

DCNA Together – Making a Difference in DC

November/December 2018



DCNA Annual Meeting – December 13th – Photo previews



DCNA 2018 ELECTION RESULTS

Board of Directors/President

Katrena Clark

Board of Directors/Secretary

LaKisha Little-Small

Board of Directors/At-Large 2 yr. term

Mary Jones Bryant, Brenda King, Laverne Plater, Eileen Shaw

Board of Directors/At-Large 1 yr. term

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Economic & General Welfare Cabinet – At-Large
Nominations Committee

Kimberly Baber-Greenwood, LaKisha Little-Small, Margaret Shanks
Jocelyn Esposito, Ignacia Joyner. Run off election in January between
Chandra Alade and Karen Richardson

Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO

Apollonia Anderson, Kimberly Baber-Greenwood, Robin Burns

Thank you to all nominees and members who participated in this election. New officers will be seated at the January 2019 Board and Cabinet meetings.

Sandra Falwell Discusses the Canadian Health Care System at NNU Convention

DCNA officials and delegates attended the 2018 NNU Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in October. One of the highlights of the



Convention was Sandra Falwell's description of health care in Canada. Ms. Falwell, who has served DCNA as Chair of her bargaining unit at Children's National and as a NNU Vice-President since its formation in 2008, travelled to Alberta, Canada and met with union brothers and sisters there. Ms. Falwell discussed the single-payer health care system: "The ability to receive health care in Canada is based on patient need rather than on ability to pay. Canadian Medicare provides single-payer health insurance to all residents. It is publicly administered, comprehensive in coverage, universal, portable and free at the point of care. For our Canadian sisters and brothers, the notion that health care is a basic human right and not a privilege is a defining national value. More than 90% of Canadians view Medicare as an important source of collective pride."

One other major highlight was the election of Ms. Margaret Shanks to serve as an NNU Vice President. Ms. Shanks will take Ms. Falwell's spot on the NNU Executive Board. DCNA sent the following representatives to the Convention: Sandra Falwell, Margaret Shanks, LaKisha Little-Small, Eileen Shaw, Edward Smith and Vickie Spence.



DCNA Supports DC Public School Children



On October 25th, the Washington Teachers Union, Local 6 (WTU) recognized DCNA for its sponsorship of Simon Elementary in the newly created Washington, DC, Public Schools Flagway™ Mathematics League. Flagway™ is a very exciting, fun-filled, competitive team game involving both mental and physical activity through which students from all backgrounds learn and use mathematical concepts such as prime numbers. Flagway™ was developed by Dr. Robert Parris Moses, who won a MacArthur Foundation "genius" award for developing new pedagogies that make mathematics accessible to all students -- even those who have been thus far relegated to the bottom quartile through being underserved.

DCNA President, LaKisha Little-Small and DCNA Treasurer, Robin Burns, were both able to attend the kick-off training. Robin Burns, also the Chairperson of the DCNA/Childrens' School Services bargaining unit, which represents over 100 RNs working in the DC schools, exclaimed that "DCNA understands that our commitment to the care of children over extends beyond providing daily medical care and we are proud to be associated with the Teachers' Union, Liz Davis and this exciting new program."

Upcoming Events

DCNA Board of Directors & E&GW Cabinet Meeting, 5100 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 306, Washington, DC 20016, Tuesday, January 15th, commencing at 5:30 pm. These meetings are open to all DCNA members. If you plan on attending, please contact Ms. Vickie Spence at vspence@dcna.org.

Labor Relations Training, DCNA, 5100 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 306, Washington, DC 20016, January 16th, 5pm to 8pm. DCNA will be conducting training on investigating and processing grievances and other representational matters. Please contact Ms. Vickie Spence at vspence@dcna.org or Walakewon Blegay, Esq. at wblegay@dcna.org.

MLK Holiday Peace Walk & Parade, Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Road, SE, January 21st, Noon-3pm. If you are interested in joining the march or volunteering your services at a health screening tent, please contact Ms. Vickie Spence at vspence@dcna.org.



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