

Ida B. Wells Legacy Committee

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IDA B. WELLS LEGACY COMMITTEE

First Legacy & Libations

Summer Mixer

Featuring The Political Journeys of
Four Black Women Candidates

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Truth Italian Restaurant

56 E. Pershing Rd., Chicago, Ill.



NETWORKING AND LIBATIONS

WELCOME: Delmarie Cobb, Ida’s Legacy Committee founder, political consultant and commentator

POETRY READING: “Ida’s Call To Arms,” by Angela Jackson, nationally honored South Side writer recently inducted into the Chicago Literary Hall of Fame

JOURNEYS TO POLITICAL CANDIDACY

Guest Panelists: Lauren Underwood, Sharon Fairley, Donna Miller & Nicole Johnson
Q&A



Lauren Underwood
Nominee for
Congress (D-14th)

Sharon Fairley
Former Candidate for
Ill. Attorney General

Donna Miller
Nominee for
Cook Co. Commissioner (D-6th)

Nicole Johnson
Candidate for
Alderman (20th)

HIGHLIGHTING VOTER REGISTRATION:

Karen Yarbrough

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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ABOUT THE GUEST PANELISTS

SHARON FAIRLEY received the endorsement of major and community media throughout the state in her strong first run for political office amidst a formidable field of candidates for Illinois Attorney General. In December 2015, she became chief administrator of Chicago's Independent Police Review Authority, leading the agency's transformation into the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and insisting on the full disclosure of video involving high profile cases of police involved shootings following the death of Chicago teen Laquan McDonald. Before stepping down from her roles with the city, the criminal justice reform expert and advocate had served as a federal prosecutor for the Northern District of Illinois and in the Office of Illinois Attorney General. She graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University with a B.S. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, as well as earned an MBA in Marketing from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Chicago. Originally hailing from Silver Spring MD, Sharon lives in Chicago's Garfield Ridge community on the Southwest Side and is the mother of two adult children.

NICOLE JOHNSON is running for 20th Ward alderman. The Teamwork Englewood data & communications manager previously served as the policy & program manager for Chicago Votes, in addition to teaching mathematics in public schools on the South and West Sides. In 2017, she worked on the Host Committee of the United State of Women Chicago training, birthed from the White House Council on Women. A "proud" public school graduate honored as a 2012 Chicago Scholars alum and active member of several community organizations, the Chicago native grew up in Englewood, earned her MS in Education Policy at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, MA in Teaching from National Louis University, and a BA in Political Science at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

DONNA MILLER, nominee for Cook County Commissioner (D-6th), previously ran for state senator in 2012. During the 2016 presidential election, as part of the Illinois delegation to the Democratic National Convention, Donna worked on the Rules Committee in Philadelphia PA. The independent healthcare consultant's other political involvement includes serving as 2nd vice-president of Illinois Democratic Women, former president of Democratic Women of the South Suburbs and in husband David Miller's state representative re-election campaign. A graduate of Howard University, she resides in Lynwood and is the parent of two boys.

LAUREN UNDERWOOD, the only woman and person of color in a seven-person primary race, won 57 percent of the vote to become the current Democratic nominee for Congress for the 14th District. During the initial months of her grassroots campaign, she raised significantly more funds than her opponents and the Republican incumbent, greatly bolstered by small donations. President Obama appointed this registered nurse and health policy expert to serve as a senior advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She prepares future nurse practitioners through Georgetown University's online master's program. She stepped down from her work for a Medicaid-managed care plan in Chicago to campaign full time. A graduate of the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University, Lauren grew up and lives in Naperville.

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The purpose of Ida's Legacy is to develop the next generation of progressive African-American women candidates who are willing to speak truth to power and work in the best interests of their constituents, keep voters informed and engage political activists around public policy decisions that positively or adversely impact their respective communities.

Ida's Legacy is inspired by the bravery and selflessness of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, whose advocacy for quality education, a free black press, women's rights, civil rights and the safety and protection of all American citizens is still relevant.

Ida's Legacy will follow in the footsteps of its namesake to build a political power base of African-American women in the ongoing pursuit to improve the quality of life of marginalized people and communities. Ida's Legacy launched our schedule of annual programs with a breakfast in November 2017 focusing on the intersection of politics and economics. In February, we hosted a forum for black women candidates from Illinois seeking political offices at all levels. Our major fundraising luncheon in April featured Hillary Clinton. Liberty and Libations concludes our 2018 calendar year of regular events. **Between August 27 and October 6, we will be focusing on supporting efforts to register 5,000 new voters**, in addition to planning our second November breakfast.

With your support, we look to hold at least four such events a year, designed to bring together a variety of those interested in promoting the values championed by Ida B. Wells. To ensure receiving the latest in Ida's Legacy news, sign up for our mailing list at office@idaslegacy.com.

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***My legacy is thus -- a womanhood on fire with seeing,
Hearts a-bloom bravely, a sisterhood set to battle
For right. Brothers beside us.
Are we of one accord?***

From "Ida's Call To Arms," by Angela Jackson
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