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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MILITARY WOMEN NYC 6/2024

HOT TOPICS BLACK HISTORY FACTS:

Hazel Scott (1920-1981) by Dr Detrel Howell

While some may be unfamiliar with the life of Hazel Scott, and others might only associate her with her renowned music career, Ms. Scott was so much more to the world. She was the first black person to host her own television program, The Hazel Scott Show (1950). She was a passionate advocate for racial equality, and during her lifetime Jim Crow segregation was alive and in full effect in America's southern states.

Hazel Scott was a renowned classical pianist. She began learning to play the piano at the young age of 4 and when she was 7 years old she was not only considered a child prodigy, but had begun mastering her skills on the piano under the tutelage of a professor from the Julliard School of Music.

Her mother was one of her greatest supporters, encouraging her from an early age. She even enhanced her daughter's skills all the more by organizing a band of all female musicians, and naturally Hazel played the piano but had also mastered the trumpet. By early teenage years, she had become a gifted and skilled musician. Her notoriety as a child prodigy earned her a spot to play at New York City's famed Roseland Ballroom with the Count Basie Orchestra.

Hazel's style of play included Broadway tunes, jazzy melodies, the blues, and classical music. It is noted that when she was 25 years old, she had been earning what today would have amounted to more than \$1 million dollars. She had truly begun to move into the world of music's spotlight. But this did not stifle her desire to make the world around her, throughout her travels a better place for the black community.

Hazel had also begun to appear in Hollywood films. The representation of her image was most important to her. She played herself, the gifted musician alongside the beautiful Lena Horne. When she signed on to be part of those movies, she

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HAPPY BDAY

Gemini (Twin) Cancer (Crab)

**PRAYER CALL- MONTHLY JUNE 7, @ 7PM ,
EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG –JUNE 11 @ 7 PM**

**NYC CHAPTER MTGS –JUNE 21, 2024 5:30 PM
INPERSON**

**Henry J Carter Specialty
at 1752 Park Ave,
New York, NY 10035**

On June 5th NYC Chapter members will accompany United In Sisterhood to see

The Great Gatsby on Wednesday, June 5th at 7PM
at the Broadway Theatre, 1681 Broadway.

On June 5th DVS invited the NYC Chapter of the NABMW to attend Pink and White Women Veteran Empowerment Luncheon at 11:00 a.m.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID : A FREE CERTIFICATION COURSE

DATE: JUNE 15, 2024

TIME: 9:30AM TO 4:30 pm

MAJ (Ret) STANLEE RICHARDS, POC

NYC Chapter Fundraising

ROARING 20'S PARTY RAG TIME

DATES: June 29, 2024

Time : 4pm to 8PM

Location: VFW 483, 240-08 135

Rosedale, Queens, NY 11422

POC: LTC(Ret) Paulette Williams & Maj (Ret) Gloria Qualles

Lorraine West is one of the founders of NABMW We will celebrate her BDAY on July 7, 2024. Let's us celebrate with her

insisted on avoiding being cast in what she believed to be disparaging roles (i.e., maid or servant). Her list of demands also included being permitted to be styled in her own clothing and adorned with jewelry from her private collection.

Hazel was a staunch advocate for equality and was devoted to the Civil Rights Movement. She refused to perform in segregated venues and had begun to be seen as a champion for the black community.

She successfully sued a Washington state restaurant after a waitress refused to serve her and a fellow musician because they were black. Her actions spurred other civil rights activists and organizations to do more in the fight for equality.

At the age of 25, Hazel was married to Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Sr. This union lasted for 15 years. Around the age of 30 she was accused of supporting communism and was blacklisted which led to the cancellation of her television show and an emotional breakdown. She moved away from the spotlight to focus on her health and marriage, which ultimatum ended several years later.

That union resulted in the birth of Adam Clayton Powell III before their divorce. Hazel Scott passed away in 1981 and is buried in the Flushing Cemetery near her friends, Louis Armstrong and Dizzy Gillespie. May her legacy live on!

On September 7, 2024 Zion Tabernacle F.B.H. Church food Pantry need volunteer to take Blood pressure

Citation: National Women's History Museum You Tube wrti.org hazelscott.com, Britannica.com and Adam ClaytonPowellJr.com

National Association of Black Military Women

2023 Biennial Convention Invisible Warriors Living The Dream

When: **September 18-22, 2024**

Where: Chicago, IL

Please go to the website to register NABMW.org

Recommend book:

Our Black Year by Maggie Anderson, JD, Activist Author **Our Black Year: One Family's Quest to Buy Black in America's Racially Divided Economy**” is the story of a Chicago couple that attempted to shop only black owned.

INNER PEACE Service

Zeal

Zeal fuels my appetite for life.

Almost everyone has a special interest that fills them with enthusiasm, including me. For instance, I may be finished for the day with the work I love but eager to go back to it tomorrow. This feeling is zeal.

Zeal gives me the energy to pursue my dreams. I can work toward my passion tirelessly because it brings me joy. This joy boosts my mood and elevates my outlook. My enthusiasm is evident to everyone around me. I am happy to share my passion with anyone who asks.

Zeal energizes me in body, mind, and soul. To remain divinely inspired, I make sure to prioritize time in prayer and meditation every day. Staying connected to my divine source helps kindle my passion and inspires me to pursue the things that spark my zeal.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.—Romans 12:11

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