

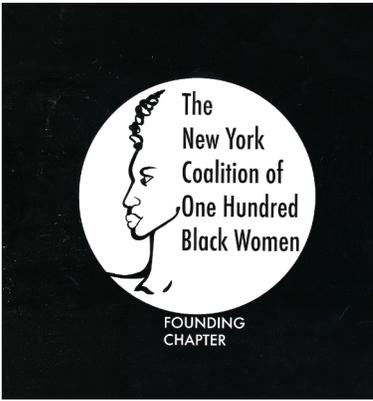
The Beacon

A Newsletter of the New York Coalition of One Hundred Black Women, Inc.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

There are fewer than 100 days remaining until the next Presidential election and we must make sure that we and every eligible person we know is registered to vote and then votes on Election Day. As we reflect on the lives of Civil Rights icons lost during July, Representative John R. Lewis and Rev. C. T. Vivian, voting is the best way we can honor their life's work. Some of us have become complacent and think that one vote doesn't matter but in the 2016 Presidential election, the largest group of voters were those who DID NOT VOTE. This year as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, remember the twenty-four women of vision and action who founded The Coalition of One Hundred Black Women. Let us honor their memory by voting and encouraging everyone we know to do the same.

From now until Election Day I will be sharing information with you regarding the upcoming election. Please share the information you receive (starting with this Newsletter) with family and friends. Let's show up and show out at the polls and let's make our voices heard. Remember...your vote is your voice!

Dr. Barbara Kairson

Art and Social Action Combine in Harlem

On a beautiful summer morning in July art and social action combined in Harlem with the dedication of the beautiful Black Lives Matter mural on Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. Coalition sisters Elizabeth Carde, Crystal Clemons, Rayne Dorsey, Danielle Doucette, Phyllis Hailstock, Eleanor Kennedy, Robin Martin, Mercedes Nesfield, Maxine Spence, and Felecia Stanley came out and "represented" that day.

Unfortunately, soon thereafter the mural was vandalized. However, the beautiful artwork has now been restored and is once again visible for all to enjoy.



2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

It is important that every person who is eligible to vote, registers and casts their ballot in person or by mail. The polls will be open on Tuesday, November 3rd for all who wish to vote in person. However, if you are planning to vote by Absentee Ballot, please request your ballot now and make sure that it is returned and postmarked no later than October 20, 2020. If you are not registered or if you are not sure about your registration status, the location of your Polling site, or the dates for early voting, please contact the New York City Board of Elections or Vote.org to obtain the needed information.

Please don't wait until the last minute to check on your voter status. This election is too important for us to overlook any detail and remember ... EVERY VOTE COUNTS.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week of August 17th - Democratic National Convention

August 24 - 27 - Republican National Convention

August 31 - October 2 - Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference (virtual)

September 22 - National Voter Registration Day

September 29 - First presidential debate

October 7 - Vice Presidential debate

October 15 - Second presidential debate

October 22 - Third presidential debate

November 3 - Election Day

Congratulations

The New York Coalition of One Hundred Black Women extends heartfelt congratulations to The Honorable Tanya R. Kennedy on her appointment to the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court. Judge Kennedy was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to this position and we are very proud of her.

For many years Judge Kennedy, a longtime member of the Coalition, has served as a Mentor in the Role Model program and has graciously welcomed student participants into her courtroom. This year Judge Kennedy again administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Officers and Board members of the Coalition, a task she has undertaken many times before.

The Coalition extends its best wishes to Judge Tanya R. Kennedy.

**Voting is a group
project. Don't let
us down.**

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