



You are cordially invited to join the Tampa Metropolitan Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary of “Women United: Activate the Legacy”.

Where: The Rusty Pelican on the ocean front located at 2425 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607

When: Saturday, May 7, 2011

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is a nonprofit 501©3 organization founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune. Today, the council is comprised of 39 national affiliates and more than 240 sections. The NCNW mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for the integration of all people regardless of race, creed or national origin.

The annual fundraiser luncheon tickets are now on sale for \$35 each. We encourage you to purchase your ad in our souvenir booklet in honor of the 75th Anniversary celebration. Reserved seating is available for a table of 10:

* Back Outside Cover	\$250	* Half Page	\$75
* Front Inside Cover	\$175	* Quarter Page	\$50
* Back Inside Cover	\$175	* Business Cards	\$25
* Full Page	150	*Patrons	\$10

Come celebrate with our keynote speaker, gospel and jazz singer and musician in this annual community affair.

This year, our featured keynote speaker will be Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson, Ph.D. Dr. Stephenson is the President Emeritus of Hillsborough Community College (HCC). During her tenure, she served as the President and Chief academic and executive officer for a comprehensive urban community college district, with a diverse student population. She was responsible for an annual budget of \$200 million and reported directly to the District Board of Trustees. Prior to her move to Florida, she held several prestigious positions ranging from Chancellor of St. Louis Community College Chief academic and executive officer for a comprehensive urban community college district to Vice Chancellor of Educational Development responsible to coordinate and develop programs, policies and services; She initiated and monitored articulation agreements with four-year institutions and secondary vocational schools, and served as liaison with Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The college had an enrollment of 120,000 credit and non-credit students. Her professional activities have included extensive service to Educational Organizations and consultant. She served on the President's Roundtable Florida 2012 Olympic; Board Member New York University Community College Leadership Program. Dr. Stephenson is the recipient of the Dr. Israel (Ike) Tribble Leadership Award, the Mildred B. Bulpitt Woman of the Year Award, and a host of others. In her honor, HCC Board of Trustees named and unveiled the HCC Administrative Building "The Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center". Dr. Stephenson is married with two children and two lovely grandchildren.



The widely acclaimed gospel and jazz legend, Belinda Womack is our featured entertainer. Ms. Womack rendition of "Walk with Me, Lord" has touched the lives of many believers across the world. Far most, Belinda is a servant of God and follower of Jesus Christ. Belinda Womack is an outstanding Speaker, Evangelist, and Vocalist who is an aficionado of gospel and jazz music. She has given award-winning performances throughout the United States and abroad. Her motto is and will remain... "I'm just one-body trying to tell anybody about SOMEBODY who can save everybody." Belinda has achieved numerous recognitions and awards for her efforts.

Among them are

- 2011 Hillsborough County Sheriff's Trailblazer's Award
- Artist of God Award – Zonta's Status of Women – 2009
- Honorary Member of the Gold Key National Honor Society / University of South Florida.
- Leader of the "Best Jazz Band in Tampa Bay" for 5 years by the People's Choice Poll and "Jammy Awards Committee"
- 1994 Tribute to Women in the Arts Award of Pinellas County
- Former Adjunct Professor of Jazz Studies / University of South Florida

She currently resides in the Bay Area and is actively involved in spreading the word of the gospel through her singing ministry.

Returning by popular demands, your favorite artist, Isaac Ruffin. Minister Ruffin served as the church musician at the age of ten and was affectionately known as little Ruffin. He was always surrounded by gospel music and many members of his family member were gifted with voices to sing. His father led a group called the Spiritual Wonders of Boston, Massachusetts for over 40 years and would allow him to sing with the quartet and eventually play for them on several occasions.



Minister Ruffin furthered his education and musical gift at the Madison Park High School, Roland Hayes Division of Music. After graduating from high, he joined the United States Air Force. His first assignment was at McGuire Air Force Base, Wrightstown, New Jersey. He joined the Army/Air Force Gospel Choir and became a part of the first Army /Air Force Gospel Choir to travel on tour.

He is known throughout the Tampa Bay Area and surrounding communities as an exceptional Musician, Director, Singer and Preacher. He is one Tampa Bay's Gifted Men of God.

He has been inspirational in leadership working with The Gospel Music Workshop of America, Tampa Chapter, the Edwin Hawkins Tampa Regional, and the Tampa Bay Mass Choir. He has also appeared with many national recording artists such as: Edwin Hawkins; Vanessa Bell Armstrong; Dr. Bobby Jones; Pastor John P. Kee; Rev. Milton Biggum; Dottie Peoples; The Mississippi Mass Choir; The Canton Spirituals; The Clark Sisters; TAKE 6; Evangelist Shirley Caesar; Richard Smallwood; Joe Ligon and The Mighty Clouds of Joy; Lee Williams and the Highway QCs; The Miami Mass Choir; Dorothy Norwood; Beverly Crawford; Bishop T.D. Jakes; Paul Beasley; The Gospel Keynotes; Donnie McClurkin, The Late Rev Timothy Wright, secular artist as Diana Ross and Celon Dion;

Minister Ruffin has also appeared on stage as an actor in two hit gospel plays: "WICKED WAYS" and "MOMMA I'M SORRY," written and produced by Michael Matthews. He has played for Judy and Peterson, of Ft Pierce who appeared in Tyler Perry's play Madea Goes to Jail. Serves as Music Director for the National Gospel Stage play The Double Twisted Life of Rev and First Lee, written by Dr Rose Solomon.

He continues his music ministry and ministerial capacities at the First Baptist Church of Progress Village serving as Minister of Worship; where he impacts the congregation through music, song and word. He assists in local workshops as a guest facilitator and he is currently working as a liaison to area musicians. He is married to Stacey Cutler-Ruffin. His favorite scripture is Psalms 34:1 "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praises shall continually be in my mouth". One should never wonder if he's present; Shhhhh can you hear him now.