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**NAUW Connection**



*The Final Issue of the NAUW Connection*

**National Theme:  
“Community and  
Education: Our  
Connection for the  
Future”**

**President’s Message**

March 10, 2010 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Association of University Women providing service to citizens across this nation and abroad. As we celebrate this exciting era in our history, let us pause for a moment to reflect and examine from where we started and what progress or lack of progress has been made.



**Mrs. Ollie D. Johnson  
National President**

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In 1910, the College Alumnae Club was born. Mary Church Terrell was elected as the first president, with 20 other college women as members. The objectives were to:

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- Promote various movements for the civic good
- Give incentives for individual activity and development intellectually and socially
- Promote a closer union of college graduates

**National Officers:**

**Ollie D. Johnson  
National President  
Evelyn Wright  
First Vice President  
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Elected Nominating  
Chairperson**

A scholarship fund was established, and by 1920, seven branches had been instituted. In 1923, the name was officially changed to the **National Association of College Women**. The organization was incorporated in 1924, and at the biennial convention in Philadelphia, the organization accepted its charter. The membership had grown to an impressive 1,718 members.

Today the program focus is “**TEAM**”- *Together, Empower, Align, and Mentor*, utilizing the strategic plan which gives leaders and members the directions to focus on our mission as we execute the programs we have implemented. All indicators suggest we are moving forward in the right direction. Branches are still being chartered, scholarships are still being given to deserving students, membership has grown to more than 1,900 strong, and conventions are still being planned.

The 67<sup>th</sup> National Convention “Centennial Celebration” is upon us, and we would like to share our progress. The following branches and members have contributed to the Washington, D. C community project:

- Mary Swopes, monetary donation
- Queens Branch
- St Louis Branch
- Crowley Branch
- Beauregard/Vernon Branch

The following branches have made progress in assisting with defraying the expenses of the convention by making a \$20.00 donation or more per member (Cruise Tickets Sale; a climax for this president's tenure):

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| ▪ Crowley Branch           | ▪ Richmond Branch   | ▪ Lake Charles Branch         |
| ▪ Beauregard/Vernon Branch | ▪ Eunice Branch     | ▪ West Coast Cities Branch    |
| ▪ Grambling Branch         | ▪ Charleston Branch | ▪ Jefferson Davis Branch      |
| ▪ Chicago Branch           | ▪ Hamlet Branch     | ▪ Flushing North Shore Branch |

There are other branches and individual members who have called to indicate that their contributions are forthcoming. I want to thank you in advance for your efforts, and I know that there are others who will be in that number.

Super Shuttle Transportation Company has welcomed the National Association of University Women and is offering a discounted shuttle service available 07/25/10 through 08/16/10. Make your reservations at [www.SuperShuttle.com](http://www.SuperShuttle.com) or call 1-800 BLUE VAN (258-3826) and mention Group Code: MYRE7. This discount is only available for on-line roundtrip reservations made at the email address above. We would like to thank Audrey Jordan, Southwest Sectional Director for securing this service.

We know that you would like to have input on the activities and programs for the National Convention. You still have a chance to do so. Please send to Jenise Collins, North Central Sectional Director, a *Moment in History* about your branch or a member who has been a national officer. She will select from those received and present them throughout the convention.

The luncheon programs of the past included musical solos, guest speakers, and workshops. We continue to include the same and in some cases, more on the programs planned. We have stood and are still standing on the firm foundation built by our founding sisters. I hope you will join me in paying tribute to them by finalizing your plans to meet me in Washington, D. C.

The National Association of University Women established with a vision for life, liberty and the pursuit of service to others, continues one-hundred years later to be a service organization reaching the needs of people far and near. I thank you for the contributions and accomplishments made during my tenure as your National President.

We move forward into a glorious future, fueled by the powerful words of Mary Church Terrell **“With courage, born of success achieved in the past, and with a keen sense of the responsibility which we shall continue to assume, we look forward to a future large with promise and hope.”**

See you in Washington D. C.

### **National First Vice President**

Greetings My NAUW Sisters,

The 67<sup>th</sup> National Convention-Centennial Celebration is three short months away. Ladies from the Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central and Southwest Sections will flock to Washington, D.C. to be a part of this historic event; a one in a life time chance to celebrate 100 years of service. We have truly come a long way but we are entering a new chapter in NAUW. The world has greatly changed since 1910. Our organization has changed as well. I submit to you that NAUW must evolve to meet the ever changing needs of the communities in which we serve. Branches must continue to be open to new ideas, new activities and programs. We must continue to gain new members, and retain those already in the fold. As you began this

journey with me as National First Vice President, you were challenged to increase membership. Each year branches sought out “like minded women of good character” to join our beloved organization resulting in membership growth. The Membership Committee and I set a national goal to reach 2000 members by our Centennial Convention, August 2-8, 2010. We are extremely close. Our founders would be proud to see their vision come to fruition from its humble beginnings as the College Alumnae Club. We are too close to our goal to stop now. As of January 2010 we gained 102 new members and that number continues to rise. Compare our growth for the past two years and you will see we are moving towards that goal.

2008-09		2009-10	
Northeast	371	Northeast	382
North Central	154	North Central	162
South Central	625	South Central	662
Southeast	557	Southeast	558
Southwest	166	Southwest	211

We challenged each section to charter new branches. We can proudly declare the chartering of 5 new branches and 5 members at large! I applaud each of you for the work you have done towards membership growth. Let us continue to hold high the ideals and purposes set forth by those four visionary women; Mary Church Terrell, Dr. Nancy Fairfax Brown, Dr. Sara Brown and Miss Mary Cromwell. I look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C. as we are “Celebrating a Treasured Past-Embracing a Promising Future”.

With Membership Uppermost in Mind,

***Evelyn L. Wright***

Evelyn L. Wright  
National First Vice President

**National Second Vice President  
Elaine M. Sias**

My Beloved NAUW Sisters,

“You can get there by airplanes, Ocean liner or Railways”, I don’t care how you get there, But Get There. **“Yes You Can!”** Everyone knows where we’re headed, our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C. Our bags are packed, and we have our favorite hat ready to celebrate 100 years of service at the 67<sup>th</sup> National Convention. There is much work to be done, and “We Want You!” to be a part of this history making convention.

But wait, not only is it time to prepare for the national convention, it’s annual report time. The association has many worthy programs in place that are aligned with the 2008 – 2010 TEAM: “Together, Empower, Align, and Mentor,” and as you prepare your reports, remember to make copies and send to officers indicated. Please submit your annual reports in a timely manner as we will be reviewing and sharing the outstanding work of all our branches. In addition to our National Program focus, “FIT” Focusing on Increasing Technology was an added program. As postage and gas continue to increase, we must pull together and get everyone on board using technology, which can be economical as well as expedient. We look forward to hearing about new and exciting ways all the branches have been promoting Program TEAM utilizing the Strategic Plan as a tool. I would personally like you to include in your annual report a short summary or sample of how your branch incorporated or increased technology during this term. We already know that you have done an awesome job and want to highlight these activities at the convention.

In addition to all the exciting activities that have been planned to celebrate our Centennial, we will be compiling a scrapbook of the activities which the branches did across the sections celebrating the National Association of University Women’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. So, if you planned a program, planted an oak tree, released 100 balloons, whatever the activity, we want to showcase it. Send a picture with a by-line a program from

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the function, copy of a proclamation or the like to be placed in this historic scrapbook. Please, nothing larger than 8 x 10 or three dimensional items.

I look forward to greeting each of you as we paint our nation's capital "Green and White," August 2- August 8, 2010.

"All aboard!" the Mighty NAUW ocean liner for a "Fantastic Voyage" to the birth place of the National Association of University Women.



**"Check for Convention Tour tickets"**

**7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**August 2, 2010 at Registration Desk**



*See you in Washington, DC  
August 2-8, 2010  
Centennial Convention*



**NAUW now has a site for travel.**

Go to the organization web site [www.nauw1910.org](http://www.nauw1910.org) and on the home page there is a link for travel. Click on it! Go in and take a look at the different travel options that are offered. Remember that NAUW gets a percentage for each booking.

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