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President's Message

By Marcia Demos

Happy new year, bridge family. It has been a year since you elected me your unit president and I have taken the job seriously. I promised that I would try to get our under-performing clubs up to speed, and today almost all our clubs are open.

I have put a Zero Tolerance policy in all the clubs in our unit to make sure that all clubs have a pleasant and safe space to play. I have promised transparency in all my actions, and those of you that have attended any of our meetings know that I have done that.

Our "AAA" Tournament was well attended and both American Bridge Association President Harold Bickham and President-Elect Gloria Christler were in attendance. Also at the tournament were ABA National Tournament Committee Chair Reginald Chapman, National Supervisory Director Andrew Echols, and other ABA notables.

Our New Players' Seminar given by David Smith and assisted by Cheryl Jones was a huge success. It was well attended, and I was pleased to welcome members from the new bridge club in New Jersey -- The Spades. I am told that NJ Unit President Jawanza Phoenix is working with them to help them get on firm footing.

This year is going to be another good one for us. We are planning more new players' classes as well as Intermediate classes for the rest of us. I am asking that our Diamond players mentor some of our less experienced players, because the whole unit will benefit, and it will result in better competition in our clubs.



I have benefited from my association with the MBU staff. They have advised and counseled me on the many things I did not know when I came into office.

In the year 2024, I ask that each club member helpful in their own club. The president of the club is your voice at meetings, and they help to make the many decisions that come up between membership meetings. Don't wear your president out by making them do all the planning, buying, and carrying; your club will be stronger if you all work together.

I want to thank everyone who helped me in my inaugural year. I sincerely appreciate it, and I hope to see you at the table soon.



Resolutions 2024

By Dolores Watson

Happy 2024! As an eight number, it carries the frequency to speed up material manifestation. Do you make new year's resolutions? If so, your desired changes will occur sooner rather than later?

The steadfastness of Metropolitan Bridge Unit of New York members to promote bridge and encourage players to come out and play face to face has allowed us to thrive. Our ten local clubs are the foundation and strength of the Unit. Clubs host on-going bridge table games during the week which include hospitality, social mingling, bridge lessons and announcements. These functions posed a great challenge two years ago; nevertheless, we endured. Mount Vernon, Triangle, Leisure, Twilight, Brooklynites, and Westbury meet at different venues and days within the week while Bayview, Jet Setters, Cosmopolitan and Springfield share the same space on selected days at the Community Bridge Home (see schedule on page 7).

The AAA tournament, held this year December 4-7 in Atlantic, New Jersey, is always a favorite with its Awards Ceremony, brunch, live music, and speeches. Marcia Demos, MBU President

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Cosmo's Double Celebration

By Dolores Watson



Cosmopolitan Bridge Club celebrated its 63rd anniversary on October 19, 2023, at the Community Bridge Home. This was not the only cause for celebration, it was also a day of graduation for six new players who participated in a 20-week course from March to October that covered beginner bridge basics. Students were introduced to BBO/ABA online bridge. Annetta Wallace, our premier bridge teacher, said "they are an enthusiastic group." Ms. Wallace's knowledge of bridge, patience and an unruffled manner in answering questions puts you at ease.

President Marcia Demos presented graduates, **Kathleen Dendy, Marie Lynch, Beverly Riley, Audrey Robertson, Doreen Rose, and Therese Stahling** with a Certificate of Completion. After much excitement, we were all invited to eat cake. [Click now to watch ceremony on YouTube.](#)



(From left) MBU President Marcia Demos, Eastern Section Vice President Lynda Straker, Doreen Rose, Kathleen Dendy, Therese Stahling, Beverly Riley, Bridge Instructor Annetta Wallace, Marie Lynch and Audrey Robertson.

Annetta has committed herself to teach a ten-week intermediate bridge course starting Thursday, November 9, 2023, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. In response to and to accommodate people who are not available during daytime hours, Ms. Wallace agreed to conduct free classes at CBH on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm for those who want to learn beginner bridge.

Sidebar: Beverly Session-Kelly, Paula Joseph and Victoria Williams give beginner lessons at Robert Couche Senior Center in Queens.

Bayview Breeze

By Valerie Brooks

Happy new year, everyone. What a year we have had. In spite of everything we've been through, we will continue hosting every first and third Tuesday through 2024. We hope more of you will come out and join us.

Cheryll Jones has agreed to conduct seminars in March to prepare players for the Spring National in Baltimore.

Bayview will host our Spring Fling C Game on Tuesday, April 30th. Lunch will be served at 11 am. Game time is 12 noon. MBU Strong!

Brooklyn is in the House

By Lois Francis

The baby club has produced three winners in the point parade! CONGRATS to John Clark, Daryl Powell, and Terry Drayton. Kudos to Dorene Christmas and Jane Atlas for the very appropriate goody bags they put together for players at the AAA tourney in Atlantic City.

Only two players did not return to this club for the year 2024, and one of the two was due to death. One member moved to Puerto Rico on a job transfer, but paid her dues and said that no matter where she lives, she'll always be a Brooklynites member.

Cosmopolitan DBC

By Steven Bond

As we close 2023 with a general increase in attendance at our in-person games, we have a renewed sense of optimism for 2024; and we thank each and every one of you who have supported COSMO throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Steven Bond and Philippe Gerdes whose team came in first in the MBU "AAA" Section B BAM.

Our 2024 special game schedule will commence with our Holiday "C" Game on January 18th. Lunch will be at 11:15 am, with game time at 12 noon, and the playing fee will be \$11. This will be followed by a "Leap Day" "C" game on February 29th; our President's "C" game on April 4th, and a BAM team game on May 30th. We look forward to seeing all of you at each of them.

WELCOME to our new members: Kathleen Dendy, Beverly Riley, Doreen Rose and Theresa Stahling. Please keep Doreen Rose in your prayers as she recovers from a stay in the hospital.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Beverly Riley in January, Therese Hamilton and Doris White in March, Martha Hewitt in May, and Cheryll Jones and Ruth Shuler in June.

As life marches on, and we all strive to get in step with our new normal, we must still remember to take care and be safe.



Jet Setter DBC

By Beverly Session-Kelly

Happy holidays bridge family. As 2023 draws to the end, we reflect on what was and as we look towards 2024 we dream of the opportunities and the possibilities. Congratulations to all the winners at the "AAA" Tournament and the Nationwide Game.

Merry Christmas and happy new year. May 2024 be an amazing and blessed year.

DBC of Mount Vernon

By Rita Thompson

Dr. Gloria Hobbs celebrated 99 years on December 14. The next day, she jetted to Cancun, Mexico, for a little rest and relaxation. We wish her well in the upcoming year and look forward to seeing her back at the tables in January.



On December 12, Dr. Hobbs was interviewed live (virtually) by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She has been a member of the sorority for over 76 years and was invited to speak about her incredible accomplishments and to answer questions from viewers. It was an enlightening broadcast.

DBCMV awards stipends to graduating seniors from high schools in Mount Vernon to assist them with college expenses during their first semester. Those who donate \$10 or more towards 2024 awards, will receive a gift of custom G.O.A.T. bridge labels with their name and member number.



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Congratulations to our 2023 MBU Awards recipients – Charlotte Roberson (Diamond), William Wood, Jr. (Silver Diamond) and Dr. Parvez Mehta (Platinum Diamond).

Thank you Alfred Knight, Dr. Mehta and William Wood, Jr. for providing bridge lessons at club games.

Our "C" game and holiday party has been rescheduled to Monday, January 8 at 30 Ehrbar Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York. We hope to see you there.

Springfield DBC

By Eliza Brann

Merry Christmas, happy Kwanzaa, and happy new year bridge family. We at Springfield hope your new year will be healthy and you will experience your heart's desires.

Happy birthday to Daisy Clarke, on January 10, and Marcia Demos, January 28. On February 23, we congratulate Edwin Ward II and wish him many more. Then in March, we say the same to Marion Mercer, James McKeon and Lynda Straker. During May, Sharon Fox and Janice McBean celebrate, followed by Diana Green and Julia Rinehardt in June.

We must continue to keep Marion Mercer and her husband John in our prayers as he continues to receive treatment. Marion will appreciate your cards and calls. Welcome back and good to see Edwin Ward II at the bridge table. Special holiday greetings to our centenarian Julia Rinehardt.

Thank you and much appreciation is extended to Dolores Watson, our vice president, for efficiently assuming the duties of our president during her absence. Thank you, Annetta, for your weekly lessons. They are truly very helpful, and we look forward to more in the new year. New members do continue to be present every Thursday morning at 9:30 am for our bridge classes. Your game will significantly improve. Also, Springfield and Cosmo invite all to our Thursday games at 11 am for lunch and 12 noon for the game.

Triangle DBC

By Bernice Williams

Greetings, fellow bridge players. We are about to embark on a new year. Hoping it will be more fruitful than the last.

We at Triangle have had an election with a new slate of officers yet to be officially installed. We have members who, due to various reasons, are still M.I.A. from face-to-face games. Our Grand Master Julius Fields (smile) has yet to grace us with his presence. Get well wishes to Barbara Jennings and Karen Bowers as they deal with issues.

Triangle continues to support the "AAA" in Atlantic City. Speaking of the AAA, what does the acronym stand for? If anyone can remember, I would appreciate it being made public. Perhaps the answer could be in the next Consumer.

Triangle birthdays -- Lorraine Cleaton is December 23; January we have Alice Butler on day 7, Dorothy Hamilton on day 15, Mayme Frazier on day 20 and Minnie Goka finishing off the month on January 27. Good health and wealth to all from Triangle.



Twilight DBC

By Jesse Palmer

Several of our members were able to play, and earned some points, at the recent MBU "AAA" Tournament held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. "Yours truly" won one of the 50:50 raffles.

Birthday greetings: January - Betty Ball, Christine Blount and Betty Sherrill; February - Eleanor Waymer, E. Frances Reid and Robert Patterson. Please remember to keep the sick in your daily prayers.

We play the first and third Wednesday of each month. Game time is 1 pm and lunch is at 12 noon. Please feel free to join us.

Westbury DBC

By Patricia Binyard

Happy new year, bridge family. We wish you all a healthy, peaceful and joyous 2024.

Through the recruiting efforts of our president, Alverna Lewis, we have added two bridge students to our club roster — Cheryl and Chris Hobbs. In addition, Roland Gerdes has joined our club. Please join us in welcoming our new members.

With the hope of increasing participation in our weekly games, we are changing our meeting day and time. Starting January 13th, Westbury will meet on Saturday with collations served at 11 am and game start time at 12 pm. Bridge lessons will continue on Wednesdays at 10 am for Beginners and 11 am for Intermediates. Games and classes will continue to meet at the "Yes We Can" Center at 141 Garden Street, Westbury, New York.

Congratulations to Jeraldine Odoms for attaining 1st place "Master" level for the year and to Errol Grant for 1st place "Black Diamond" level. Cynthia Bohanan and Deborah Mabry were first time "AAA" attendees and we look forward to seeing many more members coming out.



Resolutions 2024

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acknowledged and welcomed ABA national officers -- President-Elect Gloria Christler, President Harold Bickham, and Eastern Section Vice President Lynda Straker.

To ensure that our Awards Ceremony continues to be a high-quality production, several fundraiser events were launched to support the tournament. Family and friends BBQ in August

followed by on-line popcorn store and, lastly, member sponsored donations each generated favorable revenue.

The MBU's digital presence on the World Wide Web keeps us visible to anyone who wants to learn about the organization. Special thanks to Secretary Janice McBean for timely communications via email and Rita Thompson Website Manager for www.metropolitanbrigeunit.org. Transmitting information in a timely manner is essential to members and the running of our organization efficiently. If you are interested in participating in computer activities, please contact the above-named guardians. The Consumer will be published online twice a year until further notice. Therefore, manifest in writing all club plans and "all the MBU news that's fit to print."



Community Bridge Home

By Lois M. Wright

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to say to everyone, "We greatly appreciate your continued financial support that has helped to keep the Community Bridge Home afloat." A special thank you to CBH Members that sent in their \$50 annual dues, and to all bridge players that sent donations to help keep the Community Bridge Home up and running in 2023. Your continued involvement was, and still is, important and very much needed. Just a reminder, your \$50 annual dues for 2024 are now due.

CHANGES TO THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Community Bridge Home Board hereby advises that after many years of service, Mrs. Ruth M. Shuler has resigned as President of the CBH effective November 18, 2023. By verbal resolution on 11/18/23, the Board appointed Ms. Beverly Session-Kelly as President of the Community Bridge Home to fill the vacancy by the resignation of Mrs. Shuler.

Also, on this date Ms. Barbara Hurt resigned as Treasurer of the CBH. By verbal resolution, the Board appointed Mrs. Paula Joseph to fill the vacancy by the resignation of Ms. Hurt.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY BRIDGE HOME OFFICERS UPDATES

1st Vice President: Ms. Deidre Tinsley
2nd Vice President: Ms. Debra Miller
Special Chairpersons: Mrs. Ruth M. Shuler and Mr. Michael Atherley

Again, thanks to everyone for your continued financial support. Be blessed and stay safe.



AAA Holiday Tournament Atlantic City, New Jersey December 4-7, 2023





NEW PLAYERS' CORNER

TIPS AND HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW PLAYERS

Best Practices at the Table

It is important to remember that duplicate bridge is a timed event. In order for score comparisons to be fair and meaningful, all players must play their round with the same amount of time.

Follow these guidelines to ensure boards at your table are completed in the allotted time.

- ♦ Before looking at your cards, count the cards (face down) to ensure you have 13 cards.
- ♦ Decide what your bid is going to be BEFORE reaching for, or touching, cards in the bidding box.
- ♦ When you are on opening lead, lead first and then write the contract on your score sheet.
- ♦ When you are on opening lead, detach a card from your hand and lay it face down on the table.
- ♦ Lay down the dummy immediately after the opening lead -- quickly and neatly.
- ♦ Declarers should claim ASAP when they know the outcome of the hand.
- ♦ Declarers shall state line of play for all claims.
- ♦ Do not detach a card from your hand before it is your turn to play. Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand, and then pull up another card. Do not detach a card and then replace it to play another card. And, never rearrange your hand when you are out of a suit. All these maneuvers provide additional valuable information to the declarer.
- ♦ You have the right to inspect the cards that have been played on the current trick as long as YOUR card remains face up. Once all cards have been turned over (face down), no one can ask to see the cards that were played.
- ♦ At the end of the hand, do not disturb the order of played cards until the result is agreed with the opponents.
- ♦ Do not indulge in post-mortem discussions of the hand with your partner.

2023 MBU: "Player of the Year" Friend Report By Level

November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023

Level	Rank	Award	Name
Asterisk	1st Place	\$50.00	John Clark
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Daryl Powell
Master	1st Place	\$50.00	Jeraldine Odoms
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Terence Drayton
Life Master	1st Place	\$50.00	Philippe Gerdes
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Adrienne Faison
Sr. Life Master	1st Place	\$50.00	Raye Liverpool
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Steven A. Bond
Ruby	1st Place	\$50.00	Patricia Jackson
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Gwendolyn Leverett
Diamond	1st Place	\$50.00	Valerie Brooks
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Charlotte Roberson
Silver Diamond	1st Place	\$50.00	Christian Baxter
	2nd Place	\$25.00	William Wood, Jr.
Gold Diamond	1st Place	\$50.00	Lynda Straker
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Janice McBean
Platinum Diamond	1st Place	\$50.00	Cheryll Jones
	2nd Place	\$25.00	Dr. Parvez Mehta
Black Diamond	1st Place	\$50.00	Dr. Errol Grant
	2nd Place	(N/A)	(N/A)
Grand Life Master ...	1st Place / 2nd Place	(N/A)	(N/A)

Metropolitan Bridge Unit

"November 2023 Top 25 Players"

MBU Rank	Name	Level	Total Points
1.	Julius Fields	Grand Life Master	31,455.76
2.	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	16,428.53
3.	Dr. Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,870.06
4.	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,689.18
5.	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,457.95
6.	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	8,085.70
7.	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,628.40
8.	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,891.39
9.	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,243.18
10.	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	6,000.51
11.	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,871.52
12.	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,344.26
13.	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,536.95
14.	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,763.19
15.	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,736.77
16.	Eleanor Waymer	Silver Diamond	3,510.82
17.	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,387.67
18.	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
19.	William Wood, Jr.	Silver Diamond	2,890.41
20.	Christian Baxter	Silver Diamond	2,852.20
21.	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,657.09
22.	Carole Smith	Silver Diamond	2,611.03
23.	Valerie Brooks	Diamond	2,487.17
24.	Dr. Delius Wilson	Diamond	2,420.02
25.	Patricia Jackson-Thomas	Diamond	2,370.92

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Bridge Club Schedule

MONDAY	MOUNT VERNON	Lunch at 12:30 pm Lesson at 1 pm Game at 2 pm	Vernon Manor 30 Ehrbar Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10552
TUESDAY	BAYVIEW & JET SETTERS	Open at 11 am Light Snack Game at 12 pm	Community Bridge Home 120-50 Springfield Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411
WEDNESDAY	TRIANGLE	Open at 10 am Game at 10:30 am Lunch \$1.50	Central Harlem Senior Center 210 West 131st Street New York, NY 10027
First & Third WEDNESDAY	TWILIGHT	12:15 pm Lunch (\$1) Game at 1 pm	Fort Greene Senior Center 196 Albany Avenue Brooklyn, NY
THURSDAY	COSMO & SPRINGFIELD	Open at 11 am Light Snack/Lunch Game at 12 pm	Community Bridge Home 120-50 Springfield Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411
FRIDAY	BROOKLYNITES	Lunch at noon Game at 12:30 pm	625 Quincy Street, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11221
SATURDAY	WESTBURY	Open at 11 am Light Snack Game at 12 pm	"Yes We Can" Community Center 141 Gardner Street Westbury, NY 11590

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 8	MOUNT VERNON "C" GAME
JANUARY 11	SPRINGFIELD "C" GAME
JANUARY 18	COSMO "C" GAME
JANUARY 23	MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND "C" " GAME
FEBRUARY 22	SPRINGFIELD "C" GAME
FEBRUARY 29	COSMO "C" GAME'
MARCH 11	MOUNT VERNON "C" GAME
MARCH 14	SPRINGFIELD H. HUFF GAME
MARCH 22	BROOKLYNITES "C" GAME
APRIL 4	COSMO "C" GAME
APRIL 6-12	ABA SPRING NATIONAL HANOVER, MARYLAND
APRIL 30	BAYVIEW "C" GAME
MAY 3	BROOKLYNITES QUINCY STREET BENEFIT "B" GAME
MAY 20-23	EASTERN SPRING SECTIONAL ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
MAY 23	SPRINGFIELD "C" GAME
MAY 30	COSMO B-A-M "C" GAME

JUNE 10	MOUNT VERNON "C" GAME
JUNE 21	BROOKLYNITES H. HUFF GAME
JULY 18	COSMO CBH BENEFIT GAME
AUGUST 2-9	ABA SUMMER NATIONAL ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 6	BROOKLYNITES ABA HQ BENEFIT
SEPTEMBER 16	MOUNT VERNON "C" GAME
SEPTEMBER 19	COSMO "C" GAME
OCTOBER 4	BROOKLYNITES UNCF GAME
OCTOBER 10-13	EASTERN FALL SECTIONAL
OCTOBER 24	SPRINGFIELD UNCF GAME
OCTOBER 31	COSMO "C" GAME
NOVEMBER 11	BAYVIEW "C" GAME
TBA	"AAA" TOURNAMENT
DECEMBER 13	BROOKLYNITES "C" GAME
DECEMBER 16	MOUNT VERNON "C" GAME
DECEMBER 17	BAYVIEW "C" GAME



Bill, Carol and Irene

A Story of Love and Friendship for Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season

By Lemuel "Bill" Copeland

In the early 1960's Bill, Carol and Irene joined the Great Migration north from rural Nansemond County (now Suffolk), Virginia to Jersey City, New Jersey. Bill and Carol were maternal first cousins. Irene was the daughter of one of their mothers' first cousins. While they always had a close relationship in their families, church, and school, in New Jersey the three formed a special, inseparable, unbreakable bond. They pledged to have each other's back, through thick and thin, which they kept religiously, even after Bill relocated just across the Hudson River to New York City. They were each other's confidant, visited and dined out and in each other's homes weekly and frequently traveled together to Virginia, Atlantic City and, occasionally, to Las Vegas. Carol and Irene and their families were fixtures at Bill's family annual Christmas Day dinner. Both great cooks, Carol would make her signature tomato pudding and Irene would bring her mouthwatering potato salad.



All three cousins prospered professionally. Carol became a Senior VP of Wall Street firm Morgan Stanley, which was located at Two World Trade Center in Manhattan. When Irene's employer, The Western Electric Company in Newark, NJ relocated, Carol arranged for Irene to be hired as her assistant at Morgan Stanley. Irene retired two months before 9-11. Carol had a doctor's appointment on that fateful morning. Bill had a successful career with the New York City Human Resources Administration.

Irene and Carol were single mothers and Bill was a mentor to their sons, Bryan, and Kevin. Carol and Irene had a close relationship with Bill's wife, Hedy, and adored their son, Jeremy. This close relationship continued after Carol retired and relocated back to Virginia and Irene retired and lived with her son. Carol's home was always open to Bill and his family.

Several years ago, both Irene and Carol began to suffer significant health issues and spent their final years being cared for by others. Bill supported them, both tangibly and emotionally, to the end by phone, visiting in person and by an occasional handwritten note or card. Carol passed away on September 25, 2023. Irene passed away two months later on November 18. While Bill is saddened this Thanksgiving and holiday season by their passing, he feels blessed that they were in his life and thankful to God for His continued blessings. While Bill is not a deeply "religious" person, he feels that it is more than just luck that he continues to be so richly blessed.

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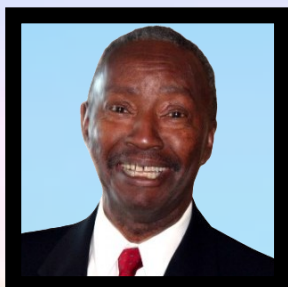
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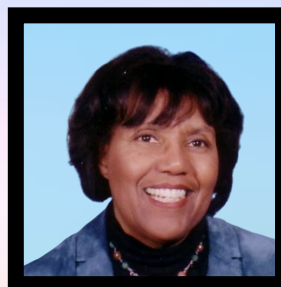
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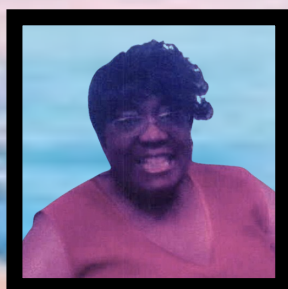
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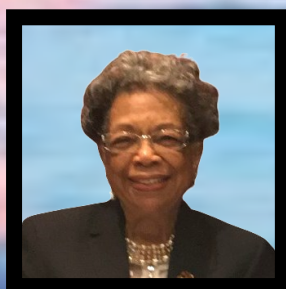
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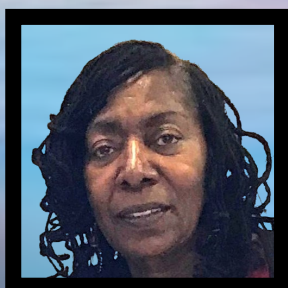
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Good and Welfare Report

By Lois M. Wright



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