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**FROM OUR DIRECTOR, DR. PHYLLIS QUALLS**

# VOTE!

## **Our lives depend on it.**



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Dear COD Sisters,

How wonderful it is to write and say hello. Our lives are changing so fast and so much is happening—and now, it is my sheer joy to merely say, “Hello,” and to be alive.

I trust all of you participated in the 2020 Census and are now prepared to vote on Election Day, if you did not vote early or sent in your ballot. We must participate in this electoral process as though our lives depended on it; and in my opinion, it does.

With increased racial unrest, COVID-19, and other challenges such as education and financial issues, physical and mental health problems, and life happening in general, we are dealing with a lot. In fact, more than most of us ever imagined. Studies show that regular normal people seemingly are having survival challenges because the walls are closing in on them. For Black women, though, we know we are the strong. We must remain strong.

That attitude was exemplified during our outstanding inaugural Zoom conference for the 2020 year. We had more attendees than we have had in the last several years, with 2019 being an exception, as we honored Dr. Jordan. Most importantly, everyone was engaged and happy to connect. Smiles and discerning mental growth were apparent among the members.

I continue to brag and boast about our outstanding event featuring dynamic speaker Beverly Kearney, affectionately called Coach Bev. Furthermore, the panel of experts on the Think Tank showered us with inspiration and encouragement.

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## Editor's Note



**Dr. Tanielle Buchanan**

Greetings COD Members!

I cannot believe that fall is upon us. I believe that I am still in denial that the warm weather is leaving and cooler weather is upon us.

For many of us, school is back and session and we are still adapting to changes from the ongoing pandemic. As we embark upon a new academic and fiscal year, I encourage us to think about how we can positively impact those we encounter.

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## From Our Director (Continued from page one...)

We learned about the importance of the Census and more reasons for us to vote. We truly were lifted.

During the virtual meeting we extended our support to Mayor Van Johnson, who is working to keep the citizens of Savannah safe, while experiencing push-back from the Georgia's governor. We stand firm in support of him because together we are stronger.

We had an awesome Local Team Committee that was truly committed. Even our ice breaker was fun and inspiring. By now, all attendees should have received a copy of Beverly Kearney's book. It is a great read.

Finally, at the close of the conference, we voted to hold a December event. You will receive information very soon regarding event details.

I want to share a quick story that I hope inspires and encourages you. I recently helped a struggling student with completing my course. This student was absolutely ready to throw in the towel. The student is a single parent with three kids who are all learning from home virtually. The student is also a nurse who is on the front lines helping Covid-19 patients.

I did not have all the answers for the student but I could listen and encourage. We built a relationship and the student was able to finish my course and later thanked me for pushing them to greatness. I was encouraged when I received an unexpected email of gratitude from that student. I didn't realize that my actions would make such an impact on how that student's outlook and will to cross the finish line.

Here is my challenge: What can we do to be difference makers to those around us? It really does not take much other than a listening ear or even a quick encouraging note. Please share your stories with us. We'd like to spotlight these stories in our upcoming newsletter. I am looking forward to hearing your stories of inspiration. Keep pushing onward to greatness.

Until Soon,

*Tanielle*

Dr. Tanielle Buchanan



Congratulations to Dr. Jacquelyn F. Green on the completion of yet another great book, *Shatterproof Sistuhs*. Many COD members are quoted in the publication.

In other Consortium news, a street in Nashville has been named in honor of Dr. Carolyn Baldwin Tucker, and Regina Henry made an outstanding presentation to the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) conference.

I know all of you are doing great things. Please share them by sending to me or Tanielle Buchannan so that we all may celebrate your accomplishments.

Yours in Love and Peace,

*Phyllis*  
Dr. Phyllis Qualls

# Plaudits to Our Members

**Dr. Jacquelyn F. Green** on the completion of yet another great book, *Shatterproof Sistuhs*.

A street in a significant Nashville neighborhood has been named for **Dr. Carolyn Baldwin Tucker**...let's ride!

**Attorney Susan Tucker Jones** has been elected as a national officer with the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association.

**Dr. Regina Henry** made a made an outstanding presentation at the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) Conference in October and wowed the audience.

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## Conference Wrap-up

We had an amazing Virtual Conference in July. Our speaker, Beverly Kearney, left us with inspiration and encouragement. In our Think Tank session, we had the opportunity to discuss the Census and with prominent Nashville city leaders. Participants included: Mr. Rob Harris, with Deputy Mayor Brenda Haywood from the Metro Nashville Mayor's Office, and Ms. Naadzama Ashby from the Federal Census Bureau.

In addition, Attorney Billie Sanders shared information concerning the 2020 Census, absentee ballots, and voting in the 2020 election. We had a total of 20 attendees who were gifted with a signed copy of Beverly Kearney's book. We look forward to our upcoming conference which will be held in Nashville summer 2021.

### Business Meeting

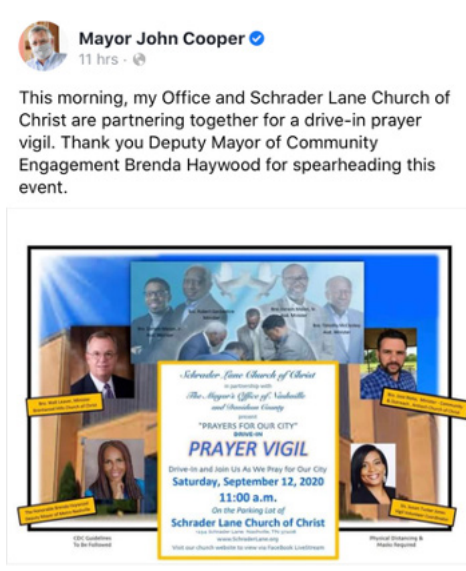
#### Letter of support for Mayor Van Johnson

We issued a unanimous vote to send a letter of support for Mayor Van R. Johnson, II. (See page four.)

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## Member Spotlight

COD member Attorney Susan Tucker-Jones helped to organize a city-wide prayer vigil in Nashville in September. This event was a partnership between Mayor John Cooper's office and Schrader Lane Church of Christ.







## **Consortium of Doctors, Ltd.**

The Honorable Van R. Johnson, II  
Mayor, City of Savannah

Greetings, Mayor Johnson:

On behalf of the Consortium of Doctors, LTD. organization, I write to extend our total support for the tireless work you are doing to keep the citizens of Savannah, Georgia safe and healthy. The novel coronavirus pandemic has shattered the lives of children, parents, and other family members.

To date, more than 250,000 Americans have died because we lack a program to keep our citizens safe. We recognize that you are doing the very best you can to keep the economy of the city strong, while protecting local citizens and tourists. It is a tight rope, but you continually show that people above profit is the only way to survive. We applaud you.

Prior to your being elected mayor in 2019, you assisted this organization with a royal recognition honoring native sister, Dr. Abigail Jordan. You worked to get the African-American Family Monument plaque re-scripted and to get the city council and others metropolitan departments to support this endeavor. Mission accomplished with determination and care! And we proudly acknowledge your gallant service with gratitude.

The same attitude of determination and devotion you demonstrated in the plaque project, you continually demonstrate in the mayor's office, and we are honored to return the support. We support you and pray for your continued strength to "do the right thing" as you work to help the City of Savannah grow and glow in the universe of humankind.

We keep you and the City of Savannah lifted.

Warmest regards,

*Phyllis*

Phyllis Qualls, Director  
Consortium of Doctors, Ltd.



## **Consortium of Doctors, Ltd.**

Dear COD Think Tank Participants:

It is an honor to thank you for the service you rendered as a participant on the Consortium of Doctors Ltd.'s Think Tank session at our annual conference in July. In your presentation you demonstrated why you are an expert in your field by sharing such poignant information.

Your presentation on the Census and Voting has guided us in this civic walk from July until this moment. While we learned to count at an early age, we now know how important those numbers are, and the higher they go, the more services we obtain in our communities. And now, as we are counted, we vote.

The entire membership thanks you for your service to the COD and beyond. We are better because of your commitment to share your knowledge, skill, ability and caring spirit.

Congratulations to Attorney Susan Tucker Jones for coordinating such an outstanding event and Dr. Carolyn Baldwin Tucker for summarizing the entire event with such poignant information to weave through the historical events and bring us to the core of the matter, which is that we matter.

Again, thank you so much.

Warmest regards,

*Phyllis*

Phyllis Qualls, Director  
Consortium of Doctors, Ltd.



# BLACK LIVES MATTER

- ✓ BLACK VOTERS MATTER
- ✓ BLACK WOMEN MATTER
- ✓ BLACK MEN MATTER
- ✓ ALL GOD'S CHILDREN MATTER