



# National Coalition of 100 Black Women Decatur-DeKalb Chapter, Inc.



## Love, Hope, & Sisterhood

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter, May/June 2016

### The President's Corner



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Coalition Sisters,

As we come to the close of business for this fiscal year 2015-2016, I reflect back over all of the events and programs that were implemented into the communities. I am reminded of a message I wrote back in November that Rosa Parks or Harriet Tubman could easily be on the face of the ten dollar bill. April 20, 2016, Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew announced Harriet Tubman would replace President Andrew Jackson on the \$20 Bill.

I am also reminded back in 1972, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman to run for President of the United States. She was a pioneer and paved the way for President Obama and Presidential Nominee for the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton. It was Shirley Chisholm leading in terms of galvanizing people that actually made it be possible; she created the blue print. As a Chapter, we are taking practical steps to help change the lives of women and girls in the community we serve and to inspire our young legacy girls that one day they too can become President.

Legislative Day was held Wednesday, April 27 in Washington, D.C. We all know the challenges facing our communities: the lack of appropriate laws, failing and struggling social welfare programs, failing and inequitable justice systems and the educational systems. Our advocacy agenda continues to force us to share our concerns and advocate for support of pay equity, the Pay Check Fairness Act and the American Jobs Act.

On Capitol Hill, the Coalition has asked for continued support of the Affordable Care Act, legislation to enact effective national Gun Control, the abolishment of the Stand Your Ground Laws in every state, protection of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the responsible reform of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. It is important that our voice is heard at the local and state levels.

Thank you for your commitment and another great year of advocacy.

Sincerely,

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### Uncork The Jazz Wine Tasting



On Saturday, June 4th @ 7:00 pm, the Decatur-DeKalb Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women held their Spring fundraiser, "Uncork the Jazz" Wine Tasting event. The entertainment for the night was the awesome Gritz & Jelly Butter Jazz Band, who had the attendees hitting the dance floor en masse.

With great food, wine, desserts, and entertainment, everyone who attended the spring fundraiser had an enjoyable time, and are definitely looking forward to next year's wine tasting. Proceeds from the event are donated to the American Heart Association and also go towards supporting local chapter initiatives within the community.

### Welcome New Members

All the ladies of the Decatur-DeKalb chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women want to extend a heartfelt congratulations and welcome to our newest members: Cassandra Davis, Michelle King, Michelle Pettway, Cassandra Prescott, Chrystal Richardson, Christiana Womack-Okoka and Gina Wright-Lee.

These women attended an Open House Information Session for Membership back in April and went through the membership process, which culminated in New Member Orientation on June 9th. We are looking forward to the joining of our collective talents and resources for the betterment and enrichment of our community.



### A Great End of Year

The month of June ends our fiscal year for 2015-2016. A huge congratulations go out to our members for all of the hard work, time, and effort that was put into the various programs that we hosted and attended over the past year. It was a lot of work, but we persevered and the results were worth it. Our 2016-2017 fiscal year will begin in September with our annual meeting, followed by the Go Pink Breakfast (Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's Restaurant) in October. Then in November we will be having our Annual Pink & Black Ball to honor cancer survivors. So get some rest and we'll see you in a couple of months!

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### Upcoming Events

#### September 2016

- ❖ TBA  
NCBW Decatur-DeKalb Annual Meeting (Mandatory)

#### October 2016

- ❖ TBA  
Go Pink Breakfast (Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's Restaurant)

#### November 2016

- ❖ TBA  
Annual Pink & Black Ball (Honoring Cancer Survivors)

### Celebrations

Birthday and Anniversary wishes go out to the following members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries during the months of May, June, and July.

#### MAY/JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS

- ❖ Debra Curtis – May 6
- ❖ Maveita Richards – May 17
- ❖ Miriam Jackson - June 27
- ❖ Delois Grizzle - July 18

#### MAY/JUNE/JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- ❖ Maveita Richards – June 27
- ❖ Melissa Brown - July 25

### Contributors

Special thanks to the members who contributed to this month's newsletter.

- ❖ Delois Grizzle
- ❖ Donna Payne
- ❖ Maveita Richards

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