

JOURNAL OF SISTERHOOD

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Happy New Year!

From the President's Desk



As we begin 2017, I am so thrilled to look forward to what the new year has in store! This includes Reunion 2017, where I will celebrate 30 years since I graduated from our alma mater!

Our organization should reflect on the successes we achieved in the previous year to charge us forward. We worked hard in 2016 to meet our objectives and we had fun getting that work done! I now ask that as each of us develops New Year's resolutions, we make a personal pledge to continue to help us with accomplishing our program goals.

- **Membership! Membership! Membership!** This is our top priority. We want to continue to strengthen our organization and meet our mission.
- **Celebration of Spelman College Founders Day and NAASC 125th Anniversary.** Work with your chapter to plan activities around the founding of our college (April 11th) and our Alumnae Association (celebrated in late April, early May).
- **Fundraising.** Let's support RALLY '17, the challenge of our sisters on the Board of Trustees where we try to double our gift to the college. Please see the letter from our Sister Trustees in this newsletter edition. In addition, don't forget our Donald and Isabel Stewart Endowed Student Scholarship.
- **Do Something for *You* and Something for Your *Community*:** Plan to celebrate, "Go Red Day," on Friday, February 3rd by wearing red in support of the American Heart Association's Love Your Heart Month.
- **Chapter Support.** Attend your chapter meeting this month. You will learn about all the great things your president learned at the December meeting. She may even be able to "use" her parliamentary procedure to get through the meeting more quickly and get to the after-meeting Sister Fun!
- **Sisterly Relations.** Speaking of Sisterly Relations, take time to "love up" on your Spelman Sisters by sharing lunch, participating in a MLK Day service project, going to the movies or just taking a moment to talk about life or goals for the new year!

Being a part of this wonderful network of Sisterhood is very special. Let's not forget all the things we can accomplish as we support each other.

Finally, while I am pleased with our progress, but let's also reflect on the sisters we lost in 2016, including Past NAASC President Patricia Graham Johnson, C'73, Lula Lund Whatley, C'44, Virginia Hawkins Stephens, C'49, Lana Joyce Taylor Sims, C'63, and Betty Anne Clarke Tinsley, C'70. Each one of our sisters nobly made important contributions to their communities and to NAASC. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Finally, we are off to a great start this program year. I would appreciate hearing from NAASC members as to what services you would like to Association to provide. If you are a chapter member and have some expertise you are willing to share with the Association, please forward your comments to me at president@naasc.org. I look forward to writing to you in the upcoming year!

Sisterly,
Tara L. Buckner, C'87
NAASC President

President's Leadership Development Webinar Series

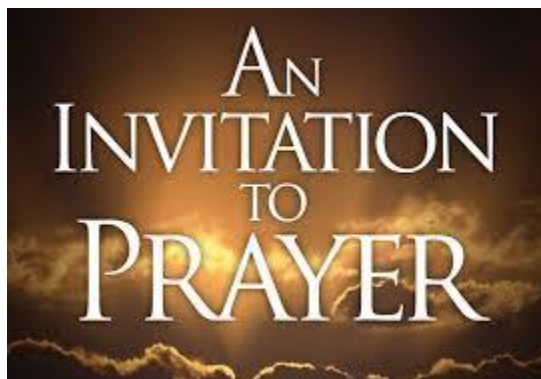
The leadership development webinar series is free for members of NAASC. Webinar info will be sent to members prior to the scheduled webinar date. Below is the tentative schedule of webinars.

January 22, 2017	Do Something for You.... The American Heart Association Message
February 26, 2017	After the Holidays Dieting: Credit Repair
March 26, 2017	Everything You Want to Know about Event Planning
April 23, 2017	TBD
May 28, 2017	Our Sister's Keeper: Look Beneath the Surface – the Rise of Labor and Sex Trafficking
June 25, 2017	I May Want to Run for Office

An Invitation to Prayer

By: Kimberlee Scott, NAASC Chaplain

As we begin a new year, I would like to invite you to **The NAASC Weekly Wednesday 30-Second Prayer Break.**



Every Wednesday during the 12:00 pm hour, wherever you are, whatever your faith, whatever your time zone--pause, breathe and whisper a prayer for: NAASC, NAASC leaders, Spelman College alumnae, leadership, faculty, staff, and students.

Pray that all may be open to, receive and operate in Divine wisdom. If you are so moved, please extend the prayer break to include: Our President, his cabinet and family, Federal and local leaders, your family members, and loved ones. Add it to your smart phone, desk calendar, wall calendar...

Prayer Changes Things!

Save the Date! Upcoming NAASC Events

Monthly we will feature upcoming NAASC events. This includes special events, leadership webinars, and meetings. **To have your events listed in the monthly newsletter please forward the information, along with your contact information, to correspondingsecretary@naasc.org no later than the 5th of the month preceding your event.** Events MUST be NAASC sponsored or related.

NAASC Leadership Webinar:

Do Something for *You*...

NAASC and the American Heart Association

Learn about how the AHA is helping to increase the health of Spelman Sisters



Francesca Martinez

National Manager, Strategic Alliances
Multicultural Markets

Sunday, January 22, 2017
8 p.m. EDT

Living the Legacy of Sisterhood, Service and Success





**National Alumnae Association of Spelman College
Southern Maryland Chapter
16th Annual HBCU Bus Tour
Monday, April 17, 2017 through Saturday, April 22, 2017
COST: \$489
Includes breakfast, lunch, transportation, and *lodging
*(price based on room occupancy)
North Carolina A&T University, North Carolina Central University, Fort Valley State University, Tuskegee University, Alabama State University, Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College, Tennessee State University, Fisk University, and Meharry Medical College**

**To Reserve Your Seat Contact: Daria Valentine or Crystal Curry
301-758-2054 240-394-9006
Email: spelmanhbcutour@gmail.com Twitter: [@naaschbcutour](https://twitter.com/naaschbcutour)**

Have you paid your 2016 – 2017 NAASC Membership Dues?

[Here is the printable form to mail in with your payment!](#)

http://www.naasc.org/membership/naascmembershipform2016_17.pdf

You can also pay your membership online!
<http://alumnae.naasc.org/donations/default.asp?>

NAASC Membership FAST FACTS!

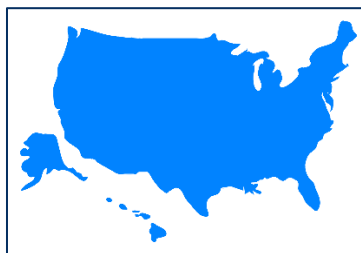
- National dues are \$50 per year.
- The membership year is from July 1st – June 30th of each year.
- **You MUST be a member of the National Association BEFORE you can become a member of a local chapter. The first \$50 paid goes toward your National dues.**
- You can register for the online community, pay your National dues, update your contact information, and check your membership status online at www.naasc.org

February 2017 Newsletter will show love to our Spelman Sisters!

Look for the 2016 – 2017 NAASC Membership Roll Call!



Pay Your Dues! Don't Get Left Off the Love List!



New to the area? Looking for a local chapter? On the next two pages you will find the most up to date listing of NAASC Chapters and their meeting dates and locations. This list contains information provided by local NAASC Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairpersons. Any updates to this list should be sent to correspondingsecretary@naasc.org

LOOKING TO JOIN A LOCAL NAASC CHAPTER?

NAASC Chapter	Meeting Frequency	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Membership Contact Person	National Dues Amount	Local Dues Amount	Additional Notes
Alabama: Huntsville Area	Monthly	3rd Sunday	Rotating	huntsville@naasc.org	\$50	\$75	For more information about the chapter please go to www.huntsvillenaasc.org
California: Los Angeles	Monthly	2nd Sunday at 3 pm	Rotating*	naascia.mail@gmail.com	\$50	\$25**	*Contact naascia.mail@gmail.com to request to be added to our email list/serv to receive meeting location information and info on our holiday party. ** Dues can be paid online at naascia.org
District of Columbia: Washington	Monthly	2nd Saturday at 10:30am	Varies check website	Andrea Williams, Membership			www.naascwdc.org
Florida: Orlando	Varies	Varies	Varies	Rachel Briggs Briggsracheln@outlook.com	\$50	\$25	* Contact Rachel Briggs so she can send you the event invitation with RSVP instructions and event details. Annual chapter events include: Founders Day, Freshman send off, quarterly meet and chats, holiday party.
Florida: South Florida	Quarterly	January, April, July, October	Rotating, January 28, 2017 meeting, 9am, free parking, entrance in the rear. Ficcaddilly, 4500 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, FL 33201. Cost: \$10 for the weekend breakfast buffet, including beverage	Erica Wright, President, ericawright2008@gmail.com spelmandgrads@att.net	\$50	\$50	Quarterly / Annual meeting - April 9, 2017 (Palm Beach County - location TBA)
Florida: Tampa Bay Area	Monthly except June	4th Saturday	Various libraries in the Tampa Area. Check FB page for monthly location	Mrs. Joyce Jones-Green, President and Membership Chairperson, 313-608-7543	\$50	\$40	Facebook page - NAASC Tampa Bay Area Chapter
Georgia: Athens	Monthly except when chapter events are being held	1st Saturday, 10am	Athens Clarke County Library, 2025 Baxter Street, Athens, GA 30606	Kisha Bailey, Chapter President kishabailey@att.net , 706-296-7492	\$50	\$35	* Meetings are held upstairs in the Heritage Room
Georgia: Atlanta	Monthly (except Dec, Jan, July, and Aug)	1st Saturday, 2pm	Spelman College, 350 Spelman Lane (Rotating location)	Joy Smith joy.smith.j@gmail.com	\$50	\$50	Parking in lot behind Cosby building or parking deck
Georgia: Augusta	Meets every other month (July, September, November, January, March). Standing events: September - College Fair, December - Joint Morehouse Holiday Party, February - Heart Health Workshop, March - HBCU College Fair, April - Founders Day	4th Saturday, 3pm	Rotates	E. Vanessa Spearman-McCarthy augusta@naasc.org or butterfly_md@bellsouth.net 706-504-7444	\$50	\$25	* Contact E. Vanessa Spearman - McCarthy for Holiday Potluck location
Georgia: Decatur	Monthly	2nd Saturday, 10:30 am - 12 noon	Oakhurst Medical Center, 5582 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA, In the Medical Center's Conference Room	Angela Nelson, Financial Secretary & Membership Chair angela_nelson@bellsouth.net	\$50	\$35	* Donations from the ChristmasA3:119 Social are made to the Atlanta Toys for Tots and the Southwest DeKalb YMCA Angel Tree
Illinois: Chicago	Monthly except April (Founders Day observance), July and August	2nd Saturday	Rauner College Prep HS 1337 W. Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60613	Jann Honore, President-Elect, jann.honore@gmail.com	\$50	\$50	* See invitation in the upcoming events section of the newsletter
Indiana: Indianapolis	Occasional	Contact Diane Reed Wise for the meeting schedule	Via teleconference	Diane Reed Wise dreedwise@msn.com , 317-501-5708	\$50	\$50	
Maryland: Baltimore	Monthly, September - June	1st Saturday, 12:30 - 2:30pm	Randallstown Community Center, 3303 Resource Drive, Randallstown, MD 21133	Shaeeda Mensah, Membership Chair, shaeeda.mensah@gmail.com	\$50	\$40	* Event to be held at a private residence. Please email corresponding-secretary@naascbaltimore.org for the address if you'd like to attend
Maryland: Columbia	Monthly	3rd Saturday, 1:30pm	Varies	Lasheka B. Bessey, President, Lasheka.brown@gmail.com	\$50	\$50	www.naascolumbiaandson.org

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Maryland: Southern MD	Monthly except July & August	3rd Sunday, 3:00pm except December when the meeting location and time varies	Wegmans at Woodmore Town Center, 9001 McHugh Drive, Lanham, MD 20706 - In the Market Café Community Room	Veronica Leonard, President - Elect, veegeeleo7@gmail.com	\$50	\$50	Enter the Wegman's Market Café and walk toward the community room. We reserve any space that is available so look throughout the room. We usually wear Spelman attire so we aren't hard to find. Meeting space is kid friendly. *Email membership contact for address.
Michigan: Detroit	Monthly, except April, May, July, August & December	2nd Sunday	23500 W. 7 Mile Rd. Detroit, MI 48219	Sonji Lynn Revis sonjohntravel@aol.com	\$50	\$40	Meetings are kid friendly and feel free to bring refreshments! *Email Sonji Lynn Revis for further details.
Minnesota: Minneapolis / St. Paul	Monthly, except July & August	3rd Sunday	Perkins Restaurant	Sherron Reese, 404-723-3631, syreese30311@yahoo.com	\$50	\$75	
Missouri: St. Louis Metropolitan	Every other month starting in January	4th Saturday	Rotating	Terry Plain, 314-283-1037 volain@sbcglobal.net	\$50	\$50	
New Jersey: Northern NJ	Monthly except April, July & August	2nd Sunday except May where it is 1st Sunday	Rotating (members homes)*	Ashley Umukoro membership@naascnj.org	\$50	\$50	*Because meetings and the holiday event are held at member homes please email info@naascnj.org for the address.
New York: Westchester	Every other month	2nd Saturday	Rotating	Nicole Allen, westchester-NY@NAASC.org	\$50	TBD	Kid friendly, new chapter just getting started!
North Carolina: Triangle Chapter (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill)	February, September, November	3rd Tuesdays of Feb., Sept., and Nov.	Rotating in Durham Public Libraries	Membership Chair, spelmantriangle@gmail.com , 919-675-1881	\$50	\$30	
North Carolina: Winston-Salem	Monthly	3rd Friday, 6pm	Prime Tyme Restaurant in Winston-Salem, NC	Pam Pryor Grace, 336-721-4718, pnrgrace@gmail.com	\$50	\$30	*Contact Pam Grace for details.
Ohio: Cincinnati	Quarterly	Varies	Usually via teleconference	Angelique Gloster Waller angelique.gloster@yahoo.com	\$50	\$25	Small Membership
Ohio: Dayton	September, November, January, March, May	2nd Saturday, 2pm	Third Perk Coffeehouse & Wine Bar, 46 W. Third Street*	Debbie Carter, President debbie.ctr@gmail.com	\$50	\$25	* Meeting Location subject to change starting in January 2017
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia	Monthly	2nd Saturday, 10am - 12 noon	Varies	Tahira Tyler, President, presphilanaasc@gmail.com	\$50		
South Carolina: Pee Dee Region	Monthly	3rd Saturday	Rotating	Shaquite Pegues, 843-535-3402 shaquite.pegues@gmail.com Jennifer Robinson, 678-468-5638, jgrobison74@gmail.com	\$50	\$144 (\$12 per month)	Chapter meetings alternate between physical meetings and conference calls every other month. Location of physical meetings change depending on the availability of venues.
Tennessee: Nashville	Monthly	3rd Saturday	Looby Library (Nashville Public Library)*, 2301 Rosa L. Parks Blvd., Nashville, TN 37228	Jennifer Haile, jennifer.haile@outlook.com or nashvillechapterofnaasc@outlook.com .	\$50	\$35	*Location can sometimes rotate.
Texas: Dallas / Fort Worth	Monthly	3rd Saturday	Varies	Tiffany Spearman, theepiphany@gmail.com	\$50	\$25	*Contact Tiffany Spearman for details
Texas: San Antonio / Austin	Occasional – Founders' Day – definitely - then usually a Fall and sometimes Spring gathering or to welcome a Spelman Alumna in Austin or take our Spelman students out	No set date	Rotating	Anita E. Debney, 512-565-9209, aedebney@gmail.com	\$50	\$25	We are happy to announce that the number of Spelman grads in the Austin area is increasing. We would love to hear from San Antonio area Alumnae.
Virginia: Northern VA	September, November, January, March, May, July	2nd Sunday, 2:30 - 4pm	Rotating locations in the Tyson's Corner Area	Natalie M. Bailey, president@naascnova.org	\$50	\$25	Newly chartered chapter. Meetings are kid friendly.
Virginia: Metro Richmond	Bimonthly: Next meeting 1/21/17	3rd Saturday of the odd months,	Rotating locations	Patricia Jones, 804-704-1353 mrcnaasc@gmail.com	\$50	\$50	

Spreadsheet will be updated monthly. To add your chapter's information to the list email correspondingsecretary@naasc.org