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FROM OUR DIRECTOR, DR. PHYLLIS QUALLS

Dear COD Sisters,

Happy Women's History Month!

We have some "sho-nuff" memories since our last communication; it is almost too much to contain, and the pendulum has swung to the extreme of both ends.

The domestic insurrection at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 and the eventual peaceful transfer of power, with Donald Trump leaving the White House and President Biden and Vice President Harris being inaugurated, are all true signs of hope for a better tomorrow. The election of the Biden-Harris ticket is historic—the oldest man ever elected president and the first African-American female and HBCU alumna were inaugurated in January.

Then, with February, the shortest month of the year, the multitudinous activities and celebrations (despite COVID-19) gave us much to recognize and honor. A heightened interest in HBCU's due to the spotlight on the late Congressman John Lewis' life and legacy, a graduate of American Baptist College in Nashville, and Vice President Kamala Harris, a graduate of Howard University, has shown the world what we all know—HBCUs are relevant, significant, and necessary. Media, community, and business interests have increased regarding these outstanding institutions, dating back to the first HBCU, Chaney University of Pennsylvania. This interest has extended to African American Greek-letter sororities and fraternities, and other outstanding organizations.

February also gave Tennesseans five straight days of frigid temperatures below freezing, combined with rain, ice, sleet and snow. Thankfully, we survived, and no members in our organizations were harmed.

We will soon provide updated plans for our annual conference this year and we look forward to making new memories with our gathering. We also hope to have the Essay Contest this year to involve our youth.

Let me add, I am excited about the author's session we will have in March. You will read more about it in the Editor's Message and a story in this newsletter.

Finally, we join our devoted COD sisters, Dr. Sylvia Carey Butler and Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson in mourning the transition of their mother and aunt, respectively,

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**Have you paid
your 2021 dues?
Now is the time.**

Editor's Note



Dr. Tanielle Buchanan

Greetings COD Members!

Spring is upon us! We can look forward to the flowers blooming and being able to enjoy warmer weather. I want to encourage you to make time for self-care. Do something that brings you joy and allows you to fully recharge!

March is Women's History Month. Our very own Dr. Phyllis Qualls Brooks, was recently profiled in a paper published in Nashville, *The Tennessee Tribune*.

We are excited to have our author's panel on Saturday, March 27, 2021. We will have the opportunity to hear from



three of our members, Drs. Margarite Birt, Jacquelyn Green and Carolyn Baldwin-Tucker about their working as authors. They will share their experiences and provide insight about how to begin the process of publishing a book. We will be meeting on Zoom at 2pm CST. We are looking forward to connecting with you!

Until Soon,

Tanielle

Dr. Tanielle Buchanan



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

Mrs. Marylee Clark. Dr. Butler is most appreciative of the outpouring of love she received from this organization for her treasured mother. "The caring was evident," she said. Dr. Robinson made a poignant presentation during the service, which truly demonstrated the family's love.

While we have had a roller-coaster of activities and emotions during the last several months, we are strengthened by our drive and we move forward together with tenacity, commitment, and love.

Yours in Love and Peace,

Phyllis

Dr. Phyllis Qualls

Plaudits to Our Members



Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson



Dr. Carolyn Baldwin-Tucker



Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler

Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson has been named executive vice president and chief of staff at State University of New York, Old Westbury. She joins the newly-appointed president, Dr. Timothy Samms, in her significant role. We wish her well in this new endeavor.

Dr. Carolyn Baldwin-Tucker is leading two Bible studies during these pandemic times. She conducts these women Bible studies on Tuesday nights and Wednesdays. With a great committed following, it has been a blessing for so many to have this opportunity to pray, connect, and celebrate during these unprecedented times.

Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler is leading the charge and taking Kennesaw State University to new heights in her first year as executive director of inclusion and diversity. The institution is located in Kennesaw, Ga., just outside of Atlanta.

Also, we remember Mrs. Marylee Clark, the mother of Dr. Carey-Butler, who transitioned on February 2. Her memorial service was held February 8, in Schenectady, New York. The mother of nine who doted on her children in every way. You may still reach out to Dr. Carey by mail at the following address:

330 Lingo Port Drive
McDonough, GA 30252

March is Women's History Month *We Celebrate Our Queens*



Please Join Us on Zoom March 27, 2021
for Our Author's Panel



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Featuring



Dr. Jacquelyn Green



Dr. Carolyn Baldwin-Tucker



Dr. Margarite Birt



We salute our founder,

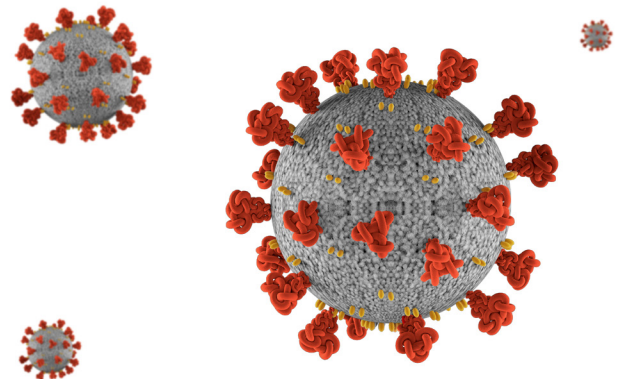
Dr. Abigail Jordan

a pioneer in social justice,
women's rights and
African-American achievement.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual conference will be
Friday, July 23 – Sunday, July 25
Details to come.....



Stay Healthy to Live...

The novel coronavirus can be halted and ended, according to the scientific reports. Make sure you sign up for your vaccination to be healthy and stay alive!

Contact your local health department or civic and religious organizations to get registered, or visit vaccinefinder.org to find out where the vaccine is available in your area.