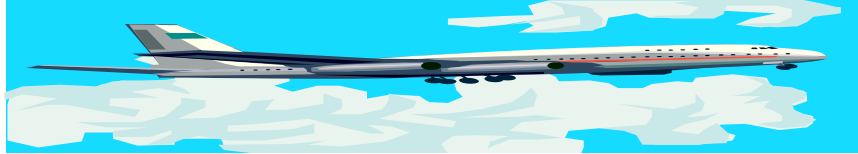


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Pine Bluff News continued...

Breast Cancer Awareness

Marikka Bender, a Pine Bluff Branch member and a member of the Health Initiative Committee, received a set of pom-poms and promised to use them as she walked in the upcoming Susan B. Komen's Race for the Cure October 19th in Little Rock, Arkansas. Furthermore, she said that she would walk to encourage fitness and wellness on behalf of all members of the National Association of University Women.



Marikka Bender



Left to Right: Bonita Corbin, Birlee Lever, Virginia Barner, Mary Liddell, President, Arlene Woody, Amanda Wells, Andrea McBeth, Dr. Bettye J. Williams National 2nd Vice President, Dr. Brenda Martin

Our Beloved Mrs. Bobbie E. Hodge

The late Mrs. Bobbie E. Hodge, our dear professional sister, joined the Pine Bluff Branch in 1958, some 13 years after Mrs. Katie Jackson Pierre, and fifteen other Pine Bluff professional women organized the branch on February 11, 1945. Besides civic responsibility and human affairs, the purpose of the Pine Bluff Branch is to plan, devise, and organize educationally enriched events, programs, and projects for children, young people, and adults in this area.



Pine Bluff news continued....

Mrs. Bobbie E. Hodge was a part of this illustrious group of African American women educators “giving back” and making a difference in the lives of young people in Pine Bluff and Jefferson County. Together with other Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College (now UAPB) women, she raised the professionalism of college graduates by implementing standards of excellence through cultural activities—plays, musicals, poetry reading, and performance acts. Like other service-centered organizations in this area, the social and political effort of the Pine Bluff Branch has heightened youth and adult awareness and success for more than 68 years.

Her responsibilities in the Pine Bluff Branch were many and varied; she was president of the Pine Bluff Branch for two terms: 1969-1973 and 1975-1980. She later served as treasurer, journalist, historian, and Nominating Chair. She participated as the chair and/or a member of the following committees: Yearbook, National Day, Fashion Show—Tea, “After High School—What?” Christmas Tea, Program, and the Special Projects Coordinator working with the Pine Bluff Boys and Girls Club of Pine Bluff-Jefferson County. On the South Central Sectional level, she was the Lay Member in 1981, working with branches in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. For many years, she was a member of the National Board of Directors and a delegate from the Pine Bluff Branch to National Conventions. For inspired work, she was the recipient of numerous branch awards including the “50-Year Member Award” given in a Special Ceremony in 2008. The Pine Bluff Branch acknowledges the special gifts and scope of Mrs. Bobbie E. Hodge. She supported student scholarships, cultural incentives, enrichment programs, and community projects.

We will continue her legacy of serving the organization with integrity and pride. We will acknowledge her noble life at the South Central Sectional Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 19-21, 2014, and at the National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 29-August 3, 2014.

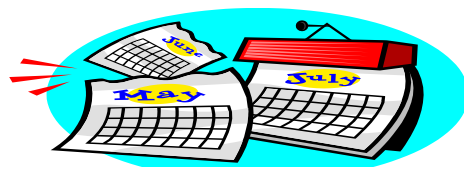
Rayne Branch News--- Dianne Granger, reporter

The year 2013 brought new challenges to the Rayne Branch. The Rayne Branch survived the rounds of struggles. We are ready for another new year. We were able to stay focus on education, literacy, youth, health, and community affairs. We can claim success with adopted schools, adopted residence nursing homes, tutorial programs, pageants, and health affairs. The list goes on. I want to thank all the Rayne Branch members for allowing me the privilege of serving as President. Thanks for the determination and positive attitude of the members. Together we can continue to accomplish our goals. The coming year will bring new opportunities for us to continue improving our community. I look forward to guiding Rayne Branch thru the coming year of challenges with the help of all members. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Calendar of Events

June: Regular meeting; June 13-15 attended Sectional Conference in Shreveport, LA. Convention Center. One of the highlights of the conference was meeting the soulful singer **Anthony Hamilton**. The group had a fun time. Members that attended the conference were Dianne Granger, Laura Levy, Antoinette O’Neil, Hilda Wiltz, Elaine Sais, and Bethalun Bernard.

July: Dianne Granger was the motivational speaker for the Policy Council Recognition Banquet. It was held at the Chef Roy’s Frog City Café’ in Rayne. For the event a delicious meal was served and a time to fellowship. Presentations of scholarship awards and policy council awards were presented.



Rayne Branch news continued.....

August: Executive meeting. **Back to School Rally** was held on Sat., Aug. 3 at the Rayne Hope Center for the community. Uniforms, school supplies, and back sacks were given to all that attended. The rally was held for the needy children in the community. Popcorn and soda were given to all that attended.

September: Regular Meeting. Members attended the Planning Meeting in Pineville, LA. The members that attended were Dianne Granger, Laura Levy (chairperson of Necrology Services and Corresponding Secretary), Hilda Wiltz (AdHoc/trainer), Elaine Sias, and Dr. Antoinette O'Neil (chairperson of Health Education and Advisory Committee). September 29th the play "Color Purple" was at the Heyman Center in Lafayette, LA. Dianne Granger chaperone for the youth. Youth that attended the play Color Purple were Madison Dugas, McKayla Dugas, Kaela Granger, Sydnie McFarlin, Bria Colomb, Kyla Granger, Megan Colomb, and Christian Johnson.

October: Regular meeting. NAUW Project Pink Breast Cancer Awareness, every 68 seconds someone dies from breast cancer. Dr. Antoinette O'Neil chairperson Health Advisory Committee and Health Education. All members wore pink. Members present Mary Figaro, Michelle Robinson, Elaine Sias, Tiffany White, Dianne Granger, Laura Levy, Hilda Wiltz and Bethalun Bernard. We were advised on breast exams and annual checkups.



Fright Fest the event was sponsored by NAUW, Our Mother of Mercy Ladies Auxiliary Court #75 and City of Rayne. Fright Fest drew a huge crowd to enjoy a carnival atmosphere, costume and coloring contests and games on Halloween night. Can goods were collected and was used for Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need in Rayne. The event is held annually as a safe alternative to doo-to-door trick or treating. Mildred young is Chairperson and Hilda Wiltz co-chairperson.

International Rice Festival Grand Parade was held on Friday, Oct. 18 in Crowley, LA. NAUW Royalty took their place on the float in the parade to represent Rayne. Queen Bremilin J. Minnix daughter of Lawrence & Rockella Minnix and King Noah Peter son of Bethalun Bernard and Rudolph Peter.

November: Regular meeting. After the meeting Dr. Antoinette O'Neil gave a Q & A presentation on Diabetes. She spoke of the warning signs and symptoms of pre-diabetes. High Blood Pressure Q & A discusses recommended blood pressure levels. She recommended health screening for women.

Frog Festival Parade was held on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Queen Bremilin J. Minnix daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Rockella Minnix and King Noah Peter son of Bethalun Bernard and Rudolph Peter NAUW Rayne Royalty.

Martin Luther King Day Celebration Kickoff rally was held on Nov. 11th. Chairperson Laura Levy.



Rayne Branch news continued....

Miss & Master Pageant: Master Noel Bernard Peter son of Bethulun Bernard & Rudolph Peter was crowned 2012-2013 Master Noel of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. He was crowned as Christmas Royalty and rode with Santa Claus on his sleigh during the Rayne Christmas Parade. The event was held at the Rayne Civic Center on Nov. 17th.

November: Adopt A Family for Thanksgiving: Chairpersons Bethulun Bernard, Tiffany White & Michelle Robinson. This season is a hard time for families and NAUW strives to make the holiday special. We (NAUW) make a difference in the life of a needy family and put a smile on their faces by adopting a family. We provide a full Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimming.

Veterans Day Observed at the Hope Center of Rayne on Veterans Day. Veterans in attendance and recognized during a program and reception. Veterans salute the presentation of colors. Veterans served their country with honor, commitment and courage. We support them and their families. Dianne Granger and the Hope Center sponsored the event and represented NAUW.



Tutoring

Tutoring Program still going strong thanks to Mildred Young. She works with students to enhance and strengthen LEAP, reading, and math skills. We have a great relationship with the principals, teachers and students at the schools in Rayne. Katie Jolivette is the principal at Armstrong Middle School.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Phyllis Thibodeaux celebrated her birthday on July 20th with a Pink & White Affair. The party was grand. The party was given by her family.

A Red Carpet Event was held in honor of Elaine Sais celebrating her birthday on July 27th. The event was held at the Rayne Ballroom given by her family.

A Surprise Birthday Party was given to Laura Levy by her family on August 24th. She was very surprised.

2012-2013 First Place Rayne Branch/Branch with the highest average membership in attendance 54th South Central Sectional Conference Shreveport, LA

100% participation L.I.N.C. Submission presented by Wanda Faulk S.C.S. Journalist



Shreveport Branch News---Raegan Stearns, reporter

New Member Induction

The Shreveport Branch of the National Association of University Women inducted three new members, Murner Jenkins, Linda Jones, and Dorothy Thompson, during its November 16, 2013 meeting.

The local branch was founded in 1954 by Mrs. Arthurline Yancy and next year will mark its sixtieth anniversary.

Pictured from left to right: President Doris Dansby, Vice President Orella Brazile, Murner Jenkins, Linda Jones, and Dorothy Thompson



Teens and Sweet Peas

The NAUW Shreveport Branch Teens and Sweet Peas had a great time at the lanes! On November 2, both the young and young at hearts enjoyed an afternoon of bowling. Two new Sweetpeas and one teen were recruited to join. Dr. Orella Brazile and June Small are the sponsors of the Teens and Sweet Peas, respectively.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Shreveport Branch members Rosalyn Holt and Dr. Iris Champion who were recently elected to be Parliamentarian and Technology Sectional Officer, respectively.

Special congratulations are extended to member Geneva Moore who celebrated her 98th birthday in August.

Congrats to Janie Samuels who was recently selected as the IOTA PHI LAMBDA, INC. National Soror of the Year!



Shreveport News continued....

Condolences, Get Well Wishes and Blessings

Our condolences are sent to Shreveport branch members Vanessa White and Erma Mitchell on the recent loss of their fathers.

Recent and Upcoming Events

The Shreveport NAUW membership will hold its annual Christmas Fellowship on December 21 at the home of President Doris Dansby.

Several Shreveport NAUW branch members took part in Breast Cancer Awareness month activities. Jane O'Riley participated in Southern University at Shreveport's annual High Heel Breast Cancer Walk which took place on October 30, 2013.

The Shreveport Branch recognized Breast Cancer Awareness month at its October 19 meeting. A display with the theme "Keep Calm and Fight On" was presented and members were invited to view informational posters and awareness brochures. Gifts were given to cancer survivors Cathryn Robinson, Marcella Smith and Ida Edwards.



St Landry Branch news—Wanda Faulk, reporter

Sectional Conference 2013

Members of St. Landry Branch attended the South Central Sectional Conference hosted by the Shreveport Branch in June 2013. In attendance were St. Landry Branch President, Gloria Malbrough, Branch Historian and South Central Section Journalist, Wanda Faulk, Velma Davis, and Lillian Charles.



Planning Session

With the excitement of starting a new year, St. Landry members attended the Annual Planning Session in Pineville, Louisiana. The group walked away with a first-class prospective for the upcoming year of events.

Thanksgiving Project

Each year St. Landry Branch members graciously opens their hearts and give Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families.



St. Landry Branch news continued....

Annual Induction Breakfast

In October 2013, St. Landry Branch welcomed two new members and reclaimed one.



Tamiko Chatman, Helen Williams



Annual Christmas Social

St. Landry Branch jump started the holiday season with their annual Christmas Social. Our dedicated committee members provided a wonderful spread of food and exciting entertainment. During this season of giving, St. Landry Branch adopted a Women's Shelter. Each member donated monies that were used to purchase necessary toiletries. Some members also donated baby clothing, blankets, etc.



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Hello Sisters,

NAUW South Central Section is in the process of archiving information about our organization. As Historian I am collecting this information; however I need all of you to assist me, please.

Knowing that South Central has been organized since 1946, I am requesting all material that chronicles South Central's history. I need for you to review any and all data you and the members of your branch may have collected over the years and set them aside, package them as a group and mail them to me. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

The types of data I am requesting you forward to me are for the years from 1946 to 2013 and only from South Central's functions. My list of data needed includes (for both planning and conferences): sectional program booklets, sectional programs, pamphlets, journals, minutes, and agendas, pictures with notations, by-laws, videos and DVDs.

Let's get personal:

Greetings Sisters,

First let me start off by apologizing for being late with the Newsletter. It seems as if I was thrown curve balls at the start of this year. It started out with my computer going out. Working a second job in retail during the holidays was another obstacle (I guess one that I chose). Just when I was finally putting everything together, I ended up in the hospital with emergency surgery. Thank God for all the prayers. Hopefully, I am up and running now. Please enjoy the newsletter and send in your information for the second one which should be given to you by the end of March.

Remember: Nobody's perfect. That's why God put erasers on pencils. Everyone makes mistakes so if I have omitted something, please forgive me.

May God Bless You!!!

