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President's Message – Honorable Cynthia A. Sterling

Happy Mother's Day

I so love the month of May because it allows us to remember our Mothers in whatever way we want to 'Celebrate their Life'. Happy Mother's Day to all of 'you' our Sisters & Brothers from BWOPA Fresno-San Joaquin Valley Chapter.

BWOPA's Legislative Learning Day is May 8th, in Sacramento where students from various high schools & colleges will meet at the State Capital to spend the day with their State Senators and Assembly people in Sacramento; Students will get a chance to see 'who makes Policy decisions and how their State Government works'. Thanks BWOPA Sister FUSD Trustee Keisha Thomas, for chairing the Fresno Chapter's activities for the day. Fresno BWOPA Chapter will have approximately 40 students attending this annual event.

This past Saturday April 27th, BWOPA State Board met at Merritt College, Oakland, CA. where the State Leadership had a chance to review preview the 'Legislative Schedule' of Bills students will be learning about on May 8th; This is going to be a very informative day for BWOPA Students; if any of you want to be chaperons on this day trip please contact me to make arrangements, in fact it is not too late for this trip Wednesday May 8th; you will not be disappointed.

A few other 'Major' dates of interest in April that have come and gone so fast:

A special 'shout out' to BWOPA Sister Shantay Davies-Balch Management Fresno March of Dimes Organization for a successful 'Black Maternal Health Week' program April 11-17, 2019; BWOPA State President Hon. Dezie Woods-Jones was in attendance along with newly appointed State Director Heather Hutt office of U.S. Senator Kamala D. Harris California. The event was a major success.

Another 'special thank you' to FUSD Trustee Keisha Thomas and former Fresno City Councilman Oliver Baines for hosting a wonderful reception for U.S. Senator Kamala D. Harris and California State Director Heather Hutt at the Elbow Room Friday April 12th; Trustee Thomas has been very busy in her (1st) quarter.

Congratulations to BWOPA Brother FCOE Trustee Daren Miller and the Fresno BAPAC Chapter for hosting the BAPAC State Mid-Year Conference Saturday April 27th, at CSU Fresno; Trustee Miller is also the Fresno Chapter BAPAC President.

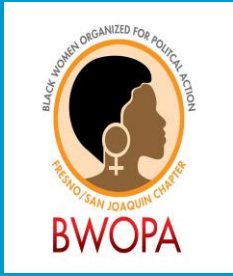
Mark your Calendars Thursday June 20th, 'Salute to Sisterhood' Honoring African American Women in Business; this year our honorees are: Brenda Buckingham, Taralynn Gray, Mae Johnson, Gloria McAllister, Laneesha Senegal, Viva Straughter, Yolanda Morgan Speed and Chenena Ward. Get your tickets and sponsorship information in 'now', sits and space are limited, more information in the 'BWOPA Newsletter'.

Welcome to all of our New Members, we are growing so fast I can't keep up but we are so looking forward to getting to know you and we welcome your great talent and enthusiasm as a member of our BWOPA Fresno/SJV Chapter Family.

Don't forget our General Meeting Monday May 13th, 5:30 pm MOR Wisdom Room; agenda and directions in the Newsletter.

A Blessed & Happy Mother's Day

Hon. Cynthia A. Sterling President
Fresno/SJV Chapter



Membership

Thank you to those who paid their 2019 membership dues.

Joanna Bazarian

Cathy Brass

Dr. Gail Crooms

Shantay Davies

Dr. Carol Drake

Billie Jelks-Hood*

Dr. Crystal Jackson

Arthelma Johnson*

Carol Laval

Letia McClarty*

Shawnterra McClarty

Carol Mills

Gwen Morris*

Laneesha Senegal

Dottie Smith

Cynthia Sterling*

Muriel Sykes*

Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Melody Walcott*

Dezie Woods-Jones*

Carmen Zamora

*-Lifetime members

2019 – 2020 Committee Chairpersons

MEMBERSHIP.....	Letia McCarty
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BWOPA – Fresno/SJV Chapter

**General Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019
5:15pm – 7:00pm
Mor-Wisdom Room
Vision View Formation Center (airport district)
4974 E. Clinton Way
Fresno, Ca 93727**

Effective immediately: Food can only be pre-ordered by sending your meal request to: Bwopafresnosjv@gmail.com.

(The \$15.00 per person price can be paid at the door)

5:15pm	NETWORKING	All
5:30pm	Meeting - Call to order Approve Agenda	Hon. Cynthia Sterling Chapter President
5:35pm	Inspirational Moment	Terri Edwards
5:40pm	BWOPA – Chapter Update Report	Hon. Cynthia Sterling Chapter President
5:35pm	BWOPA – State Update Report	Hon. Dezie Woods-Jones State President
5:45pm	Committee Reports Membership Chapter PAC update Communications/Media Political Education	Letia McCarty Billie Jelks-Hood Muriel Sykes Hon. Kimberly Tapscott-Munson Hon. Keshia Thomas
6:00pm	Guest Speaker: Marcus Winston-Analyst II Fresno Unified School District Mr. Winston will talk about the African American Academic Acceleration Initiative which is dedicated to addressing the fundamental causes for the discrepancy in academic outcomes between African American students and other subgroups of the student population within FUSD.	
6:50pm	General Updates & Announcements	All (\$1 per announcement) Letia McClarty
7:00pm	Adjourned	Hon. Cynthia Sterling

**BWOPA- Black Women Organized for Political Action
Fresno/SJV Chapter
presents**

**10th Annual
Salute to Sisterhood**

**Honoring African-American
Women in Business**



**Business
Owners
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Successful**

African American **WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

2019 HONOREES

**Brenda Buckingham
Taralynn Gray
Mae Johnson
Gloria McAllister
Laneesha Senegal
Viva Straughter
Yolanda Morgan Speed
Chenena Ward**

Thursday, June 20, 2019 5:30PM TO 8:30PM

RAMADA INN (Fresno North) - 324 E. SHAW AVE AND HIGHWAY 41 NORTH

Fresno, Ca 93710

TO PURCHASE ONLINE TICKETS, AD SPACE AND RESERVE TABLE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bwopa-fresnosjv-presents-salute-2-sisterhood-2019-tickets-60290141436>

Make Checks Payable to: BWOPATILE (Black Women Organized for Political Action's -Training Institute for Leadership Enrichment). Please be advised that a portion of the proceeds from this event may be used to support candidates or causes that reflect BWOPA's long standing values.

SAVE THE DATE



LEGISLATIVE LEARNING DAY 2019

JOIN BWOPA'S YOUTH LEADERS & ADULTS TO LEARN AND ADVOCATE
FOR EDUCATION, HEALTH, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, & ECONOMICS ISSUES

WED **MAY 8**
9:30AM - 3:30PM
SACRAMENTO



for details visit: bwopatilelegislativeday2019.eventbrite.com

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BWOPA-Fresno/SJV Chapter - 2019 CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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01 New Year's Day
 09 EBoard Mtg
 14 General Mtg
 21 I.L.L. King Day

JULY						
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04 Independence Day
 06 EBoard Mtg
 08 General Mtg

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Black History Month
 06 EBoard Mtg
 11 FC-Supv Candidates
 14 Valentine's Day
 18 Presidents Day

AUGUST						
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10 EBoard Mtg
 12 General Mtg

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09 EBoard Mtg
 11 GII-Kimberly Ellis & Membership Drive
 23 Training Series II-Running 4 Office

SEPTEMBER						
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02 Labor Day
 07 EBoard Mtg
 09 General Mtg

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13 EBoard Mtg
 15 GII-Alzheimers
 19 Good Friday
 21 Easter
 24 State-Eboard Mtg Merritt College- Oakland

OCTOBER						
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12 EBoard Mtg
 14 General Mtg
 14 Columbus Day
 31 Halloween

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08 Legislative Learning Day
 11 Local EBoard Mtg
 13 GM-Marcus Winston-rusb
 12 Mother's Day
 27 Memorial Day

NOVEMBER						
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09 EBoard Mtg
 11 General Mtg
 11 Veterans Day
 28 Thanksgiving Day

JUNE						
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08 EBoard Mtg
 10 General Mtg
 16 Father's Day
 20 Salute to Sisterhood

DECEMBER						
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09 EBoard Mtg
 11 Holiday Mixer
 25 Christmas Day