The History of BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION Four Decades of Service

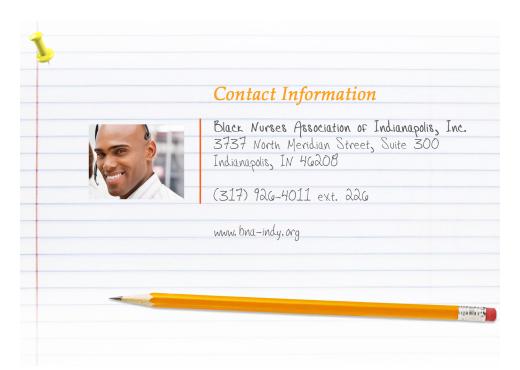


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Mission, Vision, Values **BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION**SCRAPBOOK



Mission Statement

Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis, Inc., dedicates its collective and individual expertise to effect and improve education, execute care, and advocate for issues that adversely impact minority health care delivery. We are committed to remaining a reputable and uncompromising source of nursing expertise of health education and screening of minority communities, recruiters and mentors of minority men and women into the nursing profession, and advocates and educators for the elimination of conditions that adversely affect minority care.

Vision

Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis, Inc., will continue to create, propel, and execute programs and projects that eliminate disparities in minority health care practices. BNA's goal is to target and partner with organizations and programs that create opportunities for enabling a mission of activism in Indiana and eliminating disparities in health care delivery to all minorities.

Values

Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis, Inc., provides a forum for professional minority nurses to:

- · Honor and uphold the nursing profession
- · Voluntarily serve and advocate local minority communities health needs
- Monitor, mentor and measure minority minority students' success in professional nursing disciplines
- · Translate collective competencies and expertise into superior delivery of service
- · Remain a trusted advisor and preferred supplier of minority health information
- · Continue professional growth through training, seminars and conferences
- · Reward performance by recognition and leadership opportunities





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History of the BNA of Indpls, Inc. #46

BNA chapter #46 was founded in 1972 as a support group for African American nurses to empower one another through mentoring and open discussion. Members committed themselves to preserving and protecting professional standards of practice for minority nursing students and becam active and visible in Indianapolis' minority community activities. Lillian B. Stevenson, R.N., a founding member and first president of BNA, established the organizational structure through the creation of bylaws and a constitution after the BNA's first acting president Margaret Belton, R.N. presiding over First Institute & Workshop. During the 70's in addition to health screening, BNA members participated in clothes, food and toy drives that supported their policy of community activism and provided tutoring and test taking strategies to minority nursing students

When and where ever BNA nurses participate, it is a volunteer effort and accomplished with the resources of individual members. Record growth of BNA membership and community activism is noted during the years of 1980-1995 due to a large part of the tireless and dedicated efforts of Delores J. Moon. Under Mrs. Moon's leadership, BNA began to host organized fund raising events for annual scholarship awards.

Under the leadership of Dr. Mathleen Russell and Maple Murrell, incorporation and non-profit certification was accomplished. BNA's outreach has expanded to include educating the general public and public policy officials about the need to eliminate disparities in minority health care, continued mentoring of minority students, and expanding health education and screening projects. The current membership is comprised of volunteer nurses with over four hundred years of collective clinical practice and administrative experience.





Mary Eliza Mahoney BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION SCRAPBOOK 1971 - 2011



Memorial For First Black Nurse Unveiled

The gravesite of Mary Eliza Mahoney, first black professional nures in the United States, has been marked with a memorial monument sponsored by the American Nurses' Association and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.

Mary Mahoney was one of three graduates in the 1879 class of the New England Hospital For Women and Children School of Nursing. After a distinguished career in the practice of nursing, she died in 1926. She is buried in Sable Path, Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett Mass.

Private ceremonies marking the unveiling were held August 15, with representatives of Chi Eta Phi and ANA, members of Ms. Mahoney's family, and Ms Mable Staupers, R.N., a noted nurse writer, and friend of Ms. Mahoney.

Chi Eta Phi is a national sorority of black registered nurses. The granite monument reatures a hand-carved bust of Ms. Mahoney, with the legend "The United States First Professional Negro Nurse," and the names of the sponsoring organizations.

On the back of the monument is an image of the Mary Mahoney Awards bestowed each biennium to the nurse who has made a significant contribution to integration within the nursing profession.

The award has been given by the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses from 1936 to 1950 and by the American Nurses' Association since 1952, when the two organizations merged.





Dr. Lauranne Brown Sams BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION SCRAPBOOK



A Salute to our National Founder

Dr. Lauranne Brown Sams was a graduate of Crisqus Attucks High School. She attended Butler University under a five-year cooperative plan with General Hospital School of Nursing. Dr. Sams carved one of the best records in the history of the nursing school, graduating in May of 1950 with the highest academic and clinical honors. She received her Bachelor of Science and Nursing degrees from Butler University and Indianapolis General Hospital School of Nursing and a Masters degree in Education and Clinical Nursing with a specialty in Maternal-Infant Nursing from Indiana University. Also an instructor of OBGYN at Indianapolis General Hospital for 5 years and taught at Indianapolis School of Practical Nurses. In 1968, she received a Doctorate in Educational Psychology From Indiana University Graduate School.

Dr. Sams was very active in academic and community affairs in Indian apolis as well as for both the J.V. School of Nursing and Tuskegee University. She was also a nationally recognized nursing educator.

Dr. Sams was founder and president of The National Black Nurses Association. in 1971. She served as president of the association from its founding through 1977. At the end of her presidency, the membership conferred upon her the President Emeritus, Life Member of the NBNA Board of Directors.

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Philosophy

Provision for the enjoyment of optimal health is the birth right of every American. Major health interest groups and governmental agencies believe this and act upon it. Yet Black Americans, along with other minority groups in our society, are by design or neglect excluded from the means to achieve access to the health mainstream of America. Therefore, we as Black Nurses have established a national organization to investigate, define, and determine what the health care needs of Black Americans are, and to implement change to make available to Black Americans and other minorities health care commensurate to that of the larger society. Black Nurses have the understanding, know ledge, interest, concern, and experience to make a significant difference in the health care status of the Black Community. In order to implement our belief we find it mandatory for Black Nurses to:

Purpose and Objectives

Define and determine nursing care for Black consumers for optimum quality of care by acting as their advocates. Act as change agent in restructuring existing institutions and/or helping to establish institutions to suit our needs. Serve as the national nursing body to influence legislation and policies that affect Black people and work cooperatively and collaboratively with other health workers to this end. Conduct, analyze, and publish research to increase the body of knowledge about health needs of Blacks. Compile and maintain a National Directory of Black Nurses to assist with the dissemination of information regarding Black Nurses and nursing on national and local levels by the use of all media. Set standards and guidelines for quality education of Black Nurses on all levels by providing consultation to nursing faculties sand by monitoring for proper utilization and placement of Black nurses. Recruit, counsel and assist Black persons interested in nursing to insure a constant procession of Blacks into the field. Be the vehicle for unification of Black Nurses of varied age groups, educational levels, and geographic locations to insure continuity and flow of our common heritage.





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- · Constitution and Bylaws adopted in 1973
- · State Board of Exams test pool review for RN's and LPN's, 1975
- · Initiate affiliation with Indiana University School of Nursing, Indiana College, Marion University, and Indianapolis School of Practical Nursing
- · Advocates against discrimination and for job retention for minority nurses
- · Partnership with Indiana Black Expo (IBE) in 1974 to provide first aid at IBE's Summer Celebration
- · Care of the Afican-American Patient Workshop
- · NBNA Hypertension Screening grant awarded
- · Fundraisers for scholarships
- · Educational opportunities offered: Infant Mortality and Stamp Out Syphilis
- · UNCF
- · Members participate in first NBNA Conference, 1973





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The Indianapolis Star

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1975

Nurses Organization Formed Here To Fight Discrimination

The formation and incorporation of the Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis may mean that black nurses here and elsewhere will have more input into issues affecting their profession.

The local group was formed in 1972 and incorporated in December last year. It is an affiliate of the National Black Nurses Association, which is a branch of the American Nursing Association.

Stevenson, the association's first elected president, the need for such local groups reached a critical point when "There were so few black nurses at the Ameri-can Nursing Association's 1971 conference at Miami, Fla., and our voting strength was so small, we had no impact on any of the deci-sions that were made.

"There were so few black nurses that even had we disagreed on an issue, there weren't enough of us present to do anything about it.

"So a caucus was formed to interest black nurses na-tion-wide into uniting to help each other. As a result of National Black Nurses Asso-ciation, local groups were

and are forming all over the country."

MRS STEVENSON knows MRS. STEVENSON knows what it is to battle discrimination within the nursing profession and believes that unless black nurses band together in common cause they will encounter continued difficulty in confronting problems "inherent in the system." system.

The mother of a 16-yearold son, Phillip Kelly, she was graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in 1940 and from the former India-apolis City Hospital School of Nursing (now Marion County General Hospital School of Nursing) in 1944. Currently she is a registered nurse in charge of nursing service at the Citizen's Am-bulatory Health Center.

"Blacks generally were not accepted into City Hospital's nursing school, but beginning in 1940, two black nurses a year were admitted. Near the end of the 1940s, that num be r increased. Even though I was in a 100 per cent siggregated studies of the country is the country of the country of

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The Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis is still in its initial planning stages, with much hard work and dedication ahead in the coming months. Discussing what can be done by the group's officers are flat a lab Bayork Ross, R.N., and Viola Caldwell, LPN, secretaries; Barbara Ferguson, R.N., vice-president, and Lillian Stevenson, R.N., president. Not pictured is Norma Williams, LPN, treasurer. (Sta rPhoto)





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HISTORY OF BNA OF INDIANAPOLIS

one Sams cornered me on the job at Martindale was in October 1972 Laura Health Clinic. Not having had a conversation with her since her PHD had be earned approximately 10-15 years. I imagined this young lady as one who was not at all interested in an old nurse that had resigned herself to a corner, out of the way of the flow of heavy traffic. Realizing my feelings I am sure thed me and began to talk of all the usual things that nurses talk ut, (ie) (hours-duties-responsibilities). Then she proceeded to speak of her dreams for the future and what black nurses could do if they would stand up and support each other. Of course people over 45 years of age are astonished at younger people that have this foresight and ambition. I was immediately ed by the change that I realized had come about within this young m Although educated to the hilt she maintained her cool. Kept both feet on the ground and is anxious to share her knowledge and experiences with everyone My assumption was one of envy and jealousy that should never have been, and it had to be brought to the light by someone much bigger than me. I know now that was not a plan of either of us to meet this day but direction from the supreme being to bring about HNA of Indianapolis into being.

After talking in general about wonders that could come about and I was completely sold on the idea then the History of Black Nurses Association

In 1971 at the ANA Convention in Miama, Florida the necessity of such a

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June 8, 1973 was the night before Black Expo 1973 at this meeting 15 ladies attended. Through the efforts of Norma Williams and my calling Bill Crawford and obtained a booth all 15 nurses cooperated and helped with donating and attending the booth and answering questions both Ju and 10. We chose tentative officers to have something to show unity. Mrs. Margaret Belton was our Acting President, Mrs. Wharton Acting Secretary Mrs. Doris Wilson Acting Treasurer, and Lillian Stevenson Historian. The financial obligation of \$25.00 for the booth was entailed. Each per donated \$2.00 without question to pay this indebtedness. Tables and chairs loaned by Ann Bolling from Martindale Health Clinic. Norma Jean had obtained posters for booth from Moores Uniform Shop. Viola Caldwell our first student printed signs. Our booth was in readiness tentatively and members of this group volunteered hours to be present in the booth and a display of caps helped decorate the booth. Aletha Page was instrumental in having copies of the philosophy of NRNA printed to dis our booth. Because Lauranne was ill and Encapetated at this time I think

In July after our operfece with Black Royc there was a meeting in which we discussed the smalling list and the pupie that were interested in assisting our organization, obtained at o r booth. Vary little business but lots of enthusiam in the structure o' the organization was brought over the public of the pub

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Several thousand nurses in attendance with the black population very low in the hundreds. This unbalanced caused all decision making policies to be definitely one sided. At this conference a request was made by a hand full of black nurses to have a private meeting and at this time steps began to be a nation wide endeavor to pool our time and experiences to add to the weight of those black nurses belonging to major policy making organisations to bring about intergrated guidelines for all nurses.

In order for mational to be strong it is necessary to have local groups feed into national information that is specific problem to that ares in order

to deal with mostly all major weak points in the policies."

Ideas to start a local group were or had already been attempted in the way
of obcaining names and addresses of as many nurses as possible through
friends and associates.

After searching from October through the first of this year a date was chosen April 20, 1978 for an informal meeting chaired by Dr. Lauranne Sams to explain MMA to as many as would come. Over coffee and cookies 8 people were present and seemed to really 80 for what they heard. Prendsing to me month. A date of the cohers to come. We were to have

spread the word and get other to come. We were to have a meeting sgain in one month. A date of Ney 18 was set, at this time 8 people showed.

Interest was shown but at this time Dr. Sems was ill and unable to attend, page)

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STATE OF INDIANA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

To Whom These Presents Come, Greeting:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, INC.

I. LARRY A. COURAD, Secretary of State of the State of Indians, hereby certify that Articles of Incorporation of the above not-for-profit Corporation, in the form proscribed by the office, personal and
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NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby issue to such Corporation this Certificate of Incorporation, and further certify that its corporate existence has begun.



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The Black Nurses Association Conference in Milwaukee, Wis-

was formerly an Indianapolis resi-

Pictured here are C. Alicia Georges, Lilliana Stevenson, Rose Syass, Jackie Wimbleduff and Gladys King.



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HELPS PASS EXAM

Registered Nurses Offered Review Seminar

A three-day review seminar to help A three-day review seminar to help aspiring registered nurses pass the state licensing examination will be given by the Black Nurses Association beginning at 8 a.m. Jan. 10 and ending at 4:45 p.m.

Jan. 12 in Lilly Auditorium of Wishard Memorial Hospital.

The faculty will include Anita Hardin, director of continuing care at Community Hospital: Barbara Bowyer, coordinator of continuing education for nurses at Indiana Central University, and Shirley by the continuing education for nurses at Indiana Central University, and Shirley by the continuing and Sandra Miller, nursing instructors at Marian College.

Also Lillian Sokes, a teacher of medical nursing and co-author of the book reached at 546-2877.

structor.
Fee for the three days is \$30, if paid by Jan. 4. Those who register after that date will pay \$35.
For more information, call Ms. Turner at 630-6327. After 5 p.m., she may be reached at 546-2877.

THE INDIANAPOEIS STAR -

-WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1979

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION 46 EAST OHIO STREET, ROOM 456 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204 TELEPHONE: 633-7135 April 18, 1974

Ms. Lillian Stevenson Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis, Inc. P. O. Box 804 Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

Thank you for your kind invitation to be a member of the Advisory Board to your organization. I shall be happy to accept.

Sincerely yours,

Osma D. Spurlock, District Director Indianapolis District Office

Nursing Workshops

The Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis willibrid workshops June-12-14 in Lilly Auditorium in Wishard Memorial Hospital for professional nursing students graduating from the two-, three- and four-year programs.

The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. workshops will include preparation for the state board test, pool examination for licensure plus discussions of nursing trends in psychiate, ric, pediatric and medical-surgical nursing.

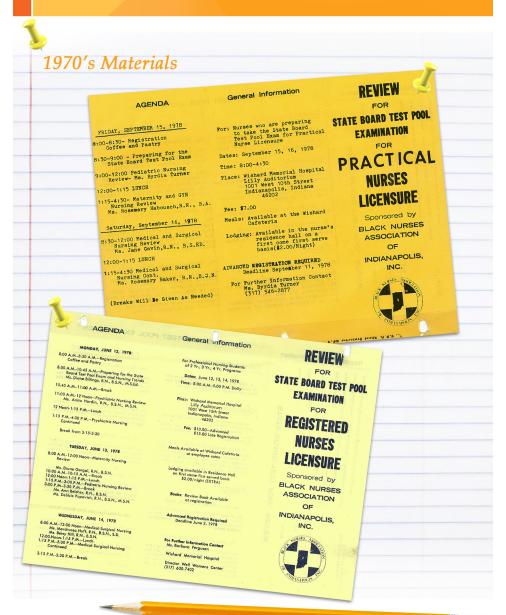
Deadline for the \$10 advance registra Deadline for the \$10 advance registra-tion is June 2. Late registration will be \$15. Meals will be available in the Wishard cateteria at employee rates. Lodging in the residence hall, on a first-come, first-serve basis, will be \$2 a night.

Additional information may be ob-tained by contacting Barbara Ferguson, director of the Well Women's Center at Wishard, at 630-7402.

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BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

December 1977 to February 1978 is short notice to research data for print to be factual and complete. Taking this into consideration, our organization does not apologize but instead will offer information that we promise to spend the year of 1978 completing research to have complete data for February of 1979.

We will endeavor to give names of individuals that are categorized as outstanding, but by no means take claim as being a complete list, but enough to show that there have been contributions made by nurses in all kinds of areas. PROTECTOR

These names for the next exhibit will have biblographies to accompany pictures. FIRST GRADUATES FROM SCHOOLS OF NURSING:

- Indianapolis City Hospital School of Mursing:
 - Onieda Miller Jackson Frances Bell Stone
- St. Vincent's Hospital School of Mursing: Dorris Mallory Wilson Hazel Mitchel Wilson
- Methodist Hospital School of Nursing:
- Indiana University:
 - Not Available OThis Tim
- Indiana State University:
- Indianapolis School of Practial Nursing

Christine Banker Lillian Franklin Nannie Ransom

INTRODUCTION OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PERTAINING

It is the object to remind those interested in the progress of the Black History that Nurses have a significant story to tell. It has been understood that Nursing has been predominantly a Black Memans Profession since slavery time, yet it is important to the realize that it was not until by that the first Black Nurses were the proper recognition given to the many people that the first Black Nurses were the proper recognition given to the many people that the proper recognition given to the many people to the proper recognition given to the many people to the proper recognition to bring out some of the inhard contributed to the pro-Not by any stretch the many that has been almost any out to be some that have contribution note worthy, but with limited resourses and staff we will tempt to start a series of recognition information.

Not only recognizing Nurses that have graduated from Schools in this city but graduat from any and all Schools of Nursing.

There have been Nurses that have continued to do a tremendous amouth of History making endeavors that we want the world to know about. There are Student Murses making sacrifices that without a doubt need to be recognized.

Send any information that will be helpful to us by adding to the Nurses that we have found out about.

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1980's Timeline

- · 1980 Decade Events
- · BIP Screenings Grant continues free BIP checks and free meals offered by BNA
- · Student Nurse Retention, Tutoring, Mentorship
- · Cook Book Fund Raisers 1985 & 1987
- · Fashion Shows, A Touch of Spring
- · Workshops and Health Fairs
- · HIVIAIDS awareness Marion County Health Dept and Dr Woodrow Myers
- · Violence Work shop with Dr Frank Johnson and other Health and City Officals
- · Negro College Fund on TV
- · Nurses Night Out Matinee'
- · Local Dues Change
- · Membership Expansionn





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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER APRIL MAY JUNE SECOND EDITION

TOUCH OF SPRING

Our Luncheon and Fashion how will be this Saturday April 9th from 11am to 3pm at the heraton East Hotel Pendleton Pike t I 465. A Cash Bar will be availble from 11am to 12 noon. Donaions are \$15.00 per person.

heryl Cody - Chairperson

OG RACES

Join BNA at the Dog Track at heeling's Down. May 17, 1986. We ill be leaving the city by bus to o to Wheeling West Virginia at 4am. rice is \$80.00 per double. We will e returning May 18th. all Chairperson Norma Williams.

ONGRADULATIONS !!

May is the month that there ill be a number of new nurses omming out of school. Let's all we them our warmest congradulation.

ET'S BE CAREFUL

May is also the month of the rst holiday of the summer so let's very careful so we can enjoy the e rest of the summer.

SCHOLARSHIPS

BNA is offering a scholarship to students currently enrolled in a nursing program.

To deliver care to the Black clients it is necessary to have advanced education al preparation. We also believe as the National Black Nurses Association, that health care must be relevant to the needs of Black patients and that the development of Black Nurse Leaders, researchers and educators mandate excellence in education.

SALE AND BARBECUE

We are planning a Yard Sale and Barbecue for June 7,1986. Save all of your salable, clean and reuseable cloth ing for our yard sale. This will give us an opurtunity to have fun and make money.

THE FUTURE

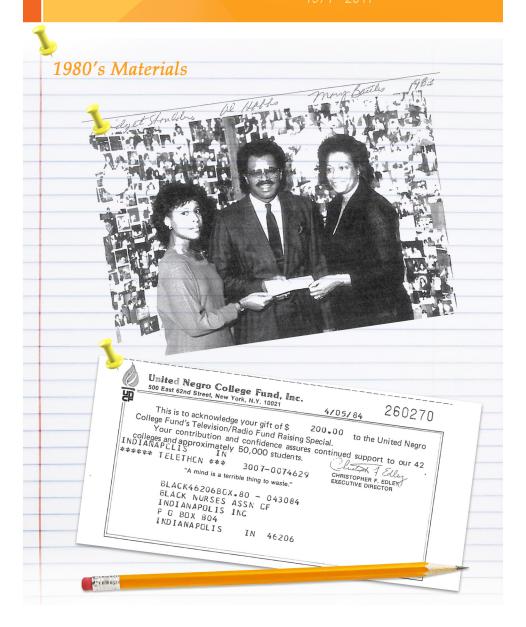
People are now living longer. Hospital stays are shorter. Home care appears to be the thing of the future. What do you think??

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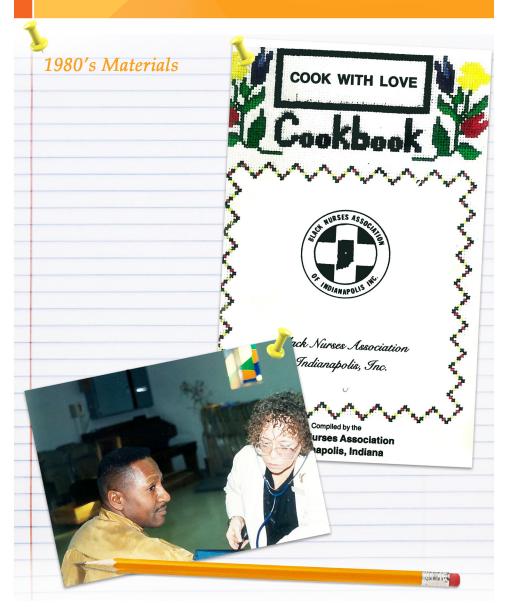


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BNA PHESENIS **Nurses Night Out** Matinee Friday-March 1, 1985

at the Excalibur

2105 N. Meridian From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

and \$3.50 at the door







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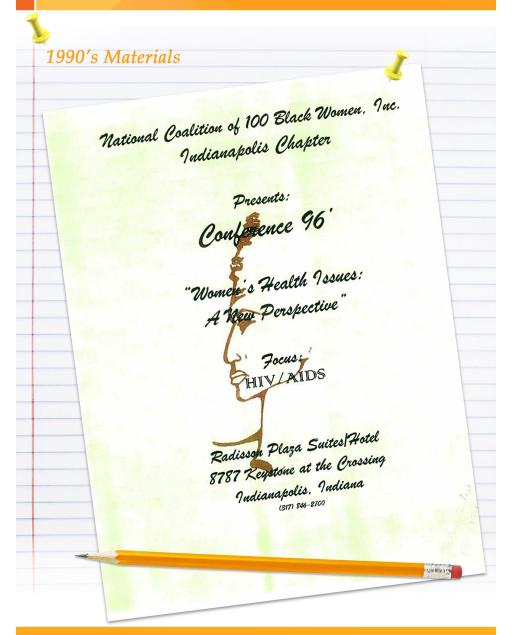
1990's Timeline

- · NBNA National Conferences
- · B/P Awareness Grants Continue
- · Partners with Marion Count Department and IMHC begins
- · HIV/AIDS Awareness, Ryan White Grant
- · Campaign For Healthy Babies/Marion County Health Dept
- · Infant Mortality Crisis in IN/Partner with Marion County Health Dept.
- · Prostate Cancer Awareness, Partner American Cancer Society
- · Black Expo Booth free and assist with first Aid
- · Partner: American Heart Association, Women's Health Issues Heart Disease Congresswomen Julia Carson
- · Partner National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc, Indianapolis Chapter
- · Conference '96 Women's Health Issues a new perspective
- · Rae Lewis of Chicago, Speaking Out On HIV/AIDS Fun Times and Sharing Christmas with others
- · Office on Meridian St. A reality
- · A look at Regional Conferences



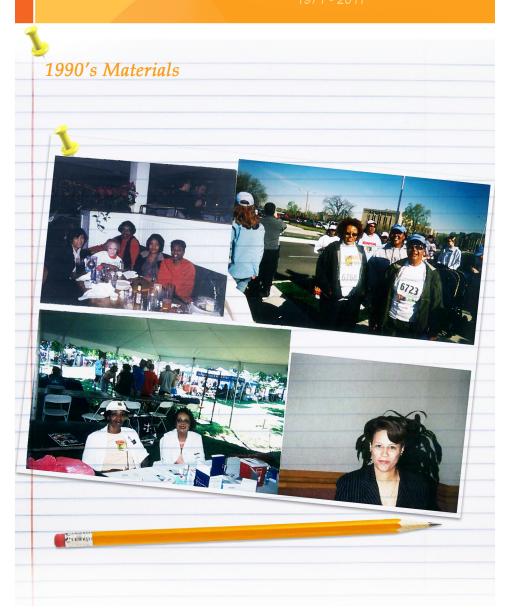


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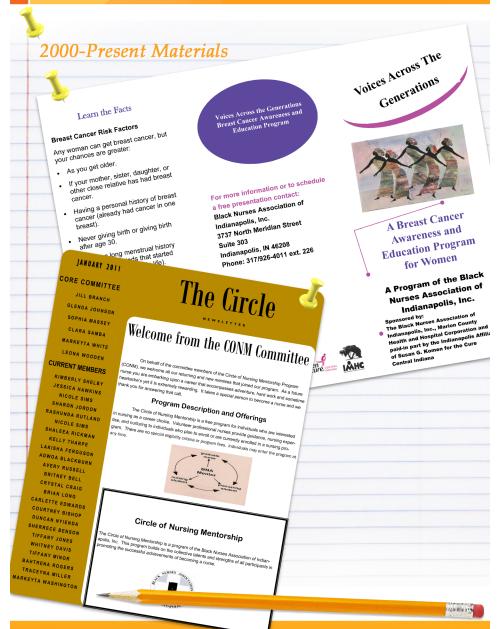
2000-Present Timeline

- · An office on Meridian St. A dream come true for first President, Lillian Stevenson, RN
- · Health Fairs
- · Circle of Nursing Mentorship
- · Partnership with Clarian Health/Retreat For BNA members
- · Workshop on Violence Against Latino Women
- · Nursing 2000 Partners and events
- · Diabetes: IMHCI speaker Patti Labelle
- · IMHC: Night Out with Sin Bad
- IBCA and homen Breast Cancer Foundation/Breast Cancer Awareness Grants
- · Voices Across the Generations, Breast Cancer Awareness Program
- · Fund Raisers for Scholarship Fund
- · Annual Luncheon was started in 2005,2006, 2007,2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
- · Looking forward to Hosting 40th NBNA Celebration 2011 in INDY Meet officers of 2011, Comments and words of encouragement from membership



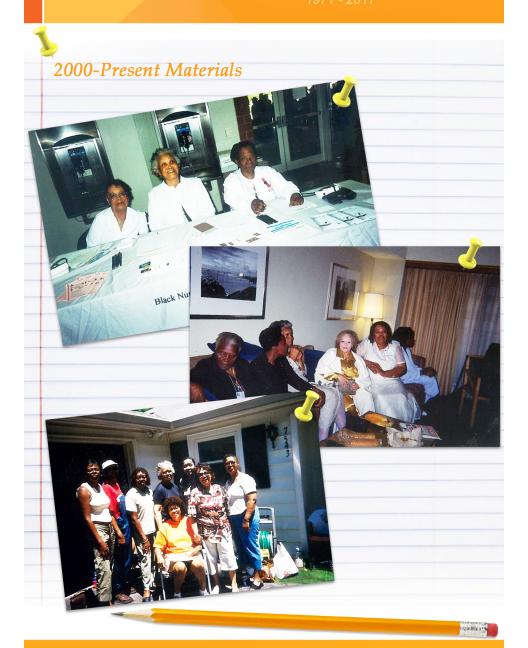


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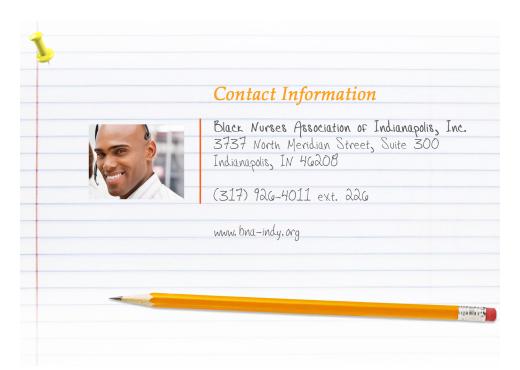


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