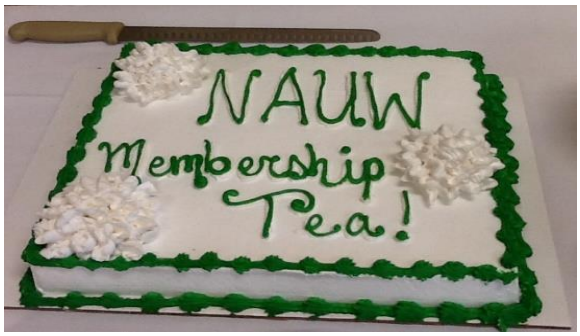
Pine Bluff Branch News---Mary Liddell, reporting

Membership Tea

Pine Bluff Branch annual membership tea was held on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the L.A. Davis Black and Gold room on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The Pine Bluff Branch had 12 ladies in attendance for potential membership and two reclaim members. Each potential member gave an overview of their credentials and express their desire to be a member of the Pine Bluff Branch and continue working in the community of Pine Bluff. Reclaim members Tina Humphrey and Bobbie Bridges were ready and willing to continue their membership and to get back to working with the Pine Bluff Branch.



13th Amendment Commemoration
150 Years of Freedom

The Pine Bluff Community celebrated a ***"Let Freedom Ring" Ceremony*** sponsored by our ***Honorable Mayor Debe Hollingsworth*** in conjunction with the Department of Arkansas Heritage and the Governor's Office. This special event took place on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 12:30 pm at the Pine Bluff Civic Center steps. There was a short commemoration program with guest speaker Rev. Charlene Boone. The official Ringing of the Bells begin at 1:00 pm

In honor of this occasion, the Mayor asked all churches, public buildings, educational institutions, and individuals in the ***City of Pine Bluff*** to ring bells at ***1:00 p.m.*** 13 consecutive times to celebrate passage of the 13th Amendment and celebrating the ***"Let Freedom Ring" Ceremony.*** The City of Pine Bluff is extremely proud to participate in such a momentous occasion that speaks to victory, freedom and equality. Pine Bluff Branch members that were in attendance were Joyce Vaughan and Mary Liddell.

Pine Bluff news continued…

Joyce Vaughan, Rev. Charlene Boone, Mary Liddell, Evelyn Horton

Members of the Pine Bluff Police and Armed Forces

Members of the community, Joyce Vaughan, Mayor Dede Hollingsworth, Rev. Boone, Mary Liddell

City Family Fun Day

Mary Liddell, president of the Pine Bluff Branch (NAUW) was voted by the city committee to be the Torch Bearer to kick off the "Family Fun Day" for the City of Pine Bluff on Saturday, May 2, 2015. City-wide businesses, churches, senior citizen centers and organizations participated in a variety of tailgating, vendor booths and competitions for all ages. Fun Day attendees were able to sample food items from hamburgers and hot dogs to ribs and fired catfish from the tailgate area. Other free samples were included: soft drinks, ice cream, potato salad, French fries, dill pickles, cookies, and candy. Several awards were given out Saturday for various competitions. The "Show Your Stuff" competition was won by the Pine Bluff City Police Department as the most creative tailgate area. Their jail front tailgate booth brought many on lookers and partakers of the free food samples. There was also equally as eager participation in the chicken wing and hot dog eating contest. The Pine Bluff's Got Talent contest was graced with talent from three different high schools; Pine Bluff High, Watson Chapel High, and Ridgway Christian Schools. After extensive judging, Pine Bluff High secured first place and Ridgway followed by bringing in second and third. All entries were extremely talented and judging was challenging. Each talent was judged on the quality of their talent, professionalism and stage presence. All contest entries received a framed certificate of participation. Atty Kandice Bell and Pine Bluff Branch member Veronica Alexander (1st lady of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff were judges)

Pine Bluff news continued…

Leadership Development

Workshops for the Leadership Development Program were held during the 2014-2015 year. Participants for the 2014-2015 program are JeLissa Morgan, Jasimine Pitts, Haley Jackson, Tamera Ford, Onna Giddens, DeJah Murray, Briana Bush, and Michelle Corbin. Workshop topics included: Characteristics of a Good Leader, Effective Communication, Professional Business Etiquette, African American Women in Leadership Roles, and Time Management. Guest presenters were Joyce Wilson representing Toastmasters International, Etiquette Consultant, Turdy Redus, Anglela Pinkard-Hale from the Arkansas Department of Human Services, and Dr. Ann Williams of the Greater Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce served as the keynote luncheon speakers.

Books were purchased and donated to the Boys and Girls Club as a service learning project. Participant Tamera Ford submitted a membership application to the Branch. The committee received grants from NAUW South Central Section ($200), Synergy, Inc. ($500), and Pine Bluff Area Community Foundation ($550) totaling $1,250.00. Committee members are Dr. Brenda Martin (Chair), Janice Roberts (Co-Chair), Erma Carter, Earnestine Grant, Kimberly Williams, Dr. Janette Wheat, Elfreda Boyd, Carolyn Williams, Tonya Lemons, Loretta Davis, and Felicia Cooper.

Pine Bluff news continued….

NAUW Donates Books to Boys and Girls Club Jefferson County

May 28, 2015, the Pine Bluff Branch of the National Association of University of Women donated books to the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County. The mission of NAUW is to serve women, youth and the disadvantaged in our communities and in developing countries by addressing educational issues, and strategically partnering with allied organizations. James M. Britt, Area Manager stated, "The books were definitely a stimulant and has encouraged our youth to want to read more." Nyeshia Aldridge, CEO of the club stated, "Most youth lose about 2 months' worth of math and literacy skills during the summer break. With these books, we will be able to run our summer "Reading Trivia" program which will help keep them on tract."

Dr Janette Wheat, inducted into Accreditation Council

Dr. Janette Wheat, associate professor for the Department of Human Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB), was recently inducted into the Council for Accreditation (CFA) for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). The CFA acts as the peer review board responsible for evaluating family and consumer sciences departments in higher education for their accreditation.

In this role, Dr. Wheat will help develop policies and procedures to evaluate the extent to which university family and consumer sciences departments comply with standards to ensure initial and continuing accreditation status. She will also organize professional development activities and will promote the AAFCS accreditation program to undergraduate family and consumer science programs that could be eligible for accreditation.

Dr. Wheat served as accreditation director for the UAPB Department of Human Sciences between 2008 and 2012. Her leadership helped secure the department's re-accreditation by the AAFCS through 2022.

"I believe my experience as accreditation director for the department and the systemic training I received from participating in several AAFCS educational workshop sessions will allow me to make meaningful contributions to the AAFCS-CFA," Dr. Wheat said. "AAFCS accreditation is a badge of honor for the Department of Human Sciences, the School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences and our university as a whole."

Pine Bluff news continued…

Courtesy –

April-May the following was reported:

Victoria Ford – Surgery

Frankie Hemphill – Son in the hospital

Cheryl Hutchins James – loss of mother

Sharon Nicholson – sister in the hospital

Earnestine Grant and Mary Grant – loss of Aunt

Earnestine Grant – granddaughter in the hospital

Earnestine Grant and Mary Grant – loss of sister

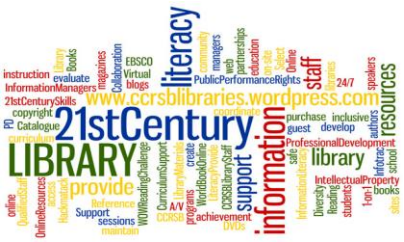
Winnie Wilson – loss of sister-in-law

Rayne Branch News— Hilda Wiltz, reporting

March 28, 2015 Library Day Rayne Library

We afford an opportunity for the young people to see a movie, register for the library, paid back fees ,and gave a donation to the library of Books total of 5 books in various names we collaborated with KPC National Court , Junior Daughter court 75 Acadia Council on aging , La Health Care Connections and Rayne Branch . Each child received books, art items, health refreshments and a certificate. We also had a display in the Library of Historical facts about Rayne Branch NAUW

We had a great day



Rayne Branch news continued…

Rayne Branch hosts a Senior Night At the Green Room

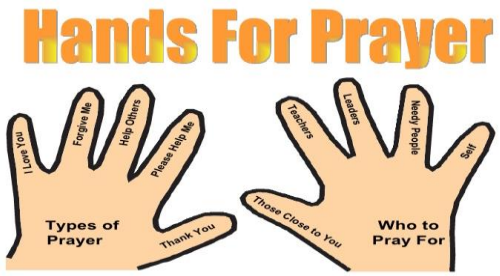
April 17, 2015 Lafayette NAUW Honored several community people Hilda Wiltz was one of the honoree and so Grateful

Our Sectional Directors blessed us with a Gift

St Landry Branch news---Wanda Faulk, reporting

Congratulations

Congratulations to Wanda Faulk celebrating 10 years of Service and Dedication to Regional Health Systems of Acadiana. Wanda is pictured with her daughter, Eboni Faulk.



Gloria Malbrough---recovering from surgery

Celina Richard---recovering from surgery

Velma Davis---illness

Members of the Eunice Branch along with the St. Landry Branch are putting the final touches on plans for the 56th Sectional Conference to be held in Lafayette at the Ramada Inn and Suites Convention Center on June 18-20, 2015. Don't forget to review your information packet to see what is planned for the daily activities and the necessary attire for each day. Should you need additional information, please contact Gloria Malbrough, Denise Antoine, Branch Presidents or Sectional Director Betty Wilkerson.

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A Personal Touch:

Another successful issue and year!! South Central Section is always soaring above the clouds.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – **John Quincy Adams**

Remember: Nobody's perfect. That's why God put erasers on pencils. Everyone makes mistakes so if I have omitted something, please forgive me. Blame the brain not the heart.

May God continue to Bless each of YOU!!!

SECTIONAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 18-20, 2015

NOTE:

Sectional Historian Meriva P. Fontenot of the Eunice Branch reminds everyone to bring with them any items, articles, pictures you wish to place in the Sectional archives. A special table will be set up to receive such materials. Information will be available at the Registration Table.