

2017 AAUW OHIO EQUITY DAY & CONVENTION

WOMEN: BE THE CHANGE!

MAY 5-6, 2017

Doubletree by Hilton
175 Hutchinson Avenue
Columbus, OH 43235

Rates:

Friday Only: \$84

Saturday Only: \$74

Both Days: \$154

Student Rate (Saturday only): \$45

Non-Member: \$15 + the cost of registration

Rates go up starting April 16 - Register early for these discounted rates!

Convention fees cover speaker fees, use of the facility, meals, Wi-Fi, parking, and tech support.

Register now at: www.aauwohio2017.eventzilla.net!

Hotel Arrangements with the Doubletree by Hilton: Special Convention rate of \$129! Identify yourself as part of AAUW 2017 Conference to secure the special rate.

Make hotel reservations by calling **800-870-0349** or [online](#).

Reserve your hotel room early, as rooms fill up fast. The special rate ends April 13, 2017. Breakfast is included with a hotel stay.

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 5th

- 3:00-5:00PM** Registration
- 3:30-5:15PM** Women's Studies White Paper **TBD**
- 5:30-5:45PM** Welcome **TBD**
- 5:45-6:30PM** Dinner **Alder**
- 6:30-7:15PM** AAUW Ohio Annual Meeting **Alder**
- 7:15-8:00PM** Keynote: **Dot McLane**, National Updates **Alder**
- 8:15-9:15PM** AAUW Ohio Awards & Pictures **Alder**
- 9:00PM** Cocktails & Convos **TBD**

Saturday, May 6th

- 7:45-8:45AM** Breakfast *(included with hotel reservation)*
- 8:00-10:00AM** Registration
- 9:00-10:00AM** Morning Keynote: **Claudia Richards** **Alder**
- 10:15-11:15AM** Breakout Session 1
- 11:30-12:15PM** Lunch **Alder**
- 12:15-1:00PM** Lunch Keynote: **Saleha Azmi** **Alder**
- 1:15-2:15PM** Breakout Session 2
- 2:30-3:30PM** Breakout Session 3
- 3:45-4:45PM** Closing Keynote: **Delores Pressley** **Alder**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT-SESSION#1

10:15-11:15AM

Claudia Richards

TBD

Topic To Be Determined

Karen Duncan & Kali Lawrence

TBD

Springfield Branch Spotlight: People for Safe Water

People for Safe Water (PFSW) is a local environmental action group fighting for the complete cleanup of a Hazardous Waste Barrel Fill (Dump) located in Clark County, OH. This 8-acre site holds over a million gallons of hazardous industrial waste put there in the 1970's, and sitting in deteriorating 55 gallon drums in unlined pits. The critical issue is that this site sits directly over the sole source aquifer that supplies water to more than 82,000 people. It sits just 3 miles from Springfield's well heads.

Because of the impact to the health and wellbeing of people of Springfield and Clark County, PFSW has been fighting for a complete and effective cleanup with some of the biggest most powerful corporations in the county. Working with USEPA, Ohio EPA, local, state, and federal representatives, we are doing battle and learning how difficult it is to effect changes for the good of people when powerful financial issues are at stake. Learn how PFSW and some local AAUW members have been able to hold off corporate giants and the USEPA to keep Springfield from becoming the next Flint MI.

Saleha Azmi – Student Track

TBD

National Conference for College Women and Student Leaders

The AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (**NCCWSL**) is the premier conference for students to hone their leadership skills, make lifelong connections, and get ready to shape the world! For more than 30 years, NCCWSL has provided a transformative experience for the next generation of leaders. Past attendees have gone on to lead nonprofits, innovate the corporate world, create disruptive technologies, and more — all while paying it forward for women and girls. Saleha Azmi, member of the National Student Advisory Council will share her experience on working closely with AAUW members in organizing the conference, as well as share her insights on how NCCWSL has become a game changer for college students.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT-SESSION#2

1:15-2:15PM

Arpan Yagnik

TBD

Creativity, Leadership & Inspiration

In this talk, the audience will be tactfully challenged to refresh and rediscover their inspiration to lead in their respective areas of work. They will also be exposed to a simple mental technique to amplify their inner creativity and to get closer to being a true leader. This session will be a "minds on" session where the listeners will be actively involved in self-introspection, reflection, and sharpening themselves to achieve their goals.

Joanie Calem

TBD

Concert Conversations on Autism and Inclusion

Joanie presents Concert-Conversations, a signature blend of thought-provoking songs and facilitated conversation, as starting points for discussions on disability awareness and how to build welcoming communities for a neurodiverse (Neurodiversity is the term that recognizes the tremendous variance in people's neurological make-up, just as we recognize the variety of cultures and religions.) in our world.

Keji Kujjo & Pempho Chikodenji - Student Track

TBD

College Women's Issues: Exploring the Roles of Race, Gender, and Class

Pempho and Keji discuss issues that affect women in college. They conducted a qualitative survey at Bowling Green State University to better understand issues that college women face and the coping mechanisms they utilize. Pempho and Keji address the intersectionality of race, gender, class, sexuality, and religion. Their presentation includes the voices of women who completed the women's issues survey and others who attended an in-person dialogue on Women of Color in Leadership.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT-SESSION#3

2:30-3:30PM

Dr. Deborah Wooldridge

TBD

The STEM Education Ladder: Participation and Progress

Our society tells girls that they don't belong in STEM fields. Gender identity has begun to develop as early as first grade and many girls have developed unconscious bias associating boys with math. At almost every step of the STEM education ladder, we see girls walk away. By seventh grade, many girls are ambivalent about these fields, and by the end of high school, fewer girls than boys plan to pursue STEM in college. With this in mind, we will look at where we are in assisting girls to pursue STEM fields through participation in programs. Are we making progress and how can AAUW assist in moving girls up the ladder. Let's not live with the status quo, let's continue to make an impact in Ohio.

Dr. Antoinette Miranda & Meryl Johnson

TBD

An Inside View of the State School Board

This session will feature two new members of the State Board of Education, both elected last fall and endorsed by AAUW. **Meryl Johnson** of Cleveland, representing District 11, and **Dr. Antoinette Miranda** of Columbus, representing District 6, will give their perspective on the workings of the state board and on the proposed state budget for education. Have you ever wondered why the state board isn't tougher on poor-performing charter schools? How the board deals with the multitude of tests required these days? What its powers and duties really are? Plan to attend and bring your questions.

Dr. Arpan Yagnik

TBD

My Experience with Menstruation

In this talk, the audience will be sensitized to the issue of menstruation in USA and rest of the world, and its implications on the life of a woman. Believe it or not, by the end of this session you will learn that menstruation is a very important factor with implications on micro and macro economics, policy, education, gender pay gap, human rights, etc. Audience will also learn about a program that the speaker initiated in Ohio to help menstruating poor women, and get some up to date information on the activism related to the tax on sanitary products.

KEYNOTES

DOT MCLANE shares AAUW National updates.

CLAUDIA RICHARDS Branch Membership Management

SALEHA AZMI

Global reality on economic, social, and cultural struggle women experience that we don't know about.

The landmark Declaration, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948, reaffirms that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" and that "everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, ... birth or other status." But are we really free? Saleha Azmi, addresses global economic, social and cultural issues on women. She urges the ones who are privileged enough to be indignant to bring a change in the lives of the silent and helpless women by speaking up, taking action and empowering them through various tools and channels.

DELORES PRESSLEY

The Power of an UP Woman: Undeniably Powerful!

Even the most timid of women have a power deep inside that's ready to spring forth at any moment. Tapping into your own personal power can be an experience you've never imagined.

In this energetic and fun program, **DeLores Pressley**, will share the key characteristics of an UP—Unbelievably Powerful—Woman. An UP Woman is ready to lead in her community, her career, and her personal life. With confidence and grace you will learn to:

- Show up in a more powerful and confident way
- Differentiate yourself in a competitive world
- Wake up feeling more excited about yourself and your work
- Find your voice, speak your mind and live with passion

As an **UP Woman** you will:

Stand UP – for what you believe in

Step UP – to be a team player

Speak UP – and be heard

Fire UP – by being a motivating and inspiring leader

INFORMATION

SILENT-AUCTION

FILL A PURSE FOR CHANGE

We'll fill new or gently used designer purses or tote bags, instead of baskets, with items for the auction. Branches can also purchase a designer bag and just put that bag in the auction to raffle as another option. Suggestion: Provide one fabulous purse filled -- or not filled -- with a value of at least \$150. Remember: Vera Bradley bags are always a hit with bidders.

RACE FOR CHANGE CONTEST

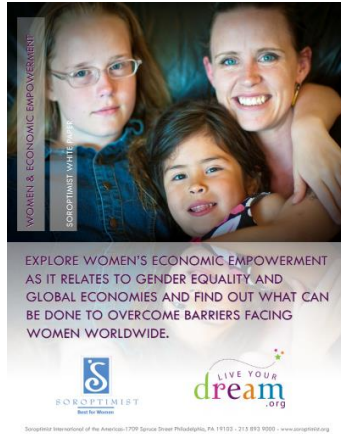
We will be having a fun contest to raise money for the AAUW Ohio Initiative fund – bring your pocketbooks to participate in a “Race for Change” among districts.

As tickets are bought, stickers will go up on a board throughout the conference and we will announce the district winner. Get more details or email Deborah Wooldridge, dgwoold@bgsu.edu.

All money raised will go towards the AAUW Ohio fund. Our goal is to raise \$5000 to initiate the fund, which will then be contributed to an AAUW program.

INFORMATION

WHITE PAPER STUDY



This year we will be holding a discussion and white paper study on Soroptimist's ***Women & Economic Empowerment***.

Didn't get a copy in your email? Haven't yet gotten a chance to read it? This white paper is short and accessible enough for everyone to participate even without preparing ahead of convention time!

Visit the URL below to access a digital copy on your device!

<https://goo.gl/ZQB2Yr>

MENU

This year's meals will be served buffet-style to accommodate for our member's varied tastes and appetites. If you have a special diet that needs accommodated, please note when registering or email kayleepavel@gmail.com.

FRIDAY DINNER

The Worthington

Soup, Garden Fresh Vegetable, Salad, Sliced Tenderloin of Beef With Portobello Mushroom and Baked Garlic Wine Reduction, Herb Roasted Chicken With Baby Spinach and Red Grapes, Roasted New Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus and Baby Carrots, Dessert- Three Layer Chocolate Cake.

SATURDAY LUNCH

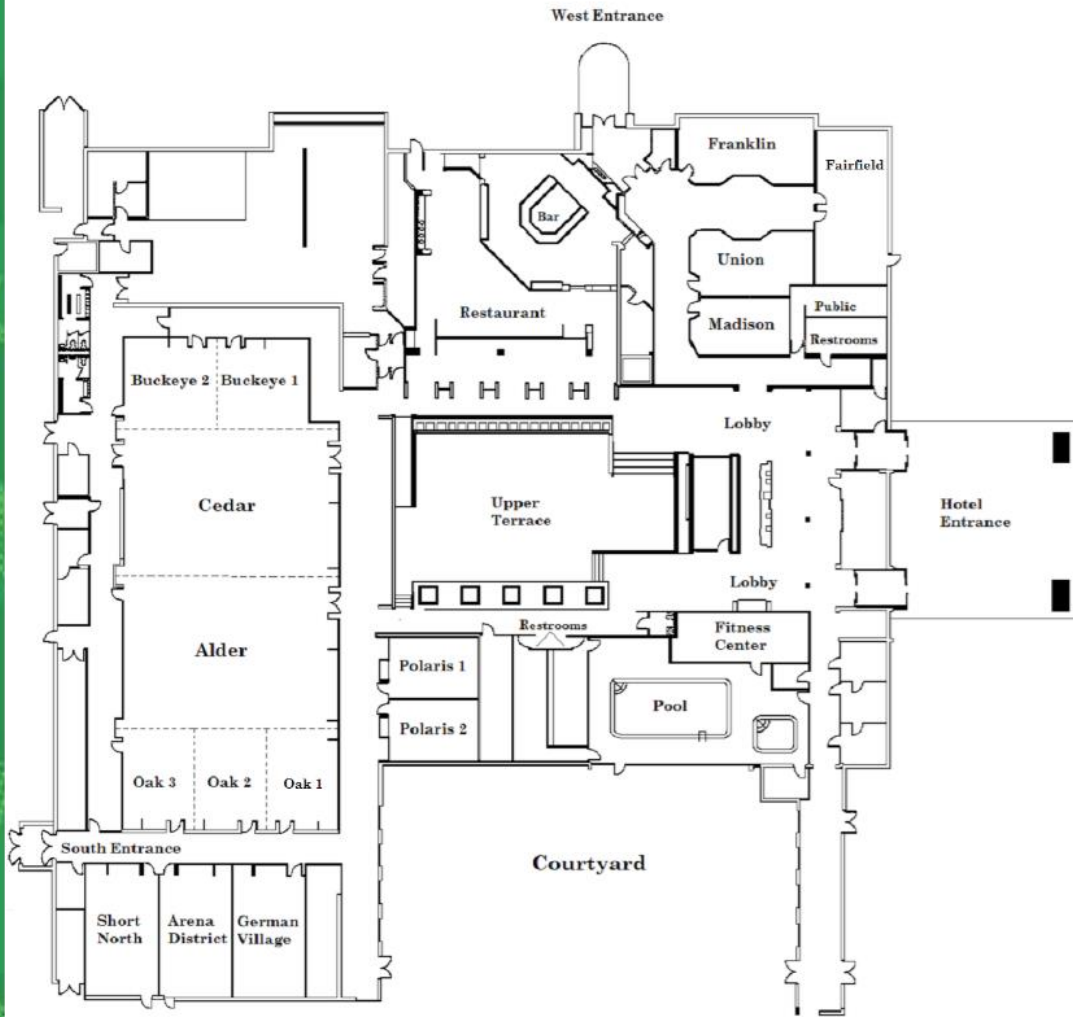
Flavors of Ohio

Fresh Baked Breads, Tossed Greens with a Selection of Dressings, Fruit Salad with Honey Yogurt Dressing, Grilled Marinated Flank Steak, Cole Slaw, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes with Artichokes and Tomatoes, Broccoli florets with Almonds and Roasted Pepper, Applewood Broiled Tenderloin of Pork, Grilled Chicken Breast with Marsala Sauce, Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce.

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SPEAKERS



Dot McLane is a member of the AAUW Lansdale (PA) Branch and the AAUW Empire State (NY) Virtual Branch and is also president of AAUW of Pennsylvania. She has served as chair of the AAUW Branch Program Resource Committee and the AAUW STEM Task Force, served on the AAUW Public Policy Committee and as a director on the 2011-13 national AAUW board, and is a trained Start Smart facilitator. Dot earned her bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, her master's and doctoral degrees from Drexel University, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked in the pharmaceutical industry and as a part-time public school secondary biology and chemistry teacher.



Claudia Richards, Senior Branch Relations Manager, is a Jane-of-all-trades at AAUW, having worked in the development office for 13 years, in branch meetings for two years, and in membership, where she currently resides. Claudia has visited 31 of the 48 contiguous states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Karen Duncan graduated from Wittenberg University in 1969. Seeing the turmoil of the 1960's set the stage for a lifelong interest in politics. After raising 3 children, and working at several "jobs" -everything from judge's bailiff to field rep for Ohio Secretary of State, Sherrod Brown- Karen has served as a Springfield City Commissioner since 2006. She began work with People for Safe Water at its inception 5 years ago, and has been an active member helping make governmental connections for the group. She has been aware and involved in the environmental impact of the Tremont Barrel Fill since the 1980's. A Master Gardener Volunteer, Karen spends time on several local non-profit boards, including AAUW, that work for the betterment of her local community.

SPEAKERS

Kali Lawrence joined the Springfield AAUW chapter in 2017. She serves as the social media coordinator and webmaster for People for Safe Water, working to communicate progress on the Tremont City Barrel Fill clean-up project. After graduating magna cum laude from Wittenberg University in 2012, Kali chose to stay in Springfield to work with the Springfield Promise Neighborhood, a nonprofit organization that serves communities in south Springfield Ohio. Her work involves creating innovative programs for underprivileged youth, encouraging resident-led approaches to safety, food access & engagement, and convening community partners to advocate for a unified and multi-faceted approach to generational poverty. She has helped the organization receive over \$500,000 in revenue, managed programs that serve over 100 children, and produced numerous publications. Kali also conducts the handbell choir at Northminster Presbyterian Church and serves yummy taco creations at Guerra's Krazy Taco. In her "free time," Kali enjoys exploring the numerous parks and nature preserves the area has to offer and practicing her photography skills.



Saleha Azmi is a proud Bowling Green State University (BGSU) Falcon finishing her master's degree in business administration. She advocates for women's rights and children's education and, has written a novel inspired by her passion for tolerance and the diversity of ideas and cultures. She believes John Lennon's "Imagine" is the greatest hymn to human transcendence, painting a beautiful picture of an ideal world. Saleha has put her dreams into action by serving as president of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) student organization at BGSU, board member to the National AAUW Student Advisory Council, and by serving as the Vice President of the International Relations Organization, BGSU. She enjoys being a mentor to many young college students, encouraging them to be economically and socially independent. By the integration of art and communication through her expertise in creative marketing, public relations and leadership, Saleha's work reflect her insights on progress and change.

SPEAKERS

Arpan Yagnik feels that the notion of life being handed down to us, ironically, is getting narrower and constricted. We define ourselves, others, cultures, and experiences in small boxes of definitions that are bleak and despondent. By breaking the uncontested reality, Dr. Yagnik urges his readers and others to explore their world and existence with magnitude and intensity necessary to reach a certain phenomenon, reaction or result by attaining a philosophy/approach/attitude, he calls as- 'Simple living and high thinking'.

Most find his approach of simple life too difficult, mostly due to his perpetual preference of warm water over coffee, finding home for a stray kitty in the middle of a night, or stopping in freezing temperatures to take pictures of beautiful skies- only because they were a different shade of blue. Only a couple years ago, it took the entire Bowling Green community to convince Dr. Yagnik to sell his beaten down 90's BMW, he endearingly called the 'Pope Mobil' since he failed to see it as unusable. Few years ago, he notched the approach a little higher by maintaining on forever quitting at least one significant food item from his life each year, lest he became too addicted to it. Yet, he sometimes questions why others often call him distinctive and atypical.

His child-like curiosity to learn about varying topics from space dust, to shepherds in Mongolia, to Warren Buffett's success story make him a student of life. He enjoys challenging ones thoughts and notions to inspire critical thinking, and to live a more meaningful and self-fulfilling life. Some say conversations with him can get emotionally overextended, with his thought provoking style of questioning about oneself. But he believes each person has the power to realize her or his dreams, happiness, and freedom. He is impeccable with his words, using them in the direction of truth and love. His humble and compassionate approach with others have earned him lifelong friendship and affinity, which sometimes explains a few panic phone calls from his friends at three in the morning to discuss about their existential anxiety attacks.

His quirky cultural references, and witty humor make him an enlivening story teller. He is constantly seeking new information, trying to connect the dots and broadening his perspective. Combined with the passion to learn and adapt to new stimuli, he is also capable of utilizing them to further his goal of advancement and integration of creative ideas. He is thus, undisputedly a sought after speaker to design and deliver life changing techniques, to challenge the human mind, and accelerate personal and professional growth. A native of Ahmedabad, India, Dr. Arpan Yagnik is transforming lives through his leadership skills, and expertise in human behavior and motivation. He is most zestful and animated when addressing large audiences. He has an unparalleled love for teaching and imparting wisdom, and is a professor in advertising in Penn State, Erie where he resides.

SPEAKERS



Joanie Calem is a parent, teacher, songwriter, and disability awareness advocate. Joanie leads concert-conversations (Joanie's signature blend of thought-provoking songs and facilitated conversation), sharing original songs as starting points for discussions on how to build welcoming communities that allow room for the increasing "neurodiversity" in our world. (Neurodiversity is the term that recognizes the tremendous variance in people's neurological make-up, just as we recognize the variety of cultures and religions.)



Deborah Wooldridge is a Professor and the Director of the Schools of Family and Consumer Sciences and has served as Associate Dean for Research and Field Experiences in the College of Education and Human Development at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Wooldridge served as the Founding Dean of the College of Family Sciences at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates, as Associate Dean of Education and the Coordinator of External Funding at Southeast Missouri State University. Deborah was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of Bahrain and has done consulting with Ministries of Education and Ministries of Labor and Social Affairs in Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. She has a Ph.D. in resource management from Texas Woman's University and a B.S. and M.S. in Education from the University of Oklahoma. During her career in higher education she has published, secured international, federal and state funding for research and community partnership projects. Her research interests are cultural and social issues of the family and learning outcomes assessment. She has spent her career mentoring others and she believes that we must always reach back and pull others along with us in our journey to improve the quality of life for individuals and families.

As a member of BG Branch of AAUW, she has served as the President, Co-Vice-President of Membership, Co-Vice-President of Program Development. She is the budget administrator and co-writer of the 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 funded AAUW Tech Trek Camp @ BGSU. She received the Outstanding Branch Member Award in 2007 for her work in fund raising. She also served on the National Development Committee for the AAUW Educational Foundation and has served as AAUW Ohio President, President Elect, Vice President for Educational Foundation and Vice President for Programming for Ohio and is currently serving as Vice President of Philanthropy. She has worked on developing mission driven programming, building community partnerships, developing fundraising initiatives and recruiting membership in Bowling Green.

SPEAKERS



Dr. Antoinette Miranda is Professor and Director of the School Psychology Program at The Ohio State University and holds the Casto Professorship in Inter-professional Education. She has spent well over 35 years in education both K-12 and post-secondary. She has worked as a school psychologist in urban, suburban and rural districts in New

York City, Ohio and Kentucky. During her tenure at OSU, she has consistently worked with school districts in a variety of capacities including providing Professional Development and college courses on site. She has had a life-long passion for making schools work for school-age children, especially those most vulnerable. Dr. Miranda earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and her M.Ed. and Ph.D. in School Psychology all from the University of Cincinnati. She resides in Columbus with her husband Jim, a high school teacher, and their two children, Michelle and Jimmy. She was elected to the State Board of Education in November 2016 and is eligible for reelection November 2020.



Meryl Johnson a lifelong resident of Cleveland, attended Cleveland Public Schools. After graduating from Kent State University in 1972, she began teaching Language Arts, Oral Communication and Drama in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District at East Technical High School. After three years she was transferred to Charles

Eliot Middle School, where she taught for 33 years. In 2008, she began teaching Language Arts to ninth graders at John F. Kennedy High School. Ms. Johnson served in leadership of the Cleveland Teachers Union for 25 years. She retired from the school district in 2012.

Ms. Johnson hosts a radio show every Saturday from 1-2pm called "It's About Justice" on WRUW 91.1 FM. In November, 2016, she was elected to the State Board of Education, District 11, for a term of four years.

SPEAKERS



DeLores Pressley, International Keynote Motivational Speaker and Executive Life Coach, is dedicated to helping people take action to launch confident, courageous and brave lives. She is the CEO of DeLores Pressley Worldwide and Founder of the Global Up Woman™ Network, a network and movement to empower and elevate women in business.

As a former elementary school teacher and a pioneer of the plus size fashion and modeling industry, DeLores has inspired and helped motivate thousands to leverage their leadership voice, have a powerful presence and live confidently.

DeLores is the author of *Clean Out the Closets of Your Life*, *Believe in the Power of You*, *Empower* and Co-Author of *Oh Yes You Can!* DeLores is a contributing writer for *Smart Business Magazine*. She has received many awards and recognition for her work including Top Ten Business Owners by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) & Key Bank Corporation, Outstanding Community Service Award from the University of Akron and ATHENA Finalist sponsored by *Inside Business Magazine*. She is an Inductee of the YWCA's Stark County Women's Hall of Fame and the Women of Color Foundation's Hall of Fame.

DeLores has spoken in England, Barbados, Puerto Rico, for the Turks and Caicos Government and hundreds of U.S. locations. Her client sampling includes Coca-Cola, Roche Pharmaceuticals, Procter and Gamble (P & G), Union Pacific Railroad, Nationwide, American Heart Association, Timken, Kirby Vacuum and Bakersfield Women's Conference. She serves as a Member of The ABCD, Inc. Board of Directors, Board Member of the O'Jays Entertainers Scholarship Committee and Past President of the National Speakers Association's Ohio Chapter. She is the Spokesperson for Humanitarian Hands Charities.

Her story has been touted in *Speaker*, *Glamour*, *Washington Post*, *Black Enterprise*, *Inside Business*, *Essence*, *Ebony* and *Marie Claire* magazines. DeLores is the host of her new TV show; "A Purposeful Life." She is a frequent media guest. She has appeared on the Bravo TV Network Show; *Married to Medicine* and has been interviewed on every major network including *Entertainment Tonight* and *OPRAH*.