

***WHERE WE WERE, WHERE WE  
ARE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING...***



# Verdelle Bellamy

## Georgia State Convener



- ❖ Respected Nurse administrator, leader, and trailblazer in the field of nursing
- ❖ Appointed State NCNW (GA) Convener by Dorothy I. Height
- ❖ Served as Regional Director for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- ❖ One of the two first African American students at Emory University
- ❖ First black to receive a gubernatorial appointment from Governor Jimmy Carter to the Georgia Board of Nursing
- ❖ First black nurse to serve as President of the Georgia Board of Nursing
- ❖ First black to be elected to the executive committee of the Georgia Nurses Association where she served as the first black president



1927 - 2015



# Verdelle Bellamy

## Georgia State Convenor cont'd



During Verdelle Bellamy's Leadership for Georgia, NCNW:

- ❖ NCNW Black Family Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia—Gala, Vendors/Picnic in the Park & Community Parade
- ❖ Bethune Recognition in Atlanta, Georgia



# A. Lois Keith

## National Vice Chair of NCNW, Inc.



**Dr. Lois Keith** had a vision soon after the passing of Verdelle Bellamy, to re-organize the state coalition of Georgia, NCNW. She reached out to all current and immediate past Section Presidents throughout the state and formed a planning committee. The outcome of this meeting was the Inaugural State of Georgia Conference. During this time and soon after:

- ❖ The Columbus Section was in the midst of re-chartering
- ❖ Greater Atlanta had just re-chartered
- ❖ Henry-Clayton was in the planning phase of organizing
- ❖ In 2017, Co-chaired the Albany Relief effort with Dr. Kimberly Scott (Columbus).
- ❖ Keith was elected as National Vice Chair
- ❖ Immediate Past National Membership Chair





## Denton Elected As Interim State President

Denton was elected as the ***Interim State President*** at the Inaugural State of Georgia Conference spearheaded by Dr. A. Lois Keith in August of 2016. Our Immediate Past Chair, Ingrid Saunders-Jones; Membership Director, David Glenn; Executive Director, Janice Mathis; and National Member-At-Large, Sandra Gipson were in attendance.



# NCNW State Conference



- ❖ The 2nd State Conference was held in Valdosta, Georgia, in August 2017
  - ❖ Sharah Denton was elected as State President of Georgia NCNW
  - ❖ Myrtle Mayfield elected as State Treasurer
  - ❖ Gina Smith elected as Financial Secretary
  - ❖ Theresa Carrington elected as State Financial Secretary





## ***Warming Hearts & Homes***

Albany Relief Effort in Recognition of Dr. Height's Birthday  
State efforts from DeKalb, Rockdale-Newton, Valdosta and Columbus.  
Spearheaded By Dr. Kimberly Scott and Dr. Lois Keith

# Georgia Executive Board in Action



It was important from the Executive Board to hear back from members. Based on survey feedback from the first two state conferences, the feedback below is what MEMBERS wanted from the State of Georgia, NCNW:

- ❖ A closer network with other sections throughout the State on a community and college level.
- ❖ A state training due to non-traditional if at all any transitional plans in place from sectional leadership to leadership.
- ❖ A governance of procedures and policies.
- ❖ Collegiate Members wanted to have a better relationship with Community-based sections for support and bonding.



# Georgia Executive Board in Action



In 2017, the Executive Board met, strategized and discussed a plan based on the feedback from **MEMBERS**. The state wanted the members to **KNOW** and **UNDERSTAND** that not only did **WE HEAR** them, we wanted to begin the first items of organizing the state based on their needs and wanted to better support them. The Executive Board implemented:

- ❖ State Membership Handbook
- ❖ State Bylaws (voted and approved during 2<sup>nd</sup> State Conference)
- ❖ State Financial Procedures
- ❖ Height Leadership Training (hosted at Fort Valley State University)
  - ❖ The purpose of this training was to update sections and section leadership on changes on the national level, answer questions, and discuss the finances and bond among sections.

# Where We Are (Currently)



- ❖ An organized state mechanism of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. – Georgia
- ❖ Official State Finance Committee Chaired by *Sandra Kenon*
- ❖ Official State Bylaws Committee Chaired by *Dr. Rosalyn Bell-Matthews*
- ❖ Policies and Procedure Membership Handbook for the State.
- ❖ Bi-Annual State Conference (to rotate among Sections).
- ❖ Bi-Annual Height Leadership Training for Collegiate and Community Sections during Section Election year.
- ❖ Implemented yearly state assessments based on region and section size.

# State BHRP Day Party

Official **BHRP** Committee representing entire state of Georgia Chaired by: Dr. Janea Johnson (DeKalb), Kimberly Underdue (Greater Atlanta) & Kimberly Aikens (Henry-Clayton Co).

**March 21, 2020 at 3 pm**  
**Academy of Excellence at**  
**Georgia Tech**

STATE COALITION OF  
**GEORGIA NCNW, INC.**

**BHRP**  
*Day Party*

**MARCH 2020**

CHAIRS:



KIMBERLY UNDERDUE



DR. JANEA JOHNSON



KIM AKINS



# Quarterly Presidential Updates

## President Alerts



Greetings Sisters!

This annual correspondence is to keep each section leader and members updated on what the State Coalition of Georgia, NCNW has going on and updates! We want to first say THANK YOU to each section in our state on the collegiate and community level! Because of your hard work and commitment, at our National Convention this past weekend, Georgia placed first in bringing in the most members in our category of 1,000+ members. The State also wants to thank our sisters at Fort Valley State University for creating our state table centerpiece! It was beautiful! Thank you to Dr. Lois Keith who led the J.O.I.N. initiative and Diane Larche, National Membership Chair.

### Community Section State Assessments

Sections will have state assessments due every October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sections will be assessed based on their member size, demographic area and roster. Sections who have not sent their rosters will be assessed the maximum assessment of \$350. The finance committee and Ms. Myrtle have copies of the invoices so if your section has not received it or turned in the assessment please contact Ms. Myrtle. It will be billed yearly and due every October on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The finance committee led by Sandra Kenon will be available for questions. *The committee will be sending out a second round of invoices that are not currently paid.*

Congratulations to Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole who was elected as our New National Chair. Dr. Lois Keith and I were also re-elected for National Vice Chair and National Young Adult Chair! #GeorgiaNCNW

**SAVE the DATE: State Conference 2019**  
The state conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Savannah, Georgia. The committee will soon be looking for volunteers to assist with the planning of the conference once a meeting space and hotels are confirmed. The Savannah State University Section will be over registration and the Savannah Section will be our conference host. Please let the state know if you, the Section leader will not be in attendance. Please have one of your Vice Presidents in attendance in your absence. More details forthcoming.

### Bethune Height Recognition Program

The state of Georgia met with the BHRP committee and decided to push the official BHRP to 2020 during the next National Convention year. In lieu of that, the BHRP committee will host the BHRP Day party as an introductory to the BHRP to engage members and educate them on the purpose of the BHRP. The committee is looking for a diverse span of volunteers representing EACH section in the state to assist with the planning. Because this is not the official BHRP event itself, the committee for the day party will not be required to be a Bethune Achiever. Please direct ALL questions to Dr. Janea Johnson for questions:

[fortitude8@gmail.com](mailto:fortitude8@gmail.com).

**Chair** Dr. Janea Johnson (DeKalb)

**Co-Chair** Kim Aikens (Henry-Clayton County)

**Co-Chair** Kimberly Underdue (Greater Atlanta)

**Financial Secretary** Roxanne Davis (Valdosta)

**Treasurer** Sandra Jackson (Rockdale-Newton)

### Section Leaders

#### Community

*Columbus*

Dr Kimberly Scott

*DeKalb*

Derrica Williams

*Greater Atlanta*

Diane Larche

*Henry-Clayton County*

Diane Miller

*Rockdale-Newton*

Debbie Hillman

*Savannah*

Cynthia Stephens

*Valdosta-Lowndes*

Dr. Jamie Foster-Hill

#### Collegiate Sections

*Clark Atlanta*

*Fort Valley State*

*Georgia Southern*

*Georgia State*

*Kennesaw State*

*Mercer*

*Savannah State*

*Spelman*

*University of Georgia*

*University of West Georgia*

*Valdosta State*

### STATE NCNW VENDORS

Vendors have the opportunity to have their information on our state website for a small yearly fee. The fee will be \$65 for the fiscal year and the website will provide the opportunity to have their vendor website/information on our state website for members to purchase items. Vendors will be able to receive direct payment through the website. Our state website is currently being updated by Ceylon Frett, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity whose company, A Sound Strategy, Inc. PH: (570) 234-0777; Mobile: (570) 730-0099, [cfrett@asoundstrategy.com](mailto:cfrett@asoundstrategy.com). He does free websites for NCNW sections across the country including DeKalbs. **Please support his company with your section.**

# Height Leadership Training



Requested by Section Members to better understand State and National governance.

Provide transition for Section Leaders in community-based sections and collegiate sections.

To Bond and network.

# Communications



MailChimp

State Newsletters/Correspondence

Social Media Presence: NCNW The  
State of Georgia **493** like **503** followers

facebook



Press releases: to Nationals,  
across the state of Georgia  
and other states as well as  
media outlets





Georgia NCNW placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the National Convention in November 2018 in our category for bringing in the most members through the National J.O.I.N. Drive led by Dr. Lois Keith.

A Special Thank You to National Membership Co-Chairs Dr. Lois Keith and Diane Larche' for their work in membership and representing the state of Georgia.

# NCNW DAY AT THE CAPITOL

*Co-Chairs*



TIARA CHAMBLISS • DARLENE KIMES

# Where We Are Going (2019 - 2021 Vision)



- ❖ Host a statewide Collegiate Initiative/Bonding event and/or activity for all collegiate and young adults in the state of Georgia (To INCLUDE ALL Collegiate Sections in the State) Pajama Fellowship, etc.
- ❖ Section Presidents Ad Hoc Committee to strengthen relationships with State Leaders and Section Leaders
- ❖ Implement Warming **Hearts and Homes** community service initiative
- ❖ Conduct a President's Round Table at the State Conference and Height Leadership Training



## Vision cont...

- ❖ Alzheimer's Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness State Initiative (Committees)
- ❖ Young Adult & Collegiate Transitional Committee
- ❖ Statewide HBCU tour for middle and high schools
- ❖ Christmas in July Sisterhood Reconnection Initiative (Member Engagement Committee)
- ❖ Human Trafficking State “Call to Action” for all sections
- ❖ Statewide “reunion” of all sister sections in a common location for engagement, fellowship, networking and fun. (example: Bethune House Tour in D.C., Tour of Bethune-Cookman, Shopping Trip to out-of-state destination.

# Section Awards Implemented:

Bi-Annual President's Mover and Shakers Award

The Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole Influence Award

## **Collegiate Section of the 2018-2019 Year**

Criteria:

- Community Service . 20 Points
- Unique NCNW Initiative - 20 Points
- Social Media Presence/Marketing (Instagram/Facebook) - 35 Points
- Sisterly Connection/Events or Initiative - 25 Points

## **Community-Based Sections**

Dorothy Height Change Makers Award

Criteria:

- Membership Engagement Activities 35 Points
- Recruitment Initiative (Unique) 30 Points
- Health Relevance to African American Community 35 Points

# Cont...

## **Bethune State Of Mind Award**

- Leadership Initiative/Engagement 30 Points
- Educational Influence/Engagement 45 Points
- Affiliate Connection/Support/Collaboration 25 Points

## **The Ingrid Saunders-Jones Spotlight Award**

- STEM Relevancy - 30 Points
- Fundraising Effort(s) - 30 Points
- Impact in the Community/Measurable - 40 Points

## **JUDGES:**

Arion Jameson (NJ); Katiah Sanders (TX), Erika Emmanuel (NM) & Tiffany Collins (IL)



# NCNW Georgia... Moving Forward

