

# Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.



## SYN-LOD 2017

June 23-29, 2017

St. Louis, Missouri

**Lady Drema Lee Woldman**  
**National President**



*Sop Ladies of Distinction, Inc.*



*In Loving Memory  
1922-2016*



*Lady LaVerne Reese Madlock  
Founder  
Second National President*

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GOVERNOR

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May 26, 2017

Greetings:

It is my honor to welcome you to the Top Ladies of Distinction's Biennial National Convention. I extend my sincere congratulations on another successful year, and thank you for advocating on behalf of teens, senior citizens, women, community beautification, and community partnership. Your leadership and commitment are invaluable.

I extend best wishes for a successful and memorial event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric R. Greitens", written over a horizontal line.

Eric R. Greitens  
Governor



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May 23, 2017

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.  
Biennial National Convention  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Attendees and Guests:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to St. Louis -- the Gateway to the West -- for the **Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Biennial National Convention** being held from June 23 through June 29, 2017. We are thrilled that St. Louis was chosen as the site for this important meeting.

St. Louis welcomes more than 25 million annual visitors for leisure, conventions, meetings and business travel. The travel and tourism industry provides employment for 88,000 local residents, and it is one of the top six industries in both St. Louis City and County.

While you are in St. Louis, I encourage you to take some time to visit a few of our many great cultural and entertainment attractions. Explore Downtown's Washington Avenue, Grand Center's entertainment district, Lafayette Square's Victorian homes, South Grand's international dining district or the many cultural institutions in Forest Park. Experience for yourself what we have to offer and share with your friends and colleagues your great experiences at the world-class restaurants, hotels and entertainment options that abound throughout our region.

Best wishes for a successful, memorable visit to our fine city, and I hope that you will visit St. Louis again soon.

Sincerely,

  
Lyda Krewson  
Mayor, City of St. Louis

# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
LADY DREMA LEE WOLDMAN



Greetings,

It is indeed my pleasure and distinct honor to greet each of you as Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. convenes the 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod National Convention in historic St. Louis, Missouri, June 23-29, 2017 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel. Six hundred Ladies, Lords, and Teens will come to your fair city to paint the town pink, silver, and gold with Enthusiasm, Energy and Excitement as we “Invest in V.A.L.U.E.S. that Support, Enhance, and Sustain” the communities we serve.

At this conference, we will celebrate the accomplishments of the last two years and set goals for future progress. Volunteerism, advocacy, leadership, unity, engagement and social responsibility will be high on the agenda. Please plan to take advantage of all that the conference has to offer to ensure that TLOD can and will take the lead in meeting the many challenges facing our communities.

The South Cluster Chapters: Cardinal, Confluence, East St. Louis and St. Louis, have worked diligently to provide conference attendees with a diverse array of experiences that will reflect the “flavor” of St. Louis. A heartfelt “thank you” is extended to Ladies Sylvia Yandle, Conference Chair, and the Co-Chairs, Ladies Dorothy Fisher, Lena Rush and Dolores Green, for all the time, energy and love that has been put into making this a conference to remember. Kudos also to Lady Mary Leach Davis, National Area III Director, for her assistance and support in this endeavor.

I am excited and looking forward to meeting you in St. Louis.

I am at your service,

*Lady Drema*



# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

## OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT LADY SHARON J. BEARD



June 23, 2017

Greetings: Founder Dean, Top Ladies, Top Teens, Lords & Guests

What an honor and truly a pleasure for me to extend greetings to each of you on behalf of the office of National First Vice President. It has certainly been an honor for me to have served in this capacity for the past two years. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me to do the work of TLOD. I remain energized, enthusiastic, and filled with excitement to "Do It Again!"

Geared up for a week of fellowship, deliberation, collaboration, fun and business, I continue to be committed to serving and investing in our youth and in our communities via the implementation of our five national programmatic thrusts: Top Teens of America, Status of Women, Senior Citizens, Community Beautification and Community Partnerships.

"Thank You" to each and every member of our beloved organization. We only hope that in your continued service to mankind that you Imagine the possibilities, Inspire each other, and continue to Invest in the community!

There is no doubt, we are about "taking action and getting results". We truly believe that after we convene SynLod 2017 at the Union Station, St. Louis will never be the same!

Experience the Best.....I am ready to serve and prepared to lead.

*Sharon J. Beard*

TLOD National 1st Vice President





# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT  
LADY OTEAL WYATT GILMORE



Welcome Top Ladies, Top Teens, Lords and Guests,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to "The Gateway to the West" – St. Louis, Missouri for our 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod. I am truly honored to be extending to you a warm welcome to Area III, my home Area, as we celebrate 53 years of upholding our motto **SERVING YOUTH & ADULTS!**

With our national theme: **INVESTING in V.A.L.U.E.S. that SUPPORT, ENHANCE and SUSTAIN**, our National President, Lady Drema Lee Woldman, the "Investing Team" and Area III South Cluster Chapters, have developed an agenda that will Support our motto, Enhance our vision and Sustain our history in today's society. With the assistance of our 110+ chapters, we are definitely accomplishing the goals of serving our communities.

At this year's Syn-Lod, there will be institutes and workshops that will allow us to come together to discuss and collaborate on enriching our leadership, membership, and parliamentary procedures. Plus, there will be a caregiver forum, Ecumenical/TTA Recognition Breakfast, health/college fairs and luncheons to celebrate our 5-Star Programs and Lords. For our enjoyment, we will be *"Jamming in the STL"* for our Top Ladies, Top Teens and Lords to fellowship and appreciate each other's company. Therefore, we will be learning, networking and preparing to continue to serve for the upcoming years.

Once again, welcome to St. Louis and thank you for all that you do for TLOD, Inc.

Yours in Service,

*Lady Oteal*



# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

**LADY OZELL M. DEAN**  
**FOUNDER**



June 23, 2017

My Dearest Top Ladies, Top Teens, Lords, and Guests:

I am very excited and extremely blessed about this time in TLOD history, especially as we celebrate 40 years since our first Syn-Lod. Our TLOD National theme of "Investing in V.A.L.U.E.S. that Support, Enhance, and Sustain" reflects the true spirit in which we created our beloved organization.

My continuous and fervent prayers are with our National President, Lady Drema Lee Woldman, along with the Investment Team to be successful in your service. I also pray that all of the Top Ladies and Top Teens across this nation help us grow the membership, allowing us to continue to spread our service to youth and adults.

By focusing on our fundamental principle of "Our Aim is Service," TLOD will continue to make a difference where the need is the greatest. Most importantly, leaving a legacy that will improve the situation for our youth across this country so that they can create a better future for themselves and their families.

May God Bless you All!

Yours in TLOD,

*Lady Ozell*  
Lady Ozell Dean



# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

**LADY MARY LEACH DAVIS  
NATIONAL AREA III DIRECTOR**



Greetings,

On behalf of the Ladies, Lords and Teens of Area III, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Gateway to the West, St Louis, MO. for an exciting Syn-Lod 2017.

The South Cluster Chapters of Area III have worked tirelessly to ensure that the first Syn-Lod of the "Investing Years" is a most memorable one as we "Invest in Values that Support, Enhance and Sustain". Under the leadership of our National President, Lady Drema Lee Woldman, workshops, forums and celebrations have been designed to "Support" your will to serve, "Enhance" your need to do even more, and "Sustain" the fire of service within you!

We will listen, talk, fellowship and collaborate as we learn techniques that will enhance our ability to give service to our communities. I encourage you to partake of the many offerings available to bolster your knowledge base of our program initiatives and 5 Star Program. Our partners will share their mission with us and how we may collaborate to be of even more service to our communities. You will leave Syn-Lod with all the tools you need to sustain your service efforts.

South Cluster is filled with Enthusiasm, Energy and Excitement as we welcome you, the Ladies, Lords and Teens of Top Ladies, Inc. to Syn-Lod 2017!

Warm regards,

*Lady Mary Leach Davis*  
**National Area III Director**





**GREETINGS, TOP LADIES, TOP TEENS, LORDS and SUPPORTERS!**

**It is my pleasure to serve as General Chairman of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Area III South Cluster Host Chapters (Cardinal, Confluence, East St. Louis and St. Louis). I welcome each of you.**

**Your host city, St. Louis, Missouri, known as the “Gateway City to the West” invites each of you to enjoy and explore the many experiences it has to offer.**

**During your stay, we encourage you to take time to enjoy some of the many facets of the city’s history, entertainment and fun! Enjoy the multitude of treasures that is a part of St. Louis—its unforgettable attractions: the Blues and Jazz experience, the Sports Scene, the St. Louis Zoo, the Muny Opera and the Gateway Arch – just to name a few.**

**Finally, I extend my sincere appreciation to the very capable Host Co-Chairs Ladies: Dorothy Fisher, Deloris Green and Linda Logan along with the entire planning committee. They all have worked so diligently to ensure the success of this event. A very special, heartfelt “Thank You” to our most dedicated, committed National President, Lady Drema Lee Woldman, for her continuous encouragement and guidance. She has navigated us through this adventure with Enthusiasm, Energy and Excitement!**

**Ladies, Lords and Teens, please know that the Host Cluster has left no stones unturned to ensure that you, our guest, leave St. Louis with a wealth of informative, productive and uplifting experience. We are not only rolling out the Pink Carpet but the Blue Carpet as well “Just for You” !**

**Hopefully, the agenda that has been planned will energize you to return to your respective communities reconnected, recharged, and recommitted. For we all know that now, more than ever before, we must continue with the vim and vitality we have displayed in the past.**

**We await your arrival with open arms. I look forward to meeting and greeting each of you as we “Invest in V.A L.U.E.S that Support, Enhance and Sustain.”**

**Yours in Service**

***Lady Sylvia Yandle  
General Chairman***







Greetings Ladies, Lords and Teens:

We, the Area III South Cluster Co-Chairs of Syn Lod 2017, take great pleasure in welcoming you to St. Louis, Missouri, home of the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Team, Blues Hockey Team, Gateway Arch, Blues Museum and Sweetie Pies.

The Host Syn-Lod Committee – Cardinal, Confluence, East St. Louis and St. Louis Chapters – General Chairman, Lady Sylvia Yandle, and Committee Chairs under the guidance of our National President, Lady Drema Lee Woldman, have planned exciting activities that we know you will enjoy. Activities planned will ensure that your attendance at this Convention will be informational, enjoyable, fun-filled and will restore and revive your commitment to “invest” in your various communities along with each and every member of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

St. Louis City, St. Louis County and surrounding areas have many attractions, restaurants, shopping and sport venues available for your enjoyment, many that are close to the hotel. It is therefore with enthusiasm, energy and excitement that we welcome you to our city! We sincerely hope that you will enjoy your stay here in the Gateway to the West.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Co-Chairs.

Sincerely,

*Lady Dorothy Fisher*

*Lady Deloris Green*

*Lady Lena McGlone Rush*

# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.



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\*Lady Ina Bolton Brown

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# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.



## HONORARY MEMBERS

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Lady Daisy L. Bates\*

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Lady Jacqueline Vaughn\*

Lady Dorothy I. Height\*

Lady Deborah Cannon Wolfe\*

Lady Hazel Brown\*

Lady Margaret Adams

Lady Gloria Scott

Lady Maxine Waters

Lady Anita Bunkley

Lady Jane E. Smith

Lady Frankie Muse Freeman

Lady Charlotte Maull

Lady Eunice Dudley

Lady Barbara Shaw

Lady Julianne Malveaux

Lady Yolanda Moore

Lady Myrlie Evers-Williams

**\*Deceased**



# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.



## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Lady Anita L. Harmon  
South Suburban Chicago Chapter

Lady Anna M. Jones  
South Suburban Chicago Chapter

Lady Joyce A. Peoples  
Jackson Chapter

# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.



## PROPOSED 40<sup>TH</sup> SYN-LOD RULES

The rules presented below governing this 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod are not intended to intimidate or to impede but to promote a meeting atmosphere that is conducive to positive, expeditious and democratic deliberations.

### Order of business

#### Rule 1

The first order of business shall be the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

#### Rule 2

The second order of business shall be the adoption of the 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod Agenda as presented by the National President, Lady Drema Lee Woldman.

#### Rule 3

All business sessions shall begin and end promptly in accordance with the official agenda. Exceptions may be made by the National President, pending approval of the voting body.

#### Rule 4

The voting strength shall be announced at the opening session and at the beginning of each plenary session. Voting cards shall be used to indicate the vote.

#### Rule 5

Protocol shall be properly established at the opening session of Syn-Lod by the first presenter; thereafter, the following presenters will address the presiding officer for recognition to proceed.

#### Rule 6

All reports must be typewritten with copies submitted to the National Recording Secretary immediately following presentation.

#### Rule 7

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern all proceedings of the 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod that are not provided for in the *National Constitution and Bylaws* of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

### Discussion and Debate

#### Rule 1

The presiding officer shall rule out of order, any discussion, debate or proposal not specifically related to the agenda of this conference.

**Rule 2**

Each Top Lady seeking privileges of the floor shall upon recognition by the chair, state her name, chapter and city.

**Rule 3**

Only certified delegates/alternates shall be allowed to make motions, second motions and/or vote. Other Top Ladies are entitled to privileges of the floor only.

**Rule 4**

Debate shall be limited. No member shall speak longer than two (2) minutes and not more than twice on the same issue without permission from the chair. All members shall be courteous and considerate in their deliberations.

**Rule 5**

All motions shall be written on the form provided and submitted to the National Recording Secretary.

**Admission****Rule 1**

Identification badges issued by the Registration Committee shall be worn for admission to all business sessions and for all food events included in registration. Identification badges are not transferable. Approval must be sought from the National Financial Secretary to transfer registration credentials.

**Rule 2**

The Sergeant-at-Arms, timekeepers and assistants are appointed to facilitate the order of the meeting. They may restrict the entrance of late arrivals while reports are being presented.

**Electronic Devices**

Top Ladies carrying electronic communication devices shall set the device to silent/vibrate or in the "off" position during all business sessions, workshops and or forums.

**Announcements**

Announcements shall be made by the National Director of Operations and shall be submitted in writing with the name, chapter, and signature of the Top Lady submitting the announcement.

**Lady Adrienne E. Davis, National Parliamentarian**

# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.



## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### SCRAPBOOK CHECK-IN/TIMELINE

- All scrapbooks and Portfolios for judging must be turned in to the Awards Committee in the Awards room (Conductor) on Saturday, June 24, 2017, between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Timeline is as follows:
  - Saturday 6/24 – Judging TTA Scrapbooks & Area PR Portfolios, Noon-6:30pm
  - Sunday 6/25 – Judging Speakers Tournament & Spelling Bee at Literacy Café, 6pm- 9pm
  - Monday 6/26 – Judging TLOD Scrapbooks, 1pm- 7:30pm
  - Tuesday 6/27 – Scrapbooks On Display, 9am- 11am
  - Tuesday 6/27 – Scrapbooks On Display, 3:30pm-5pm
  - Wednesday 6/28 – Scrapbooks On Display, 12:30pm- 4:30pm
  - Wednesday 6/28 – Scrapbooks Pick-up, 4:30pm- 5pm

### BADGES

- All registered Ladies and Lords must wear their identification badges at all functions.

### CREDENTIALING

- Credentialing will take place 30 minutes before the beginning of each plenary session.

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

- Friday, June 23, 2017, 10:00 p.m. - Grand Ballroom
- Saturday, June 24, 2017, 11:00 a.m. (TBD) and 10:00 p.m. - Station Master
- Sunday, June 25, 2017, 10:00 p.m. – Grand ABC

### OUTREACH PROJECTS (BLESSINGS AND DRESS FOR SUCCESS)

- Items for the **Blessings in a Backpack Initiative** should be brought to Grand Ballroom E on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for the In-Service. If unable to attend, please give items to the Coordinator, Lady Mavis Merritt. Items for **Blessings** and **Dress for Success** must be in the Regency Ballroom by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, and placed on designated tables at the back of the ballroom. Items can also be dropped off at Registration (Caboose or Depot) during registration hours. The South Cluster will be available to assist you.

### LOST & FOUND

- Lost and found items shall be taken to Member Services and given to Lady Shwanda Warner. Messages regarding lost items shall be given to Lady Jackie Wilcher, National Director of Operations, for announcement.



### SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

- All items for the Silent Auction shall be left at the TLOD Office/Registration area (Switchman Room) during registration hours or given to Lady Delores Clark by end of day Monday, June 26, 2017. The Silent Auction will be held in the Midway Exhibit Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. All items won must be picked up no later than Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 12 noon.

### LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES AND WORKSHOPS

- All PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded to the website under the Members Only section immediately after the conference.

### MEMBER SERVICES

- TLOD Membership Cards, New Governance Covers, polo shirts, iPad covers, TLOD/TTA luggage tags, TLOD CD's and other items will be for sale at Member Services.

### PHOTOS

- Photos of the 2017-2019 National Officers (TLOD and TTA), Past National Presidents and Founder will be taken immediately after the Community Awards Public Meeting.
- Chapter photos will be taken on Monday, June 26, 2010, from 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### VENDORS

- Approximately 20 vendors will be in attendance at Syn-Lod. Please show your support by visiting them. They will be located in the Midway Exhibit Hall Saturday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.

### HOLDING ROOM

- For all VIP and holding purposes, the Holding Room is Station Master.

# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.



## 40<sup>TH</sup> SYN-LOD CREDENTIALS AND DELEGATES RULES

The rules presented below govern the delegate credential and voting strength process at the 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-lod Conference.

### Delegates and Voting Privileges

Voting at the Syn-Lod Conference is based on representation. Each chapter is allocated delegates.

Delegates are apportioned by chapter as follows per the Standard Operating Procedure Manual, page 1.

| Membership of Chapter      | Delegates | Alternates |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 10-20 Active members       | 2         | 2          |
| Each additional 15 members | 1         | 1          |

Additional voting privileges are given to Founders, National Officers (elected & appointed), Past National Presidents and Past Area Directors.

Voting strength is determined based on the number of active Ladies in each chapter as of March 31, 2017.

Prior to the conference, the National Financial Secretary has provided the total strength per chapter based on membership and any additional votes for officers, etc. The Chapter Presidents were requested to confirm the delegates' identification as entered in the Registration system.

The National Financial Secretary confirmed the credentials of the delegates and alternates to ensure they were eligible to vote (i.e. active as of March 31, 2017)

Officer, Delegate and Alternate ribbons identify members that are eligible to vote at the conference.

### Conference Plenary Session Voting

The National Financial Secretary is responsible for providing the voting strength for each plenary session.

Voting members (delegates and officers) for Syn-Lod will have designated seating.

Voting Delegates are required to be certified prior to each plenary session in order to be seated (i.e. vote) in a given session. This includes chapter delegates and any other delegates with voting privileges. Delegates can only be replaced by certified alternates. If an alternate is being replaced, the financial secretary must confirm the eligibility of the new alternate.

Delegate certification will be done 30 minutes prior to each plenary session. Each delegate must sign-in to be credentialed and receive a voting card for the session. Once the credentials sheets are pulled, the voting strength for the session will be closed and no additional voting cards will be issued.

Voting strength will be announced at the beginning of each plenary session. Each delegate must have certified prior to the start of the session in order to be included in the chapter voting strength.

Late attendees will have to request to be seated from the presiding officer. The delegate will need to seek privileges of the floor, upon recognition by the presiding officer she shall state her name, chapter indicating she is a delegate requesting to be seated. Upon recognition from the presiding officer, the voting strength will be amended by the National Financial Secretary.

If a delegate must leave the session, her voting card can be given to a certified alternate who must assume that delegates seat in the designated area. If there is no alternate to assume the seat, the delegate must surrender her voting card to the sergeant-at-arms who will notify the credentials committee representative at the door. The credentials committee representative will note the change in strength and notify the National Financial Secretary. When the delegate returns they will recertify with the credentials committee representative at the door who will notify the National Financial Secretary.

## OPENING CEREMONY

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

*(Stands and gives four deliberate raps with the gavel. Everyone stands.)*

The Presiding Officer gives four more deliberate raps with the gavel and speaks the following lines:

The Syn-Lod 2017 Meeting of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., is called to order. Our combined vision is limitless and encompasses the scope of all mankind. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of being of **service** to others, and we ask of Him to give us strength and determination to fulfill our purposes and responsibilities.”

### **OFFICERS *(In Unison):***

As officers of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., we are responsible for giving our best leadership in this organization in the execution of our five major purposes: **SERVICE TO YOUTH, SERVICE TO ADULTS, SERVICE TO SENIOR CITIZENS, SERVICE IN MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL and SERVICE THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, INITIATING COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, AS EQUAL PARTNERS, TO FACILITATE THE GOALS OF TLOD ... TOPS IN SERVICE** must be our watchwords.

### **MEMBERS *(In Unison):***

We are here to deliberate the wisest and best methods for executing our purposes; thereby helping to provide and maintain effective personal, family and community life.

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

First Vice President: What is our Motto?

### **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:**

Our motto is SERVING YOUTH AND ADULTS. Ours, indeed, is a challenging world, and human beings are the heart of the community. This is a personal challenge, and we, as Top Ladies of Distinction, are aware of the great responsibility that is ours. We must strive to motivate and maintain a wholesome community atmosphere for the mental and physical well being of youth and adults.

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Secretary: What are the colors of our organization?

### **SECRETARY:**

Our colors are GOLD, SILVER AND PINK. Gold represents honor and loyalty that must be experienced by all human beings. Silver symbolizes faith, purity and spiritual values to be shared by all. Pink signifies courage, sacrifice and consideration for others. The combination of all three colors truly represents desirable and distinguished qualities.

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Second Vice President: What is the flower of our organization?



**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:**

Our organization's FLOWER is the Orchid, a fabulous, rare specimen that thrives all over the world. It is exquisite in its delicate coloring, pleasing in its fragrance, and graceful in its form. Truly, it is a symbol of distinction and beauty.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Financial Secretary: What is the meaning of our insignia?

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:**

Our insignia is the CROWN, WHICH REPRESENTS TOP ...TOPS IN SERVICE. The Crown is made of gold, a precious metal which does not tarnish. The DIAMOND in the Crown reflects from its facets - high ethical principles in the uplifting of our community. The RUBY represents our desire to assist youth in wholesome living. The EMERALD signifies love and success. Just as the Romans did, we too, give THE CROWN the same regal significance or recognition for honorable SERVICE performed or distinction won.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Top Ladies of Distinction, why are we here?

**MEMBERS (*In Unison*):**

We are here to plan the most effective ways by which we may execute our five major purposes. We are here to gain information through the interchange of ideas. We are here to become more aware of how we can develop skills as well as a deeper understanding of youth and their influence for good in our community.

We are here to plan for the implementation of wholesome programs to improve the moral, social, educational and spiritual values of our youth.

We are here to formulate plans to enhance the status of women in our community.

We are here to deliberate methods by which our "Senior Citizens" can achieve a meaningful and satisfying life.

We are here to devise ways in which we can help to make and keep our community beautiful, thereby beautifying America.

We are here to bring together through Community Partnerships, the many existing community, education and business-based interests as equal partners in a mutual collaborative arrangement to facilitate the goals of TL0D.

Thus, we are here to determine what we can do to enable our fellowman to live wholesome, productive, self-fulfilling lives, thereby making our various communities influences for good.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

With our purposes clearly in mind, the 2017 Syn-Lod meeting of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is now in session.

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

*(Presiding Officer gives three raps with gavel as a signal to stand.)*

She says:

“Our destiny beckons us to be leaders in our various communities through rendering SERVICE to those about us. May we repeat our creed”:

### **UNISON:**

We, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., at this 40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod meeting, seek to be of greater SERVICE in our community.

We seek to strengthen the moral, social and cultural graces of our youth, thereby helping them to be well-rounded, productive citizens in our community, State, Nation, and World. We seek to enhance the status of women. We seek to aid the “Senior Citizen” toward positive, wholesome living. We seek to make our community more beautiful - physically and psychologically. Through knowledge, love, understanding, integrity and faith in God, we go forth to SERVE, upholding the right of each individual to dream, to work and to assume the privileges and responsibilities of the democratic way of life.

### **NATIONAL TLOD HYMN**

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

I declare this meeting adjourned.

## NATIONAL TLOD HYMN

*Words written by Lady Fredda Witherspoon*

TLOD are we  
Our aim is service  
Helping others as we go along our way  
Top Teens and all mankind  
Serving where'er we find  
Need in our community  
For we're TLOD.

Tops in service to all  
Young and all lest they shall fall  
Along life's rugged highway  
As they trudge each day.  
We must help where'er we can  
Serving well our fellowman  
This must our motto be  
For we're TLOD.



## NATIONAL TLOD PRAYER

*Music and Words by Lady Rita D. Franks-Bell*

Gracious Father  
Help us to know,  
Thou greatness, richness and gifts come from above  
Bless, Guide and Strengthen  
Us in every way  
Teach us to be more humble  
To each other day by day.

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Help us to show  
The Love and Kindness and Trust for all mankind  
Grant TLOD  
Wisdom to Live True  
Fine Christian women Special  
In their own way, Lord We Pray.  
A-men.

# **The Negro National Anthem**

## **LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING**

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling seas.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, Where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand  
True to our God, True to our native land.

*Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson*  
*Musical Composition by R. Rosamond Johnson*



### Syn-Lod Voting Strength

| Area | Chapter                   | Active Ladies<br>2016/2017 | Chapter<br>Delegates | Founders &<br>Past Nat'l<br>Presidents | National<br>Officers | Standing<br>Committee<br>Chairs | Total<br>Chapter<br>Voting<br>Strength | Plenary Sessions |        |        |        |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|      |                           |                            |                      |  |                      |                                 |  | I                | II     | III    | IV     |
|      |                           |                            | Eligible             | Eligible                               | Eligible             | Eligible                        | Eligible                               | Seated           | Seated | Seated | Seated |
| I    | Affiliate                 | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 |  |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Baytown                   | 19                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Beaumont                  | 26                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Capital City              | 39                         | 3                    | 1                                      |                      |                                 | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Central Oklahoma          | 17                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Central Texas             | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Dallas                    | 48                         | 3                    |  | 1                    | 1                               | 5                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | El Paso                   | 18                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Houston                   | 120                        | 8                    | 3                                      | 1                    |                                 | 12                                     |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Humble Intercontinental   | 55                         | 4                    |  |                      | 1                               | 5                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Jasper County             | 11                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Lake Charles              | 43                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Lake Houston              | 23                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Little Rock               | 23                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Longview Oil City         | 14                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Lufkin                    | 37                         | 3                    | 1                                      |                      |                                 | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Marshall                  | 14                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Missouri City             | 60                         | 4                    | 1                                      |                      |                                 | 5                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Monroe                    | 21                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Nacogdoches               | 13                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | New Orleans               | 35                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Nonpareil                 | 35                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Oklahoma Metroplex        | 10                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Oranje                    | 11                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Pearland                  | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Port Arthur               | 17                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Prairie View              | 11                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | River City                | 31                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Rose City                 | 21                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | San Antonio Metro         | 22                         | 2                    |  |                      | 1                               | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Shreveport                | 49                         | 3                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Suburban Bayou City       | 25                         | 2                    |  |                      | 1                               | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Sugar Valley              | 51                         | 4                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 5                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Trinity West              | 20                         | 2                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Twin City                 | 12                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| I    | Victoria                  | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Affiliate                 | 2                          | 0                    | 1                                      |                      |                                 | 1                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Alexandria City           | 35                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Baltimore                 | 21                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Dale City - Prince        | 55                         | 4                    |  | 1                    | 1                               | 6                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Gotham                    | 15                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Hampton Roads             | 22                         | 2                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Philadelphia              | 15                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Prince George's County    | 73                         | 5                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 6                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Queen Empire State        | 22                         | 2                    |  | 1                    | 1                               | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Southern Maryland         | 36                         | 3                    |  |                      | 1                               | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Trenton                   | 13                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| II   | Washington DC             | 27                         | 2                    |  |                      | 1                               | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Affiliate                 | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Cardinal                  | 29                         | 2                    |  | 1                    | 1                               | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Chicago                   | 27                         | 2                    | 1                                      | 1                    |                                 | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Confluence                | 16                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | East St. Louis            | 31                         | 2                    | 1                                      | 1                    |                                 | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Ebony                     | 17                         | 2                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Evergreen Park Chicago    | 20                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Lincoln Park Chicago      | 28                         | 2                    |  | 4                    |                                 | 6                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Madison                   | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Midway Chicago            | 15                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Milwaukee                 | 45                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | North Shore               | 15                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Skyline Metro             | 14                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | South Suburban Chicago    | 37                         | 3                    |  |                      | 1                               | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | St. Louis                 | 50                         | 4                    |  |                      |                                 | 4                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | West Suburban             | 31                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Will County Black Diamond | 48                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| III  | Will County Cosmo         | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| IV   | Affiliate                 | 4                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| IV   | Atlanta Peachtree         | 24                         | 2                    |  |                      | 1                               | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| IV   | Augusta                   | 36                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |        |        |        |
| IV   | Birmingham Metro          | 12                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |        |        |        |



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|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------|----|-----|----|
|      |                                |                            |                      |  |                      |                                 |  | I                | II | III | IV |
| IV   | Bryan-Liberties County         | 16                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | <b>Cary</b>                    | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Cocoa Brevard                  | 26                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | <b>Columbia Palmetto</b>       | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Durham NC                      | 13                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Effingham                      | 20                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Florence                       | 12                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Greenville                     | 12                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Guilford County                | 15                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | <b>Hattiesburg</b>             | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Jackson                        | 24                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Knoxville                      | 10                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Memphis                        | 14                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Miami                          | 62                         | 4                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 5                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Nashville Capital City         | 53                         | 4                    |  |                      |                                 | 4                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Queen City                     | 50                         | 4                    |  |                      |                                 | 4                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Raleigh                        | 37                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Savannah                       | 56                         | 4                    |  |                      |                                 | 4                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | St Petersburg                  | 12                         | 2                    |  |                      | 1                               | 3                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Tampa Bay WCF                  | 17                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Wendell                        | 16                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| IV   | Winston Salem                  | 25                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Affiliate                      | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Cincinnati                     | 25                         | 2                    |  | 1                    | 1                               | 4                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | <b>Cite D'Etoit</b>            | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Columbus                       | 20                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Dayton                         | 23                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Detroit                        | 21                         | 2                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 3                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Greater Cleveland              | 36                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Indianapolis                   | 30                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Kentuckianna                   | 9                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Michigan Metro                 | 23                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | <b>Northwest Indiana</b>       | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Renaissance                    | 19                         | 2                    |  |                      | 1                               | 3                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Saginaw                        | 17                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| V    | Toledo                         | 10                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Affiliate                      | 5                          | 0                    |  |                      | 1                               | 1                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Altadena                       | 12                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Carson                         | 16                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | City of Angels                 | 11                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | <b>Denver</b>                  | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Hub City                       | 16                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Inglewood                      | 39                         | 3                    |  |                      |                                 | 3                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | <b>Inland Empire</b>           | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Ladera Heights                 | 29                         | 2                    |  | 1                    | 1                               | 4                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | <b>Las Vegas Crown Jewels</b>  | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Los Angeles                    | 20                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Mountain West                  | 17                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Phoenix                        | 20                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | <b>Rocky Mountain Colorado</b> | 0                          | 0                    |  |                      |                                 | 0                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | San Diego By the Bay           | 13                         | 2                    |  |                      |                                 | 2                                      |                  |    |     |    |
| VI   | Starlight                      | 28                         | 2                    |  | 1                    |                                 | 3                                      |                  |    |     |    |
|      |                                | 2735                       | 245                  | 9                                      | 22                   | 16                              | 292                                    |                  |    |     |    |
|      |                                |                            |                      |  |                      | <b>Majority</b>                 | 147                                    |                  |    |     |    |
|      |                                |                            |                      |  |                      | <b>Two-Thirds</b>               | 195                                    |                  |    |     |    |



# TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.



## SYN-LOD 2017

### AGENDA

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017**

|                        |                 |                     |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration    | Depot               |
| 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | TLOD Office     | Switchman           |
| 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Member Services | Midway Exhibit Hall |

#### **Institutes**

|                       |                           |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <b>Financial Officers</b> | Midway I & II   |
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <b>Area Directors</b>     | Illinois        |
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <b>Chapter Presidents</b> | Midway III & IV |

#### **Leadership Workshops**

|                       |  |                 |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Getting it All Together: Estate Planning | Midway I & II   |
| 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Stop Dreaming, Do It!                    | Midway III & IV |
|                       | Entrepreneurship                         |                 |

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017**

|                       |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. | Prayer with Lady Dean | Grand F             |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Registration          | Depot               |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Member Services       | Midway Exhibit Hall |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | TLOD Office           | Switchman           |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Vendors               | Midway Exhibit Hall |

|                       |                                      |            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | First Timers Meeting                 | Grand F    |
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. | <b>Community Beautification Walk</b> | Aloe Plaza |

|                       |                               |               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | <b>A-TEAAM Training</b>       | Regency A     |
| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <b>TTA Advisors Institute</b> | Midway I & II |

## Committee Meetings

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Scholarship  
Program/Project Clinic  
Awards  
Nominating/Elections  
Area Directors  
Chapter Presidents

Texas Special  
Grand B  
Conductor  
Colorado  
Station Master  
Midway III & IV

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own

## Workshops

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Succession Planning  
Membership Best Practices Roundtable

Regency B  
Grand B

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Yes, We Can All Get Along  
Dress for Success  
Living Your Best Life:  
Mental/Spiritual/Physical

Grand A  
Grand B  
Grand C

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Talent Show

Grand F

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

South Cluster Host Night  
Jammin' in the STL

Midway

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registration  
Member Services  
TLOD Office  
Vendors

Depot  
Midway  
Switchman  
Midway

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Honorary Induction  
Memorial Service

Regency Ballroom

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gospel Brunch

Grand DEF

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Joint Opening Session

Regency Ballroom

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Credentialing  
Plenary Session #1

Outside Grand ABC  
Grand ABC

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

|                        |   |           |
|------------------------|---|-----------|
| 8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. | <b>President's Reception</b><br>Speaker's Tournament<br>Spelling Bee<br>Literacy Café | Grand DEF |
|------------------------|---|-----------|

## MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

|                         |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.   | Prayer with Ladies Porch and Edner  | Regency C         |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | Registration                        | Depot             |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | Member Services                     | Midway            |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | TLOD Office                         | Switchman         |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.   | Vendors                             | Midway            |
| 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  | TTA Recognition Breakfast           | Grand DEF         |
| 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Credentials                         | Outside Grand ABC |
| 8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  | <b>Plenary Session #2</b>           | Grand ABC         |
| 12:34 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  | <b>Lords' Appreciation Luncheon</b> | New York/Illinois |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.   | Lunch on your own                   |                   |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.   | Credentials                         | Outside Grand ABC |
| 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | <b>Plenary Session #3</b>           | Grand ABC         |

## *Caucuses*

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| 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | <b>Area I</b><br><b>Area II</b><br><b>Area III</b><br><b>Area IV</b><br><b>Area V</b><br><b>Area VI</b> | Illinois<br>Wabash Cannonball<br>New York<br>Frisco<br>Burlington Route<br>Missouri |
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| 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. | <b>Candidate Drop-in</b> | Grand DEF |
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## TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer – Teen Chaplains | Regency C  |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Community Beautification Walk   | Aloe Plaza |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Registration                    | Depot      |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Member Services                 | Midway     |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | TLOD Office                     | Swtichman  |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Vendors                         | Midway     |

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| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.<br>9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | <b>Silent Auction</b><br><b>TLOD Voting</b>                                      | Midway<br>Grand D           |
| 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.<br>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | <b>Five Star Programming Luncheon</b><br><b>Boswell Extravaganza</b>             | Grand F<br>Grand E          |
| 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.                           | Dinner on Your Own   |                             |
| 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | <b>VIP Reception (Invitation Only)</b><br><b>Community Awards Public Meeting</b> | Grand D<br>Regency Ballroom |

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017**

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  | Area III Continental Breakfast/Morning<br>Prayer with Area Chaplains | Grand DEF                              |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.<br>8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Registration<br>Member Services<br>TLOD Office<br>Vendors            | Depot<br>Midway<br>Switchman<br>Midway |
| 7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.  | Credentials<br><b>Plenary Session #4</b>                             | Outside Grand ABC<br>Grand ABC         |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.   | Lunch on your own  |  |
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | <b>HEALTH FAIR/HEALTHY CHOICES</b><br>Workshops                      | Midway Exhibit Hall                    |
| 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 p.m.  | <b>TTA COLLEGE &amp; CAREER FAIR</b><br>All Workshops                | Midway Exhibit Hall<br>Regency AB      |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | Dinner on your own<br><b>Presentation Rehearsal</b>                  | Regency A                              |
| 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.   | <b>Blue/Pink &amp; Silver Gala</b>                                   | Grand DEF                              |

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017**

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Boswell Foundation Board Meeting<br>Outgoing/Incoming Exec Board<br>Meeting | Grand A<br>New York/Illinois |
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**SYN-LOD 2017**  
**JOINT OPENING SESSION**

*2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

*Sunday, June 25, 2017*

*Regency Ballroom*

**Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President**  
**Teen Gerra Gistand, National TTA President, Presiding**

*Musical Prelude – Lady Tillie Colter*  
*National Music Council Chairman*

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Introduction of the “Investing Team” and VIPs.....Lady DiAnn Robinson  
*Protocol Chairman*

“Lift EV’ry Voice and Sing” ..... Assembly

Meditation ..... Lady Pamela B. Porch  
*National Chaplain*

Greetings ..... Lady Ozell Dean  
*Founder*

Lady Mary Leach Davis  
*National Area III Director*

Teen Reginald Bailey  
*Area III TTA President*

Lady Janice Munks-Scimmons  
*National TTA Director*  
Kelly Short

*Convention Services Manager, St. Louis Union Station Hotel*

Welcome ..... Lady Sylvia Yandle  
*40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod Conference Chairman*

Response ..... Lady Sandra Clark  
*39<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod Conference Chairman*

Introduction of the National President.....Gerra Gistand  
*National TTA President*

Musical Selection ..... TLOD Choir

State of TLOD.....Lady Drema Lee Woldman  
*National President*

Acceptance of Report .....Lady Sharon Beard  
*National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

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| Bullying Initiative ..... | Triesta Fowler, M.D.<br><i>Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)</i><br>Dr. Juanita Sims Doty<br><i>Chairman, JSD Foundation</i> |
| Silent Auction .....      | Lady Delores Clark<br><i>National Chairman</i>   |
| Member Services .....     | Lady Shwanda Warner<br><i>National Chairman</i>  |
| Logistics .....           | Lady Hope Ruffin<br><i>National Chairman</i>   |
| Announcements .....       | Lady Jackie Wilcher<br><i>National Director of Operations</i>  |



## PLENARY SESSION I

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Grand ABC

*Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President*  
*Presiding*

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| Call to Order   |  |
| Musical Selection .....   | Lady Tillie Colter<br><i>National Music Council Chairman</i>   |
| Meditation .....  | Lady Harnell Williams<br><i>National Area I Director</i>   |
| Opening Ceremony  |  |
| Credentials/Seating of Delegates .....                          | Lady Sandra Jennings<br><i>National Financial Secretary</i>  |
| Appointment of Pages and Timekeepers                            | <i>Pages: Lady Willie Stribling</i><br><i>Lady Carolyn McKie</i><br><i>Lady Cynthia Grant</i><br><br><i>Timekeepers: Lady Nicole Williams</i><br><i>Lady Kathy Lee</i> |
| Adoption of Agenda  |  |
| Presentation/Adoption of 39 <sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod Minutes ..... | Lady Oteal Wyatt Gilmore<br><i>2013-2015 National Recording Secretary</i>  |



Presentation/Adoption of the Rules ..... Lady Adrienne E. Davis  
*National Parliamentarian*

## REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

(3 MINUTES)

Parliamentarian ..... Lady Adrienne E. Davis  
Chaplain ..... Lady Pamela B. Porch  
Historian ..... Lady Mattie Stanton  
Editor-of-the-Crown..... Lady Loris Anderson  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Lady Elaine Singh  
Building and Properties..... Lady Mary C. Hamilton  
Director of Operations ..... Lady Jackie Wilcher

Silent Auction ..... Lady Delores Clark  
*National Chairman*

Member Services ..... Lady Shwanda Warner  
*National Chairman*

Logistics ..... Lady Hope Ruffin  
*National Chairman*

Announcements ..... Lady Jackie Wilcher  
*National Director of Operations*

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## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

*Grand DEF*

*(8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.)*

## Speaker's Tournament

Spelling Bee

Literacy Café



## PLENARY SESSION II

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday, June 26, 2017

Grand ABC

*Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President  
Presiding*

Call to Order

Musical Selection ..... TLOD Choir

Meditation ..... Lady Helena Dodson  
*National Area II Director*

Credentials/Seating of Delegates ..... Lady Sandra Jennings  
*National Financial Secretary*

Recommendations ..... Lady Francine B. Jarvis  
*National Recommendations Chairman*

Constitution & Bylaws..... Lady Adrienne E. Davis  
*National Parliamentarian*

Nominations Committee Report ..... Lady Dorothy Fisher  
*National Nominating Chairman*

Elections Committee Report ..... Lady Janie Cooper  
*National Elections Chairman*

### Candidates Speak

Silent Auction ..... Lady Delores Clark  
*National Chairman*

Member Services ..... Lady Shwanda Warner  
*National Chairman*

Logistics ..... Lady Hope Ruffin  
*National Chairman*

Announcements ..... Lady Jackie Wilcher  
*National Director of Operations*

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### LORD'S LUNCHEON

*New York/Illinois*

*(12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)*

*Ticket required*



## PLENARY SESSION III

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, June 26, 2017  
Grand ABC

*Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President  
Presiding*

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| Call to Order                          |  |
| Musical Selection .....                | TLOD Choir   |
| Meditation .....                       | Lady Sybil McDowell<br><i>National Area V Director</i>   |
| Credentials/Seating of Delegates ..... | Lady Sandra Jennings<br><i>National Financial Secretary</i>  |
| Financial Team.....                    | Lady Sandra Jennings<br><i>National Financial Secretary</i><br>Lady Vynessa Alexander<br><i>National Treasurer</i> |

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTES)

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| Building and Properties.....                           | Lady Mary C. Hamilton, Chairman                                     |
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| National Program .....                                 | Lady Sharon Beard, Chairman<br><i>National First Vice President</i> |
| National Status of Women .....                         | Lady Turnitta Rayburn, Chairman                                     |
| National Community Partnerships.....                   | Lady Joyce Jacquet, Chairman  |
| National Community Beautification .....                | Lady Myra Nelson, Co-Chairman                                       |
| National Senior Citizens .....                         | Lady Diana Raynor, Chairman   |
| Top Teens of America - National Service to Youth ..... | Lady Janice Scimmons, Chairman<br><i>National TTA Director</i>      |
| <i>Dred Scott, Spelling Bee, Debate Team .....</i>     | <i>Lady Velda Hunter, Asst. TTA Director</i>                        |
| <i>March of Dimes/Healthy Choices.....</i>             | <i>Lady Jacqueline Carter, Coordinator</i>                          |
| <i>St. Jude/Blessings in a Backpack .....</i>          | <i>Lady Mavis Merritt, Coordinator</i>                              |
| <i>VCR TTA Leadership Academy.....</i>                 | <i>Ladies Anna and Carmen Kirksey, Co-Deans</i>                     |
| <i>STEAM .....</i>                                     | <i>Lady Lillie L. Lacy, Arts Coordinator</i>                        |

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National NCNW..... Lady Darlene Hardimon, Chairman

National NAACP .....Lady Fran Jackson, Chairman

National TLOD Literacy.....Lady Mary Grant, Chairman

National UNCF .....Lady Veronica Nesbitt, Chairman

National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness.....Lady Teresa Norton, Chairman

Silent Auction ..... Lady Delores Clark  
*National Chairman*

Member Services ..... Lady Shwanda Warner  
*National Chairman*

Logistics ..... Lady Hope Ruffin  
*National Chairman*

Syn-Lod 2019 Welcome .....Atlanta Peachtree Chapter

Announcements .....Lady Jackie Wilcher  
*National Director of Operations*

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### Caucuses

Area I Illinois

Area II Wabash Cannonball

Area III New York

Area IV – Frisco

Area V --- Burlington Route

Area VI Missouri

### Candidate Drop-in

Grand Ballroom DEF  
 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.



## PLENARY SESSION IV

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Grand ABC

*Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President  
Presiding*

Call to Order

Musical Selection .....TLOD Choir

Meditation .....Lady Crystal C. Pittman  
*National Area IV Director*

Registration/Credentials Report ..... Lady Sandra Jennings  
*National Financial Secretary*

### Continuation of Committee Reports

Area Director's Council ..... Lady Helena Dodson, Chairman  
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Strategic Planning.....Lady Michelle Smalls, *Chairman*  
Membership .....Lady Versonya DuPont, Chairman  
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Member Services..... Lady Shwanda Warner

Logistics ..... Lady Hope Ruffin

Elections.....Lady Janie F. Cooper, Chairman

Announcements ..... Lady Jackie Wilcher

Presentations  
Installation of Officers  
Closing Ceremony  
TLOD Hymn

## **HEALTH/CAREER/COLLEGE FAIR**

*Midway Exhibit Hall  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

## **BLUE/PINK & SILVER GALA**

*Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
Grand Ballroom DEF  
(8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.)*

## **BOSWELL FOUNDATION MEETING**

*Thursday, June 29, 2017  
Grand A*

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

*Incoming/Outgoing Transition  
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## ***40<sup>th</sup> Syn-Lod Election Procedure Overview***

Voting will take place on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, Grand Ballroom D at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Ladies and 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for Top Teens.

Eligible voters shall be a Lady who is a Founder, National Officer, Member of Parliamen-Top, or who is an official delegate from a chapter and a Top Teen who is a National Officer, Member of the Executive Board, or who is an official delegate from a chapter.

- All voters must wear their conference identification badge and/or ribbon;
- Only one vote shall be cast for each position;
- There are no alternates for National Officers or other members of Parliamen-Top;
- An Alternate Delegate for a chapter Delegate appearing at the Polls must be duly authorized to vote for an absent Delegate;
- The official reports or certification letters provided by the National Financial Secretary shall be the official authorization of all eligible voters.

### **Candidates**

The TLOD National positions to be voted on include 14 elected National Officers and seven (7) Nominating Committee Members (one from each area and one Affiliate Member).

The TTA National positions to be voted on include seven (7) elected National Officers and six (6) Nominating Committee Members (one from each area).

The list of “certified candidates” from floor nominations must be delivered to the TLOD Election Committee Chair, Lady Janie Cooper, by the Nominating Committee by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017, in order for candidates to be included on the final ballot.

### **Voting Methodology**

Touch Poll of Georgia, Inc. has been awarded the contract to provide electronic touch-screen voting equipment. Each voter will be allowed to cast one vote for the position/candidate that the voter specifically chooses, or to skip voting on any position, if so desired.

### **Poll Watchers**

Each candidate (including certified floor nominations), may have one (1) Poll Watcher, if so desired, however, it is not a requirement to have a Poll Watcher.

## **Election Procedures**

### **Voter Check-In**

Eligible Voters are to arrive outside of the Voting Room, Grand D, at the designated time set. While waiting in line, order and quiet are to be maintained. Voters are requested to follow the directions of the Election Committee Members serving as Monitors and conducting Voter check-in. There will be no loitering or campaigning within or in the surrounding area of the Voting Room.

Eligible Voters must be verified and sign-in at the Voter Check-in tables. Voters will receive a voting slip for numerical control which must be turned in before proceeding to a voting machine. An Alternate for a Chapter Delegate appearing at the Polls must be duly authorized to vote for an absent Delegate.

There will be a separate Voter Check-in for National Officers and other Members of Parliament-Top, and stations for each TLOD Area for Chapter Delegates. Depending upon the number of Election Committee Members and on the number of eligible voters, some Voter Check-in stations may be split and/or others consolidated.

### **Balloting**

- The initial display on the touch screen will welcome and ask the Voter to touch the start “button” to access the ballot.
- The “screen page” will turn and the first position to be voted will appear at the top of the page.
- On the “screen page” will be the list of candidate names for that position or an indication that “There are no candidates for the office at this time.”
- A vote is cast by touching the “button” for the desired candidate, for the “no candidate” indication, or, the “button” that indicates the Voter does not wish to vote for that position.
- The Voter touches the “continue button” to go to the next “screen page” for the next candidate position.
- The Voter will have the option to “go back” to a prior “screen page” until the ending “thank you screen” is displayed.
- The computer will then register the ballot and tally the votes.

Several touch screens will be available for voting and at least one for the members of Parliament-Top. Consultants of Touch Poll of Georgia will be in the Voting Room to answer any questions that may arise on the use of the equipment.

After the Polls close, Election Committee Members will verify the total number of voters. The touch Poll Consultants will produce consolidated voting results from all machines. Winners will be the candidates in each position that received the highest number of votes. The official report of election results will be given to the National Election Chair. The election results will be announced at the designated time during Plenary Session IV on June 28, 2017.

### **Run-Off Election (Re-balloting)**

In the case of a tie vote for any elected position, a Run-off Election will take place on June 27, 2017 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Delegates will cast votes only for the position with the tie indicated by the consultants of Touch Poll of Georgia.

**National Election Committee**  
**Lady Janie F. Cooper, Chairperson**





## Workshop Descriptions

### SESSION I 1:00 PM – 3:10 PM

#### ➤ So You Are Elected, Now What?

*Presenter – Lady Peggy Lewis LeCompte, 10<sup>th</sup> National President, TLOD (60 minutes)*

As Chapter President, it is essential that you begin your term in office having confidence in your knowledge of Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated and the duties and responsibilities of the office you have been elected to fulfill. This workshop is designed to provide an overview of the tools and tips that will assist in implementation excellence for conducting effective and efficient meetings, making appointments, handling conflicts and achieving the expectations from your membership in your role as Chapter President.

#### ➤ Empowering leaders for Effective Chapter Operations

*Presenter- Lady Gracie Porter, President, Nashville Chapter*

Effective operations are accomplished when everyone understands their responsibility at each level in the Chapter. This workshop provides a review of the duties and responsibilities of Chapter officers and Committee Chairmen and their impact on the effectiveness of Chapter Operations. The clarity around the need for officers to function as a “TEAM” and the understanding that each officer contributes a different part to the “TEAM” will also be defined. Scenarios and examples will be shared and obtained to demonstrate how Officers and Committee Chairmen carryout their assigned roles.

### BREAK

### Session II 3:15 PM – 5:15 PM

#### ➤ Am I My Sister’s Keeper?

*Presenter – Lady Pamela Porch, National Chaplain, TLOD*

Effective leadership from the Chapter President is vital to a successfully functioning Chapter. This means embracing each member equally with respect, inclusiveness and behavior in speech and tone that fosters strong sisterly relations. As President, you set the example for all members to see. Leading from the front in this endeavor is your role, leading from behind is unacceptable! This interactive workshop will provide tools and strategies to manage and resolve conflicts within the Chapter while enhancing morale boosting and enhancing strong sisterly relations among the membership.

#### ➤ Maintaining Order: Navigating through Basic Parliamentary Procedures

*Presenter – Lady Jacqueline Wilcher, National Director of Operations (60 minutes)*

Do you want your Chapter meetings to run smoothly and function in an orderly manner? If your answer is yes, spend some time getting to know your bylaws and the fundamentals of basic parliamentary procedures. Need some assistance? You are in the right audience! This workshop will walk you through many of the basic parliamentary rules that will ensure development of effective meeting agendas, handling main motions, amendment motions, managing debate and how to use the various voting methods available for use during your meetings.

## AREA DIRECTORS

Lady Emily J. Jones, Facilitator  
Recorder: Lady Cheryl Williams

### AGENDA

#### Session I 1:00 – 3:10PM

- **Opening and Introductions – Facilitator (1:00 – 1:10PM)**  
*Lady Emily Jones, 10<sup>th</sup> National Area III Director*
- **Stepping forward with Effective Conference and Cluster Planning (1:10 – 2:10PM)**  
*Presenter, Lady Mattie Stanton, National Historian*
- **Maintaining Order: Navigating through Basic Parliamentary Procedures (2:10 – 3:10PM)**  
*Presenter – Lady Jacqueline Wilcher, National Director of Operations*

#### BREAK

#### Session II 3:20 – 5:15PM

- **Revitalizing and Implementing a Conference Agenda with Enthusiasm! Energy! And Excitement! (3:20 – 4:15PM)**  
*Presenter – Lady Emily J. Jones, 10<sup>th</sup> National Area III Director*
- **The Area Director/TTA Advisor: Motivating, Empowering and Leading to Get Results (4:15 – 4:45PM)**  
*Presenter – Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President, Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated*
- **Using our Documents to Handle Conflicts with Ease (4:45 -5:15PM)**  
*Presenter – Lady Helena Dobson, National Area II Director*
- **Closing and Wrap Up – Lady Emily J. Jones, Facilitator**

## Workshop Descriptions

#### Session I 1:00PM – 3:10PM

- **Stepping Forward with Effective Conference and Cluster Planning**  
*Presenter – Lady Mattie Stanton, National Historian*

Would you like to step up your Conference and Cluster Planning a notch? If so, this is the workshop you will want to attend! Effective planning is the key to any successful event.

During this workshop, in addition to guidelines in your Area Directors handbook, you will gain several tools to assist you in site selection, contract negotiations, budgeting, audiovisual usage and meal planning. You should leave this session with enhanced confidence of planning a highly successful Area Conference and/or Cluster Meeting.

➤ **Maintaining Order: Navigating through Basic Parliamentary Procedures**

*Presenter – Lady Jacqueline Wilcher, National Director of Operations*

Do you want your Area meetings to run smoothly and function in an orderly manner? If your answer is yes, spend some time getting to know your bylaws and the fundamentals of basic parliamentary procedures. Need some assistance, you are in the right audience! This workshop will walk you through many of the basic parliamentary rules that will ensure development of effective meeting agendas, handling main motions, amendment motions, managing debate and how to use the various voting methods available for use during your meetings.

➤ **Revitalizing and Implementing a Conference Agenda with Excitement! Energy! And Enthusiasm!**

*Presenter – Lady Emily J. Jones, 10<sup>th</sup> National Area III Director*

Make an impact! Shake things up and give your attendees a sense of excitement about attending your Conference with previews of agenda items! Start early and take a close look at your agenda, your workbook, your program participants, correspondence and make sure that each is filled with items/persons that will generate energy and enthusiasm! This interactive and engaging workshop will be a give and take of New, Must Haves and Nice to Have agenda items and impactful logistics leading to a highly enjoyable and informative Conference.

➤ **The Area Director/TTA Advisor: Motivating, Empowering and Leading to Get Results**

*Presenter – Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.*

Effective operations are achieved when all parties involved understand the hierarchy and responsibilities assigned at each level in our organization. When these understandings and relations are realized, dynamic relationships develop and success usually follows. This workshop will discuss those relationships, pointers to establishing them and successes that have resulted from them.

➤ **Using our Documents to Handle Conflicts with Ease**

*Presenter – Lady Helena Dobson, National Area II Director*

It is essential that Area Leaders have the knowledge and tactfulness to handle conflicts that may arise within their Areas. Often, they are faced with handling grievances, review boards, Chapter issues and others factors that contribute to dysfunction in the Area. This workshop will provide Area Leaders with strategies, using the guidelines in our documents, to address the types of conflicts that may arise within Areas with Top Ladies and with Top Teens.

## TTA ADVISORS

Lady Carrie Howard, Facilitator  
Lady Donna Townsend, Technology  
Lady Beverly Foley Harris, Recorder

### AGENDA

#### Session I 8:00AM – 11:30AM

- **Opening and Introductions – Facilitator (8:00 – 8:10AM)**  
Lady Carrie Howard, Past National Director of Top Teens of America
- **Nurturing Our Greatest Resource – Top Teens of America (8:10 – 9:10AM)**  
Presenter – Lady Janice Scimmons, National Director of Top Teens of America
- **What You Need to Know: Your Debate Team, The Spelling Bee and The Voice (9:10 – 10:10AM)**  
Presenter – Lady Velda Hunter, National Assistant TTA Director

#### BREAK

- **Get Ready, Get Set! - The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Partnership (10:20 – 10:55AM)**  
Presenter – Lady Mavis Merritt, TTA Special Projects Coordinator
- **Steps For Successfully Achieving Your March of Dimes/Healthy Choices Program (10:55-11:30 AM)**  
Presenter – Lady Jacqueline Carter, March of Dimes/Healthy Choices Coordinator

#### LUNCH

#### Session II 12:30PM – 5:00PM

- **Implementing M.O.M.E.M.T.U.M Through Program and Project Blending (12:30 – 1:30PM)**  
Presenters – Lady Sharon Beard, National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Lady Oteal Wyatt Gilmore, National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- **Just the Facts: The TTA Code of Ethics, Review Boards and Conflict Resolution (1:30 – 2:45PM)**  
Presenter's Panel – Lady Mary Thomas, Area I TTA Advisor  
Lady Patricia Cason, Area II TTA Advisor  
Lady Catherine Miles, Area III TTA Advisor
- **BREAK**

- **The Role of the TTA Advisor in Addressing “Bullying” (3:00 – 3:45PM)**  
Presenter – Lady Glendia Bryson-Jacobs, Area IV TTA Advisor
- **The Chapter TTA Advisor: Understanding “Liabilities” associated with Top Teens of America (3:45 – 4:45PM)**  
Presenter – Lady Carrie Howard, Facilitator and Past National TTA Director
- **Wrap Up and Close (4:45 – 5:00PM)**  
Lady Carrie Howard, Facilitator

## Workshop Descriptions

### Session I 8:00 – 11:30AM

- **Nurturing Our Greatest Resource – Top Teens of America**  
Presenter – Lady Janice Scimmons, National Director of Top Teens of America

This workshop will address the duties and responsibilities of a TTA Advisor, how to work effectively with the Service to Youth Committee and the overall aspects of guiding an efficiently functioning Top Teens of America Chapter. You should leave this presentation feeling confident in the role of the Top Teens Advisor and how this position fits within the greater organization at the National, Area and Chapter level.

- **What You Need to Know: Your Debate Team, The Spelling Bee and The Voice**  
Presenter – Lady Velda Hunter, National Assistant TTA Director

In your role as Top Teens Advisor, you have the opportunity to promote the growth and development of your Top Teens. You will gain strategies for this growth for developing your Debate Team, preparing your Teens for Spelling Bees and implementing or contributing to The Voice, during this presentation.

### BREAK

- **Get Ready, Get Set! - The St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Partnership**  
Presenter – Lady Mavis Merritt, TTA Special Projects Coordinator

This presentation will review the guidelines of the Partnership with the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. It will also provide the nuts and bolts of planning and implementing successful fundraising projects at the Chapter and/or Area level to support this Partnership.

- **Steps For Successfully Achieving Your March of Dimes/Healthy Choices Program**  
Presenter – Lady Jacqueline Carter, March of Dimes/Healthy Choices Coordinator

A review of the guidelines for the March of Dimes Partnership and an overview of the Healthy Choices program will be provided during this presentation. You will leave this session with meaningful suggestions for planning, implementing, and timely reporting for this Partnership.

## LUNCH

### Session II 12:30PM – 5:00PM

#### ➤ **Implementing M.O.M.E.M.T.U.M Through Program and Project Blending**

Presenters – Lady Sharon Beard, National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Lady Oteal Gilmore, National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

The Training provided through the implementation of the TTA M.O.M.E.N.T.U.M program is essential for the development of confident and positive Top Teens. These presentations will provide the TTA Advisors several suggestions for blending the implementation of M.O.M.E.M.T.U.M with the successful implementation of the Programs and Projects of Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated and Top Teens of America.

#### ➤ **Just the Facts: The TTA Code of Ethics, Review Boards and Conflict Resolution (1:30 – 2:45PM)**

Presenter's Panel – Lady Mary Thomas, Area I TTA Advisor  
Lady Patricia Cason, Area II TTA Advisor  
Lady Catherine Miles, Area III TTA Advisor

During this interactive workshop, the TTA Code of Ethics; the guidelines, per our documents, for the functioning of Review Boards and the management of conflicts that may arise from breaking the Code of Ethics or the consequences of the actions proposed by Review Boards will be discussed. This important workshop will assist in the pull through of total compliance to the guidelines set forth in the TTA documents by all Chapters and Areas.

## BREAK

#### ➤ **The Role of the TTA Advisor in Addressing “Bullying”**

Presenter – Lady Glendia Bryson-Jacobs, Area IV TTA Advisor

During this give and take workshop, the presenter will discuss “Bullying” from the TTA Advisor perspective – how to handle Bullying if it occurs within the Chapter; how to involve the parents, mentor and or other Ladies; and the types of programs on “Bullying” that would benefit the Teens at the Chapter level. Personal successes in dealing with “Bullying” within groups will also be shared.

#### ➤ **The Chapter TTA Advisor: Understanding “Liabilities” associated with TTA**

Presenter – Lady Carrie Howard, Facilitator and Past National TTA Director

The TTA Advisor assumes responsibility to some extent for the welfare of each Top Teen under her supervision. Along with that responsibility, there may be liabilities that must be clearly defined and understood. This workshop will put into perspective the do's, don't and specific guidelines that must be implemented at all times for the welfare of the Top Teens, the TTA Advisors and the welfare of the Organization – TTA/TLOD.

#### ➤ **Wrap Up and Close (4:45 – 5:00PM)**

Lady Carrie Howard, Facilitator

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Lady Barbara Beasley Travis, Facilitator  
Recorder: Lady Lynda Garrison-Carlton

## AGENDA ABC's of TLOD Finances

### SESSION I: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- **The Basics of TLOD Finance**  
*Presenter: Lady Vynessa Alexander, National Treasurer*

### BREAK

### SESSION II: 3:15 PM – 5:00 PM

- **Handling Chapter Financial Receipts and Member Management**  
*Presenters: Lady Sandra Jennings, National Financial Secretary  
Lady E. Rose Coker, National Assistant Financial Secretary*
- **Closing and Wrap Up** – Lady Barbara Travis, Facilitator

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS ABC's of TLOD Finances

### SESSION I: 1:00 PM – 3:15PM

- **The Basics of TLOD Finance**  
*Lady Vynessa Alexander, National Treasurer*

We will look at increasing the comfort level of the financial officers as well as members and their understanding of the TLOD financial landscape. Attendees will learn our TLOD financial policies and procedures along with the roles of the financial officers. Areas to be covered are the official TLOD chart of accts, budgeting, handling funds, report preparation, handling payments and allocating expenses to the proper accounts. Sample tools will be reviewed and shared during this workshop, feel free to bring your laptops so you can download tools.

### BREAK

### SESSION II: 3:15 PM – 5:00 PM

- **Handling Chapter Financial Receipts and Member Management**  
*Lady Sandra Jennings, National Financial Secretary  
Lady E. Rose Coker, National Assistant Financial Secretary*

Now that the fundamentals are understood, we will review the details of managing funds received, the importance of accurate and timely receipts and proper reporting of income to the chapter. Member management and tracking will be covered; how to track members and their payments, reporting to national membership and inductions for Ladies and Teens.



## EXTERNAL WORKSHOPS

### Friday

#### SESSION I 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Getting It All Together: Estate Planning (50 minutes)

*Presenter - Lady Deadra Stokes*

- ❖ Estate planning is the process of anticipating and arranging, during a person's life, for the management and disposal of that person's estate during the person's life and after death, while minimizing gift, estate, generation skipping transfer, and income tax. Estate planning includes planning for incapacity as well as a process of reducing or eliminating uncertainties over the administration of a probate and maximizing the value of the estate by reducing taxes and other expenses. The goal of estate planning can be determined by the specific goals of the person, and may be as simple or complex as the person's needs dictate. Get the tools you need to develop your plan.

#### SESSION II 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Stop Dreaming, Do It! Entrepreneurship (50 minutes)

*Presenters: Lady Janet Simmons and Lady Peggy Trammel Goods*

- ❖ This workshop is designed to ignite the entrepreneurial spirit within you to make your dreams a reality. The panel will be comprised of two gifted and talented women; one a successful business owner who will share her journey from being a Dreamer to a Doer and the other a prominent member in the legal profession who will walk you through the various ownership structures and the advantages and disadvantages of each as you awaken to the life you yearn.

### Saturday

#### SESSION I 3:00PM - 5:00PM

Yes, We Can All Get Along! (50 minutes)

*Presenter: Lady Eddie Lee Marsh, External Workshop Chair*

- ❖ Difficult people are everywhere, on the job, in organizations and even in church. It does not matter how well you try to get along with some people, there will always be one or two who clash with you despite your best efforts. Sometimes misunderstandings maybe cleared with a civilized conversation, and other times, you may find a person who thrives on conflict, confusion and chaos and do not to listen the voice of reason. Their goal is make someone else life miserable. This workshop will walk you thought the steps of identifying issues that may prompt



someone to act in a negative manner and provide you the tools and techniques to cope with these situations.

## **SESSION II      4:00PM - 5:00PM**

*Dressing for Success (50 minutes)*

*Presenter: Kathy Lambert*

*CEO and Co-Founder*

*Connections to Success: Dress for Success Midwest & Dress for Success Kansas City*

- ❖ Dress for Success is a not-for-profit organization that empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development of tools to help women in work and life. Ms. Lambert launched the Dress for Success Midwest in St. Louis and is dedicated to help women coming from disadvantage situations transition to economic stability. She will provide information that engages volunteers in all aspects. She will also present their life transformation process including assisting in the Dress for Success suiting boutiques, providing workshops in coding, financial education, and career development, providing a meal, mentoring, and many other volunteer possibilities.

## **SESSIONS III    5:00PM - 6:00PM**

*Living Your Best Life: Mental/Spiritual/Physical (50 minutes)*

*Panelist:            Ms. Sharon Lyons, NAMI*

*Lady Valencia Edner (Rev.)*

*Lady Dawna Dilworth, M.D.*

- ❖ We look at our bodies, minds, and spirit as if each part operates separately from the other. The fact is each part is totally intertwined. People tend to believe that our bodies, organs and systems are separate from our thoughts, emotions, and spiritual selves. But we need to understand how our thoughts can affect our behavior and ultimately our physical and mental health. It is only by dealing with each part of the whole and maintain their balance can we develop a better understanding and appreciation of how the body works as a unit to improve our quality of life.

# Health Fair, College Fair, and Career Fair

## Health Fair Workshop Schedule

### **Workshop I - 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Midway 1&2**

*Address Stress*

*Presenter: Connie Fisher*

*Director of Mental Health Promotion for Mental Health America*

This workshop encourages individuals to recognize the signs and symptoms of stress and provides practical stress management strategies that can be used in every facet of one's life. This presentation provides an in depth discussion of the various types of stress and the impact stress can have when left unmanaged. Participants will also explore the potential benefits of stress and the importance of recognizing individual triggers and coping mechanisms. Life can be stressful. Addressing Stress provides simple tools that can be immediately implemented to help individuals feel better; and when used consistently, over time, equip participants to better cope with life's inevitable stressors.

### **Caregiver's Forum, Sponsored by AARP – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Grand ABC**

*Moderator, Kim Coles*

*Comedian, Author, Actress*

*Panelists – Mrs. Dorothy Fisher, Caregiver*

*Mrs. Audrie L. Lawton, Caregiver*

*Mrs. Crystal Davis, Financial Analyst*

*Attorney Brenda Roper*

We all know that at some point during our lifetime, we are likely to be cared for or providing care for a family member. African Americans are four times more likely to provide care for someone in their family, and among these caregivers - the majority of whom are women - more than half find themselves "sandwiched" between caring for an older person, and a person under age 18, or caring for more than one older person. They also report experiencing financial hardship, emotional stress and job-related strain. During this workshop, these issues will be addressed by our panel of experts as they tell their stories and offer advice on coping mechanisms, financial planning, and required legal documents.

### **Workshop III - 4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. – Midway 1&2**

*The Importance of Clinical Trials*

*Presenter: Karen Reece*

*Manager, Recruitment Enhancement Core at Washington University – St. Louis*

Clinical trials are studies in which people volunteer to test new drugs or devices. Doctors use clinical trials to learn whether a new treatment works and is safe for people. These kinds of studies are needed to develop new treatments for serious diseases like cancer. Clinical trials are vital in studying all aspects of medicine, not just cancer. The stakes may seem higher when researching medicines to treat cancer, but all new treatments (drugs and medical devices) must go through clinical trials before being approved by the FDA.

African Americans are reluctant to participate in clinical trials and this workshop will enlighten participants of the need for clinical trials and dispel the negative connotations that are associated with clinical trials.

#### **Workshop IV - 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Grand ABC**

*Heart Healthy*

*Presenter: Qula Madkin*

*Registered Dietitian Coach, Boston Heart Diagnostics*

This workshop will help you manage your lifestyle to improve heart health. The Lifestyle Program goes beyond other programs that try to improve heart health by providing patients with personalized nutrition and activity considerations and the support to help patients achieve better health.

#### **TTA Career Fair Workshops**

*(All workshops will be in Regency Ballroom A&B)*

##### **Presenters**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**NOBLE** - (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives)

2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

DeAndre Taylor - Information Technology Director

2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Judge Zina Cruse - Attorney/Judge

2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Wesley McNeese - Medical Doctor

3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Dr. Cornell C. Thomas - Dentist

3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Dr. LaKeisha Butler Wiley - Pharmacist

3:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lori Chalmers-District 189 Teacher/Principal

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Tiffany Gholson, Phd.-Social Worker (District 189/Private Practice)

4:15 p.m. – 4:30p.m.

Mr. Wade Price-Architect

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Redina Medley, Actress

## TTA Career Fair Participants

*Wednesday, June 28, 2017*

*Midway Exhibit Hall*

*1 p.m. – 5 p.m.*

Maryville University

Webster University

SEMO

St. Louis University

University of Missouri – St. Louis

University of Missouri – Kansas City

Harris Stowe State University

Washington University

Lindenwood University

University of Missouri

Missouri S&T

Office of admissions, SIUE

Lincoln University

St. Louis College of Pharmacy

Missouri Baptist

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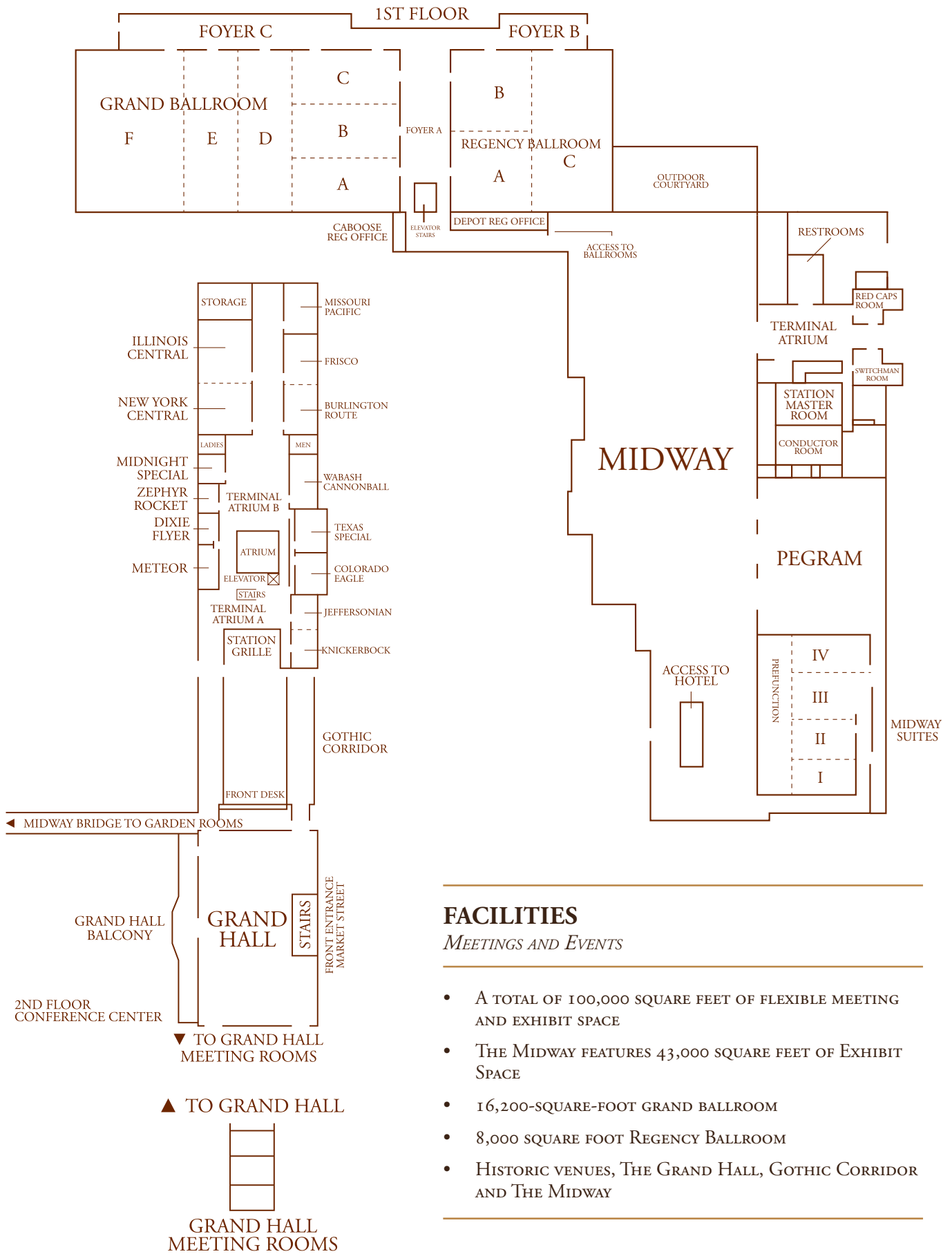
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