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Hattie McFrazier President's Message

Happy New Year to each of you! I wish you love, peace, hope, good health and prosperity. The New Year is all about getting a fresh outlook on life and looking ahead to an exciting year.



We thank God for allowing us to see this year and the opportunity to share our gifts and talents with others through our service to all mankind. South Bay Branch hosted a successful *Southwest Sectional Conference*, produced an outstanding *Spotlight on Youth*, and sponsored an exciting educational day at the *Leimert Park Village Book Fair*. Our strength comes from all of us working together. It is through this commitment that we must continue to move forward as we welcome the New Year in 2012.

As we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us be reminded of his words, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." hosting a successful Southwest Sectional Conference to a productive and outstanding Spotlight on Youth, and sponsoring an exciting, educational day at the Leimert Park Village Book Fair. Our strength comes from all of us working together. It is through this commitment that we continue to move forward as we welcome the New Year in 2012.

Congratulations! Linda Dickerson, our Woman of the Year. She has been a dedicated member of South Bay Branch since October of 2005. Many thanks to Lillie Scott for her great help with the history project, Billie Frierson for assisting with the history project as well and as accepting the position of Secretary, and Edna Mayfield Yow, Assistant Secretary.

Our Annual Southwest Sectional Conference is quickly approaching. If you plan to attend the conference and did not send your registration to Margarette Crockett, you must submit your registration to the host chapter, South Central L.A. Branch in the amount of \$165.00. This year, South Bay Branch will partner with A.C. Bilbrew Library and assist with some of its activities. We would like to have 100% participation of all of our members. You will receive more information at the meeting.

Important Dates

January 16, 2012- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and parade

January 20, 2012 - last day for late registration for Southwest Sectional Conference

February 3rd-4th, 2012 – the 43rd Southwest Sectional Conference

April 29, 2012- "Spotlight on Youth Scholarship Luncheon"

Reminders All officers and committee chairpersons, please have reports ready for the meeting. Don't forget to document your volunteer hours for National.

Hattie McFrazier, South Bay Branch President

"We must not become tired of doing good... We must not give up!" Galatians 6:9 NCV

Progressive Women: Redefining Community Service in the 21st Century

South Bay Branch welcomes new member: Betty Moore



Aveline Kimbell – first vice president of membership presents Betty Moore with the National Association of University Women Charter & By-Laws Policies and Procedures Manual adopted in 1978 and revised 2008

Welcome! Betty Moore is a retired Los Angeles Unified School District EEO Investigator/Officer who handled discrimination complaints. She is married, has a daughter who teaches 2nd graders, a son, and two granddaughters. She attends Knox Presbyterian Church. She participated in the 10th District Council Mid Cities for six years. Betty loves to knit; she has conducted after school programs in her daughters' school instructing both boys and girls on how to knit. She said the boys made wrist bands, and sold them on the play ground; budding entrepreneurs! Betty has skills in planning and organizing; coordinating event tours, and maintaining family genealogy records.

She has an AA degree from Los Angeles Trade Tech and a BA from National University in San Diego, California with a major in Behavioral Science. Members presented circle of fellowship to welcome new member Betty Moore. President presented green rose corsage to wear at future events of NAUW South Bay Branch.

Photos courtesy of Fannie Love: Small world: Betty is the sister of the talented quilter who made two quilts for South Bay Branch Officers and Members to take to the National Convention in 2008 to Shreveport, Louisiana. Betty knits daily just as Marie quilts.

Program speakers on "nature, bookmarks & Christmas around the World"



Photo: Guest Speaker Jessica and Linda Dickerson

Jessica a delightful program speaker from the library is the owner of Natures Bookmarks. Jessica presented an array of bookmarks and picture frames from pressed flowers, roots, herbs, leaves and branches. She discussed "how to make the beautiful bookmarks from

nature and the joy of creating something beautiful, profitable and fun to make. Members enjoyed the November program presentation.

Sharon Johnson presented the December Program "Celebrating Christmas around the World". She presented cultural celebrations from Australia and Ethiopia and more. She noted some interesting customs such as a three hour Christmas Mass, pancakes for Christmas dinner and the delicious first pudding shared in many places. She contrasted even the weather from sunny hot-hot, to warm, and finally to two feet of snow on the ground for Christmas in some countries. She closed leading the group in song with her melodious voice. Her presentation was organized, concise, and complete with books, citations, and songs for the season.

Woman of the Year 2011



Linda Dickerson

Linda Dickerson is second generation Californian. She was born and raised in San Bernardino and is the youngest of three in her family.

She attended University of California, San Bernardino during the tumultuous 1960's Civil Rights Movement where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. She worked at San Bernardino Public Library as branch librarian for one year. For the next two years she attended University of California, Los Angeles and earned a Masters Degree in Library Science.

Linda Dickerson started her professional career as a librarian at Rockwell International Science Center in Thousand Oaks, California. She worked there for eight years.

She married the love of her life Robert Dickerson. She accepted a promotion and changed locations to Rockwell International B-1 Division in El Segundo, California. She suspended her profession career for eleven years to be a full time mother. Her union was blessed with a son Brian who is now a graduate of California State University Northridge.

She returned to work and is employed by the Los Angeles County Public Library from 1997 to

the present. She is currently the Community Library Manager of the View Park Library. Linda Dickerson shared, "My personal interest run the gamut which includes reading, traveling, and time with family and friends." She enjoys working with the Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church Scholarship Committee, California Librarians Black Caucus and National Association of University Women South Bay Branch Financial Secretary.

National

- *Attended the 66th National Convention Washington DC July 26 - August 1, 2010

- *Served as a workshop recorder at the National 100th Anniversary Convention

- *Attended the 65th Biennial Convention Chicago July 26-August 2, 2006

- *Selected by the National President to present first time attendee Reflections

- *Sectional Publications: Served on the editing committee for the *SOUTHWESTERN Sectional Newsletter* for 2008 through 2011 and continuing with next issue due January 2012

Sectional

- *Served on Finance and Budget Sectional Committee for 2011

- *Attended and participated in Southwest Sectional Conferences from 2006 through 2011 and continuing.

- *Served on the Founders' Day Program 2008 Los Angeles Branch February 6-8, 2008, and with the Culver City February 5-7, 2007

- *Southwest Sectional 42nd Annual Conference Finance/Budget Committee and Entertainment Committee 2010-2011



Branch Activities

- *2006-2010 Recording Secretary completed all the duties and responsibility of the office

- *2010-present Financial Secretary completed all the duties and responsibility of the office

Activities continue:

*Branch Publications: served on the editing committee for the *South Bay Branch Leaves Newsletter* Fall and Spring Issues for 2005 through 2011 and continuing with next issue due January 2012

*Participated in branch programs includes: installation of new members and Founders' Day programs

**Rites of Passage Program*: served on the dinner program committee and served as mistress of ceremony for the youth fashion show

**Spotlight on Youth Program*: served as chair of the opportunity drawing tickets committee from 2006-2009 and as member of the luncheon tickets committee 2009 to 2011

*South Bay Branch Membership Committee 2008-2011, Ways and Means Committee 2008-2009 and South Bay Branch Holiday Committee 2009-2010

*Southwest Sectional 42nd Annual Conference Finance /Budget Committee & Entertainment Committee 2010-11



**Rites of Passage Mentee center with
Linda Dickerson, Billie Frierson,
Edna Mayfield and Mary Brown**

Community Activities

As a librarian and public library manager Linda Dickerson states, "Literacy is a primary responsibility on a daily bases through assisting customers with computer literacy providing information and reference services and presenting for the children, adult and family audiences."

In 2010 Linda Dickerson put NAUW out front and center in the community by spearheading the South Bay Branch to participate in the Leimert Park Village Book Fair as a sponsor for the first time for the 2011 event along with Billie Frierson, and

Fannie Love. Inspired by Linda Dickerson's mentorship of the event others joined in a team effort to staff the NAUW booth: Sharon Johnson, Hattie Mc Frazier, Cherita McFrazier, Mary Brown, Rosita Maryland, Adair Gray, Bernice Shannon, Geraldine Perry, Aveline Kimbell, Martha Abrams-White, Cassandra Noble and Sectional Director Audrey Jordan. United and working together we can make a difference!



Linda Dickerson- View Park Community Library Manager, Sand Smith – Los Angeles Fire Department Health & Safety Officer, participate Muffins and Moms Program in spring 2011 and received a **Community Service Certificate** from 99th Street Elementary School 2011.



Woman of the Year 2011 Linda Dickerson

Last meeting of year December 10, 2011



South Bay Branch Officers serenade the members with Christmas and Holiday Songs wearing antlers provided by President McFrazier



Members have enjoyed the delicious, nutritious and healthy foods prepared by our own chef Cassandra Noble. Um good!!



Emma Smith, Callie Calvin and Hattie McFrazier take this photo opportunity with the newly crowned, "Woman of the Year", Linda Dickerson



Edna L. Yow and Katie Webb happily receive their purchased orders at the South Bay Branch fund raising program featuring gifts from Shades of Color and African American Expressions. They were on time for the holidays.

We did it!



We have completed our International and National projects in charitable giving for fiscal year 9/2011 -6/2012. South Bay Branch donated funds for two women to start a small business by purchasing sewing machines and for two women to go to a literacy program (so each would teach in their village/home location). We funded forty chickens and a chicken coup and seed for planting.

The Re. John L. McCullough, CEO of Church World Service sent a response to our donation. "Thank you for contributing to Church World Service through your Alternative Gift Fair. With your help we can continue to assist people overcome by natural and human-caused disasters, as well as supporting community efforts to develop sustainable agriculture, reliable safe water supplies, and other means to break the grip of grinding poverty. Please accept this honor certificate as a sign of our gratitude for your support. We hope you will display it proudly as a sign of our partnership in building a world of enough for all."

Community Programs: support, participation and leadership

Margaret Crockett, South Bay Branch Treasurer, orchestrated the Old Ship to Zion dramatization featuring more than thirty members and friends of the Messiah Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir on September 11, 2011 at 4500 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles 90016. She rekindled the spirit of the Christian Journey among all who attended!



Margaret Crockett



Cassandra Noble & Leah Noble



Katie Webb



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Messiah Baptist Church's play is for the communities to come get on board the Old Ship to Zion... I was aboard and enjoy the performance tremendously." B. Frierson
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Some of the duties and responsibilities of a choir director/leader include: to rehearse the Sr. choir for their active participation and leadership role in the scheduled Sunday worship services and other services as required; to select appropriate choral anthems to be sung by the choir following the theme or the lessons appointed for the day; to arrange upon appropriate request participation in other portions of the liturgy; to be responsible for the choir's appearance, sound and delivery; to make sure the Choirs rehearse weekly and at additional times as identified by special needs, with rehearsals conducted by the choir director; to arrangements for special soloists, accompanists or instrumentalist; and to work with the pastor and Worship Committee in programs for teaching the music of the liturgy and hymns to the congregation at large.

Margaret Crockett featured above in 2 photos and Aveline Kimbell featured on the next page know how to perform these duties and much more! They are both highly respected by their colleagues, community and congregations!

More Community Programs: support, participation and leadership



Aveline Kimbell, 1st vice president South Bay Branch, was very instrumental in working with choirs and orchestra to present George F. Handel's Messiah on December 10, 2011 at Saint John's Cathedral, 514 W. Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles. Dr. Charles Cheatham served as artistic director featuring LMC Zion Korean Choir and the Los Angeles Episcopal Chorale Society Inc., with the Dream String Ensemble.



Human Relations—author unknown

The six most important words: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words: "You did a good job."

The four most important words: "What is your opinion?"

The three most important words: "If you please."

The two most important words: "Thank you,"

The one most important word: "We"

The least important word: "I"

More Community Programs: support, participation and leadership



Hattie McFrazier, President of South Bay Branch and chair of the LAUSD School Attendance Review Board 8th District, served as a panelist at the South Los Angeles Public School Town Hall Meeting on January 23, 2012 at Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church along with five other panelist. The audience viewed an excerpt from the movie *"The Inconvenient Truth about Waiting for Superman."*

Keynote speaker, Dr. Maulana Karenga, Professor of African American Studies at CSULB presented the "STATE OF TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL." He emphasized that the struggle for social justice for those who come after us continues and we must honor, respect and teach the past accomplishments to future generations. They too must embrace the past, the present and the future. All children have a right to learn and a right to know. Children should be prepared to make a living and our education, instruction, and teaching continues for life. Education is ethical, moral, grounding, and a social competence that directs our lives for the greater good: know man; know being! Our mission is to teach: what is a good education? It should include respect for students, person and culture. It should cultivate, nurture, and discipline the heart and the mind, A quality education includes respect for each, mutual respect for other cultures. We want our children to learn now and speak the truth.

Our second mission in education is to achieve a quality education for children that further include a safe and pleasant campus in which to learn, positive instructional delivery, an abundance of student engagement student success parent involvement, community involvement, equitable funds at each school, and strong partnerships between administration, teachers, and parents. Build coalitions where practice makes perfect. After we have read everything we can about swimming we have to jump in the water and swim. Practice makes perfect.



Juan Ramirez –UTLA Elementary vice President, Re. Patricia Fargas –Clergy, Dr. Maulana Karenga - Professor of African American Studies at CSULB, Gloria Martinez - LAUSD Teacher, Rev. Monroe Campbell – Clergy Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church, **Hattie McFrazier**, President of South Bay Branch & chair of the LAUSD School Attendance Review Board 8th District, Khalid Al Alim – Parent Organizer Communities for Educational Justice and Koyaki Kwa Jitahidi – Emcee of the south Los Angeles Public School Town Hall Meeting.

McFrazier continues

The panelist responded to "WHAT DOES REAL EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE LOOK LIKE?"

Hattie McFrazier shared a description of her position and duties as chair of the LAUSD School Attendance Review Board 8th District. She emphasized that she is a strong advocate for children and attendance is every bodies business! She described the vast resources that she had to support children attorneys, nurses, community, parents, counselors, intervention programs, and special resources for the student and for the parent to help the student. She stated her personal desire was for every child under her district receives the services, resources, directions and guidance to graduate. She encourages the student to return to class and puts them in contact with the appropriate persons, so they are encouraged to go to school. Some say they are board in class, hungry, have problems with certain teachers, or do not have appropriate clothing or shoes. She offers attendance contracts for self motivation and self discipline. Her job is to give students a second chance to stay in school and choose to do the right thing for their future. We use IEP reviews and counselor to correct course curriculum. As educators it is our responsibility to present a quality education. It is the parents that have the power to demand a quality education.

Juan Ramirez –UTLA Elementary Vice President and teacher emphasized his work on the MOU; UTLA's fight against privatization; giving away our public schools; and penalizing senior teachers to save money.

Gloria Martinez - LAUSD Teacher stated that the sink or swim methods of teaching leaves too many behind; she wants autonomy in the classroom to educate students and receive the resources to help those who fall behind. She wants respect for teachers and support of professional development for teachers. Teaching for the test is not good for every student some need more and all need to be challenged to achieve even more that what is expected.

Khalid Al Alim – Parent Organizer Communities for Educational Justice spoke on America's ability to visit the moon and send satellites to other planets and our schools look like crap and he spoke on the rights of parents to get organized and for teachers to work in partnership with them.

Rev. Patricia Fargas described the dropout rate and low scored. She told of past accomplishments of church and parents working together to achieve school integration and the amendment to the constitution. "From 1624 to the present education started in the churches. 1965 courts reports took prayer out of school by banning prayer in school. Education took a turn in a downward spiral further complicated with the removal of art, music, band, machine shop, wood work, car repair, business courses and auto repair, painting and customizing. Support our public schools! Support our teachers!

Koyaki Kwa Jitahidi – Emcee of the South Los Angeles Public School Town Hall Meeting issued a call for action to join with the South L. A. Coalition to defend Public Education. Many in attendance sign up to attend the next school board meeting on February 14, 2012 and to work with the coalition.



Article and photos are courtesy of Billie Frierson who would also add that enrichment classes in science, speech, debate, math and writing should also be offered by LAUSD Schools. We do not have a shortage of resources; we have shortage of leadership who will make education of the California's children first priority!

Celebrating Excellence in support of education, community, families and faith with **Mrs. Callie Calvin** at Lewis Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 4900 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles 90062 at the 65th Church Anniversary program was spectacular! Their theme was Reclaiming and Moving Ahead and the scripture for the day: Beloved, "I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead." Philippians 3:13



Mrs. Callie Calvin, South Bay Branch member and Sunday School Teacher of Lewis Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church celebrates at the 65th Church anniversary as the children ushers march joyously around the church with the adult ushers in a spectacular rhythm as congregation tithe in support of the mission of the church.



Councilwoman Jan Perry presents Rev. Wendell M. Oldham Jr., resolution celebrating their contribution to the growth and development of the City of Los Angeles on their 65th Church Anniversary. Honorable Jan Perry, who is running for Mayor "represents downtown and part of South Los Angeles. She began her career at City Hall in 1990, working for former City Council members Michael Woo and Rita Walters. She was hired by Mayor Richard Riordan to coordinate the city's outreach for the 2000 census before she was elected to the council in 2001. During her three terms on the City Council, Perry has presided over a major expansion of development in the downtown areas of

her district, but she said she counts some of the projects in South Los Angeles – including two new grocery stores, a wetlands parks at Slauson and Compton avenues, and a neighborhood city hall with a rooftop garden at 43rd Street and Central Avenue – as the most important projects built during her tenure." For more information visit:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/03/la-councilwoman-jan-perry-jumps-into-the-2013-mayors-race.html>



Los Angeles Councilwoman Jan Perry presents Rev. Wendell M. Oldham, a City of Los Angeles Resolution in recognition of the Church that transforms the lives of: the members, the community and the nation.

Mrs. Calvin continues



Photo #2 Mrs. Callie Calvin's daughter Mrs. Thelma Calvin Williams (not in photo), granddaughter, Mrs. Karron Prejean and great grandson John Roland Prejean who was a 2010 NAUW South Bay Branch SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH participant pose for a photo. This is a proud moment for the Calvin family to have four generation together. **Photo #3** Mrs. Leione B. Tillman, mother of Dr. Desiree Tillman, DDS, at 3756 Santa Rosalia Dr # 204, Los Angeles, CA 90008 gave an inspirational prayer and made a joyful noise unto the Lord as a member of the Metro Mass Choir. Mrs. Callie Calvin taught Dr. Tillman Sunday School.

Senator Curren Price not photographed also presented a State of California Senate Resolution to Rev. Wendell M. Oldham, a City of Los Angeles Resolution in recognition of the Lewis Metropolitan CME Church Anniversary. "Curren Price was first elected to the California State Assembly in 2006 to represent the 51st District, and was re-elected by an overwhelming margin to a second term in 2008. After serving one full term in the California State Assembly, Mr. Price was elected in May 2009 to represent the 26th District in the State Senate, which includes a portion of Los Angeles, Culver City, Hollywood, Korea town, Ladera Heights, Larchmont, Leimert Park, View Park, and Vermont Hills."



Photo #4 Billie Frierson, Mrs. Leonora Gipson, and Mrs. Calvin enjoyed the service. Photo #5 Mrs. Calvin and the congregation of Lewis Metropolitan CME Church on the occasion of the 65th Church Anniversary, 1/22/12

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**Billie Frierson**, National Woman of the Year will serve as a panelist sharing how she connects with her Indian Heritage on February 22, 2012, at 6 PM, 111 North Central Avenue (across from the Japanese American National Museum). The event is sponsored by A Raven Above Press in association with the Japanese American National Museum

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