



LOCAL 3191 AND LOCAL 3094

Louisiana Sisters

May 2014

Who are the SIBS?

by Melody Fowler, Chair



We are a committee made up of five members from Local 3094 and five members from Local 3101. Both locals represent a common employer, Boise Cascade.

The CIC Sisters in the Brotherhood focus is to create a stronger local union, a proud membership, and an organization that people will want to belong to. It's our job to convey the message that the union cares about members' job security, job advancement opportunities, their families, and their community.

Future SIBS activities might include skill training, developing mentoring programs, highlighting leadership positions and encouraging women to run for local union office, emphasize accomplishments, family picnics, Habitat for Humanity projects, or homeless shelter events.

"We want to create an organization that people will want to belong to! We want to show them the value of being a member and how it relates to them. And we

hope to achieve 100% union membership in open shops," said Lou Brown, SIBS Treasurer. "You know there are some things that just need a woman's touch. Each woman in our union has the qualities of making this a success. It's all about good communication and that takes listening as well as explaining. Let's listen to workers' concerns and explain how the union can help."

"Strong women lead by example. These women in Louisiana are amazing and inspiring. There is this incredible energy!" says Council Representative Dottie Shoff. Shoff is acting as the group's coordinator for the CIC, acting as a bridge between the Louisiana Sisters in the Brotherhood, other future CIC Sisters in the Brotherhood committees, and the national UBC SIBS committee. February 24 marked the first meeting of the Louisiana Sisters in the Brotherhood (SIB).

The committee is the first of its kind in the Carpenters Industrial Council.

*Photo: Front row left to right: Angela Garner, Kera Bledsoe
Middle row left to right: Lou Brown, Angela Hurks, Melody Fowler
Last row left to right: Talton Brown, Wanda Lewis, Sandra Sheppard,
Paula Fontenot, Shanta Wilson*

Mother's Day Spa Basket Raffle

This basket (on the left) was handmade by Shanta Wilson for Local 3101. Angela Garner (on the right) holds the basket made for Local 3094. Tickets sales for the raffle raised **\$749.00** for the Louisiana Sisters.



Upcoming Events:

May 16 – Relay for Life Cancer Walk
May 23 – SIBS Conference call 6:00 pm

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