

Black Nurses Day Designated

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NNPA News Editor
 WASHINGTON, DC - The national Black Nurses' Association, Inc. has designated February 3, this year, and the first Friday in February - Black History Month -- of every succeeding year to be recognized and celebrated as National Black Nurses' Day.

The Black Nurses Association, founded in 1971 in Akron, Ohio, said such a day should be set aside honoring them because: "Black nurses have always been an essential part in the health delivery systems of our country; they are committed to excellence in education and in providing high quality nursing care to all people in need." Additionally, although comprising less than one percent (there are about 75,000 black nurses in the U.S., according to spokesperson Sadako Holmes, of 1.2 million nurses, overall) black nurses practice in all the various areas of nursing, clinical, education, administration, research and private enterprise.

Mrs. Holmes told NNPA the Association plans to seek congressional support for the designation of the National Black Nurses' day.

The Association's membership presently is only 7,000, Mrs. Holmes said. But the organization plans a "big membership drive in the near future to enlist the remaining black nurses."

The Association recently moved into Washington headquarters building of the National Medical Association. The organization is nonprofit.

Currently, the organization is actively involved in national,

state and community projects such as maternal and child health, AIDS, hypertension in blacks, cancer, diabetes, chemical dependency and lifestyle behavior, NNPA learned.

The organization also pro-

motes professional career advancement for black nurses, continuing education opportunities and perpetuating the continuance of black nurses in the nursing field, Mrs. Holmes said.

Links Sponsor Project LEAD

The Charlotte Chapter of Links, Inc. announces its PROJECT LEAD (Links Erase Alcohol and Drug Abuse), A FIRST STEP, for Youth: ages 12-19. The Saturday morning seminars will be held February 11, February 18, and March 11 at Friendship Baptist Church Enrichment Center, 3239 Beatties Ford Road at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The primary focus of the seminars will be on positive ap-

proaches to reduce the epidemic of substance abuse, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents. Professionals in the field of medicine, health, and law enforcement will be among the presenters.

Youths, ages 12-19, are invited and urged to attend the sessions. For additional information, please contact Bettye McCain (704) 598-7060 - home or (704) 343-6059-business.

Community Bulletin Board

•Starting Tuesday, February 28, the Epilepsy Association of North Carolina will offer monthly community meetings for adults with epilepsy. The meeting will be held the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Charlotte Office, 4801 Independence Blvd., Suite 1000, from 7-8:30 p.m.

•Paul Drayton Lodge No. 7 will hold membership night on Monday, March 6. All members are asked to attend.

•Cindy C., owner of Cindy C. Hats will present a hat show at Tryon Mall on February 14 from 7-9 p.m.

•Garinger High School will present a workshop for parents on suicide, drugs, alcohol, building self-esteem, ect. on February 7 in the Media Center.

•Former students, faculty and friends of Logan School are asked to contact Elmira Polk or Margaret Mathis at P. O. Box 3174, Concord, N.C. 28025. A reunion is planned for June 29-July 2.

•The Charlotte Area Literacy League is holding workshops to train volunteer tutors on Mondays and Wednesdays, February 13, 15, 20 and 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Area Literacy League office, 700 Parkwood Avenue, in the Belmont Regional Center.

•The West Charlotte High School PTSA will sponsor workshops for parents and students on topics of "Treating Teen Worries, Raising Self-Esteem, ect." The workshops will be held in the main building on Sunday, February 12, 3-5 p.m.

•The Charlotte Women Aglow Fellowship Daytime Chapter will have a Valentine Banquet on Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Idlewild Country Club, 10141 Idlewild Road. Admission is \$10 per person.

•ReachLine needs volunteers to work all shifts on their hotlines. For more information call 372-1580.

•Registration for more than 50 workshops at Discovery Place and the Nature Museum is now open to the public. Call 372-0471 for more information.

•The 1962 graduating class of West Charlotte Senior High will meet every fourth Sunday at the Greenville Neighborhood Center at 3:30 p.m.

•The Charlotte Cosmetology Chapter #4 will present "Expressions of Love Hair and Fashion Show on Sunday, February 12 at McDonald's Cafeteria at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from Deese's Coiffure and Dalebrook Beauty Center.

•The Charlotte Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas is looking for school age people to participate in an oratorical contest on Sunday, February 19 at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 5 p.m. For more information call 598-6077 or 568-1514.



Dr. Talmadge C. Tillman Jr., is shown above with Rose Bowl Queen, Charmaine Beth Shryock at a recent luncheon for the queen and her court. Dr. Tillman is a graduate of Second Ward High School and a member of the Second Ward Hall of Fame.

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