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To My Sisters of the Dynamic Southeastern Region!

How do I thank you for one of the most outstanding years of my Continental life? We have shared the best sisterhood and service that Continentals has to offer. You have soared to the greatest heights in your chapter programming, and you represent the epitome of style and grace. Your sisterly love knows no bounds. As I reflect over this year each of you have been a source of blessings and inspiration to me.

The time that we have long awaited has arrived. As we enter the 30th Anniversary Southeastern Regional Meeting with the spirit of excellence, I am excited about this opportunity that you have entrusted to me. The love that you

have shown to me over the course of the past year demonstrates that there is nothing but love upon which to move



April 2009 ~ Christa Dotson Dean sworn in as Southeastern Regional Director by National President W. Chris Stewart

forward. Words can never truly express my appreciation for you, my Sisters, who have helped guide me along this journey.

I hope that this conference allows you to leave with a little more insight and more

energized than ever before. Also, that the business session, workshops and award presentations that we have worked so hard to present are enjoyable and informative.

May we forever uphold our Continental organization, its purpose and mission. And continue to represent the greater good, striving to lead, and continuing to serve. Finally, I pray that in some small way I have been a beacon of light to you as you have been to me.

Continentally Yours,
Christa Dotson Dean

Christa Dotson Dean,
Director
Southeastern Region
Continental Societies,
Incorporated

Greater Mami Chapter Hosts 54th National Conclave

Fun in the Sun! The members of the Greater Miami Chapter, led by Chapter President Earlene P. Dotson, are busy preparing to host

the 54th Annual National Conclave to be held at the Hilton Miami Airport, June 23—27, 2010. Fun, fellowship, workshops,

and more await you. Let's support our Southeastern Region sister chapter. Don't delay. Register TODAY!

Atlanta Chapter Awards \$3100 in Scholarships



Atlanta Chapter President M. Jean Cooper, with scholarship recipients and luncheon keynote speaker Donata Russell Major, Vice Chairman, Concessions International

Four deserving young scholars were recognized and rewarded for their academic accomplishments at the annual Scholarship Luncheon hosted by the Atlanta Chapter. The luncheon was held at Georgia

Military College on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Entertainment was provided by a 2009 scholarship recipient and now Spelman College freshman. In addition, a group of young artists from the Youth Ensemble of Atlanta (YEA)

performed a powerful original piece. Active and Associate Continentals were joined by GMC officials, family, friends and guests in celebration of the promise represented by the young people in attendance. It was truly inspiring.

The Region is Expanding

The Southeastern Region is in the process of TWO great membership initiatives: 1) Re-claiming the Huntsville, Alabama Chapter; and 2) Initiating a NEW chapter in the New Orleans area.

We need your help!!! If you know friends, family or other ladies that you feel would make good Continentals, who reside in either of the stated areas, please forward the names and contact

information to the Regional Director at soeasternregiondir@bellsouth.net

*Our Children,
Our Commitment,
Our Concern*

CONCLAVE

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

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MUST BE RECEIVED BY

MAY 14, 2010.

LET'S REPRESENT THE

SOUTHEASTERN

REGION

IN FULL FORCE!!!

Terry Woods, Southeast Region Public Relations Officer & Regional Review Editor



A Note From The Editor:

The *Regional Review* is a quarterly publication of the Continental Societies, Inc. - Southeastern Region.

Its purpose is to provide a means for the members of the Southeastern Region to share news and other important events with each other. In addition, it helps us to tell

"our story" to friends and supporters.

Enjoy your newsletter, but know that its success will depend upon your support.

Thanks for sharing your information for this issue. Please keep the information coming, by e-mailing your

chapter & member happenings, along with photos (preferably jpeg) to seregionpr@bellsouth.net or fax to (770) 964-4771. The deadline for inclusion in the July issue is June 30, 2010.

I hope to see you at Conclave. Just look for my camera.

North Dade Broward County Hosts Arts & Humanities Event



Continental Juanita Franklin, Nica Personna, and Connie Davis, along with Alpha Richard Miller, hand out gift cards to the teens.

The North Dade Broward County Chapter partnered with Beta Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity to sponsor a *Holiday Party for Foster Teens*.

The teens were treated to a luncheon and given gift cards for the holiday. The organizations

sponsored a 12 session program aimed at assisting teens (ages 15-18) in achieving a more successful transition from a dependent child to an independent adult.

The sessions included HEER projects in Health, Education, Employment and Arts & Humanities.

LaGrange Increases its Membership

The LaGrange Chapter recently installed Diana Cofield and Pamela Dowell.

The new Continentals are pictured with existing chapter members during their installation service.



CONCLAVE PHOTOS FOR THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL— FORWARD TO GREATER MIAMI BY MAY 1, 2010. DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!!

Newnan Chapter Receives Grant for Arts Program

The Newnan Chapter was awarded funding for a Grassroots Arts Program.

The chapter conducted an Arts Program at a local elementary school, meeting with approximately twenty-five students each week for

7 weeks. Youth were provided an atmosphere that encouraged them to develop their talent as young artists. The chapter hired a professional artist who provided instruction on techniques to assist the aspiring artists. At the end

of the 7 weeks, a mural was sketched and painted by the students.



Newnan chapter members and elementary school students during one of the art sessions

Five Installed Into the Greater Mami Chapter



New Members Project



New Members

- Betty Alexander
- Roberta Foster
- Addie Green
- Ora Jones
- Dr. Tawanna Parker



New Member Installation Photo
December 5, 2009

Solivita-Polk County Chapter: A Double Celebration



New Continentals Alice Rucker and Jacqueline Jones were recently installed into the Solivita- Polk County Chapter.

Continental Guys joined in the celebration as they were recognized in a brief ceremony that followed the private installation ceremony.



Birmingham Chapter Membership & Fundraising News

The Birmingham Chapter installed new members, Tammy High and Ann Painter on February 20, 2010.

Tammy is an Information Technology Specialist with the City of Birmingham

and Ann is a volunteer with Discovery Guilds of Alabama. They both, along with their spouses, are active members of Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Birmingham.

As a fundraiser, the Birmingham Chapter is participating in the Belk Department Stores Charity Day sale. Proceeds will be used to fund chapter scholarships. Best wishes, ladies!



Continentals
Tammy High &
Ann Painter

Jacksonville Chapter Worships Together on Continental Sunday



Each year on the second Sunday in September, Continental women all around the nation and Bermuda join together in worship at churches in their local communities.

The Jacksonville Chapter is no different.

Members of the chapter (pictured left) worshipped

at the Bethel Baptist Institutional Church in Jacksonville in celebration of the founding of the Continental Societies, Incorporated.

Let His Name Be Praised!!

Jacksonville Chapter awards \$1,500 in scholarships to deserving high school students on their way to College.

THANKS JACKSONVILLE, for being supporters of Education!

Money Mondays

Regional Director Christa Dean's theme for the current administration is "Excellence Without Excuses." In striving for excellence across the region, on Monday's the Director & Economic Development Team reach

out to share important financial information to the membership.

The information includes grant & scholarship opportunities useful to the chapters in the Southeastern Region and the children we serve.

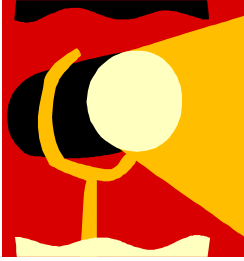
Atlanta Chapter Plants A Community Garden

The Continental Societies' national office and First Lady Michelle Obama have called on us to address obesity among children. In answer to this charge, the Atlanta Chapter has been working with a group of young people from a local church to emphasize the importance of diet & exercise. "Bridging the Gap Between Healthy Eating and Gardening" is a fun-filled program for youth ages 6-16. This pro-

gram looks at the connection between what you eat & how you feel, how gardening can fight obesity and other diseases, as well as how to start a community garden. The children's excitement has remained constant from the initial plantings, to seeing the new growth and now in anticipation of the harvest. It is true, "you reap what you sow," so plant some positive seeds today!



Chapter President Jean Cooper & Community Garden Chairperson Ethel White show children the winter seedlings



Spotlight on Members

DAWNA MICHELLE FIELDS (Greater Miami) RECEIVED NEW YORK WOMEN'S AGENDA STAR AWARD



National Program Manager
Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures
Colgate-Palmolive Company



My 40 year Journey with Dade County Schools



Doris Granberry,
Principal of
South Dade
Adult Education
Center

(The following excerpts are from an article written by Doris Granberry, Greater Miami Chapter, for The South Dade Monitor. To read the full article follow the link from the national website homepage News section at www.continentalsocietiesinc.org)

From my beginning as a Physical education teacher at Miami Carol City Junior High School to my current position as principal at South Dade Adult Education Center, I have watched as the System evolved into a monstrous educational machine that can easily swallow your spirit and drain your passion for serving students as the drive for performance on high stakes testing takes priority over individuality and forming future leaders who are prepared to face the challenges of an irresponsible present.

Forty years ago, teaching was an honorable profession; today teachers are sleeping with students while fear, crime, and destruction rule our campuses. As I complete my tenure as a full time employee of the system, I want to encourage teachers to take back your classroom. Students still want to be taught, respected and challenged to be more and do more. Brush up on your technology skills because that is the wave of the now. Learn as much as you can about the trends that are shaping our world, don't stay stuck in the past. Let technology bring alive your classrooms, channel the iPods and iPhones into a positive resource for research and networking. Live a life of faith and bring back the basic principles behind "God Bless America".

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Congratulations to Solivita-Polk County member Alice Rucker and her husband John, on the recent marriage of their son Mr. John Avery Rucker and Mrs. Nadya Rucker.
Congratulations to Solivita-Polk County member Jacqueline Jones and her husband Clarence as they welcome new granddaughter, little Miss Neema Jones.



President Barack Obama appointed Ketanji Brown, daughter of Greater Miami Continental Ellery Brown, to the US Sentencing Commission. Ketanji was designated by President Obama to serve as the US Sentencing Commission Vice Chair

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