Mary McLeod Bethune
Founder
July 10, 1875 – May 18, 1955

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Meetings
2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM
Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School
5200 Covington Highway
Decatur, GA 30035

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Chair

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Historic Overview: NCNW
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NCNW Mission
The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is a council of national African American women's organizations and community-based sections. NCNW fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment in the United States and Africa. With its 39 national affiliates and more than 240 sections, NCNW is a 501(c)3 organization with an outreach to nearly four million women.

Historic Overview: DeKalb Section
Inspired by the legacy of NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, the DeKalb Section became a reality in January 1990 with 50 founding members. Today the Section has a membership of more than two hundred men and women of all races. These members are actively involved in politics, health, economic development, elder care, youth education, and mentoring throughout DeKalb County. With its projects, the DeKalb Section seeks to fill community gaps that exist in our society, particularly in meeting the concerns of minority women. The Section also addresses the local needs of citizens through organized strategies. Whatever the undertaking, the DeKalb Section brings the added support of a network of volunteers, whose collective efforts enhance community service and actions.

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