

Delver Woman's Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Written by Ms. Lolita Moses

Hello Delver Sisters,
This issue of the Delver Woman's Club Newsletter presents our interest groups, including family members, commitment to education and service during exceedingly difficult times. Despite what seemed like challenges, you continued to remain resilient and confident with your participation in our programs and meetings. Many of you worked "center stage" representing Delvers in community activities and promoting our motto, "Lifting as We Climb."



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Membership Article
- Interest Group Updates
- Interest Meeting Dates
- Delver Carnations Remembered



The Delver Woman's Club learned the value of communication and creativity. Here we are in a world of e-mails, text messages, virtual/video, and audio conferencing to ensure the goals and targets were achieved. Beautiful ladies... you did it! We made "purple and gold" lemonade from the lemons we were given.

I am proud of the impact we have made in the midst of these unprecedented times. Your love and support are unwavering beyond measure...thank you immensely. Please enjoy your summer and I'll see you in September. In the spirit of unity,
Lolita S. Moses

Delver Woman's Club



DELVER MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT 2022- 2023

Submitted by
Evelyn Rodriquez, Membership
Chair

Membership applications are being accepted June 1- August 1, 2022. The current joining fee is \$80. Members have been emailed an application and a brief history of The Delver Woman's Club to share with prospective members. Let each of us try to recruit a new member.

Please contact me if you need more information.

ART INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by
Annette D. Morris, Chairperson

The Art Interest Group has met a few times. We've also visited our Honorary Member, Lucille Whitaker. We've had lunch dates and we're planning to attend field trips together to remain actively engaged, eat healthy, and support one another's mental health. Our first trip is to attend the Horse race/Rosie's Casino in New Kent County.



Drama Interest Group



UPDATES

Written by Evelyn S. Rodriguez,
Chairperson

Since the last Newsletter our group was involved in numerable activities. We ended 2021 with our annual Christmas Brunch at Theo Jones' residence. It was a time of Fantastic Fun because of the food, the fellowship, the games, and the gifts. Then Goldie M. Settles helped us start the New Year right with an "Enlightenment Through Words of Wisdom". In the months that followed each hostess provided a varied agenda for our monthly meetings.

·Barbara Powell hosted us at La Dolce Vita Restaurant, where we were treated to delicious food, received vital information about heart health, took a Black History quiz, and were rewarded with a gift-filled bag

·We acted in "God's Rainbow of Colors", written by Betty Brewer, and received gift cards to her grandson's restaurant.

·Carol Weaver's Zumba instructor took us through a "refreshing" session. Carol also did a power point presentation on movement.

·Myrtle Spurlock ended our club year with reflections on the upheavals in the world. "There is nothing new under the sun." Although darkness seems to be in control, we each have the gift of a personal light, JESUS. From A-Z we listed the names or characteristics of Jesus which gives us light in today's darkened world. What a great 'enlightening' exercise!!!



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Drama Interest Group



We look forward to our annual July cookout at Vivian Minor's.

In addition to our monthly group meetings, we had two special projects:

- a financial Christmas donation to a family selected by Social Services

- duffle bags, luggage, etc., for children in foster care

The highlight of our year was our Black History Program. We spotlighted Delver women from each Interest Group. We shared some of their experiences and accomplishments. They were "ordinary women" whose extraordinary deeds made an impact on the lives of others. We designated them "Delver Ladies of Legacy".

NEWS FROM DRAMA GROUP MEMBERS

Submitted by Evelyn S. Rodriguez, Chairperson

Several members had an enjoyable evening at the play, "A Change is Gonna Come" written by James Pettis.

Lynette Short is so proud of her grandson, Jaidan Whitaker. At his preschool graduation he gave all honor and glory to God as he sang, "Everything I do is a gift to You." He wants to be a scientist and held a microscope up high for all to see. Jaidan has overcome many challenges since his premature birth at 26 weeks. God is so good!!! Lynette is also requesting God's favor as she accepts the leadership assignment of Head Deaconess at Ephesus SDA Church.

From Proud Mom, Barbara Powell - On May 7th, Deonka Stewart Euill received her Certificate in Church Staff Leadership from the Mid America Christian University in Oklahoma. Then on May 16th she was admitted as a Master's program student at the Anderson University School of Theology and Christian Ministry. She has received the Dean's scholarship which means her tuition will be paid in full. Deonka will be taking classes on-line.

Carol Weaver and Evelyn Rodriguez have been enjoying activities at the Peter Paul Development Center. Carol modeled in the Leopard Print Fashion Show (seen on TV) and was also a line dancer at its Senior Americans Luncheon.

Drama Interest Group



MARC T. MINOR

My grandson, Marc T. Minor, completed 36- hours of course work during his freshman year at Virginia Tech University, in an extremely challenging 5-year Architecture program, which is considered a STEM program now (4 more years to go). He has spent countless hours in the studio working on projects because Tech starts you right off in your major, kept his GPA above the threshold set, maintained his scholarship, and was recommended to participate in a professional development symposium during the 2022-2023 school year, allowing him to earn hours towards licensure.

After a glowing recommendation letter from one of his professors and an interview with the Dean, he was invited to be a Student Ambassador for the College of Architecture and Urban Studies in the fall. Not bragging, but I am proud of my grandson because he has always found a way to have a great attitude and to persevere, and best yet, God's got him. He will also be working his second internship year for NASA this summer. Much ♥.

Vivian A. Minor



Congratulations

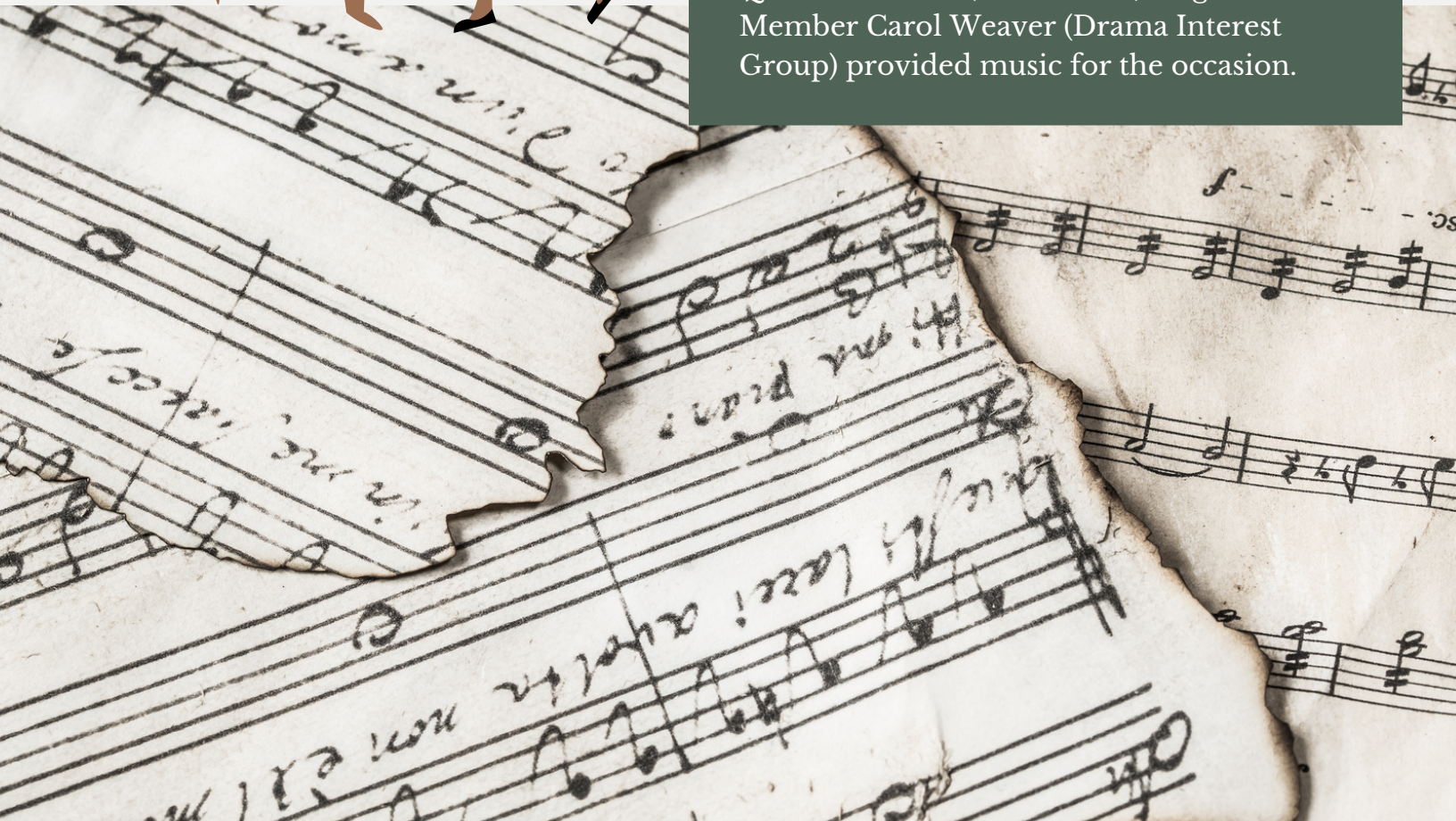
Music Interest Group



VESPER SERVICE – APRIL 16, 2022

Submitted by Vivian A. Minor, Chairperson

The annual Vesper Service, was hosted by the Music Interest Group, honoring our founder, Mrs. Blanche Coles Case and four of our deceased members – Catherine P. Bratcher (Honorary - Social and Civic Affairs); Jean L. Jackson (International Relations); Gloria T. Redmond (Youth Conservation); and Lucy C. Wells (Honorary – Social and Civic Affairs). It was with regrets that our speaker, Dr. Omega W. Wilson, was unable to deliver her message due to illness. However, she has consented to speak at any of our upcoming events. The Vesper service was held at Quioccasin Baptist Church, 9011 Quioccasin Road, Richmond, Virginia. Member Carol Weaver (Drama Interest Group) provided music for the occasion.



Social & Civic Affairs Group



Happy Birthday!

MISS ALBERTA WINSTON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Submitted by Shirley F. Reid, Chairperson

Miss Alberta Winston, Honorary Member of the Delver Woman's Club, celebrated her 100th Birthday on March 10, 2022 at the Glenburnie Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 1900 Libbie Ave., Richmond, VA. Miss Winston was surrounded by family members including her adopted son, Thomas Winston, and other friends and residents of the center. Delver President Lolita Moses and Delver Laneuville Walker were also in attendance.

Submitted by Laneuville V. Walker

The sitting room was decorated with blue and silver balloons. A beautiful cake, cupcakes, punch and other refreshments were served. Miss Winston received red roses, a lovely bouquet of flowers, other plants and gifts.

A powerful prayer was delivered by one of the residents. The Director of Activities made comments and presented Miss Winston with a certificate for reaching 100 years of age. She also presented a birthday card signed by residents of the center.

Members of Miss Winston's family made comments. Mrs. Natalie Simmons who graduated from Armstrong High School with Miss Winston in 1940, gave comments. Mrs Simmons reached 100 on April 30, 2021.

Thomas Winston thanked the center for their care of his mother.

Laneuville Walker spoke about working with Miss Winston at the Southern Aid Life Insurance Company, where she worked as the Company's Bookkeeper for over 40 years, retiring in 1994, when the company closed.

Miss Winston invited Laneuville to join the Social Welfare Interest Group. Miss Winston worked faithfully in the group until her health began to fail 2019.

Even when she could no longer attend meetings, she would call other members to remind them of meetings and other club activities. She has served faithfully for over 50 years.

Youth Conservation Interest Group



CELEBRATING THE 2022
DELVER WOMAN OF THE YEAR
THEME: "EMPOWERMENT:
MOVING FORWARD"

Submitted by Vivian Oden/Mildred
Brooks, Chairperson

The Delver Woman's Club celebrated its Seventy-Sixth Annual Luncheon hosted by the Youth Conservation Interest Group on Saturday, May 21, 2022, over Zoom due to the pandemic. Mrs. Mildred Brooks, Chair of Youth Conservation Interest Group, presided over the occasion. Mrs. Betty Gentry, Chaplain, delivered the Club's Prayer and Song.

Mrs. Lolita S. Moses is the President.

The musical selection was provided by Ms. Faith Hubbard, granddaughter of Mrs. Brooks. Faith Hubbard is a rising senior at Randolph-Macon College. She has been on the Dean's list each semester at R-MC. She performs in several choirs there and is in the LUXE Show Choir. Faith is currently the keyboardist and praise dance choreographer at New Beginnings Church. She has played an intricate role in the Youth Conservation Interest Group programs since she was in middle school.

Congratulations to Mildred Brooks and her family. They have grown to have five living generations. It is important to preserve their family history. It shows how one cultural background can make a lasting impact and influence others.

The speaker for the Annual meeting was the Reverend Willie Nelson, III, native of Richmond, Virginia and Pastor of Worship Arts at Ousley United Methodist Church in Lithonia, Georgia. He is a 2014 graduate of the Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, with a dual Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts degree in Church Music. In 1999, Rev. Nelson was the first male recipient of The Delver Woman's Club Scholarship. He delivered an inspirational message; challenging us to put faith in action and to persevere in faith by helping others and to serve. He reminded us that every change in the world starts with one person. Thank you, Rev. Nelson, for an excellent message.

Youth Conservation Interest Group



Rosa Oden, Chair, Remembrance Committee was honored as the 2022 Delver Woman of the Year. Rosa grew up in Mayesville, South Carolina. She graduated from Eastern High School in 1958. She was married to the late Jesse N. Oden and they had two children, Jesse Cedric and Vivian Michelle.

In 1963, Rosa graduated from Johnson C. University, in Charlotte, North Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in French and Psychology. She was very active in the Civil Rights Movement of the 60's. In 1967, Rosa moved to North Highland, California with her husband, Jesse. She was hired as a teacher of English and Reading at Rio Linda Junior High School. One unforgettable moment was when Senator Robert Kennedy came to campaign in the area on June 5, 1968. Rosa was able to meet and shake hands with him. What excitement that later turned into sadness. Senator Kennedy was assassinated that night and died on June 6.

Returning to Richmond in 1972, Rosa was hired at Harry F. Byrd Middle School in Henrico County to teach French and Reading. In 1979, she received a Master of Arts degree in Education/Guidance Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University and was hired as a Counselor at Varina High School. While at Varina, Rosa took seven students to Europe; visiting England, crossing the English Channel to visit France. She is a member of First United Presbyterian Church and serves as an Elder. In addition, she is a member of the United Presbyterian Women, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond. Rosa enjoys traveling with her daughter, Vivian. In 2014, they visited the US Open in New York, and in 2019, they went to the NBA finals in Toronto Canada. They have visited several other places.

A member of the Delver Woman's Club for twenty years, Rosa has also served as First Vice President, Chair of the Youth Conservation Interest Group, member of the Membership Committee, Assistant Chaplain and Chair of the Telephone Committee for the 75th Anniversary.

We congratulate Rosa Oden on this prestigious honor

Youth Conservation Interest Group



OTHER UPDATES

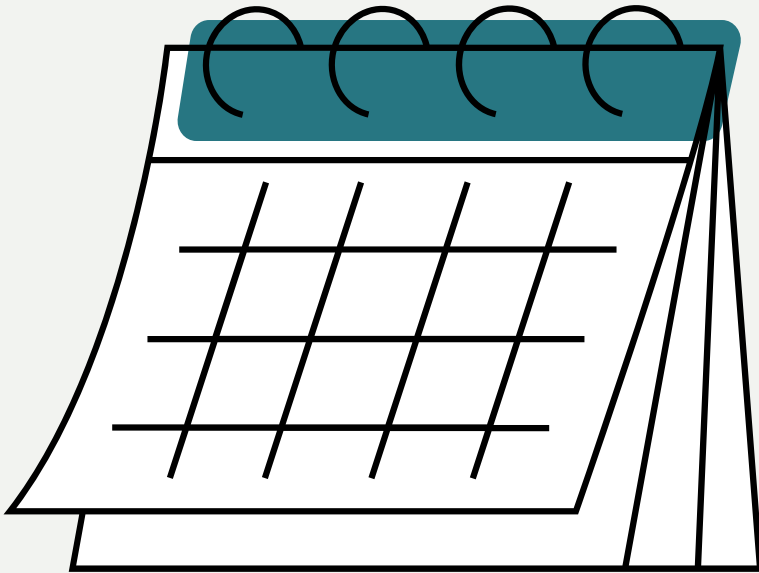
Submitted by Vivian Oden/Mildred Brooks, Chairperson

Vivian Oden tutored for another year with the Life Enrichment Center at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Chesapeake, VA. She helped her student with reading and writing. Vivian enjoys giving back and supporting our children.

Congratulations to Vivian Oden for being selected to present at ABFE's Harambee 2022 Annual Conference in Washington DC, April 21-23, 2022. It's the nation's largest convening of Black professionals in Philanthropy. She joined the panel conversation with three other philanthropic professionals. Their topic was "Centering Black Brilliance: How Community Foundations Have Created Impactful Funding Initiatives to Support Black-led and Serving Organizations." Other speakers were Pete Buttigieg, United States Secretary of Transportation, Tiffany Cross, American journalist and television personality, Susan Rice, Director of the Domestic Policy Council of the United States, Melanie Campbell, President & CEO, National Committee on Black Civic Participation and many others. There were over 600 attendees.



Interest Meeting Scheduling



FURTHER SCHEDULING

Due to rescheduling of the past Annual Luncheon, adjustments will have to be made to the January 21, 2023 relative to interest group hosting the meeting since it was decided that Economic would host the May 2023 luncheon; and perhaps to the February 18, 2023 meeting. Vivian A. Minor, First Vice President Music/Program Chair

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Interest Groups Host Meetings

2022

- August- Executive Board Meeting
- September 17- General Business Meeting
- October 15- Host: International Relations
- November 19- Host: Music
- December 17- Annual Prayer Breakfast- Host: Drama

2023

- January 21- Host: Economic
- February 18- Black History Month- Host: Executive Board ???
- March 18- General Business Meeting
- April 16- Vesper Service- Host: Social & Civics Affairs
- May 20- Annual Luncheon- Host: Economic Interest Group





Delver Carnations Remembered



MISSING GLORIA

Submitted by Charleta F, Shorts/Mildred Brooks

Gloria T. Redmond was a key member of the Youth Conservation Interest Group. She began working immediately upon joining Delver in 1995 as the Youth Showcase coordinator for the club's 50th Anniversary. She was consistently present and held the following offices: interest group chair for several terms, club treasurer, financial secretary, second vice president and president for two terms. She was 'Delver Of The Year' in 2013. Gloria left us on June 22, 2021 and is truly missed.



A TRIBUTE TO ESTER REID



Submitted by Janice Covington/ Lolita Moses, President

LISTEN MY FRIENDS AND YOU SHALL HEAR
OF A DELVER WOMAN WHOM TO US IS DEAR.
NOW SHE IS HUMBLE AND WILL NEVER TELL,
OF HER CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE REALLY SWELL.

SHE ALWAYS WEARS A SMILE ON HER FACE,
AND IS EVER WILLING TO TAKE YOU ANY PLACE.
SHE REALLY BELIEVES IN HELPING OTHERS,
SHE IS INDEED A KEEPER OF HER BROTHERS.

SHE VISITS THE SICK AND KEEPS UP WITH THE WELL.
SHE IS AS REGULAR AS A RINGING BELL.
HER LOVE AND COMFORT SHE IS EVER SHARING.
SHE SPEAKS OUT FOR RIGHT NO MATTER HOW DARING.

SHE HAS BEEN OUR PRESIDENT FOR 4 YEARS YOU SEE,
AND WE HAVE BEEN AS BUSY AS COULD BE,
WE THANK YOU ESTER FOR YOUR INSPIRATION,
IT HAS BEEN A MOST PLEASANT SENSATION.

YOU ENCOURAGED US TO WORK WITH MEALS ON WHEELS,
THIS WE HAVE DONE WITH THE GREATEST OF ZEAL.
YOU URGED US TO HELP UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND,
NO SOONER SAID THAN OUR WORK WAS BEGUN.
YOU SAID JOIN THE N.A.A.C.P.,
AND WE AGREED THAT THIS IS A NECESSITY.

TOGETHER WE HAVE WORKED,
NEVER ONCE DID YOU YOUR DUTY SHIRK.
ESTER, DEAR, AS YOU LEAVE THIS POSITION,
WE WISH FOR YOU CONTINUED FRUITION.
OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO WITH YOU DEAR FRIEND,
KIND THOUGHTS OF YOU WILL NEVER END.

BY
- ZIPPORAH MEDFORD -



LUCY CORDELL WELLS



Submitted by Shirley F, Reid,
Social and Civic Affairs Chairperson

Mrs. Lucy Cordell Wells
Innovator. Leader. Pioneer

Ms. Lucy Wells was a native of Goochland- a pillar of community activism in Henrico County. Commendations from Virginia political leaders for her hard work and dedicated service was acknowledged via a resolution in 2018. The "dynamo" as described on WTVR- Channel 6, reported she chaired seven community organizations at one time while married and rearing six children. Needless to say, she devoted her time tirelessly for social change however, she fostered the same love for her church, family and friends. Because she credited others along her journey, one quote during her television interview in 2018 that continues to hold the shimmer of the summer moon, "...again you need support and help. No man is alone. You have to do things together."



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