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The start of the 2007-08 North Texas Business & Professional Women's League, Inc. club year has been a busy one. This newsletter documents the many activities that have occurred the past sixty days and informs the membership about upcoming plans or activities. Kudos and numerous accolades go to the ladies who have contributed to the PathFinder.

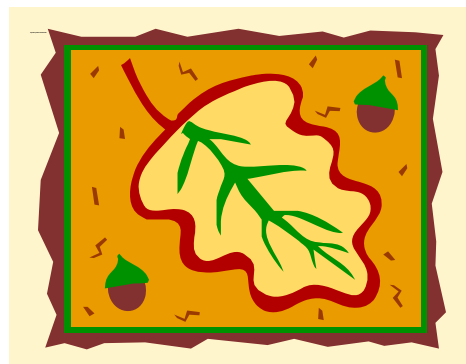
Members are truly living out the new administration's theme, "Rolling Stones: Building mass and momentum through personal and professional development to explore new horizons for community service." It is a mission possible where we set our sights on the 2007-08 challenges of:

- Maintaining the club's Signature Program, Kufika! and doing an encore with the HEED programs.
- Branching out to acquire alliances within the community.
- Being intentional about membership recruitment, retention and reclamation.
- Identifying sources to acquire resources for a development program.

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The newly installed officers and team leaders have outlined plans aiming to actively involve League sisters beyond attending a meeting to enhance their membership benefits.

What are the benefits of being a NTBPW League member? The League is evolving into a business and professional women's club that offers a member the benefits of...

1. Being associated with like-minded women desiring to give back to the community.
2. Supporting a local club signature program, Kufika! for area youth.
3. Having opportunities to enhance business knowledge and skills as well as access to other business and professional women through the affiliation with additional associationa, NANBPWC, Inc.

Let me spotlight some members and welcome The North Texas Leagues' new members: Marilyn Barnes, Brittany Montgomery, Sherry Thompson, Mary Kennedy, Patty Lynn, and Ogechi Michelle Ukwu. We are happy that Lady Jeriva Traylor reactivated her membership to serve in a much needed role for us. Congratulations to Lady Kennice L. Gossip and Dr. Dawn D. Johnson who will receive awards from the International Affairs Division (IAD) of the NANBPWC, Inc. for making a difference in the lives of a Girl Child at the United Nations, Monday, October 8, 2007, New York City, NY. Thanks goes to Immediate Past President, Patricia B. Maples for the nomination of these deserving ladies.

The path forward is full of activities and events so mark your calendar and attend what is possible for you. Find a way to support (time or financial) the club efforts and the ladies who are representing all of us at these events. I do value your membership and together we will be solid rocks rolling to pave the way for others coming behind us

Your servant leader,

The *Kufika!* Journey to Black Wall Street

Our day, Saturday, September 8, 2007, began at the Warren Avenue Christian Church with greetings to our guest from League Ladies Gossip, Calhoun, and Maples. Participants mixed and mingled as they enjoyed an old fashion breakfast. As they boarded the bus they received their shoe box that included lunch and snacks for the day.

Our first stop was the Greenwood Cultural Center, which is the permanent home of the Black Wall Street of America: "From Ruins to Renaissance" exhibit. After allowing us time to view the exhibit, Michelle Brown, Museum Director, brought the story to life for us.

Let the participants tell you in their own words about their experience:



An important thing I learned or had affirmed.....

- ◆ That we have always faced discrimination and bigotry, but because of our faith and hard work we have persevered.
- ◆ Black people are one of a kind and strong at all times. We just need to learn to come together more as a family.
- ◆ They chose not to speak about the riots in Oklahoma and tried to cover up history.

How valuable was the tour program's content/topics to you?

- ◆ It was really important to me because I learned a lot about my ancestors that I did not know.
- ◆ This was valuable to me because

we never learned this in school.

- ◆ Very valuable; the interacting, the organization, and the participation of all was wonderful.

What did you like most about the tour program?

- ◆ Entering & walking through the home and seeing how some of our ancestors lived.
- ◆ The information provided and the interaction.

What suggestions do you have for tour improvements?

- ◆ Have a longer tour in Oklahoma.
- ◆ Everything was beautiful, keep up the great ideas! Shoe box lunches!!! Hallelujah!

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Kufika! Our Signature Program Up-To-Date

This Club was organized as an affiliate of the NANBPWC and with the intention to make Kufika! An African & African American Heritage Celebration our “Signature Program.” Since, October 2003 we have seen the vision come true, and now we are holding our 4th Annual Kufika!

This year like the others we have young people (Kawaidians) striving to become extraordinary individuals within the local, national and global community. As a member of the North Texas League (regardless of your other duties and positions) it is our charge and responsibility to serve as a Karimu (Swahili for kind and generous person). The Karimus are assigned a Kawaidian to walk with them during the last steps of childhood into the “Coming of Age” process of adulthood.

Up-To-Date Events:

1. Sunday, October 28th ... The last

workshop, Women to Girls & Men to Boys. Pan-African Connection 613 W. Jefferson Street at 4:00 PM. Ask your husband / ombudsmen to attend with you as we discuss the spiritual and social traditions of our ancestors. Hear African “Poise & Presence.”

2. Sunday, December 2nd ... “Imani Worship, Praise & Blessing Services. Warren Avenue Christian Church at 3:00 PM. Invite your friends, church family and others to join in this special “Laying on the Hands” by the Clergy & Elders of all denominations.

3. Monday, November 5, 10, 19 & December 3, 12 ...The Musoka Dance and Speech Rehearsals. The League Ladies will assist the mothers in their speeches as the Kawaidians learn their

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dance steps. The League Ladies will learn their dance steps on November 19th

4. Sunday, December 16th Arrive by 8:00 AM (**Not 10:00 AM**) to start the

transition of the Fairmont Hotel. Wear your Kufika T-shirt or Red T-Shirt for real team work!

5. Sunday December 16 ... **Dressed** and ready to take Kufika pictures from 2:30 – 3:00 and ready to **greet the guest** at 3:00 PM.

Once again, our Signature Program is our program and a time to celebrate, enjoy and share the fruits of our labor ...The journey is long and tedious, but the outcome is a blessing to the children that enter into our village.

Hotep (Egyptian for Peace)

Patricia B. Maples,

Kufika Creator & Consultant.

The NANBPWC Post National Convention Report

Eight Ladies, Nine Youth and Three Booster Club Members attended the 72nd National Convention in Richmond, Virginia.

We attended all events and actively participated throughout the convention.

Competition results:

◇ 4th Place in Vocal Arts Competition



◇ 2nd Place Club Banner



◇ 2nd Place Suitcase Players

◇ 1st Place in Step Show

◇ 1st Place Women’s History “Video Display Board”

◇ 1st Place H.E.E.D. Program

◇ Junior Level Achievement for donation to UNCF

◇ 1st Place in Oratorical Competition

◇ 1st Place Youth Power Point Presentation

◇ 2nd Place Excellent WOW! Award for Program Planning and Implementation.

Patricia B. Maples,

Immediate Past President



(Left to Right) League Ladies Clark-Randle, Maples, Gossip, and Traylor

Get Motivated Seminar at the AAC

September 25, 2007 was an awesome day for the **North Texas Business & Professional Women League** ladies

who were able to attend the annual **Get Motivated** seminar. We had the opportunity to be coached by

some of the most dynamic, motivating and successful people on the planet. If you have had the pleasure of attending an event at the **American Airline Center (AAC)**, you already know how fantastic the atmosphere is there from the visual effects to the mind-blowing sound system. And as if that wasn't enough, they added fireworks and smoke for most speakers but for some, like Colin Powell, they appropriately added patriotic red, white and blue confetti that dropped over the entire arena. WOW!

Notwithstanding all of that, for those NTB&PWL members who were not able to attend this event, here is a snapshot of quotes from a few of the speakers:

Bill Barttman, Top Entrepreneur, said the "secret to success" includes:

- ◆ being willing to take risks and
- ◆ when you are sharing something with someone, be sure it makes sense and has value

Bryan Tracy said that successful people should:

- ◆ accept responsibility
- ◆ continue to upgrade your skills
- ◆ practice self-esteem exercises every day, all day by saying to yourself: "I like myself", "I like myself". He said self-esteem is like an intertube with a slow leak, to keep from deflating you must keep pumping it up!

"Eliminate some people. Negative people affects your positive thoughts.

--Avery Johnson, Mavericks Coach

- ◆ Try something new at least 10 times or so before saying it will not work.

Avery Johnson, Dallas Mavericks Head Coach, shared his philosophy on winning:

- ◆ Be enthusiastic
- ◆ Be excited
- ◆ Expect to win
- ◆ Make necessary changes in your environment. "If nothing changes, nothing changes".
- ◆ Eliminate some people. Negative people affect your positive thoughts.
- ◆ Evaluate your gift ... ask yourself: "am I really good at this?"
- ◆ Educate yourself - find out what it takes to get to the next level
- ◆ Strive for excellence - don't be mediocre
- ◆ Behave like a winner, dress like a winner, walk and talk like a winner
- ◆ Enjoy the ride!

General Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State, shared his philosophy on take-charge leadership:

- ◆ Leaders are able to let everyone know why their work is important
 - ◆ Be sure they have the tools that they need.
 - ◆ Express empathy ... tell them how and why they are valued
 - ◆ The essence of leadership is trust
- This was the 25th Anniversary for **Get Motivated** seminars and over 3 million people have attended their events. I personally thank the league for affording us the opportunity to be counted in this amazing number.

League Ladies attending the event left the American Airline Center motivated, inspired and prepared for SUCCESS.

Black Wall Street

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We are pleased to say that Michelle Brown, Greenwood Cultural Center's Museum Director, will be attending the Kufika! Gala on Sunday, December 16th. She will be presenting a seminar about Black Wall Street of America: "From Ruins to Renaissance" to Dallas area students on Friday, December 14th.

As you can see the tour was enjoyed by all, based on their positive responses.

Charmaine Traylor,
Tour Leader

"The essence of leadership is trust."

General Colin Powell,
Former Secretary of State

The Three Shepherds of Leadership

There are different types of leadership. Think of three as shepherds:

- ◆ The first opens the gate and walks through, allowing the flock to follow. This shepherd *leads from the front*.
- ◆ The second shepherd stands behind the sheep and pushes or guides them through, demonstrating a *supportive leadership style*.
- ◆ The third moves from front to back and sometimes to the middle of the flock, demonstrating an *interactive leadership style*.

Excerpted from the article **Building Your Leadership Skills** BNET go to www.bnet.com/2410-13056_23-68756.html?promo=713&tag=nl.e713 for the full article.

New Member Gallery

CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS! We are so proud and pleased to welcome the following members to the North Texas team. Please take a moment to send them a welcome note or call.



Left to right: Stand in for Mary Kennedy, Brittany Montgomery, Patty Lynn, Sherry Thompson, and Marilyn Barnes- Not pictured

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Membership has its Privileges

Member Mentors – Members are linked with a NEW member as a “League Buddy.” League Buddies, keep new members on track, informed, encouraged and help to ensure that she has everything that she needs.

Our Induction and Rededication Ceremony was beautiful, warm, and encouraging. We are also pleased to see the Rededication of our current membership. Everyone did a great job and worked together as a team to make it all work.

Activities:

Business after Hours – an event geared toward attracting a variety of new members. The events scheduled monthly, either as a separate event or in conjunction with a regularly scheduled league event.

Business and Professional Highlights – a feature to be held at the end of the regular club meeting, led by either a special guest or club member.

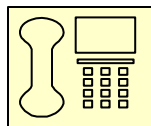
October 27th Public Relations -

Roslyn E. Baker,
3rd Vice President
Membership Director



Communication: Getting the Scoop

Communication or the lack thereof either builds or destroys relationships. The Notable North Texas League is about the business of ...Building Relationships...

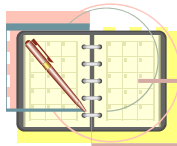


Our communication methods are as follows:

1. **Formats:**

- ◇ Snail Mail (regular postal)
- ◇ Electronic – Please send all mass emails to the Corresponding Secretary for accurate documentation.
- ◇ Telephone or Audio Conferencing – Committee or called meetings
- ◇ Video Conferencing – Executive Board Members

Calendars:



◇ Yahoo! Groups – is a Private Member area managed by Viveca C. Wilson, and you must be invited to join.

New members will be invited very soon.

- ◇ Website – is a generic calendar managed by Viveca C. Wilson.
- ◇ Blog– managed by Rhonda Clark-Randle
- ◇ Partnership News – is managed by Charmaine Traylor.
- ◇ Hard Copy – is placed in your League Notebook

Websites:

- ◇ National, NANBPWC, Inc. – www.nanbpwc.org
- ◇ District, SCDNANBPWC. Inc. – www.southcentraldistrictsite.org
- ◇ League, NTBPWL, Inc. - www.TheLeagueLadies.com
- ◇ Yahoo! Groups –
- ◇ Blog – Under construction

Viveca C. Wilson,
NTL Treasurer



Partnership News

1. South Central District Members

The site of our October Planning Meeting has been changed to the Dallas Housing Authority's Lakeside Club House in West Dallas, at 3020 Bickers, Saturday, October 13, 2007, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.)

2. North Texas Business and Professional Women's League, Inc. - Small Business Week's Celebration

Event: Business After Hours

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2007

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00pm

Attire: Business Casual

Location: M-Strategies, Inc.

1500 Jackson St. Ste 102

Dallas, Texas 75201

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www.mstrategiesinc.com

Michelle Smith, M Strategies, Inc. will share a brief

synopsis of her career path and company organization. Ms.

Smith will provide tips for successful PR campaigns for

organizations and businesses.

*Q&A

*Introduction of MStrategies staff

*Tour of M Strategies

*Introduce North Texas BPWL and Members and picture

Look for details on the success of these and other events of the League in next month's edition of the PathFinder.

3. 2007 Komen Dallas Race for the Cure Marilyn Calhoun's team "Walking Partners".

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2007

Time: 6:30 am

Attire: Sports

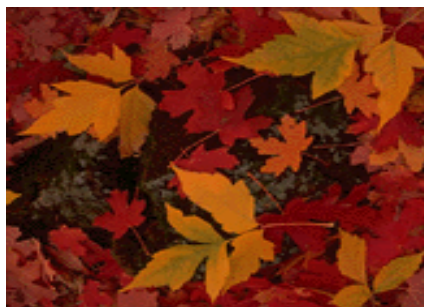
Location: North Park Center

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"We must not allow other people's limited perceptions to define us."

Satir, Virginia Author (1916-1988)

Birthdays, Accolades, & Regards



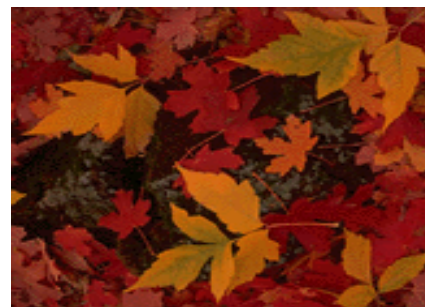
October 1 -

Charmaine Traylor

October 28 -

Mary Kennedy

Congratulations to *Lady Kennice Gossip* who received an award at the United Nations in New York from the International Affairs Division.





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**Next General Meeting
October 27, 2007**

Upcoming Kufika! Events

Sunday, October 28
Workshop # 3 Men to
Boys & Women to Girls Final \$150
deadline

Saturday, November 2
Kawaidian Community Service
Project

Monday, November 5
Musoka Our Bodies & the Earth
Movements

Monday, November 10
Musoka Dance Rehearsal
(Kawaidians Only)

Tuesday, November 20
Souvenir Journal Ads due

NANBPWC Day at the United Nations was Monday, October 8, 2007, New York, NY. The International Affairs Division, NANBPNC, Inc. Awardees in The North Texas League were:

Kennice Gossip, 1st Vice President of the North Texas League, received an award as Founder of Keeping Generations Together of Greater Golden Gate Baptist Church.

Dr. Dawn D. Johnson, mentor to medical staff and the North Texas League Kufika! Kawaidians.

League Sisters are encouraged to act on the following District and National IAD recommendations:



1. Support the adopted village of Potroace Kibi Ghana, West Africa.
2. **Rice for the Motherland** – Purchase a 60 lb bag of rice for \$15.00. This staple food can feed a family of 30 for a month.
3. **Fruit Trees for Africa** – National Youth Director, Terri Ford, is leading the Youth Clubs in purchasing and planting \$10.00 fruit trees in Africa.

4. **Project C.H.I.L.D.** –

C – Children's Clothing and/or Toys (new unwrapped and excellent condition, only)

H – Health Care Items (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, band-aids, aspirin, etc.)

I – Instructional Tools (pens, pencils, notebooks, dictionaries, rulers, etc.)

L – Library Books on *Our Heritage*

I,D – Donate money (to sponsor a child's education, buy medicine, buy uniforms, and defray medical cost for a child in need.)

5. **Sponsorship Program** – Assist the needy Ghana, West African students by paying for tuition.
6. **M-BAG Books for Africa:** Send books and/or periodicals via USPS at a special rate for 11-66 lbs.
7. Report to the international committee chair in writing all International Affairs financial and itemized services and/or contributions for accurate record keeping.



Future Africa Travel Tours include:

TRAVEL TO EGYPT with BPW Members and Friends. Our goal is to support the Millennium Development Goals, established by the United Nations. Travel with BPW Members and friends to Egypt and perform international humanitarian service on the international scene, February 15-24, 2008. The cost is \$2750. Take an optional side trip to Ghana. Contact Dr. Beryl Dorsett, at her email address Africa-Trip@aol.com or at her home, (914) 633-3008. BPW is making a difference!

Look for other upcoming tours in the November edition of the PathFinder.

Viveca C. Wilson, -North Texas League
SCD International Affairs Committee Chair