



## *Greetings,*

As usual, I am excited to invite you to Parliamen-Top 2017 in beautiful, historic and exciting Atlanta, GA at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, 165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA. The Investing Team is looking forward to your arrival with much Enthusiasm, Energy, and Excitement as we continue the journey of Investing in V.A.L.U.E.S. that Support, Enhance, and Sustain.

Many of you have just come from St. Louis, MO where we had a great experience at the 40th Syn-Lod. You were eager, bright eyed and ready to learn. Please keep that same enthusiasm and energy as we continue to explore, learn and implement better ways of providing volunteer service. Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. has a very rich history of service, and we pride ourselves on being relevant in the communities we serve. We can only be relevant if we are on top of what is going on in our communities and the world. At this P-Top, we will be discussing the "hot button" topics that are relevant to our communities: HBCUs and scholarships, making and keeping our communities nice places to live, safeguarding ourselves and our families from harm, caregiving and clinical trials. We have experts in these fields of endeavor who will come out and share information with us. As always, **after** the business is taken care of, we will have fun!

This year, we will have Interactive Clinics as opposed to Institutes. In these clinics, YOU - the member, will lead the conversation based on the topics presented. (Please see the description provided in the Parliamen-Top Registration material.) We are certain that you will enjoy these sessions. Please bring all of your questions, ideas and suggestions. We want to hear from you. In addition, there will be leadership and programming workshops to assist you in your further knowledge of internal processes as well as external opportunities. Members are encouraged to take advantage of all of the leadership and learning opportunities that will be offered.

For planning purposes, Clinics will be held on Thursday afternoon and workshops on Friday. There will be an Induction on Friday morning, so please bring your uninterrupted white/off-white. There will be at least six "ladies-in-waiting." The Opening Session is at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. All ladies are asked to wear black with pins, pearls and orchids. Some of our partners will be in attendance. Plenary sessions are Saturday with a Celebration of Life Luncheon focusing on Clinical Trials where we will hear "real life" stories or testimonials of clinical trial success. Finally, on Saturday Night, we will do a take-off of America's Got Talent with "TLOD's Got Talent." We are calling on all "hams" no matter what your talents may be. Attire is 40's to the present, any era of your choosing. The National TTA Officers will be in attendance and we know they got talent, so we have to bring it, Ladies!!!!!! ☺

For your travel and hotel information, the hotel site is 10 miles from the Hartsfield - Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) and 11 miles from the Peachtree-Dekalb Airport (PDK). The cost of a cab is \$30.00 flat fee from ATL and \$20.00 from PDK. The hotel does not provide shuttle service but Atlanta Shuttle Service offers one way from the airport at \$16.50 and \$29.00 roundtrip. Please make hotel reservations as soon as possible so that additional rooms may be added to the block, if necessary.

I look forward to seeing each of you as we convene in Atlanta, GA on September 29 - October 1, 2017.

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