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## Pontiac Library Launches \$20M Building Campaign

*Library Receives Deloitte Pro Bono Services to Assist in Campaign Efforts*

The Pontiac Library Board of Trustees approved a resolution at the February 26th board meeting officially launching a \$20 million capital campaign to fund the library's relocation to an alternative facility. The resolution designates a two-year fundraising campaign "for the purpose of constructing a first-class library facility in the City of Pontiac that provides residents with the opportunities and resources necessary to enhance quality of life and that serves as a catalyst for economic recovery."  
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## Pontiac nets nearly \$1 million to remove blight

By **DUSTIN BLITCHOK** of The Oakland Press  
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With a tree growing through its roof and a red "House set for demolition: No trespassing" sign in lieu of a welcome mat, the house on Oliver Street could be described as a fixer-upper. It's one of hundreds the city would like demolished, and the state has awarded Pontiac nearly \$1 million to make the wrecking ball a reality for about 115 nuisance structures.  
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## Emergency Managers Good Or Bad For The City Of Pontiac?

The Pontiac News recently contacted various Pontiac elected officials to get their perspective on the impact of the Emergency Manager on the City of Pontiac. The following individuals responded to our request, we have printed each persons response without edits.

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Mayor Leon Jukowski    Councilman Donald Watkins    Councilwoman Mary Pietila    Councilman Randy Carter    Councilman George Williams    State Rep. Tim Greimel

## Pontiac's Fran Anderson Honored

Members of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners joined Pontiac Commissioner Mattie Hatchett in honoring Mrs. Francile (Fran) Anderson for her life-long contributions to Oakland County. (story on page 2)

Pictured left to right are: Commissioners John A. Scott, Russ Anderson (the Honoree's son), Francile Anderson holding the proclamation she received from the Board, Commissioners Thomas F. Middleton and Mattie McKinney Hatchett.



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**-Editorial-**



**Publisher R. Frank Russell**

The Pontiac News is proud to present this Women History Month Special Edition. This issue recognizes the many contributions made by woman in Pontiac and the society in general.

On a personal note I want to take this opportunity to let all of our readers know that **YES, I DO PLAN TO RUN FOR MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PONTIAC IN THIS UPCOMING 2013 ELECTION.** Also want to thank the hundreds of individuals that have contacted me and indicated that they support my candidacy for this important position. Over the next few months we will be drafting, refining and unveiling a comprehensive plan to make Pontiac an All-American City again. This plan will include a fiscally responsible, pragmatic,

step by step process for encouraging business and community development that involves the neighborhoods, downtown as well as the usage of the multitude of vacant industrial and other properties that are located in the city of Pontiac. We want and need support from all of our citizens, so if you have an idea, please email [thepontiacnews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thepontiacnews@sbcglobal.net) or send a letter to The Pontiac News P.O. Box 431412 – Pontiac, MI 48343. We welcome input from everyone, after all this is your city. Again, thanks for your past, current and future support!

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## Outstanding Oakland County Woman Recognized for Contributions to Oakland County

On Thursday, March 21st, Members of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners joined Commissioner Mattie Hatchett in honoring Mrs. Francile Anderson for her life-long contributions to Oakland County.

As the Board recognizes Women’s History Month, Francile Anderson’s contributions professionally as a teacher, community volunteer and leader has benefited Oakland County and countless civic, social, political, educational and youth organizations over years.

She has many honors and currently serves as Chairperson of the Boy Scouts Achievers Breakfast, Chairperson of the Michigan Public Education Task Force and is Chairperson of the Law Related Education Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary. She serves currently as a member of the Oakland Pontiac Holiday Extravaganza Board, the Pontiac Oakland Symphony Board, the Oakland County Community Corrections and is a member of the Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit..

She is a former president of the Oakland County Board Foundation; the past Pontiac Oakland Symphony Orchestra president; the past

president of the Waterford Fellowship of Church Women and she was Co-organizer, First Michigan Conference on Law-Related Education which are only a few of the organizations that have benefited from her leadership and involvement.

She has received numerous honors and was selected as the 2010 Wonder Woman Award winner by the Women’s Official Network; the 2007 Community Service Award by Waterford Township and recently received the 2012 Golden Oldie Award by the Detroit Rotary Club. She received the Oakland County NAACP Valuable Community Contribution Award in 1971 and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Lawyers Auxiliary, which are only a few of the many awards she has received over the years.

In 1970, she was listed in the Michigan Education Hall of Fame. She has awards named in her honor which include the 2007 Fran Anderson Michigan PTA Scholarship Award and the 1977 Pontiac Jaycees Annual “Francile Anderson Young Woman Education Award”

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# Women History Tribute to Latoya Smith A Pontiac School District Product

By Joe Grimm

Hard work and perspective have transformed Latoya Smith's journalism career.

Today, at 32, she is deputy editor, national content/client relations for Tribune Company's Media on Demand in Chicago.

Ten years ago, Smith was impatient to move ahead at the Chicago Tribune, where she felt buried under lots of people with more seniority and skills.

Tribune Company has undergone many changes in the past decade, and Smith has been through a reinvention of her own. As it turned out, every one of her jobs helped to prepare her to be the editor she is today.

She talked about her development in St. Louis at the Society for News Design's 33rd annual conference.

"I think then I was in a major rush at age 23," Smith said. "I was lost. I went in as a resident and figured I would do two years there. ... I wanted to go places and figured there was a newspaper wherever you went."

Smith said she was offered a permanent position after a year and a half. She stayed, but there was no quick promotion. Instead, there were sideways moves, new technology and wrenching changes in the company and the newspaper industry. Though she didn't see it at first, those experiences became her finishing school.

Smith started on news design, working

pages that were zoned eight ways and required a lot of churning. When she moved to features design in 2006, the production rate slowed considerably, but she then had to learn all the depth required to compose a good features page. That could mean conceptualization, working with photographers and designers, and hiring models. It also meant being at the photo shoots.

She said that a designer might work all week to get a single section front right and that this is where she really learned design. When newspapers started constricting and she was asked to pick up the pace, she was ready.

When the Tribune installed its CCI NewsGate production and content management system, "I learned that really, really well," Smith said. "I was not trained as a superuser, but I was always very curious about it and took it upon myself to learn the ins and outs."

Experienced with NewsGate, Macintosh and personal computers, Smith became a go-to person for other designers and for editors, most of whom worked on PCs. Page elements were designed on Macintosh computers and then brought into NewsGate for completed pages or modules on pages. A trainer and troubleshooter Smith began to acquire managerial experience.

"I found myself working longer hours, and I found that I really liked working with people instead of just sitting in front of my computer," she said.

When Tribune Company began centralizing features, moving work to Chicago from papers in Newport News, Va., and then Hartford, Conn., the features designer who could move fast, work with people and knew technology was a logical choice.

At SND, Smith spoke on a panel about centralized design in Tribune Company, holding her own alongside editors from Scripps, Hearst and Gannett.

She said after her panel, "As much as I was in a rush to move up and do all sorts of fun things, I wasn't ready to do that. So I just spent a lot of time learning, listening to other people and creating mentoring opportunities for myself."

An editor at a major metro by 30, the once-frustrated Smith discussed her progress with a friend, who had left journalism to become a lawyer.

"You're an editor," the friend marveled.

"I know. Who would have thunk it?" Smith joked.

Joe Grimm, a consultant and adjunct faculty member of the Freedom Forum Diversity Institute, recruited for the Detroit Free Press, Knight Ridder and Gannett from 1990 until 2008. He now teaches at the Michigan State University School of Journalism. He has run the JobsPage journalism careers site at www.jobspage.com since 1996. Questions about careers? E-mail Joe for an answer.



Latoya Smith was born and raised in the City of Pontiac, she is a graduate of Pontiac Central High School and Oakland University.

Latoya is the daughter of Stephanie Smith and Clifton Lewis, the granddaughter of Martha Lee Sain and Virge (School Boy) Smith and Clifton and Margaret Lewis, and the great-granddaughter of Prince Smith and Elizabeth Street and George and Alberta Sain (who is the sister of Jake Russell father). - Frank Russell

## EM Good or Bad For Pontiac - The Various Perspectives

Leon Jukowski  
Mayor, City of Pontiac



Mayor Leon Jukowski

The Redevelopment plan for the City of Pontiac is one that I have come up with as a result of studies and observations going back to my college days. (Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service with a major in Economic Development,

Georgetown University.) It is not so much a road map per se, but a series of policies which foster the atmosphere in which economic development can thrive. This is because history has shown that government initiatives which try to shape economic development frequently fail because they have not taken all economic (market) variables into account, and a government program, once started, does not have the flexibility that a business does to change directions as the market dictates. Accordingly, we have followed the school of thought that says that the best policy is to work aggressively to remove all possible barriers to business and residential development. To this end we meet regularly with business groups to hear their concerns regarding everything from parking to public safety. We have also engaged citizen groups to improve neighborhood safety and control businesses which are detrimental to neighborhood stability. We are also accelerating the demolition of blighted properties which have plagued our neighborhoods for years.

The result has been as noted by Crains and other local publications as you can see

below.

- Commercial projects spur Pontiac rehab. Pontiac makes strides: Managers get to core of redevelopment

- More than \$450 million in commercial investment has poured into Pontiac since 2009. Here's a look at some of the big projects:\*

1. A mixed-use development by Jim and Ed Terebus will come into the former First Baptist Church building, which was most recently a Salvation Army thrift store. It is expected to open at the northwest corner of Lafayette and Saginaw streets this year or next year.

2. DASI Solutions, which helps companies with computer-aided technologies such as like drafting and engineering, purchased a 1960s office building at 21-31 Oakland Ave. and will move into the office space this year. Lafayette Place.

3. Lafayette Place, a \$20-million redevelopment by West Construction Services of the former Sears Roebuck & Co. department store at 154 N. Saginaw St. into lofts, Anytime Fitness and Lafayette Market. Opened in 2012.

4. Ten West Lofts, a \$4.5-million, GJ & JA Investments redevelopment that converted a former bank building and drug store at 67-69 N. Saginaw into a mixed-use development with lofts, and office and retail space.

5. The former Consumers Power building at the northeast corner of Lawrence and Wayne streets will be rehabbed and restored into office space and lofts by Bob Waun, managing director at Americorp Mortgage Inc., and is expected to open late this year.

6. Whiskey's, a former restaurant and bar at Saginaw and Lawrence streets, is

reopening this year with retail and office space and a wine bar. Waun purchased the property in 2012.

7. The Strand Theatre at 12 N. Saginaw is expected to undergo a complete interior and exterior restoration by West Construction Services and open in early 2014.

8. An office building at Perry and Pike streets was purchased by Grace Centers of Hope last year and reused as a private nursery school and day care center, which also opened last year. 18 W. Pike

9. The former Pike Street Restaurant at 18 W. Pike St. will be renovated and redeveloped under an unknown name as a bar and

entertainment venue opening this year.

10. The former Pontiac State Bank building at 28 S. Saginaw was sold to Todd Enterprises in August and is now occupied with offices, a bank, retail space and lofts. It's expected to be completed by 2014.

11. The former Tonic nightclub at 25 S. Saginaw St., owned by Marty Coats, will open as a new music and entertainment venue this year, but the name hasn't been finalized.

12. General Motors Co. will expand its Powertrain Engineering Headquarters by

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### Pontiac Downtown Business Association "EM Good for Downtown"

Excerpts from CRAINS Article by By Kirk Pinho Pontiac makes strides: Managers get to core of redevelopment.

Some members of the Pontiac Downtown Business Association and others are crediting renewed interest in the city to improved governance under its three emergency managers: Fred Leeb, Michael Stampfler and, most specifically, Louis Schimmel, the current EM.

More than \$28 million in commercial investment came to downtown Pontiac last year, according to Robert Donohue, principal planner for Main Street Oakland County, which helps local governments develop downtowns.

"Nobody wants to come to a town that's a financial disaster," Schimmel said. "We are providing police and fire (services) now at an extremely lower cost and better services.

That's what starts economic development. They will come to Pontiac if we fix the core."

Schimmel doesn't actively recruit new business to come to Pontiac but lets his work in righting the city's fiscal ship do the wooing.

Case in point: The city had a downtown development authority, an economic development corporation and a building authority -- all publicly funded, all with autonomy, and all with differing and "grandiose" visions for the city, Schimmel said.

"I abolished them all," he said. "It was such a scatterbrained, crisscross, mishmash of stuff. Let's have one group and all get behind them."

So Schimmel turned to the Pontiac Downtown Business Association, a

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# Pontiac Library Launches Campaign

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"Our plan is to raise the bulk of our funding through major, private donors and foundation grants," said Dr. Deirdre Holloway Waterman, chair of the Pontiac Library Board of Trustees. "One of our campaign contributors, Deloitte, recently produced a report for the library that identifies alternative financing strategies that we can also take advantage of in constructing a new facility."

Completed in October 2012, Deloitte's *Sources & Uses of Funds Report* outlines eligible federal and state tax incentives, credits and other funding sources.

"Deloitte Tax leaders, Marty Karamon and Greg Ripley, successfully assembled a diverse, multi-faceted team of federal, state and local government specialists specific to this unique project," said Mark Davidoff, Michigan managing partner, Deloitte LLP. "With this approach, we were able to provide the Pontiac Library with a full spectrum of talent that brought valuable insights to this important project. We are excited to be a part of the project, helping to provide a valued resource to the community."

"The library hasn't made a decision on a specific site yet, but we are committed to remaining downtown because we see the library serving as an impetus for economic growth in Pontiac," Waterman added. "Our unique concept for the new library is to create a one-stop experience for patrons and residents in which the library serves as a community hub for job training, education, social services and entertainment. By remaining in the downtown area, the library will bring patron traffic into the area, which in turn provides consumer traffic for local businesses."

"This library project serves as a catalyst for economic resurgence in Pontiac with great potential to stimulate additional retail and commercial development. It's exactly the type of project that the County should support," said Matthew Gibb, Oakland County deputy executive. "Our goal at the County is to identify partners that can be housed in the new library facility to provide new opportunities for training and education." Gibb serves on the Pontiac Library's Campaign Cabinet.

The campaign announcement follows an objective set forth in the library's 2009-2014 Strategic Plan and a three-year study by the library board, which included: an extensive community survey project; recommenda-

tions from library board subcommittees focused on Facilities, Marketing, and Community Partnerships; and building feasibility analyses.

"One of our early tasks involved structural and infrastructural studies of the current Pike Street building, which were conducted by credible companies, such as NTH Engineering and Honeywell," Waterman added. "Those reports, along with an architectural space plan based on community needs and expectations, demonstrated that the current building would not be adequate in providing the first-rate library our community deserves."

Novi-based architect, Fanning Howey Associates, designed a 79,000-sq.-ft. space plan for the library to accommodate the presence of community partners, such as Accounting Aid Society, which plans to house a year-round tax center in the new facility, and the Greater Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, which would operate an office within the building.

"Rest assured, there will be ample opportunity for patrons, Pontiac residents and other individuals to invest in the new library," said Michael Williams, Pontiac Library trustee. "The library's Marketing Committee is preparing to make recommendations, such as a patron brick-buying campaign and a contribution program for our downtown business partners, so that donors representing all income levels have an opportunity to contribute to the new facility."

## About the Pontiac Library

The Pontiac Public Library serves about 60,000 residents and is located in Pontiac, Michigan, the county seat of Oakland County. The vision of the Pontiac Public Library is to be respected as the community's premier information and cultural center offering excellence in service in a state-of-the-art facility.

## About Deloitte Community Involvement

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# Pontiac nets nearly \$1 million to remove blight

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It's one of hundreds the city would like demolished, and the state has awarded Pontiac nearly \$1 million to make the wrecking ball a reality for about 115 nuisance structures.

"These blighted homes drag down the value of the entire surrounding neighborhood," said Mayor Leon Jukowski. "The fact that we've gotten \$1 million to tear down blight is great news for the entire City of Pontiac. It's going to make a big impact."

The city applied for the Michigan Blight Elimination Program last year and was notified of the award on Feb. 15.

The program is administered by the Michigan Land Bank, and funds come from a 49-state settlement with mortgage service companies who were sued over their foreclosure practices.

City officials met with representatives from the Waterford Regional Fire Department and Oakland County Sheriff's Office last fall to identify the city's most blighted areas, where the demolition funds can be maximized, said Community Development Director Joseph Sobota.

"The presence of dangerous buildings in town contributes to the public safety issues in neighborhoods, as well as the decline of property values," he said.

However, "If we have one blighting influence in a strong, stable neighborhood, we're going to want to eliminate that influence" as well, Sobota said.

The demolition process, which includes utility shutoffs, asbestos surveys and removal and other environmental issues, has been streamlined in the state program, Sobota said.

Demolition proposals will be publicly posted, and local contractors that have worked with the city before will be contacted about bidding opportunities, according to ADR Consultants, the Michigan Land Bank's project manager for the blight elimination program.

Mona Hofmeister, vice president of Citizens Against Blight and a member of the city's Board of Appeals for Blighted Properties, said condemned houses are a magnet for crime, drugs and prostitution.

"Good things come to those who wait — and wait, and wait," Hofmeister said of the \$996,668 grant.

The city's comeback "starts in the neighborhoods. Those are the people who pay the taxes here, and those are the people you need to answer to," Hofmeister said.

"When (employees) at City Hall go home at 5 p.m., those houses are still there in those neighborhoods, and the residents are still dealing with them."

The city has 189 condemned houses and hundreds more in various stages of the condemnation process, according to the community development department.

The blight elimination funds can be used for both public and private, and both commercial and residential, properties, said Emergency Financial Manager Lou Schimmel. He said the city plans to focus on neighborhood houses with the state grant money.

"Getting grant money to (complete) demolitions isn't as easy as it sounds," Schimmel said.

"We're happy to receive the money, because this helps us greatly in turning the town around," Schimmel said.

"It makes less work for the fire department and the police department because it's less time they have to spend on such things as drug operations (in) abandoned houses and fires in abandoned houses. It makes life a lot nicer in the neighborhoods."

Michigan Blight Elimination Program officials expect demolition activity to begin within the next 90 days.

"We're ready to do it. All we (needed) was money," Schimmel said.

Standing in front of the condemned home on Oliver Street, which lies within the Modern Housing Corporation Addition Historic District constructed by General Motors after World War I, Mayor Jukowski commented on the city's blighted homes.

"It's sad there are so many homes like this in Pontiac that have reached this state," he said.

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—What's Happening In Oakland County—

# Ferndale and Pontiac Big Winners in 2013 Main Street Oakland County Awards



L. Brooks Patterson

The Ferndale Downtown Development Authority and the Pontiac Downtown Business Association took home 16 of 30 awards given out tonight at the Main Street Oakland County awards celebration at the Royal Oak Music Theater.

The event honors member communities of the Main Street Oakland County (MSOC) program for their downtown development efforts. More than 200 people attended the event, which was sponsored by ITC.

"Main Street Oakland County is a model for other Main Street programs across the country," County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "I'm exceedingly proud of the progress Pontiac has made in bringing its downtown to life and Ferndale continues to amaze with the energy and passion it brings to the program. I congratulate both cities as well as the other winners for the contributions they make to create desirable and viable downtowns."

MSOC, which created the awards program in 2008, recognizes excellence in downtown revitalization in five categories: Special, Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Restructuring.

Ferndale was honored for Outstanding Board Member (Stacey Tobar, Ferndale Downtown Development Authority), Volunteer of the Year (Scott Wright, Ferndale DDA) and Volunteer Recruitment Program among others. Pontiac's honors included the Lafayette Lofts and the Lafayette Market. Pontiac also won the MSOC Spirit Award. A total of 11 MSOC communities won awards.

"Main Street is an economic development program that works and it continues to grow as we added Birmingham to the family this year," Patterson said. "This is a vital tool that improves our downtowns and our county."

**The winners were:**  
**ORGANIZATION**

- **Outstanding Board Member:** Stacey Tobar, Ferndale DDA
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Dick and Dawn Rossell, Holly DDA
- **Outstanding Fundraising Project:** Yard Sale, Rochester DDA
- **Outstanding Public Relations Effort:** Lake Orion DDA and Oxford DDA
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Scott Wright, Ferndale DDA
- **Volunteer Recruitment Program:**

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**PROMOTION**

- **Outstanding Retail Event:** Wish List Window, Farmington DDA
- **Outstanding Promotional Design Piece:** Artwn - The Exhibit Brochure, Ferndale DDA
- **Outstanding Event Series:** Rhythmz in Riley Park, Farmington DDA
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**DESIGN**

- **Most Creative Sign:** Rust Belt Market, Ferndale
- **Outstanding Signage:** Lafayette Lofts and Lafayette Market, West Construction, Pontiac
- **Outstanding Adaptive Use of a Building:** Lafayette Lofts and Lafayette Market, TDG Architects, Pontiac

**ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING**

- **Outstanding Public Investment:** Downtown Streetscape/Main Street Makeover, Rochester DDA
- **Outstanding Private Investment:** Valentine Distilling Co., Ferndale

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

- **Outstanding Business of the Year:** Rust Belt Market, Ferndale

- **Corporate Responsibility and Community Support:** Future Help Designs and SCORE Detroit, Pontiac
- **Best Media Promotions Partner:** Cavalier Pictures
- **Outstanding Retail Recruitment:** Hope Ponsart and Holly DDA
- **Guts & Diplomacy:** Madonna Van Fossen, Oxford DDA
- **Best One Year Progress:** Clawson DDA
- **Best Historic Preservation Ethic:** Village of Franklin and Main Street Franklin
- **Best Work Plans/Action Plans:** Pontiac DBA Main Street Program
- **Leadership & Integrity:** Pontiac DBA Main Street Program
- **Most Volunteer Hours:** Glen Konopaskie, Pontiac DBA Main Street Program
- **Best DPW and DDA Partnership:** Ortonville DDA and DPW
- **Outstanding Public Relations Effort:** Ferndale DDA
- **Private Investment over \$50,000:** Imperial Bar, Ferndale
- **Outstanding Downtown Planning Effort:** Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Clawson DDA and Greenway Collaborative, Inc.
- **Main Street Oakland County Spirit Award:** Pontiac DBA Main Street

## March and April 2013 Business Workshops Offered by Oakland County Business Center

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are encouraged to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph in Waterford. For pre-registration and location map, visit [www.AdvantageOakland.com/expand](http://www.AdvantageOakland.com/expand) or call 248-858-0783.

**QuickBooks Essentials, Part 1**

March 28, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$40 per person

**QuickBooks Essentials, Part 2**

March 28, 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: Attend both sessions for \$75 per person

**Marketing Your Business**

April 3, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$40 per person

**Small Business Loan Workshop**

April 4, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$20 per person

**Business Research - Feasibility to Expansion**

April 9, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Rochester Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester  
Fee: This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

**CEED Microloan Orientation**

April 10, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Fee: This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

**Starting a Business**

April 10, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$30 per person

**Writing a Business Plan**

April 17, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$40 per person

**Legal and Financial Basics for Small Business**

April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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138,000 square feet at 777 Joslyn Ave. in a \$200 million investment expected to be complete by the second half of 2014.

13. The Pontiac Silverdome will be renovated this spring and summer. The city of Pontiac sold to Triple Sports and Entertainment the former home of the Detroit Lions for \$583,000 in 2009.

14. Ultimate Soccer Arena, a \$16.66-million development at 867 South Blvd., opened in 2010. It is owned by George Derderian Jr.

15. Hewlett-Packard Co. opened a new center at 1872 Enterprise Drive for \$4.8 million in 2011.

16. The \$129-million patient tower at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, part of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, is planned as a 301,000-square-foot, eight-story building featuring 136 private rooms and 72 additional patient beds at 44405 Woodward Ave. It is expected to open next year.

Sources: Bob Donohue, Main Street Oakland County program coordinator; Phil Wojtowicz and Robert Karazim, Pontiac Downtown Business Association/Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee; CoStar Group Inc.

## What Have Emergency Managers Done To Our City? Councilman Donald Watkins, District 5

Councilman Donald Watkins' response:



Councilman Donald Watkins

1. First order given by a Manager was to cut off Pontiac City Council Meeting

2. Independent legal counsel for the Pontiac City Council was fired.

3. Budgeted the Sale of The Pontiac Silverdome for 7 Million Dollars but only Got \$ 583,000 dollars in a closed auction, not open to the Public

4. Laid Off Over 200 + City Employees

5. Attempted to give back 14 Million Dollars in Stimulus Money for Neighborhood Stabilization 2 which is now being used as the signature sign of reinvestment in the city (Layette Market and Lofts)

6. Refused to Sign Management Deals to provide programming for the Pontiac Phoenix Center in which citizens are paying a 20 million Dollar bond

7. Outsourced Police Department, IT Department, Building and Safety Department, Income Tax Division, Water and Sewer Department, etc.

8. Spent Over A 2 Million Dollars in Unnecessary Legal Fees,

9. Pontiac cuts back life insurance, other retirement benefits

10. Attempted to Erase the City Of Pontiac by sending a letter to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson requesting that Pontiac be merged into/with the County

11. Threatened Bankruptcy without talking to his boss, The Michigan State Treasury and Andy Dillon.

What's totally ignored in all this talk and propaganda of Schimmel and the other EMs as the second coming of Christ to the City of Pontiac is the tremendous sacrifices made by

the citizens of Pontiac. Approximately 700-800 citizens of Pontiac lost their jobs as a result of cuts made by EMs. That's devastating in a city already racked by the closing of the General Motors factories. Many of those employees had many years invested in the city. Services have diminished to the point that all citizens receive when they call into City Hall are automated voices. The City Council has no staff.

Retirees have continuously seen their pensions, healthcare, and life insurance; which was promised to them for their years of loyal service slashed by Pontiac's EMs. While the Pontiac City Council's pay has not been restored; which is blatantly disrespectful to the Citizens of Pontiac, Schimmel and his inner circle all make six-figure salaries, this in a city devastated by personnel cuts. I've always said that being an EM is being given a "license to steal" by the State of Michigan. Public employee contracts are broken by EMs, true collective bargaining ends, legally promised benefits and health care is cut, and unions are

dispanded. Such as the Pontiac Police Department's union, as well as the Sheriff Department's union, and the Police dispatcher's union. There was no reason whatsoever for the Pontiac Fire Department to be taken-over by the Waterford Fire Department other than for Lou Schimmel's own personal agenda. The Pontiac Fire Department was world-class and there never was an issue of response times as with the Pontiac Police Department. Schimmel merged Pontiac's Fire Department under Public Act 4, any savings that he claims were made by having Waterford's Fire Department take over Pontiac's could have been achieved by an imposed contract on the Fire Department's union. Also, through state grants, the agreement has clearly benefitted the Township of Waterford than the City of Pontiac. Pontiac taxpayer's money kept the Township of Waterford's budget in the black.

The truth of the matter is that all businesses that have come to Pontiac have invested in the City of Pontiac, with or without Lou Schimmel, particularly General

Motors, who expanded their operations in Pontiac because they already had a successful operation in Pontiac long before the EMs arrived. The goal of any business is to make a profit. Their profits come not from Lou Schimmel but primarily from the people of Pontiac. That explains why some of the businesses stay and some leave. To say that it is Lou Schimmel who has generated business growth in Pontiac is a crock! EMs cut, fire, layoff, privatize, outsource, merge, and disband. They encourage or create nothing!

Another great sacrifice that Lou Schimmel has placed on the backs of the citizens of Pontiac comes in the form of a tremendous tax bill. Already there has been a \$142 sanitation fee that was placed on the winter property tax bill. On June 30 of this year, Schimmel did not make a \$4.4 million contribution to the police and fire health care trust and a \$1.5 million contribution to the pension fund. So Schimmel will skip town leaving an additional \$6 million dollars for

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501(c)(3) nonprofit, to advocate for the downtown businesses.

"By him cleaning up the politics and the administration, it eliminated a lot of the roadblocks that (businesses) had to be able to do what we wanted to do," said Lee Todd, a former business association member and the owner and broker of Pontiac-based property management and real estate firm Todd Enterprises LLC.

Phil Wojtowicz, a senior associate with Thomas A. Duke Co. and the co-vice chairman of the Downtown Business Association, agreed, calling Schimmel "a very positive force" for Pontiac's economic resurgence.

"I can't have that same comment for the two predecessors," he said.

Schimmel said his role is to ensure that businesses and residents alike are in a city "that's not in a God-awful disaster or financial mess.

"That's the piece I am in the puzzle."

### Cutting the fat

Schimmel, the former emergency financial manager in Hamtramck and former court-appointed receiver in Ecorse, keeps a laundry list of completed major projects.

Among them are the contracting of the city's policing duties to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, and the merging of the fire department with neighboring Waterford Township's, both efforts to cut costs.

Stampfler spearheaded the contract with the Sheriff's Department.

"As painful as it was," said Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner, those efforts have made Pontiac safer. Response times have dropped and more arrests have been made, leading to an improved business climate, he said.

"(Businesses) wanted them to solve the police and fire and (Department of Public Works) issues," Todd said. "We felt under the control of the EM ... that he would clean it up and allow us to have an environment where we could succeed."

In addition, Pontiac sold excess capacity at its wastewater treatment plant for \$55 million to pay off its debt and eliminate its budget deficit, which Schimmel highlighted as his "crowning achievement" as Pontiac's EM.

Instead of 15 law firms working for the city, there is now one.

City employees now have one health insurance plan instead of 87, according to Schimmel, and premiums have increased to 20 percent.

Dozens of services have been privatized or contracted out, including property tax collections, engineering, assessing, information technology, city golf course management, animal control, vital records and street maintenance.

"You argue that what he did was right or what he did was wrong," said Glen Konopaskie, president of the Downtown Business Association, "but it makes us much more approachable to investors."

All told, the budget has been whittled from \$55 million down to \$35 million, and Schimmel wants to bring it to \$29 million before he's done.

"Providing better services for less money by contracting things out and cutting the costs by \$20 million and operating efficiently -- that's what starts economic development," Schimmel said.

### Beyond the cuts

Meisner also believes two other strategies helped lure investment to Pontiac: making Pontiac a Promise Zone, which offers Pontiac School District students up to \$4,000 in college scholarships; and 2010's Rise of the Phoenix initiative, which offered businesses one year of free rent if they signed a lease of two years or more. Todd spearheaded Rise of the Phoenix, which brought about 65 new businesses downtown.

He said the initiative addressed other issues downtown, particularly a bus stop on Huron Street "that allowed a lot of people to hang out on the street," and panhandling, which was addressed with two police officers patrolling the street every day.

"Indirectly, it was always the intention that the Phoenix plan would spur development," Todd said.

### Economic engines churning

Most recently, General Motors announced a \$200 million investment that is expected to shift about 400 jobs from Warren, Wixom, Indiana and California to Pontiac through a 138,000-square-foot expansion of its Powertrain Engineering Headquarters at 777 Joslyn Ave., north of Montcalm Street, bringing it to 588,000

square feet.

Couple that with a \$20 million redevelopment of the 80,000-square-foot former Sears Roebuck & Co. department store at into Lafayette Place -- featuring 46 high-end loft apartments, the Lafayette Market, and Anytime Fitness at 154 N. Saginaw -- and a planned \$7 million renovation of the Strand Theatre, at 12 N. Saginaw, near the intersection of Saginaw and Pike streets, expected to be completed next year, and there are signs of life in Pontiac.

The Strand Theatre has been the subject of proposed renovations dating back to at least 1999 after the city took ownership of it after a court battle with its previous owner. None came to fruition.

There is also the \$129-million patient tower at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, a 301,000-square-foot, eight-story building that will feature 136 private rooms and 72 additional patient beds at 44405 Woodward Ave.

In addition, Pontiac attracted The Crofoot entertainment venue, near the Strand Theatre at Saginaw and Pike streets; and the \$16.7-million 2010 Ultimate Soccer Arena project at 867 South Blvd.

"When you quit bickering with yourselves and let someone come in and run your finances, you can get something done," said Oakland County Deputy Executive Matthew Gibb, who oversees economic development.

Kyle Westberg, president and CEO of West Construction Services, one of three developers on the Lafayette Place development and one of those involved in the Strand Theatre renovation, said 32 of the 46 loft units at Lafayette Place are under lease and that Anytime Fitness has more than 300 memberships on the books.

It's the Lafayette Place development that Schimmel thinks is the most significant.

"We can talk about GM, and we can talk about some of these other huge things, but I think Kyle Westberg and his expertise in putting together the Lafayette project is somewhat amazing," he said.

All those projects and others have Todd and other business leaders optimistic.

"I think it is somewhat of a renaissance," Todd said. "I think the general consensus was that Pontiac was going very quickly the wrong way before, and the ship has been righted. That's one of the reasons they are coming down here to do business."

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the citizens of Pontiac to pay in the form of property taxes. This will probably cause a record number of foreclosures in Pontiac. This despite the fact that Schimmel received \$55 million dollars for the sale of excess space at the waste treatment facility. That \$55 million dollars will come in the form of bonded debt spread out over 40 years for the citizens of Pontiac to repay. These are stories not told in the newspapers and press releases supporting EMs.

I have a problem in that the EMs of Pontiac have not pushed for any shared sacrifice by the city's bond holders, Oakland County, or the State of Michigan. All bond holders were paid with the proceeds from the \$55 million from the waste treatment facility, Oakland County was advanced \$9 million for the Phoenix Center with another \$9 million forthcoming, this for a building the EM and the Mayor wants to demolish! Extremely bad business. The State of Michigan has made no infusion of cash such as in Detroit. This should have possibly been done through an increase in state revenue to cities under financial management.

The Sheriff's Department has decrease response times, and increased the arrest rate, but there are still way too many murders, violent crime, and other crime in a city the size of Pontiac. Only the citizens of Pontiac; through more sacrifice, effort, and commitment to the city is going to make Pontiac truly a safe city in which to live, not the Sheriff's Department.

It is quite possible that the Draconian work of Lou Schimmel will leave Pontiac a ghost town. Only the citizens of Pontiac can save the City of Pontiac and cause its resurgence, not Lou Schimmel, or any other EM.

## House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel



Tim Greimel

*Statement from House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel (D-Auburn Hills) on the Performance of the Emergency Manager in Pontiac:*

"I am disgusted by many of the actions taken by the emergency manager appointed to run the city of Pontiac. The emergency manager tried to turn down millions of dollars in federal funding that would have improved community development. He contracted fire protection service to the neighboring municipality of Waterford, which allowed that department to reap millions of dollars in profits instead of keeping that money in Pontiac. The emergency manager attempted to increase property taxes, though thankfully, that effort was voted down by the residents in Pontiac. The track record of Pontiac's emergency manager proves unequivocally that an authoritarian takeover like this is not the way to restore the financial health of Michigan's struggling cities and school districts."

## Councilman George Williams, District 2

People are giving the emergency managers way too much credit. They have sold all our assets mainly the waste water facility. The waste



Councilman George Williams

water facility should have not been sold, lease capacity at 18 million a year instead one time amount 55 million up front and 30 year 52 million payment. all city employees are gone except for a few.

## Mary Pietila, Councilwoman, District 3



Councilwoman Mary Pietila

What do I think of the regarding the true impact of the EM here in Pontiac? The articles in Crains indicate that the 3 EM's have had a very impact and has stabilized the city. ... wow that's a loaded question.

Let me start by saying, Yes we have some great developments, but we were told of some of them as we took office in 2010. Such as the Rise of the Phoenix and Lafayette Lofts, so they are nothing new...

I have concerns, when anyone comes into a City and says they are there for the best interest, yet doesn't include the elected officials in what is happening, before they do a group of businesses downtown who have yet to secure the status of the entity holding the Main Street Program. When they do make the decision to desecrate the City departments and assets... It should never be found out through the media (as the waste water treatment was) nor because one is driving down the road and sees other companies doing the work... as it was with ASI patching asphalt on Martin Luther King; How dare one says we won't work with them as has been said in the Detroit Free Press, (March 3, 2013) "Why should I do anything for these people?" Pontiac's council repeatedly pledged in public meetings to withhold all cooperation, Schimmel said. Last year, members marched in a picket line in front of Gov. Rick Snyder's house in Ann Arbor, isn't that infringing on those Council members First Amendment rights when you hold that against all, not all were there only a very few?

When he privatize our departments, stating it is to save monies, we the Council have no idea, were not included in any conversation, nor given the opportunity to ask any questions of these people to hear them tell us of their qualifications, these are our constituents who pay the tax dollars and whose safety of the roads we are entrusting them too. I don't make it a habit to go to Mt Pleasant, Dearborn or Hope Mi to check into qualifications of their Electrical the Signage or Road Conditions but that is where those that hold the DPW services now come from, with the exception of ASI, but they are the only Pontiac contractor. Not one of us knew where or who held the contracts until I asked for them on February 19, 2013 and then was accused of trying to micromanage a department, last Wednesday (February 27) when I picked them up. We would not be derelict in our duties, as elected officials sworn to uphold the charter, if we didn't care enough to ask and be able to answer our constituents when they ask who is doing our streets and

what the budget was for the services and what services were included? Yet these contracts for DPW have signature dates on it going as far back as November 11, 2012 and as recent as January 10, 2013.

And it's being said we the Pontiac City Council are not working with the EM. I see this in a different direction, one where we are on the receiving end, or the ignored end as that's what is happening... however, Pontiac's 8th Council ran for our seats knowing it would be a challenge, but did so because we care about our community and it's residents, we did so to work with them and support those who have began to feel their concerns didn't count, because we had an EFM, who clearly sat in that office and was a dictator. How this Council is treated, hasn't changed much.

We may have better coverage with the Sheriff Department because of more deputies on the road, and a Department that is ran altogether differently than in the past...They are also assisting with code enforcement, that should be down by the Building Department.. and as for the Building Department Businesses downtown who remolded or renovated buildings as part of the Rise of the Phoenix, as of August of 2011 were lacking Certificates of Occupancy, I don't even ask anymore, because I am continuously am told we are short handed. Rental registrations, which is a significant amount of outstanding monies are behind, yet although I haven't seen the contract yet. I hear the EM was told they could do the job on a part time basis...and with no one knowing the City in that department, but one person, the building official, all the former staff was let go.

### Rental Registrations due dates:

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- Dist. 6 - Oct. 31 - Had until October 31
- Dist. 7 - Dec. 31 - Had until Dec. 31

So do I think the article in Crain's Detroit article was accurate... Is the City Stabilized, No we are working on it, but we are not there, there is a lot to do yet and perhaps is the EM worked with the Council, as we do represent those who live here, we could be of assistance, however I feel that may be at a deadlock now, based upon the accusations that we said we will not work with the EM. Partnerships are involving of more than one person, or one end of the building, however, you have to have inclusion on both sides and they have not opened the door to this whole body or even two thirds of it.

## Councilman Randy Carter *The Use Of Emergency Managers Was Not Optimally Efficient*



Councilman Randy Carter

History has revealed that mayors and councils have exhibited the ongoing inability, or blatant refusal to resolve the city budget issues. The records showed lack of details and accountability of actual revenues and expenditures to create a budget. The city's

fundamental lack of financial, internal, and managerial controls will continue to be an issue, even with the assistance of the accounting firm of Plante and Moran. Internal departments create borrowing between funds without clear concise records. Some departments have no cash account, or spending limits. Our city lacks the leadership to speak on radical subject matters. Town hall meetings would establish the people's right to inquire, or to speak publicly, on community improvements, or how to reduce their taxes.

Recreation centers for our youth, or something to look forward to during the summer that benefits children (such as our own place to play and enjoy our parks) are seldom if ever discussed. Instead, public employee benefits are the only things that are spoken on. I find it very interesting that the deals are negotiated from both sides of the table. How about thinking about a radical idea? Let's invite the taxpayer to the party! Let's open all contracts to the sunlight! Let explain to the public the vouchers, drop programs, or release time for employees. Better yet, let's direct all contract negotiations to the state, to pool pension plans, healthcare, and time off. Let's not stop there, let's review how we created bond debt and interest swap deal without voter approval.

Has it ever been explained to the public, why our finance employees were not bonded? Minimum staffing is not a requirement for our city to function. Was there a plan to become inefficient, unnecessary, or to deliberately misallocate funds? Racketeering may be a motive for totally disregarding our charter.

For many decades, we elected our friends and family and we assumed they would correct this problem. Somehow a "gang or mob" type attitude of being in control, or on power trip of exclusive perks sanctions neglecting the charter. This fosters the creation of personal healthcare and pension plans, without forward thinking.

Is there a need for someone on the outside to tell the emperor that he has no clothes on? What was the thinking down the road regarding sustainability? Did we think that home prices would keep increasing 1000% never to fall, or contracts are written one way, and that is to only go up? Did we ever think that the economy would drop, and the taxpayer would be responsible?

The Emergency Financial Manager (EFM) has some positive results. The merging of Police and Fire Dept became efficient, and a cost saving measure. This was done by capping the runaway overtime cost, which also resulted in more feet on the street, and faster response times.

However, my Emergency Manager (EM) manual states the following: "EM exercises powers of our city base on certain rules of law. Always by what authority? And the power of local government needs to be clarified." It further states:

- EM To provide for the public an informational meeting.
- EM (may not sell or transfer public light, heat, or power utilities\* without voter approval)\* (listed as plural)
- EM powers are to be limited by charter provision.
- EM may authorize debt, bond and millage election, (no power to raise taxes without a vote).
- EM must refer any evidence of criminal conduct contributing to the financial emer-

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gency to the attorney general and the local prosecutor.

The EM may have not done their job of exercising criminal charges. Penalties should have been administered for documents not having the required amount of signatures for opening of bank accounts, purchasing of cars, trips, fire trucks, and Phoenix Plaza upgrades, etc.

In 2005, more specifically, the Whall Group's Report indicated there was money unaccounted for, unreconciled accounts, and accounts the city was unaware of. Oakland County Prosecutor Dave Gorcyca referred the matter to the Sheriff's office for investigation. McCabe declined to comment on the involvement of other agencies, such as the FBI. FBI spokeswoman Dawn Clenney equally declined to say if the city was under investigation by that agency.

In 2006, city officials were asking a local developer, DOCO LLC, to give back \$1.3 million along with a parcel of property. Under the agreement, a \$150 million medical center was to be constructed on the 18-acre site by (whatever year). The Pontiac Growth Group and the TIFA Board sold the property to DOCO LLC, owned by Dr. Chukwudi Okonmah of Clarkston, for \$1 in early 2001 and agreed to provide \$6 million for help. So far, Okonmah has drawn \$1.3 million from the money set aside for the project.

In 2007, the county prosecutor was asked by the Pontiac City Council to undertake an investigation which was initiated in March 2006, after a report from a private auditor detailed numerous problems with city finances under the previous administration.

In 2011, EFM Mike Stampfler did report

the Oakland Plaza Project. This project had six million dollars in Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) bonds in 2002 that involves a developer name DOCO LLC. Records indicate, he did report this information to the County prosecutor Jessica Cooper, State of Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, and he mention that the FBI was involved. He was fired after saving us some seven hundred thousand dollars by the State of Michigan Treasurer.

In an article written in The Oakland Press Cheney stated, "That's our policy... We can't confirm or deny until there's a paper out there available to the public. Under Sheriff McCabe was involved base on various raise eyebrows issues such as fifty plus bank accounts, mismanagements and or malfeasance." Was the FBI involved, but no one talking including FBI spokeswoman Mrs. Dawn Clenney?

EM powers are to be limited by charter provision. If so;

1. Was the Silverdome sold without our permission?

2. Was the Waste-Water-Treatment-Public Utility listed NAICS Code 926130, Utility Regulation & Administration?

The alleged PA4 law was passed proper. In stating the law, was there an omission of water-sewer-utility? The law states:

"An emergency manager appointed for a city or village shall not sell or transfer a public utility furnishing light, heat, or power without the approval of a majority of the electors of the city or village voting thereon, or a greater number if the city or village charter provides, as required by section 25 of article VII of the state constitution of 1963. In addition, an emergency manager appointed for a city or village shall not

utilize the assets of a public utility furnishing heat, light, or power, the finances of which are separately maintained and accounted for by the city or village, to satisfy the general obligations of the city or village.

The City of Pontiac Charter forbids the following: In section 3.113 Transfer of City Property; Contracts: The City may not sell, lease, exchange, or in any way dispose of any real property Of the City or any. Personality of the City, except such personality as may have been defined by ordinance as minor. Without approval, after public notice and Bearing, by resolution of the Council. Nor may the City enter into a contract if there is not a sufficient unencumbered appropriation available to discharge! Fully the City's obligation there under without approval by the Council.

EM has no power to raise taxes without a vote of the people!

In an article written in The Oakland Press, EFM Louis Schimmel raised property taxes on the residents of Pontiac. As for sanitation we have a millage. In my opinion, this could be considered fraudulent to hide city employee's healthcare in sanitation fees.

In the end, when I look at the pros and cons of the EFM/FM/EFM experience here in Pontiac, I have to consider the benefits, and the consequences. Historically, we have had issues in transparency and accountability, particularly as it pertains to our budget and finances. Although the intentions may have been good, lack of checks and balances, internal controls, fiscal accountability, and managerial leadership attributed to Pontiac's demise.

Can we say that the EFM experience exhibited positive externalities? In order for

this to truly be an optimal experience, no one should have been left worse off. I cannot say that selling the Silverdome for one tenth of its market value, laying off 90% of Pontiac's work force, and using government funding to provide economic advantages to those that have is Pareto efficient. Using external auditing firms, may have exacerbated and contributed to our economic inefficiencies. I say this may have been inefficient, at least to the taxpayer, because thousands of dollars paid the salaries of these firms, and the results of their work may have had detrimental results to Pontiac budgetary processes.

I commend the city of Pontiac, Oakland County, and most importantly, the taxpayers who have been footing this bill! Numerous request for accountability have fallen on deaf ears. Longstanding bureaucratic loopholes strongly prohibit accountability through a term I call muddling. Let me suggest one more time...why not bring the taxpayer to the table, forget about the EM, and the muddlers. After all this time, nobody went to jail, and the taxpayer is still footing the bill. At least when the back door deals are being done, everyone is invited to the party!

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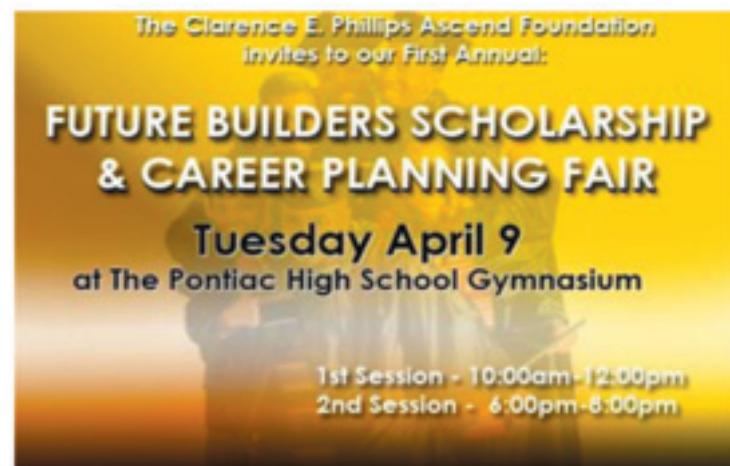
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# Women History Month

## The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC, INC) - Pontiac Women Achievers

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC, INC) was founded in the spring of 1935 when the late Mrs. Ollie Chinn Porter, then President of the New York Club, invited the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Business and Professional Women's Clubs to establish a national organization.

When Mrs. Porter was elected the first national President in 1936, black people were politely called Negroes. Very few had businesses or professions. Most were still struggling through the economic deprivations of the depression. That these Black women had the courage to found such an optimistic organization is astounding and is a lasting testimony to their faith in themselves, their people and their future.

The founders were owners, managers, college graduates and other professionally-licensed women who had managed to realize some measure of personal success at a time when there was no national "movement" to improve the lot of Black Americans; when there was no "black capitalism" program, nor any black studies curricula. Still, they were ready to lead.

Today, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. includes thousands of busy, working women in over 300 clubs in the United States, Bermuda and Africa.

These women recognize the importance of sharing accomplishments with others and working together

- To improve the quality of life in their communities;
- To create an atmosphere in which black women are able to bring about meaningful changes in their public and private lives;
- To share their skills and knowledge with others;
- To explore alternate ways for women to meet the multiple challenges of today's world.

### On the National level, NANBPW

- Enjoys observer status at the United Nations.
- Provides a link with other national and international groups such as –
  - (1) The Coalition of Women in International Development

(2) The National Council for Women of the United States

(3) The Experiment in International Living

(4) National Caucus on Black Aging

(5) United Negro College Fund

(6) National Association for Sickle Cell Disease

(7) March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

- Participates in national and international education assistance programs including national scholarship programs and projects in Third World nations.

- Sponsors national programs and conferences on leadership training, health and education

- Holds annual national conventions during which local club members join with district and national leaders to recognize year's achievements, to gather information, to establish vital networks of communication, to define directions for the coming year, and to renew their commitment to NANBPW goals.

The Pontiac Club was chartered in Feb, 1964 by Dr. Annamarie Hayes. The organizer was Dr. Robin Owens from Flint, MI was the National President at that time. Dr. Hayes served as President of the Pontiac Adult Club from 1964-1966. She and 18 prominent women formed this charter to grow and represent a cross section of business professionals who became actively engaged in the Pontiac Community. This club has been extremely fortunate to have had devoted and dedicated women as our Presidents who have guided our course over the years since 1964.

Dr. Annamarie Hayes	1964 – 1966
Juanita Robinson	1966-1968
Elizabeth Ross	1968 – 1970
Zana Turner	1970 – 1974
Erma Coit	1974 – 1976
Catherine Sykes	1976 – 1979
Gloria Hardiman Carlisle	1979 – 1981
Rosa Henderson-Byrd	1981 – 1982
Florine Bowman	1982 – 1983
Sharon McClendon	1983 – 1984
Florine Bowman	1984 – 1987
Marion Baker	1987 – 1989
Dr. Monetta McIntosh-Foster	1989 – 1993



Left to right – Dr. Monetta Foster, Irma Johnson, Maria Foster, Earlene Baggett-Hayes, Esq., Beatrice Wright, Linda Ricks. Not present is, Dorothy Flowers, Patricia Payne, Catherine Sykes, Gloria Carlisle, Commissioner and Pontiac Board of Education member Mattie McKinney-Hatchett, Dr. Sharon Tippins, Naomi Burton and Marion Baker

Patricia Whitfield Payne	1993 – 1997
Harriet Jean Cantrell	1997 – 2002
Dr. Doris Taylor	2002 – 2006
Dr. Sharon Tippins	2006 – 2010
Maria Foster	2010 – Present

The Youth Club was organized in 1966 and the Pontiac Young Adult Club for ages 18-30 was organized in 1968. Our annual goals focus on issues related to health, education and economic development.

We are also grateful for the dedicated members who have been vigilant, courageous, committed and strong in our efforts to promote and protect the interest of business and professional women and to create good fellowship among us; to direct the interest toward united action for improved social and civic conditions; to encourage the training and development of Black women for business and professions; and to create and develop opportunities for Black youth in business and professions.

As we look back over the years, we have made tremendous gains through our programs. We have fed and offered healthful

education to hungry, needy and sick children and adults. We have opened the doors of opportunity through scholarships to college-bound students and deserving music students while providing book awards and school supplies.

We committed ourselves to develop youth through scholarship aid, leadership training and through job opportunities and to recognize achievements of women in our community.

The Sojourner Truth Award, our highest honor, given to a woman whose life's work exemplifies the life of Sojourner Truth. To date, we have given 51 of these awards and are currently seeking nominations for this year's awardee. Other awards are Frederick Douglass, 4-year continuing scholarship, Community Service, Black Woman Achiever and Ombudswoman

In recognition of March as Women's Month, 8 women were recognized on Friday, March 8th for being trailblazers in their field of work. See below and continues on page 13.

## In recognition of March as Women's History Month, 8 women were recognized on Friday, March 8th for being trailblazers in their field of work



Jean Cantrell

Jean Cantrell her husband, John, moved their family to Pontiac many years ago. While John worked in the plant, Jean received her Registered Nurse's license and worked as the first Black scrub nurse at Crittenden Hospital in Troy, MI.

Later, Jean and

John opened a Beauty and Hair Salon in downtown, Pontiac where her sons John and Brandon were barbers and one of her daughters, Angela, a hair stylist. Their eldest daughter, Velma, chose education as a venue

and teaches in Detroit, MI. The business was names Alco Beauty and Barber Supply.

After many years, both John and Jean retired from the business after mentoring many young male and female students.

Jean joined the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Pontiac and soon became its President.

Mr. & Mrs. Cantrell were both members of the Fraternal Order of Elks and served the Pontiac Community on several civic boards. This dynamic duo left a lasting memory for the citizens of Pontiac.

Florence Victoria Etefia was the first African-American female psychologist in the Pontiac Michigan School District. Florence was drawn to this field because of her love for



Florence Victoria Etefia

helping special needs individuals. This love also drew her to becoming a special needs teacher and a special education supervisor. Florence had an enjoyable experience growing up in the city of Pontiac.

She graduated from Michigan State University with a BA degree in 1968, Oakland University in 1972 and Wayne State University with an Ed. Specialist and Ph.D. in 1987. Florence initially received a position in Pontiac Schools, teaching mentally impaired students.

During her tenure in the school district she held the positions of A Special education teacher, Teacher Consultant and Psychologist over 37 years, working as a psychologist from 1998 to 1999 and retired in 2005.

She is a charter member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. (Pontiac Chapter), Northstar Theater, Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who in America.

Florence says the School and Community Psychology Program at Wayne State Un. was competitive, requiring attending classes for 2 years, taking the Graduate Record Exam and an interview. A research project was required as well as an internship. As a psychologist, I administered psychological tests, shared the

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# Women History Month

## Women's History Month Timeline

- 1789 U.S. Constitution is ratified. The terms "persons," "people" and "electors" allow for interpretation of those beings to include men and women
- 1837 Oberlin College in Ohio becomes first coeducational college in U.S.
- 1839 Mississippi becomes first state to grant married women right to hold property in their own names
- 1848 First women's rights convention is held, to sign the Declaration of Rights and Sentiments
- 1849 Elizabeth Blackwell becomes first woman to earn medical degree
- 1869 First women's suffrage law is passed, in territory of Wyoming
- 1872 Susan B. Anthony is arrested for trying to vote
- 1872 Victoria Claflin Woodhull becomes first woman presidential candidate, for the Equal Rights Party
- 1916 Jeannette Rankin of Montana becomes first woman elected to Congress
- 1920 19th Amendment gives women right to vote
- 1924 Miriam Ferguson (Texas) and Nellie Tayloe Ross (Wyoming) become first women elected governor
- 1932 Amelia Earhart becomes first woman to fly solo across Atlantic
- 1932 Hattie Caraway of Arkansas becomes first woman elected to Senate
- 1933 Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins becomes first woman Cabinet member



- 1934 Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans is first woman to serve on board of directors of a major corporation, The Coca-Cola Company
- 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act establishes minimum wage without regard to gender
- 1955 First lesbian organization in U.S., Daughters of Bilitis, is founded
- 1963 Equal Pay Act is passed by Congress to close gender pay gap
- 1963 Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* is published
- 1964 Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employment discrimination on basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex
- 1967 Muriel Siebert becomes first woman to own a seat on New York Stock Exchange

- 1972 Title IX bans gender discrimination in federally funded education programs
- 1972 Katharine Graham of The Washington Post Co. becomes first woman CEO of a Fortune 500 company
- 1972 Shirley Chisholm becomes first woman to run for president from a major party
- 1973 In *Roe v. Wade*, Supreme Court protects woman's right to terminate pregnancy
- 1977 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Patricia Harris becomes first Black woman Cabinet member
- 1978 Pregnancy Discrimination Act prohibits discrimination "on basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions"
- 1981 Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first woman Supreme Court justice

- 1982 More women than men receive bachelor's degrees
- 1984 In *Roberts v. United States Jaycees*, Supreme Court prohibits public organizations from refusing membership because of gender
- 1984 Geraldine Ferraro becomes first major-party woman vice-presidential nominee
- 1987 Congress declares March as National Women's History Month
- 1990 Dr. Antonia Novello becomes the first woman (and first Latino) Surgeon General
- 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act provides job protection and leave for family, medical issues
- 1993 Janet Reno becomes first woman Attorney General
- 1994 Gender Equity in Education Act
- 1997 Madeleine Albright becomes first woman Secretary of State
- 1997 Small Business Administration Administrator Aida Alvarez becomes first Latina to hold Cabinet-level position
- 1998 Supreme Court rules that employers are liable for workplace sexual harassment
- 1999 Eileen Collins becomes first woman to command shuttle mission
- 2001 Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao becomes first Asian-American woman Cabinet member
- 2007 Nancy Pelosi becomes first woman Speaker of the House
- 2008 Hillary Clinton becomes only First Lady to run for president
- 2009 Sonia Sotomayor becomes first Latina Supreme Court justice



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# Women History Month

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results with teachers, parents and students. It was a very rewarding position. In fact, her community and school positions were rewarding.



**Earlene R. Baggett-Hayes**

**Earlene R. Baggett-Hayes**, a native Chicagoan, has lived in the State of Michigan for over 25 years. She initially transferred to the Pontiac area due to her position with General Motors. Aspiring to become an attorney, she briefly moved to Omaha, Nebraska to attend Creighton University Law School. After many years of practicing law in the areas of employment, labor, criminal, divorce and probate, Earlene decided to help people resolve all types of their own disputes by working in the field called Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Although Earlene continues to practice law in the courts, a large part of her practice in ADR entails Mediation and practice law in the Courts, a large part of her practice in ADR entails Mediation and Arbitration. In Mediation, she brings in conflicting parties and assists them in talking through resolutions of their own disputes. This empowers them to make their own decisions, rather than having a judge make decisions for them. In Arbitration, Earlene listens to both sides, and she renders a decision based on facts and evidence they present. Both Mediation and Arbitration save the conflicting parties time, money and the embarrassment and frustration of having to go to court, because it is private.

Earlene is very active in community service and with other organizations. In addition to being an active member with NANBPW (Pontiac Club), she keeps busy with Kiwanis of Pontiac, the Association for Conflict Resolution, Pontiac Downtown Business Association, Chamber of Commerce, Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association.

Earlene regularly conducts training in Mediation and Arbitration, and free legal seminars on many topics at churches. She has attained a BA in Political Science and an MA in Public Administration in addition to her law degree. She is married to Bill and has one stepson, Billy.



**Birta Allen**

**BIRTA ALLEN** is being honored posthumously for being a trailblazer in the area of robotics while serving at Pontiac Central High School and also for being the first African-American female from the city of Pontiac to run for the national office of President of the Pan-Hellenic Council. Birta's beam illuminated everything she touched. Her dedication, commitment and zest for life will be forever remembered by the citizens of the Pontiac Community.

**Mary Lou Sanders** was born on January 13, 1946 in Brainbridge, GA to the late Pastor Willie & Inell Cohen. She is the mother of 3



**Mary Lou Sanders**

children and adoptive mother of 1. Also, she is the grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 1. Mary confessed Christ at age 11 and has been working in church every since. Mary has been retired from General Motors where she worked for 29 years. Mary has served as the Minister of Music for New Hope MBC under the leadership of Pastor Solomon Smith in Pontiac. She was also Minister of Music at Mt. Olive and Pentecostal Baptist churches in Rochester, NY under the leadership of Pastor Douglas Smith. She currently serves as the president of the Crystal Lake District Women's Department, where she is in her 3rd term. She is a member of New Springfield MBC under the leadership of Pastor William Parker, Jr. serving as president of the Mission Department. While at Springfield has held the assignment of senior choir president, Food Bank Director, worked on the kitchen committee and any other area where she can be of assistance.

Among various ministries in the church where she has served, singing is her favorite. She is often asked to sing for funerals, parties, programs, etc. and she does it with great joy and pleasure. Her long time motto is, "She always wants to be available to give someone a helping hand along the way." Her most cherished scripture is Phillipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." This holds true because through years of traveling, holding a few jobs at the same time, illness, etc., she still remains strong and it is all because of Christ.



**Inez Martin**

**Inez Martin** was the first African-American to receive the highest scholastic award from the University of Detroit Dental Assistant College in 1962, the first of two African-Americans sent to integrate United Airlines in Detroit, the first to integrate the all white bBank of the commonwealth bank at the Eastern Market branch, the first scholarship award to be given in her honor at Marygrove College - "The Inez Martin Humanitarian Scholarship Award" by the National Association of Black Social Workers. My proudest moment was that it was won by an African-American student. Mrs. Martin was the 2nd African-American to integrate Sears Customer Service Dept. on Gratiot and Van Dyke in Detroit. She has served as the Program Director in charge of interviewing speakers monthly for the National Caucus of Black Aged, Detroit Chapter. Currently, she is a member of N'COBRA, NAACP, NCBA, NCBSW and attends Little Rock Baptist Church under Dr. Jim Holly and Gallilee BC under Dr. Tellis Chapman

**Catherine Sykes** can be described in the term that says, "I'm every woman." This means that she has worn more hats at one time than most of us would not want to try. Cathy graduated from Clarian State Un. and continued her education receiving a Masters Degree and hours towards her Doctorate degree. She and her husband, Barry, moved to Pontiac and began a family in 1967. She served as an educator in the Pontiac School District



**Catherine Sykes**

from 1967 until her retirement in 2009. As an educator, she held many positions, all to the betterment of the Pontiac students. Catherine joined the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. in 1968 as a young adult member. She enjoyed participating in the clubs community service projects and continued through the ranks into the adult club serving at the local, district and national levels. In 1991, she was elected National President and served with distinction in that capacity until 1995. She is the first Black female to serve as a national president to a major organization from Pontiac.

Cathy is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and a dear friend to many. She is also a member of Macedonia MBC under Pastor Terrance Gowdy.



**Reatha Fowler Williams**

**Reatha Fowler Williams** was born June 1, 1923 in Remus, MI and was raised in Lansing and Flint, MI. She then married and moved to Pontiac in 1942 and became the first Black secretary at the Pontiac Schools Administration Building. Reatha worked as an elementary school secretary for over 20 years at Herrington and retired after returning to the Administration Building as Benefits Secretary.

Reatha has three lovely daughters. Jeanette Dyann Hayes, a retired teacher who lives with her and is taking wonderful care of her. Second daughter, Reatha Marlene Fowler, lives in Hayward, CA and is a pediatrician. She often comes home to see her mother or Reatha goes to see her. Susan Denise Fowler, the third daughter, is an attorney who lives in Long Beach, CA. She too, often comes home to visit. Together and separately, Reatha and her daughters have done a lot of traveling. Their favorite place is Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Reatha has been blessed to be 89 and have such wonderful daughters, family and friends. She has 2 granddaughters, 6 great grandchil-

dren, one great-great grandson. Her activities include several social, civic and religious memberships. For over 50 years, she has been a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

## Community Service Award



**Hattie E. Manley**

**Hattie E. Manley**, Coming from humble beginnings in Nashville, Tennessee, Ms. Hattie Manley is a trailblazer in the area of improving the quality of life for many citizens in and around the Pontiac Area. She is also noted for her deep spirituality, determination, perseverance and vision for the St. Stephen Outreach Food Program, the training of volunteer nurses in the community as well as those in her church family, her stewardship in coordinating the breakfast and dinner programs in her church, St. Stephen Missionary Baptist. A mother to all and friend to many - her modeling of high standards, watchful eye, guiding hand and consistent performance above and beyond the call of duty has served as a catalyst for many to achieve at their highest potential. Ms. Manley is an eternal optimist as she has faced many obstacles throughout her 63 years of service to the Pontiac Community. Also, thirty years of nursing, 30 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren and many great, great grandchildren; representing five generations of family have not slowed her down.

Ms. Manley does nothing for her own glory, just the peace of mind that comes from knowing that for one more day, she has made a difference in someone's life. She is a well-respected, trusted and loved member of the Pontiac Community. It does not matter whether she is a team member, coach or leader she always contributes in a way that completes the circle. She is always fair and earnest. Her passion is for serving others without regard for race, gender or economic status. Ms. Manley's recognition throughout the community is just a small indication of the real impact that she has had on numerous lives, as she has mentored many individuals in their search for physical and spiritual freedom. She accepts no credit for what she does, but to Jesus who is continually working through her to accomplish His will.

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## SOJOURNER TRUTH (c 1797 – 1883)

Sojourner was born in slavery as Isabella Baumfree, daughter of James and Betsy Baumfree, who were slaves of wealthy Dutch owners in upstate New York. Young Bell was sold from master to master. Around 1810, she was sold to John J. Dumont. He forced her to marry a slave named Thomas. Together, they had five children. Dumont heartlessly sold several of her children to other masters. In 1827, Bell escaped from Dumont and took refuge with a Quaker couple. She took their name and became Isabella Von Wagner. With Von Wagner's assistance, she won a lawsuit to have her son Peter, returned to her from slavery in Alabama.

When the New York Emancipation Act freed Isabella in 1818, she and two of her children went to New York City. In the mid-1840s, Sojourner became involved in the Abolitionist Movement. Her dynamic and powerful delivery soon made her one of the premiere orators of the Anti-Slavery cause. The great force of her personality attracted vast crowds whenever she spoke.

This champion of women's rights attended the first National Women's Rights Convention at Worcester, Mass in 1850. She spoke at the second convention in New York City. In 1855, she settled in Battle Creek, Michigan, but when the Civil War began, she traveled to Union Army camps, where she brought gifts and good cheer to the Black volunteers.

Sojourner had a great longing to meet President Lincoln. She sold photographs of herself to pay for the trip to Washington. Her visit with Lincoln was the highlight of her life. Truly a legend in her own lifetime,

Sojourner Truth died November 26, 1883.

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