherman, Sydney
Shields, Luda
Sidbury, Sandra
Simms, Joan
Simpson, Dr. Cynthia
Singleton, Nia
Singleton, Selena

Sinkler, Chinita
Sinkler, Kirsten
Smith, Denise
Smith, George
Smith, Marissa
Smith-Macklin, Effie
Smithson Martin, Shirley
Spriggs, Haroldie
Station, Tamesha
Stewart, Kazzidy
Sturdivant, Audrey
Suber, Dianne
Sutton, Deborah
Swain, Karen
Tambadou, Aja
Taylor, Martha
Threadgill, Jean
Tolbert, Gwendolyn
Toler, Thelma
Torrence, Kathryn
Upshur, Gloria
Vause, Cynthia
Ward, Wanda
Washington, Evangeline
Washington, Gayle
Waters, Kyana
Waters, Monica
Watson, Delores
Wells, Barbara
White, Patsy
Whorley, Muriel
Wiggins-Diaz, Pamela
Wilkerson, Barbara
Williams, Dorothy May
Williams, Gabrielle

Williams, Malaysia
Williams, Patricia
Willis, Verlinda
Wilson, Demetria
Wilson, Mildred
Wims, Gregory
Winfield, Letitia
Wolfe, Eugene
Wolfe, Jeanette
Wright, Mattie
Wyche, Altheia
Young, Brenita



**Membership
Committee Members**

 Marietta James Chair	 Genie Gordon Vice - Chair
 Carol James	 Jeanette Wolfe
 Renee Key	 Carolyn Shackelford

B. Amenities Committee



Ethel Lawhon, Chair

Committee Description: The Section Chaplain oversees the Amenities Committee. The Committee sends sympathy and get-well cards to members who have experienced loss due to death or illness. Coordinate recognition for births, adoptions, retirements, and achievements and coordinate refreshments for recognition events of outgoing and incoming officers, Section meeting refreshments, and much more.



Accomplishments:

Despite the challenges presented to the section by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Amenities Committee worked diligently to reach out to members who experienced loss due to death and illness, providing compassionate support in their time of need. In coordination with the Chaplain and with the assistance of a team of caring volunteers, the following accomplishments were implemented:

- More than two hundred birthday cards were mailed to members to recognize their birthdays.
- Members' birthdays were recognized at every meeting.
- Over one hundred get-well cards were sent to members.
- Fruit baskets and meals were delivered to members who were ill.
- Members who lost loved ones received meals instead of the repast, flowers, or a plant. (Some meals were personally provided to members to show love and compassion).

The Amenities Committee worked with the Chair and Nominating Committee in planning the installation ceremony of the 2022 elected Section Officers. This Committee is about showing love and compassion to all of our members.

Committee Members: Carolyn Shackelford, Helen Holston, and Carla Malone

C. Chaplain and Inspirational Services



The Chaplain conducts the inspirational services of the section. Provide oversight to the Amenities Committee.

Rev. Dr. Deborah Keaton
Chaplain

The Chaplain's efforts ensured that Section Members felt cared for and spiritually supported despite the continuing COVID pandemic. Intentional expressions of concern were made through prayers, devotions, in-person chats, phone calls, and personal notes. In addition, the Chaplain attended and participated in the Executive Committee, General Section meetings, and a Girls Rites of Passage presentation.

Accomplishments

- Attended monthly (virtual) Executive Committee meetings. Opened meetings with Invocation and inspirational devotions. Closed out meetings with Benediction prayers. Attended monthly General Membership Business meetings. I opened with prayer and topical devotions. Closed monthly meetings with prayers for members' specific voiced needs and concerns.
- Wrote and presented "A Liturgy of Solace" to the Membership in September 2021 for Members who were grieving or had suffered the loss of loved ones over the past year.
- Reached out to Section members recovering from illness or surgery by making caring and compassionate phone calls. Occasionally, in lieu of a phone call, Chaplain sent inspirational notes or get-well cards to sick and shut-in members.
- Took on additional responsibility to learn *MailChimp* software. Created mass-email notices of **Prayer Requests, Condolences, and Sympathy** to the members using *MailChimp*.
- Connected with bereaved family members of PVS members who were hospitalized or passed away by phone, text, and email as needed to provide comfort, spiritual support, and prayer during their time of grief. Coordinated with the Amenities Chair as needed to ensure PVS Members or their survivors received the hospitality support as required.

Sadly there was a marked increase in the number of deaths and sicknesses this Program Year.

A major challenge is the need to maintain strict COVID protocol while still trying to have a personal touch spiritual touch relationship, however as time passes, this practice is accepted as the new "normal," the Chaplain had to adapt as well. Fresh and creative ways were employed to reach out "and touch" members who were grief-stricken using phone, Zoom, email, and regular mail.

Condolences and Prayers to Members and their Families



Tribute to Fallen Members – Passing the Rose

Sister Estelle L. Greene



Sunset 01/24/2022

Sister Marion A. Tucker



Sunset 02/23/2022

Sister Dorothy Graham



Sunset 02/28/2022

Sister Yvonne E. Downtin



Sunset 07/30/2021

Sister Olgarita Jackson



Sunset 11/21/2021

Sister Juanetta Curl



Sunset 12/28/2021

Message from Re. Dr. Deborah Keaton, Chaplain:

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as Chaplain of the PVS/NCNW Inc. for two terms. As I pass the baton to my successor, Jamila Bess Johnson, Esq., I do so with joy and great confidence that she will continue providing care and compassion to the PVS Members using her time, talents, and service, along with spiritual inspiration that will enable our Members to advance NCNW's mission to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families, and communities.



D. NCNW Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune Height Recognition Program



**Cynthia Bolton, PVS
Liaison, MARBHR**



Program Committee Description: The Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune/Height Recognition (MARBHR) Program Committee comprises NCNW members representing community-based sections in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The MARBHR honors and recognizes Bethune Achievers, Life Members, and Legacy Life Members who contribute, join, or upgrade their membership through the program. The MARBHR Program coordinates and implements an annual fundraiser, presenting all proceeds to the National organization.

The Bethune/Height Recognition Program was founded in 1974 and has become a significant national movement. Its uniqueness comes from the annual opportunity it gives individuals to live the legacy of NCNW's Founder, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, by contributing to the work to which she dedicated her life. Proceeds from the Program help undergird the vital work of the National Office by broadening and strengthening the financial base crucial to NCNW's survival and its ability to affect much-needed change. The BHRP honors Bethune Achievers (raising \$300 or more), Life Members (\$500), and Legacy Life Members (\$1,000) who contribute, join, or upgrade through the program. November 2010, during the NCNW 75th Anniversary Convocation, Dr. Barbara L. Shaw, National Chair, officially announced that the program would be renamed "**Bethune/Height Recognition Program**" in honor of Dr. Dorothy I. Height, NCNW Chair/President Emerita. Members of the 39 community-based sections of NCNW sponsor this annual fundraising celebration in 18 states and the District of Columbia (Source: <https://ncnw.org/ncnw/bhrp>).

Accomplishments:

The NCNW- PVS Liaison encouraged Section members to become Bethune Achievers and upgrade their NCNW membership to Life or Legacy Life. Eleven members upgraded their NCNW membership this program year from Annual to Life. This increased from last year's when eight members upgraded to Life. We congratulate and thank the following NCNW-PVS members who made this life-long commitment to NCNW.



2022 NEW NCNW LIFE MEMBERS

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) Francenia Beech-Martin | (7) Christa Norment |
| (2) Jamila Bess-Johnson | (8) Saundra Sidbury |
| (3) Dr. Debra Bright | (9) Selena Singleton |
| (4) Annette Crawford | (10) Monica Waters |
| (5) Sonya Hall Turner | (11) Patricia Williams |
| (6) Reverend Joan Mc Carley | |

2022 NEW NCNW ACHIEVERS

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Cynthia Bolton | (2) Marilyn Massey-Ball | (3) Joan Simms |
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These members will be honored at the NCNW Mid-Atlantic Region 48th Bethune Height Recognition Program on October 1, 2022, at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland. The program's theme: *"Dedicated Women Continuing the Struggle."* To put names with faces on the next page are the new 2022 NCNW Life members and NCNW Achievers.

2022 NCNW Life Members



Francenia Beech-Martin



Jamila Bess Johnson



Dr. Debra Bright



Annette Crawford



Sonya Hall-Turner



Reverend Joan McCarley



Christa Norment



Sandra Sidbury



Selena Singleton



Monica Waters



Patricia Williams

2022 NCNW Achievers



Cynthia Bolton



Marilyn Massey-Ball



Joan Simms

**NCNW Mid-Atlantic Region 48th Bethune Height Recognition
Program Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt Maryland**

Theme: *Dedicated Women Continuing the Struggle*

2022 NCNW-Potomac Valley Section Members Honored



2022 NCNW Life Members



2022 NCNW Life Members

2022 NCNW Achievers



2022 NCNW Life Members



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POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES, SOCIAL OUTREACH & MORE





PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Committee Description: The Programs Committee oversees the work of its subcommittees. The Committee evaluates existing programs and oversees program expansion or development. The subcommittees under the Programs Committee that are involved in community engagement, community services, social outreach, and more are:

Girls Rites of Passage Program Committee

Collegiate Liaison and Youth Advisor Team

Education Committee

Health Committee

Legislative Affairs Committee

Seniors Committee

Social Outreach Committee



GIRLS RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Members/Council of Elders:

Effie Smith-Macklin, Chair

DeAndra Brown

Paula Hamm

Evette Lesesne

Delores Lincoln-Willis

Jillian Macklin

Tina Mance Lee

Dr. Judi Moore Latta

Janis Nix

Marilyn Peaks

Selena Singleton

Zoom Administrator, Marilyn Massey-Ball

***Honorary Council of Elders (HCE):**

Dr. Melbourne Cummings and Cynthia Vause

*HCE who can no longer participate but are with the GROU in spirit.

Message from Effie Smith-Macklin, Chair, Girls Rites of Passage Committee Special thanks for the assistance of Section members Ida Fletcher, Ashley Bayton Wood, Marietta James, Audrey Burwell, and Rochelle Sumner. Webinar volunteers: Jake Robinson and Stephen Whetstone. Each year I learn that it truly takes a village to accomplish great and small endeavors and that allowing members and volunteers to use their creativity is always a plus for any program. A tremendous heartfelt offer of gratitude is expressed to my Committee. They are the reason for the program's success. They each bring their own professional expertise in their chosen field to the program. Thank you for your commitment to excellence and for allowing me to chair the program.

A. Girls' Rites of Passage Program Committee



Effie Smith-Macklin
Chair

Committee Description: The Girls Rites of Passage Program (GROP) is the signature youth program of the NCNW-PVS. In partnership with The People's Community Baptist Church, the GROP is a program designed to reach and nurture girls in the community that emphasizes self-worth, Christian values, and life enhancement skills that will build unshakable foundations that will enable them to compete and succeed in the world.

Our purpose and goals are accomplished through interactive sessions that focus on strengthening positive values and self-image and building cultural awareness and responsibility towards self, family, and the community. Additionally, the activities promote bonding and enhance social skills.

Target Population:

GROP is designed for young girls 13-17 years of age. We reached out to the counties of Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, and Washington, DC. This program year, we enrolled 18 young ladies, and 15 completed. Additionally, we have one SAGE (Sister Always Giving Excellence) and one Mentor, both past program participants.

Goal:

To enroll and retain 85% of the young ladies who enroll in the program and to observe marketed improvement in their overall self-esteem, self-confidence, and motivation.

Accomplishments:

We enrolled 18 young ladies and retained 15. In addition, we retained a SAGE and a Mentor with a total of 17 girls.

Advocacy Efforts and Persons Served

In partnership with the African American Health Program: we advocated for healthy food choices through a vegan cooking class and sample menus distributed by their nutritionist. This was a family cooking session. Self-care sessions with a school resource counselor were held. Each participant received a teen self-care journal with activities and motivational affirmations. A virtual giving back community service session also included visiting Manor Care residents via Zoom. The nurse took us to the rooms of the residents. Poetry was read, artwork shared, conversations were held, etc. A letter-writing project provided letters of encouragement, cards, and artwork for the residents of Manor Care during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. About sixty (60) residents were served. Finally, a "Where Are They Now?" session is held. Young ladies past participants since the program's inception in 1999 came back to share their journey and offer educational and life advice, challenges, and encouragement.

Process:

Recruitment is done through partnerships with middle school counselor recommendations, recruitment of Section members, past participant referrals, and our church partnerships. Flyers and program fact sheets are distributed to all of the above. Program applications are distributed as requested, and orientation takes place in September. Our first session is held in October. We host two major events; a **Black History Program** and the culminating closing ceremony, our **Girls Rites of Passage Crossover**. Our sessions are held from October until Crossover in May of the following year. Planning and debriefing meetings with the Council of Elders for each program year are held in June. In August, we finalized plans for the next program start-up. Themes are created, calendars developed, and presenters are secured.

GROP Program Steps and Modules

The GROP provides workshops and activities that are scripture based and culturally centered on helping girls meet today's as well as tomorrow's challenges. In an atmosphere of trust, we assist these young ladies in making smart decisions and life choices as they transition from adolescence into adulthood. Workshops and activities are facilitated by the Council of Elders and a network of local licensed professionals, including physicians and psychologists. The Council of Elders comprises professional educators, counselors, social workers, journalists, media experts, and health, fitness, and nutrition experts.

The GROP program continuously evolves based on the needs of the young ladies and relevant events pertinent to their positive growth.

Workshops, Activities, and Events: ManorCare and Black History

The following workshops are offered but are subject to change based on current needs.

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| 1. Effective Communication | 8. Inner/Outer Beauty Modules |
| 2. Time Management | 9. Taking Care of the Female Body |
| 3. Etiquette | 10. Parent/Guardian-Daughter Relationships/Communications |
| 4. Netiquette/Cyberspace | 11. Community Service Manor Care |
| 5. Anger Management/Conflict Resolution | 12. Cultural Event(s) |
| 6. Self-care and Handling Stress | 13. Dining-out (now virtual cooking class) |
| 7. Bunk outs (now virtual game nights) (2) | 14. GROP Crossover Ceremony |

Partners:

- The People's Community Baptist Church
- CVS Corporate
- African American Health Program
- National Family Resiliency Center
- MCPC Counselors

NCNW-PVS SIGNATURE YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS



Residents of Manor Care, including GBOP Committee Member Cynthia Vease, receive care packages from GBOP delivered by Effie Mocklin, Jillian Mocklin and Jenix Six.

PVS NCNW GROU



Screen shots from Black History 2022:
 "I Am A Black Girl: An Agent of Change: Resilient, Resolved, and Responsive And We Matter"
 "We Speak Your Names"



Committee Member Selena Singleton with Sydney Sherman and SAGE Morgan Beck

Below: Sydney and Morgan receive packages from Chair, Effie Smith Mocklin and Committee Member Jillian Mocklin



GBOP Participants receive Self Care Holiday packages during COVID



Above: GBOP Parent Carolyn Biggins with daughter Emma Biggins

Right: GBOP Participants pose with flowers presented to GBOP Committee Members



Chair Effie Smith Mocklin with Past GBOP Participants Bailey PeCor and Xina Broughton; Past GBOP Participant Xina Frederick presents unicef Aika Campbell Sheppard with a college care package as part of her Girl Scout Gold project

Below: Screen shot from Governor 2022





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POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION

NCNW-PV'S GROU PRESENTS: A BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

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A Virtual Black History Program

You are Invited

I Am A Black Girl: An Agent of Change
RESILIENT, RESOLVED AND RESPONSIVE --
And We Matter

Saturday, February 26, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m.

[Click here to register in advance for this webinar](#)
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Please join us online as we celebrate our Rich Culture & Heritage

Presented by
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Potomac Valley Section
Girls Rites of Passage Program

2022 GROU CROSSOVER CEREMONY

Potomac Valley Section | National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
GIRLS RITES OF PASSAGE CROSSOVER

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**"AGENTS OF CHANGE:
RESILIENT, RESOLVED AND RESPONSIVE"**

A VIRTUAL EVENT
Sunday, May 1, 2022
3:30 P.M.

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS WEBINAR
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

REGISTER

Come celebrate our rich culture and congratulate our young ladies!



The content of the curriculum should never exclude the realities of the very students who must intellectually wrestle with it. When students study all worlds except their own, they are miseducated.

Johnnetta B. Cole

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An education that teaches you to understand something about the world has done only half of the assignment. The other half is to teach you to do something about making the world a better place.

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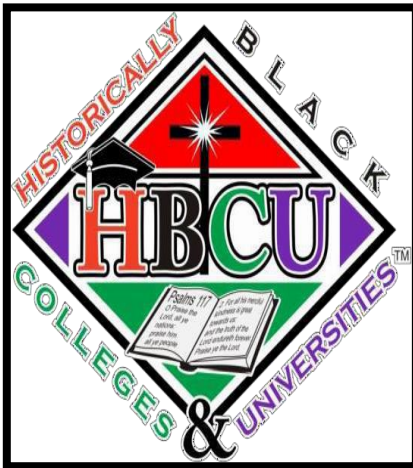
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 POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION

Collegiate Liaison and Youth Advisor Team

We have a **powerful potential in our youth**, and we must have the **courage to change old ideas** and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.

— Mary McLeod Bethune

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NCNW-PVS VISIT TO MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Members of NCNW Morgan State University Collegiate Section and NCNW-PVS 3rd Vice President and Youth Team Members



B. Collegiate Liaison and Youth Advisor Team



Ashley Bayton
Third Vice President

Description: This Section of the sisterhood encourages young women to get involved again with PVS and provides an opportunity to connect with the current Girls' Rites of Passage program participants and develop relationships with NCNW Collegiate Sections. The Third Vice President focuses on recruiting new young adult members.

Accomplishments

As the Third Vice President, I was fortunate to see up close and personal that "what we do matters." After traveling to their campus to attend Morgan State University's NCNW Section's event, we maintained a relationship with those young women who excitedly featured our visit on their chapter's Instagram page. We saw firsthand that building relationships are what it's all about. The young women of that chapter were so touched that they invited us back for future events, noting that no other section had ever reached out or encouraged them as we had before.

This program year, as in previous years, the Third Vice President taught the Girls Rites of Passage class the importance of effective communication– highlighting social media obsession, clothing decisions, what they communicate, and appropriate cell phone use. The session was a success with participation from the young ladies, and the Third Vice President was proud to watch the May crossover ceremony seeing how much those young women had blossomed.

The Third Vice President and the Social Outreach Committee collaborated for a "sweatshirt and sweat pant clothing drive" for the teens living at Stepping Stones Shelter. It was essential to all of the PVS members involved that the young people at Stepping Stones had something just for them. Something that was in their size that fit them they could call their own. The drive was a great success, with Social Outreach Chair Andrea Daniels heading to the shelter with her entire truck packed with clothes for teenage youth. One of the young girls was so excited that she exclaimed, "Look, this fits, and it's just for me!" She hadn't received anything "just for her," and the team could see again that "what we do matters."

C. Health Committee



Audrey Burwell
Chair

Committee Description: Promotes and supports the health and fitness of women, children, and families of the local community. The Committee facilitates the discussion of important health issues and strives to keep the section and community informed of health initiatives and pertinent health information affecting our communities

Health Committee Vision: Engage in activities that provide a greater understanding of the underpinnings of health disparities/health inequities in the Black community and how this increased understanding could build community resilience to prevent further disparities and achieve healthier communities. With a better understanding of the causes of health disparities, the NCNW-PVS Health Committee will focus on improving health and health care for diseases/conditions/socioeconomic factors that impact the Black community. Through identifying and developing knowledge-based strategies, NCNW-PVS, and the Black community will be empowered to craft actions and seek solutions for achieving health equity.

Accomplishments: Responded to a proposal request from the NCNW Prince George's County Section, acting as lead for Maryland activities, to develop a culturally appropriate health message to reach African American youth and encourage them to obtain COVID-19 vaccines. A proposal was developed, reviewed, and approved by the NCNW/PVS Executive Committee and general membership and then submitted to NCNW/Prince George's County Maryland Section. Although NCNW/National received positive feedback, no action has been taken on this proposal.

Represented NCNW/PVS at the Speak Out and Freedom Walk for Voting Rights and Economic Justice on October 28, 2021, co-sponsored by National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and NCNW/National.

Represented NCNW/PVS by attending numerous bi-weekly virtual meetings of the Good Health WINS Community of Practice and the COVID Conversation series. Responded to Montgomery County Health Department's announcement for community-based organizations to assist in distributing N95 masks and COVID-19 rapid test kits. The health department allocated to NCNW/PVS 1,000 N 95 masks and 400 COVID-19 rapid test kits for distribution to the community. Distributed information on dissemination sites and dates for N 95 masks and COVID-19 rapid test kits for the PVS membership area residing in Montgomery and Prince George's counties and the District of Columbia. The Health Committee distributed the masks and kits as follows: 200 masks, 65 kits at The Peoples Community Baptist Church, Silver Spring, MD; 260 masks and 65 kits to the Templeton Academy, Washington, DC; and 200 masks and 100 kits to the Peppermill Village Youth Football League, Prince George's County, MD.

NCNW/PVS committees assisted in the distribution of these materials to the community: Seniors Committee: 100 masks and 30 kits; Girls Rites of Passage: 60 masks and 30 kits; Social Outreach Committee: 100 masks and 50 kits and the Third Vice President/Youth Activities: 100 masks and 25 kits.

Committee Members: Evette Lesesne and Valerie Scott



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ADVOCACY AT WORK

**Published in NCNW SISTERS MAGAZINE (Vol. IX 12/2021)
 Speak Out, and Freedom Walk for Voting Rights and Economic Justice on 10/28/2021**



Top Left Corner: Anita N. Powell, NCNW-PV's Chair Legislative Committee, and Audrey Burwell, NCNW-PV's Chair Health Committee. Top Right Corner: Janice Mathis, NCNW Executive Director. Bottom Left Corner: Johnnetta Betsch Cole, Ph.D., NCNW National Chair/7th President

D. Legislative Affairs Committee



Lorna Forde, Chair
(02/2022 – 08/2022)



Anita N. Powell, Chair
(09/2021 – 01/2022)

Committee Description: Receives supervision from the Chair Programs Committee. Develop awareness among the members of their responsibilities as voters, residents, and taxpayers on the local, state, and national levels, and recommend action where necessary. Keep the section informed of governmental legislation. Attend and participate in legislative hearings or arrange for other section members to do so.

Accomplishments:

During this program year, Anita N. Powell resigned as Committee Chair at the end of January 2022. Ms. Powell served the section and community in legislative affairs with her extensive knowledge in this area for the benefit of others. She provided many notable accomplishments during her term in office from September 2020 through January 2022. Before Ms. Powell's resignation, she presented to section leaders and members a proposal for PVS to launch an online campaign to have Harriet Tubman's face placed on the US \$20 bill. The section leaders, members, and the NCNW Executive Director unanimously agreed with her proposal.

Ms. Powell resigned as Committee Chair before creating the online campaign and launch. The section was blessed that Lorna Forde agreed to serve as Committee Chair. Ms. Forde continued to lead the section in educating and instructing the members on this online campaign. She completed all the necessary actions to establish an online campaign to advocate to have Harriet Tubman's face placed on the US \$20 bill. We all are grateful for Ms. Forde's knowledge of and volunteerism in creating the section's online advocacy campaign, it was the first time in NCNW-PVS history.

On April 19, 2022, the NCNW-PVS launched its online campaign to have Harriet Tubman's face placed on the US \$20 bill. The online campaign results: 283 supporters, 3,218 views, and \$150 in donations. We thank Ms. Powell for presenting the concept of an online campaign and Ms. Forde for creating and launching it on behalf of NCNW-PVS. We are also grateful for the work of the Committee members in supporting their efforts.

Committee Members: Bianca Girault, Virginia Onley, and Greg Wims




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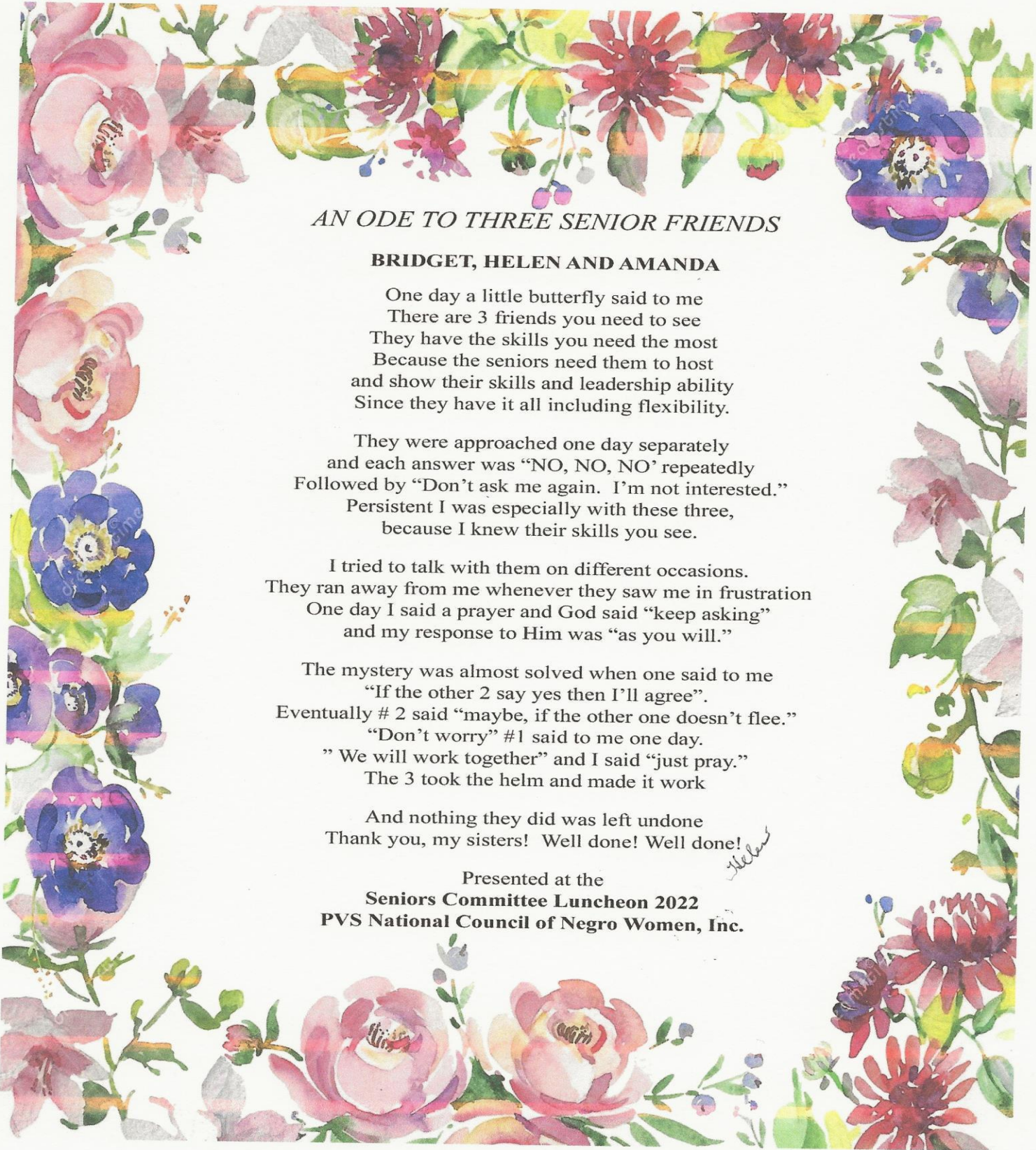
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*HCM who have relocated or can no longer participate were with us in spirit.

Message from Bridget Jackman, Chair, Seniors Committee

Thank you, Seniors Committee members. Volunteerism requires passion, a committed heart, and gratification in serving, which all members displayed. We Could Not Do It Without You! Thanks to Amanda Nelson and Helen Johnson, Vice Chairs, for their support these past two years and to the Committee Members who served as coordinators and volunteers.



AN ODE TO THREE SENIOR FRIENDS

BRIDGET, HELEN AND AMANDA

One day a little butterfly said to me
There are 3 friends you need to see
They have the skills you need the most
Because the seniors need them to host
and show their skills and leadership ability
Since they have it all including flexibility.

They were approached one day separately
and each answer was "NO, NO, NO" repeatedly
Followed by "Don't ask me again. I'm not interested."
Persistent I was especially with these three,
because I knew their skills you see.

I tried to talk with them on different occasions.
They ran away from me whenever they saw me in frustration
One day I said a prayer and God said "keep asking"
and my response to Him was "as you will."

The mystery was almost solved when one said to me
"If the other 2 say yes then I'll agree".
Eventually # 2 said "maybe, if the other one doesn't flee."
"Don't worry" #1 said to me one day.
" We will work together" and I said "just pray."
The 3 took the helm and made it work

And nothing they did was left undone
Thank you, my sisters! Well done! Well done!

Presented at the
Seniors Committee Luncheon 2022
PVS National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

E. Seniors Committee



Bridget Jackman
Chair



Amanda Nelson
Vice Chair



Helen Johnson
Vice Chair

Committee Description: The Seniors Committee provides services to three senior care facilities annually, nine visits. The Committee focuses on interactive programs and activities to support residents' physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

Accomplishments:

Theme: Seniors Serving Seniors, Bringing Joy, and Making a Difference.

Due to COVID-19, we could not have the usual face-to-face contact. The Seniors Committee prevailed in its commitment to reach nursing home residents using pictorial images, colorful displays, and inspirational cards. We braved the cold and windy days to stand in the parking lots of each facility, carefully setting up hundreds of gift bags with a personally inspirational card tucked into each one. Our volunteers brought joy through our diversified activities, including sing-alongs, thematic visuals on "Black History Month," "Spring Season," and the joy of music, arts, and crafts to support our mission.

This year the Seniors Committee's enrichment program was as robust as last year. We accomplished the Committee's objectives in support of our theme, "*Seniors Serving Seniors Bringing Joy and Making a Difference*," and the Section's Motto: What We Do Matters.

Seniors Committee Schedule 2021-2022

Three (3) Nursing Homes were visited – Arden Courts Memory Care, Aspenwood Senior Living Community, and Oakview Rehabilitation and Assisted Living.

<u>Program Titles/Themes</u>	<u>Facilities Supported</u>	<u>Dates of Visits</u>
Autumn Shout-Out	Oakview Rehab and Assisted Living	October 21, 2021
Happy Thanksgiving	Arden Courts Memory Care	November 18, 2021
Sharing the Joyous Spirit of Christmas	Aspenwood Senior Living Community	December 9, 2021
Black History/Valentine's Love and Honor	Oakview Rehab & Assisted Living	February 10, 2023
Spring into Action		
❖ Serving Others	Arden Courts Memory Care	March 17, 2022*
❖ Spring Sensation	Aspenwood Senior Living Community	April 21, 2022
❖ Supplying a Need	Oakview Rehab & Assisted Living	April 27, 2022

*Date changed due to rain prediction. Gift bags were delivered on March 22, 2022.

- Nine (9) Seniors Committee Meetings were held (each for approximately 1½ hours) with an average of 16 members in attendance each month: an active roster of 26 members.
- Planned and implemented dates for visits and delivery of gift bags.
- Two hundred and thirty-five (235) gift bags delivered
- Twenty-eight (28) volunteers supported the Seniors Committee, many of whom served as team coordinators. Several members volunteered for more than one event, and two volunteers were the members' husbands.
- Thirty (30) hours spent creating 180 hand-made gift tags "A Gift for You from The Seniors Committee NCNW/PVS" (5 hours for 30 bags x 3 Nursing Homes = 15 Hours or 6 Nursing Homes 30 Hours).
- Each gift bag distributed had a theme with a board depicting: "Autumn Shout Out," "Happy Thanksgiving," "Sharing the Joyous Spirit of Christmas," "Black History/Valentine – Love and Honor," "Springing into Action Serving Others," "Spring Sensation" and "Supplying a Need."
- Each resident identified by the facility received a gift bag containing needed personal items such as socks, lap blankets, t-shirts, scarves, hats, gloves, tissues, body lotions, fruit cups, fruits, puzzles, and a variety of books: Word Search, Cross Words, National Parks, Best Friend for Hire, Journey Around the World, Find the Knights and After Lives of the Rich and Famous, to name a few.
- Because the needs were more significant at Oakview Rehab and Assisted Living facility, some of our committee members donated the necessary items to make it possible for the Committee to create and deliver 35 bags to Oakview on April 27, 2022. The theme was "Supplying a Need."
- The residents appreciated all gifts.

SENIORS COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Seniors Serving Seniors Bringing Joy & Making a Difference

Season's Theme – Autumn Shout-Out

Oakview Rehabilitation and Assisted Living Facility on October 21, 2021
Silver Spring, MD



Presenting 35 Gift Bags to the Residents

Season's Theme – Happy Thanksgiving

Arden Courts Memory Care Facility on November 18, 2021
Silver Spring, MD



Presenting 30 Gift Bags to the Residents

SENIORS COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Seniors Serving Seniors Bringing Joy & Making a Difference

Season's Theme – Sharing the Joyous Spirit of Christmas

Aspenwood Senior Living Facility on December 9, 2021
Silver Spring, MD



Presenting 30 Gift Bags to the Residents of the Facility

Celebrating Black History Month and Valentine's Day

Season's Theme – Love and Honor

Oakview Rehab and Assisted Living Facility on February 10, 2022
Silver Spring, MD



Presenting 35 Gift Bags to the Residents of the Facility

SENIORS COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Seniors Serving Seniors Bringing Joy & Making a Difference

Season's Theme – Springing into Action Serving Others

Arden Courts Memory Care Facility on March 22, 2022
Silver Spring, MD



Presenting 40 Gift Bags to the Residents of the Facility

Season's Theme – Spring Sensation

Aspenwood Senior Living Facility on April 21, 2022
Silver Spring, MD



Presenting 30 Gift Bags to the Residents of the Facility

NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE COMMUNITY



STEPPING STONES SHELTER
MOVING FAMILIES FORWARD

September 1, 2022

PVS-NCNW, Inc.
Monica Baltimore, President
P.O. Box 10031
Silver Spring, MD 20914

Dear Monica,

Thank you for your continued support of Stepping Stones Shelter. We greatly appreciate the donations and efforts made by the Potomac Valley Chapter of NCNW to our families. Your donations to the Back-to-School Event, the Thanksgiving Initiative, and the Holiday Boutique successfully provided current families and former families in the community with much needed educational supplies, blessed Thanksgiving meals, and gifts during the holidays. In addition, we were very fortunate to have members of your organization lead workshops for our adults in the shelter on critical topics like budgeting and employment techniques, which made a difference.

Because of your tremendous efforts along with others, we offer food, shelter, and supportive services that undoubtedly inspire hope for the future, strengthen families and promote self-sufficiency.

On behalf of the families of the Stepping Stones community, we can't thank you enough for your tremendous contributions to move our families forward. Ultimately, NCNW has helped pave the way for our families to transition from homelessness towards independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Gold".

Stacey Gold
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Domenici".

Helen Domenici
Director of Community Engagement



P.O. Box 712, Rockville, MD 20848 Main (301) 251-0567 www.steppingstonesshelter.org



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Message from Andrea Daniels, Chair, Social Outreach Committee

Thank you to all the Section members that enthusiastically supported our drives this year. I also want to thank our President, Monica Baltimore, and our Executive Committee for supporting our efforts. These women have inspired me to be better and remain committed to our community. Tashwan Worjolah is not an NCNW member but has worked with us to coordinate our workshop sessions on finance and budgeting. Lastly, the high school students in the community have supported our efforts.

F. Social Outreach Committee



Andrea Daniels
Chair

Committee Description: The Social Outreach Committee's focus is to facilitate community activities for the section committed to supporting, advocating, and empowering women of color and their families.

The Social Outreach Committee (SOC) concentrated on being more intentional in addressing individual needs this past program year. Many individuals have been impacted by tragedy and other hardships. Our goal was to adopt a family through one of our partner organizations. We were unsuccessful in adopting a family through one of our partner organizations; however, we were able to adopt a family through our committees' relentless efforts and will continue to meet their needs. We also provided training and education on budget and employment support

Accomplishments:

- Donated two Thanksgiving baskets to Stepping Stones Shelter.
- Donated and delivered \$300 toys for "holiday boutique," including Lyft and Uber gift cards on December 13 for Stepping Stones Shelter.
- Purchased one week's worth of clothes for a male student at Cannon Elementary School. This was our first effort at being more intentional in our giving. Also, we purchased 12 coats, gloves, and McDonald's gift cards for the students.
- Donated 75 blankets to the emergency shelter for Interfaith Women's Works Center
- Committee members participated in the toy distribution at The People's Community Baptist Church on Saturday, December 18' and purchased gift cards for Christmas giving. We assembled food for distribution.
- Purchased and donated toys to A Wider Circle that were listed on a holiday wish list.
- Several committee members participated in the MLK Day of Service at A Wider Circle sorting infant clothing at their facility. We toured their facility, learning about how else we could support their efforts. Others participated virtually in a poverty simulation through Spent. This interactive simulated experience reflects the struggles faced by those impacted by homelessness or experiencing poverty. This is beneficial to those advocating for the financially disadvantaged. We also participated in an art project.
- Partnered with the Section's Third Vice President to coordinate a clothing drive for youth to be donated to Stepping Stones Shelter. Our efforts will close a gap that they do not receive and an activity that involves the participation of the section.
- Donated prom dresses to Montgomery Recreation Center for their community project on April 16' "Say Yes to the Dress." Many young girls do not have the resources to purchase a dress. This was an effort to empower young teenage girls to feel good about themselves when they attended their proms.

- Coordinated a luggage drive in which the entire section participated. We collected approximately 70 pieces. The luggage was donated to individuals, A Wider Circle, and Stepping Stone Shelter. The luggage will be used for those individuals and families who have been temporarily displaced.
- Responded to a local explosion in Montgomery County by providing essential items for over 40 families. We responded to A Wider Circle and identified a family through our Committee's commitment to supporting individuals. Our Committee supported the family.
- Purchased and donated two strollers for A Wider Circle.
- Offered six sessions for the residents of Stepping Stones Shelter on "financial and budget planning and employment support."
- Coordinating school supplies for children identified at Cannon Elementary School for the back- to-school.

The Social Outreach Committee learned that we must do more than purchase and donate items. We learned that mental health is one of the main causes of homelessness, not intimate partner violence or loss of employment. To end poverty and support those in need, we must invest in other ways, like providing experiences.

Organizations NCNW/PVS Supported and or Partnered with:

Cannon Elementary School	Silver Spring, MD
St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families	Hyattsville, MD
Stepping Stones Shelter	Silver Spring, MD
A Wider Circle	Silver Spring, MD
Interfaith Works Women's Center	Rockville, MD



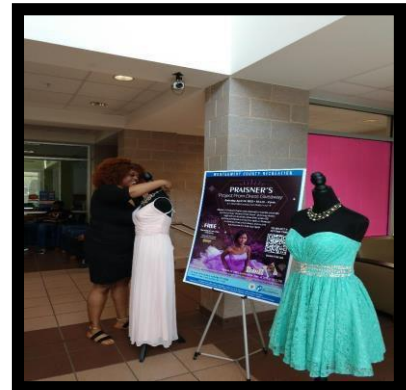
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POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION

DONATED PROM DRESSES TO MONTGOMERY RECREATION CENTER

THEME: SAY YES TO THE DRESS
Montgomery Recreation Center's Community Project
Rockville, MD
April 16, 2022



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Message from the Social Outreach Committee

TPCBC Is Seeking Volunteers!!! Volunteers are needed for Toy Drive and to Sort Food

The families will be picking up between 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, December 18, 2021, Saturday. We will be using the "drive-through" pick-up again this year. We will be giving out pre-bagged toys or gift cards to families with children. The toys will be bagged on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at the church between 11:00 am to 3:00 pm; Saturday, the food will be bagged, and both the toys and food will be distributed.

Volunteer Days/Hours

Thursday, December 16 (11:00 am-3:00 pm)
Friday, December 17 (11:00 am -3:00 pm)
Saturday, December 18 (8:00 am-2:30pm)

You can sign up by Wednesday, December 15, 2021, for any of the days/times at the link below through Sign Up Genius; please click [Sign Up](#).

Should you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me at andrea.daniels@gmail.com or (301) 871-9626.

Andrea Daniels, Chair,
NCNW-PVS Social Outreach Committee

SEASON OF GIVING

MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING FOR TOY DRIVE AND SORTING FOOD

The People's Community Baptist Church

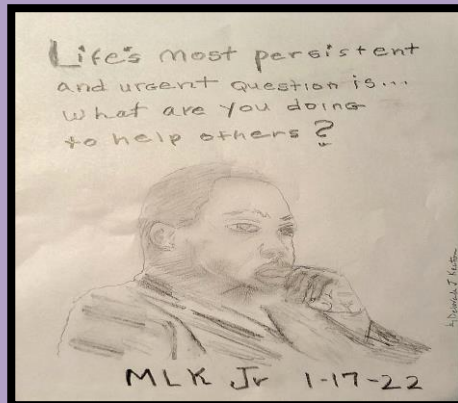
Silver Spring, MD

December 18, 2021



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR – A DAY OF SERVICE

PVS-NCNW Social Outreach
MLK Event



A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE – WHAT WE DO MATTERS!



Carla Malone

More Than a Mantra

And so it was--the event that pricked our hearts--the tragedy that awakened our senses was the horrific explosion and subsequent fire that caused catastrophic damage leaving approximately 141 individuals homeless in our community.

On that Thursday morning in March, after some had gone to work, and some had gone to school, others remained at home. Those who remained at home would become eyewitnesses-- witnesses to a calamitous fire that destroyed at least three buildings of the Friendly Garden Apartments in Silver Spring, Maryland--our extended community.

ABC's live news coverage made it possible for all of us to see, in real-time, the explosion and fire that caused the side of an entire building to collapse! For many, this blazing building had been home.

Rendering three buildings "unsafe to occupy, "we watched the raging fire force one terrified mother to drop her infant from the balcony of their blazing apartment building to a stranger on the ground as he pleaded with the mother to drop her baby to safety. The stranger promised to catch the baby. The stranger kept his promise. The fire continued to paint the sky shades of orange as the stranger handed off the baby to another, then ran into that blazing building and rescued the hysterical mother! That day, that stranger saved at least two lives!

Watching selfless acts of kindness and heroism, rekindled our humanity... Watching **that** horrific fire caused many of us to steal a moment and thank God that **our** houses were not burning! Fixated on televisions, we sat, we gasped, we prayed, we stared--thankful that we would not be in the numbers of those who probably "**lost everything**." Women would need help. Children would need help. Seniors would need help. Families would need help.

So, because we members of the National Council of Negro Women's Potomac Valley Section (NCNW/PVS) continuously challenge ourselves to respect the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune (NCNW founder) who, in her *Last Will and Testament*, spoke of "retaining dignity," an idea was hatched around the concept of "dignity." Several members collaborated to determine goals and objectives that could position the Potomac Valley Section to support disaster victims in Montgomery County with great cognition.

Our goal was to retain and restore dignity to some survivors who had experienced traumatic losses because of a disaster. Moreover, we realized that our support could extend to others in our extended community, who, simply because of life's many challenges, face crises.

Aware of Montgomery County's large-scale plans to centralize help, the Social Outreach Committee agreed on a plan. We agreed that the National Council of Negro Women's Potomac Valley Section could support some of those families and individuals by providing them with luggage. Luggage could lighten the burdensome load that many would be forced to carry.

More Than a Mantra (continued)

Perhaps pieces of luggage could position some to better accept and transport new belongings as they faced new mornings at temporary dwellings. Indeed, for some of our neighbors, luggage might serve multiple purposes that all lead to the same thing--positive self-esteem, dignity.

Our Committee's objective to collect gently used and new luggage to distribute to some victims in our community who otherwise might be forced to transport their personal belongings in plastic bags was shared with section members during a virtual General Membership Meeting. The idea received widespread support, so we began our own efforts to track the displaced victims of the fire. Some survivors had found respite with family members. Some were placed in extended-stay hotels. Some were placed in homeless shelters. All had endured unimaginable losses. Understanding the gravity of matter at hand, we decided that because we firmly believe that "What We Do Matters," our involvement had to be done with intentionality! We hoped to retain and restore dignity for some of our devastated neighbors.

So--we organized a luggage drive, and what a success it was! On Saturday, April 30, 2022, with the unwavering help from a sophomore at Gaithersburg High School, the kindness of Olive Branch Community Church in Sandy Spring, Maryland, and members' magnificent responses, the Potomac Valley Section collected and donated approximately 70 pieces of luggage (including several newly purchased pieces).

The clarion call had been answered. On that sunny Saturday afternoon, as the three vehicles were being packed with fine luggage for families and individuals whose names we may never know, this writer, humbled by the impressive outcome, smiled with thanksgiving, all while firmly believing that "**What We Do Matters!**"

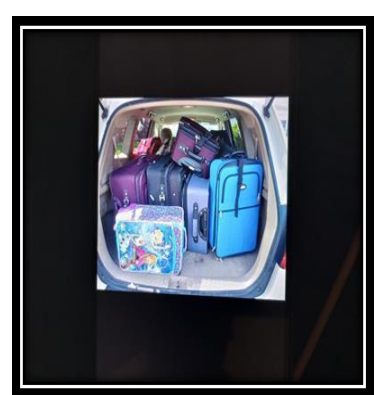
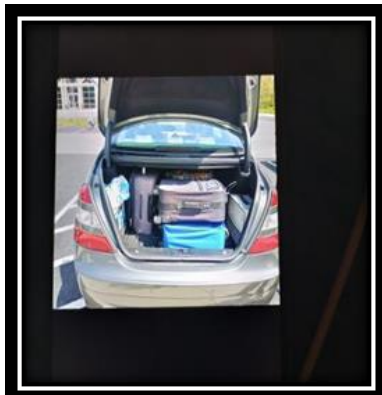
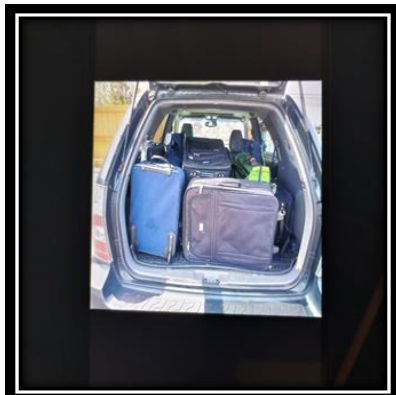
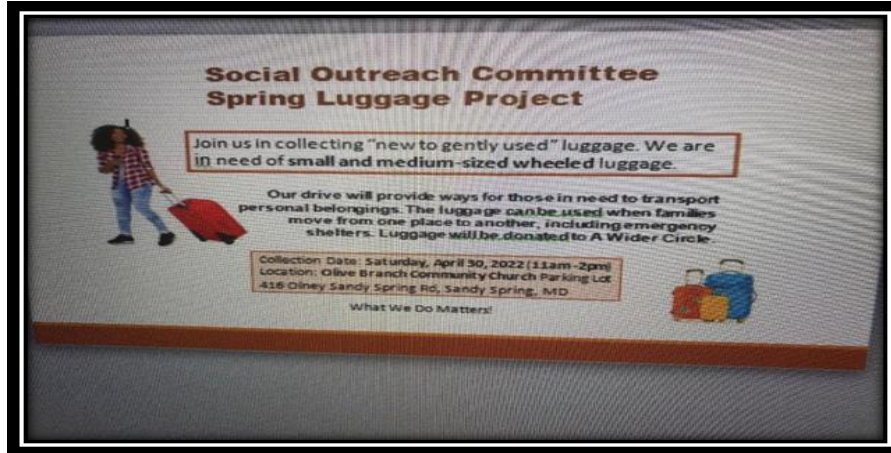
*By Carla Malone,
NCNW Life Member
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Potomac Valley Section*

**SPRING LUGGAGE DRIVE TO SUPPORT
WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

Donated to Stepping Stones Shelter, A Wider Circle, and People in Need

Silver Spring, MD

April 2022



Collected and delivered approximately 70 pieces of luggage with wheels

**NCNW-PVS SUPPORTED A FAMILY IMPACTED BY THE EXPLOSION AT THE FRIENDLY APARTMENTS IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
WE DONATED AND DELIVERED HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND MORE**



We have to improve life, not just for those who have the most skills and those who know how to manipulate the system. But also for and with those who often have so much to give but never get the opportunity.

Dorothy Height

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Dr. Dorothy I. Height

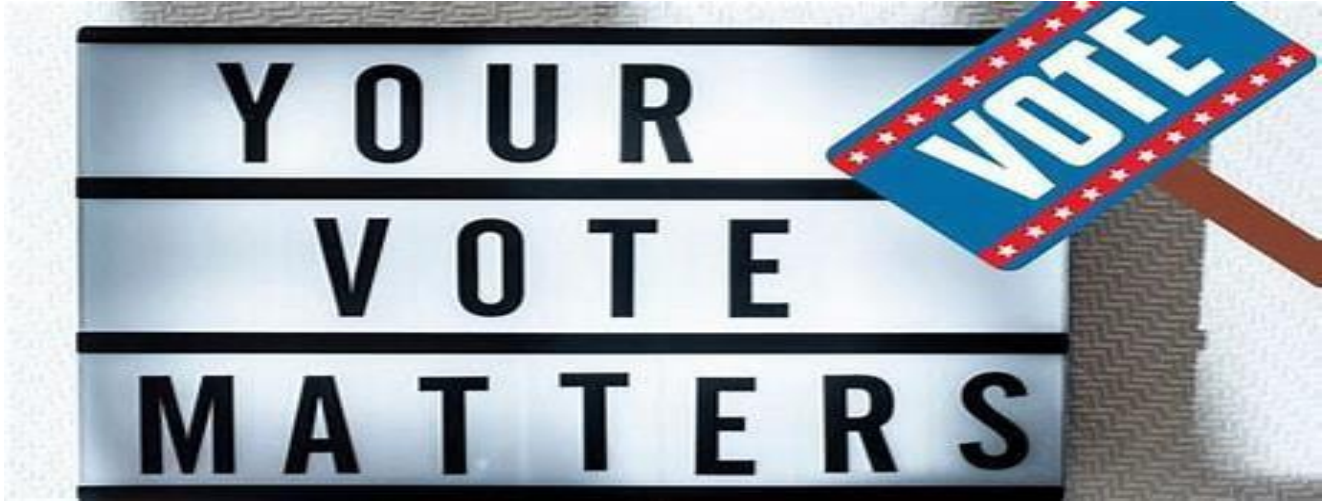


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2022 ELECTIONS OF SECTION OFFICERS



A woman is free if she lives
by her own standards and
creates her own destiny,
if she prizes her individuality
and puts no boundaries
on her hopes for tomorrow.

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- *Mary*

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V. 2022 Elections and Installation Ceremony of Section Officers



Cynthia Bolton
Chair

Committee Description:

The duties of the Nominating Committee is to (a) secure nominations for the elected officers; (b) ensure that all candidates for the elected office are financial members and that each nominee has given her consent to be considered for elected office; and (c) submit the slate of potential officers, that includes a profile and qualifications summary for each nominee, to the membership.

Coordinate and manage the voting and election process.

On Monday, March 7, 2022, The 2022 NCNW-PVS Nominating Committee met with Jeanette Wolfe to discuss the duties of the Nominating Committee and prepare the 2022 nomination letter and form for the nomination of each office to be filled. All information was prepared, and the nomination packet was distributed at the March 20, 2022, general meeting.

In preparation for sending out the "2022 Elections: Nominations for Section Officers" memo, the Nominating Committee shared with the general membership how much PVS has to celebrate, especially on November 13, 2022. The section's 25th Anniversary. In addition, the election of our 10th Section President in May 2022.

The NCNW-PVS voting for Section Officers began May 16, 2022, and ended May 18, 2022. The results of the election are as follows:

President	Marilyn Massey-Ball
First Vice President	Joan Simms
Second Vice President	Kimberly Campbell, Ph.D.
Recording Secretary	Cynthia Hightower Martin
Treasurer	Jacqueline Dennard
Financial Secretary	Sandra Brown
Corresponding Secretary	Stacey Cole, Ph.D.
Historian	Shirley Smithson-Martin
Chaplain	Jamila Bess Johnson
Parliamentarian	Valerie Scott (re-elected)

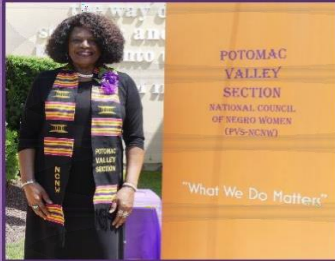
The installation ceremony of the NCNW-PVS 2022 Section Officers was held at The People's Community Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD, on June 12, 2022, at 2:00 PM. Maryland State Delegate Pamela Queen of the NCNW-Montgomery County Section administered the Oath of Office.

NCNW-PVS INSTALLATION CEREMONY

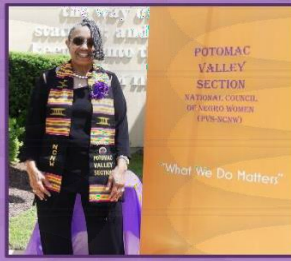
The People's Community Baptist Church

Silver Spring, Maryland

June 12, 2022



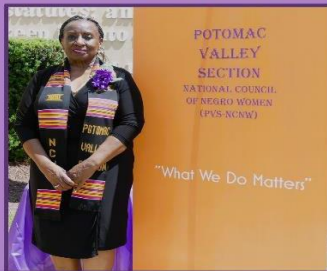
**Marilyn Massey-Ball
PRESIDENT**



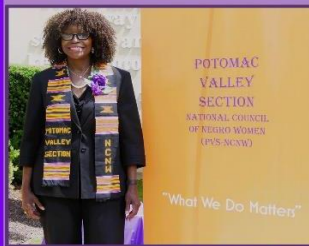
**Joan Simms
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**



**Dr. Kimberly Campbell
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**



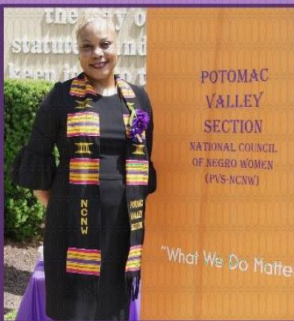
**Cynthia Hightower-Martin
RECORDING SECRETARY**



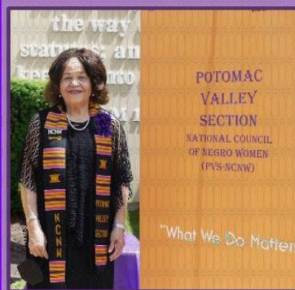
**Jacqueline Dennard
TREASURER**



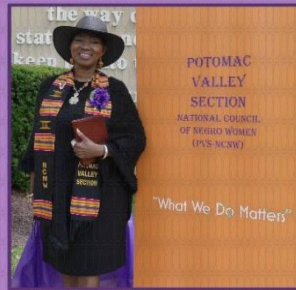
**Sandra Brown
FINANCIAL SECRETARY**



**Dr. Stacey Cole
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**



**Shirley Smithson-Martin
HISTORIAN**



**Jamila Bess Johnson
CHAPLAIN**



**Valerie Scott
PARLIAMENTARIAN**

NCNW-PVS Members
Thank You for Being Amazing Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS
 **Always Needed**
FOREVER
Appreciated

VI. 2022 NCNW-PVS MEMBERS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

On June 18, 2022, during the section's general membership business closeout meeting, section members were recognized and honored for their leadership and community service work

BUSINESS AND FINANCE OPERATIONS

Bylaws Committee – Presented by Valerie Scott, Chair

Janita Chiquelo-Coen (Administrator)	Thelma Toler (Historical Advisor)
Renee Key (Legal Advisor)	Delores Watson (Editorial)
Victoria Rhodes (Methodical Processes)	

Finance Committee – Presented by Marilyn Massey-Ball, Chair

Rachelle Coleman	Jean Threadgill	Jeanette Wolfe
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Nominating Committee – Presented by Cynthia Bolton, Chair

Janita Chiquelo-Coen	Marietta James (Technology Specialist)
Bridget Jackman	Jeanette Wolfe (Advisor)
Jean Threadgill	

Special Committee on Policies and Procedures - Presented by Muriel Whorley

Cynthia Bolton	Valerie Scott
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Special Committee on PVS Scholarship Program – Presented by Cynthia Bolton, Acting Chair

Francenia Beech-Martin	Vickie Mason
Wanda Brown	Esther Pinder
Kimberly Campbell	Selena Singleton
Carla Malone	Effie Smith-Macklin

Ways and Means Committee – Presented by Demetria Wilson, Chair

Cynthia Bolton	Valerie Scott
Evelyn Hill	Joan Simms
Ethel Lawhon	Karen Swain
Delores Lincoln-Willis	Letitia Winfield
Kim Littleton	

MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER SERVICES

Amenities Committee – Presented by Ethel Lawhon, Chair

Helen Holston

Carla Malone

Carolyn Shackelford

Membership Committee – Presented by Marietta James, Chair

Genie Gordon, Vice Chair
Renee Key
Carol James

Carolyn Shackelford
Jeanette Wolfe

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES, SOCIAL OUTREACH, AND MORE

Girls Rites of Passage Program Committee – Presented by Effie Smith-Macklin, Chair

Paula Hamm
Jillian Macklin
Tina Mance-Lee
Judi Moore Latta
Delores Lincoln-Willis

Marilyn Massey-Ball
Janis Nix
Marilyn Peaks
Sydney Aldred
Morgan Beck

Collegiate Liaison and Youth Advisor Team – Presented by Ashley Bayton

DeAndra Brown

Legislative Affairs Committee – Presented by Lorna Forde

Bianca Girault

Virginia Onley

Greg Wims

Seniors Committee – Presented by Bridget Jackman

Etoria Henry
Audrey Nero
Hazel Scofield

Saundra Sidbury
Deborah Sutton
Thelma Toler

Social Outreach Committee – Presented by Andrea Daniels

Nicole Adolph
Vanessa Cox
Jacqueline Dennard
Monica Johnson
Rev. Dr. Deborah Keaton
Kim Macedo

Carla Malone
Valerie Scott
Carolyn Shackelford
Joan Simms
Cynthia Simpson
Shirley Smithson-Martin

Jeanette Wolfe
Altheia Wyche

RECOGNITION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS (APPOINTED OFFICERS)

On June 18, 2022, Monica Baltimore, Section President, recognized and expressed deep appreciation to the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for their outstanding leadership and service and for making a positive difference in advancing NCNW's mission through their commitment and dedication during her term in office.

Name and Committee	Term in Office
Ethel Lawhon, Chair, Amenities Committee	09/01/2020–08/31/2022
Effie Smith-Macklin, Chair, Girls Rites of Passage Program Committee	09/01/2020-08/31/2022
Demetria Wilson, Chair, Ways and Means Committee	09/01/2021 – 08/31/2022
Audrey Sturdivant, Chair, Ways and Means Committee	09/01/2020 –08/31/2021
Muriel Whorley, Chair, Special Committee on Policies and Procedures	09/01/2021-08/31/2022
Audrey Burwell, Chair, Health Committee	09/01/2020-08/31/2022
Bridget Jackman, Vice Chair, Seniors Committee	09/01/2020 –08/31/ 2022
Amanda Nelson, Vice Chair, Seniors Committee	09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Helen Johnson, Vice Chair, Seniors Committee	09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Cynthia Bolton, Chair, Nominating Committee	02/26/2020-08/31/2022
Cynthia Bolton PVS Liaison, Mid-Atlantic Region Bethune/Height Recognition Program Committee	09/01/2020-08/31/2022
Cynthia Bolton, Acting Chair, Special Committee on PVS Scholarship	03/01/2020-08/31/2022
Selena Singleton, Team Lead Special Committee PVS Scholarship Program	03/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Andrea Daniels, Chair, Social Outreach Committee	09/01/2020-08/31/2022
Lorna Forde, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee	02/01/2021 – 08/31/2022
Anita Powell, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee	09/01/2020 – 01/31/2022
Marietta James, Chair, Membership Committee	09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Marietta James, Website Administrator	09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Genie Gordon, Vice Chair, Membership Committee	09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Valerie Scott, Chair, Bylaws Committee	09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Renee Key, Vice Chair, Bylaws Committee	09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022
Karen Swain, Chair, Publicity Committee, and Facebook Administrator	09/01/2020 - 08/31/2022



A TRULY
GREAT LEADER
IS HARD TO FIND...
DIFFICULT TO PART WITH,
AND IMPOSSIBLE TO
FORGET

VII. NCNW-PVS RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICERS

Thank you for your leadership and service!

On June 18, 2022, the outgoing NCNW-Potomac Valley Section Officers were honored and recognized by the general membership for their commitment, dedication, and years of service.



Monica Baltimore President

09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding professional leadership and dedicated service as President, NCNW Potomac Valley Section – What We Do Matters



Cynthia Bolton First Vice President 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding leadership and dedicated service as First Vice President, NCNW Potomac Valley Section – What We Do Matters



Marietta James Second Vice President 09/01/2021- 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding leadership and dedicated service as Second Vice President, NCNW Potomac Valley Section – What We Do Matters



Wanda Middleton Second Vice President 09/01/2020- 08/31/2021

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding leadership and dedicated service as Second Vice President, NCNW Potomac Valley Section – What We Do Matters



Ashley Bayton Wood Third Vice President 09/01/2022 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding leadership and dedicated service as the Third Vice President, NCNW Potomac Valley Section – What We Do Matters



Joan Simms Recording Secretary 09/01/2022 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Recording Secretary, NCNW Potomac Valley Section



Kathryn Torrence Corresponding Secretary 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Corresponding Secretary, NCNW Potomac Valley Section



Kyana Waters Corresponding Secretary 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2021

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Corresponding Secretary, NCNW Potomac Valley Section



Marilyn Massey-Ball Treasurer 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Treasurer, NCNW Potomac Valley Section



Rachelle Coleman Financial Secretary 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Financial Secretary, NCNW Potomac Valley Section



Evangeline Washington Historian 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Historian, NCNW Potomac Valley Section



Rev. Dr. Deborah Keaton Chaplain 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Chaplain, NCNW Potomac Valley Section



Valerie Scott Parliamentarian 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022

Citation: In recognition of your outstanding service as Parliamentarian, NCNW Potomac Valley Section

WE JUST
WANTED

to say

thank YOU FOR

THAT YOU DO,


LEACH &

every single day. WE

ALL
COULDN'T

do it
without

you.

A portrait of Dorothy Height, an elderly woman with short, curly brown hair. She is wearing a large, purple, ribbed hat with a large purple flower and a clear crystal ornament. She is also wearing a light purple jacket with a large purple flower pinned to the lapel, a necklace of purple beads, and a brooch. The background is white.

“ I want to be remembered as someone who used herself and anything she could touch to work for justice and freedom...

I want to be remembered as **one who tried**

-Dorothy Height

Messages from Outgoing Section Officers

Ashley Bayton, Third Vice President

As Third Vice President, I was proud to further the mission of the NCNW. Through work with her team and section members, I was able "to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families, and communities." As such, I could see that through hard work and dedication, not only what we do matters, but who we are also matters. The Third Vice President is forever grateful to the women of the Potomac Valley Section who guided her, trusted her, and believed in her.

Who you all are matters to me. What you've said to me has mattered a great deal. What we do matters. Serving in this role has been a great honor, and I have been blessed to work with the women of the Potomac Valley Section, who have mentored me and shown me what this sisterhood is all about. Thank you, and I wish you all the very best.

Joan Simms, Recording Secretary, As the Section Recording Secretary, I recorded the official minutes and distributed and maintained copies of the monthly NCNW, PVS Executive Committee, and General Membership Business Meetings from September 2020 through June 2022. My role as Recording Secretary played a vital role in carrying out the mission of the section by ensuring that there were complete and objective official records of the proceedings of those meetings. Current members can refer to the meeting minutes as a reminder of what needs follow-up and what actions were taken. Minutes will also be kept for future members to understand where the section has been and why. The job responsibilities required me to be a good listener, well organized, on top of what was happening in the section, and weed out the critical facts for the record.

Serving as Recording Secretary for meetings on Zoom had a few challenges. In some instances, it may be helpful to record some Zoom meetings to allow the Recording Secretary to go back to review the proceedings. I want to thank Kathryn Torrence, Corresponding Secretary, for her flexibility and willingness to be my backup, even momentarily. I wish the newly elected Recording Secretary, Cynthia Martin, success in this role and will support her during her transition.

Marilyn Massey-Ball, NCNW-PVS Treasurer

Serving as Treasurer for PVS for a second two-year term has been a pleasure. During this tenure which dove-tailed with the first two-year period of the Covid-19 pandemic, it became necessary to set up automated systems for bank deposits and processing disbursement requests for members and vendors requiring payments. The systems permitted online banking and electronic payment request submissions and processing, including review and signoff by the Financial Secretary, President, and Treasurer before checks were issued, signed, and mailed to the requesters.

I believe the position's requirements have been achieved promptly and consistently. The Treasurer's Report has been generated monthly and presented at each meeting of the Executive Committee and the general membership. To accomplish the monthly reporting, it has been necessary to make timely deposits to the PVS bank account when checks or cash are received and to maintain accurate records of the section's income received and expenses incurred each month. Additionally, the Treasurer has served as

the officer in charge of documenting information to support the requests for payments against The People's Community Baptist Church's budgeted allocation of funds to support selected PVS service projects.

This position has enabled me to connect with and support practically all leaders in the section while learning from them. Because the pandemic affected our ability to do much in person, it inspired going beyond the usual activity for all leaders. For example, in my case, I stepped out of my Treasurer's lane and led the section in the setup and use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform for various committees as well as the Section's Executive Committee and the general membership. This opportunity gave me broader and more in-depth exposure to the overall NCNW mission and PVS programming.

In particular, it has been informative to work with both the PVS Financial Secretary Rachelle Coleman and PVS President Monica Baltimore to gain needed approvals of financial documents and accomplish external reporting or registration requirements for Federal and State government tax filings, fundraising and solicitation registrations, and good standing assessments. Collaboration with the Financial Secretary as Co-Chair of the Finance Committee has also been a rewarding experience wherein Federal policies and requirements for donation disclosures have been timely and appropriately executed. Of major significance was our collaboration in initiating the PVS subscription to the QuickBooks Online Accounting Software System and in engaging in the training needed to use the system.

Furthermore, I am indebted to Second Vice President Marietta James for lending assistance and advice when I ran into unknown territory with the Zoom undertaking and to First Vice President Cynthia Bolton for assisting with my leadership of the 25th Anniversary Planning Committee. I also thank Girls Rights of Passage Program Chair Effie Smith-Macklin for adopting me as a regular committee member because of my service as Zoom Master for their meetings and events. Because of this involvement, I learned much about a program with which I was only superficially familiar.

Finally, I extend my best wishes to the new Treasurer, Jacqueline Dennard, and look forward to supporting her smooth transition and passing on my lessons learned.



VIII. AN END OF AN ERA

Next to God we are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth living.

Mary McLeod Bethune

OUTGOING NCNW-PVS OFFICERS



AUGUST 31, 2022

Left to Right: Monica Baltimore, President, Ashley Bayton, Third Vice President, Evangeline Washington, Historian, Valerie Scott, Parliamentarian, Rev. Dr. Deborah Keaton, Chaplain, Rachele Coleman, Financial Secretary, Marilyn Massey-Ball, Treasurer, Joan Simms, Recording Secretary, Marietta James, Second Vice President, and Cynthia Bolton, First Vice President. Inset picture: Kathryn Torrence, Corresponding Secretary



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IX. A NEW DAWN---A NEW ERA

PASSING THE TORCH





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INCOMING NCNW-PVS OFFICERS

**You have demonstrated exceptional qualities
as a leader. Section members and I are proud of you all.
We wish you all the best in your leadership positions and term in office.**

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

Monica A. Baltimore, 2022 Outgoing NCNW-PVS President



SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

Left to Right: Marilyn Massey-Ball, **President**, Joan Simms, **First Vice President**, Kimberly Campbell, **Second Vice President**, Jackie Dennard, **Treasurer**, Sandra Brown, **Financial Secretary**, Jamila Bess Johnson, **Chaplain**, Valerie Scott, **Parliamentarian**, Stacey Cole, **Corresponding Secretary**, Cynthia Martin, **Recording Secretary**, and Shirley Smithson-Martin, **Historian**.



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November 13, 2022

11:00 AM

NCNW Sunday Worship

Service The People's Community
Baptist Church 31 Norwood Road,
Silver Spring, MD 20905

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Buffet Luncheon with Live Entertainment

Norbeck Country Club

17200 Cashell Road, Rockville, MD 20853

Luncheon Tickets: \$125



For luncheon tickets, souvenir book advertisements, and patrons list visit the Potomac Valley Section website at www.pvs-ncnw.org.



August 31, 2022

TO: PVS LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS,

THANK YOU

**FOR YOUR SUPPORT, HARD WORK, AND
DEDICATION TO ADVANCING THE MISSION OF
NCNW, AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
TO SERVE AS SECTION PRESIDENT AS THE
POTOMAC VALLEY SECTION CONTINUES TO GROW
AND PROSPER,**

**BECAUSE WHAT WE DO MATTERS
TO THE COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE WE SERVE.**

With Warm Regards and Admiration,

Monica A. Baltimore
PRESIDENT, NCNW-PVS

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