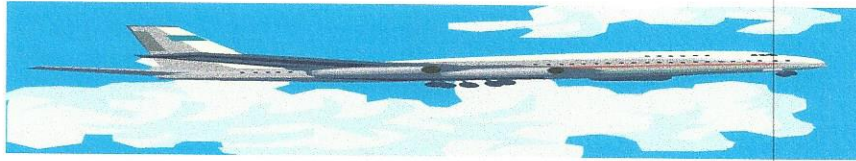


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# National Association of University Women

MESSAGE FROM THE SECTIONAL DIRECTOR



Betty Wilkerson

Sectional Director



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Hello to the officers and crew of the great South Central Section. Please join me in welcoming our newest branch, the Terrebonne Branch of the National Association of University Women. The Terrebonne Branch is located in Houma, LA. Margaret Cage is the organizer and the first president. Special Thanks to Dr. Debra Yarbrough, President of the Bi-Parish Branch for being instrumental in helping to organize and charter this branch. I would also like to thank Forever Emeralds Dr. Ezora Proctor and Mrs. Ollie Johnson, Lay Member, Stephanie Spikes, Treasurer, Amanda Fontenot, Helen Frazier, Audrey Ray, Rosalind Scott and Gwen Scott as well as several members of the Bi-Parish Branch who assisted me with chartering ceremony.

Ladies, it is my hope that excitement is growing for our 58th South Central Sectional Conference. The Conference is scheduled for June 15th - 17th in Monroe, LA. The early bird registration deadline is quickly approaching. The registration fee is \$155.00 until April 15, 2017. The host branches are excited that your plans are to be in Monroe for the 58th Conference

The two hotels are: The Hampton Inn and Suites on Frontage Road and the Residence Inn by Marriott by Pecanland. If you have problems getting a reservation please contact me directly.

I would like to encourage all South Central Section members to start making plans to attend the 2018 National Convention. All positions at the National level will be open at that time. We need to show up to support South Central members who will run for these seats. I have reference Campaign 2018 when I have meet with various branches and in the last newsletter. I would like to encourage all South Central Section members to start making plans to attend the 2018 National Convention. All positions at the National level will be open at that time. We need to show up to support South Central members who will run for these seats. I have reference Campaign 2018 when I have meet with various branches and in the last newsletter

**Sectional Director's message continued....**

Reminder: Each branch is asked to donate \$100.00 to our Sectional Scholarship fund. We would like to continue to give two \$1500 scholarships again this year. Please submit. Your donations to our Financial Secretary, Laura Levy by May 1, 2017. NAUW and non-NAUW members are asked to apply for the scholarship. The application was sent to each branch.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the branches who put forth the extra effort to continue to grow South Central and the National Association of University Women. Many of you honored our goal of increasing by two new members and some went beyond. Thank you! Thank you! Together we will make a difference, one community at a time.

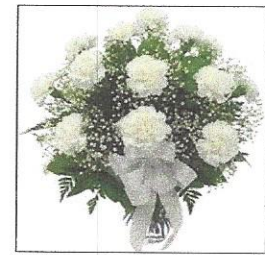


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EACH. SOUTHCENTRAL BRANCHES WILL REACH OUT AND  
UPLIFT THESE STUDENTS BY EACH BRANCH DONATING  
\$100 TOWARDS THE FUND.**

**LET'S MAKE A CLEAR LANDING IN MONROE LOUISIANA**



Welcomes the  
Terrebonne Branch  
Chartered January 7, 2017  
Houma, LA  
Margaret Cage  
Organizer/First President



Evelyn L. Wright  
National President

Betty W.  
Wilkerson  
Sectional Director

Stephanne Spikes  
Lay Member

National Association of University Women  
South Central Section

National Theme:  
"Progressive Women Remaining Relevant in a Global Society"



# SC NAUW ON THE MOVE

## Beauregard/Vernon Branch news---Stephanne Spikes reporting

### Message from the President

We are indeed honored to have this distinct privilege to once again be the Captain of the "Great Beauregard/Vernon Branch". The immediate past president Lay Member Stephanie Spikes had the members in flight on a 747 Jet, and we have decided to keep the 747 fueled as we embark on this new year-2017 rendering services to the communities in which we live. We endeavor to chart the course of action as we continue the flight. The members were welcomed aboard for the 2017-18 program year as we continue to implement the many programs in the parishes we represent. Our branch is at a level where we can enable the goals and hopes of our youth, seniors and other citizens in our communities as we work together as a team to make the communities in which we better places for all. We will continue to motivate and encourage members to be involved in accomplishing the goals of committees by organizing a youth group, promote increase in membership, expand our literacy program, mentor senior citizens, adopt schools and design activities where all members are involved and feel a part of the branch. We believe that teamwork and love for NAUW are as we strive to accomplish the goals set forth by our members at the branch retreat.

### December Activities

The last meeting in 2016 was held in the home of our President and Forever Emerald, Mrs. Ollie D. Johnson. We welcomed Sectional Director, Mrs. Betty Wilkerson who graced us with her presence and greeted us in the spirit of Christmas.



### Needy Family Christmas Food Baskets

The branch ended the 2015-16 program year with addressing the Outreach Committee's goal of providing food baskets during the Christmas Holidays in the area in which they lived. These families were very appreciative of the generosity and support that NAUW Beauregard/Vernon Branch showed to them during this joyous holiday season. The

Beauregard Parish basket was delivered by Mrs. Susie Davis and Mrs. Melynda Hill on Saturday, December 17, 2016 to Miss. Tressie Gamble and her two sons. The Vernon Parish basket was delivered by Mrs. Linda Fields on Saturday, December 17, 2016 to Mr. Eric Hickman and three children while the basket for the Lake Charles area was delivered by Forever Emerald Ollie D. Johnson to Mrs. Effie Griffin and grandchildren on Monday December 19, 2016.

The branch partnered with the American Legion Auxiliary for the year. The Auxiliary had established a community service project in the Leesville area which was to visit the Woodlawn Nursing Facility and provide service. The group visit was an afternoon filled with fellowship, fun, games, and refreshment for the residents. The group had a wonderful time as they monitored the participants in staying on task as they played a game of BINGO. What a wonderful afternoon with our partner and with the residents in the Woodlawn Nursing facility in Leesville.

Beauregard/Vernon also partnered with Rita Harris of Vernon Home Health, and Krystal Sowell of St. Mary Salvation Center, to visit the Rosepine.