

# THE TLOD STORY

A History of Dedication and Service

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. was chartered in the state of Texas on September 8, 1964 as a non-profit educational, humanitarian organization with the following as charter members: Mrs. Franchell Boswell, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. Ina Bolton Brown, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Augusta R. Cash, Memphis, Tennessee; Major Ozell M. Dean, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Willie Lee Glass, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. La Verne R. Madlock, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. Ruth Payne Smith, Navasota, Texas; and Mrs. Georgia B. Presswood Nelson, Dallas, Texas. The vision and service of these eight dedicated women created the TLOD Story.

In 1964 while serving as “first lady” at Texas College in Tyler, Texas, Mrs. Willie Lee Glass was the recipient of a luncheon invitation from Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, “First Lady” of the United States of America and a fellow Texan. Mrs. Glass, with her wisdom, summoned a former student, a Texas College graduate and a Major in the United States Air Force, to represent her at this power luncheon. Major Ozell M. Dean, a resident of Washington, D.C., answered the call to represent one of her mentors; and she was among a multi-disciplinary bevy of outstanding women from all over the world to attend the luncheon.

Since its inception, the organization has expanded its objectives to include its focus on youth (known as Top Teens of America), improving the status of women, service to

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senior citizens, community beautification, and community partnerships. Chapters nationwide support the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and the awarding of national scholarships to at least one in each of TLOD's six geographic areas. Moreover, TLOD has included in its program, a cooperative peer education facet with Top Teens of America and the National Foundation, March of Dimes. Membership in TLOD has grown to include thousands of dedicated, concerned, hardworking members. The Ladies represent a cross-section of resourceful woman power, all of who work in the interest of the more than 4,000 Top Teens. Top Ladies support other major thrusts of the organization geared toward enhancing the quality of life for our fellow human beings.

Ongoing programs and projects are important to the fulfillment of TLOD's mission. As “shapers of change,” members of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. have, through each administration, continued their efforts toward “Serving Youth and Adults.”

## GET IN TOUCH NOW

We understand the importance of open communication to serve and value the opportunity to connect with you.

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AREA II

SERVICE IS WHAT WE DO!



*Dale City - Prince William County*

*Chapter*



### Chapter Motto:

Strengthening Bonds: Together we **R.I.S.E.**  
- **Reach** our Community, **Inspire** our Top  
Teens, **Support** our Sisters and **Encourage**  
Excellence in our Standards, Sisterhood,  
and Service.



*Lady Allison Riley*  
Chapter President

**Setting the Standard in Sisterhood,  
and Surpeme Service.**

# ABOUT US



## **Dale City - Prince William County Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.**

On April 22, 2007, at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, fifteen teens from the Alexandria City Chapter of Top Teens of America representing Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. were presented to the community for their exemplary academic performance, passion for volunteering and teachers' recommendations. Several parents from Prince William County, Virginia were impressed by the professionalism of the teens and inquired about having a similar program in Prince William County.

Their wish was fulfilled in January 2008, when an interest group meeting was held to determine if there was sufficient interest to charter a Chapter of TL0D in Prince William County, Virginia. The former Alexandria City Chapter Teen Advisor, Lady Pauline Hunter, and a Prince William County resident took the lead to begin the process of moving forward with the interested parties to make the dream a reality.

On June 24, 2008, the 'Official Intent' form for chartering was signed. By the end of the application process, sixteen ladies made a commitment.

On September 13, 2008 Lady Charlene Bishop, Lady Angela Bouknright, Lady Janeen Brown, Lady Sandra Clark (President), Lady Pauline Hunter, Lady Sharron Jackson, Lady Elcynthia Johnson, Lady Merry Johnson, Lady Shari King, Lady Ukessia Lee, Lady Wilhemina McKinney (TTA Advisor), Lady Janet

Simmons, Lady Michelle Smalls, Lady Cynthia Springfield, Lady Ann Tanner, Lady Jeanine Walton, and Lady Jacqueline Wilcher, made a commitment and were received as official members of TL0D during the Induction and Chartering Ceremonies, hosted by Lady Delores Chriss, Area II Director. Lady Chriss was assisted by Ladies from all over Area II along with our Chapter Organizer, Lady Pauline Hunter. The ceremonies officially marked the transition from an Interest Group to establishing the DC-PWC Chapter of TL0D as a new Chapter in Area II at The Clubs at Quantico, Quantico, Virginia. Just six months later, February 21, 2009, we inducted sixteen inspiring, energetic teens.

For Membership Information  
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### **Our National Program**

Theme: Celebrating Our Legacy: "TL0D Transforming Lives and Making a Difference...One Teen, One Lady and One Community at a Time (TLC)"

**National Focus:** ONE TL0D, ONE VOICE...ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

### **Our National Thrusts**

Top Teens of America  
Status of Women  
Senior Citizens  
Community Beautification  
Community Partnerships

### **Our National Projects and Affiliates**

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)  
United Negro College Fund (UNCF)  
TL0D Literacy  
Sickle Cell Disease Awareness

Vivien Coe Richard National Top Teens of America Academy  
Dorothy Allen Chimney Black History Bowl  
Me and My Mentor Program

### **Our National Partnerships**

Keep America Beautiful  
American Heart Association  
Franchell Boswell  
Black Women's Agenda  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Alzheimer's Walk  
March of Dimes  
NAACP  
NCNW  
UNCF



Lady Pauline E. Hunter, Chapter Organizer

*Since 3rd grade I have been inspired by William Penn's quote and I have tried to incorporate this in to my daily walk, "Kindness. I expect to pass through this life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."*



Lady Sandra Clark, 1st Chapter President

*Each person has the power to make a positive impact in their community. It's important for everyone to come together and contribute to creating a better place for all. So I encourage you to do your part.*