

## TOPS IN SERVICE



The **Orchid** is the flower of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD). It is considered to be the most elegant of flowers. It is a rare specimen that thrives all over the world. It is exquisite in its coloring, has a pleasing fragrance, and is graceful in its form.

The **Orchid** is a symbol of distinction, beauty, and resiliency.



### FOUNDERS

Lady Franchell Boswell\*  
 Lady Ina Bolton Brown \*  
 Lady Ozell Dean (Organizer)  
 Lady Willie Lee Glass\*  
 Lady Augusta Cash Latham\*  
 Lady LaVern Madlock  
 Lady Georgia Bell Presswood Nelson\*  
 Lady Ruth Smith\*

\*Deceased

Chapter Organizer  
 Lady Jacqueline Wilcher

### Chapter Officers/Committee Chairs

President	Lady Hope Ruffin
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Social Committee	Lady Renee Carter



**Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.**  
*Prince George's County Chapter*

**“EMPOWERMENT IN P.I.N.K.”**

Purposeful-Involvement-Necessary-  
 Keeping Community Service First!



*“On the Road to Make a Difference”*

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# OUR VISION

To become a premier humanitarian organization dedicated to providing exemplary service to our community. Through various partnerships and based on our desire to serve, the Prince George's County Chapter will enrich the lives of our community members by advocating for women; assisting seniors; inspiring and enabling our youth to be excellent; and beautifying our neighborhoods.

# OUR MISSION

The mission of the Prince George's County Chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is to transform our society by providing exemplary community service to youth, women, and senior citizens so that their quality of life will be enhanced, as well as the communities in which they live. We will achieve this mission by:

- ★ Developing effective leadership, mentoring and education programs that empower our teens to become excellent citizens;
- ★ Enhancing the status of women in our community;
- ★ Providing programs and resources to support the elderly;
- ★ Being good stewards of the environment through beautification programs and projects; and
- ★ Partnering with other organizations who share our desire to improve the quality of life for others.



## “Serving the Community with Enthusiasm, Energy and Excitement!”



### TOP TEENS OF AMERICA



### STATUS OF WOMEN



### SENIOR CITIZENS



### COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION



### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



# OUR HISTORY

Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD), Inc. has provided an exemplary model for community service since 1964 focusing on five major thrusts to include the Top Teens of America, programming for senior citizens, community beautification, community partnerships, and improvement of the status of women. It is not by accident that in 2009, 45 years later in the Sapphire Anniversary year of TLOD, Inc. that Prince George's County was blessed with the establishment of a new chapter organized by Lady Jacqueline (Jackie) Wilcher. If we rewind the clock to August 2008, this is how we began. . . .

On Saturday August 2, 2008 at Northern Virginia Community College, the National Area II Director, Lady Dolores Chriss conducted the Chartering Orientation Meeting for the Dale City – Prince William County Chapter of TLOD, Inc. Mrs. Jackie Wilcher who was an inductee piqued with interest when Lady Dolores Chriss inquired of the ladies who lived in Maryland why we did not form a chapter in Maryland versus commuting to Virginia. Jackie was excited about the prospect of forming a chapter in Prince George's County, MD where she grew up and immediately approached Ms. Jeanine Walton (another inductee and resident of Prince George's County) about forming a chapter.

On Monday, April 20, 2009, the Interest Group Meeting for a TLOD chapter in Prince George's County was held at Oxon Hill Branch Library where 27 ladies attended. On Sunday, May 3, 2009, 21 ladies along with the Chapter Organizer, Lady Jacqueline Wilcher signed the Charter Application to submit to the National Office of TLOD, Inc. for approval. Lady Jeanine Walton also attended.

Four days later, on Thursday, May 7, Lady Jackie Wilcher received a phone call from the National Treasurer, Lady Barbara Wooten. During this discussion, Lady Barbara mentioned that a recent chapter had inducted teens into the Top Teens of America Program on the same day as the induction of the ladies. Although this would mean a very aggressive timeline to prepare, meet with teens, parents, etc., Lady Jackie felt it was achievable and called a vote from the prospective charter members. The ladies responded overwhelmingly to induct the teens implementing TLOD's number one thrust the Top Teens of America Program on our August 30 chartering day!

On August 30, 2009, 21 ladies were inducted into the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. as charter members. In addition, three young men and 14 young ladies were inducted into the Top Teens of America Program. In just six years, the Prince George's County Chapter has inducted 89 Top Ladies and 99 Top Teens. Over 3,000 volunteer hours have been accumulated serving Prince George's County and the surrounding Communities. We have also raised and/or donated approximately \$40,000 to support TLOD's Program Thrusts and Projects.

