

Midwest-Western Region Meeting Highlights

2010 Helen Burnett Leadership Award Recipient

The Midwest-Western Regional Leadership Award was named after Helen "Boots" Lawrence Burnett, founder and a long time member of the Chicago Chapter. The award is given for extraordinary service on the local, regional and national levels. Each chapter in the region submits a qualified Continental to the Regional Awards Committee. The annual Helen Burnett Leadership Award is presented at the Midwest-Western Regional Conference. The second annual Helen Burnett Leadership Award was presented in Chicago, Illinois on March 27, 2010 to Rita C. White.

Rita White is a member of the Dallas chapter, and is the Immediate Past Regional Director. Currently Rita holds the office of chapter treasurer.



Rita has held offices and chaired committees on the chapter, regional and national levels. She is a dedicated Continental, a powerful motivator and believes in the mission and goals of Continental Societies, Inc.

Congratulations Rita!

2010 Midwest-Western Region Scholarship Recipient Maurya Cockrell

Maurya Dominica Cockrell is a graduating senior at Pattonville High School. Maurya maintains a 3.7 grade point average. Maurya plans to attend Saint Louis University where she plans to earn a Bachelors Degree in biology with a Pre Medical Designation. She further plans to earn a medical degree, specializing in pediatric Edema and Rheumatology.



Midwest-Western Region 2nd Place Scholarship Recipient

Dallas chapter 2010 scholarship winner Chidera N. Agolue competed in the Midwest Western Regional scholarship program at the 2010

Midwest-Western Regional Conference in Chicago, Illinois on March 27, 2010. Chidera placed 2nd and was the recipient of a \$500.00 scholarship. Chidera will graduate from Plano East Senior High School with a 3.87 GPA and will be attending the University of Pittsburg in the fall of 2010 majoring in pharmacy.

Midwest-Western Regional Meeting Updates



Jean Newkirk, Regional Director

The Chicago Chapter hosted the Midwest-Western Regional Meeting on March 26 -- 27, 2010 at the Marriott Chicago Midway Hotel.

The focus was on the National and Regional goals and the Region's accomplishments.

It was an honor to have the National President, W. Chris Stewart and the Second National Vice President, Blanch Campbell attend the meeting. They both have been awesome supporters of our efforts to promote excellence in the Continental Societies, Incorporated.

In support of the National Initiative, Continentals of the Midwest-Western Region donated 150 books to the William Leonard Public Library, located in Robbins, IL an impoverished southern suburb of Chicago. In addition, the Continental Sisters supported the Chicago Chapter Haiti Relief Initiative and donated

more than 150 socks and flip flops to the Development Center of the Messiah-St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church Haiti Relief Fund. The Center is a non-profit outreach community organization under the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago that offers a wide range of social service programs designed to impact adults, senior citizens and teens in every aspect of life.

Special performances were presented at the Awards Luncheon by Ian "Stormy" Archer, grandson of Judith Archer, Regional Historian, Chicago Chapter and the Global Girls Inc.

The Global Girls, Inc. under the direction of Ms. Marvinetta Woodley-Penn, Executive Director, was founded in 2000 and has established itself as a results-based organization on the southeast side of Chicago providing annual services, programs, special events and activities for hundreds of girls ages 8-18. They were the recipients of the Combined Charities Award at the 2008 Conclave, which took place in Chicago.

The Regional Director, Jean Newkirk, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Juvenile Diabetes Awareness, and the body voted unanimously to add Juvenile Diabetes Awareness to the Regional Program and observe National Diabetes Day in November of each year, effective November, 2010.

Some of the regional programs/activities that were a part of this year's calendar included the following: The African-American Read-In, Ronald McDonald House, FOODPLAY, (A Comprehensive Nutrition & Health Program for Grades K-5), Dance Black America, and Red Ribbon Week.

Another highlight of the meeting was the Regional Expansion Committee Report. Regina Deadrick, the Vice Regional Director and her team (Judith Archer, Chicago; Judith Nix, Dallas; Jean Newkirk, Chicago and Blanch Campbell, St. Louis), shared the plan for regional expansion and energized the meeting with a report of results. The Chapter Development Initiative remains very encouraging! The efforts are quite promising.

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