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# Sisters-to-Sisters Newsletter

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## A MOTHER'S LOVE

by Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
 It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may  
 For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
 And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
 And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
 And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.

A many splendored miracle man cannot understand  
 And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

## From President Marie Paula Thermidor

**"For I am my mother's daughter, and the drums of Africa still beat in my heart." Mary McLeod Bethune**

This Sunday, our nation will celebrate Mother's Day, celebrating the beauty of mothers and motherhood - where we honor hard working mothers, motherhood, and maternal bonds.

With all the blessings of the world, many believe and share the same belief that the greatest gift God has given to human beings on earth is the honor of being a mother. "A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born, she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world." John 16:21

Motherhood is defined as "the state or experience of having or raising a child," whether you've birthed a child, became a bonus mom, stepmother, mother-in-law, adopted a child, foster mom, godmother or became a mother figure to a motherless child, we honor all the amazing mothers in our lives!

Mother provides love like no other, she renders unconditional love, protection, care, guidance, support, strength and nourishment which has no parallel.

Wishing, all the mothers a beautiful and blessed Mother's Day weekend filled with joy, laughter, and love!!!

*Marie Paula Thermidor*



**Mother & Sons**  
 Joshua,  
 President Thermidor,  
 Julius, Josiah

# Honoring Mothers



**"OUR CHURCH FLO"**

*Mother Christene Mostiller (left) and  
Daughter Paulette Mostiller-Fredrick (right)*

**My Mother's Favorite Song**

If I can help somebody, as I pass along  
If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song  
If I can show somebody, that he is traveling wrong  
Then my living shall not be in vain



*Mother Emma McCoy (left) and Daughter Valerie Tarwiah (right)*

**Mom's Favorite Poem - My Living Faith**

I've dreamed many dreams that never came true. I've seen them vanish at dawn.  
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God, To make me want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came, Though I've waited patient and long,  
But answers have come to enough of my prayers, To make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend that failed, And left me to weep alone, But I've found  
enough of my friends true blue, To keep me trusting on.

I've sown many seeds that fell by the way, For the birds to feed upon,  
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hand, To make me keep sowing on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment in pain and gone many days without song,  
But I've sipped enough nectar from the Roses of Life  
To make me want to live on!



## **3 GENERATIONS of Melvin Women**

*Grandmother Gaye L. (top),  
Daughter Margery L. (center), and  
Granddaughter Maya L. (bottom)*

*Mother Margery L. (top) and  
Daughter Maya L. (bottom)*



# Honoring Mothers

from Dr. Dorothy Shepherd



### My Mother's Pearls of Wisdom

"Get an education. No one can take what you have between your ears!"

### GOD'S MASTERPIECE IS MOTHER

God took the fragrance of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty of the twilight hour...  
The soul of a starry night...  
The laughter of a rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird in flight...  
Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his masterpiece was through  
He called it simply - Mother.

- Herbert Farnham



*Mother Willie Mae "Billie" (right) and Daughter Marcelle Penn Mathis (left)*



1982 picture taken at Pepperdine when Marcelle (left) received her MBA. Her mother was so proud. One of **mother's favorite phrases** throughout my life was I had to get "a good education and a piece of real estate...two things "the man" can't take from you." I followed her advice.



Picture was taken when I flew mother to Sedona, AZ. The shot was taken just before we took a hot air balloon ride in the desert for her 70th birthday . She was scared but insisted we go. **Her favorite phrase was "we'll just keep positive thoughts and stay in Divine Order."** We had a ball and ended the ride by landing in the desert for a hot breakfast and watched the sun rise. It was awesome! I have followed her words of wisdom all of my life since age 17 when I left home for college. I continue to use the words (positive thoughts & Divine Order) in all of my correspondence.



# Honoring Mothers

*Mother Carrie Willis (left) and Daughter Louise Shaw*



*Mother Betty N. Taylor (left) and Daughter Donnetta Taylor (right)*



*Mother Lula Jenkins (left) and Daughter Lisa Baughman (right)*



*Mother Lettie Fay Williams (left) and Daughter Diana Faniel*



### Pearls of Wisdom

"If you have one good friend in life, you will have done good because everyone you meet is not your friend."

## Honoring Mothers

*Mother Irma Handy (left) and Daughters - Betty Williams (4<sup>th</sup> from left)*



### Submitted by Betty Williams

I asked my siblings what our mother would say to them during challenging times. It seemed she always shared the same messages to each of us:

- ❖ The Lord doesn't give us no more than we can handle.
- ❖ Trouble won't last forever.
- ❖ Baby, let me call my prayer group.
- ❖ Prayer of Jabez.
- ❖ Baby, just pray and mama is praying with you (my favorite).

*She was indeed our prayer warrior and still praying*



*Mother Bessie Hubbard (left) and Daughter Annice Jackson (right)*



### Pearls of Wisdom

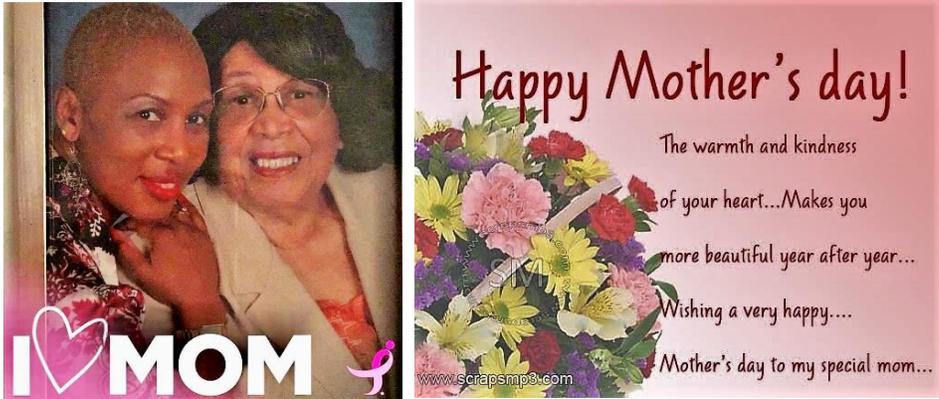
- ❖ "Always remember to pray".
- ❖ "Live you life so others will not mind coming around you".

### Mother's Favorite Song

"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me ... May the life I live speak for me"

## Honoring Mothers

*Mother Elmae Robinson (right) and Daughter Brenda Anderson (left)*



*Just a thought.....By: Annette Spence and Suze Moss*



One of the many “**Pearls of Wisdom**” my mother taught was **save for a “Rainy” day**. She told me to save the first dime of each dollar and to keep it to myself. Husbands don’t need to know. (LOL). Since that time long ago I have added significant money management tools and knowledge for that Rainy Day savings. Let’s look at mortgage payments. Lesson is to add to your monthly mortgage payment to reduce interest balance and loan period.

Loan Balance	\$122,877.79
Monthly Payment	\$1188.03
Additional Payment	\$300.00 monthly (principal ONLY)
Breaking down \$300.00 monthly is \$75.00 weekly or \$10.71 daily.	

(\$4.65 Starbuck’s Tea, \$1.95, Starbuck’s Chocolate Chip Cookie, \$5.99 Big Mac = \$12.59 daily)

You have the money, it hurts for the first month, after that with automatic deductions the pain stops. Check with your bank or credit union, my financial institution allows any amount to be transferred from on account to another. Title YOUR new savings account “**Divine Feminine**”.

Based on these calculations you will save \$75,627 in interest over the life of the loan. Your mortgage interest savings will differ based on your mortgage.

Such a strategy allows flexibility and peace of mind. If for example you need extra money for a project in a given month, you may not have to sweat it too much.

No one is about to forget the negative financial consequences inflicted on many by the COVID pandemic. It “pays” to have a little cushion. The first step is really the hardest. The above line of thought is applicable to any type of recurring monthly payment (credit card?), think about paying a little extra. If no standing obligation, think of exercising those “saving” muscles anyway.

For sound financial assistance please contact Suze Moss, royer@ymail.com

## Honoring Mothers

*Mother Frances McPheeters (left) and Daughter Denise McPheeters (right)*



### **Favorite Scriptures to share on Mother's Day**

- 1 Corinthians 16:14 "Do everything in love."
- Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

### **A Mother's Love**

"Of all the special joys in life,  
The big ones and the small,  
A mother's love and tenderness,  
Is the greatest of them all".

### **Pearls of Wisdom**

- ❖ Live by the Golden Rule "Do unto others as you will have them do unto you"
- ❖ It's better to give than to receive
- ❖ Respect your elders
- ❖ Pretty is as pretty does
- ❖ Always say 'Please' and 'Thank you' no matter how big or small
- ❖ If you can't say something good, don't say anything at all



*From Cheryl Robinson*



### **Pearls of Wisdom**

My mother would say, "Make sure you keep an umbrella at hand because you never know when a man will cloud up and rain on you".

### **Mother**

A mother is someone you love for her warmth and understanding; For sharing your successes as well as your disappointments, for her confidence in your dreams for the future, and for filling your life with joy and happiness.

### **Grandmother**

Thank you for the comfort of your love. For your loyalty and generosity, your encouragement and concern. You will always have a special place in my heart.



## Black Dolls and Sister Circle (by Margery L. Melvin, Esq.)



SGV-NCNW  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-  
President's  
Love of  
Collecting  
Black Dolls  
Leads to a  
Grant for The  
"Black Doll  
Project"



A few of the Black dolls collected by Margery Melvin

**As a result of COVID-19** and all of the stress, sadness and uncertainty surrounding this global pandemic, I enrolled in a 10-week training titled **Sisters Mentally Mobilized (SMM)**. SMM is a program created by the California Black Women's Health Project to train Black women in becoming mental health advocates to conduct sister circles for Black women in their respective communities.

This workshop required that I create and present a sister circle mobilization activity that I could conduct in my community. On December 13, 2020 at my graduation from the program, I presented **"The Black Doll Project"** – a space for Black women to learn, communicate and heal through creating Black dolls. An employee from the Boeing Corporation was present during the graduation ceremony and awarded my cohort a grant to do sister circles surrounding Black dolls in the Inland Empire. Needless to say, I was very grateful that I along with my sisters from the Sisters Mentally Mobilized Inland Empire cohort would be funded to do work surrounding an idea I thought of and love – Black dolls and sister circles for Black women.

In 2017, I produced and presented the First Black Doll Show in the Inland Empire in Claremont, California. At this event, the renowned Black doll artist and creator, Floyd Bell, was present and showcased his wooden dolls. It was an amazing experience to have him present and to see his amazing dolls. He even auctioned off a doll with the proceeds from the auction going to charity. I am grateful that out of that experience, I was led to continue to find a way to introduce my love for Black dolls as a presentation in December for my SMM graduation.

**I began collecting Black dolls more than 20 years ago** when I would be out shopping and see a very unique, beautiful and often unseen doll. The more beautiful Black dolls I saw, the more I collected. I collected so many until I realized that in 2017, I had collected so many dolls that I wondered what I would do with them. I decided to showcase them to raise money for charity. My San Gabriel Valley Section sisters showed up and supported the First Black Doll show I did in December 2017.

On Sunday, May 23, 2021 and Sunday, May 30, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Inland Empire Chapter of Sisters Mentally Mobilized will be presenting a virtual sister circle called **The Black Doll Project – Creating Black Dolls for Healing**. Each participant will be mailed a craft kit with everything needed to create their own Black doll. The workshop will be facilitated by Margery Melvin and Ms. Gloria Grandy, a renowned Black doll artist and creator. We will discuss the history of Black dolls, Black female identity and how Black dolls can create a sense of possibility for Black children. Information and a flyer will follow within the next two weeks.

## SGV-NCNW Youth Director Takes on New York City



**SHE'S BEAUTY, SHE'S GRACE, SHE'S Ms. CALIFORNIA UNITED STATES. Congratulations to our SGV-NCNW Youth Director Darinisha Williams!** She has been selected as one of SU's Fashion Week All-Stars. Look out for Darinisha on our upcoming **Times Square** billboard campaign this September and on the pages of Supermodels Unlimited Magazine's Fashion Week Edition.

Darinisha captured the title of Ms. California United States in August of 2020. Her platform brings awareness to mental health concerns for women and girls. Besides being a beauty queen and a mental health advocate Darinisha works as an Educational Psychologist. She is a mother to her two-year-old Amaya, and she enjoys serving her community.

Thank like royalty

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• \$50.00 Massage Envy Card  
• Mask  
• Eye Patches & More  
Ends May 23, 2021  
Contact : Darinisha Williams: [dwilliams@thinklikeroyalty.com](mailto:dwilliams@thinklikeroyalty.com) / (323) 388-3391

# Gifts for House of Ruth



By Cheryl Robinson

Assisting Families Victimized by Domestic Violence

The House of Ruth is a place for battered women and their children in need of shelter. The staff at the House of Ruth not only provides shelter they also provide safety, love and health care. They also assist them in finding permanent housing.

Each year the staff members have a Easter party for the families to brighten up the holiday. Each year SGV-NCNW joins the festivities by providing Easter baskets and all of the items needed to complete the baskets for the party. The children get together and put the items in the baskets. We also give each lady a gift card for Mother's Day.

We feel that this is an area in need of community service, in any way possible we will be ready to support these individuals.

## SGV-NCNW Donates Water for MS Community

### METRO JACKSON SECTION



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04/24/2021

Marie P. Thermidor, President  
San Gabriel Valley Section  
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
P. O. Box 413  
Walnut, CA 91788

Dear Sister Thermidor,

On behalf of the members of the Metro-Jackson Section NCNW, Inc., I say thank you for Your generous gift of \$400.00. Additionally, we thank you for thinking about helping us, your Sisters in Jackson, Mississippi, meet the needs of our community in this time of crisis.

We added funds to your donation and purchased 207 cases of water for distribution to two different locations in one of the hardest hit areas (Ward 3) in the City of Jackson. We collaborated with the Leaders of that Ward, and located a senior center where some residents were disabled, frail, and many had no transportation to reach previous distribution sites.

Not only did we work with the leaders of the area, we partnered with another non-profit organization, "The Better Men Society." That group loaded and distributed the water to the senior center and to an apartment complex, where there were lots of families with children.

Sister Thermidor, the members of the Metro-Jackson Section NCNW, Inc., thank you and the San Gabriel Valley Section NCNW, Inc., from the bottom of our hearts. Your thoughtfulness in this matter, has helped us to realize how much more we can do for our community, if we only reach out to other organizations. We were able to reach important goals and developed other organizational relationships for future progress. We thank you; we will remember you always.

Sincerely,

Mattie T. Stevens, President  
Metro-Jackson Section NCNW, Inc.  
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As part of our SGV-NCNW Disaster Relief Fund, the section donated \$400 to the Mississippi NCNW section to assist in purchasing water. The section and community were affected by the recent bad weather and were in need of clean drinking water. SGV was happy to be of service. See the "Thank You" letter from the Metro-Jackson Section (left).

## Congratulations New Life Members



Beverley Morgan-Sandoz



Marcelle Penn Mathis



## Prayers for Our Members - *Just to let you know we care*

### BEREAVEMENT

- Brenda Anderson
- Laura Hamilton
- Natalya Romo-Jones

### ILLNESS

- Gloria Love
- Annice Jackson
- Renee W. Young
- Johnnie Young (Nadiyah's husband)

Dear Members,  
We pray for God's special healing touch on your health and that He comfort you and give you peace in the loss of your loved one. We are here for you, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

"I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever."  
*Psalm 52:8*

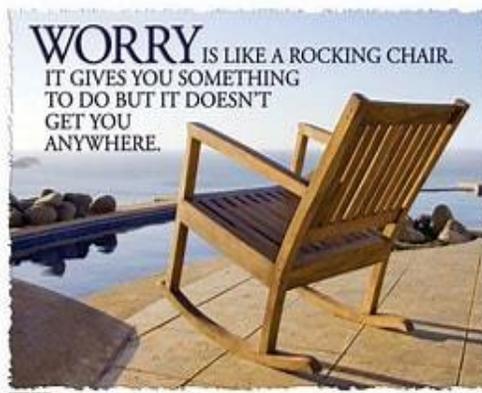


## A Wellness Message from Your Fit4Life Committee

### How Will You Handle the Rest of Your Day?

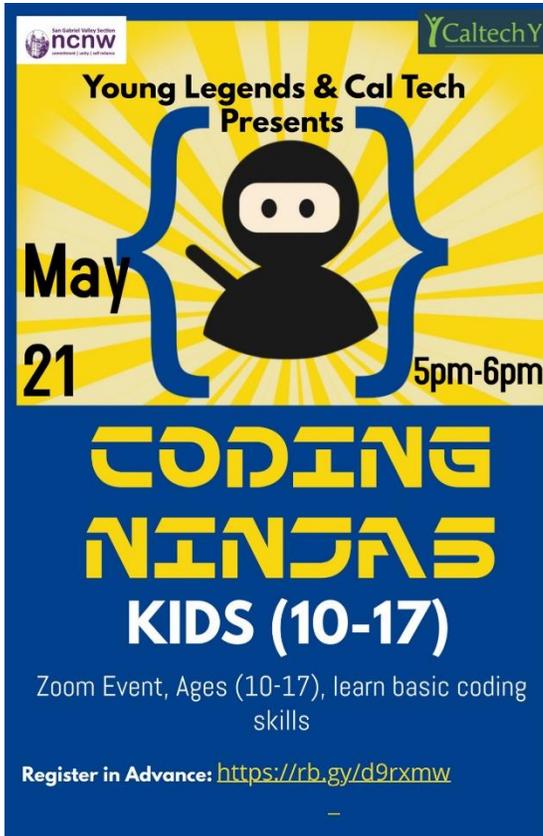
- What you think, you become.
- What you feel, you attract.
- What you imagine, you create."

– Buddha



# UPCOMING Events

SGV-NCNW GENERAL MEETINGS: 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAYS @ 9:30 AM VIA ZOOM



San Gabriel Valley Section  
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Young Legends & Cal Tech  
Presents

May 21 5pm-6pm

**CODING NINJAS KIDS (10-17)**

Zoom Event, Ages (10-17), learn basic coding skills

Register in Advance: <https://rb.gy/d9rxmw>

Young Legends and Cal Tech invite you to Coding Ninjas. This event is for youth ages (10-17). Join us virtually on 5/21 at 5:00 pm and learn Basic Coding Skills.

**Register in Advance:**  
<https://rb.gy/d9rxmw>



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**YOUNG LEGENDS DRAWING CONTEST**

1st Place Prize:  
\$25 Dollar Gift Card

2nd Place Prize:  
\$15 Dollar Gift Card

3rd Place Prize:  
\$10 Dollar Gift Card

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**  
May 20TH

**DRAWING CONTEST CRITERIA:**  
Has a background  
Creative  
Write a sentence telling what the drawing represents

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