

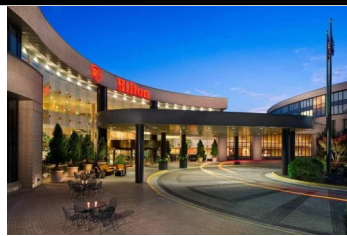


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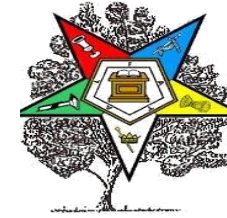
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## The Phyllis Chapter 2017 Session Highlights & Workshops Presentations St. Louis, Missouri March 8 - 11, 2017

The 2017 Phyllis session officially open on Friday March 9, 2017. Following devotion by Sis. Martha Banton, President Cooper turned the meeting over to President Campbell for greetings and information to the joint group of Phyllis and Phylaxis members.

Bro. Campbell stated he wanted to re-establish a better communication between the two bodies. Bro. Campbell introduced the new liaison to the Phyllis Chapter, Bro. William H. Gross.

Bro. Campbell encouraged early registration for the 2018 Session

The dates for 2018 are March 5 - 11 and there will be more rooms available for Tuesday and Wednesday check ins. Room rate is \$109 per night.

2019 Session is scheduled for North Carolina and the 2020 Session will be in Texas, although these locations are subject to be changed depending upon hotel prices and availability.

The Phyllis meeting continued with Sis Flora Simon going over the changes, to the Constitution and By-Laws.

## Work Shops Presentations

**Barbara Jones, FPC, Missouri – “Phyllis Scholar”**  
**Lena McGee, MPC, Louisiana – “Remembering Our Beloved Who Paved The Way”**

**Alicia Allen, MPC, North Carolina – “Historic Joint Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony”**

**Venecia Bessellieu, MPC & Catrice Vandross, MPC, Washington DC – “PGWM Thelma J. Tyler and the Preservation of Georgina Thomas Grand Chapter”**

**Marlene Pratt, MPC, North Carolina – “The Pentagram”**

**Patricia Harris, MPC, Missouri – “The History of Gloves and their Significance”**

**Martha Banton, FPC, Missouri – “ The Altar”**

**Flora Simon, FPC, Arkansas – “Interpersonal Communication Skills”**

**Cynthia McKeown, MPC, Missouri – “GWM Esther K. Harris: Life and Accomplishments”**

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri and to Harmony Grand Chapter. Those gavels were made of Olive Wood grown on Mount of Olive in Jerusalem.

In 1954, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Esther K. directed the Queen of the South degree team before this august body.

In 1966, she was elected as International Grand Matron in New York. She also made a second trip to Liberia for the dedication of their Masonic Temple.

In 1970, she was appointed International Grand Lecturer of the International Conference of Grand Chapters of the Eastern Star.

In September 1990, the 45th Anniversary and Tribute Banquet was given in honor of Esther K. Harris School of Instruction. This tribute banquet honored the accomplishments and those of African descent. (This event hailed a packed house of all races and ethnicities).

Esther K. Harris was well liked and loved by all that were blessed to have known her.

In July, the Queen of the South Degreed Team was renamed the Esther K. Harris Queen of the South Degree Team.

Esther K. Harris's life was full of accomplishments and rich with achievements. She leaves to cherish her God filled life, her son and heir Mr. Jesse Harris.

In her obituary she wrote  
"Matthew, Mark, Luke and  
John

Watch me while I lay,  
One to watch, one to pray,  
Two to carry my soul away".

Esther K. Harris departed this earthly life on February 3, 1993. She was buried with her husband in one Section F. Site 595 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on February 8, 1993

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**Reference:**

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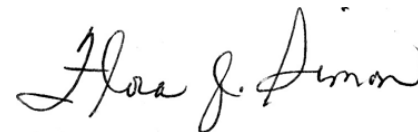
## President's Message

I consider it indeed an honor and privilege to have been elected by the membership to serve you again in this leadership role as President of the Phyllis Chapter of the Phylaxis Society. I have been a member organization since 1988 and considered it enjoyment to be a part of an organization created to bring women together as members of the Order of Eastern Star to share Masonic research projects and other information pertinent to the Order. From the sharing of this information, we grow wiser as Order of the Eastern Star members, and develop the unity of sisterhood.

During this tenure, I will strive to advance the mission of the organization by working with officers and members to provide a rewarding and enriching program to promote personal and organizational growth. I hope more members will attend our annual session and offer their expertise to help meet the needs of the Phyllis Chapter.

We all need time to reflect, to put things in perspective, and to truly value the worth of this organization and appreciate its goals. Therefore, a change in direction is inevitable. Even a small change can reap big benefits; thus, some alternatives to the normal program are being considered. I encourage each member to express to me changes they would like to see in the annual session program that would spell-progress. It will take all of us working together to persevere; a common purpose is what will bring this organization to fulfillment.

Again, I am excited for the opportunity to lead an organization I attach importance to.



## Flora Jean Simon President of the Phyllis Chapter 14th Grand Worthy Matron for the Jurisdiction of Arkansas



*Photograph courtesy of  
Flora Jean Simon*

Flora Simon is serving a second tenure as President of the Phyllis Chapter. Her first term was from 2005-2008, as the fifth President.

Flora Jean Gibson Simon believes that anything worth doing is worth doing well; therefore she strives to always do her very best. She now adds to that belief: when we have done our best, we should wait the result in peace. Ms Simon is the second of four children born to the late Ollie and Tim-

othy Gibson, Sr. in Dermott, Arkansas. Her father and mother were members of the Prince Hall Masonic Family; the four children followed in the footsteps of their parents and joined the organizations. President Simon resides in Dumas, Arkansas and is the mother of twins Felecia and Frederick; she has seven grandchildren and two living siblings: Bettie Gammel and Deborah Gibson.

Flora Simon is a member Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Dumas, and serves as assistant Sunday School Instructor and chair of the Scholarship Committee. She is also an Instructor for the Regular Arkansas Baptist Congress of Christian Education. In the Congress, she is certified to teach Organizing the Church for Christian Education, Leadership Education in the Local church, Leadership in the Group, and Audio Visual

November 17, 1972. Corporal Harris was buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

### Her Legacy

In 1924 Esther K., was given a petition by the Past Matron Bertha Rose of Adah Star Chapter No. 12. Esther joined Adah Star in that same year and began a long fruitful career in the order of the Eastern Star.

Esther served as Worthy Matron of Adah Star, Grand Reporter from 1937-1941. During her term of office as Grand Lecturer she organized District 1 and 2 School of Instruction. Esther was invited as International Grand Deputy to accompany the International Grand Matron on her African trip, returning via Egypt, Europe and the Holy Land.

During her tenure as International Grand Deputy, she furnished one bedroom, a large dormitory room, and one bathroom of the Masonic Home. She covered the entire home with linoleum and the St. Louis School of Instruction she furnished with draperies.

In July of 1953, Esther invited

the International Grand Worthy Matron Fannie Lee to be Harmony Grand Chapter's guest in Springfield, Missouri. As a result of this invitation, Esther K., received a war bond for raising the most funds towards the International Grand Matrons first visit to Liberia, West Africa.

Esther K., helped organize the Sojourner Truth Study Club while she was a member of the Willa P. Allen Study Club.

Esther was the founder of Harmony Grand Chapter Scholar Fund, Public Relations Day and Master Masons Night. However, on October 14, 1978, Master Masons Night changed to Master Masons Day to observe as District occasion.

Her Matrons and Patrons raised funds to purchase the electric signets for the OES room in the Masonic Temple.

Her paraphernalia committee raised funds for a Chapter Standard, Christian Flag, American Flag and an Alter Cloth. She presented gavels to the Most Worshipful

The Life and Legacy of Esther K. Harris  
Presented by Cynthia McKeown, MPC  
St. Louis, MO

Esther K. King was born to Mr. and Mr. John and Lucinda King on January 30, 1899.

In 1910, Esther was adopted by her grandmother, Mrs. Julia Schroder.

Esther was enrolled in De Moss Grammar School and graduated from Sumner in 1917.

In 1916, Esther joined the First Baptist Church located at 3100 Bell. In 1950, she moved her membership to True Light MB Church under the leadership of the late Reverend R.C. Clopton. While there she served on Group I Usher Board, President of the Pastor's Aide and Mother of the Church.

After graduating high school she enrolled in Madame C.J. Walker School of Beauty Culture. There she was taught the beauty of black hair. After six months of training she became an instructor.

In 1919, Esther K. met and married Mr. John Billups. They divorced in 1920. Mr. Billups

died in 1923.

In 1924, Esther K. Billups married Corporal Elsworth W. Harris. They resided at 2618 Wash Street along with her grandmother and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucinda Billups.

In 1941, Esther K., enrolled in the St. Louis College of Embalmers and Mortuary Science. During her tenure there, she served as President of the association for seven year and secretary for 25 years. In 1946 she graduated and began to work as an accountant and embalmer for Pettis Mortuary, then located in the 4100 block of Washington Avenue and ran the business until she retired in 1985.

In 198, Esther K., became Honorary Life Member of the National Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. In 1990, while residing at the Deacons Manor Care Center, she was appointed President of residents council.

Her husband, Elsworth died on

Resources in the Church.

### Education and Community Service:

President Simon is a 1966 graduate of Chicot County High School in Dermott, Arkansas where she graduated as valedictorian of her class. In 1971, she earned her Bachelor's of Science (B.S.E.) degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, majoring in General Science and Social Studies. Ten years later, she was awarded a Master's degree (M.S.) by the same institution; her field of specialization was Education Administration. While at the University of Arkansas, she was a member of the Arkansas Marching Razorback Band, and Tau Beta Sigma, an honorary band fraternity.

She also holds certification from the Arkansas Department of Education in Adult Education, and as a Curriculum Specialist for grades K-12, and Secondary Principal. She values continuing education and thus earned additional hours of credit in adult education and the sciences, by completing additional course work at the colleges in the

University of Arkansas System, Arkansas State University, and Arkansas Tech University.

She began her teaching career in January 1971 in Carencro, Louisiana as a high school general science instructor, and taught at two other schools in Louisiana: the Forrest K. White Jr. High in Lake Charles, and the Lake Arthur High School in Lake Arthur, prior to returning to Arkansas. From 1974 until 1987, President Simon taught Earth Science, General Science, Physical Science, and Life Science in the Dumas, Arkansas secondary schools.

In 1987, she became the Director of Adult Education for the Dumas School District and also served as the GED Examiner. She remained in this position until retirement on June 30, 2009. Beginning the year before she retired and for three years afterwards, she worked as an independent school improvement consultant with JBHM Education Consultant Firm of Jackson, MS. In January of 2011, she had a brief tenure in a new administrative field as program director for

the York W. Williams Child Development Center in her hometown of Dermott, Arkansas. President Simon has provided a broad range of services to professional, community, and social organizations. In November 2016, she was elected as the first Black female to the Dumas City Council for a four year term; her first political quest. Additionally, she has been the President of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce and she has served in a leadership capacity in numerous organizations, including: Past President of the Arkansas Association for Continuing and Adult Education; President of the Arkansas Association of Administrators in Adult Education, President of the South Arkansas Adult Education Administrators, Past President of the Dumas Education Association, Coordinator of the Dumas Literacy Council, Chair of the Desha County Single Parent Scholarship Fund Program, Vice Chair of the Dumas Housing Authority Commission, President of Delta Area Community Foundation, Board member Arkansas Education Association, Board

member Daughters of Charity (Ascension Health), and Board member Delta Memorial Hospital. In each of these positions, she has used her life as an instrument to help others to empower themselves through education, housing, and economic empowerment.

**Masonic Affiliations:**

At the age of six years, Flora Simon joined the Electa-Triumphant #348 Youth Fraternity, in Dermott, Arkansas. Her membership in the Prince Hall Family has been continuous since that time. In February 2013, President Simon was elected as the fourteenth Grand Worthy Matron for the Jurisdiction of Arkansas. Within the Order of the Eastern Star, she has served on the local, district, and national levels. On the local level, she served as Worthy Matron of Electa-Triumphant #348, secretary, youth sponsor, and in many other positions; on the district level, she was the youth advisor, secretary, and District Deputy Grand Matron; on the state level, she has served the Royal Grand Chapter as the



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I hope that this adds to the understanding of this particular degree. As always much is hidden in the words and actions of any initiation. Research is encouraged by each of those being initiated or who have been in the Order and wish further enlightenment.

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4 The Woman's Study Bible - Opening the Word of God to Woman, The New King James Version, Copyright 1955 by Thomas Nelson, Inc.

Related reading in Bible History Daily:

Has not been read by me (RM E. Fucles) at this time

The Rock-Hewn Churches of Lalibela

Expedition Claims Evidence of Queen of Sheba Found in Ethiopia

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Grand Lecturer, Grand Juvenile Matron, Grand Recorder, Grand Secretary, and State Director for the "Pearls of Love" a girls youth group, and Prince Hall Grand Lodge Building Clerk. On the national level, Flora served as director for the youth group Empress of the Galaxy<sup>1</sup>.

In addition to her membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, President Simon is actively involved in several Prince Hall women's organizations. She is a member of the Shirley W. Inghram Phyllis Auxiliary in Arkansas. She is the Past Loyal Lady Ruler of the E. U. Reed Assembly #78, Order of the Golden Circle, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and is a member of Mt. Moriah Court #9, Heroines of Jericho, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Pine Bluff Guild #3 (also known as the Templar Crusades), in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and has been a member of the Mohammed Court #39, Daughter of Isis, Little Rock, Arkansas. In April 2015, she was awarded the title of Past Grand Princess Captain and in 2016 the title Past Grand State Loyal Lady Ruler.

### Special Interest:

President Simon enjoys listen-

ing to a variety of music, playing quiet games, facilitating events, observing nature, and traveling. She was once considered as an avid seamstress but over time that has ceased. Lately, she has made traveling her hobby. She has traveled extensively in the United States, including Alaska, and Hawaii. Also she has traveled to Canada, Mexico, Spain, France, Puerto Rico, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Croatia, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands and the Caribbean.

### Recognitions and Awards:

President Simon's recognitions and awards have been numerous from local, state, and national organizations. Some of her awards are the: Dumas Lions Club Woman of the Year; State of Arkansas House of Representatives' Citation; District Four Order of the Eastern Star Distinguished Leadership Award; Fred Johnson Jr. Arkansas Council of Deliberation Eagle Award for Extraordinary Service; Distinguished Leadership Award from the Academy for Leadership Training; Luther H. Black Outstanding Adult Education Administrator; Individual Achievement Award

from the Governor's Commission on Adult Literacy; Leadership Arkansas Award for Volunteerism for Community Development from Teamwork Arkansas (AP&L); and Arkansas' Outstanding Earth Science Teacher of the Year.

**Sources:**

*'The Empress of the Galaxy was a youth group for girls sponsored by the Prince Hall Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons; it no longer exists.*

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**HISTORY OF REGINA  
CHAPTER NO. 67**

**by: Sister Betty Baker MPC  
(LIFE) California**

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REGINA CHAPTER NO.67, got its beginning in the mind and aspiration of The Worshipful Master M. Robinson Baker of Monarch Lodge No. 73 who wanted the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters to become members of the Order of the Eastern Star. To bring this dream to life, he called on Lucille B. Hilliard for the task of organizing the club. They called themselves 'The Gold Donnas.

Petitioning the Grand Chapter of California, The Gold Donnas were instituted into Regina U.D. on June 19, 1954 and constituted as Regina Chapter No. 67 Order of

*the Eastern Star (O.E.S.), Prince Hall Rite of Adoption (Monarch Lodge No. 73, our Adopted Lodge) on December 18, 1954 in Berkeley, California under the administration of Grand Worthy Patron Leon F. Marsh, Sr. and Grand Worthy Matron Geraldine O'Connor. Sister Luella B. Hilliard was the first Worthy Matron; Rose C. Randall was the second Worthy Matron with Brother Alfred C. Bard serving as Worthy Patron for both Worthy Matrons.*

*Through the years the Chapter contributed to many charitable organizations, youth scholarships, City of Hope, American Heart Association, Blood Bank, Sickle Cell Anemia, NAACP, the United Negro College Fund, HIV/AIDS and Breast Cancer to name a few. They rendered aid to the sick and distressed members. In 1996 the Sheila F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship fund was established in honor of Sister Wilson who was a Chapter member. Each year deserving students are awarded a scholarship in her memory.*

*As the membership continues to grow from the 32 Charter Members, to well over 200 members Regina realizes that the progress of the Order of the Eastern Star*

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the Bible and in a text called the Kebra Nagast. Dated between the 6th – 14th centuries C.E., the Kebra Nagast (The Glory of Kings) is an important text to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. It names the Queen of Sheba as the beautiful queen Makeda and identifies the land of Sheba as ancient Ethiopia. Kribus thoroughly examines the latter claim in his article “Where is the Land of Sheba – Arabia or Africa?”

According to the Kebra Nagast, Queen Makeda travels to Jerusalem and has a love affair with King Solomon. Makeda then returns to the land of Sheba – giving birth to a son, Menelik, along the way. Menelik is raised in Ethiopia, but when he turns 22, he travels to Jerusalem to meet his father. King Solomon is delighted with his firstborn son and tries in vain to convince Menelik to remain in Israel and succeed him as king. However, Menelik chooses to return to the land of Sheba. Solomon sends the firstborn sons of Israel's elders with his son from Israel to Ethiopia, and the Ark of the Covenant travels with

them. To this day, many Ethiopians believe that the Ark of the Covent resides within the Chapel of the Tablet next to the Church of Maryam TSION in Aksum, Ethiopia.

Ethiopians claim the Queen of Sheba as part of their heritage, and through her union with King Solomon; Ethiopians also claimed a connection between their kings and the Davidic monarchy of Israel. Bar Kribus explains: “Their [Ethiopian] kings were seen as direct descendants of the House of David, rulers by divine right.”

There is much to be learned about this great queen. We can justly say that the Order of the Eastern Star is enriched by this degree which demonstrates that females are the equal with men. The Queen of the South through her business negotiations shows that females are wise, of sound judgment and aptly able to lead and excel.

What I have written is just a little of the research which has been done and continues today.

the equivalent in today's value about \$3,600,000.00. Solomon was worth \$20,000,000.00 in US gold coins. King Solomon derived much of his wealth from the traffic of spice merchants, tolls, dues, iron and copper. The exchange of gifts is one of the first examples of good public relations for business purposes on record. The Queen of Sheba was indeed a wise woman as she left with more than she gave. It should be noted that she was not one of king Solomon's pagan wives but she did receive all that she desired, a child.

Her child, Menelik, is recorded as Solomon's first born<sup>2</sup>. A close look at what I have seen written indicates that Menelik was born in Ethiopia upon the Queen's return to her home land. Menelik and his followers migrated to Abyssinia. The present royal house of Abyssinia (Ethiopia) claims descent from Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, but there is no record in the Bible. It was reported that Menelik visited King Solomon but refused his offer to remain

to ascend to the throne as his first born<sup>2</sup>. The following information taken from (2)Sauter Megan, "Who is the Queen of Sheba in the Bible? Investigating the Queen of Sheba and her Kingdom 8/31/16 (08/31/2016T09:40) I will give the text verbatim as written.

"In return King Solomon gives the Queen of Sheba gifts and 'every desire that she expressed'. (1 Kings 10:13). After receiving these gifts, the queen returns to the land of Sheba with her retinue".

The Biblical account of Queen of Sheba and King Solomon ends there, but later Jewish Christian and Islamic sources have elaborated the story – adding details to the famous queen's visit.

In his article "**Where is the Land of Sheba – Arabia or Africa?**" published in the September/October 2016 issue of Biblical Archaeology Review, Bar Kribus investigates the location of the land of Sheba and looks at the figure of the

*Past President Freddie Cooper, FPC  
Annual Address*

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.  
2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV*



**Freddie Cooper, FPC, Life**

Grand Master Henry R. Willis, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Missouri, Grand Worthy Matron Shirley M. Woolfolk, members of Harmony Grand Chapter, Grand Associate Patron Ivory Graham; Honorable Robert Campbell, FPS, of the Phylaxis Society; Honorable William Gross, FPS, Phyllis Liaison; Phyllis Chapter Elected and Appointed Officers and all members of the Phyllis Chapter.

I greet you in the name of

Our Heavenly Father, and I thank you, Sisters, for being in attendance at 34th Annual Session of The Phyllis Chapter. We are blessed to have had members with the courage, tenacity, and faith in the purposes of this organization because it is they who have enabled the Phyllis to exist for a long period of time and to continue its growth and survivability. Some of you have been involved since the beginning and you are still standing strong. Now, that is, a gift to me. This gift is a blessing and an honor for all its members. Why? This is an organization not only of purpose, but one which offers abundant satisfaction and enlightenment to all who would dare to genuinely undertake the journey.

The purposes and goals of this august body remain intact despite occasional attempts to prevent or obstruct efforts in maintaining its integrity. Yet, still we stand. Our membership remains steady with growth spurts and declines. Declines are attributed to loss of beloved members who have left us behind to carry on their legacy as well as others who just decided to follow other paths.

Many of our unwavering champions are no longer among us. At this time, I name a few of them, by doing so does not lessen the valuable contributions and love of other decreased members, but rather for the essence of time. The primary notable person was our founder, Brother Joseph Walkes, who left us twelve years ago. Last year, our first president, Sister Brice E. Simmons passed. Prior to her passing one of our oldest members, Sister Karyellen Dunn passed and recently Sister Henrietta Marie Thomas left us. My thinking is they would be disappointed, if we failed to continue the work or uncovering the history of the Order of the Eastern Star, the

wise women and men who perceived value in the work of this organization and other appropriate topics of interest. Despite the work of these incredible people, and notwithstanding the contributions made for the Phyllis Chapter, in recent years, there had been attempts to change the Phyllis Chapter into something we were never intended to be. However, with our strong faith in God as well as the bravery to stand up for ourselves, we remain The Phyllis Chapter, independently incorporated. Therefore, we have the right to maintain control of our destiny. Yet, in order maintain that viability, we must continue to remain forever fervent to our fundamental principles, rules and regulations. Of course, we may update to bring clarity freshness rather than change just for the sake of change. In order to accomplish the goal of preserving the identity of The Phyllis Chapter, we must not only know and understand those fundamental principles, rules and regulations, we must live by their content; that is, we must respect and uphold them in the highest esteem!

Chapter 1: 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 13.  
2 Chronicles: 9:1, 3, 9, 12  
Matt: 12:42  
Luke 11:31

Most of the information, however, must be gained from additional resources. The Queen of the South is also mentioned in "Sura 27 of the Koran"<sup>1</sup>. See "Selected Bibliography" for additional reading on your own.

From, "All the Women of the Bible" by Edith Dean (1.) she begins her account of this un-named biblical woman with this following paragraph. "Comes from Saba to prove Solomon's wisdom and wealth. Brings with her a large retinue, also lavish gifts for Solomon, Art, music, and literature memorialize her. Jesus mentions her."

The Queen of the South is the first woman on record who pitted her wits and wealth against those of a king. She came to Jerusalem herself rather than sending an ambassador from her kingdom of Saba in southwest Arabia, a distance of 1, 200 miles. It should be noted that her intentions were

for probably the trade zone demarcation and to work out an alliance with Solomon. It should also be noted that king Solomon commercial ventures expanded after her departure.

This was approximately nine centuries before Christ. Sabeen women occupied as high a position of power and authority as did the Queen of Sheba. The international Standard Bible Encyclopedia states that "in almost all respects women appeared to have been considered the equal of men and to have discharged the same civil, religious and military functions." Ancient Himyaritic inscriptions and other ancient sources write of their culture and political powers. The Old Testament mentions it in a number of passages among which are Psalms 72:10, Isaiah 60:6, and Jeremiah 6:20.

The riches of this Sabeen Queen's kingdom are evident from the gifts brought to Solomon. She brought according to 1 Kings 10: 10

## The Queen of Sheba or the Queen of the South Presented By PWM Emily R. Fucles California

Ruby V. Forsha Auxiliary

This “Lecture” is about a character that is central to several female Masonic Orders. In the Order of the Eastern Star, the second degree is called the “Queen of the South”. The Queen of the South is portrayed in the character of “Queen of Sheba” who poses hard questions through members of her retinue. Her land “Saba” or “The land of Sheba” which is now Eastern Yemen is south of Jerusalem allowed the Sabians to control the trade routes stretching from southwestern Arabia northward into Palestine. The Queen of Sheba intended to negotiate a trade agreement with King Solomon; she was successful, since the listing of Solomon’s wealth includes merchandise “from all the kings of Arabia”.<sup>4</sup>

The Queen of the South, as she is called, visits King Solomon, traveling a distance of approximately 1,200 to 1,400 miles, bearing many gifts<sup>4</sup>; gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. Great

quantities of gold, precious stones and “almug” or “algum” wood (1 Kings 10:11) which was used for the house of the Lord and for the king’s house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers (1 Kings 10, 2 Chronicles: 9:1) were part of the gifts offered and brought over on the ships from Hi’ram and O’phir. (1 Kings Chapter 10).

The Queen of the South is one of the most powerful but un-named woman of the bible. References may be found in various sections of the Old Testament and New Testament. The fact that she is mentioned in the bible, even by Jesus (Matt: 12:42), plus the various references support that she was a powerful person of her time and would be in ours. Some of the biblical text which will enrich your knowledge of the Queen of Sheba or the Queen of the South in the biblical scriptures of 1 Kings:

Over the years, members of The Phyllis Chapter have worked to improve the mechanics of this organization without over turning those foundational principles. At the onset, when this organization was originally requested, it was because the wives of some Phylaxis Society members wanted to engage in constructive, organized activities while their husbands were occupied with the Phylaxis Society. That was the origin of our existence.

### State of the Nation

During the past year and a half, we witnessed and continue to behold gross changes in our country. I have heard many people say, “I have never seen anything like this before in my life.” My reference is to the total disrespect and disregard for people as evidenced by the mean spirited demonstration in politics—mocking the humanity of people, their lives and their livelihood. However in large numbers, people around the world have let their voices be heard through protest and other demonstrations.

Many Americans now live in fear of some aspects of their lives. Those aspects include

dismantling the Affordable Health Care Act, gutting environmental protections, defunding Medicare and Social Security, cuts to the Public Education fund and eventually abolishing the Department of Education, deporting of millions of immigrants, and building a wall along the Mexican border but not along the Canadian border. Even though all of the items mentioned above are looming on our horizon, we know that God is still on the throne. We do not know his plan. Yet, we must have faith, do what we can, and trust him.

President Obama gave us hope. It seems that the new administration has plans to deprive people around the world of a glimmer of hope that was once proclaimed eight years ago. However, I repeat, God is still on the throne. As I opened this message with a passage from 2 Chronicles 7:14, there is hope. The Bible gives us the way to achieve what we should do as a people. But, will we?



## State of the Phyllis

2016 was a productive year for the majority of the Phyllis elected and appointed officers, Councils and committees. I extend my warmest thanks to Phyllis committees and members who contacted me for the exchange of important information, who offered support, and provided assistance, when needed. I commend and offer extreme gratitude to all who worked diligently to keep our Chapter functional during the past year. Your performances were and always will be vital for a strong Phyllis Chapter. I appreciate your words of encouragement as well.

Even though we have gathered annually for the most part in March of each year, many of us meet more often between annual sessions through the use of media such as telephone, telecommunication, email, regular mail and/or text messages. Communications were ongoing with numerous committees, such as constitution and Bylaws, Magazine, Newsletters, Special Affairs, Local and National Conference Chairs, special projects, website and Awards and Certificates. And of course, there were quarterly communication and at times

more frequent contact with the financial officers and secretaries

One project that was troubling for a number of years was the return of Phyllis Magazines. With update of the US Postal service's use of computers to verify zip codes and addresses, the number of returned magazines has declined dramatically. Before mailing the magazines, the printing service we have used the past three years, confirms the addresses submitted to them prior to the printing process. Now, rather than receiving over 29 returns, that number has dropped to about six.

To keep this situation in check, we need to have all auxiliary secretaries to inform the Phyllis Financial and Executive Secretaries of deaths and address changes because doing so eliminates the expenses for reclaiming those returned magazines. In turn, we encourage members to inform their auxiliaries of any changes. For At-Large members, you are encouraged to notify your Regional Vice President of changes in your contact information.



**Friday Work Shop 2017**



Pictures on the walls, events and the Phyllis group tour in the old Court House in St. Louis Missouri



Besides it is more costly to re-send magazines. When we do, it means we pay three times for mailing one magazine. That is, we pay to send it the first time. We pay to collect the returned ones. Then we pay a third time, after the address is corrected and the magazine is mailed once more. We definitely need your help to eliminate this problem.

Our ancestors lived with a hopeful spirit that instilled in us the fact no matter how dark it seems, we must continue to seek the light. The Phyllis Charter provides opportunities to seek light that was lit by Sisters and Brothers of the past. They stood valiantly, made sacrifices and left legacies for us to uncover. We need to encourage each other to seek that light and to learn of the trials, tribulations, and successes of our ancestors.

In fact, many of us find solace in uncovering the past because it gives us hope for the future. The audacity of our predecessors can give us courage to dig further to uncover and “Celebrate the achievement of Our Stars”.

**Six recommendations to all members:**

1. If you do not mind sharing your email address, please in-

form your Auxiliary President or Regional Vice President that your email address maybe shared for the purpose of receiving the newsletter.

2. Be conscious about keeping personal information updated.
3. Start working on presentations as soon possible following the current session.

4. Contact your Auxiliary President or Regional Vice President if you would like to share positive or negative changes in your life, the life of close family members or activities of your auxiliary.

5. Register for the hotel and annual session early because it gives the conference coordinator an advantage on securing rooms and negotiating prices.

6. Start planning for our 35th Annual Session immediately.

Thank you for being here and sharing this session with the members of The Phyllis Chapter. I love you all. I enjoy serving the members of the Phyllis Chapter as your President.

**Grand Worthy Matron  
Shirley Woolford , MO Jurisdiction**



**Theme:**  
When helping others through our works, God is well pleased"

**Scripture:**  
But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such a sacrifice God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16

When I was told that the Phyllis and Phylaxis Convention was being held in St. Louis, I was excited. Then I was told as Grand Worthy Matron, I would host it and I became weary, but nonetheless, I prayed and thought about all of the good help that is here in the great Jurisdiction of Missouri.

We have two Auxiliaries in St. Louis, the Harris McCree Auxiliary and the Barbara A. Jones Auxiliary which includes Barbara A. Jones, as the National Coordinator. Both were a big help to the success of the convention.

We began our quest by meeting and developing working committees along with the Phylaxis Society of St. Louis. The convention has not been in the St. Louis area for more than fifteen years.

Our plans came together and this past week, March 6 through March 11, 2017, marked the success of another convention for the Phyllis and Phylaxis Society.

I would like to thank the Harris-McCree Auxiliary and especially Sister Peggy R. McCree, President for accepting the position as Chair and Coordinator for the Convention.

I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone that helped and participated in making the convention something to remember.

I am very pleased to have met so many new and interesting Sisters and Brothers, some of whom I met previously at Midwest Conferences in the past. It is always a pleasure to refresh these acquaintances.

With the help of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge where Henry R. Willis Jr. is the Grand Master, and Grand Worthy Patron James R. Thomas, I want to say thanks for their untiring support and assistance.

We used our resources wisely and created a team that has made us proud and I am very pleased to be the Grand Worthy Matron of Missouri.

**Fraternally Submitted,**

*Shirley M. Woolfolk*

Grand Worthy Matron



Louisiana Presenter Display



Louisiana Presenter



The Phyllis Executive Board Members 3-10-17



Thursday night visitation



Jurisdictional visitation



Friday afternoon session





Thursday morning joint memorial service

DC Presenter



California and D.C. after memorial services

Friday session called to order



MO Grand Master and Washington D.C. Delegation and after memorial

North Carolina Presenter



Bus Tour to Old Court House



Missouri Presenter

Preserving Our History  
 The Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter  
 Order of the Eastern Star  
 Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia  
 By Sister Glaceria Brown Mason, MPC,  
 President of Leila A. Pendleton



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On Saturday, July 9, 2016, members of the Leila Amos Pendleton Auxiliary of the Phyllis Chapter followed the tradition set by the late PGWM Thelma Jones Tyler in 1985 by attending and participating in the bi-annual Joint Archival Ceremony at the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University in Washington, DC. The Joint Archival Ceremony was attended by The Honorable Norman L. Campbell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, PHA; Grand Worthy Matron Venecia C. Bessellieu, Ph.D.; Grand Worthy Patron Albert Pope; and the officers and members of Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (PHA) in the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

This bi-annual ceremony is a formal

occasion where historical materials documenting the activities of subordinate OES chapters are presented to Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center for preservation. The Moorland Spingarn Research Center is the official repository for the District of Columbia's Prince Hall Masonic and Eastern Star history, and the keeper of our legacy for During this year's ceremony, Prince Hall lodges, Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter future generations and subordinate chapters deposited their history and memorabilia.

In addition, monetary donations were made by MWGM Campbell and GWM Bessellieu to the organization.

Within the stillness of the Founders Library

where the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center is housed on the historic campus of Howard University, down a narrow hall, books, manuscripts, and old sheet music lined the shelves atop historical artifacts encased in glass for preservation were on display. The Joint Archival Ceremony of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter was held with standing-room-only attendance. of Sisters and Brothers, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center staff, and family of deceased members who witnessed the presentation of historical artifacts of their loved ones.

This ceremony was efficiently organized and coordinated by Worshipful Grand Historian, Alonza Tehuti Evans (L24) who prepared the program, communicated with the OES chapters and provided a list of the types of historical materials that should be included in the presentation. Worshipful Associate Grand Historian, James Morgan, III (L18) served as an effective and efficient Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Clifford L. Muse, Jr., Director and University Archivist sincerely welcomed us to Moorland-Spingarn's Research Center. PM Regina Bolden-Woodard (C5) enlightened the audience of the significance of this bi-annual ceremony. Eloquent words of encouragement and the usefulness of

our ceremony came from MWGM Campbell, GWM Bessellieu and visiting guests, MWGM Shelton J. Prescott of the Jurisdiction of New Jersey and PM Sibyl E. Moses, Ph.D., Jurisdiction of Illinois. Grand Master Campbell thanked MWGM Prescott for attending the ceremony. Refreshments were served following the formal ceremony.

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center is housed in the Founders Library on the campus of the historic Howard University. The Library opened its doors in 1939. The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center is recognized world-wide as one of the most comprehensive repositories for the documentation of the history and culture of African Americans.

The Research Center collects, preserves, and makes available for research, resources which chronicle the African American experience. To learn more, visit the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center

**Source:**  
**Website at <http://coas.howard.edu/msrc/collections.html>.**

Several members of the Leila A. Pendleton Auxiliary were in attendance at this Joint Archival Ceremony:

Glacieria Brown Mason, MPC (President), Lynette Gravely-Campbell, MPC (Vice President.), Dr. Venecia C. Bessellieu, MPC, Life, Patricia A. Young, MPC, Eunice J. Dingle, MPC, Sheila A. Smith, MPC, and Jane L. Robison, MPC.

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### Continue History of Regina Chapter No. 67

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Grand Chapter and the community depends strongly on the success of its fundraising efforts, programs and activities.

Regina Chapter has been active in The Golden State Grand Chapter since its inception, receiving O.E.S. Queen titles, four Grand Star Point titles and awarded numerous first place trophies. Past Patron Harold D. Mure was the 1st Regina Chapter #67 member to be elected as The Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Prince Hall Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge F&AM, State of CA, Inc. Sister Luella B. Hilliard, Past Worthy Matron was the 1st Regina Chapter member to be elected as Grand Worthy Matron of the Golden State Grand Chapter. Sister Madeline C. Moses, Past Matron was the 2nd member to be elected as Grand Worthy Matron of Grand Chapter. Charter Member and Past Matron Sister Susie Sawyer received the title of Secre-

tary Emeritus in 1994 after serving 29 years as Secretary of Regina Chapter #67. Members that were elected to the Grand Chapter included Sister Rosa M. Hines as Grand Secretary of Charity, Sisters Veola O'Neil, Donna McKinney, Denise Kimble as Grand Trustees and Sister Shirley Rogers Broadnax, who is currently serving as Grand Secretary. In addition many of our Past Matrons have held numerous appointed positions in the Grand Chapter.

Regina is proud of its 63 years of history and has been blessed with new Matrons each year. To date, no Past Matron has ever served more than once. Its members are grateful to the 32 original and two surviving Charter Members, Past Matron Sister Vera Jeffries and Sister Veola O'Neil and thankful to Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Regina Chapter #67 for their dedication and continuous support.

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