

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

Literature

Thursday, Feb. 15th at 6:15 p.m. -- author DR. BESSIE BLAKE will join the Literature Group to discuss her biography, *Speak to the Mountain: The Tommie Waites Story*, which describes the life of a unique woman who struggled to overcome poverty and emerged as a leading Christian evangelist.

Ethnic Dinner & Teach-ins

Friday, Feb. 23rd at 7 p.m. -- Enjoy a Ghanaian dinner prepared by caterer Miranda Sackeyfio, who will describe some African cultural traditions of the dishes on the menu. Hear readings from *Letters to My Sisters* by Florence Egbuchulam, an AAUW member, who will also lead the discussion of this book written by Dr. Ngozi Osuagwu on preventive health care for women. Europa Wilson Agwu, past President and Founder of the Sierra Leone Association of University Women (SLAUW), and now a branch member, will talk about the SLAUW exchange program with AAUW. The branch's African Educator's tea will be described in a conversation with Maxine Gilliland and Julie Kleszczewski, AAUW NYC past presidents. This event is free, but an RSVP is required by Feb. 17th to Chair Dr. Nkechi Agwu, 212 220 1337 or nagwu@bmcc.cuny.edu.

Biography of Christine Volkmar



Our Executive Vice President, Christine Volkmar, will be one of the speakers for our Black History Career Day Program on February 24th, advising college students on "How to maintain a job and move up to leadership."

Christine was recently honored by Phi Beta Kappa, which elected her to membership in 1968 when she was a Junior at Hunter College, attending school at night on a scholarship while working full time for the Telephone Company. She also received departmental honors when she graduated.

During World War II, when she was 21, Christine had been the only woman serving as an inspector of engineering materials for the Navy. She then went to Rutgers at night while working full time, and received a certificate in engineering. In her first year, she solved an equation that helped in the development of the laser.

In 2001, Christine was invited on a good-will tour of Cuba with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She is also a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and has been a founder of two New York City political clubs.

Christine joined AAUW in 1995. She was elected Membership Vice President for 1998-2000, after which she served as the House Manager. Currently, she is also Great Decisions Co-Chair and runs our Steps To End Family Violence Program, which she initiated.

--Dr. Nkechi Agwu, Program Co VP

CAREER DAY with APPLE KORES

Saturday, February 24th - 2 p.m.

CAREER PANEL

Nursing by Monique Jean-Louis, BMCC, CUNY

Writing, Directing & Producing Movies by George Kalu, Esq., True Pictures, LLC

Mathematics Education by Abdul Conteh, East Washington Academy

Computer Science by Dr. Chiguropati Rani, BMCC CUNY

Law by Myriam Sanchez Hildenbrand, Esq, Immigration and Family Attorney

Technology & Website Design by Nelly Yusupova, WebGirls, Inc.

Social Work & Television by Anna Chang, Anchor and Reporter for New Tang Dynasty Television

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Pathways to Academic Leadership & Life as a Civic Scientist, Stories from the Lives of Black Mathematicians by Dr. Nkechi Agwu, our Program Co-Vice President who is a Professor of Mathematics and the Historian of the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

How to maintain a job & move up to leadership by Christine Volkmar, AAUW Executive Vice President

Resume Writing & Interviewing by Anne-Marie Ditta, First Impression Career Services

AAUW & EDUCATION

The Role of Historical Black Colleges and Universities in the Education of Black People by N. Sharon Pope

AAUW Educational Foundation by Heather Brown, EF Vice-President

AAUW Pay Equity information by Sarah Chu, Recording Secretary

AAUW College & University information by Lorrin Johnson, AAUW NYS College/University Chair

AAUW Leadership & Membership Information by President Maria Ellis

