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Mission

To bond women with the common goal to live their best life as a united source of inspiration that encourages, empowers and enables others to do the same.

Just A Sister Away

*A
Little
Black*



*Dress
& Black Tie
Luncheon*

*Political Season...
You Know the Reason...
Fundraiser*

*April 21, 2012
11:00 am - 3:00 pm*

Columbia Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201



Jasmine Guy

Actor-dancer-director Jasmine Guy has enjoyed a diverse career in television, theater and film. She began her professional career at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York City. Jasmine starred on Broadway in the original productions of *Beehive* and *Leader of the Pack*, and reprised hit productions of *Grease*, *The Wiz* and *Chicago* (as Velma Kelly).

After years on Broadway and touring the globe, Jasmine landed the role of Whitley Gilbert on the *Cosby Show* spinoff *A Different World*. She won six consecutive NAACP Image Awards for her portrayal of the pretentious but funny southern belle.

Her other television performances include: *Melrose Place* (with Heather Locklear); *NYPD Blue* (with Jimmy Smits); *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* (with Will Smith) and

Living Single (with Queen Latifah).

One of her favorite roles was that of Roxy, the grim reaper meter maid on Showtime's hit series *Dead Like Me* (with Mandy Patinkin.) Her most recent role as Grams on the popular series *Vampire Diaries* can be seen on the CW Network.

Jasmine has also worked with these great performers and directors in these films and mini-series: Spike Lee's *School Daze*; Eddie Murphy's *Harlem Nights*; Alex Hailey's *Queen* and Debbie Allen's *Stompin' at the Savoy*. She can be seen currently in the film *October Baby*.

Jasmine has worked extensively in theater with Kenny Leon, Susan Booth, Andrea Frye and Pearl Cleage. She has starred in or directed many productions, including: *for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf*; *Miss Evers' Boys*; *Blues for an Alabama Sky*; *The Colored Museum*; *The Fourposter*; *The Nacirema Society*; *Broke-ology*; *Fool For Love*, and most recently, *God of Carnage* at Atlanta's Alliance Theatre, where she also directed the world premiere of the opera *I Dream*, celebrating the life and journey of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1991, she released her self-titled album on Warner Bros. Records, featuring the hit single *Try Me*. *Try Me* was produced by Full Force and features Xcape with Candy Burgess. The song shot up the R & B charts quickly to Gold status, and fueled the success of the album's second and third chart singles *Another Like My Lover* and *I Just Wanna Hold You*.

In 2004, Jasmine penned the biography *Evolution of a Revolutionary* (Atria Books), which chronicles the life and journey of Afeni Shakur -- Black Panther, activist and mother of slain rapper Tupac Shakur.

Jasmine:

"I am grateful for my journey. It has been interesting, fun and exhilarating. I've learned a lot, but I am still growing, changing, exploring and learning. That's what makes life truly exciting."

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Looking Toward The Future...

<u>First Time Voters</u>	<u>School</u>
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Ty Sheeoma Bethea	Atlanta Georgia
Spencer Bowman	Morris College
Devron Brown	Allen University
Makya Byrth	Benedict College/University
Tiffany Carree	University of South Carolina
David Coleman Jr	Midland Technical College
Niquel Turner	University of South Carolina
Erin Evans	Coastal Carolina
Novia Green	Blythewood High School
Lawrence Hall	Ridgeview High School
Assata Herbert	Keenan High School
Emmanuel Pressley	Clafflin University
Frank Purnell Jr.	SC State University
Terrence Thomas	Beaufort High School
Loren Williams	University of South Carolina
Deontez Wimbley	Clafflin University
Emoni Wright	Blythewood High School



Gilda Cobb-Hunter is a woman of many firsts. She was the first African American woman in Orangeburg County ever elected to a statewide office, when on January 28, 1992 she was elected to the *South Carolina House of Representatives*, where she currently serves. She became the first freshman ever appointed to and is now **ranking member** of the powerful *House Ways and Means Committee* and is a member of the *Joint Bond Review Committee*. Cobb-Hunter has continued on her road of firsts by becoming the first person of color, male or female, to ever lead a legislative caucus, when in 1997 she was elected *House Minority Leader*. She is widely respected on both sides of the aisle and has been dubbed “*the conscience of the House.*”

Ms. Cobb-Hunter holds a B.S. degree in Afro-American History from **Florida A&M University**, an M.S. degree in American-History from **Florida State University** and is a **Licensed Master Social Worker**. She was awarded an honorary **Doctorate in Humane Letters** from the **Medical University of South Carolina** and in 2009 received the highly coveted **David Wilkins Legislative Leadership Award** from the Riley Institute at Furman University.

In her capacity as Vice-Chair of the African American History Monument Commission Cobb-Hunter led the historic effort to build the first monument to African Americans on the grounds of any state capitol. She represents South Carolina as the National Committeewoman to the Democratic National Committee, where she also serves as a member of the DNC’s Executive Committee and as Chair of the DNC’s Southern Regional Caucus. Rep. Cobb-Hunter is the Chair for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Youth Committee and chairs the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus’ Health Committee

She is married to Dr. Terry K. Hunter, Executive Director of Fine Arts Cultural Enrichment Teaching Studios (FACETS) and they reside in Orangeburg.



Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson is pleased to announce her candidacy for re-election to **Richland County Council for District 2** for a third term. She was first elected in 2004 and sworn in on January 5, 2005; and ran unopposed in 2008. She has no primary opposition but will be challenged in the general election in November 2012.

Councilwoman Dickerson currently serves on the Administration and Finance Committee one of two standing committees after serving as chair. She served on Development and Services Committee; in addition to Community Relations Council liaison, Richland County School District Two, liaison; Transportation Ad hoc Committee, Central Midlands Council of Governments (COG) along with the Transportation Sub-Committee, along with the International Ad Hoc Committee. She is the former Chair of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA). She serves on the Regional Sports Complex Committee, Transportation Ad Hoc Committee, and the lead coordinator to advocate for the Broad River Road Corridor Study where she brought community leaders, business and professionals, local governments and citizens together.

Councilwoman Dickerson recently visited the White House in Washington, DC for a briefing with the National Organization of Black Elected Legislators (NOBEL) Women on broadband digital literacy, adoption and deployment with five (5) of President Barack Obama staff. This was one of two (2) visits to the White House. She is a frequent visitor in Washington, DC with Congressman Joe Wilson as well as Congressman James Clyburn regarding issues that are relevant to her constituents; especially during the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference (NACO).

PROGRAM

Judi Gatson, Mistress of Ceremony

WelcomeDeborah Breedlove, President, Just A Sister Away
Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony.....Darci Strickland
Opening.....Judi Gatson
Invocation.....Jeannette Gilchrist, JASA Chaplain

LUNCH

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Music Selection.....John Hobbs
Spoken Word.....Rize Cole
Meet "JASA".....Judi Gatson
Music Selection.....Angela Robinson
Introduction of Guest Speaker,Carolyn Sawyer
Acknowledgement of VIP Blue Star Obama Supporters.....Carolyn Sawyer

Special Presentation

Gilda Cobb Hunter, Member of South Carolina House of Representatives
Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council

Recognition: First Time Registered Voters

Door Prizes.....Judi Gatson
Comedian.....Kenny Belton

~Music and Fellowship~

Closing Remarks.....Sandra P. Sims, Committee Chair and Renee Carree, Co-Chair

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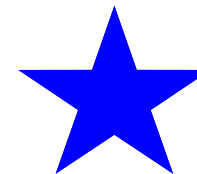
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