

## FIRST LADIES NIGHT

On Monday, May 11th our Monthly Fellowship Meeting took place at Outreach COGIC hosted by Supt. James Sims. The place was packed as we came together for "First Ladies Night". This was organized and led by none other than our First Lady of our Jurisdiction, Mother Jean Booker.



What a wonderful evening this was as the churches came together to celebrate and bless the their First Ladies.

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## D. A. REED SR. ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING



The D. A. Reed Sr. District is truly a district of Love and Power! For more in-depth information about our Annual District Meeting read Missionary Viveca William's article on pages 4.

# First Things First with District Msny. Anastasia Richardson

On Saturday, May 2nd First Jurisdiction Illinois Women's Department under the leadership of our Jurisdictional Supervisor, Mother Shirley Hughes our Annual Woman of the Year Luncheon was held at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Congratulations to District Missionary Cheryl Giscombe for receiving the 2015 Woman of the Year Award." Many accolades were given to her for the help and work that she gives in her local church, the district, the jurisdictional women's department and in her community.



For Emanuel we began the month of May with our special Mothers Day Service. We saluted our Moms for being great role models, giving us good advice, showing us tough love and encouraging us to be the best that we can be. We also celebrated the world's greatest church mother, Mother Ophelia Turner, who was able to be with us on this special day. After we showered all the mothers with gifts and love tokens, we took time to get a picture of all of the ladies in attendance.



Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 22 all roads led to Reed's Temple Church of God in Christ for our Annual District Meeting. Our theme for this year was "It's Only Noise" – Isaiah 31:4. We had a wonderful meeting. Wednesday night was Women's Night. We changed from the traditional attire of wearing all white and all of the women came dressed in red. Everyone looked stunning and what a night it was from a powerful facilitation of the service by our Mistress of Ceremony – Missionary Sherry Swan, to the Spoken Word by Sister Daeja Gaston, to the Emanuel Praise Dancers (Sis. Joyce Owens, Sis. Yolanda Hopkins and Msny. Crystal Willis) - to the presentation of our "Super"intendant by our Sunday School Field Representative, Sister Keyya Thomas – and the melodious sermonic solo from Sis. Nikole Rumph.





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Everyone did a bumper job!! During this wonderful night I was blessed to have from Memphis, my sister Ms. Georita Junior and god-sisters, Dr. Lori Elaine Porter and Sis. Michelle Flowers of Chicago.

Our Jurisdictional Assistant Supervisor, Mother Myrna Herndon graced us with her presence. To top things off for the night, we were also honored



and highly favored to have our Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Ocie Booker with us along with Bishop Willard Payton. It was a tremendous honor to have them come on Women's night and stay throughout the entire service. The Lord blessed us to share the main message for the evening, which was entitled "Prepared for Battle". After the message Elect Lady, Missionary Ellanan Lundy facilitated the altar call and prayed for all the ladies in the house.

Presentations were made to our Founders Wives, First Ladies, our First Lady of the District, Sister Iris



Reed and to everyone in the house. Sis. Iris Reed literally rolled out the red carpet for yours truly. If you know our first lady, you know she is very gifted, very creative and very generous and she spares no pain in giving her best. Using the theme of the color red, she had me walk down a red carpet, she started by presenting me from the District my Red Card for the Convention Crusade, then she showered me with long stemmed Red Roses, a gift card to Red Stone American Grill, Women's International



Red Ruby diamond necklace and ring, Pandora bracelet with a ruby charm and she topped it off with shoes, not just any shoes but Christian Louboutin RED BOTTOM SHOES!!!!. Words can not express all of the love that was shown to me – I'm still feasting off of this memorable night and my

**RED BOTTOM SHOES!!!**

We ended the Month of May by attending the International Women's Convention/Crusade in Minneapolis, MN. The theme for the convention was "An Urgent Call to Committed Holy Women" – Jeremiah 9:17. Our General Supervisor and Convention President – Mother Willie Mae Rivers stated that our nation has been in turmoil; our churches and families are divided. In the midst of all that we face as a nation, we, the believer must not stress or panic; GOD IS IN CONTORL. This was a great meeting and the Lord blessed and showered us with His presence in morning and evening services. It was great to fellowship with some of the leaders from Chicago. If the Lord delays His coming the International Women's Convention/Crusade will be in Detroit in 2016. I hope to see you there!!

