

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

## NAWJ District 6



Judge Sheva M. Sims, Director

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#### **Women In Prison Initiative - LTCW**

Women in Prison Book and Toiletry Donations

The Louisiana Transition Center for Women Cosmetology program should begin around late fall or early winter. All supplies and equipment have been purchased with Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C) and Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) funds. The bid for the school renovation project will be released soon. The renovation will also be JRI funded, as well as the train-the trainer protocol. A certified instructor educator will bring the offender cosmetologists back into good standing with their cosmetology licenses. Then, the offender instructors will go through further training to be certified as cosmetology instructors. Having licensed offenders serving as cosmetology instructors is the key to sustaining this program. The Louisiana Board of Cosmetology has worked closely with the DPS&C and has been welcoming of the project at LTCW and the Cosmetology program at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW) which has already started its train the trainer class. The ladies at both facilities are very excited about this opportunity and are anxious to get started.

#### NAWJ - District 6 Membership 2018-2019

In 2019, there has been a total of 54 new members who have joined the NAWJ in District 6. The names are as follows: Monette M Davis, Allegra Walker, Jasmine Janai Louis, Williams Taylor Ramsey, Brittany McKeel, Amy Bryant, Danyelle M. Taylor, Lauren E. Grant, Jessica L. Webb, Holli Packer, Tiffaney Sporl, Audrey M. Calkins, Paulette R. Irons, Arthur L. Hunter, Kenneth Craig Smith, Ronald Miciotto, Chancellor John Pierre, Zakia A. Nesbitt, Tranice Potier, Dominique McCraney, Kayla A. Dixon, Alex Washington, Sharon Boykins, Michael J. Tate, Markey W. Pierre, Kyle M. Robinson, Shante Y. Wells, Britney A. Green, Bridgid E. Collins, Holland J. Miciotto, Mark J. Miciotto, Patrick R. Jackson, Winnifred H. Jackson, Justin C. Dewett, Mark Manno, Susan E. Hamm, Judy Moore Vendetto, D. Nicole Sheppard, Patricia Head Moskal, Monique E. Barial, Trey Morris, Gia Kosmitis, Willie Singleton, Eric G. Johnson, Charles Kammer III, William Allen Haynes, Susan Blair, Teresa D. Jones, Charles K. Grant, Ellen Hobbs Lyle, Linda W. Knight, Amanda McClendon and Suzanne DeMahy.

In 2018, there were a total of 21 new members that joined the NAWJ in District 6. From 2018-2019, District 6 has a total of <u>75</u> new members.

#### The Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of AKA/Ivy Crown

The Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of AKA/Ivy Crown Community Services represented by Flora Donatto, Melanie McLeod, Gwendolyn Casey-Hines, Connie Seets Reynolds, Terri Hatten, Melvyn Player Vaughn, Lillian B. Trammel, Carolyn Spikes, Carolyn Snow Lewis, Beryl Cawthran, Charlene Voorhies and Lisa M. Jackson recently made another generous donation of femine hygiene products to The National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) Women in Prison Initiative. The presentation was made to Judge Sheva M. Sims, NAWJ District 6 Director and Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams, Second Circuit Court of Appeal, at the Shreveport City Court. The donated items were presented to the Louisiana Transition Center for Women by Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams, Judge Sheva M. Sims, and other area judges.



<u>Shreve Memorial Library Friends, Incorporated</u> Captain Jim Gavin, the president of Shreve Memorial Library Friends, Inc. recently presented Judge Sims with another donation of over 20 boxes of books from the Shreve Memorial Library Friends, Incorporated.

Toiletries and hygiene products are still being collected. If you are interested in donating any of the following items: paperback books, soap, lotion, sanitary items, facial cleanser, deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, and underwear (all sizes), please deliver the donations to Greater ProVision Christian Church, 3449 Gorton Road, Shreveport, LA. 71109 or call 318.489.7828 to arrange the drop off or pick up of donated items.



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Louisiana Transition Center for Women Visit

On Saturday, September 22, 2019, Judge Sheva Sims, District 6 Director, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams; First Judicial District Court Judges Ramona Emmanuel and Karelia Stewart; and Angela Bazile, Executive Counsel to Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson traveled to the Louisiana Transition Center for Women in Tallulah, Louisiana to present Warden Billy Tigner and Program Manager, April Bauer with the donated items.



From the left: Angela White-Bazile, Executive Counsel to Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams, LTCW Program Manager April Baur, First Judicial District Court Judges Karelia Stewart and Ramona Emmanuel, NAWJ District 6 Director, Judge Sheva Sims, Shreveport City Court



Standing from the left: LTCW Warden Billy Tigner, Angela White-Bazile, Esq.,Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams,Judge Ramona Emmanuel, program candidate Chiquita Massey, Judge Karelia Stewart, April Baur, Judge Sheva Sims, Front row from left: cosmetology program candidates Katie Terrebonne Hendrix and Kala Curtis



LTCW Program candidates Katie Terrebonne Hendrix and Kala Curtis and Program manager April Baur (standing) meet with (left seated) Judge Sims, Judge Stewart; (right seated) Synthia Tate, Lauren Bennett, Angela White-Bazile, Esq., Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams



From the left: Carl Davis, Lauren Bennett, Synthia Tate, and Angela White-Bazile of the Louisiana Supreme Court, receiving books from Executive Director Tanja Wadsworth and Hospitality Liaison Holly Shaw, The Soloman Episcopal Conference Center