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Rose Awards

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Advocating Christian Entertainment, a self-supporting volunteer organization working to feed hungry children in Southern Nevada. LACE was established in 1990 to help provide clean family entertainment, but was expanded once its founders discovered an ocean of hungry children in Southern Nevada. (Those interested in donating to LACE can call 362-3387.)

Tanya Patrice Flanagan, Lisa Margerum and Nadia Jurani are paving the way for women of color in the field of communications.



JOYCE EATMAN JONES

Flanagan, a cultural diversity-social affairs reporter at the Las Vegas Review-Journal, volunteers time at KCEP-FM (88.1) and works

with the Las Vegas Association of Black Journalists among other groups.

Margerum, a professional pharmacist and amateur photographer, has garnered praise and publicity for her photographs of the Million Man and Million Women marches, while Jurani has served as area governor and past president of Vocal Vegans Toastmasters International.

Patricia Norman and outstanding student role model DelShanna Jones earned role model status for being single working mothers who generously give back to the community.

Civic outreach earned Karen Sherrod-Godbolt, an executive assistant at Nevada Partners and co-founder of the Women of Means Investment Club, and Anita Laruy, director of the North Las Vegas Library District, recognition. Just as community minded is Dr. Wilda Chevers, this year's special honoree for academic achievements.

The year's special Rose award goes to Gladys Luckie. While employed for 39 years as an internationally-traveled cook, housekeeper and confidante to pianist Liberace, Luckie found time



DR. FRANCE HOLLAND

to manage her own home and raise a family of five. A great-grandmother and entrepreneur, she credits her success to inner strength



NADIA JURANI

and faith in God.

Those interested in attending the awards ceremony can call 631-0000.



DEL SHANNA JONES



DIANA LYNN BYRD



KAREN SHERROD GODBOLT



TANYA FLANAGAN

March

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she declared.

Williams' commitment to uplifting youth has changed Turner's life. The 16-year-old has been a member of We Rise for a year.

"We Rise has helped me a lot; it's opened my eyes," said Turner, who calls Williams his mentor and big sister. "She told me I have potential. (For that) I owe her."

Although his parents raised him well, he soured on education and religion when his grandmother died, but has gained new respect for his father's values since he met Williams. She was wise, but young enough to make him feel at ease. He said the council was a place to learn new things, share problems and work them out.

His path clearer, Turner hopes to get straight A's next year at Cheyenne High School and eventually attend Howard University to "get into a profession where I can help the world." His involvement with the council has also deepened his spirituality; he's now more involved in the Apostolic Church where his mother is a minister.

His teachers see the difference, he said and his best friend Alan, whom he recruited to We Rise, is also doing better in school.

During the July 20 rally, Turner will talk about teen pregnancy, drug use and other social issues. "We need to talk about certain things to enlighten people. The gang situation is nonsense," he said. One goal of the Atlanta march is to stop black-on-black violence.

Unique to the march is a five-point development plan. Educational excellence and social action are two points.

"Education is the weapon," Turner said. What's the battle? "To succeed in life. The more you know, the more you grow. In order to succeed, you have to have knowledge."

Spirituality is the third.

"You need faith to succeed," said Turner,

adding that the march isn't pushing any particular religion.

The fourth objective calls for more political awareness and action and the fifth pushes economic empowerment.

"We should use our money to help the community instead of buying \$200 shoes," Turner said.

"Life is bigger than steppin' and shakin'," said Williams, who was raised in the Midwest and studied at the University of California at Berkeley until last year's destruction of race preferences in the UC system swiped a scholarship. Williams expects that the Atlanta gathering will broaden the perspective of young black Las Vegans.

"We have no culture here," she said. College tours she's chaperoned to the East Coast have had "a profound effect" on the students.

Williams encourages adults to attend the town hall meeting and march. She called the youth march a natural progression of the Million Man March in 1995 and the Million Women March in 1997.

Wil Covington, who recently left town to attend summer school at Howard University and will make the pilgrimage to Atlanta, called the march an opportunity for African-American youth to unite.

"If you bring together a million men, a million women and a million youth it's almost like bringing the family back together," he said.

Covington attended the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. He said it was "like a glimpse of heaven."

We Rise meets on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Planning meetings for the Million Youth Movement are held on Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Vegas Heights Community Center, 1201 Miller St. Those interested can call the West Las Vegas Community Development Center at 638-8883.

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