

# Women of Excellence

Six local women will receive Delta Sigma Theta "Women of Excellence" Awards at the sorority's annual luncheon to be held at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion Inn on Saturday, May 16.



Rev. Vashti Murphy McKenzie

Guest Speaker at the ceremony will be Rev. Vashti Murphy McKenzie. The awards are given annually to outstanding black women in the fields of community services, education, professional achievement and religion. On senior citizen and one youth are also honored.

Awards this year will be presented to Lois Marie Lewis, teacher/poet; Alyce G. Robinson, retired advocate counselor, Portland Job Corp.; Bobbie B. Nunn, community services and retired from Portland Public Schools; Lynn Z. Talton, head nurse, Cardiac Recovery, Heart Transplant Unit, Oregon Health Sciences University; Letitia E. Brock, senior citizen and homemaker; and Renee Rosanne Kotubetey, a senior at Parkrose High School.

Letitia Brock  
Senior Citizen

Mrs. Brock was chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Oregon Association of Colored Women. Received National recognition for "Family of the Year" from the National Urban League. Her latest achievement being awarded "Woman of Outstanding Accomplishment" award at the Links "Can Do Festival."

In 1980 she was appointed by Mayor Goldschmidt to position No. 13 - City Council Commission on Aging. Delivered food to the sick and shut-ins for 5 years. Chairperson for United Good Way Northeast area. She is a volunteer secretary at the Goodwill Industries.

Mrs. Brock is the mother of 4 daughters (all college graduates), grandmother of 9 grandsons, and great grandmother of 2 grandsons.

Portland is truly lucky to have such a grand, active, dedicated senior citizen, who believes in giving to the community.

Lois Marie Lewis  
"Education"

Lois, teacher and poet, was involved in the initial planning of the Black Educational Center Bookstore. Prepared budgets and negotiated the funding of the Black Cultural Affairs Board at Portland State University, and is the author of 6 books.

Math tutor, Portland State University, HOST tutor Portland Public Schools, Coordinator Community Events for poets, musicians, and other artists, producer of television productions to encourage community talent, a volunteer instructor at Oregon State Penitentiary.

It has been stated and I quote, "People seeking advise, assistance, encouragement or a listening ear often seek out Lois."

Can you believe she still has time to be a mother of 6 and grandmother of 19?

Alyce G. Robinson  
"Religion"

Mrs. Robinson, member of Bethel A.M.E. Church; 1st Vice President, Church Women United; 1st Vice President Puget Sound Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; 2nd Vice President Zepha Baker Missionary Unit, Bethel A.M.E. Church; Historian, Fifth District Connectional of African Methodist Episcopal Church; class instructor, Laymen's Seminar; active member of the Altar Guild, Cathedral Choir, and young people's Department Leader; a volunteer for the tutorial programs Job Corps, Loaves and Fishes, are just a few of the organizations that

have had the honor of having her presence.

Lynn Z. Talton  
"Professional Achievement"

Mrs. Talton entered college to become a nurse after rearing a family of 6 girls. She was part of the team that performed Oregon's first heart transplant operation. Twenty eight years ago she went to work at the Oregon Health Science Center as an aide. Today, twenty-eight years later, she is the Head Nurse over a staff of 17 nurses.

Mrs. Talton is the only black nurse manager at Oregon Science and Health University. As head of the Cardiac Recovery Heart Transplant Unit, a national record has been set. There have been 26 heart transplants performed, 23 performed in one year, with only 2 deaths.

She is a volunteer Director for the Summer Blood Testing and Hypertensive Awareness Program. The program is designed to teach youth to work with older persons.

She is the Past President of Les Femmes, Albina Lions Women's Auxilliary, Oregon Heart Association, Oregon Critical Care Medical Association, Nurses Corps and Vancouver Avenue 1st Baptist Church.

Renee Rosanne Kotubetey  
"Youth Award"

Receiving the Youth Award for 1987, Rene Rosanne Kotubetey already boasts a list of achievements including National Honor Society, Parkrose High School Portland Rose Festival Princess; first place art award, athlete of the month and student of the month in art. In addition, she finds time for the

swim team, water polo team, school plays and S.A.D.D. (Students Against Driving Drunk). Renee hopes to combine her love for both art and science as she pursues higher education.

An excellent student, an athlete and talented in acting and drama, Renee shows versatility and enjoyment in life as a whole.

## Stop, Look, Read

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