



# The Miami Chapter of **JACK AND JILL** of America, Inc.



## THE MIAMI MAJESTIC MESSENGER

HOLIDAY ISSUE

### MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE...ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU !

Holiday Greetings!



For many of us , amidst the holiday smiles and laughs , are trying to figure out how to get through yet another holiday season. After ten years, I must continue to remind myself in a Lion King kind of way, this is the cycle of life. We are slowly being shaped into the next Matriarchs and Patriarchs of our Jack and Jill Families! What a tremendous responsibility and great honor, we have bestowed upon us. Pause and let that simmer for a chocolate chip minute.

In the words, of Wordsworths... Find that "Glory in the [holiday] Flower and find [tremendous] Strength in what remains. As we close out this holiday season, remember your village is strong. Most importantly, We are stronger together...we are the descendants of Great Kings and Queens !

Be blessed my Majestic Mothers, I love you and Merry Christmas!  
Warmly,

Julie Harris-Nelson  
Miami Chapter President

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AS A SPECIAL HOLIDAY TREAT,  
DR. MAYA ANGELOU SHARES A  
POEM SHE WROTE FOR THE 2005  
WHITE HOUSE TREE-LIGHTING  
CEREMONY.

## Maya Angelou's 'Amazing Peace'

AMAZING PEACE: A CHRISTMAS POEM  
BY DR. MAYA ANGELOU

Thunder rumbles in the mountain passes  
And lightning rattles the eaves of our houses.  
Flood waters await us in our avenues.

Snow falls upon snow, falls upon snow to avalanche  
Over unprotected villages.  
The sky slips low and grey and threatening.

We question ourselves.  
What have we done to so affront nature?  
We worry God.  
Are you there? Are you there really?  
Does the covenant you made with us still hold?

Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,  
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope  
And singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.  
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor,  
Come the way of friendship.

It is the Glad Season.  
Thunder ebbs to silence and lightning sleeps quietly in the corner.  
Flood waters recede into memory.  
Snow becomes a yielding cushion to aid us  
As we make our way to higher ground.

Hope is born again in the faces of children  
It rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk into their sunsets.  
Hope spreads around the earth. Brightening all things,  
Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corridors.

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.  
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.  
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.  
We hear a sweetness.  
The word is Peace.  
It is loud now. It is louder.  
Louder than the explosion of bombs.

We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.  
It is what we have hungered for.  
Not just the absence of war. But, true Peace.  
A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies.  
Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas.  
We beckon this good season to wait a while with us.  
We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come.  
Peace.

Come and fill us and our world with your majesty.  
We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian,  
Implore you, to stay a while with us.  
So we may learn by your shimmering light  
How to look beyond complexion and see community.

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time.

On this platform of peace, we can create a language  
To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.

At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ  
Into the great religions of the world.  
We jubilate the precious advent of trust.  
We shout with glorious tongues at the coming of hope.  
All the earth's tribes loosen their voices  
To celebrate the promise of Peace.

We, Angels and Mortal's, Believers and Non-Believers,  
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.  
Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud.  
Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves  
And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation.

Peace, My Brother.  
Peace, My Sister.  
Peace, My Soul.







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## MAJESTIC MIAMI MEMBERSHIP **Matters**



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### Season's Greetings Majestic Miami Mothers,

It is so hard to believe that we are within days of closing out 2022. Within our chapter we have seen and experienced a spectrum of emotions on every front.

However, through it all, we are a beautiful collective of sister-moms that support each other in every facet of our lives. It has been pure joy to watch the bonds of our sisterhood grow and witness our children create lifelong friendships as they continue to thrive in Jack and Jill of America.

As we look to 2023 let us focus on "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things."

United in motherhood,  
VP Anetra



'Tis the season... for Membership Intake. Your Membership Committee is actively working on planning a informational tea for prospective new mothers with sponsors and incoming Jack and Jill legacies.

As we work through the planning process, we will be sure to keep all mother members, especially those desiring to sponsor a potential new mother in the future, informed of upcoming membership engagement activities that are open to the public. While the membership voted in favor of not conducting membership intake for this programming year, we want to be mindful of the women that are patiently awaiting their opportunity

to engage with our membership. The first opportunity that will be extended to them will be the MLK Worship Service on January 15, 2023. With that in mind, the PNM recommendation Google form will remain active until January 30, 2023.

It continues to be our hope to have select open events where we will be able to respectfully and properly interact with PNMs and their families.

If you have any questions about how we will move forward with membership intake for legacies this programming year or events that PNMs will be invited to, do not hesitate to give me a call.





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As we begin to reflect on 2022 and look to 2023 with hopeful hearts, let's take a moment to remember our dearly loved Pop Michael D. Smith, Sr.

Pop Michael was a loving and supportive husband and father to our beautiful Mom Davrye, Teen Millicent, and Jack and Jill legacies Laura and Michael, Jr. He was always there to support all things Jack and Jill. Whether he was sitting quietly in the back of the room and watching the moms and children buzz about

connecting with the other Pops, or making an appearance as the highly anticipated St. Nicholas at our annual Breakfast with Santa event... Pop Michael was always there.

We will miss his loving presence and gentle way as we continue to support Mom Davrye as she bridges over to "Associate Land" and as Teen Millicent ventures off to college at the close of this programming year. As a chapter, our love knows no bounds when it comes to supporting our families.





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## Chapter Highlights



### Miami Chapter's Holiday Weekend 2022

On December 10-11, 2022, the Miami Chapter closed out the top of the 2022-2023 program year by being booked and busy! We hopped on the holiday train and our pink and blue tickets were collected.

At the first stop, the Miami Chapter participated in 2022 Miami-Dade Heart Walk under the leadership of Moms Charlene Latimore and SunJa Leon (CSC). The team exceeded its goal and raised \$833.56 (came in as the 3rd highest fundraiser amongst the SE Community Teams-Miami, FL). Kudos to the team (Moms Lisa Aradeon, Carlota Arthur-Sullivan, Heidi Barker, Lindsay Hopkins (PD), SunJa Leon, and Sakeena Hazuri Mathis) and the Moms who joined in on the fun and walked during the event (VP Anetra Poindexter and FC Shawna Pointville). A special shout out to the other Moms who donated to the fun (CS Lauren N'Namdi, RS Robin Tisdahl, APD MaSheena Perkins, and Mom Tannysha Yearby). Truly a team effort!







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At the second stop, the Miami Chapter swung by the International Links Melresse Country Club for "Legacy & Leadership on the Green" in partnership with Girls Golf Miami and First Tee Miami. The Jacks and Jills enjoyed golf clinics from 1pm to 2:30pm and then participated in holiday themed activities. The Chapter also enjoyed a video compiled by Twix Teen Leia Arscott about the legacy of Blacks in golf. A fun time was had by all from perfecting swings to how to make the perfect cup of cocoa. The goal was for the children/teens to learn that while (s)he may be guests today; they may be owners tomorrow. A special shout out to the committee because this was a labor of love to transition this event from the September Jack & Jill/Carole Robertson Day Celebration to a holiday event. It was a pleasure to chair this committee and a joy to work with Moms Lisa Aradeon, Allison Aristide (PC), LaShara Bostic, Minca Brantley, Lynn Labrousse (CE), Sakeena Hazuri Mathis, and Stephanie Ragin-Prophete. FORE!!!!







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At the last stop, the Miami Chapter's holiday train had just enough steam left in it to host "Lunch with Mrs. Claus" for 20 families (having a total of 54 children) served by the Center for Family and Child Enrichment. Miami Moms showed up to create a winter wonderful experience for families with food giveaways, gift bags, toys, music provided by Pop Ray Parris, and Mrs. Claus. Pop Patrick and Teen Julian rose early to set up the holiday tents. We are grateful to "Christa Cares for donating Special Edition Harry Potter Books and Geology Kits and race cars for the children. A huge thanks to our Sweet Mrs. Claus who read the Chocolate Nutcracker to our helper elves. This committee, chaired by RS Robin Tisdahl and supported by CP Julie Harris-Nelson, worked to serve the community from around 12pm to 4:30pm (including set-up and take down). Virtual confetti to the Committee (Moms Carlota Arthur-Sullivan, Diana Barry Frazier, Shelia Goodman-Williams (CParl.), Martha Johnson-Rutledge, SunJa Leon (CSC), and Quintera Parris (IPCP)). A special shout out to all the hard work put in by VP Anetra Poindexter, Mom Sakeena Hazuri Mathis, Pop Douglas Tisdahl and the helper elves (Marshall, Lailah, Lincoln, and Reagan).



PD Lindsay



Program Chair Robin



Season's Greetings from  
The Temptations and PD Lindsay Hopkins!





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*Merry Christmas*  
From The Miami Chapter







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Person of the Year  
**TIME**



**REST IN PEACE**

**MIAMI POP MICHAEL D. SMITH, SR.  
THANK YOU FOR MORE THAN  
20 YEARS OF JJ SERVICE.**







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Member  
ShoutOuts

# CONGRATULATIONS



Our very own, Sister Mom Minca Brantley, receives the Miami Dade College's highest honor, the 2022 Endowed Teaching Chair

Louis Wolfson III Endowed Teaching Chair  
Minca Davis Brantley, Professor  
North Campus

Congratulations Mom Minca!

Sister Mom Veronica Gay Brown is honored as one of South Florida's Most Influential And Prominent Black Women In Business And Industry in 2022 by Legacy Miami!!!!

You make us proud!

**Legacy Miami's Most Prominent And Influential Black Women In Business And Industry For 2022**







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Congratulations Commander (yes our Mom) Kiki Butler for your service. Pictures with (her Jack ) Sir Ellis and surrounded by Jack and Jill Chapter Moms Past and Present. Thanks to the beautiful women of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. for honoring this amazing Mom who protects us even when we are not looking.

## *Associate Jewel*

**Agenoria Paschal Powell**, Her POP, Louis F. Powell Jr. 34 years

Her hometown, Miami FL

Her Education, FAMU, UNIV. OF MIAMI

Her occupation, MDCPS Administrator  
1996

Her Sponsor Mom Walline Williams, under Miami Chapter President  
Gloria Evans

Her Jacks and Jill:

Louis F. Powell III- FAU/ AmericanSr.

Jordan A. W. Powell-FAMU/ American Sr.

Kara M. Powell Dartmouth'20/ Barbara Goleman Sr.

Her favorite programs, Oratorical

Carol Robertson Day

Her Jack and Jill years of service, 12 years as a child/teen

19 years as a Mom

6 years as an Associate







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DECEMBER 1



DECEMBER 9



DECEMBER 14



DECEMBER 20



DECEMBER 22

— HAPPY —  
*Birthday*  
TO OUR DECEMBER MAJESTIC MOTHERS  
*May your day be  
as beautiful as you!*





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MERRY  
*christmas*

Love,  
Chapter President Julie & Family



*Happy  
Holidays*

Hoping your holiday is filled with joy, peace & love!

Love,  
Chapter Editor Lynn & Family

Elise, Elle, & Elijah

*See you next year!!!*