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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Q: Who are the Continental members?

A: Continentals are a group of energetic and dedicated service-oriented women who serve caringly, cooperatively & collaboratively to provide for the welfare of children and youth.

Q: How does one become a member of Continental Societies, Inc.®?

A: Prospective members indicate their interest and complete an application which is submitted to the Second Vice President (membership chairperson). Applications of prospective members are reviewed and distributed to the members of the local chapter for decision.

Q: Is there an age limit to join?

A: Adult ladies of all ages may join Continental Societies, Inc.®

Q: Is membership limited to African Americans?

A: Membership is not denied to women because of race, creed, or color; and membership is not confined to the United States.

Q: How may I obtain additional information about Continental Societies, Inc.®?

A: Contact the Second Vice President, Continental Lucy J. Miller at lucymiller79@gmail.com

Visit the National website at:
<https://continentalsocietiesinc.org>



BALTIMORE CHAPTER
Continental Societies, Inc.®
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Our Children,
Our Commitment,
Our Concern

WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in the Baltimore Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc.®, a non-profit, 501 (c) (3), tax exempt public service organization committed to providing services and programs to underserved children and youth.

Prospective members should be women of character who are committed to active service and endeavors that improve the quality of life for children and youth. They should represent diverse backgrounds, possess strong capabilities, and display a variety of talents. Their concern for others, and particularly for children and youth, is foremost and should be exemplified by their activities and standing in the community.

MISSION & GOALS

The mission of the Baltimore Chapter is the implementation of the national programmatic thrust of health, education, employment, recreation, and arts & humanities (HEER+) to meet the needs of children and youth in the Baltimore Metropolitan Community.

The goals of the Baltimore Chapter are:

- to foster, promote and develop the welfare of underserved children and youth;
- to improve their recreational facilities, advance education opportunities, and
- to sponsor a climate of security and well-being in their environment.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER HISTORY



In 1955, a small group of young Black women residing in Baltimore City became members of the Continental Society of the Virgin Islands and were sponsored by the Washington, D.C. chapter. The original organization had begun five years earlier in New York when Ms. Marie Poston introduced a “hands-across-the-sea” concept.

The Baltimore Chapter's co-founders Helen Quarles, Helen Gattis, and Lillie Branch, along with charter members Frances Branch, Emily Peck, Margaret Turner, Susan Jones, Margaret Mason, Jean Harris Ashburn, Doris Cole, Frankie Hitchen, Arnetta Lottier, Doreva Stanley, Ethel Saunders, Bernice Watson, and Delores Young made up the 16 members installed.

Just one year after its installation, Baltimore, along with sister chapters in Philadelphia, PA, Newport News, VA. and Washington, D.C. withdrew from the national organization to focus on local children's needs. Then local group adopted the name and was incorporated as “The Continental Society for the Children of Baltimore”.

Today, there are 48 chapters in 21 states in Continental USA, the District of Columbia, and Bermuda. Continental women represent diverse professions and interests, all committed to contribute their time, talents and funds to sponsor activities that fulfill our organization's goals through child-oriented programs and networking projects with other organizations which serve children and youth.

PROGRAMS

Children and youth in the Baltimore Metropolitan area are provided programs and activities in the Continental's five point programmatic thrust areas:

- H** HEALTH
- E** EDUCATION
- E** EMPLOYMENT
- R** RECREATION
- +** Plus ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Within these five areas, Continentals have selected national initiatives in three areas:

Literacy Development,
Asthma Awareness, and
Obesity Prevention.

In addition to the national initiatives, other programs have been targeted as areas needing attention:

Career Exploration & Support,
Oral Health and
African American Read-In.



The Baltimore Chapter plans and implements quality, ongoing activities and programs for children and youth in various schools (elementary, middle and high school), charities and organizations across the Baltimore Metropolitan area.