

Sisters Network, Inc.
Theme: *Celebrating the Spirit*
5th Annual National African American Breast Cancer Conference
Doubletree Hotel Allen Center
400 Dallas Street
Houston, Texas

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Honorary Chairs

LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS
Chairman, Dept. of Surgery,
Howard University, Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. House of Representatives, 18th Congressional District, TX

Conference Chairs

Lovell Jones, PhD
Director, Center for Research on Minority Health (CRMH)
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS
Director, Breast Care Center, Division of Surgical Oncology
University of Michigan

Conference Co-Chairs

Karen E. Jackson
Founder and National President,
Sisters Network, Inc.

Sherry Sterling, RN, Sr. Research Nurse
Breast Medical Oncology
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

LaVaughn Sims, Community Activist and CEO,
Multivisionz, Detroit, MI

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**Pre-Conference activities supported by *Aventis Pharmaceuticals*
Chapter Presidents & Vice Presidents (ONLY)**

Thursday, April 3, 2003

5:00pm - 8:00pm Texas-Style BBQ/Open House at National Headquarters

Friday, April 4, 2003

Morning: 10:00 - 11:45 Chapter Presidents & Vice President
Leadership Workshop

11:45 - 12:00 Break

Afternoon: 12:00 - 1:00 Presidents' Luncheon

1:00 - 1:15 Break

1:15 - 3:00 Domingo Barrios, Grant Officer
Houston Endowment Inc. (*Fundraising*)

3:15 - 3:45 Monica Evans, Financial Representative
Principal Financial Group

3:45 - 5:30 Overview

Evening: "On Your Own"

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REGISTRATION OPENS - 7:00 A.M- 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 5, 2003

CONFERENCE OPENS

7:00AM-7:30 PM

EXHIBITS/VENDORS OPEN

7:00AM-1:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Morning: 7:00 - 8:00 ***Eli Lilly and Company Continental Breakfast/Exhibits***

8:00 - 8:15 **Welcome Remarks**
Karen E. Jackson, National President/Founder Sisters
Network, Inc.

8:15 - 9:15 **General Session I**
Integrating Complementary Wellness
Visions of the Inner Spirit –
Shelley Ballance, M.A., Spiritual Psychology
Q & A

9:15 – 9:30 **EXHIBIT/BREAK**

9:30 – 11:30 **General Sessions II**
Breast Cancer Quality of Life and Clinical Trials
Introduction: C. Kent Osborne, MD
Director Breast Center
Baylor College of Medicine

Moderators - Lisa Newman, MD
Lovell Jones, PhD

Genetics
Georgia Dunston, MD
Howard University School of Medicine

***Sisters Peer Counseling In Reproductive Issues after
Treatment (S.P.I.R.I.T)***
Leslie Schover, PhD,
Associate Professor of Behavioral Science
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

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GAIL Model Risk Assessment Screening for African American Women

Renee Crichlow, MD
Department of Family and Community Medicine
University of California, Davis

Pathology of African American Breast Cancer Survivors

Lavinia P. Middleton, MD
Assistant Professor Department of Pathology
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

An Afro-centric Perspective

Mary Shaw-Perry, PhD, CHES, Research Advisor
Texas Woman's University

Q & A

11:30 - 12:30 **EXHIBIT/BREAK**

Afternoon: 12:30 - 2:00 **BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Introductions: Harry Gibbs, MD
Vice President, Office of Institutional Diversity
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer

Guest Speaker: The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
State Representative, 18th Congressional District, TX

Achievement Award Recipients:

Clinical Research - Vicente Valero, MD, FACP

Basic Science Research - Georgia Dunston, MD

Community Service - National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer (NBLIC) – Southern Region

Community Service (local) - Cassandra Harris, NBLIC

SNI Outstanding Affiliate Chapter –Sisters Network Houston, TX

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Sisters Network Richmond, VA

SNI Outstanding “New” Affiliate Chapter – Sisters Network
Buffalo, NY

2:00 - 2:30 **EXHIBIT/BREAK**

2:30 - 3:30 **Breakout Sessions - Workshops**

Advocacy: Kevin O’Flaherty, Director Government Relations
American Cancer Society, Houston

Iridology and Nutrition: Elliot Sterling
Certified Iridologist &Herbalist

Eating Right for Life: Alice Freeman
Naturopathic Medicine

Breast Reconstruction: Gregory Reece, MD
MD Anderson Cancer Center

Stay Beautiful Stay Alive: Cassandra Harris, MS
National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer II

3:30 - 4:30 **General Session III**

Breast Cancer in African American Women

An Overview: Lisa A. Newman, MD,
University of Michigan

Q & A

4:00 - 4:30 **EXHIBIT/BREAK**

4:30 - 5:30 **General Session IV**

Nutrition and Breast Cancer: Lovell Jones, PhD
MD Anderson Cancer Center

Q & A

5:30 - 7:30 **EXHIBITS**

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Sunday, April 6, 2003

Morning 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

AstraZeneca Sunday Prayer Breakfast

Panel of Experts

Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS

Lovell A. Jones, PhD

TBA

General Q&A

Survivor Story!

Remembrance Ceremony

Prayer Service

Closing Remarks