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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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*You are loved and appreciated.
Continue to look to the Lord for all of your needs and desires.
He knows what you want. Seek Him! Trust Him!*





Stay Close to Jesus by Ramelle T. Lee

*When the report is grim,
And the world closes in on your dream,
Stay close to Jesus.
He is a friend who will stay with you.
When victory is short lived
And your situation
Appears to look bleak and hopeless*

*Stay close to Jesus.
He is your Strong Tower,
Deliverer and Healer.
Jesus will heal that hurt.*

*Reach out to the Light
That strengthens your faith.*

*Believe that your situation
Is turning around.
Stay close to Jesus
Daily read His Word for strength
To endure and go through.*

*Lift up your head and see the Father's
Eyes brightly shining on you.
Touch the sky with your hope,
stand firmly on the Word of God.
Rise above the clouds of doubt
And despair.
Stay close to Jesus.*

*Always pray for wisdom and guidance.
Arise precious child! Arise!
Stay close to Jesus and watch
A miracle come.
Catch the vision.
Stay close to Jesus my friend.*

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Ramelle T. Lee



A loving tribute to my
dearly beloved Mother,
Mrs. Shirley Hickman,
who graduated this
world in 2019 to be with
Jesus.

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Sandra L Hickman Staff Writer
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“Mothers” ~ A Masterpiece of God's design

*Perfect and precious in the eyes of your creator
Your blueprint was unique and bespoke
Since the day you were lovingly created by the
Father in heaven, You have been special.*

A Mother of love ~ A perfect creation!

*God formed you and He handled you
with gentle, protective loving care
He fearfully and wonderfully made YOU!
He knew this was going to be someone notable.*

O how He loves you, my dearest Mother!

*He marvelled at the perfection of His handiwork
You are His daughter, whom He gave life to
You were born to be outstanding!
I thank God, the Father of all people and time,
For giving me You! My amazing Mother.*

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An Important Message from...

Donna Ralynn Brooks

The voice of our youth.



My scriptures for May is about SALVATION & HOPE

Salvation: Psalm 79:9

Hope: Matthew 11:28 & Psalm 31:24

Have a Blessed Day!



DORIS HOMAN

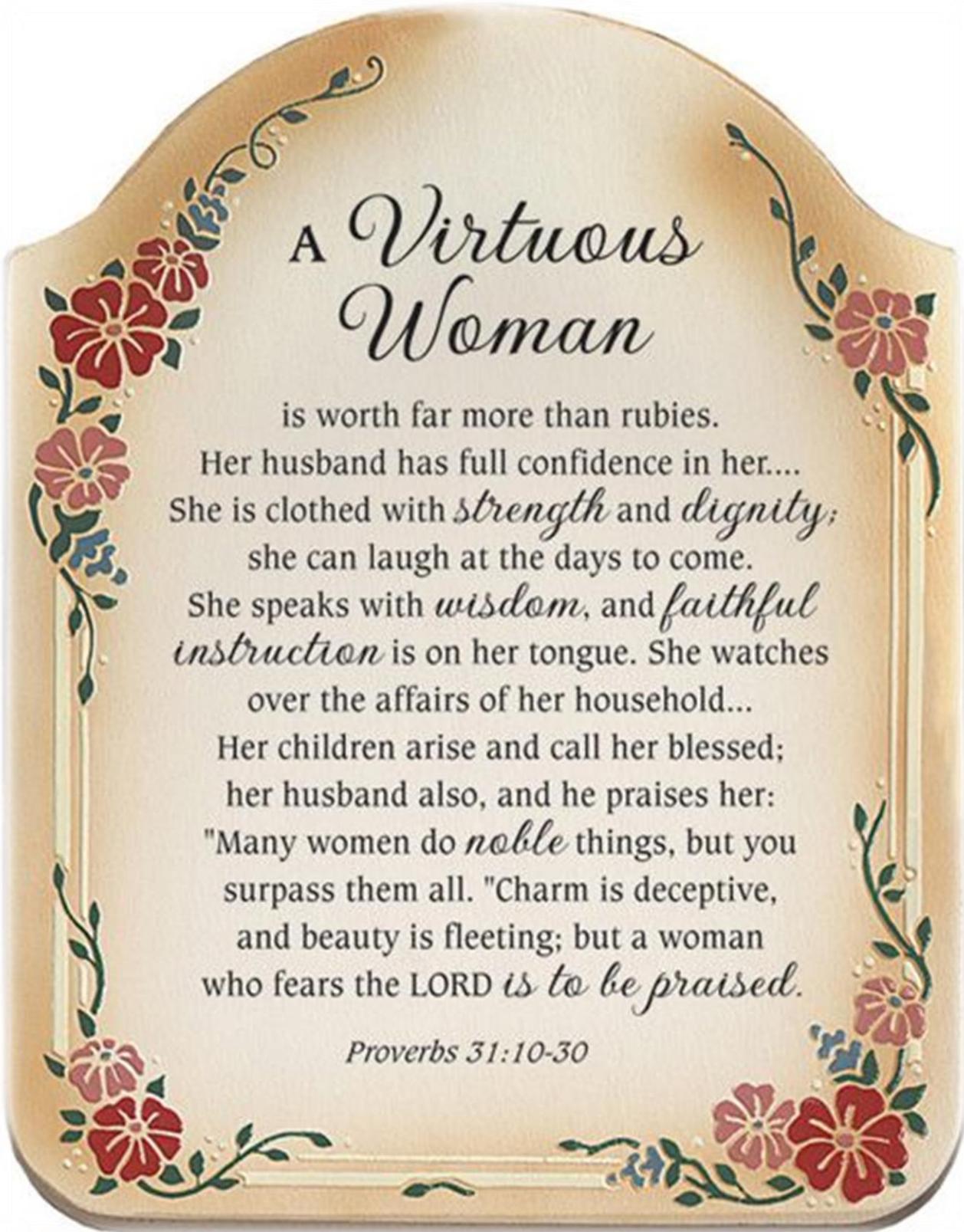


In the Bible, Proverbs 31 describes an incredible woman, wife and mother. She is of a rare and precious quality. She is strong and of impeccable character; she plans ahead to take care of her family's needs. Her children are thankful she is their mother and they brag about her. Her husband is confident with a good reputation because she adds quality to his life. She's a wise entrepreneur doing business with wisdom and integrity; she deals with compassion to those that work for her; she pays it forward and cares for the less fortunate. Her reputation supersedes her as a woman of honor, well-respected by all who know her. She looks to the future with hope and anticipation. Outer beauty can fade but this woman of inner strength and character walks with God and in the wisdom of His ways. Do you know a woman like this? Honor her by validating her todayand often!

My mother's name is Laila Hanna, a beautiful and strong woman who left her homeland at age 32 and started a new life in the U.S. with her husband and me, her only daughter. My mother was a talented dress designer; she sacrificed by making a living working in a clothing factory. After many years, along with her day job, she opened her own business working nights and weekends making custom made clothing as well as alterations. She quickly earned herself a wonderful reputation for her beautiful work.

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A decorative wooden plaque with a light-colored wood grain. The plaque has a rounded top and a decorative border of red and pink flowers with green leaves and blue accents. The text is centered on the plaque.

A Virtuous Woman

is worth far more than rubies.

Her husband has full confidence in her...
She is clothed with *strength* and *dignity*;
she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with *wisdom*, and *faithful instruction* is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household...

Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do *noble* things, but you surpass them all. "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD *is to be praised*."

Proverbs 31:10-30

My First Teachers! **by Michele Barnes**



I am remembering my mother, Mrs. Lorraine Gardner and my grandmother, Missionary Marie Palm, on Mother's Day. They taught me to pray before...I was born! I am forever grateful and thankful for them. I am blessed because of their strong faith and trust in God.



My Mother, Mrs. Lorraine Gardner



My Grandmother, Missionary Marie Palm

Train up a child
in the way he should go,
and when he is old,
he will not depart from it

Proverbs 22:6



Wanda J. Burnside
Founder and Publisher

The Lamp Newsletter Special Report

We cannot ignore what is happening in our world today. Our lives have all changed because of the vicious and unpredictable attack of the Coronavirus. It has spread around the world. It, the Coronavirus, has brought fear, worries, horrifying sickness and recorded deaths.

On this Mother's Day holiday, I wanted to know how this pandemic, plague, weighs on women *versus* men. What do reports show how it affects women? I seem to be more concerned about every aspect of this stressful and dangerous time than my husband, Simmie. I am a praying woman, however, there seems to be some pressures and concerns that I greater have than he does.

Therefore, when I found this study and report, I was very interested in what was discovered about the gender differences concerning Coronavirus. Here is a large portion of the report. I hope that you will find it interesting like I have. This information was found on the KFF/Women's Health Policy website.

Coronavirus: A Look at Gender Differences in Awareness and Actions Published: Mar 20, 2020

[Brittni Frederiksen](#), [Ivette Gomez](#), [Alina Salganicoff](#) [Follow @a_salganicoff on Twitter](#), and [Usha Ranji](#)

The emergence of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19, the illness it causes, has impacted the lives of nearly everyone. Without practically any advance notice or planning, schools have closed in many states, employees have been asked to work from home. Those who cannot work from home face potential exposure to the coronavirus, reduced work hours, or job loss. For many women, particularly those with children at home, the coronavirus pandemic has given new urgency to many of the challenges that they have long been confronting. Women are more likely to be the primary caretakers and [in charge](#) of health care responsibilities in their families. This brief presents additional analysis of a recent [KFF Coronavirus Poll](#), conducted between March 11 and 15, 2020 and finds larger shares of women are worrying about the negative consequences of the coronavirus and taking greater precautions than men.

More Women than Men Worry about Getting Sick and Losing Income

A larger share of women compared to men worry that they or someone in their family will get sick from the coronavirus (68% vs. 56%, respectively) and worry about losing income due to a workplace closure or reduced hours because of COVID-19 (50% vs. 42%, respectively). A larger share of women compared to men also worry they would put themselves at risk of exposure to coronavirus because they can't afford to stay home and miss work (39% and 31%, respectively). A larger share of women who were surveyed reported being part-time workers than men (13% v. 9%). The

new law, [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#), addresses [cost sharing](#) for COVID-19 testing, but treatment costs remain a concern. A larger share of women (40%) compared to men (31%) worry that they will not be able to afford testing or treatment for coronavirus if they need it.

More Women Report Feeling Negative Mental Health Effects from Worry About Coronavirus.

Women Have Been More Proactive in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

While large shares of women and men are aware of the public health recommendations by the CDC, WHO, and state and local government officials, such as frequent hand washing and staying home if you are feeling sick, a larger share of women report taking precautionary measures. Larger shares of women compared to men say they decided not to travel or changed travel plans (47% vs. 37%); reported canceling plans to attend large gatherings such as concerts or sporting events (43% vs. 36%); say they stocked up on items such as food, household supplies, or prescription medications (39% vs. 30%); and say they stayed home instead of going to work, school, or other regular activities (30% vs. 22%).

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” ([Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV](#)).



AUDREY GERTRUDE PENNAMON

Led by God

By Dr. Mary Edwards, Editor

My mom loved children, animals, and flowers. More than once, she took in children that were not her own. Growing up, we always had a puppy in our home. Gardening was a hobby she thoroughly enjoyed. I clearly recall the day she blessed me with a plant from her garden called, “The Burning Bush.” Later, it turned out to be a confirmation that God was calling me to do Kingdom work.

Although my mom was an 18-year-old single parent when I was born, looking back, I can see how she made some decisions that were God-inspired. Namely, she gave me a first name, “Mary,” that she never called me. In fact, she told me that she didn’t really like that name. Imagine that! When I asked, “*Why you named me a name you didn’t like,*” her response was, “*I was living with a Jewish family when you were born. I took care of their little girl whose name was Mary. She had blond hair and blue eyes. She was adorable! So, I named you Mary, because you also had blond hair and blue eyes.*” I was born in October in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on Thanksgiving Day in Canada. Two months later, on Christmas Day, Mom had me christened. Look at God! I always say, “*My Heavenly Father named me, Mary.*” Surely, He knows my name.

But the divine intervention didn’t stop there. At the age of three, my dear mother married an American and brought me to the United States to begin our lives in Detroit. At the age of 33, and for the past 44 years, I have served the Lord doing Kingdom work. Had she not brought me here, I wouldn’t be the woman I am today.

When I got saved in 1976, I led my dear mother to the Lord. Until the day she died, she referred to me as her “Spiritual Mother.” Imagine that!

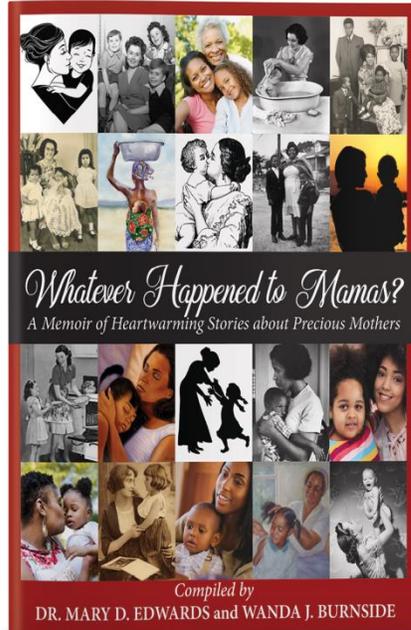
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A poem of reflection, with loving thoughts of my dearly missed mother

Ms. Ivy McKay (1924 – 1959)

A Memory Somewhere



*There must be a memory somewhere
Deep down within my soul
I just cannot recall it
I was too young to know
A babe was I, back then
Too young to realise
My mother had departed
She lost the fight of life*

*Her face I cannot remember
I just can't visualise
I only have her picture
To place before my eyes
I've missed the years of bonding
Of a mother's tender touch
Of all that could have been
I've missed her very much*

*But I'm so glad that one day
The time is coming when
We'll be together with loved ones
When Christ shall come again.
No more a distant memory
Her face again I'll see
My joy shall be complete when I
Behold my dear Mummy.*

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Closing Thoughts from the Founder and Publisher...

Wanda J. Burnside
Founder and Publisher

Readers,

I didn't know how to really close this newsletter because I was considering many things. As you know, this Coronavirus or Covid-19 is having a major impact on the world. Nobody is really free from this pandemic attack. Things have truly changed.

We have seen the reports about the deaths of loved ones, friends and family members. It is critical. It is for real...ugly. I have cried over everyone that I know who have died or been deathly ill with this virus.

It is now time to consider...SERIOUSLY... how we treat each other. You never know when it is your last time to see your grandparents, aunts and uncles, sister(s) and brother(s), son(s) and daughter(s)...your parents. Then, think about how other relationships with church members, neighbors, co-workers and others have gone on in your life. Can we afford to keep being bitter, hostile, angry, and unforgiving? As it is said, "Life is too short!" Truly it is!

So, please allow the words of my poem, "*I Thought You Should Know*," speak to your heart. I wrote it five years ago, in 2015, when I was so distressed over conversations of friends who expressed to me how UPSET they were. One was angry about a family member and the other person told me how they will never forget as long as they live how their adult child got on their nerves!

Both of these people are Christians. They are even in ministry, too. When I finished listening to their side of the story...RIGHT...their side of the story, I was moved in my spirit to write this poem. I just had to release these words as the Lord stood with me in the midst of their RAGE...

We must not sit back in anger or with a bitter attitude and let things go on hurting others. We cannot scream and cry at their funeral...*"I'm sorry! Forgive me!"* It is too late then to speak to a dead body. Look, the person that you hate and are mad at may get sick and remain in a coma...then die or not regain their health. What can you do then? How are you going to straighten out the crazy mess going on between you and them?

Let God help you to correct or fix the break-up! Give it to Him so He can show you how to change things. He will lead and guide you!

Years ago, I had a friend who would always say, *"Child, somethin' needs to been done before it is everlastin' too late!"* Well, I agree. Somethin' needs to been done...

On this Mother's Day, it is NOW UP TO YOU to take that step and show love...and ask for forgiveness. **Don't delay... don't put it off...please...do it today!**



I Thought You Should Know

By Wanda J. Burnside

*I want you to know
That I truly do care,
You're always in my heart
And in my every prayer.*

*This life and its situations
Cannot stop my thoughts toward you,
I ask God to help, comfort
And guide you safely through.*

*Don't think that I'm too busy
To not have you on my mind,
We must soon get back together
And leave the past behind.*

*There's no excuse for me
To let you face your hurts alone,
I must do much more for you
Then I previously have shown.*

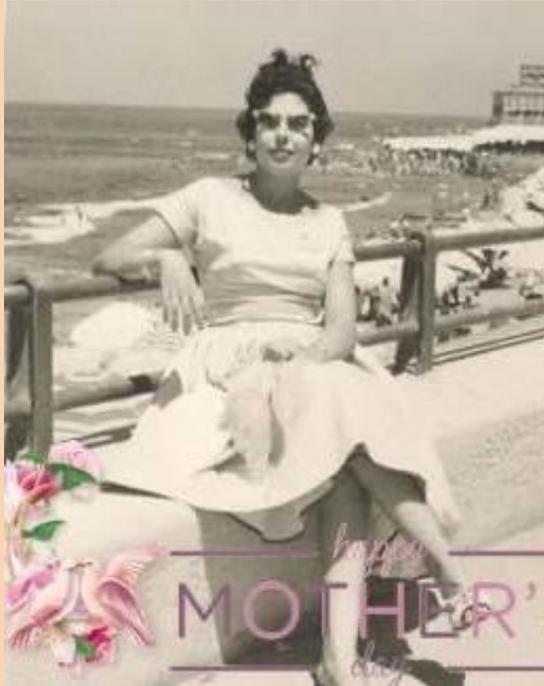
*And there's no reason for me
To ignore how you truly feel,
For what is hurting you
Truly is painful and so real.*

*Please do not misunderstand
My concerns and thoughts you see,
For you are truly precious
...And very dear to me.*

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Meet Our Mothers

Mother, Mrs. Laila Hanna



Daughter, Doris Homan. Staff Writer



(Left)Picture of my mother taken in the mid 60's in Alexandria, Egypt along the Mediterranean Sea.



Mother Barbara Lee



Daughter, Author Ramelle T. Lee, Staff Writer



Mother Audrey Gertrude Pennamon



Daughter, Dr. Mary Edwards, Our Editor



Mum Shirley Hickman



Daughter, Sandra Hickman, Staff Writer

The bottom row, Ladies of AUSTRALIA



Mother, Mrs. Hestell Boiling-Staten and Daughter, Mrs. Kizzy Staten-Gray, Staff Writer



Mother, Evangelist Lurene Brooks



Daughter, Ms. Donna R. Brooks, Staff Writer



Mother Christine Burnside



Son, Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr., Manager



Mother, Evangelist Willie Lee Palm



Daughter, Mrs. Wanda Burnside, the, Lamp Founder

Precious Memories....

*Our Parents were married in
the month of May.*



Mr. and Mrs. Colin Hickman of Australia
Married: May 10, 1952
The parents of Sandra Hickman



Elder and Mrs. Minor Palm, Jr. of the USA
Married: May 14, 1949
The parents of Wanda J. Burnside



*Both of our parents were blessed to be married over 50 years. They
have passed on. They are forever in our hearts...and never forgotten!*

Special Announcements...



WELCOME New Staff Writer...

Reverend Wayne Kevin Johnson

As Founder and Chief Executive of The Johnson Leadership Group LLC, Kevin provides organizations, and the people who work within them, with the tools to forge effective personnel and interpersonal communication. He delivers training on the elements of dynamic relationships, to equip teams with the attitudes and attributes needed to develop individuals into leaders. He does so through motivating workshops, seminars, insightful keynote speeches and compassionate coaching – all to encourage personal and professional growth.

He is a John Maxwell Team certified trainer, coach, mentor and speaker, and an active member of the International Coach Federation. Kevin enjoyed a 34-

year career (retired) in government and private industry as a middle-to-senior level leader.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, he earned a B.S. in Business Administration and Management / Economics / Finance from Virginia Commonwealth University. Kevin is an ordained minister by the Church of God Ministries, Incorporated, Anderson, IN, and has held multiple leadership positions at the local, regional, national and international levels, including Senior Pastor. His best-selling book series – *Give God the Glory!* – earned 19 literary awards from 2001 to 2013. He authors a weekly blog (www.kevinwaynejohnson.com/blog) and is the co-host of the monthly radio show (www.blogtalkradio.com/christianauthorsontour). He currently lives in Clarksville, Maryland, with his wife Gail and three sons.



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Beverly Black Johnson - Breast Cancer Advocate

Creator-in-Chief of Gumbo for the Soul Publications

Gumbo for the Soul: Women of Honor ~ Special Pink Edition ~ An anthology of savory literary offerings honoring women and supporting the fight against breast cancer was a labor of love.

We've been developing book number two for a while now and are asking our warriors to "break the silence" and write about ALL health matters concerning women of color! That is a major problem because we are not transparent about our issues. Along with myself, other contributor's have felt frustrated by this, as it keeps our stories hidden and thus delays the publication focusing on heightening awareness. "I'm dealing with a double-edged sword", Beverly notes. "We want the book to be informative and really give hope to others that may be experiencing what another woman has overcome, if I can get them to open up."

With newly updated submission guidelines on our home page, we are set for this installment will drop on October 1, 2020, rain, sleet or snow!!

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