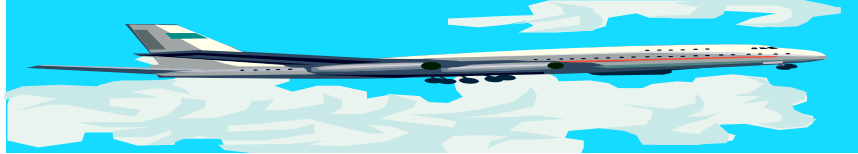


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National Association of University Women

Lake Charles News continued....



Lillie Wilson, Dorothy Jones, Dorenda Turner



BLACK HERITAGE—Members worked “Kids Zone” at the Black Heritage Festival on March 8th. NAUW donated two bicycles to the festival. Joan Augustus is chairperson.

Orientation Tea

New member orientation was held on January 28. The theme was “Celebrating Friendship with Black Women”. Healthy refreshments were served. New members were inducted on February 8. New members are Dr. Lisa Johnson, Mikayla Franklin, and Dionne Pickens.



Seated at Orientation Tea Elaine Brown, Mikayla Franklin, Dionne Pickens, and Mary Richard Land, membership chair and others



Lake Charles news continued.....

Reading Jubilee Committee

Members of the committee assembled goody bags for the students at Clifton Elementary School. Items were given to students on April 3 in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Chairperson Gaynell Perry dressed in "Cat in the Hat" attire and read to the Pre-k classes at J.D. Clifton Elementary. The librarian was presented a book with a NAUW stamp and teachers received gift bags of appreciation.



NAUW Crowns Four during Extravaganza

The Lake Charles Branch of the National Association of University Women hosted its annual extravaganza at the Martin Luther King Community Center.

The theme was "Beauties Light the World". **Mary Lue Jones** was pianist, Yuavanka Brown was soloist, and **Christine Mandubourg** served as emcee for the evening.

The 2014 NAUW Court was presented during the evening and included Petite Miss NAUW **Kyra Deshelle Arie Guice**; Little Miss NAUW **Ashunti Alliah Gray**; Runner-up to Junior Miss NAUW was **Shanese Alisa Gray**; Junior Miss NAUW was **DaJanae Doucett**; Miss NAUW was **Meghan Danielle Antoine**.

Education/Literacy Committee

The Education/Literacy Committee chose as its essay topic "Technology: The Pros and Cons of Technology on Children". All sixth through eighth grade students enrolled in public, parochial and home taught schools within the Calcasieu Parish area are encouraged to participate in the essay contest.

Essays shall be limited to a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 250 words, printed, double spaced typed. The essay must be the student's own work.

Three winners will be selected. The first place award will be a one hundred dollar **(\$100.00)** check; second place seventy-five dollar check **(\$75.00)** and third place a fifty dollar check **(\$50.00)**. Each winner will receive a certificate and monetary award as stated. Winners will be announced **on Saturday, May 12, 2014**. Bridgette Thiery is Chair and Audrette Metoyer is co-chair.

Entertainment for the evening was by **DaJanae Doucett**; **D'Audra Metoyer**; **Raven Dobbins**; **John F. Kennedy Ball Room Dancers**; and **Amorah Wesley**.

All queens and members of the royal court participated in clinics on "Getting Good Grades", "Proper Use of Social Media", "Bullying", and "Table Etiquette".

Funds raised provide scholarships and book stipends to deserving students each year, as well as other community outreach activities of the branch. Chairman of the 2014 NAUW Extravaganza was **Hattie White** and **Elaine Brown** is Lake Charles Branch President. Refreshments were served.

Lake Charles News continued...



First runner up to Junior Miss **Shanese Alisa Gray**; Petite Miss NAUW **Kyra Deshelle Arie Guice**; Junior Miss NAUW was **DaJanae Doucett**; Little Miss NAUW **Ashunti Alliah Gray**; and Miss NAUW was **Meghan Danielle Antoine**.



Acadiana Area Founders Day – Acadiana Area Founders’ Day was held February 23 in Lafayette. Twenty-one ladies registered and nineteen traveled to Lafayette to attend the 25th Annual Area Founders’ Day. Lake Charles Branch placed 3rd in attendance.



Dec. Member of the Month
Celeste Lewis



January Member of the Month
Katie Johnson



February Member of the Month
Makayla Slaughter Franklin

Keep our sick and shut-in members in your prayers: Lannie Molo, Elizabeth Richard, Mildred Guidry, Etta Pete, and Theresa Gilliam.



Little Rock Metro Area Branch---Valecia Fields, reporter

Welcome to the LRMA Branch!!

“And I do believe that the way to change a society, to uplift people– not just their spirit, but to uplift their society and economic base– is through education...”

- Rainn Wilson



The Organizer



If it were not for the vision and drive of Ms. Valecia Fields the Little Rock Metro Area Branch would not be in existence today. We are grateful that she saw a need within the Greater Little Rock area and took the initiative to for-ward the mission of the National Association of University Women.

The Chartering Road



Interest meetings for the chartering of the Little Rock Metro Area Branch of the National Association of University Women were held February 22 and February 26th at the home of organizer, Ms. Valecia Fields. A total of 19 women identified as leaders in the community were present and each listened eagerly to the pre-senter and learned more about NAUW’s history, mission and purpose. Candi-dates learned that as branch founding members, they would forever be an intricate part of history; not only for NAUW, but for women’s and black history alike. The branch was chartered on March 8, 2014 at The Centre at University in Little Rock. Immediate Past National President (Forever Emerald) Ollie Johnson, Sectional Director (South Central) Bettye Wilkerson and Dr. Bettye Williams, National 2nd Vice President officiated this historic event.



Little Rock Metro Area Branch news continued...

Charter Members (Officers):



President: Valecia Fields, **1st Vice President:** Sha Stephens, **2nd Vice President:** Teresa Conner, **Recording Secretary:** Vanessa Parker, **Corresponding Secretary:** Shoutell Richardson, **Treasurer:** Misty Blackmon, **Financial Secretary:** Dr. Collea McKinney, **Journalist:** Kristin Knox, **Chaplain:** Teddi Johnson, **Parliamentarian:** Dr. Ericka McCarroll, **Historian:** Janis Kearney

Other Members Include:

Jackie Bailey, Dr. Charlotte Green, Deidra Henry, Shemedia Johnson, Dr. Constance Meadors, Cynthia Moore, Dr. Veronica Perkins and Kinetra Washington

Our Sister: Educator, Difference Maker---Dr. Charlotte Green



For the last two years, she has been the gifted and talented supervisor for the Conway district. She oversees GT programs in kindergarten through high school, as well as advanced placement courses. It was during her work on the elementary school level that Green began noticing the needs of pre-school students and the gap that existed between those who were prepared for kindergarten and those who were not. To help address the gap, she founded Lifelong Learners, a non-profit organization that champions initiatives that support Arkansas children's success and provides free training and support to private daycares. The organization also builds parental capacity at the preschool level to cultivate an environment that promotes school readiness for Arkansas children. The organization partners with the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, Arkansas Department of Human Services Early Childhood Division, AETN and the Conway Public School Systems. Among its activities, Lifelong Learners will soon be an affiliate of the Imagination Library, which will provide one book each month in the mailboxes of students through age 5 — free of charge. The program will also work with parents on how they can be an educational resource for their children to help prepare them for school. The author of several articles and two books, Green will soon also help launch a statewide television program through AETN — Arkansas Voices for Education. The program will feature six voices — student, parent, teacher, administrator, legislator and community — that will offer input and feedback on a variety of education topics.

- ✚ For nearly 17 years, Sister Charlotte Green has been in education with nine years in elementary school administration. Although it's a demanding job, Charlotte feels that it's a rewarding field because each day she has the opportunity to pour inspiration and motivation into kids, families and teachers.
- ✚ Sister Green serves as co-chair of the Literacy Committee.

Little Rock Metro Area Branch news continued...

Our Sister: The Rocket Scientist---Dr. Constance Meadors



A native of Winnfield, Louisiana with extensive experience in research, engineering, secondary and higher education. Dr. Meadors earned her Ph.D. in Applied Science Engineering Sciences and Masters in Applied Science Instrumentation at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with NASA and an emphasis in hybrid rockets and combustion. She is a fellow recipient for the Office of Naval Research and NASA. She has participated in many organizations including National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Girls of Promise, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), and many more. Dr. Meadors has conducted research with NASA, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She works tirelessly to develop methods that will increase STEM education at all levels and to improve the number minorities in STEM. She is presently establishing a nonprofit Serving Underprivileged, Underrepresented, in Education, Engineering, and Science (SUUEE) STEM Solutions (S3). She presently teaches courses for Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, Thomas Edison State College, New Jersey, and Pulaski Technical College, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

- ❖ Sister Constance Meadors is actively involved in the community and serves on the Board of Directors of City Connections. She is the founder of Pirot STEM Educational Consulting and co-owner of Fatsam's La Café.
- ❖ Sister Meadors serves as co-chair of the Destination Graduation committee.

Janis Kearney!

An inside look at Our Sister: The Author and our Historian

Janis F. Kearney is a native of Gould, Arkansas. She is founder and publisher of Writing our World Publishing, LLC, an Arkansas-based micropublishing company. She is the author of five books, including Cotton Field of Dreams: A Memoir, Daisy: Between a Rock and a Hard Place, her most recent book: Sundays with TJ: 100 Years of Memories on Varner Road, which chronicles the amazing life and experiences of 107-year old TJ Kearney, of Gould, Arkansas. Sister Janis Kearney purchased the Arkansas State Press Newspaper from Daisy Gatson Bates, in 1988. She also served as Personal Diarist to President William Jefferson Clinton from 1995-2001, currently co-chairs the literacy committee and serves as the historian for the Little Rock Metro Area Branch of NAUW.



Little Rock Metro Area Branch continued...

Would you like to Purchase a Book?

More about the author and her books, can be found at

www.writingourworldpress.com; on her Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SundaysWithTJ>

. Or, you can also follow her on twitter: @kearney99496735

What's to come....

- ✓ Meet more LRMA Charter Members through our member spotlight
- ✓ Facebook Page
- ✓ Community Projects
- ✓ Literacy Project
- ✓ Destination Graduation
- ✓ 55th South Central Sectional Conference, June 19-21, 2014
- ✓ 69th Annual National Convention, July 29-Aug. 3
- ✓ Give us a call for more information about our services and programs :

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Pine Bluff Branch News---Felicia Fisher, Betty Morris and Mary Liddell, reporters

Single Parent

Annually, in the spirit of giving, the Pine Bluff Branch members and Mrs. Earnestine Grant, chair of the Single Parent Scholarship Committee share blessings during the year with the branch's Single Parent. Donations of food made by branch members were given to Ms. Lekeshia Smith and her five (5) children.

Pine Bluff Branch News continued...

NAUW Fashion Show & Brunch takes Flight

The Pine Bluff Branch National Association of University Women recently transported attendees to this year's Scholarship Fashion Show and Brunch on "A Flight to Paris at Christmas." Passengers aboard NAUW Airlines were treated to fine dining, live entertainment and were given a glimpse of the latest designer clothes, shoes and accessories from local boutiques. As guests entered the room at the Sahara Shriners Temple, they were greeted by members of the NAUW flight crew. Models took to the runway in casual and dressy fashions from Washington, D.C. to New York, business and formal wear from London, England and lastly, the final destination, Paris, France, with formal wear.

This year's flight commander was Alamae Harris, a local model and celebrity. Pine Bluff Branch member Trudy Redus served as event chair. Flight attendants LaShondra Brown-Johnson, Denika Smith and Delisha Ford Morton were the co-chairs. President Mary Liddell, Redus, Earnestine Grant, Margaret Owens, Winnie Wilson, and Frankie Hemphill members of the branch modeled along with over 30 people from the Pine Bluff Community.

A Trader's Choice silent auction showcasing a vast array of beautiful baskets of various themes prepared by members of the Pine Bluff branch was also a part of the show.



Pine Bluff Branch news continued....



Above: Community members model
Below: Winnie Wilson, PB branch member models



Pine Bluff Branch Christmas

The annual Christmas observance was held on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at the Shriner Temple in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The theme was “Jesus is the Reason for the Season”. The members were welcomed by Chairperson Winnie Wilson, and Josephine Adams led the meditation. Dr. Bettye J. Williams, National Second Vice President gave special remarks. President Mary Liddell provided updates regarding future meetings and conferences. The Pine Bluff Branch had over 25 members in attendance, singing, playing a variety of games and just having good sisterly fellowship. The Christmas Observance ended by everyone singing “Joy to the World” and Liddell gave closing remarks and prayer.

Leadership/Future Development Program

The leadership development Program is designed to identify and nurture young women in high school, college, and professionals for leadership. Particular emphasis will be placed on community service, mentoring, and comradeship. Monthly workshops designed to enhance leadership skills and work advancement is the overall benefit of this program. The young women are working on a book study using the African American Almanac (400 years of Triumph, Courage and Excellence) by Lean'tin Bracks. Scheduled workshops include Effective Communication skills, Public Speaking, Health & Wellness, Time Management, and Personal Finance. There are seven ladies in the program. Committee members include Dr. Brenda Martin (Chair), Earnestine Grant, Tonya Lemons, Janice L. Roberts, Dr. Janette Wheat, Denika Smith, Kendra Jackson, Dr. Margarette Williams, Joyce Vaughan, Felicia Cooper, Loretta Davis, Carolyn Williams, and Elfreda Boyd.



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” – Maya Angelou

Pine Bluff Branch news continued...

NAUW National Day Observances

The Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff was the setting for the Pine Bluff Branch Celebration of National Day which was held January 12, 2014 with Dr. Mary E. Benjamin, presiding. Dr. Bettye J. Williams National Second Vice President (NAUW) did a presentation on The Strength of Black Women in NAUW: National to Local. Cheryl Collins the Director of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff presented the play production of "Flyin' West" with the John Ross McLinn Players. Birlee Levee presented the 2014 Woman of the year, Mrs. Josephine Adams.

Accreditation of Business Programs

Attorney Carla Martin member of the Pine Bluff Branch and Dean of the School of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff achieve her goal along with Dr. Mary Benjamin, member of the Pine Bluff Branch etc. recently helping with the accreditation of its Business program. This accreditation is evidence that the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is committed to providing the highest quality business education of their Students.

According to Dean Martin, achieving accreditation by the ACBSP is critical in their efforts to further enhance the reputation of the School of Business and Management both internally and externally, to attract high-achieving undergraduate students, to garner research dollars, to attract and retain an engaged faculty who will continue to facilitate learning both inside and outside the classroom, and to increase the School of Business and Management profile on UAPB's campus as well as on state, regional, and national levels.

Woman of the Year---Josephine Adams



January 27, 2014, National Day was observed in the Fine Art Auditorium at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Mrs. Josephine Adams was honored as the Pine Bluff Branch's "Woman of the Year 2013-2014" for her continued dedication to her work in the NAUW. Josephine Adams is a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas she received her early education from the Pine Bluff elementary school and later graduated from Merrill High School. She attended Agricultural Mechanical and Normal College (AM&N) now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Tuskegee University. She did further studies at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Mrs. Adams is a retired public school teacher from the Watson Chapel School District where she served for 32 years on the secondary level. Mrs. Adams has been a member of the Pine Bluff Branch (NAUW) for over 35 years. She has served on various committees in the Pine Bluff Branch. She is also a member of NAACP, life member of AEA and NEA, AARP, City Civic Club, the Retired Teachers Choir, and the Cosmopolitan Choir.

CONGRATS

Pine Bluff Branch news continued....

Alice Horton (featured book)

Pine Bluff Branch member Alice Faye Horton book "Grandma Got Stuck in the Bathtub" was chosen as one of the featured books for AETN's January Kids Club Newsletter. This newsletter will go into over 1600 homes in the state. Alice Faye Horton was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in Forrest City, Arkansas. She recently retired from field of education for 36 years and currently serves as the Director of Programs for students with special needs in the Watson Chapel School District in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In addition to children's books, Alice enjoys writing poetry. Her inspiration comes from the observation of everyday triumphs and struggles. She is inspired by the innocence of children, especially her six-year old granddaughter who provides her with a continuous supply of ideas and material for her writings. Alice is married to James Horton and is the mother of two young adults, Damon and Dana.

PROUD Project Continues Community Service Efforts

Committee Chair, Sharon Nicholson and members of the NAUW PROUD committee recently continued the branch's community service efforts by making another presentation of backpacks and school supplies to the Jefferson County Department of Human Service/Division of Children and Family Services.

This project with the support of branch members is on-going and will "assist" the agency with children's basic school supply needs while involving the Pine Bluff Branch in more community service projects. Branch members support this project by being responsible for one (1) filled backpack per school semester. Implementation of this program further encompasses the ongoing national programs of the organization in the areas of Literacy, Math, Science and Youth involvement. The Pine Bluff Branch takes pride in the insight of Mrs. Nicholson and this committee and look forward to the continued collaboration with our community partner.

PROUD Project continued...

On hand for the presentation were Ms. Dionne Walton, DCFS County Supervisor and Family Service Workers Mr. Ronald Forte and Mr. Darnell Rice. Accompanying Mrs. Nicholson was committee members Mrs. Etta Kuykendall and Ms. LaShondra Brown.



Courtesies---Janice Roberts

- Josephine Adams, loss of sister, Elizabeth Powell
- Virginia Barner, hospitalization of husband John Barner
- Dr. Jewell Walker, loss of husband Dr. David Walker
- Mary Liddell, surgery of daughter Tadzia Cooley
- Joyce Vaughan hospitalization and surgery
- Margaret Owens, loss of father

Pine Bluff Branch news continued...

New Membership Induction

On Jan 26, 2014, The Pine Bluff Branch of the National Association of University Women (NAUW) continues to make progress by having a Winter Membership Drive. The New Members Induction Ceremony was led by National 2nd Vice President, Bettye Williams. Other branch members participating in the ceremony were: President Mary Liddell, Vice President Mary Brentley, Birlee Lever, Arlene Woody and Amanda Wells.

New Members inducted were: Kelly Bryant, Elfreda Boyd, Tadzia Cooley, Felicia Cooper, Loretta Davis, Maxine Doolittle, Victoria Ford, Rolanda Haynes, Cartina Horn-Stevenson, Shayla Moore, Erin Pilcher, Dora Sergeant, Tyranetta Tyler-Johnson, Carolyn Williams and Kimberly Williams. Reclaim Members were: Margaret Owens Boyd and Linda Brunson.



Economic Development

Tina Daniels from Hope Credit Union conducted training on how to budget your finances, save money and invest for your future on March 9, 2014. Ms. Daniels is the granddaughter of the Pine Bluff Branch Woman of the Year and Chaplain Mrs. Josephine Adams. Hope has expanded its presence in Arkansas by opening a new branch of the credit union in Pine Bluff.

Pine Bluff Branch (NAUW) Legacy



The Pine Bluff Branch introduced mother and daughters that were members of the Branch at the installation service January 26, 2014. Sharon Nicholson (Secretary) and her daughter Erin Pilcher, President Mary Liddell and her daughter Tadzia D. Cooley, Virginia Barner and her daughter Victoria Ford, and Dr. Mary Brentley (Vice President) and her daughter Shayla Moore. These mothers and daughter teams will follow the National Theme: "Woman Working for Purpose and Pride".

5K Event Earns State Honors

The Jefferson County 5K Run/Walk Dance won the Bronze Award for Event of the Year at the Arkansas Festival and Events Association's 2014 annual conference. This award honor the best of Arkansas festival and special events. The award is presented to an event which stands out among all events in Arkansas by its creative approach, crowd appeal, media coverage and/or enhancement of community pride, thus benefiting the state's quality of life. Pine Bluff Branch member and Manager at Saracen Landing Trudy Redus said the 5K highlighted First Lady Michelle Obama's initiative against childhood obesity. Branch member Marikka Bender was one of the walkers in the 5KRun/Walk.

Pine Bluff Branch news continued...

UAPB Educator Honored

Dr. Mary Benjamin, vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and a member of the Pine Bluff Branch (NAUW) received Women of Color Magazine's College-Level Promotion of Education award at the 18th Annual Women of Color Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference in Dallas.

Benjamin is a champion of education. She believes a good education is powerful, and has the potential to change lives. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social studies at Tuskegee Institute, a Master of Science degree in sociology from Atlanta University, and a PhD in sociology from Mississippi State University.

International Day/Black History/Health Initiative

Excitement was overflowing for our NAUW International Day/Black History/Heart Health Program that was scheduled for Sunday, February 9th, at 3:00p.m., in the Henderson-Young Business Building auditorium on UAPB's campus.

The International Day, Black History, and Health Initiative committees worked very hard to develop a program that was engaging, educational, historical, and a whole lot of fun! The best part is that everyone was asked to participate! The theme for the fabulous program was "NAUW Celebrates the Winter Olympics Around the World with Health Initiatives and Civil Rights." Dr. Bettye Williams, National Second Vice President carried the Olympic torch and President Mary Liddell led the procession with the NAUW members following in line to begin the program. All NAUW members were asked to wear either red (to represent heart health), or an international costume from the country of their choice (to represent International Day and Black History), or a workout outfit (since NAUW is celebrating international athletes of the Winter Olympics).

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The program also feature two of our own NAUW sisters: Dr. Margarette Williams, who address the 2014 National Black History Theme, "Civil Rights in America," and our fitness expert, Ms. Marikka Bender, who was able to take the members to "The Red Zone" with ways to improve our heart health that included low-impact exercises for work, church groups, or home.

Members chanted the following: We love our N in front of our A, our A in front of our U, our U in front of our W; we love NAUW! Joyce Vaughan, Chair – International Day and Black History and Georgette Wiley, Chair – Heart Health Committee



Dr. Bettye J. Williams (National 2nd Vice President) carry the torch for the Pine Bluff Branch Winter Olympics

UAPB Featured Leading Lady

Veronica Alexander leading lady and wife of Dr. Lawrence Alexander the new Chancellor at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff was featured in the University's Pride magazine. She is also a member of the Pine Bluff Branch (NAUW). Mrs. Alexander is the proud mother of three sons Brandon, David and Tyler and a doting grandmother to Brandon's children Jonathan and Allie. She is a licensed minister and enjoy helping people come to God and be all they can be. Mrs. Alexander graduated with a degree in drama and communication from the University of New Orleans.

Pine Bluff Branch news continued...



Erin Pilcher, represented Ghana (above)

Maxine Doolittle, represented (below)



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Youth Destination Graduation

The Youth Destination Graduation Program kicked off the year by working with youth at the Jack Jones Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Theme: Mission Possible: Destination Graduation. The Pine Bluff Branch members that attended the sessions were, Earnestine Grant, Mary Grant, Dr. Jewell Walker, Varnell Wallace, Joyce Vaughan and President Mary Liddell. Members had the opportunity to work with the youth and their parents setting goals for the future. So far 15 students have benefited from mentoring sessions by members of the Pine Bluff Branch (NAUW). At the end of each sessions the student are assigned homework. This program was implemented by Valecia Fields, President of the Little Rock Metro Branch and is one of South Central initiatives. President Liddell is on the South Central Destination Graduation committee.

Retired Education Members

Pine Bluff Branch members Alice Horton with 38 years of service to education in the Hope School District, Walker Public Schools, Magnolia Public Schools, Watson Chapel School District and the Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative, and Ollie King with 34.5 years of service to education in the Wabbaseka School District, Pine Bluff School District, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff were recognize as retirees at the Epsilon Zeta Zeta and Beta Beta Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., retirement banquet on March 1, 2014. Each member was presented with a certificate, CD, and an award from the Honorable Stephanie Flowers, Arkansas State Senator, in District 25.



Rayne Branch News---Dianne Granger, reporter

Adopt-A-School



Adopt-A-School Presentation to Armstrong Middle School Principal Thibodeaux and Katie Jolivette Assistant Principal. Dianne Granger, Katie Jolivette, Assistant Principal, Principal Thibodeaux, presented by Hilda Wiltz, chairperson and Marcelle Fontenot KATC-TV3 guest speaker

Annual Christmas Social

Members of Rayne Branch gathered for the groups Annual Christmas Luncheon, held on **Sunday, December 15, 2013** at Cheddar’s Restaurant in Lafayette, LA . Members enjoyed good food, games, prizes, gifts and goodie bags were given all that attended. Dianne Granger, Hilda Wiltz, chairperson, Mary Figaro, Bethalun Bernard, Dr. Annointe O’Neil, Laila O’Neil, Taylor O’Neil, Laura Levy, and Mildred Young

Holiday Food Drive

Chairperson Dianne Granger. Members of Rayne Branch participated in a Holiday Food drive sponsored by the Hope Center of Rayne on **Wednesday, December 18, 2013**. Proceeds were donated to needy families of Rayne, Churchpoint, and Crowley. Hercules Granger, Executive Director

Adopt-A-Residence

(Rayne Nursing Home) Chairperson Katie Jolivette. Members made a holiday visit to Rayne Nursing Home to hand out Christmas presents to the residence on Monday, **December 23, 2013**.

Rev. Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Marcelle Fontenot was the special guest speaker at the Annual Rayne Branch City Wide Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration.

Chairperson Laura Levy and Co-Chairperson Hilda Wiltz. Marcelle Fontenot, a newscaster for KATC TV3, addressed the crowd at the Rayne Civic Center on MK Day, Monday, January 20, 2014.

The event is co-hosted by Rayne Branch NAUW, City of Rayne and MLK Committee. The Day begins with a short MLK program at the Depot Square at 8:30 a.m. Following the Depot Square program the participants marched to the Rayne Civic Center where the main program was held at 11:00 a.m. The march is a remembrance to the past which has given strength and hope for the future. The Theme for 2014 “Citizenship and Service in Action”. Mistress of Ceremonies Mrs. Paula G. Cutrer, Invocation Rev. Cozy Gage, Pledge of Allegiance Rayne Head Start Students, Black National Anthem Dexter Augustus, Music Selection Catherine Anthony, Greetings Mayor Roland Boudreaux, City of Rayne, and City Councilwoman Ann Washington. Entertainment by P.J.’s Dance School Pam Senegal Director, Introduction of Guest Speaker Tiffany White, Guest Speaker Marcelle Fontenot KATC-TV3 News Anchor



Rayne Branch news continued...

Poster Contest 4th & 5th Grade Winners

4th grade 1st place Noah Peter South Rayne Elem., 2nd place Abigal Savoy Branch Elem., 3rd place Anisha Chevalier Branch Elem., Honorable Mention Jillian Moody Rayne Catholic Elem., 5th Grade 1st place William Arceneaux Mire Elem., 2nd Ansley Suire South Rayne Elem., 3rd place Laurian Guidry South Rayne Elem., Honorable Mention Holly Pellesier Mire Elem.

Middle School Peace Poem Awards

Armstrong Middle, Branch Elementary and Rayne Catholic Elementary Participated: 1st place Kady White 6th grade Armstrong Middle, 2nd place Trever Yokum 7th grade Armstrong Middle, 3rd place Alexandra Guidry 7th grade Armstrong Middle, Honorable Mention Lakecus LeBlanc 7th grade Armstrong Middle and Mallory Joseph 6th grade Branch Elementary.

High School Essays Contest

Rayne High School Participants: 1st place Mariah Charles 12th grade Rayne High School, 2nd place Whitney Fontenot 11th grade Rayne High, 3rd place Caroline Bergeron 11th grade Rayne High, Honorable Mention 12th grade Rayne High School

Kindergarten Category

1st Nolton Senegal III Rayne Head Start, 2nd place Kasey Soria Central Rayne Kindergarten, 3rd place Bailey Washington Central Rayne Kindergarten, Honorable Mention Jaya Daugereaux Central Rayne Kindergarten

Contest Winners

Color Sheet Contest Winners

2nd Grade: 1st Place Gracie McKeivitt Mire Elem, 2nd Place Kaylie Martin Martin Petitjean Elem., 3rd Place Jacari Gibson Martin Petitjean Elem, Honorable Mention Ethan Jacob Guilbeau Branch Elem. 3rd Grade: 1st Place Jadyn Gabriel Martin Petitjean Elem, 2nd Place Lilly Barthe Mire Elem, 3rd place Carmina Thibodeaux Mire Elem, Honorable Mention Victoria X Branch Elem., 1st Grade: 1st place Marcella Chapman Mire Elem., 2nd place Veronica Izaguirre Martin Petitjean Elem., 3rd place McKenzie Smith Mire Elem., Honorable Mention Mercelle Arceneaux Martin Petitjean Elem.,



First MLK Special Service Award 2014 presented to Ms. Rosemary Mouton of Rayne by Mary Figaro 2nd Vice President. Mary Figaro, Ms. Rosemary Mouton, Dianne Granger, NAUW Queen Bremilin Minix daughter of Rockella Minix and Laura Levy MLK Chairperson