



*Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of MS,
District IV*

January 2020

THE COMMUNIQUE

President's Message

Greetings!

I cannot believe that 2019 has passed and a new journey has started for 2020. I want to start my message by thanking all of you for your support as the new President of District IV. It's a journey that we will travel together. I look forward to our upcoming meetings and the new goals that District IV will accomplish this year. The 2019 Scholarship Gala was a success thanks to Dr. Tearsanee Davis, members of District IV, the Eliza sponsors, and our annual supporters. Thanks to Mr. Jerry Nash for introducing us to the Magic Mirror Photo Booth as there was a steady stream of patrons.

Our mission states that we are to mentor student nurses, and I ask that you continue with that process as well as mentor the new members of District IV. Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of MS will have been in existence for 75 years as of 2020. It's such a blessing that some of the original members are still with us today; therefore, sustained membership is the key to the continued success of this organization. Don't forget to share the good things that Eliza is achieving with other nurses and recruit new members all year long!

Our next big event is the **PEARL Project** which will be held at the Jackson Medical Mall on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9am – noon. Please show your support and participate in



this event. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting or contact Ms. Elaine Hargrove @ letter-mee@yahoo.com to sign up.

As nurses we are often taking care of others with little time left for ourselves. This year I want to encourage you to take some time for yourself as your mind, heart, and soul will definitely appreciate your efforts. Thanks for all that you do for District IV!

Tawana Tucker DNP
President

Happy New Year!

**2020 NBNA 48th
Annual Conference**

July 28th -August 2nd
The Diplomat Beach Resort
Hollywood, Florida

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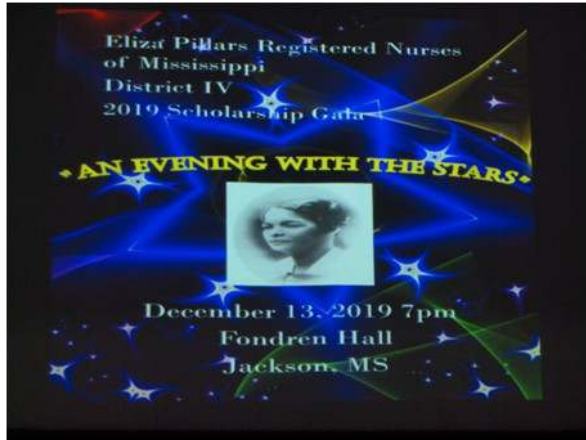
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Special points of interest:

- ◆ *Black History Program
February 20, 2020*
- ◆ *PEARL Project
March 21, 2020*
- ◆ *EPRNM Annual Conference, IP Resort Casino
April 30-May 3, 2020*
- ◆ *Soliciting all NEWS that
we can use.*

Annual Scholarships and Awards GALA Highlights

The Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi District IV held it's Annual GALA at Fondren Hall of Jackson, Friday December 13th.



District IV Members



State and District Presidents



Friends from District I, Tupelo



Looks like VA folks!

GALA HIGHLIGHTS



S&A Committee/Recipients



Dr. Tearsanee Davis, Social Chair



Project Committee—Supporting Community

The Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi District IV Project Committee is excited to serve for the 2019-2020 term. Enthusiastically, the committee has headed volunteer initiatives throughout the community. We have been engaged in several projects and proudly announce our accomplishments for the first quarter. From presenting at the Hinds Community College Career/College Fair to serving at The Salvation Army Thanksgiving Day Feed, EPRNM District IV was present, and we considered it fortunate to serve. Likewise, the committee guided efforts to raise money for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, and all contributions were donated during the accompanying walk at the MS State Capitol. Furthermore, volunteers from the membership performed blood pressure checks and provided health education to participants at the Latasha Norman Annual Run/Walk for Domestic Violence Awareness, which was held on the main campus of Jackson State University. In addition, The Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringer event was enjoyable for all participants, as volunteers alternated timeframes to ring the seasonal bells in Flowood,

As a part of our annual tradition of service for the



Holiday season, our members provided Christmas Lunch and gifts to the residents of Alex Waites Elderly Housing. It was a lovely spread and greatly appreciated by all.

We would like to thank our wonderful membership, who donated their time, finances, and moral support to influence the health and well-being of citizens within our communities. These events were humbling, engaging, and encouraging. They also support one of the goals of the Project Committee, which is to pro-



mote the vision of the EPRNM District IV by participating in projects, which increases and secures our prominence within the community. We are so proud of our accomplishments!

Moreover, we will navigate the next quarter with opportunities for the membership to take part in fundraising projects. This will promote a second goal of the project committee, which is to foster projects to ensure the availability of funds for scholarships, convention, donations, socials, and community projects. We launched these initiatives in 2019 by selling EPRNM District IV T-shirts. For 2020, we will occasionally present fundraising projects to the membership during our monthly meetings. So, be on the lookout! The Project Committee is excited for the New Year and the many blessings that will follow.

Deloris Lee, Chair



Black History Program

S & A Committee

EDUCATION Committee—Dr. Renée Williams, Chair

Black History Program February 20, 2020
6P:00 p.m. after a brief Business Meeting

***“Who Moved My Cheese?
An Amazing Way to Deal with
Change in Your Work and in Your Life”***



Glenda Crump, Chief Administrative Officer
Mississippi Public Health Institute

During the Annual Scholarship GALA, five students received awards in honor of their academic achievement and community service.



Undergraduate Scholarship

- Lyrics Richards
- Mar’Shanna Graham

Butler Family Book Award

- Marquisia Walls

Inaugural Thompson-Florence Scholarship

- Ranisha Smith

EPRNM Advanced Degree Scholarship

- Michael Jones



Damia White, Chair

District IV Nurses Making History

LaDonna Northington, DNS, RN, BC

Professor of Nursing at University of MS Medical Center School of Nursing has been named the FIRST African American to serve in the role of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs



Tonya Moore, PhD, RN

Administrator, Community Health Services Center for Telehealth at the University of MS Medical Center has been elected the FIRST African American President of the Mississippi Nurses Association





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✓ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

✓ **January 16, 2020** Monthly meeting
Action Item: Read your By-Laws! Share suggestions for edits or updates with the Chair. Laverne Watts

✓ **January 18, 2020** State Executive Board Meeting
Committee Meetings 11-12N Board Meeting 12N-2P
EPRMN offices, Jackson Medical Mall

✓ **February 15, 2020** Annual February Update
District VI, Natchez, MS

✓ **February 20, 2020**
Black History Program

✓ **March 21, 2020** PEARL Project
Jackson Medical Mall 9A-12N

✓ **April 30-May 3, 2020**
EPRNM Annual Conference, IP Resort & Casino, Biloxi

✓ **Monthly District IV Meetings** 3rd Thursdays (Sep-June)
6P in the Community Meeting Room, Jackson Medical Mall



Moment of Meditation

New Year, New Decade, New Expectations!

(Borrowing the Words of the Clark Sisters)

Look for a Miracle

Expect the Impossible

Feel the Intangible

See the Invisible

The sky is the limit to what you can have!

Just believe and receive it,

God can Perform it Today!



Think about it!

Editor's Note



EMPHASIS on

Faith

Happiness keeps you pleased,

Trials keep you strong,

Sorrows keep you human,

Failures keep you humble,

Success keeps you glowing,

But faith keeps you going!

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for;
the evidence of things unseen”.

With the poignant realization that life is ever so fleeting and all that we have can be blown away in an instant, we must have faith in a higher power.