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April 2010 *Empowering and Encouraging females to become their best...*

The BEST is Yet to COME!

Welcome to April, the first full spring month! Though this month is a beautiful one, with warm weather and sunshine, the saying "April showers bring May flowers" comes to mind. That statement not only applies to spring, but also the challenges of everyday life.

Tough times happen to everyone, regardless of gender, race, religious affiliation, or economic background. These storms of life, much like April showers, come without warning and can darken even the brightest days.

Life's disappointments—loss of a loved one, unemployment, a disagreement with a professor, etc.—can rain heavily, and at times seem unrelenting. Fortunately, these setbacks are temporary. Something good is coming—something that will make the setbacks worth it and will make you appreciate the headache and heartache it took to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

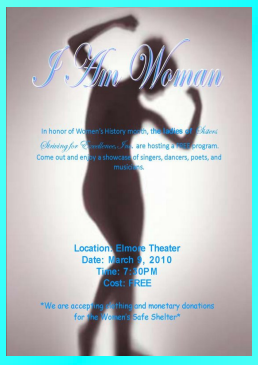
While April showers leave the earth wet and soggy, it nourishes the natural world around us, and helps create the beauty of spring that we see in May. This beauty lasts for many months afterward, and makes us appreciate the rain and its power to cleanse, heal, and renew.

Appreciate the tough times and disappointments, they will strengthen you and feed you desire to do great things! Richard L. Evans said it best: "Don't let life discourage you; everyone who got where he IS had to begin where he WAS."

Tiffany R. Fletcher

Natl. Executive VP of Relations/Co-Membership Director

Collegiate Corner: The SSU Colony Update!



What a month for the Savannah State University Colony of SSE, Inc?!? Commendations are due to the colony as they launched a Five Star event entitled, "I Am Woman".

This program is now being considered to be one of the chapter's annual programs. All proceeds for the event went to the City of Savannah Safe Shelter.

Angela Carthan

Natl. Executive VP/Co-Director

February's Thought Provoking ?'s Answered

DOES A WOMAN'S SUCCESS AFFECT THE HEALTH OF HER PERSONAL LIFE (MARRIAGES, DATING, ETC.)? *Yes. If there is no balance, structure and priority of what's important she will be successful and lonely. There must be a balance when it comes to life, work, and love (or finding love).*

CAN SUCCESS DETER THE "FINDING" OF LOVE FOR SINGLE WOMEN? *Success cannot deter falling in love if a woman is focused on being married and living happily ever after. No matter how successful she becomes, if she prepares for love and position herself to be married or with the right mate, she will have him. Our actions shape our world. If a woman is solely focused on her career, climbing the corporate ladder or becoming successful, well that's what will consume her time and world. But if she has balance and structure, and has made room in her closet for the significant other she wants in her life, or she sleeps on one side of the bed because she understands that her man will be sleeping on the other, she will attract that into her life.*

Tawana N. Gibbs

Natl. Executive Director/Founder

Thought Provoking Question? Self Evaluation

Are you pleased with how your life is progressing? Have you evaluated your thoughts, decisions, and actions lately?

Remember...as you point a finger at others, do not overlook the three fingers pointing back at you. Evaluate yourself TODAY!!

Chrissy Terry

Natl. Executive Membership Director/Charter Member

SSE, Inc. Ascends to Greater Heights!...

Savannah State's Colony has been busy this year. They had much success with the with the I Am Woman Event in honor of Women's Day. The event was held Tuesday night in Elmore Theater at 7:30pm. There were door prizes given to people who could answer women's history questions. Donations were given to Safe Shelter.

Even though we are wrapping up March, we are moving full speed ahead into April. April seems to be the busiest month yet! The ladies are looking forward to their ***Walk a Mile in her Shoes*** collaboration with the Lighthouse Project.

SSE is always seeking to build and maintain current relationships and acquire new ones. Kudos to the ladies on their newest partnerships. SSE's SSU Colony retreat is scheduled for April 9th and 10th with the NEB Board. There will be a bonding activity which will give the ladies a chance to mingle and a colony workshop explaining and getting to the Business of SSE, Inc.

April's planned Community Service initiatives are Inner City Night Shelter soup kitchen and the March of Dime Walk for Babies. SSE is moving forward, so get on board and don't be left behind!

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