

SOCIETY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NEGRO YOUTH ACTIVITIES (SINYA)

CONSTITUTION

Art. I
~~SECTION 1~~

- This organization shall be known as the Society for the Improvement of Negro Youth Activities (SINYA)

ARTICLE II

- SECTION 1 - The objectives of the organization's program shall be to;
- a. Help to promote the social climate of the Negro in this community.
 - b. Improve our racial image by involving ourselves actively in educational, cultural, religious and social events.
 - c. React upon the various limitations of our people by providing a center of information and assistance whenever possible.
 - d. Create a racial pride among ourselves and to stress the value of moral character; achievement in school and community; spiritual ideals.
 - e. Stimulate the use of the finer graces of womanhood among our young girls and provide an opportunity to express these attributes through an annual Debutantes' Ball.
 - f. Create an education fund for assistance to our career minded youth.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1 - Membership will be open to women in our community who express an interest in promoting the objects of our organization.

SECTION II - Members shall have all the privileges of voting, holding of office or service on standing committees.

SECTION III - New members shall be solicited by active members, names of prospective members shall be presented to the organization prior to the arrival of the new member and at that time the prospective member shall be voted in, after consideration by the group. The new member will be given written notice of her acceptance together with a copy of the constitution. After these steps have been followed she will make her appearance at a regular meeting of the organization.

SECTION IIII - Any member who fails to comply with requirements of these by-laws or for other causes deemed just and sufficient by a unanimous decision may be dropped from membership by a 2/3 vote of the organization.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION I - Members shall maintain good standing by:

- a. Payment of annual dues by November 30th. of each club year. Membership will also close at this time. Annual dues for each member shall be \$25.00.
- b. Absent not more than four regular club meetings in any one club year. Members who will not be present at meetings shall contact any SINYA officer prior to the scheduled meeting.

SECTION II - An active member who fails to pay dues within thirty(30) days after expiration date shall be suspended. Re-instatement will occur upon receipt of dues.

SECTION III - Membership shall be limited to twenty. (20)

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

SECTION I - The officers of this organization shall be:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Debutante Advisor

all of whom shall be members in good standing.

SECTION II - There shall be two standing commiteees:

Program Committee
Debutante Committee

Officers and Debutante Chairman will be elected at the last regular meeting in May. The Second Tuesday in June will be the Annual installation dinner. Officers will hold office from June to June.

SECTION III - The President shall appoint all standing and special committees . She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. She shall represent the organization at community meetings in which SINYA may have any interest.

SECTION IV - The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in her absence. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President for the existing existing term.

SECTION V - The Secretary shall keep an accurate list of names and addresses of all members. She shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the organization and of executive sessions and preserve all papers, letters and transactions of the organization.

She shall notify all officers of their election and all committees of their appointment; send notices of time and place of all meetings. Her name shall appear on the bank account as one of the co-signers of checks payable by the organization. She shall handle all correspondence related to club business, and bring to the attention of the group all pertinent data which she receives. She shall be a member of the executive committee.

SECTION VI - The Treasurer shall receive all dues and other funds of this organization , deposit them in a bank designated by the executive committee and pay all bills as shall have approved by the organization. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall give a detailed report at all regular meetings. She shall submit all books and accounts for audit as specified by the executive committee.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION I - A quorum will consist of a majority of the membership.

- 2 - Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws of the Association will be made only at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those members present. Proposition to amend will be announced at a regular meeting and all members will be advised by written notice at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which said proposal will be voted upon. No vote will be taken unless a quorum is present/

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1 - Eligible list for Debutantes will be made from High School Seniors from the area.

- 2 - Final selection of girls to be presented will be made by the Debutante Committee. Decision will be based on applicants achievements, abilities and interests.

- a - Written application must be received from prospective "Deb" with signature of parent or guardian.
- b - Deb fee to be paid in full before commencement of activities and ball rehearsals.
- c - Attendance at activities and rehearsals are mandatory.

Deb will risk elimination from ball by failure to comply with rules and regulations. Eliminations will be made at the discretion of Deb Committee and deb fee will not be returned.

Article VIII

Proceeds from the Annual Debutante Ball will be used for scholarship monies. Applicants for SINYA scholarships will be judged on the basis of scholarship, school and community activity, ambition and need. Applicant need only desire education or training beyond High School. Majority of membership will make final decision for granting scholarship aid. Announcement will be made in the community that applications are available. SINYA Debs will be given first consideration in awarding funds.

BY - LAWS

Section 1 - Meetings will be held every second and fourth and Tuesday of the month .

Section 2 - Meetings shall be held at homes of members, progressing alphabetically.

a - Meetings will begin 8:00 P.M.

Section 3 - Special meetings can be called at the discretion of the President.

Section 4 - All committees shall be subject to the call of their respective chairman.

Debutante Meetings

Section 1- Scheduled Deb activities shall be submitted by Deb Committee.

Section 2 - Supervision of Deb activities will the responsibility of all members.

ARTICLE II

Section I - The dues for each club year will be \$25.00 payable by December 30th.

Section 2 - Members accepted after the club year begins will be given three months time to complete payment of dues.

Section 3- A fine of 10% of balance owed will be levied after last date for payment of dues in full.

Section 4 - All monies payable to the organization shall be paid to the Treasurer. All monies payable by the organization shall be paid by checks signed by two of the following: Treasurer, Secretary, President, Deb Chairman/

She shall make reports as to the condition of the Treasury at each meeting and submit an annual report at the last meeting of the year for the information of the group.