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President's Note

Marching into April

Dear Moms:

March represented, culturally, a time of “madness” because college basketball brings the frenzied NCAA tournament. In parallel, the mothers of South Suburban had a very busy March. We kicked it off with a record number of teens attending their March activity and representing at the “Silence the Shame” event. Next our younger children attended a very vibrant Children’s Cluster hosted by my sister



President Tasha Brown’s Western Cook County Chapter. The very next day we had our wonderful and successful “Pink and Blue Fundraiser: Ruffles and Bow Ties.” Congratulations to the Chair, Co-chairs, and committee for their event. We thank you for your hard work. If you missed it, you missed a big picture moment of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated. We fellowshiped with friends and family while corralling resources to be used for our foundation and community service activities. We continued our membership intake activities by inviting 11 prospective mothers to join our ranks. Our Dads fellowshiped over March Madness, and we owe a huge thanks to Keitric Emory for hosting the event on the final day of the month. Then everyone went on Spring Break and some of you even got a little rest, lol. Finally, we received the highly anticipated Superior score of our 2017-2018 program hand book. Thank you Program Director Hayes for your leadership.

We started the Third Quarter of our program year, “On Fire for South Suburban,” and I love it. But we can’t take a break now! April is already packed to the hilt. Although I wasn’t present to participate, I have heard nothing but praise for the New Member orientation. But what do we expect from Vice President Emory? Thanks to all the members who have taken on the responsibility of sponsoring new moms, and promoting the health of our chapter.

Coming up:

- Registration for the 80th National Convention is now open. You don’t want to miss it. [Jack and Jill National Convention - Register Here](#)
- Chapter-wide Legislative Activity Teach Us All – Documentary and Screening, April 28, 11a – 1:30p

- Black Family Day – Chicago Area Wide Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Children’s March on Birmingham, May 5th [Black Family Day - Register Here](#)
- Initiation and Re-dedication Friday May 11th, 7p

On Fire for South Suburban,

Dr. Tonya Coats,
President
Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated
South Suburban Chicago Chapter

Legislative Event - Teach Us All

Please join the Legislative Committee of the South Suburban Chicago Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated as we present, "TEACH US ALL," a social justice documentary screening and community discussion.

It has been 61 years since the 1957 "Little Rock Crisis," disparities in access to quality education remain among the most urgent civil rights issues of our time. Segregation, Double Segregation and Triple Segregation. These are modern times for an age old problem: disproportional access to quality education.

TEACH US ALL, an 80-minute documentary and social justice campaign, seeks to bring the critical lessons of history to bear on the current state of U.S. Education and investigate: 60 years later, how far have we come-or not come-and where do we go from here?

Please join us in this critical discussion. This FREE event is open to EVERYONE!

Film Begins at 11:00 a.m.; Discussion Begins at 12:39

Location:

Barack Obama Learning Academy
16448 Park Avenue
Markham, IL 60428

Black Family Day - Remembering the

Children's Crusade of 1963

Please join us as we commemorate the 55th anniversary of the historic Birmingham Children's Crusade of 1963. We will recreate the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. National Children's Crusade to include programming, history of the 1963 Children's Crusade, Children's March, Partnerships, and Collaborations. This event is hosted by the Chicago, South Suburban Chicago, and Windy City Chapters.

When: Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM CDT

Where: 31st Street Beach, Rooftop Garden
Chicago, IL 60616

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

WHAT A DAY! JJSSCC Ruffles and Bow Ties Day Party

The annual JJSSCC College Scholarship took place at the lovely Tuscan Falls Banquet Facility located in Mokena, IL. Ruffles & Bow Ties was the theme of the afternoon, accompanied by a hint of "pink and blue." The event was attended by over 185 guests and the Chapter raised over \$18,000, which will be used to support the Jack and Jill National Foundation along with South Suburban Chicago's annual scholarship initiative. JJSSCC provides annual scholarships to deserving high school seniors in the southland Chicago community. The Chapter has provided over \$500,000 dollars to graduating high school seniors in the South Suburban community since its inception over 40 years ago and this year's fundraiser will continue these efforts. Kudos to the Fundraising Committee and its wonderful Chair and Co-Chairs (Mother Member Deadra Stokes, Mother Member Gigi Hinton-Gresham, and Mother Member LaToya Donald-Pickett).

Kudos Corner

Teen Troy Lyke has been accepted to a number of colleges, including his top choices which include Hampton University (his mother's #1 choice) and Morehouse College. He has received over \$100,000 in scholarships from the schools to which he has been accepted. It is noted that JJSSCC graduates that currently attend his top choices are providing him with a great deal of guidance as

he is making his final decision. Our teens rock, even after they graduate!

Do you have information or news to share with our chapter?

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