

The Orchid



President 's Message



Welcome to November 2022 Orchid

Embracing Our theme for 2022-2023:
“Moving forward to a greater organization-
al commitment, faithfulness, and loyalty
through sisterly relations, teamwork, and
execution of ideas”

Guilford County welcomes our new members: Lady
Francesca Caraway, Lady Sandra Neeley, Lady Joretta
Simmons, Lady LaTrice Stokes, Lady Tonya Stokes, and
Lady Veronica Thompson. We look forward to a fruitful
relationship. We extend get well wishes to Lady Rawiya
and Lady Theldora.

Lady Vickie and Lady Cynthia attended Parliamen-Top
held in Nashville, TN, October 6-8, 2022. In October, we
partnered with Eta Omicron for a 3D Mammogram event
and provided an event recruitment table. Members sup-
ported the NAACP Freedom Fund Gala and supported
each other in sisterly relations.

I wish each of you peace, prosperity, love, and a heart full
of happiness as we move forward.

Yours in service,

Lady Cynthia Carlton Thompson, President
Guilford County Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.



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Guilford County Members



First Row: Lady Cynthia Carlton Thompson, Lady Vickie Henry Hughes, Lady Sharon Mitchell, Lady Gloria Jackson, Lady Jacqueline White, and Lady Faye McRavion

Second Row: Lady Melanie Thompson Hampton, Lady Ujeoma Uzokwe, Lady Jacqueline Pettiford, Lady A. Rawiya Nash, Lady Theldora Williams, Lady Malinda Carmon, and Lady Tammy P. Williams

Third Row: Lady Gwendolyn V. Parker, Lady Katetia Bennett, Lady Pearlie Bryant, Lady Shawanda Warren Coates, Lady Laknea Drumgoole, Lady Kimberly Bolden, and Lady Tonya Alexander

Fourth Row: Lady Francesca Caaraway, Lady Sandra Neeley, Lady Jorretta Simmons, Lady LaTrice Stokes, Lady Tonya Stokes, and Lady Veronica Thompson

**The Late Lady Rebecca Graves
Organizer**



Birthdays

Lady Katetia Bennett, 11/02
Lady Tammy P. Williams, 11/14
Lady Faye McRavion, 11/24

Lady Francesca Caraway



Lady Francesca Caraway, affectionately known as Fran. She is a Kindergarten Teacher in Guilford County School Systems. She loves Mentoring young ladies and mentoring new teachers. She is interested in the opportunity to become a part of Top Ladies of Distinction to share her talents for helping others. She enjoys making a difference in the lives of others, youth and adults. She feels Top Ladies of Distinctions gives her the opportunity to share her talents for helping others.

Ladies Compassionate Lady Francesca Caraway.



Lady Sandra N. Neeley



Lady Sandra Neeley is currently a NC Pre-K Teacher Assistant at Triad Child Development Center. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). She loves cooking, and playing the flute. She would like to make an impact to the community by supporting other women. Her goal is to help women better themselves through encouragement and assisting women in making a difference in their lives. She feels that there are a lot of women and children in the community who experience poverty and poor health. She thinks she can contribute to the community by empowering other women. Her area of interest is Status of Women.

Ladies Caring Lady Sandra Neeley



Joretta D. Simmons



Lady Joretta Simmons has a background in Emergency Management. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and Guild of Family Service. Lady Joretta interest is what comes natural by utilizing her skills and resources to offer support and service to the community. Her areas are interest are Senior Citizens and Community Partnerships.

Ladies Attentive Lady Joretta Simmons.



Lady LaTrice Stokes



Lady LaTrice Stokes is currently a proud principal of Brightwood Elementary School. Lady Latrice is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her talents include but not limited to mentoring and coaching young adults to help them to reach their highest potential. As an educator, Lady Latrice has always had a passion for providing youth with tools to be successful, productive citizens. She feels that in order to make this possible society must provide the youth with wisdom, opportunities, and experiences to make a difference with their peers in the community. Her areas of interest are community partnerships and top teens of America.

Ladies Ambitious Lady Latrice Stokes



Lady Tonya Stokes



Lady Tonya Stokes is a Regional Point Registered Dietitian. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., North Carolina Council on Renal Nutrition, and National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics. Lady Tonya is interested in Top Lady of Distinction because of the organizational inclusion. Embracing the whole family (spouse and children). Her areas of interest are Senior Citizen and Community Partnership

Ladies Loyal Lady Tonya Stokes

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Lady Veronica Thompson



Lady Veronica Thompson is an IT Professional. She loves wood-working and gardening. She is interested in Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. because of her life experiences such as putting herself through college to obtain her undergraduate degree, exceptional work ethic and expertise, and her compassion for hands-on community involvement with the youth and older adults. She enjoys collaborating with other ladies to fulfill any important and needed community projects. Veronica areas of interest are Top Teens of America and Status of Women.

Ladies Persistent Lady Veronica Thompson



Community Partnership Simple Gesture



Top Ladies (Ladies Sharon, Gloria, Jacqueline P., A. Rawiya, and Cynthia) continue their partnership with Simple Gesture to provide food once a month to the needed. Once a month the organization pickup the food and leaves a bag to be filled for the next month.



Parliamen-Top

Lady Vickie and Lady Cynthia attended Parliamen-Top held in Nashville, TN. Lady Jackie served as one of the vendors.



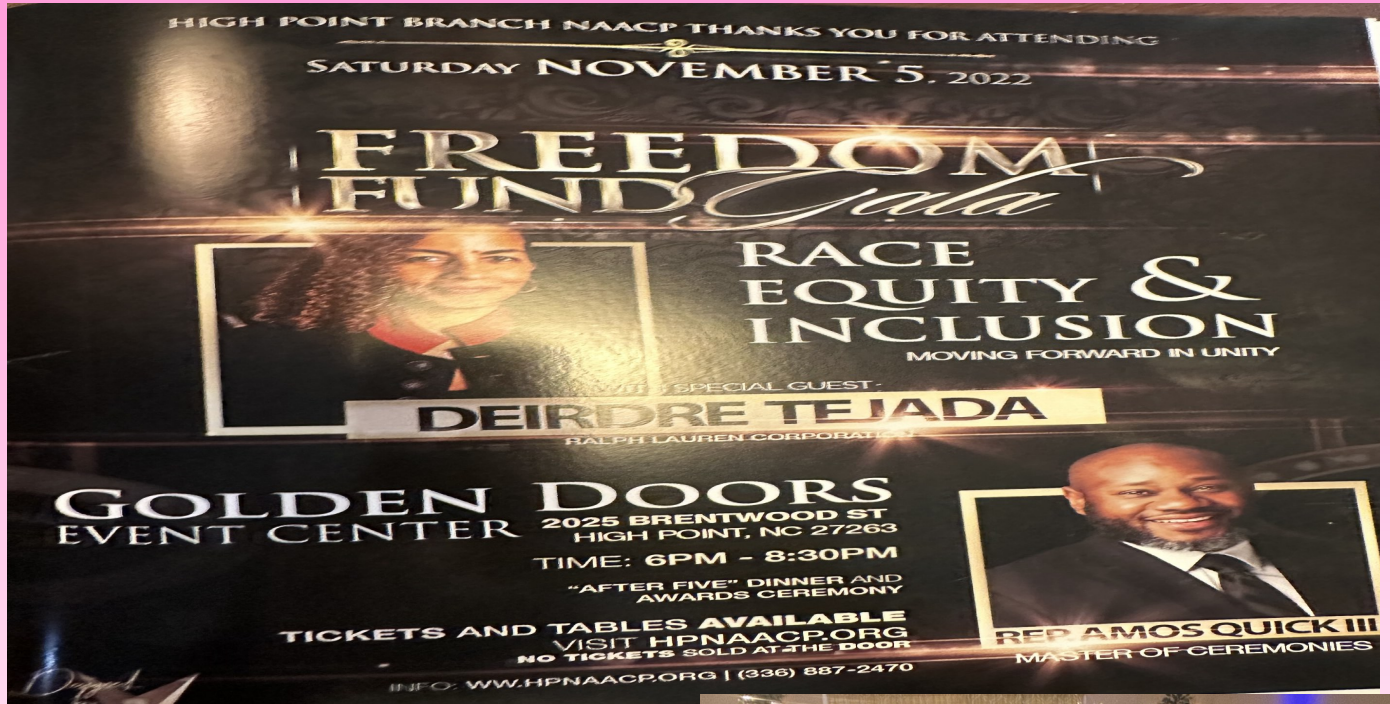
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Guilford County provides a breast cancer awareness at their month October meeting followed by partnering with Eta Omicron Omega for a 3D Mammogram event with a recruit table set up.



NAACP

Chapter and Members Supported the NAACP on Saturday November 5, 2022 Freedom Fund Gala



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**Guilford County Top Ladies of Distinction
and
Top Teens of America**

Congratulate NAACP On Your 2022 Freedom Fundraiser

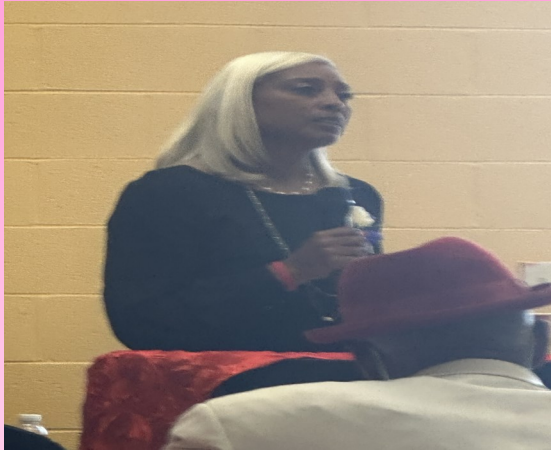
Lady Cynthia Carlton Thompson, TLOD President
Teen Melania Martin, TTA President

Lady Katetia Bennett	Lady Sharon Mitchell
Lady Kimberly Nicole Bolden	Lady A. Rawiya Nash
Lady Pearlle Bryan	Lady Melanie Thompson-Hampton
Lady Malinda N. Carmon	Lady Gwendolyn V. Parker
Lady Shawnda Warren Coates	Lady Jacqueline Pettiford
Lady Laknea Drumgoote	Lady Ijeoma Uzokwe
Lady Vickie Henry Hughes	Lady Jacqueline White
Lady Gloria Jackson	Lady Tammy P. Williams
Lady Faye McRavion	Lady Theldora Williams



Sisterly Relations Activity

**Members supporting each other in their personal activities
Lady Tammy and Lady Cynthia (Pray Breakfast); Lady Jackie,
Lady Malinda, and Lady Cynthia (NCA&T State University)**





Meditation



Great women's organizations have been a dynamic force within social movements religious and educational work, business and professional ventures, and all efforts facing humankind. Yet the woman's role women has been defined in the world as a place of little significance by various cultures, and great women and their achievements are spoken of much less than the works of great men. Nevertheless African American women have used their belief in God and God's "amazing grace" to overcome the double burdens of racial and sexual discriminations.

Although little has been recorded about women's organizations, almost all of them were connected to the church. The church was the focal point for schooling, social activities, recreation, and organizational activities-----and women were the early fund-raisers and public-relations persons.

Black women's organizations today are of every description and historic origin. What is the message women's organizations want to convey? We hear messages about how to work with a team and how to assume responsibility for carrying out the mandate and cause of the organization, as well as how to network and work together for a better tomorrow. Our organization and movement is doing well in aiding the communities through social action.

Think about it: WE must make an effort to return to the church and to turn to God in order to deal with needs: health, education, and children. Let us reflect on past successes by acknowledging God and looking forward to new horizons of good fortune and fulfillment of our purpose through the power and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Affirmation: :Today I recommit to the old landmark, the church of Jesus Christ, which has been there for me and the women I know."

Excerpt from Ruby Brent Ford, an inspiration and mentor to many women