



*Kent County,
Kalamazoo - Muskegon MI Black Nurses
Association (KMMBNA)*

Fourteenth Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance Gala and Silent Auction

Friday, May 18th 2018

Guest Speaker:

Dr. C. Alicia Georges

Topic:

**“The Changing Face of the
Patient-Client:
Centenarians”**

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
187 Monroe Avenue, NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan
49503



Catherine Alicia Georges, EdD.RN, FAAN

Educator, Practitioner and Community Activist. Also, President Elect of AARP ...seated June 2018

Dr. Catherine Alicia Georges is an educator, practitioner and community activist. Also, Dr. Georges is the President Elect of AARP and will be seated as the national President in June 2018. She is currently Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Lehman College of the City University of New York. She is a formidable leader in nursing and health care, sought after speaker and has presented throughout the United States, Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Her expertise and research have centered on social justice, health equity and healthy aging. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Seton Hall University College of Nursing, a Master's of Arts degree in Community Health Nursing Administration and Supervision from New York University School of Education, Division of Nursing, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Vermont. She serves on many boards and holds membership in as many. A few select ones are President of the National Black Nurses Foundation and past President of National Black Nurses Association, fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and more...

Honorary Co-Chairpersons

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Founder, Dr. Birthale Archie, President Shahidah El - Amin,
and membership invite you to our
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Reception and Silent Auction at 4:30pm
Dinner and Program Starts at 5:30pm
Therapeutic Dance Follows

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Attire: After five

Several \$1,000.00 Nursing Scholarships to be Awarded.

Volunteer Community Service Award Recipients

Angela Hanks
Vice President of Chemical Bank, Walker Branch

Earle Washington, PhD, MSW
Dean, College of Health and Human Services
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

See insert card for sponsorship levels and ticket fee
Please RSVP no later than May 11, 2018 (or call to give notice)

For more information, call 616-633-0616
Contributions received continue to support our Scholarship Fund and Chapter Mission

Bit of History

The Kent County Kalamazoo-Muskegon Michigan Black Nurses Association (KMMBNA) is an organization headquartered in Kent County, with members in Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Battle Creek and other cities in West Michigan.

KMMBNA was founded in 1974 as the non-chartered Grand Rapids Black Nurses Association. Birthale Archie, a young nurse who had just completed nursing school, was the founder, visionary and convener of our chapter at her home in 1974. One of the chapter's first activities was the Future Nurses Club at South High School, in which they provided students with the opportunity to obtain experience in a hospital setting through the Candy Stripe Program at Saint Mary's Hospital. The future nurses were able to feed patients, pass food trays and run errands, among other duties. Our Mission was to encourage more minorities to pursue careers in health care, as well as to advocate for and educate the African American community on health, in an effort to promote greater parity in health care services.

Continue the Journey to Becoming KMMBNA.

In 1990, Birthale Archie was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) in Washington, D.C. Birthale began to explore establishing an officially chartered chapter of the NBNA. In 1997, several interested nurses were asked to meet at her home to explore a NBNA Chapter Charter. The mission of the chapter would be to provide a vehicle for nurses to address nursing care, and health issues for the unserved and underserved in order to experience optimum quality health care services. The KMMBNA Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association applied for its charter at the 27th Institute and Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, and received its official charter in August 1999.

The 1998-1999 Roster of Charter Members:

Charter Officers

Birthale Archie, MSN, BS, RN, President
Lifetime Member of NBNA

Helen Truss, MPA, RN, Vice President

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* S indicates student LPN

Currently Elected Officers 2016-2018:

Shahidah El-AMin, HHP, BS, RN
President

Michael Robinson, LPN
Vice President

Birthale Archie, DNP, MSN, BS, RN
Chapter Founder, Treasurer

Shiva Aboagye, BSN, RN
Secretary

Sruda Xedagbui
RN, Student Representative

To God be the glory for the good things
He has done.

* Deceased