



The Beacon

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SUMMER IS HERE!

From the President



Since April when we last met in-person, much has happened throughout the country. We've celebrated Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and the 4th of July. The music of our culture was acknowledged and honored during African American Music Appreciation Month in June and history was made with the installation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to be sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Wow! A lot has taken place and the summer has just begun. In New York City, the first primary in preparation for the November 2022 general election occurred and another will take place on August 23rd. Perhaps you used one of the Early Voting days for the primary election to make your choice or you went to the polls on June 28th to cast your vote. No matter when you voted, it is important that you exercised your right. It is unfortunate that so few people turn out to vote in primary elections but always remember that your vote is your voice and every vote counts in every election.

Although the Coalition will take a break during the summer months, please check your email regularly for information on planned activities and be sure to submit the names of the Coalition members you would like to nominate to lead our organization for the next 2 years. Nominations are due by July 29th and our election will take place on October 29, 2022!

So long for now. Stay safe and see you in September!

Barbara Kairson, PhD
President



IN APRIL, the Coalition was joined by members of the United Probation Officers Association (UPOA), Dalvanie Powell, President, who shared information about the challenges the union is facing in their effort to obtain proper classification and pay equity for its members. Although the members of UPOA are Peace Officers, per the Criminal Procedure law 2.10, they are classified as civilians in the New York City citywide contract. and UPOA is seeking proper classification and pay parity with other uniformed officers. President Powell said, "UPOA members, 88% to 90% of whom are women of color, seek to be recognized properly for the work they do and to be paid accordingly. The problem, we face is that the city has us listed as civilians in the citywide contract when we should be considered uniformed officers since we are the alternative to incarceration."

In the coming weeks, UPOA plans to continue their fight by demonstrating publicly and holding press conferences and they have invited Coalition members to join them in their fight. Based on the warm reception received by the membership, Ms. Powell and her members said they were anxious to become members of the Coalition.

We say "Welcome" and extend best wishes to UPOA for victory in their fight.

Pictured from left to right: Joanne Palmer and Terrona Pallmer of UPOA; Dalvanie Powell, President, UPOA; Barbara Kairson, Ph.D., President NYCOBW; Marilyn Warren, 2nd Vice President; NYCOBW; and Dr. Arnette Crocker, NYCOBW member.

During the April membership meeting, President Kairson and 2nd Vice President Warren presented flowers to Coalition member Margaret Wilson in observance of National Nurses Month. Thank you Nurse Wilson for all that you do each and every day!



EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS...



In June, the New York Women's Bar Association presented to Judge Tanya Kennedy, their "Award of Recognition." Also during the month of June, Judge Kennedy received the "Champion of Justice Award" from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Justice at their 10th Annual Awards of Distinction breakfast.

The New York Coalition of One Hundred Black Women, Inc. congratulates Judge Kennedy and her mother, (our Coalition sister) Eleanor Kennedy, on these well-deserved honors.

Role Model Scholarships

On April 23rd, the Scholarship Committee, 1st Vice President Dorothea Thompson Manning, Chair, presented a virtual Awards Presentation program for the 2022 Role Model Scholarship winners.

A total of 18 applications were received from students enrolled at: City College of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Lehman College, Queens College, and the Sophie Davis Bio-Medical School at City College. This year, with the continued corporate sponsorship of L'Oreal USA, the Coalition presented five \$2,000 scholarships to outstanding students. The 2022 Role Model scholarship winners are: Maryam Oguntola (John Jay College), Grace Assabil-Bentum (City College), Priscilla Japa Tokor (Lehman College), Brianna Edgar (Sophie Davis Bio-Medical School at City College), and Cailyn Hinds (Queens College). In addition, the remaining 13 applicants each received a stipend of \$300 to assist with their college expenses.

The awards were presented during a Zoom program that began with Vice President Thompson Manning providing some history about the Role Model program. She also thanked the Scholarship Committee for their hard work in reviewing applications and selecting the scholarship winners. The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Immediate Past President Cheryl Green-Foster, Recording Secretary Hope Danville-Quinlan, Board Member Marjorie Phillips, and Coalition members Dr. Karen Myrie, Patti Jacobs, Sharon Long, Yvonne Sterling, and Dr. Arnette Crocker. President Kairson welcomed the participants and Geanine Thompson, President and CEO of The College Guru gave a dynamic keynote address. After the awards were presented, the scholarship winners gave remarks and thanked the Coalition for its generosity.

The Coalition is proud to invest in the future by assisting the scholarship winners in their pursuit of higher education.

Happy Birthday to You....

Although we could not wish each of you a Happy Birthday in person, the Coalition extends best wishes to our Sisters who celebrated or will celebrate their "born day" while we have been/will be apart.

MAY

- Sandra Bly
- Lillian Broughton
- Dorothy Burch
- Laura Green
- May Horne
- Violet Huie
- Audrey Weaver

JUNE

- Beatrice DuPont
- Marguerite Greene
- Rita Joy
- Carmen Pannell
- Jamilia Sly
- Yvonne Sterling
- Jean Dixon West
- Margaret Wilson

JULY

- Judge Tanya Kennedy
- Paula Odellas
- Marjorie Phillips
- Elza Sharpe
- Valeria Sowell
- Marilyn Warren

AUGUST

- Dolores Bedford
- Delores Dixon
- Cheryl Green-Foster
- Phyllis Hailstock
- Sharon Long
- Evangeline Vaughn

