

The National Program integrates business and professional women into active participation with all women in our country and the world to gain freedom of the expression in matters of civic betterment, recognition in the arts and the sciences, encourage legislative alertness, necessary action, and guide and encourage young women entering the professional and business schools of our country.

Sadye J. Williams, National Program
Chairperson (1949)
NANBPWC, Inc.



Membership Opportunities - Membership is open to women, men and students

Adults: Working or retired business and professional women

Young Adults: Women 18-35 who are in or preparing for a business or professional career

Members-At-Large: Women residing in a city without an organized club

Beta Psi: Students attending an accredited college, university or technical institution

Youth and Mr. B&P: Youth ages 12-18

Internationals: Business and professional women residing outside the United States

Associates: Women supporters with membership on the national level

Ombudsmen: Adult male supporters on the local level

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**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF NEGRO BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S
CLUBS, INC.**

Moving Forward with a Purpose



OUR MISSION

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To promote and protect the interests of African American business and professional women; to serve as advisors for young people seeking to enter business and the professions; to improve the quality of life in our local and global communities and to foster good fellowship.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

In July of 1935, Mrs. Ollie Chinn Porter, President of the New York Club, extended an invitation to local clubs organized as Business and Professional Women's Clubs, to join and form a national organization. The Founders were Emma Odessa Young, Ollie Chinn Porter, and Effie Diton of New York City; Bertha Perry Rhodes, Josephine B. Keene and Adelaide Flemming of Philadelphia; and Pearl Flippen of Atlantic City.

After a year of meeting, the first convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey July 9-11, 1936, at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Ollie Chinn Porter was elected as the first national president. The Founders were owners, managers, college graduates, and professionally licensed women. The aim was then, as it is today, to attract women of high caliber to organize similar clubs within their communities. Facing the realities of the times, their daring and inspiring goals were to share their experiences and exchange information; to protect their interest and to encourage and develop opportunities for black women in business and professions. Over the years, NANBPWC, Inc. has grown, conducting many needed community service activities that go far beyond the original purpose.

OUR PROGRAMS

NANBPWC has historically recognized the relationships between leadership, entrepreneurship and technology. We have designed new programs to address these critical links needed for successful 21st century women through our LET Institutes: (1) Leadership: preparation for community and career leadership positions; (2) Entrepreneurship: training on starting businesses, improving business skills and business expansion; and (3) Technology: training to obtain and/or improve technology skills or seeking certification for a technology related business. Our clubs also identify local needs and implement projects addressing Health, Education, Employment, and Economic Development (HEED) issues in their local communities.

VOCAL ARTS

The vocal arts competition was introduced in 1983. In 2001, upon joining the National Opera Association, the competition's name was changed from the Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competition to the Vocal Arts Competition for Emerging Artists. The competition begins on the local level with the first place winner of each district competing at the National Convention.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

In 1996, the Convention adopted the National Women's History program "Women's History is Our History Too." The purpose is to focus on the many contributions made by African American women who have been instrumental in advancing education, business, professions technology, family and community.

FOUNDERS' DAY

Clubs are required to celebrate Founders' Day annually to recognize the shoulders on which we stand and the role and responsibility we have to prepare our youth for the future. This observance is the occasion to present the Sojourner Truth award to an outstanding African American woman. This is the highest award given by the Association. The award was established in 1948.

HEALTH

The World Health Organization has defined health as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Our Clubs, sharing their expertise and knowledge, design and implement programs addressing health issues, and advocating and supporting community health initiatives.

OUR FOCUS

EDUCATION

Education is the foundation for improving one's standard of living increasing cultural awareness, learning fundamental skills for living, and acquiring problem solving skills. Our clubs implement and array of activities including financial aid workshops, adopting schools, college tours, test-taking strategies and mentoring. The scholarship program is the foundation of the education focus on the local, district and National levels.

EMPLOYMENT

The ability to earn wages for work is a basic human right. Too often women are not afforded the opportunity to earn a decent wage in non-traditional jobs. This disparity in wages and job opportunities is evident throughout the African-American community for women and men. Our programs provide information on employment, careers, and skill building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Clubs direct their programming efforts on developing and sustaining black and women-owned businesses in our communities through The Power of our Dollar\$ project and the National Black Business Directory. Projects address the difficulty in accessing business capital, accumulating personal assets, real property holding, estate planning, and retirement strategies.

COLLABORATION

We have a strong commitment to working with other organizations dedicated to improving our communities. Our focus is to develop opportunities to maximize efforts, leverage resources, and jointly promote community empowerment and self-sufficiency. Through our "Stand Up! Speak Out!" program we provide information and take action on legislative issues. Our Training Directory is a resource for working with institutions of higher learning and our Networking Directory provides a listing of organizations we have worked with.