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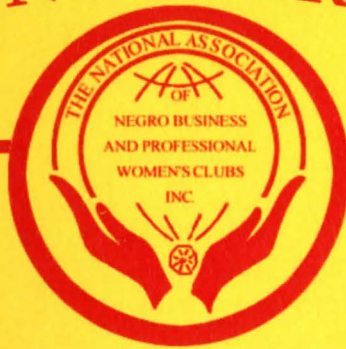
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58th ANNIVERSARY



The Buffalo Club

**56TH ANNUAL
SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARD
AND
FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON**

**Saturday
April 30, 2016**

**HOLIDAY INN
1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst NY**

- Ms. Janet E. Barnes President
- Ms. Joyce M. Jones Awards Chairperson
- Ms. Alline W. Davis Co-Chairperson

SOJOURNER TRUTH

Sojourner Truth was a former slave who became a leader in the battle against slavery. She was freed under the New York Gradual Emancipation Act.

Sojourner fought her battles from the lecture platform and in the courts. There is some evidence that Sojourner gave help to slaves escaping through the Underground, but the only slave she actually freed herself was her son, but he was freed through the court action. Her lecture activities brought her almost instant fame. Although she was illiterate, she had the power to captivate her audience. Her witty replies to hecklers became legendary, though in one famous instance she became a heckler herself and stopped Fredrick S. Douglas cold.

After the Civil War, Sojourner Truth was active in fund raising projects to assist the free men and women, and in the cause of women's suffrage. She settled in Battle Creek, Michigan but continued traveling on lecture tours until a few years before her death in 1883. She was about eighty five years old at the time of her death and was buried in Oakhill Cemetery in Battle Creek, Michigan.



"If Eve, the first woman God ever made, was strong enough to turn the world upside down alone, the women of today ought to be able to get it right side up again."

Sojourner Truth, 1851

HISTORICAL BRIEF

The Late Emma Odessa Young, a realtor in New York City and member of the New York Club Business and Professional Women, conceived the idea of a National organization. Unfortunately, Mrs. Young became an invalid and was unable to work toward this end.

However, on July 12 and 13, 1935, Mrs. Ollie Chinn Porter, President of the New York Business and Professional Women's Club, invited the Philadelphia and the Atlantic City Clubs to New York City to join to form a national organization. A three-day conference was held at the YMCA in New York City. A committee consisting of Ollie Chinn Porter, Effie Diton of New York City, Bertha Perry Rhodes, Josephine Keene, Adelaide Flemming of Philadelphia and Pearl Flippen of Atlantic City all came together to form the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Mrs. Porter was elected chairman, Mrs. Diton the national organization organizer and Mrs. Flippen the Secretary and Treasurer.



Mrs. Ollie Chin Porter

After a year of meetings, the first convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on July 9, 1936 at the Asbury M. E. Church on Artic Avenue. Elected officers were: National President, Mrs. Ollie Chinn Porter, New York City; First Vice-President, Mrs. Bertha Perry Rhodes, Philadelphia; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Marguerite Creth Jackson, New York City, and Secretary/Treasurer, Sara Taylor, Atlantic City, NJ. State organizer for New Jersey was Mrs. Emma Goodwin, State organizer for Pennsylvania was Mrs. Josephine Keene. Thus, was the beginning of charter clubs from New York City, NY, Philadelphia, PA and Atlantic City, NJ.

That these black women had the courage to find an optimistic organization is astounding and is lasting testimony to their faith in themselves, their people, and the future.



Greeting
from North East District Governor

Iris Banister

"If the first woman ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all by herself, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again!" These are the everlasting and prophetic words spoken by icon Sojourner Truth which continue to reverberate in the ears and hearts of every woman that is a member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Ladies of the prestigious Buffalo Club as you celebrate your 54th Founders' Day, you can be proud that you, as your club foremothers did, have put your collective hands around this world and have been in the process of turning it right side up. You are following the example of those seven incomparable women that in 1935 came together and founded our beloved association. Through the outstanding programs and magnificent projects, The Buffalo Club has worked diligently to actualize and confirm the impact that women can and do make in their communities, nation, and the world--- every single day!

As Governor of the Northeast District, I am absolutely pleased to greet those of you who have taken time today to celebrate with these valiant "trail blazing" out of the box thinking dynamic women of The Buffalo Club. They demonstrate consummate leadership, highlight the possibilities of entrepreneurship, embrace the concept of self-help, and believe deeply in service. These women have been stalwart community partners as exemplified today as they remember and honor our original Founders through the recognition of deserving current community leaders.

The magnificent club sisters of the Buffalo Club have been responding to the clarion call of Sojourner by blazing new pathways, and moving forward with a definite purpose. As 21st Century women, they took up the gauntlet and have been positively distinguishing themselves; making their mark and all with sophistication, class, and pizzazz. The Northeast District is proud that the ladies of this club have held true to their mission and stand as a beacon of light in this community and among their sister clubs throughout the "Mighty" Northeast District.

Your presence here today is a salute to their high level of programmatic excellence, consistency, and longevity. As the 2014 Northeast District Theme declares, these Buffalo Club sisters are indeed proof positive that they are, "Simply the B.E.S.T. (Bold; Empowered; Sisters; Together)". Empowered and boldly together these sisters, hand in hand continue to make dreams come true.

Ladies and gentlemen, Brothers and Sisters, I greet each of you in the spirit of Sojourner Truth and thank you for joining me in congratulating The Buffalo Club and its exceptional women. **I am Iris Banister, the 16th Governor of the Mighty Northeast District and I am proud to render this message. BRAVO! My Buffalo Club sisters for your years of EXCELLENCE in service, sisterhood, and making a difference in your community and in the lives of many!**



2016
Buffalo Club President
National Music Director

Janet E. Barnes

Congratulations To All Awardees

Janet E. Barnes, has been an integral part of the Buffalo Club of the NANBPWC, Inc. since she became a member of our young adult club of NANBPWC, Inc., serving for four years in the position. Janet received the Professional Award, the Ollie C. Porter Award, and the Appreciation Award. Since her affiliation with the Buffalo Senior Club, Janet has served as Corresponding Secretary, 2nd Vice-President, 1st Vice-President and chaired the annual Snow Ball Dinner Dance. She also has chaired and co-chaired the Annual Sojourner Truth Awards and Founders Day Luncheons. Janet's District and National achievements include; North East District Choir Director, North East District Financial Assistant, and National Music Director.

Janet E. Barnes has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music, a Masters in Education, a Masters in Urban Planning, and the highest New York Education Certificate as an Administrator. She is presently a retired Principal for the Buffalo Public School System. She has become an inspiration and role model for hundreds of students as well as a community leader.

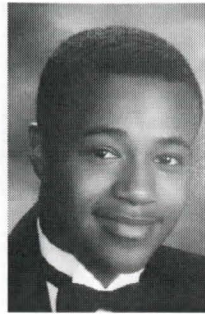
She has held an international position in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as the former Regional Area Coordinator of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., present Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Great Lakes Regional Choir Director, past President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gamma Phi Omega Chapter, past Vice-President of the Fourth Zone Democratic Club, past Secretary of the Metropolitan Democratic Club, and presently, Vice President of the Board of Directors of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME). She is also the 2nd Vice President of the Erie County Chapter of Links, Inc., the Financial Secretary for Elite Temple of Elks #143 and Buffalo Club Treasurer.

Janet is a member of the First Trinity Lutheran Church located in Tonawanda, New York. She is the substitute organist, active choir member and former member of "Quest", the alternative worship service.

She is now the Minister of Music at Lincoln Memorial Methodist Church.

Janet's immediate family includes a sister Vicki, a BPS math coach.

The
2016
Awardees



Terron Garnet Brown

2016
SCHOLAR INCENTIVE
AWARDEE

Terron Garnet Brown is a senior at City Honors School anxiously awaiting his June 2016 graduation day. An honor roll student, Terron has been preparing himself academically, mentally and physically to enter the challenging world of college. His undergraduate course of study will be biology or computer science leading to a BA Degree. His ultimate goal is to attend medical school and become a pediatrician.

Since early childhood, Terron enjoys social interactions with others. He likes friendly conversations, giving or taking advice; helping others work through difficult situations; lending a hand to someone in need; comforting those that are hurt, sick and lonely, especially children.

In addition to his high academic standing (3.77), Terron participates in City Honors International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Out of 120 seniors, he is one of 38 seniors actively participating in this discipline. He is a Martial Arts/Karate Black Belt Champion; participates in ping-pong events and swim meets; plays the piano; 3-year Intern in the Mayor's Summer Reading Program; Community Service Volunteer; School leader and Trainer; E-Tech web master.

Terron says he won't stop until he can officially call himself "Dr. Terron Garnet Brown, Pediatrician".

Terron is a member of St. John Baptist Church.



Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins

2016

SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARDEE

Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins is an associate professor at SUNY Empire State College at Buffalo, NY. She is being honored for her outstanding work in health care in the Buffalo community focusing on the health care of women: homeless, incarcerated and African American women in particular. Her work is recognized throughout Western New York, state wide, nationally and internationally.

Her concern for the health care of the most vulnerable among us is commendable. She identifies the issues and seeks solutions to those issues. She arranges health screenings and follow-up sessions to help women address their particular needs. She is actively supporting a transition house for women released from prison. This is being done with the help of the New York Commission of Corrections. Dr. Collins started a women's radio program to educate and inform women in the area about health and social issues that affect them and their loved ones. The show, which is very popular, "Women's Health with Dr. Catherine Collins", airs twice monthly on 1400 WWWW AM. It is the only radio show devoted entirely to women's health.

Dr. Collins began Project Love and Hope that serves homeless children in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, DC. She has partnered with the Army Reserve Health Center at the Masten Avenue Armory in Buffalo to set up a volunteer weekend clinic to provide needed health services for children attending Public School #44 and residents of the Fruit Belt neighborhood with limited or no insurance. The clinic was staffed by Army Medical Personnel, Dr. Collins and other health professionals who volunteered their time.

The author of numerous books and publications that focus on the health care of incarcerated women, African American women and girls, and the homeless, Dr. Collins is widely sought as a consultant and presenter. Internationally, she has presented to South African women prisoners, University of South Africa Law School, Women Prisoners in Johannesburg and Pretoria, guest lecturer in Nigeria on Child Development.

Dr. Collins received a Nurse Practitioner Certification-SUNY Buffalo, BS Education-SUNY Buffalo, MS Education-SUNY Buffalo, D, Ed. Degree-Education Administration/Leadership, Organizational Development SUNY Buffalo.

For her exemplary work, she has received many prestigious awards. One cherished award is the "Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Service". Other notable awards: National Board of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., (several), Western New Women's Hall of Fame, State of New Jersey Heritage Award, Black Achievers Community Service Award, Coalition of 100 Black Women Award, Buffalo Branch NAACP Community Service Award, Attica Prison NAACP Humanitarian Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter, and many more.

Dr. Collins has memberships in many organizations: For Women Only, Buffalo Board of Education, New York State School Board's Association Cultural Diversity Committee, Health Committee of WNY, Buffalo Links, Inc., Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Buffalo Black Media Coalition, and many, many more.

PROGRAMME

**56th Annual Sojourner Truth Award
and Founder's Day Luncheon**

Prelude CMC Jazz All-Stars

Processional and Seating of Dais Guests

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" CMC Jazz All-Stars and Audience

Invocation Mrs. Daun Nicholas
First Lady, Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church

Introduction of Dais Guests..... Mrs. Cindy Clarke
Financial Secretary

Welcome..... Ms. Carla Murphy

LUNCHEON

58th Anniversary Salute to the
Buffalo Club of the National Association of
Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Presentation to Colored Musicians Club

Introduction of Members Ms. Sandra Howard

Sojourner Truth Monologue..... Ms. Trina Land

Presentation of Awards..... Ms. Joyce Jones

Remarks Ms. Janet E. Barnes

Benediction..... Reverend George Nicholas
Pastor, Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church

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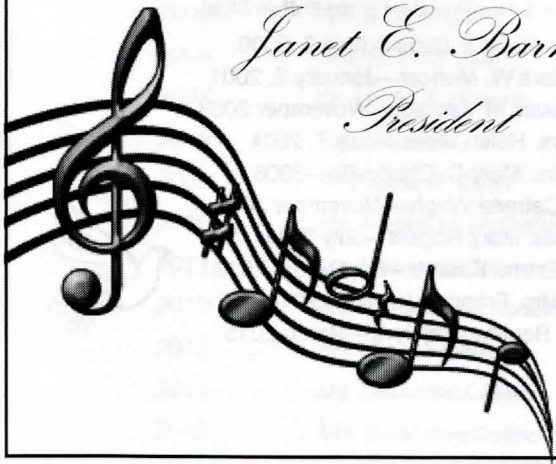
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to

Catherine Collins
Desmond Nicholas

and

All Awardees

Janet E. Barnes
President



CONGRATULATIONS
DR. CATHERINE COLLINS

Ain't I A Woman

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Mom,

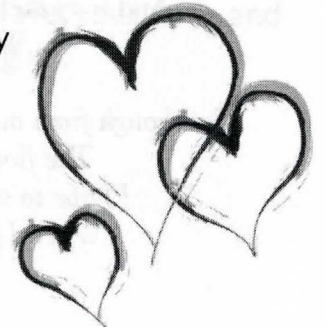
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We Love You!

Clyde, Hadijat, Laura

and

Your Family



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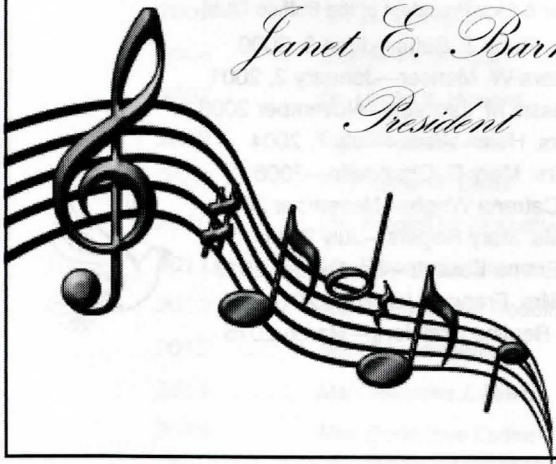
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In Loving Memory of Our Departed B.P.W. Sisters



Crossing the Bar

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for Me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out of the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.*

*For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*

-TENNYSON

CONGRATULATIONS

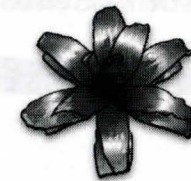
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The National Association of Negro and Professional
Women's Club Inc.
For recognizing the contributions of two leaders in our
community from two different generations

**Dr. Catherine Collins
Desmond M. Nicholas**

God Bless you from the Lincoln Memorial
UMC family where we are
"changing lives through Love"

1 Timothy 4:12 (TLB)

Don't let anyone think little of you because you
are young. Be their ideal; let them
follow the way you teach and live;
be a pattern for them in your love, your faith, and
your clean thoughts.





To
 Desmond
 and
 Dr. Catherine Collins

*You are blessed and highly favored.
 We are honored to be a part of your church family.
 To God be the glory.*

Claudia and Herky Bigham



The Insignia Represents
 The World in the Hands of Women

National Colors: *Red & Yellow*
 The Flower: *The Yellow Tea Rose*
 Official Publication: *Responsibility*

DID YOU KNOW?

The members of the NANBPWC's Northeast District encourage interest in culture and the arts. Each year the District hosts the Showcase of Vocal Artists at Carnegie Hall where we feature the talents of young vocalists pursuing careers in classical music.

On the international front we have opened a health care facility in the Village of Apatrapa in Ghana, West Africa, and have provided support in Benin, Nigeria and Tanzania, just to name a few. We have given monetary donations and have sponsored programs that have helped to improve the economic conditions for our brothers and sisters in the Motherland.

**THE BUFFALO CLUB OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE
NEGRO BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

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Joyce M. Jones	Recording Secretary
Cindy Clarke	Financial Secretary
Janet E. Barnes	Treasurer
Joyce M. Jones.....	Life Member and Chair

**BUFFALO CLUB ROSTER
2015-2016**

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