BIG Updates

From the Desk of the President

It is with great enthusiasm that I greet the new and old members of the Financial Management Service, Blacks In Government Chapter. As I approach my fourth year as your President, I want you to know that I truly appreciate your dedication to the chapter. I truly appreciate all of the wisdom, support, and technical expertise that you have provided me throughout my tenure. The accomplishments during my term are wholly attributable to the dedication and service of an outstanding panel of Chapter Officers and a membership that is committed to keeping the vision of our founders alive and moving.

The committees have exhibited a strong commitment to partaking in activities that supported National, Region XI and the Chapter. As a result, we’ve established strong lineage with young people studying and/or engaged in many different facets of education and technology.

Additionally our membership has grown in spite of the many changes at the agency. We have so much to celebrate and be proud of.

So, as we move forward let’s collectively commemorate our legacy, appreciate our present, and plant seeds for our future.

Chapter members, the future of this organization is so bright and I think that our Founder of this chapter, Patricia Lee would be proud of what we have accomplished and where we are headed. I urge you to fully participate and be informed about all that is planned for you. Being a part of one of America’s most influential organization we should resonate with a spirit of pride and jubilation while building bridges to future generation.

I applaud the exemplary leadership of our Executive Committee, Committee Chairs and Regional Representatives.

I appreciate working with a competent member of our outgoing officer, Vincent Cleveland. I look forward to working with our new officers, Patricia Roland and Aline McDavid. I am happy to continue to work with the Executive Committee: Donna Harper, John Hunter, Phyllis Jones, Karyn Dyson, and Gloria Casteel.

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Chapter Activities/Accomplishments 2012

January 2012
- Chapter members participated in the annual Martin Luther King Celebration at Martins Crosswind
- Chapter sponsored an overnight trip to see the play “The Mountaintop” starring Samuel Jackson/Angela Bassett, via of Atlantic City
- Chapter President attended Region XI President roundtable
- FLAG students had a workshop from Dr. James Gray, Educator on Leadership
- Chapter rename Scholarship Award to Patricia M. Lee Scholarship in honor of the chapter’s first President who is deceased

February 2012
- Chapter celebrating Black History month by showing a movie entitled “Gifted Hands”. Members were served popcorn, hotdogs, chips and punch
- Membership increased to 108

March 2012
- Chapter members were presenters in the Real Women Read, Real Women Talk Conference at Thomas Johnson Middle School in Lanham, MD
- Chapter honored its retirees

April 2012
- Chapter members attended the “Soul Train to Motown” at Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale, MD
- Chapter started its “Bring a Friend” contest to increase membership
- Chapter received $2,638.43 from CFC
- Chapter members participated in the Thomas Johnson Middle School’s Career Day

May 2012
- Chapter held membership drive
- Chapter members participated in the Health and Wellness Expo
- Chapter awarded the Gloria D. Johnson award to Vincent Cleveland for outstanding service to the Chapter.

June 2012
- Chapter participated in the 2012 Feds Feed Families
- Chapter participated in Agency’s Diversity Program
July 2012
- Chapter awarded 4 students with scholarships. Each student receive $900.00 each
- Membership increased 117 in Boston
- Chapter sponsored a trip to Tunica/Memphis
- Chapter members received delegates training at NOAA
- Chapter received an award for participation in the BIG Region XI Youth Program Oratorical Student Contest

August 2012
- Chapter collected items for “School Supply Drive”
- Many chapter members attended the NTC

September 2012
- Shirley Jones, Regional XI President spoke to the chapter members about mergers and gave advice on mergers. In addition a representative from NTEU answered questions in reference to the merger

October 2012
- FLAG committee had a motivational speaker Dr. Valerie Martin Stewart to speak to the students
- FLAG Committee developed a brochure

November 2012
- Chapter held its election for Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, two Regional Representatives and two Alternate Representatives
- Three families were given Thanksgiving baskets

December 2012
- Chapter held its Christmas Luncheon
- Several Chapter members attended Regional XI Gala and the Chapter donated towards a gift basket
- Hats, scarfs, and gloves were donated by Chapter members for children and adults
From the Desk of the President continued

Chapter Committees have worked diligently to make the goals and objective of their committees possible. Our Standing Committee Chairs are: Joyce Tyson (Budget), Gayle Williams (EEO/AA Legislative) Donna Harper (Fundraising), Joan Andrews (Public Relations and Communication), Cassandra Satterfield (Hospitality), Margie Neville (Membership), Deborah King (Program, Planning and Education), Arnita Fulp (Scholarship), and Dorothy Washington (By-Laws). The Special committees: Curtis Thomas (Nomination) and Wendell Smith (Elections). Our Ad Hoc Committee for our junior and senior youth to enhance their awareness of their possible future as a forthcoming government employee, chaired by Dorothy Washington (AD HOC Committee/Future Leaders In America’s Government/FIAG).

Calling All Members

Delegates Needed for the Black in Government Delegates Assembly in Dallas, Texas on Sunday, August 18th and August 19th. The business of the organization is handled here. For further information, contact our Chapter President, Angelene Jones-Perry, jonesperryA@veizon.net.

Hawaiian Cruise

The FMS-BIG Chapter is sponsoring a Hawaiian Cruise in August 2014.

FLAG

The FMS-BIG Chapter's Future Leaders In America's Government (FLAG) Program is seeking students in Grades 9-12. Encourage your daughter/son to join the FLAG Program. This program will enable them to gain knowledgeable insight into the government sector. For more information, contact Dorothy Washington, washington_58@msn.com.