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President's Message

Our Sorority Year is moving right along. Before you know it, we will be celebrating Founder's Day! As we scurry to prepare for our 71st Regional Conference, let us not forget about Black History Month. February is a month set aside to highlight and recognized our contributions to this country. Throughout Iotaland, I'm sure we are hosting or attending events that spotlights Our Heritage. Although we did not host a public event, we recognized our own contributions in the City of Shreveport. Soror Janie Samuels—1st Black Banker; Willie Myers—1st Black Professional Model; and Soror Evelyn S. Mosley—1st Black Project Manager at AT&T Manufacturing Company in Shreveport. These ladies and other Beta Psi Sorors are still doing great things in the City of Shreveport.!

Sisterly,
Evelyn S. Mosley, Ph.D.



ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

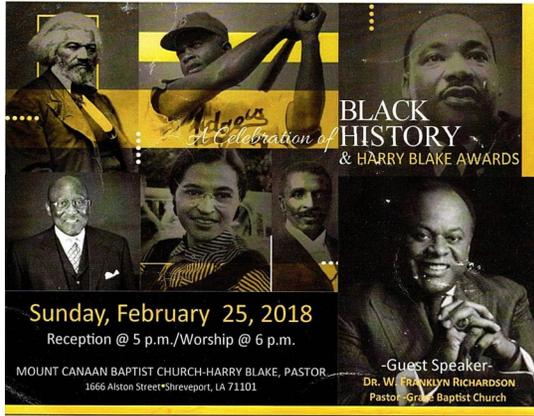
Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. Since 1976, when President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history", every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

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Around Town

Black History Month Celebrations



President E. Mosley and Soror W. Myers (not featured) attended the Annual Black History & Harry Blake Awards Program held at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church where Dr. Harry L. Blake is Pastor, featuring the Mt. Canaan Baptist Church Choir. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, NY.

NAUW Black History Program—February 17, 2018—Southern University at Shreveport



Soror Janie Samuels poses with Mayor Ollie Tyler at the NAUW

The National Association of University Women, Shreveport Branch, was organized on May 10, 1954, in the home of Mrs. Arthurline Yancy, at 1939 Looney Street. In the late 1980s and 1990s, the Shreveport Branch of NAUW was very involved in the National Assault illiteracy programs. For over fifty years, the Shreveport of NAUW has sponsored a youth group. The Shreveport of NAUW also participated in all national programs and projects, such as tutorial programs, health and wellness programs, international programs and social justice.

Recognizing Beta Psi's Own



Soror Myers
Shreveport's 1st
Black Professional



Soror Mosley
AT&T Shreveport 1st
Black Project Manager



Soror Samuels
Shreveport's 1st Black
Banker



Soror Willie Myers celebrated another year of life on February 10, 2018. Happy Birthday Soror and to all Sorors born in the month of February!!

UPcoming EVENTS

February 25, 2018—Black History & Harry Blake Awards Program, Mt. Canaan Baptist Church
 March 8-11, 2018—71st SWR Conference—Houston, TX
 March 12, 2018—Etiquette Workshop—CMCTS School
 March 13, 2018—Beta Psi 65th Birthday

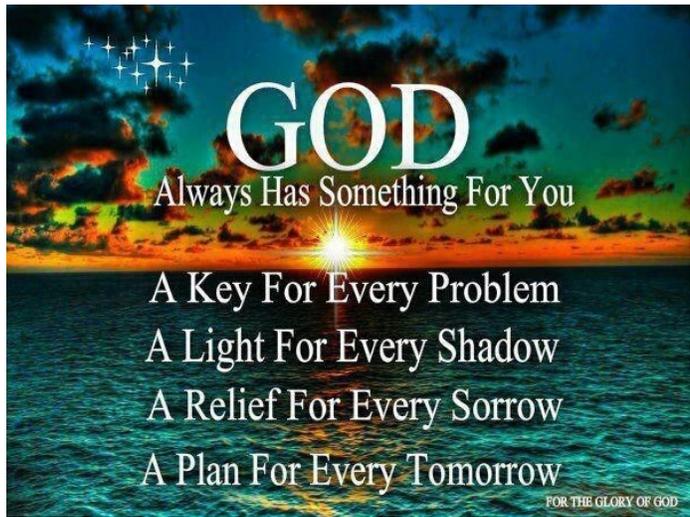


Don't Forget Iota THURSDAYS!
 Wear your Iota colors and/or paraphernalia.

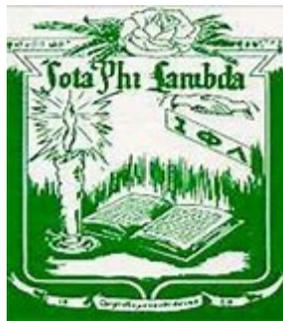


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Regional Theme
 Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood and Committing to Business.



National Theme
 Business & Professional Women furthering the Dream of Economic Independence.