2011 Salute to Black Women
BUSINESS CONFERENCE & AWARDS LUNCHEON
IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, March 26, 2011
Los Angeles, California

Our History is Our Strength
Celebrating women

We are proud to celebrate all the achievements of women past, present, and future. When women succeed everybody wins.

Wells Fargo is proud to celebrate Women’s History Month and the 2011 Salute to Black Women Business Conference & Awards Luncheon honorees, including our very own Brenda Wright.

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A PROCLAMATION

During Women's History Month, we reflect on the extraordinary accomplishments of women and honor their role in shaping the course of our Nation's history. Today, women have reached heights their mothers and grandmothers might only have imagined. Women now comprise nearly half of our workforce and the majority of students in our colleges and universities. They scale the skies as astronauts, expand our economy as entrepreneurs and business leaders, and serve our country at the highest levels of government and our Armed Forces. In honor of the pioneering women who came before us, and in recognition of those who will come after us, this month, we recommit to erasing the remaining inequities facing women in our day.

This year, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, a global celebration of the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present, and future. International Women's Day is a chance to pay tribute to ordinary women throughout the world and is rooted in women's centuries-old struggle to participate in society on an equal footing with men. This day reminds us that, while enormous progress has been made, there is still work to be done before women achieve true parity.

My Administration has elevated the rights of women and girls abroad as a critical aspect of our foreign and national security policy. Empowering women across the globe is not simply the right thing to do, it is also smart foreign policy. This knowledge is reflected in the National Security Strategy of the United States, which recognizes that countries are more peaceful and prosperous when their female citizens enjoy equal rights, equal voices, and equal opportunities. Today, we are integrating a focus on women and girls in all our diplomatic efforts, and incorporating gender considerations in every aspect of our development assistance. We are working to build the participation of women into all aspects of conflict prevention and resolution, and we are continuing to lead in combating the scourge of conflict related sexual violence, both bilaterally and at the United Nations.

In America, we must lead by example in protecting women's rights and supporting their empowerment. Despite our progress, too many women continue to be paid less than male workers, and women are significantly underrepresented in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. By tapping into the potential and talents of all our citizens, we can utilize an enormous source of economic growth and prosperity. The White House Council on Women and Girls has continued to remove obstacles to achievement by addressing the rate of violence against women, supporting female entrepreneurs, and prioritizing the economic security of women. American families depend largely on the financial stability of women, and my Administration continues to prioritize policies that promote workplace flexibility, access to affordable, quality health care and child care, support for family caregivers, and the enforcement of equal pay laws. I have also called on every agency in the Federal Government to be part of the solution to ending violence against women, and they have responded with unprecedented cooperation to protect victims of domestic and sexual violence and enable survivors to break the cycle of abuse.

As we reflect on the triumphs of the past, we must also look to the limitless potential that lies ahead. To win the future, we must equip the young women of today with the knowledge, skills, and equal access to reach for the promise of tomorrow. My Administration is making unprecedented investments in education and is working to expand opportunities for women and girls in the STEM fields critical for growth in the 21st century economy.

As we prepare to write the next chapter of women's history, let us resolve to build on the progress won by the trailblazers of the past. We must carry forward the work of the women who came before us and ensure our daughters have no limits on their dreams, no obstacles to their achievements, and no remaining ceilings to shatter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as Women's History Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month and to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2011 with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of American women. I also invite all Americans to visit www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov to learn more about the generations of women who have shaped our history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA
Greetings

Black Business Association
P.O. Box 43159
Los Angeles, California 90043

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for the Black Business Association’s “Salute to Black Women” Business Conference & Awards Luncheon.

Since its inception, the Black Business Association has dedicated itself to promoting the development of African-American owned businesses and assisting these companies to achieve their business needs. The Black Business Association has exhibited unwavering devotion to the African American business community through its training for professional entrepreneurs, through the creation of financial opportunities, and by offering services for strategic growth and stability.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize each of today’s distinguished honorees: Yvonne Burke, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award; Alice Huffman, recipient of the Advocate Award; Nichelle Nicholls, recipient of Legacy Award; Brenda Wright, recipient of Corporate Excellence Award; Lula Washington, recipient of Artistic Vision Award; Chef Marilyn Cole, recipient of Outstanding Community-Based Business Award; and The Kwanzaa Foundation, recipient of Outstanding Organization Award. Through their contributions, strong commitment, and steadfast enthusiasm, these honorees have proven themselves to be leaders of the highest caliber and outstanding community servants who have positively affected the lives of many individuals.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I applaud the Black Business Association and each of today’s honorees for their remarkable deeds. Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable and enjoyable event.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
March 26, 2011

Black Business Association
P.O. Box 43159
Los Angeles, California 90043

Dear Friends:

I send my warmest greetings as you gather for the “Salute to Black Women” Business Conference & Awards Luncheon. I wish I were able to join you and share in what is sure to be a memorable event.

I applaud the Black Business Association for recognizing Women’s History Month and honoring outstanding African American women and business leaders. Thank you for your leadership in the community and for providing events such as this that allow members of your community to network and expand their professional and personal careers. I am sure it will benefit all who are in attendance.

Once again I commend you on having the “Salute to Black Women” Business Conference & Awards Luncheon and extend my congratulations to the honorees. I am sure it will be a wonderful experience for all.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

BB:sg
March 26, 2011

Greetings

Congratulations to the

BBA
Black Business Association

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Black Business Association (BBA) on the occasion of your 2011 “Salute to Black Women” Business Conference & Awards Luncheon.

I am pleased to join you in recognize this year’s distinguished honorees: Yvonne Burke, Alice Huffman, Nichelle Nichols, Brenda Wright, Lula Washington, Chef Marilyn Cole and The Kwanzaa Foundation for their extraordinary contributions to our community shattering the glass ceiling for minority women in the areas of the Arts, politics, civil rights, entertainment, business and corporate America.

I commend the BBA for your continued commitment to recognizing and showcasing the outstanding accomplishments of minority women as part of National Women’s History Month. To all in attendance, I extend best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

Maxine Waters
Member of Congress
35th District, California
March 26, 2011

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to write today to commend the outstanding work of the Black Business Association of Los Angeles on their "Salute to Black Women" Business Conference and Awards Luncheon and to salute their honorees.

I applaud the BBALA in their mission of celebrating and contributing to the success of African Americans in the business community. Their continued effort to encourage economic development in all communities, and their drive to facilitate better communication in the business community is truly commendable. I salute them and their 2011 honorees Yvonne Burke, Alice Huffman, Nichelle Nichols, Brenda Wright, Lula Washington, Chef Marilyn Cole and the Kwanzaa Foundation for their tremendous advocacy on behalf of African Americans in the business community.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this important event. It is truly an honor to join the BBALA in celebrating their accomplishments.

Best wishes on a memorable evening.

JAN PERRY
Councilwoman, Ninth District
President Pro Tempore

City of Los Angeles
Ninth Council District
As the Chairperson of the Black Business Association (BBA) it is my distinct honor and a pleasure to welcome the distinguished guest speakers, government representatives, business leaders, and BBA’s valued corporate partners to our 2011 Salute to Black Women Business Conference and Awards Luncheon.

As we honor and reflect on the 2011 National Women’s History Month theme of “Our History is Our Strength, it goes without saying that Women entrepreneurs and professionals play have historically played a vital role in driving our nation’s economy and still do to this day. The purpose of the Salute to Black Women Business Conference is to support and advance women’s economic opportunity and fosters their continued success. Our aim is to reduce barriers, provide entrepreneurial and skill building training, and establish viable business women’s networks.

The Salute to Black Women Business Conference and Awards Luncheon will bring together our community’s most powerful women and will help develop the next generation of women business leaders and entrepreneurs.

Our workshops, today, are tailored for entrepreneurs and one for professional women, featuring interactive round tables, rather than workshops. As an attendee, you will play an important role in each moderated session. You will find that each session will be marked by the exciting and inspiring stories of challenge and success!

As women our keys to success have been leadership, collaboration, concern for creating better community, goal oriented programs that create much-needed jobs.

Finally, I’d like to say a very special “thank you” to all our member volunteers this past year. You are instrumental in our continued success. I’d also like to applaud our BBA Staff...they are committed and dedicated in every way.

I look forward to great things in the coming year and continue to strongly encourage everyone to make a commitment and volunteer as we continue to make the very best place to live and work.

GWEN MOORE
President, GeM Communications
Chairwoman, Black Business Association

Chairwoman’s Message
2011-2012

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Welcome to the Black Business Association’s 2011 Salute to Black Women Business Conference and Awards Luncheon. “Our Strength is Our History” is the theme for this year’s conference and we have put together an educational and inspirational program that looks forward to the future and honors six outstanding women and a community foundation that have opened doors for the next generation of women leaders.

In a climate of stiff competition in the job market and economic challenges, we have developed a conference that features workshops on financial security, self-improvement and personal empowerment. Perspectives: Women of Color in Corporate America; E-Marketing: The Competitive Edge to Strengthen Your Business; and Creating Generational Wealth: How to Make Sure that Your Wealth Outlives You! are just a few of the workshops we’ve created to sharpen your skills and take you to the next level.

In recognizing March as Women’s History Month, I think it’s very important as an African American organization that we acknowledge outstanding African American women who have historically made contributions to not only society, but to the world that often times go overlooked. Black women have always been the cornerstone and the strength of the Black community. They were the mothers, the sisters, and the ones that were the real foundation, keeping things together for us in so many different ways. We recognize and honor the evolution of Black women in their roles as leaders.

I have admired each of the women being honored today for many, many years. Nichelle Nichols’ portrayal of Lt. Uhura on Star Trek as was very significant and powerful during a time when we weren’t accustomed to seeing African Americans in futuristic roles. I was on the LA NAACP Board with Brenda Wright in the ’80’s. Those that know her, know that not only is she the essence of professionalism, but she is also committed to the community. Chef Marilyn Cole and I go back to the ’70’s. Her culinary skills have earned her the title of the “Queen of Soul Food.” I have known Yvonne Burke for over 35 years. She’s is a true political trailblazer in the State of California. In Alice Hoffman, we have a uniquely qualified individual in Sacramento. She has the ear of key elected officials from the governor on down. Lula Washington has fought and paid her dues. Now she’s a highly sought-after choreographer. I’m very proud of her as I am of all the honorees. From the early ’70’s, most of the top African American Actresses in Southern California were members of The Kwanzaa Foundation. It has been a very active and charitable giving organization for close to 40 years. I’m very pleased that we can award this important foundation.

For every one honoree, there are thousands of other African American women that also deserve to be recognized. As a people, we should acknowledge and pay homage to African American women not just for one day or one week or one month, but every day of the year. It is my hope that you enjoy BBA’s Salute to Black Women Business Conference and Awards Luncheon and leave inspired, encouraged and empowered.

See you in 2012!

EARL “SKIP” COOPER, II
President and
Chief Executive Officer

President’s Message
**About the Black Business Association**

Since 1970, the Black Business Association (BBA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, headquartered in Los Angeles, has been instrumental in the incubation and development of more than 15,000 African-American businesses. Nationally, we have access and influence with more than 80,000 African-American-owned and women/minority-owned firms via strategic alliances with more than 500 women/minority trade associations in more than 42 states nationwide.

**Our Mission**

The Black Business Association’s mission is to advocate and promote the development of African-American owned businesses with the goal of creating a firm economic base that support the self-determination and survival of the African-American and urban community by:

- Identifying and creating financial opportunities for the growth and stability of African-American owned businesses;
- Being a community voice that advocates for the success of small businesses;
- Being a conduit for the merging of resources, values, profits, technology and people;
- Promoting development and support of minority business enterprises within the domestic and international economies by encouraging and generating greater access to market opportunities and capital;
- Providing training for entrepreneurial professional development;
- Supporting and contributing to the economic base and progress of the African-American community; and
- Developing coalitions that support our political endeavors to effectively achieve public recognition and political influence for African-American business owners.

**Advocacy**

The Black Business Association maintains very effective working relationships with elected and appointed officials for the support of African-American business development. Locally, statewide and in Washington, DC, we are constantly aware of pending legislation that might affect our member’s businesses, their growth and even their ability to conduct business. When legislation is being considered that affects our mission, the BBA quickly mobilizes to work with key policy makers to support, defeat or modify the bill and pursue the BBA position.

As an organization, we are constantly at the helm, securing innovative means and policies that protect our constituency and their business interests.

*The Black Business Association*

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Conference Schedule

8:00am - 8:30am  
Registration  
Continental Breakfast  
Networking  
Vendor Exhibition

8:30am - 9:45am  
**Workshop #1**  
Creating Generational Wealth:  
How to Make Sure That Your Wealth Outlives You!  
Presented by  
Attorney Caprice Collins of Collins Law Group  
**Room:** Sheraton Gateway Ballroom

**Workshop #2**  
E-Marketing: The Competitive Edge to Strengthen Your Business  
Presented by  
Phallu Morgan  
Technology & Marketing Director, Black Business Association  
**Room:** Sheraton Gateway Ballroom

10:00am - 11:30am  
Panel Discussion  
**Perspectives: Women of Color in Corporate America**  
**Sponsored by Northrop Grumman**  
Presented by  
Gloria Pualani  
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**Room:** Salon A

11:30am - 12:00pm  
Networking Reception

12:00pm - 2:30pm  
Awards Luncheon

2:30pm - 3:30pm  
Dessert Reception

Ongoing All Day  
Interactive Workshop  
Presented by “Energy Upgrade” California in Los Angeles County
Workshops

Perspectives: Women of Color in Corporate America
Sponsored by Northrop Grumman
Panelists will discuss the challenges of achieving work life balance, career and professional development, learning to maneuver internal politics and maintaining your authenticity in a corporate environment.

Creating Generational Wealth:
How to Make Sure That Your Wealth Outlives You!
Caprice Collins of the Collins Law Group, a Harvard Law School Graduate and noted speaker on Living Trusts, Estate and Business Planning, Asset Protection and Trust Administration will offer expert advice that will ensure a financial legacy that will pass down generations. Earned money is too frequently spent money. True wealth is generational. Maybe you can't take it with you, but there's no reason your children – or even a cause you believe in – shouldn't reap the rewards of a lifetime of hard work. The time to plan for the inevitable is now.

E-Marketing: The Competitive Edge to Strengthen Your Business
Co-Sponsored by CARAT & funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the California Emerging Technology Fund, Phallu Morgan, the BBA's Technology & Marketing Director, will inform small business owners how to use the major new tools in social media with a focus on best use and efficient use. Attendees will learn how social media integrates into a strategic marketing campaign. The technologies this workshop will cover include: Web 2.0, blogs, micro blogs, collaboration tools, podcasts, RSS feeds, viral video, social bookmarking, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Search Engine Marketing (SEM), Facebook, Twitter, and other social media tools. These tools will help the attendees grow their business and gain a competitive edge in today's economy.

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INVOCATION

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
Natalie Cole
Founder/CEO/Publisher, Our Weekly

INTRODUCTION OF DAIS

DANCE SELECTION
Lula Washington Dance Theater Performer

WELCOME
Gwen Moore
President, GeM Communications
Chairwoman, Black Business Association

Earl “Skip” Cooper, II
President and CEO, Black Business Association

AWARD PRESENTATIONS I

Lunch is served

AWARD PRESENTATIONS II

CLOSING REMARKS
Earl “Skip” Cooper, II

DESSERT RECEPTION
Featuring Desserts by BBA Members
Natalie Cole
Founder/CEO/Publisher

Natalie Cole, a 30+ year newspaper veteran is a known entity in the world of print media having spent 24 years in general market, 2 years in alternative and 6 years in niche ethnic media. In 2004 she cofounded OurWeekly newspaper, the largest distributing “audited” black owned newspaper in Southern California to which she is CEO & Publisher. In 2008 she founded the Urban Media Foundation (UMF), an after school program for inner city youth to learn journalism, media technology, professional development and entrepreneurialism. In 2009 Healthier You, a health maintenance quarterly magazine was introduced.

In 2010 OurWeekly Antelope Valley a hybrid newspaper of Los Angeles and Antelope Valley content was launched. Natalie’s intense entrepreneurial spirit comes from her decades of knowledge and experience gained while leading revenue generating teams for the Tribune Company where she grew through the ranks to become its only Dual Director as Director of Classified Inside Sales for the LA Times and Director of Classified Sales for the Recycler newspaper. The LA Times is the largest circulation general market newspaper in California and the Recycler newspaper is the world’s largest “free ad” environment.

Natalie has been described as a tough, no-nonsense innovative and creative leader. She oversaw and managed the launch of new technology into the LA Times call center-Call Based Routing. She is the brainchild of the LA Times Kids Reading Page, in which she originally coined the name, Kid Sense. While serving as Associate Publisher of the LA Weekly, arguably the world’s largest alternative newspaper, she teamed with editorial to usher in the first magazine style alternative news look & feel which has now been duplicated across the country.


Natalie serves or has served on the following boards: National Association of Women Business Owners, LA (NAWBO) and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). She is Chairwoman of the Urban Media Foundation board and an Executive Officer of the National Newspaper Publisher Association (NNPA). She has served as Commissioner, appointed by Mayor of Los Angeles, Antonio Villariagosa on the Information Technology Board followed by the Community Redevelopment Agency, which is one of the four largest boards in the city of Los Angeles.

She and her work and community involvement have been celebrated and she is the recipient of numerous awards and acknowledgements at the local, state and national levels. She was prominently featured in the inaugural issue of Who’s Who in Black Los Angeles and the inaugural issue of the National NAWBO Magazine. She has been a panelist, speaker &/or presenter at various events and conferences for over a decade including the National Association of Advertising, NNPA, Congressional Black Caucus, City of LA Women of Influence series, National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), NAWBO-LA and others.
Yvonne B. Burke in the course of over 40 years of experience of distinguished public service at the national and state, as well as local government levels, Yvonne B. Burke has amassed numerous "firsts" and innumerable awards and honors. She became the first African American woman elected to the California State Assembly in 1966. She was the first African American woman elected Vice Chair of the Democratic National Convention in 1972. Yvonne B. Burke was the first African American woman elected to United States Congress, representing the State of California in 1972. She was the first African American to be appointed to serve as Los Angeles County Supervisor in 1979 and the first African American elected to serve as Los Angeles County Supervisor in 1992.

Yvonne B. Burke is also a past Chair of the L.A. Federal Reserve Bank, was Vice Chairman of the 1984 U.S. Olympics Organizing Committee, and has sat on boards of numerous prestigious organizations and corporations, including Nestle.
When Nichelle was cast by Gene Roddenberry to create Chief Communications Officer Lt. Uhura, fourth in command of the Starship Enterprise, in his legendary TV series Star Trek -- in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King -- it became “The first non-stereotypical role portrayed by a black woman in television history.” Nichelle subsequently co-starred in six blockbuster Star Trek motion pictures and is still in constant demand to appear before millions of “Trekkers” who keep the dream alive around the world.

Among her many notable TV and film credits, she co-starred with Cuba Gooding Jr. in the Disney motion picture Snow Dogs and with Levar Burton in the Sandy Howard film The Supernaturals, as well as singing and dancing with Sammy Davis Jr. in Porgy and Bess. Nichelle also co-starred on the NBC blockbuster television series “Heroes” during Season 2.

Nichelle’s recent work in several independent features include This Bitter Earth with Billy Dee Williams and Richard Roundtree, Tru Loved, co-starring with Jasmine Guy, The Torturer and Lady Magdelene’s, in which Nichelle both starred and Executive Produced. Lady Magdalene’s also showcases Nichelle’s talent as a singer/songwriter with two of her original compositions in the film.

She was twice nominated for the coveted Sarah Siddons Award for Best Actress for her performances in the theatre productions of Jenet’s The Blacks and the Oscar Brown Jr. musical Kicks and Company. She starred in the touring Broadway hits, Horowitz and Mrs. Washington, and Nunsense II. In her one-woman show, Reflections, she “becomes” twelve legendary female entertainers, using her beautiful three-octave vocal range to rave reviews.

Nichelle was awarded her much deserved star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on January 9, 1992. Just a few weeks before she became the first African-American to place her handprints and signature in the cement walk at the famous Mann’s (Grauman’s) Chinese Theatre and was honored in a special exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC.

Nichelle’s autobiography “Beyond Uhura”; her first sci-fi novel “Saturn’s Child”; and its sequel “Saturn’s Quest” received critical acclaim. Nichelle was conferred a Doctor of Arts, honoris causa, from Marywood College on their 80th anniversary at which she delivered the commencement address. In July 2002 she was inducted as an Honorary Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

In 1977 and 1978, under contract to NASA, Nichelle successfully recruited the first women and minority astronauts for the Space Shuttle Program, for which she received NASA’s distinguished Public Service Award. She serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the National Space Society Dr. Mae Jemison who first saw Lt. Uhura when she was nine years old and followed her dream to become the first woman of color Astronaut.

NASA and Nichelle are once again working together. At the behest of NASA Nichelle has appeared with Ivor Dawson’s Traveling Space Museum, at NASA Ames Research Center in California, Johnson Space Center in Houston TX, Cape Kennedy in Florida, and NASA Headquarters in Washington DC to support STEM Education and other youth oriented programs.

Nichelle was selected as one of the International Human Rights Consortium’s Fete d’Excellence Laureates. The commendation reads:

“You have been selected for the Medaille d’Excellence 2004 in the category of ‘Edutainment.’ This is in recognition of your being a true innovator, a woman of courage and commitment to the deepest values of excellence through your artistry within the world of entertainment and also as an innovative educator and patron to learning and inspiring the budding minds and hearts of youth.”

Recently, Nichelle was honored by PBS in their global “Pioneer’s of Television” DVD release with guest appearances on the “Tavis Smiley Show”, “Good Day LA” and “The View”. Most notably as part of the PBS “Legendary Women of TV” Nichelle was joined by Angie Dickinson, Linda Evens and Stephanie Powers on the dynamic new Piers Morgan Show. Later that night Nichelle sang at the renowned Bird Land to a Standing ovation.

Nichelle is currently working with filmmaker Gilbert Bell on his new film project Omaha Street with Nichelle serving in the dual role of star and Executive Producer.

Nichelle is committed to building the “Nichelle Nichols Youth Foundation” encouraging America’s youth to pursue studies in Science, Technology, engineering and math as the U.S. once again takes leadership in the advancement and exploration of space.

Nichelle Nichols
Actress, Singer and Voice Artist

Legacy Award
Brenda Wright is Senior Vice President, Regional Manager of California Community Development. In her role, she oversees the development and implementation of strategies and programs focused on the support of economic development in the areas of housing, workforce development and small business. A native of Missouri and a 26 year veteran with the company, she has held the following positions:

Division Manager, Premier Banking: Managed 81 portfolio managers, with $4.5 billion in deposits and investments, within Northern California.

Market Area Manager, San Francisco: Responsible for 30 Branch Managers, with deposits ranging from $65 to $300 million dollars.

Brenda is an active leader and founding member of many community-based organizations and committees throughout the Bay Area including the San Francisco Employee's Retirement Commission, the Museum of the African Diaspora, and the Immediate Past President of the Oakland/Bay Area Chapter of 100 Black Women among many others. Most recently she was selected to serve on the Board of the California Women's Foundation.

In recognition for her commitment to community service, she received The Woman of the Year Award given by California Senator Carole Migden. She has also been recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Business in the Bay Area by the SF Business Times for the seventh consecutive year. Brenda received the “Distinguished Corporate Service Award” from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. Most recently she received the Pioneer award from The League of Women Voters for her support of Women's rights. Wells Fargo's Team Member Resource Group recognized her with the Pioneer Award, in recognition of her support of diversity and commitment to the community. On that day, Mayor Gavin Newsom declared June 17, 2004 as Brenda Wright day in San Francisco.
Alice A. Huffman began her tenure as President of the California NAACP January 2000. Under her leadership, the organization has accelerated into one of the most sought after organizations in California’s policy arena. The State NAACP office is in downtown Sacramento two blocks from the state Capitol. She employs a small staff to advocate on key civil rights issues. She believes that the NAACP is the constant voice for low income African Americans and students trapped in low performing schools or the criminal justice system. She is a member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP.

Huffman is President, and CEO of her consulting firm A.C. Public Affairs, Inc. (ACPA). ACPA is a California Corporation specializing in initiative campaigns, strategic public policy issues and grass roots organizing. ACPA founded in 1988 can proudly boast of many distinguished national and state clients.

Huffman is a member of the newly elected Attorney General’s transition team. She is also assisting the Governor in appointments in his new administration. In 2010 she was appointed to University of California President’s Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture, & Inclusion. Huffman is an appointee of Governor Swarzenegger’s to the State Parks and Recreation Commission and the California Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census. She serves on the Board of the Center for Democratic Participation; is a member of the California Democratic Party Executive Committee; and a member of the Democratic National Committee.

Huffman, a high school dropout, was admitted to UC Berkeley as an EOP student from which she graduated in 2 ½ years with honors in Social and Cultural Anthropology. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

She did extensive graduate work in University of Pennsylvania, U.C. Berkeley and USC. She believes learning is a lifelong process.

She has many distinguished awards. The most recent received in 2009-10, were the CA Legislative Black Caucus Heritage and Legends Award; the Grand Marshall California Black Media; The National NAACP Thalheimer Award; and will receive from Instituto Laboral de la Raza in February, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Civil Rights Leader Award.

Huffman devotes a significant amount of her time to the NAACP specializing in organizational development and leadership training. She enjoys outstanding relations with the NAACP local, community, state and national leaders.

Huffman has been a resident of Sacramento for 38 years and after the passing of her late husband in 2005 lives alone with her Yorkie, Lishous.
Lula Washington grew up in the Nickerson Gardens Housing Projects in Watts, Los Angeles. Lula was a 22-year-old newlywed and mother when she decided to pursue dance at UCLA, being trained by two women who studied with the legendary Katherine Dunham. Lula later received a Masters in Dance, and eventually became one of the school’s most successful dance graduates.

Lula has extensive experience and training in African, Dunham, modern dance, and Jazz dance techniques. She has always combined each of these styles in her works, which often comment on social issues. Her works are humorous, dramatic, experimental, and highly physical. She makes works that appeal to common people, not just to dance aficionados. Her works have been praised by critics for their strong political and social commentary, as well as their avant-garde composition and their roots in African-American culture.

Lula has danced in an Academy Awards telecast; in movies such as King Kong (1976) where she assisted the choreographer, Claude Thompson. She danced with the Bee Gees in Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band (1978); with singers Cher and Al Green in Las Vegas; and in the television movie “Cindy” (1978).

In 1995, NASA selected Lula to choreograph for its Mars Millennium Project educational video that depicts dance in the first human colony on Mars.

She also provided choreography for the Tim Allen film Crazy on the Outside (2008). Lula choreographed Disney’s The Little Mermaid (1989) movie. One of the songs she choreographed, “Under The Sea”, won the Academy Award for Best Song. Lula was herself has been the subject of a number of nationally-broadcast news stories and PBS stories. One of them focused on her choreography for “Gospel Kwanzaa” -- a blending of gospel dancing and African dancing in salute of the combined Christmas and Kwanzaa holidays.

Lula’s most recent choreographic credit is James Cameron’s block-buster film, “Avatar” (2010). Cameron hired a specialist to find the right dance person for his film. The Specialist said Lula’s name came up everywhere she turned. Cameron called Lula one day asked if she would come in to see him. He asked Lula how his Na Vi people might greet each other and move. Lula suggested that he use the “third eye” concept with one hand touching the center of the forehead and then extending away. Lula was not sure if Cameron already had this idea or not, but she was hired on the spot. Lula created ritual movements for the film, along with large dance sequences.

Lula has received numerous awards and honors. She was among the first group of women to earn the Minerva Award from the State of California and First Lady Maria Shriver in 2004. Among other awards, she received: the California Dance Educators Award of Excellence; the Lifetime Achievement Award at Choreography Fest 2000; the 2001 “Remarkable Woman Award” from Prototypes, a program that assists women at risk of AIDS and other obstacles. Lula was jointly honored by Disneyland and local radio station KJLH as a “Proven Achiever”, and received the Dance Resource Center’s Lester Horton Award for sustained achievement in dance. She was named 1996 “Woman of the Year” from the California State Legislature, and again in 1999 by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. In 1997, Lula was one five African-American female Artistic Directors recognized nationally as a “Dance Women/Living Legend.”

Washington’s works have been commissioned by major foundations and dance presenting institutions, including the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the James Irvine Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and AT&T, among others.

Lula is an admired teacher, leader, dancer, and a very unique choreographer. Jennifer Dunning at the New York Times described Lula Washington as “a gifted original.” Despite her successes, Lula remains a down-to-earth artist, activist, and leader, committed to her art and her community.
Marilyn Cole was born into a family from Louisiana. Chef Marilyn's Creole roots did not engender in her the love and appreciation for culinary delights, but did the volunteer work that her mother insisted she and her sisters do. "My sisters and I never cooked. My mother was Creole and she always cooked," explains Marilyn. "Instead of us cooking, she had my sisters and me volunteering a lot. Everyone knew and always saw us helping out at churches and hospitals," laughs Marilyn.

After moving to Los Angeles at the age of five, Marilyn grew up in the South Central area of the city. Before entering the restaurant business, she spent 11 years working as an auditor and financial consultant. Marilyn left that industry and her spirit of volunteering resurged as she started to prepare meals for friends after work. As word spread throughout the community about her cooking, she began selling plates of food from her home. She became so busy; her close friend encouraged her to start her own restaurant business. This is how she evolved inter métier.

In 1989, Marilyn opened up her first restaurant called Marilyn's Place. "When I got the keys, I didn't know how to turn on a stove, and I knew nothing about opening a restaurant", says Marilyn. Marilyn's Place became a household name for soul food in Los Angeles. Her signature meal, gumbo, was from her Creole roots, and people raved over her entrees like meatloaf and spaghetti. Within the first two months of opening, Marilyn's Place had its first catering job for famed singer Nancy Wilson's Hollywood's Walk of Fame celebration.

Her next culinary endeavor was a second restaurant called Chef Marilyn's Place that opened in 2002. In September 2002, she changed the name to 99 cent Soul Food Express. The name change was her way to give back to the community. It was about providing quality soul food at an affordable price.

Marilyn had no formal culinary training and says she is blessed with the gift of cooking. She has developed her own style and touch for preparing fine foods, which has star quality. She has catered for such celebrities as Stevie Wonder, Magic Johnson, Isaac Hayes, and Baby Face. In 2002, Chef Marilyn catered Thanksgiving dinner for the family of civil rights champion Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Marilyn's culinary gift, creativity and giving spirit is said, by many who know her, to be the reason for her success and flourishing catering business. Her favorite, Chef Marilyn says, is creating unique culinary cuisine designed to fit that special occasion. Recognized for this creativity, in 2001 Chef Marilyn won first place for Creole cuisine in the 10th Annual Gourmet Chef's Cook-Off in Los Angeles. Marilyn's restaurants have received numerous mentions and featured on ABC Channel 7's "Eye on L.A." and received rave review in the L.A. Times and Wave newspaper for its unique concept.

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The Kwanza Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation founded by actress/producer Judy Pace-Flood. In the Christmas season of 1973, a coalition of African American women in the Entertainment Industry came together in an effort to contribute to the community that had been so supportive of them.

These ladies include Oscar Award, Emmy Award, Grammy Award, Tony Award, NAACP Image Award and People’s Choice Award Winners and Nominees: Nichelle Nichols, Beverly Todd, Pam Grier, Hattie Winston, Isabel Sanford, Esther Rolle, Vonetta McGee, Debbie Allen, Denise Nicholas, Juanita Moore, Jayne Kennedy, Marla Gibbs, Sheila Frazier, Vanessa Bell Calloway, Sheryl Lee Ralph, and Marilyn McCoo.

Over the years Kwanza has been actively nurturing the community through charitable donations, grants, scholarships and other participatory programs including the following. All funded by the annual “Christmas Gala Dinner.”

Education: Sheenway School, Santa Ana Community Center, United Negro College Fund; UCLA Extension Scholarship; The Malik Smith Scholarship Health: Two Life-Saving Fetal Monitoring Machines presented to two inner city hospitals; Kedren Community Mental Health Center for Children; Sickle Cell Disease Foundation Welfare: Jenessse Center for Victims of Domestic Violence and Helping Hands for Boys “The Kwanza Christmas Family Plan” has provided toys, clothing and Christmas dinners for over 65,000 people. The NAACP presented the Kwanza Foundation with the prestigious Image Award for Community Service.

In the 21st Century Kwanza Foundation’s focus is on Educating the Youth; “Friends Three” will help them achieve this ambitious goal. “Friends Three” was founded by actress, producer, writer Beverly Todd, actress/producer Judy Pace-Flood and attorney Linda Cannon on July 2, 2002 to re-create the afternoon parlor socials of the 1920s and 1930s Harlem Renaissance where intellectuals, artists, activists and writers the likes of Zora Neal Hurston, Langston Hughes, Richard Wright, Gwendolyn B. Bennett and James Weldon Johnson, gathered to discuss current social concerns and perform their work for each other and invited guests. Thus the present day Spoken Word was born. This is the 9th Season.

As of 2007, Kwanza Foundation, Inc. has presented “Friends Three a Celebration of the Spoken Word.” The Spoken Word is performed by celebrities from the world of entertainment. They recognized the historical significance of the Spoken Word and have given their time and talent.


The show is recorded and the DVD’s are distributed to the Los Angeles Unified School District and Los Angeles Public Libraries. Los Angeles Unified School District Students are a part of the production Staff and each student is awarded a scholarship.

The emphasis of the Spoken Word is to keep literature alive and well by focusing on heritage, African American History and to establish a literacy program that works hand in hand with the Los Angeles Board of Education.

In Kwanza’s effort to enhance reading and writing skills, the use of the Spoken Word as an educational tool can provide a platform for students to express their hopes and dreams and be the impetus for their imagination to soar and bring words to life. It is a learning tool that will improve spelling, word usage, creative thinking, self expression, communication skills and a sense of accomplishment. It is a no fail no risk experience for teachers and students, especially borderline students to experience how exciting language, sound and expression can be.

Kwanza Foundation’s 1st Annual “The Voice of Youth Literacy and Poetry Festival” will debut in 2011. Thank you for your continued support.
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Molly Murphy MacGregor
Executive Director and Co-founder
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