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MISSION

The San Gabriel Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is a **VOLUNTEER SERVICE ORGANIZATION**. Our mission is to educate, empower, and advocate for women of African descent, their families, and the communities we serve.

DEDICATED HEARTS

Dedicated hearts like yours
Are not so easy to find
It takes a special person to be
So generous and kind.

To care so much for your fellow man
Is a quality all too rare.
Yet you give of your time and talents,
For all in need to share.

So, thank you for being a volunteer,
We're privileged to work with you.
We want you to know how appreciated you are,
Not just today, but the whole year through.



National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month



From President Marie Paula Thermidor

Dear SGV-NCNW,

As I reflect on the challenges of the last 22+ months, I am struck by two things: how our members' hearts have always been in the right place and how collaborative all of you have been in moving our Section forward.

It's hard to believe our last in-person General Body meeting was in March 2020. Wow, for almost two years we have been conducting all our meetings via Zoom!

As a Section, we've had to be innovative, creative, resourceful, and provide a path to ensure our mission still persevered through this global pandemic.

I am truly inspired by our members' personal commitment to continue the great work of our founding leaders, making a difference in these unprecedented and challenging times.

Our members' approach and commitment to our Section has embodied true sisterhood, love, care, and dedication to serving our community.

I have also witnessed how our Executive Board members have gone the extra mile by working tirelessly to make sure our Section stayed afloat and continue to do great work through service and community. It's refreshing to see COVID-19 isn't stopping us!

Despite the pandemic, our Section continues to thrive. I'm fortunate to have been able to observe all your hard work while getting to know many of you personally. I'm pleased to report to you with great pride and gratitude our great successes of the last 6 months.

- Successful Cash Raffle Fundraiser
- Increased Membership Engagement through programming and honoring our phenomenal members (Kwanzaa, MLK Dedication, Black History Month, Women's History Month)
- Community Engagement/ Collaboration
- Fit4Life Health Education Programming
- Youth Programming: Caltech Tutoring & Hands On Banking
- Flipcause +6 years \$10K BLM Service Grant

I'm grateful to each and every one of you for your continuous hard work and commitment to our Section. I look forward to the day when we can gather safely in person, building on even greater success of our section throughout 2022!

With sincere thanks,
Marie Paula Thermidor



SGV-NCNW Salutes Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson - Supreme Court Nominee -

On February 25 President Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black woman Supreme Court Justice. NCNW President Dr. Thelma Daley said, "President Biden's nominee to the Supreme Court is eminently qualified. Her stellar record as a public defender, service on the United States Sentencing Commission, her private practice and service as a federal judge underscore the wide range of her experiences. These experiences demonstrate her

commitment to fairness and excellence."

After several days of intense questioning at the confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee Judge Jackson came through as the shining star/our shero that we are so proud of. Senator Corey Booker said in his remarks,

"And you did not get there because of some left-wing agenda," Booker said. "You didn't get here because of some 'dark money' groups. You got here how every Black woman in America who's gotten anywhere has done, by being, like Ginger Rogers said, 'I did everything Fred Astaire did, but backwards, in heels.' And so I'm just sitting here saying nobody's stealing my joy. Nobody is going to make me angry."

He recounted the life story of Harriet Tubman and told of how she looked up at the North Star as a harbinger of hope. **"Today you're my star," he told Jackson. "You are my harbinger of hope."**

In reference to the attacks from the opposition, Booker said, "But don't worry, my sister. Don't worry. God has got you. And how do I know that?" "Because you're here. And I know what it's taken for you to sit in that seat."

Our National organization sent several communications urging us to voice our support for Judge Jackson. We continue to pray for her and her family during the election process and look forward to her being seated as our first woman Black justice on the US Supreme Court. We can all agree with Dr. Daley that "The first black woman justice on the SCOTUS marks a long historic journey not only for black people, but for our wonderful country as a whole."

SGV and YWCA Collaboration

After networking at the February Caltech Community Service Advocacy (CSA) Fair, SGV and the YWCA Glendale/Pasadena branch met via Zoom to discuss collaboration. Each organization shared its programs focusing on youth programs. We both came away with a better understanding of each organization and look forward to collaborating and developing a partnership soon.

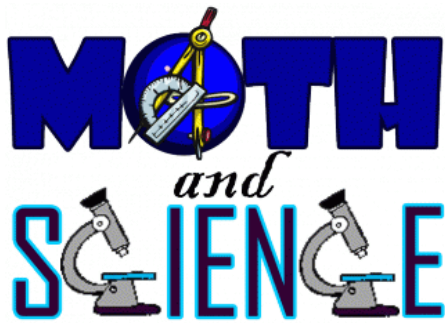


SGV's Young Legends table at Caltech CSA Fair



Annice Jackson (SGV) and Jomie Liu (YWCA) network at CSA Fair

SGV Tutoring Program



The January 2022 school session got off to a great start with SGV-NCNW Young Legends Tutoring Program. Last year SGV partnered with California Institute of Technology (Caltech) to provide **Math tutoring to students in grade 1 - 12** primarily located in the San Gabriel Valley areas. We have 20 students receiving one-on-one online tutoring weekly. Caltech graduate and undergraduate students assigned by ASCIT provide tutoring. The program is designed to help students gain greater competency in Math foundations, improve skills in math, and ultimately prepare students for college-level math. SGV has received excellent service from Caltech and is proud of this collaboration which we hope to continue next school year. We are also looking at mentorship and programs for the summer.

Following are comments from some of the parents:

- My daughter “earned an A+ in math. Thank you NCNW and Caltech”. My daughter “is now looking to take honors math in 8th grade”.
- ... “Getting great feedback from her teacher.”
- Tutor “is doing an exceptional tutoring job .. We are satisfied.”
- Tutor “is very professional and caring. I appreciate this.”



Please contact Annice Jackson (annicehj@gmail.com) if you are interested in this program.

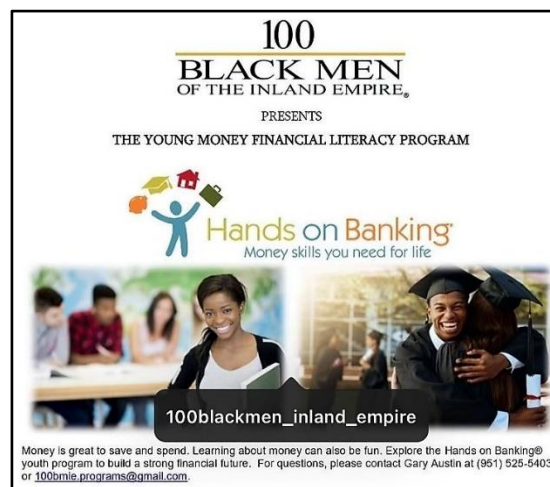
SGV Youth Participate in Hands On Banking

Economic Empowerment is a necessary step toward creating a just society, not only here in the United States, but abroad. The 100 Black Men of the Inland Empire (SGV’s partner) works with youth to develop their ability to become self-determined, create dreams, and become economically self-sufficient. Activities Include: Learn to create and run your own business; Finance; Credit; Support the Four For The Future Programs; and Mentoring.

SGV Young Legends have been participating in the **Young Money Financial Literacy Program** This is the second year of the program. Students learn how to save and spend money. Some of the topics include:

- Financial Decision Making
- Entrepreneurship
- Becoming a Savvy Shopper
- Shopping and Spending Tips
- Buying and Car
- Understanding and Creating Budgets
- Credit Basic
- Investing
- And much more....

Students that complete the course receive money deposited into their savings account. For more information, contact 100 BMIE at 951-525-5403.



SGV Welcomes New Members



Linda Gibbs

Linda says

My interest in joining SGV NCNW began with a conversation of a very dear friend, Denise McPheeters. Shortly after that conversation, I became a member in October 2021. My interest in joining is to serve in an organization that is community focused and committed to helping others.

My work history with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Children and Family Services spans over a period of 37 years. I retired as a Facility Manager. This included construction of new office space, office space planning, leasing and procuring office equipment and supplies.

After retirement, I became a caregiver for several family members. My love for caregiving has definitely increased my perspective in life. I have a great amount of empathy and understanding

for the needs of others and continue to look for a way to meet that need.

My other compassion is soul line dancing. I became an instructor and taught for many years. I find that dancing is a way to keep my mind and body active.

I hope my life experience will help to guide me where I can be of use. I look forward to serving SGV-NCNW and meeting its needs to serve others.



Lenora Daniel

Lenora says

I joined SGV-NCNW to establish a friendship with women whose primary goal is to aid in uplifting African American women through leading by example in our ongoing efforts to empower women and children.

I retired from AT&T in Yellow Advertising after 39 years. I then went back in the workforce for Riverside University Health System facilitating supportive services for parent and caregivers. I will be retiring from there soon.



Betty Smith

Betty says

I joined SGV-NCNW in November, 2021 and am excited to be a member of this wonderful organization. Over the years I have been invited to and supported several SGV events by my long-time sister friend, Denise McPheeters. After working 38 years, I recently retired from a boutique law firm in Century City as the Assistant Librarian.

I am the mother of three beautiful daughters, and a grandmother who loves to spend time with my grand and great grandchildren. Family is very important to me. I am also an avid reader and member of a book club, serve in my church welcoming new members, and serve in a volunteer capacity in a couple of other non-profit organizations.

My passion is community service, and being there to help those in need of life's basics. After the sudden loss of my beloved mother, it was encumbered upon me to handle her estate affairs. Born out of this difficult time was Prazz Enterprise, Inc. As Principal of this business, I am now able to fulfill my passion to assist my family, friends and others in the community. I am excited to bring my experience and passion to an organization such as SGV-NCNW.

SGV-NCNW also welcomes Myrna Hawthorne

Community Service



Community Services chairpersons Cheryl Robinson and Sandra Lee lead hygiene donation drive for the homeless.



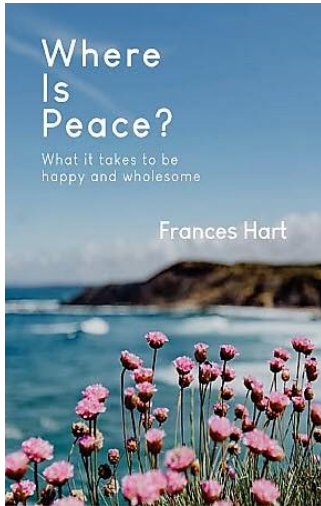
On March 19 SGV members brought bags of hygiene items to donate to the homeless. Since the Covid-19 pandemic the need for toiletries and other hygiene items has increased. SGV-NCNW continues to step up to help meet that need.



Items included Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Body wash, Body lotion, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razor, Shaving cream, Comb and brush, Maxi pads for women, and Socks. These items will be packaged into individual kits and donated to the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition of the Homeless.



Highlighting Our Members Work



Where Is Peace by Frances Hart

SGV-NCNW member Frances Hart recently published the book **“Where is Peace? What it takes to be happy and wholesome.”** Ms. Hart writes:

“With so much stress, competition, and responsibility in the world, it’s not always easy to be happy, and many who are unhappy don’t even know where to begin searching for a better way of living.

Where is Peace? is your step-by-step guide to living a wholesome, peaceful life. Learn to let go of the negative and embrace the positive and retrain your way of thinking. Becoming the new you might be easier than you think.”

About the Author

Frances Hart is a Texas native who has lived most of her lifetime in Southern California. She was employed for many years as an elementary school teacher and is now retired but continues to teach part-time.

Hart graduated from California State University, Los Angeles, with a BA in Anthropology; National University with an MA in Education; and Pacific Oaks College with a Multiple Teaching Credential. She believes everyone is entitled to a happy and wholesome life.

Associate Member Logan Baughman III Launches “Heroes 1st” (By Logan Baughman III)



No one can deny that we as a Nation should honor the women and men who serve in the Armed Forces. Yet, the reality is that many Veterans and the military community often face mind-numbing red tape and resistance to receiving the benefits and resources they so richly deserve. I am happy to announce the opening of **Heroes 1st, a Veterans Service Organization** that has answered the clarion call to serve those who have served. Heroes 1st is a for Purpose Organization.

The Heroes 1st vision is designed to enhance the quality of life for the military community.

Heroes 1st provides various services such as mental and physical health support, educational assistance, employment readiness, and financial acuity. We also offer referrals for housing, legal aid, benefits claims, and services for families who have children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. One of our core values is Superior Service, a standard of excellence we use to empower our clients to navigate the bureaucracy that prolongs the delivery of services our clients need.

As a male associate of SGV-NCNW, I Thank You for your Prayers and Support in this endeavor.

Logan Baughman III

Email Loganiii@HeroesFirst.org

Website: <https://www.heroesfirst.org/>



Hello Africa: Not Your Parent's Missionary Work! *(By Ulondra McCarty)*



In 2010, SGV-NCNW member Ulondra McCarty and her family made their first trip to Ghana; it was love at first sight! The natural beauty, views, and sounds of the country amazed them. The McCarty's quickly learned that their Ghanaian counterparts, and other African compatriots alike, wanted to establish long-lasting business relationships to share the beauty of their country with the world! The McCarty's quickly established friendships and those friendships gave way to business partnerships. Ulondra's maiden voyage to Africa made such a lasting impression on her soul that she had to return!

In 2014, the McCarty's expanded their stay and visited seven countries in 35 days. In 2014 and 2015, their focus was to develop partnerships and provide school supplies for children in various villages and orphanages. 2015 marked The McCarty's 3rd trip to the continent of Africa. To date, they have visited over 22 African Countries, led African tours, and supplied several school-age children and families with food, clothing, and school supplies.



About Ulondra McCarty

Ulondra has been a public school educator for over 28 years. She graduated from California State University, Los Angeles, with a Bachelor's degree in Child Development followed by a Master's Degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College. Along with being a full-time educator, Ulondra is also the **CEO of Purpose Global Village**. She specializes in importing African arts and crafts and fine jewelry. She has partnered with different groups to lend her natural talent in design and eye for quality products.



Rweru's Women's Group in Rwanda

Botswana November 2020
Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Support Centre (BGBVC former Kagisano Society Women's Shelter - KSWs)

About PGV

Purpose Global Village (PGV) promotes education and literacy for marginalized children in the U.S and developing nations. PGV is dedicated to Fair Trade Practices that empower families and bring sustainable social change. In addition to sustainable social change, PGV partners with local artisans to transform families. "It's a hand-up, not a handout!"

Our Designs

We collaborate with local artisans in different villages and countries on the continent to create unique designs that represent the beauty of Africa with an African American twist. In addition to sustainable social change, we believe passionately in travel, good food, great friends, loving thy neighbor as self, and the spirit of adventure! Our products are handmade by master artisans; none are machine-made or mass-produced. Most of our products are made in Ghana, South Africa, Botswana, and Uganda.

Hello Africa (cont.)

Ulondra resides in Diamond Bar, California, with her husband of 24 years, Jeff McCarty. They have two children, Meghan, 27, and Matthew, 22.

Visit our website to make a donation: Purpose Global Village.Com Follow us on Facebook

Local Events

Alliance Community Cultural Center 406 W. 2nd Street Pomona, CA 91766

Every second Saturday (Except for when we travel to Africa)

Farmer's Market Mt. Sac College (Once per Month). We'll return April 2022

Please call to verify 909-237-6947 or email purposeglobalvillage@gmail.com

SGV Supports Knock Knock Angels



Our section supported Knock Knock Angels, Power of Love Fundraising Gala on February 26, 2022. Founded by Vickie Lobo, a cancer survivor, Knock Knock Angels, organization is committed to providing struggling individuals and their families with a fresh start, by furnishing and decorating homes; providing random acts of kindness and resources for sustainability through partnership and programs. They serve, US Military Veterans, elderly, victims of domestic abuse, homeless and individuals and families in crisis.

Mission: Empowering struggling individuals to a fresh start by providing life-changing essentials and performing random acts of kindness.



SGV President Marie Thermidor (in red) attends Knock Knock Angels fundraiser

Birthdays



- Annice Jackson (April 10)*
- Dawson Jackson (April 11)*
- Leslie Martel (April 11)*
- Lenora Daniel (April 13)*
- Natalya Romo-Jones (April 13)*
- Cheryl Robinson (April 13)*
- Rochelle Jeter (April 15)*
- Betty Taylor (April 16)*
- Cherri L. King (April 19)*
- Michelle Wallace-Williams (April 23)*
- Frances Hart (April 25)*

- Dr Dorothy Shepherd (March 2)*
- Joanne Koeller (March 13)*
- Marcelle Penn Mathis (March 15)*
- Annette Spence (March 21)*
- Josiah Thermidor (March 24)*
- Alice Collins (March 28)*



6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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OF THE INLAND EMPIRE.



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APRIL 22, 2022

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**Sponsorships, Ads and
Donations Available**



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\$160.00*
INDIVIDUAL GOLFER
FOURSOME: \$600.00

***PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Light Continental Breakfast • Grab Bag
- Green & Cart Fees • Awards Luncheon
- Trophies & Raffle Prizes

**EARLY BIRD
SPECIAL \$130.00**
Early Bird Foursome: \$520.00
UP TO MARCH 18th 2022

Registration
6:30 - 7:30am

Tournament Starts:
8:00am

Raffle Prizes will include Callaway & Taylormade golf clubs, golf bags & equipment, and 60" televisions.



Please contact Craig Hudson at 951-581-6008, for more info visit us on line at www.100BMIE.org


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100 BMIE is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

UPCOMING Events

**SGV-NCNW GENERAL MEETINGS:
1ST SATURDAYS @ 9:30 AM VIA ZOOM**




Volunteers Needed

The Community Service Team needs your help to assist in preparing hygiene kits for the homeless.

Saturday, April 2, 2022 | 1:00PM
Home of Sandra Lee
 2060 Saleroso Drive Rowland Heights, CA 91748
 Phone 626-377-0301

Masks Required Still accepting hygiene donations
 Hope to see you there!



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**ELECTIONS FOR
2022 – 2024 OFFICERS**

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- 3rd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Financial Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary

Now is your chance to make a difference in SGV-NCNW!

In addition to the elected officer positions listed above consider volunteering to serve on various committees including:

- Community Services Hospitality
- Young Legends Youth Development
- Fit4Life Health Program Resources PR/Marketing
- Membership History
- Young Women's Auxiliary Fundraising
- and more

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

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