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Sherry Sterling, RN, Sr. Research Nurse
Breast Medical Oncology
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
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Chapter Presidents & Vice Presidents (ONLY)

Thursday, April 3, 2003
6:00pm - 9:00pm   Texas-Style BBQ

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
4:00 - 4:45  Tonya Jeffery & Linda Civallero, Cancer Information Services  *(Clinical Trials Educational Tools)*
4:45 - 5:30  Overview

Evening:  "On Your Own"

6:00 - 9:00  Sisters Network Inc. Annual Board of Directors Meeting  *supported by Brentwood Church Foundation*
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, PhD
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

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
Introduction- John Brittain, Esq., SNI Board of Directors

Master of Ceremonies - Jerome Gray, Khou/TV

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, PhD

Community Service - National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer (NBLIC) - Linda Boyd

Community Service (local) - Cassandra Harris, NBLIC
SNI Outstanding Affiliate Chapter - Sisters Network
Houston, TX

SNI Outstanding Chapter President - Rose Thomas
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 & Linda Boyd
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

Evening: “On Your Own”

Sunday, April 6, 2003

Morning 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

*AstraZeneca Sunday Prayer Breakfast*

Panel of Experts

General Q&A

Survivor Story!

*Remembrance Ceremony*

*Prayer Service*

*Closing Remarks*