



# WHAT IS HAPPENING NATIONALLY

*To Complete The Unfinished Work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

The Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) is a networking coalition of organizations engaged in an overall community-building approach to addressing the root causes of illiteracy among Black and similarly-situated minorities. In essence they are committed to the rebuilding of our communities into such secure, productive, value-laden and hope-filled entities that everyone will be motivated to want to learn and lead responsible lives. AOIP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." And, information listed below about your organization should (as best possible) be focused on what your group is doing to help complete that "unfinished work."

#### ABC/PBS Youth/PLUS (A continuation of Project Literacy U.S.)

One of many PLUS Resources available is First Things First—an award-winning PBS documentary VHS hosted by Phyllicia Rashad, which highlights family literacy programs across the country that are working to break the cycle of intergenerational illiteracy. Copies of this and other PLUS programs are available for purchase for educational use. For more information, contact PLUS/WQED, 4802 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, 412-622-1493.

#### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

The sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority have distinguished themselves as trailblazers at every spectrum of society. Among her ranks in the education arena are such giants as Marva Collins and Dr. Ruth B. Love. In law, Margaret Bush Wilson and Judge Amalya Kease are part of her dynamic soror representatives; Esther Gordy, a millionairess and a force in the business world, lists Alpha Kappa Alpha as her sorority. And Yvonne Braithwaite Burke and Katie Hall are among the Alpha Kappa Alpha power dynamos in the political arena.

While Alpha Kappa Alpha is rooted in a Black tradition, she has opened her membership to women of all races, creeds and color. Their common bond is that they all embrace high ethical and scholastic standards and are pursuing, or have completed, a course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree at an accredited university or college.

For more information write to Alpha Kappa Alpha, 5656 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60637.

#### Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

One important thrust of the Foundation is to attempt to reverse the negative attitudes which many young Blacks have toward education. We must say to them—Stay In School, Claim Your Future. To do this, we propose to bring large numbers of high school students to alternative environments and attempt to inspire and motivate them by the achievements of our college brothers and the wisdom of our alumni membership. For more information please call 312-373-1819.

#### Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA)

COMPA is a division of the American Society for Public Administration and is made up of minority public administrators dedicated to improving opportunities for minorities in the field of public administration. Our 19th Annual National Symposium will be held February 21-25, 1990 in Fort Worth, Texas at the Worthington Hotel. For more information, please contact Mr. Sy Murray, Symposium Chair, 614-225-8803.

#### Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons

The Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons is an umbrella organization consisting of the 43 Prince Hall Grand Lodges of the USA, Canada, Bahamas and Africa. Besides providing college scholarships (primarily to Black students), contributions and donations are usually made to community-oriented groups such as the United Negro College Fund, Assault On Illiteracy Program, bloodbanks, food banks, clothing banks, Aid to Africa, youth training and camping sessions. Information contact: P.G.M. John Howard, P.O. Box 2826, Washington, DC 20013.

#### Imperial Court Daughters of Isis

Organized in 1910, the Daughters of Isis unite in one common bond of friendship to practice charity and benevolence, to promote general welfare and to inculcate honor and integrity. Information contact: Catherine T. Maxey, Imperial Recordress, 317-283-7230.

#### National Association of Black Women Attorneys

Our 17th Annual Conference and Red Dress Ball will be held March 1-4, 1990, at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, VA (Washington, D.C. area). The Association will kick off with a Public Forum, Registration, Welcome Breakfast, Seminars, Mock Trial, Reception, Luncheon and Red Dress Ball. The purpose of the Ball is to provide scholarship donations to first and second year Black female law students. Please join us. For further information, contact Mabel D. Haden Esq., President, at NABWA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Call 202-968-9692/93.

#### National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.

"Health for the African Family," a national project of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. is providing

rural communities in Mali and Senegal with the clinics they so desperately need. NACWC funds will be contributed to Africare, the nonprofit African assistance organization to actually implement our clinics' construction. For more information and to mail contributions, write to Mrs. Carole A. Early, Headquarters Secretary, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., 5608 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.—or call (202) 728-2044.

#### National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPW)

NANBPW members include thousands of busy, working women in 400 clubs in the United States, Bermuda and Africa. These women recognize the importance of sharing accomplishments with others and working together—to improve the quality of life in their communities; to create an atmosphere in which Black women are able to bring about meaningful changes in their public and private lives; to offer positive models to the young women in their communities; to share their skills and knowledge with others; to explore alternate ways for women to meet the multiple challenges of today's world. Information contact: 1806 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

#### National Caucus and Center on Black Aged

We administer employment opportunities for over 2,000 low-income seniors, and operate five housing projects providing 517 apartments for persons over 62 years of age. We also lobby on behalf of the Black elderly on Capitol Hill on income, health, housing and transportation issues. For further information, contact Ethel Carter, 1424 K Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005, or telephone 202-637-8400.

#### National Coalition of Title I Chapter 1 Parents

Our 18th Annual Conference was held this Fall in Long Beach, California and was hosted by the Chancellor's Office of the California State University System. Over 1200 parents and educators were in attendance for this three-day educational interchange focusing on the theme, "An Educated Multicultural Society for the 21st Century: Perceiving, Behaving, Becoming." The Conference highlighted the new Chapter 1 legislation, advances in math, science and technology that facilitate the learning process, and the resources parents need to work with their children at home. For more information, write to NCTIC1P-National Parent Center, 1314 14th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

#### National Council of Negro Women

NCNW was founded by Mary McLeod Bethune in 1935. We encourage Black women to assume leadership roles and serve as catalysts for social change. We also serve as the umbrella for twenty-eight national women's organizations and 215 community-based sections. Dorothy I. Height is the national president. For more information, call national headquarters, 703-684-5733.

#### National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council serves as a resource sharing body and engages in constructive discussions on areas of mutual interest with other Greek federations, associations, and university greek administrators. It also assists its eight member organizations in meeting their individual objectives where requested. Information contact: P.O. Box 6884, Nashville, TN 37207.

#### National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa

Phi Delta Kappa is continuing and expanding upon its service role nationally of writing articles for AOIP's umbrella motivational and ego-strengthening tool...The ADVANCER. Currently, these ladies have produced over 295 consecutive issues on an all-volunteer basis. Information contact: Marguerite McClellan, National President, 313-861-4451.

#### Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

This Fraternity has evolved from an undergraduate focus during the period of 1911-1920 to a current mixture of undergraduate and graduates across the nation working together to achieve our fraternal goals and programs which include a National Essay Contest for high school seniors, Voter Registration Drive, Assault On Illiteracy Program and many, many others. A few of our successful Omega men of stature are Rev.

Jesse Jackson, Benjamin Hooks, Michael Jordan, William (Bill) Cosby Jr., Ronald McNair, Charles Drew and Christopher Edley. Omega Psi Phi has chapters in all states in the continental U.S.A. as well as in Europe, Asia and the West Indies. International headquarters: 202-667-7158.

#### Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

Our members worldwide are celebrating the issuance by the U.S. Postal Service of a special commemorative stamp in honor of Dr. Alain Leroy Locke. Dr. Locke, a philosopher, author, professor and social critic, became the first Rhodes Scholar of African American background upon his selection in 1907.

In the 75 years since our founding, we have expanded through the establishment of an Education Foundation, a National Housing Foundation and a federally-chartered credit union. We are now establishing a National Business Development Foundation and a National Social Justice Foundation. For more information, contact Gerald Smith, 202-726-5424/34.

#### Progressive National Baptist Convention

We are a national organization of 1800 Baptist churches with a membership of 118 million members in 46 states including the District of Columbia and Jamaica. Our focus is on home missions, overseas missions, education, teenage pregnancy prevention, the Black family and other social and civil issues that affect the quality of life for Black people. We are also a supporter of Black colleges, Africare, AOIP, SCLC and the NAACP, as well as other civic organizations. Membership is open to all Baptist churches who share our theme of Fellowship, Progress, Service and Peace. For more information, please contact Dr. C.J. Malloy Jr., General Secretary, 202-396-0558/59.

#### Top Ladies of Distinction

We are an international, community-conscious, service-oriented organization with over 4000 ladies and 100 chapters, providing cultural programs, service projects and scholarships. Top Teen chapters are involved in the AOIP through adult, peer and cross-age tutoring through all of the local chapters. Our program thrust also includes enriching the lives of senior citizens, enhancing the status of women and community beautification. For more information, contact Dorothy Chimney, national 2nd vice president, 409-632-4382.

#### United Black Fund of America

This is a nonprofit grant-making institution, giving general, programmatic and emergency funding to community-based organizations. This organization presently supports about 66 member agencies and yearly assists 100 non-member agencies on an emergency basis. It is focused on the idea that the monumental effort of assisting those less fortunate or less informed is made easier when groups, businesses and individuals work together to maintain valuable community service programs. For more information, contact 202-783-9300.

#### Youth Organizations USA (YOUUSA)

A unique program, "Rites of Passage," is in place and active in Bergen County, NJ to instill and strengthen positive values for boys and girls aged 9 to 15 years. Seven components make up the "Rites..." program: 1) History and Culture of Continental Africa and their continuing influences in the Diaspora; 2) Etiquette related to dining, socializing, home and personality; 3) Health care awareness such as personal hygiene, diseases, controlled substances and alcohol, premature sex, mental behaviors, and how to prolong life; 4) self-awareness exercises to build self-esteem, self-confidence, self-identification, ego objectives, and sensitivity management; 5) passage to manhood and womanhood, including strengthening family linkages and extended family (community) networking; 6) spiritual, ethical and moral values; and 7) exposure to YOUUSA programs that motivate positively.

For more information about YOUUSA and its many other programs, please write to YOUUSA, P.O. Box 202, Teaneck, NJ 07666, or call 201-836-1838.

#### Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Current Zeta projects include Project Hunger, relief for Ethiopian and other famine victims; Stork's Nest, services, including transportation, clothing and legal consultation for mothers-to-be at area clinics; National Education Foundation, annual

scholarships for students and support for the United Negro College Fund and Media Watch, the monitoring of bias in news reporting on issues affecting minorities. We are also deeply committed to the national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP). Information contact: 202-387-3103.

The following national community-building organizations are entitled to listings. However, we are awaiting information from them.

Academy of Human Rights and Peace  
A.E.A.O.N. Mystic Shrine (Shriners)  
American Health & Beauty Aids Institute  
American League of Financial Institutions  
American Women's Clergy  
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life & History  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Association of Corporate Professionals  
Auxiliary to the National Medical Association  
Booker T. Washington Foundation  
Chi Eta Phi Sorority  
Congress of National Black Churches  
Council of Construction Professionals  
Council of National Alumni Associations  
Delta Research and Education Foundation/Delta Sigma  
Theta Sorority  
Drifters to the national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP).  
Eta Phi Beta Sorority  
Federation of Masons of the World  
Gamma Phi Delta Sorority  
Gospel Music Workshop of America  
I.B.P.O. Elks of the World  
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity  
Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority  
National Association for the Southern Poor  
National Association of Black Airline Employees  
National Assn. of Black Reading & Language Educators  
National Association of Black Social Workers  
National Association of Market Developers (NAMD)  
National Association of Negro Musicians  
National Baptist Convention U.S.A.  
National Black Caucus of State Legislators  
National Black Chamber of Commerce  
National Black Leadership Roundtable  
National Black MBA Association  
National Black Nurses Association, Inc.  
National Black Police Association  
National Black Republican Council  
National Business League  
National Committee of Black Churchmen  
National Council for Black Family and Child Development  
National Council for Black Studies  
National Dental Association  
National Naval Officers Association  
National Student Business League  
National United Affiliated Beverage Association  
OIC Centers of America  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Operation PUSH  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
United Black Church Appeal  
Women's Missionary Society/AME Church