



CHARLOTTE BLACK

**SAN BERNARDINO LEADER
(1970S-2000S)**

SWIPE TO LEARN MORE



EARLY YEARS

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In the town that I lived, Mayfield, the street that I lived on was, in today's terms, an integrated street. It wasn't all African-American and it wasn't all Caucasian. The people that lived next door to me, to our family, they were Caucasian. The people that lived two doors down, were Caucasians and the family that lived next door to us had grandchildren that came over to visit with them. They were about my age. We could play outside in the yard together, but I couldn't go into their house.

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Grew up in an interracial neighborhood in Mayfield, Kentucky; but still experienced racism



COLLEGE YEARS

- Alpha Phi Alpha Member
- Meet her future husband, Marion there on campus and married him while she was still finishing up her degree.



“ We were the first day on campus at Kentucky State University and he was over there helping the freshmen move in. And that afternoon, we, the girls were all sitting on the dormitory report. And he and his friend came up and they were introducing themselves. And he sat down next to me after another girl that was sitting on my right and we just got to talking and I just kind of said, 'Well, he's nice young man, I think I'd like to get to know him better.' ”

MILITARY FAMILY



Being in a military family can be tough, but Charlotte was always involved wherever they lived. The Blacks were known for always being there for others.

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We were in the choir... I was in the officers' Wives Club. I became an officer of the club. I was vice president and I was Coordinator of the Family Services, which is an organization that gives that helps the incoming military families to get settled. We just put ourselves in a place where we were able to work in the military base community... We did what we were supposed to do and we were... dependable.

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Teaching to Support Our Youth

1974- Became a substitute teacher for Rialto USD.

1975- Became full-time teacher at Dunn elementary

1982- Completed her Masters at CSU San Bernardino

1996- Retired from Rialto USD & began teaching at CSUSB in the teaching credential program.

2010- Retired from teaching at CSUSB



Gamma Zeta

RIALTO — Cynthia Hayden has been installed as president of the Gamma Zeta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary society for women educators.

Other officers are Johnie Nottingham, vice president; Kathy Givens, recording secretary; Velma Anderson, corresponding secretary; Jane Seaman, historian; Charlotte Black, sergeant-at-arms; Melanie Hopkins, chaplain, and Lois Stansel, past president.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the home of Velma Briggs. The theme will be "Festivities for the New School Year."

After Norton Airforce Base closed Charlotte Black found new ways to contribute to the community. She became a part of the Ecclesia Christian Fellowship & joined Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1979.

**IMPACT IN
SAN
BERNARDINO**

Credits

News Clipping from the San Bernardino Sun
Newspaper, 19 Sept 1987 Pg. 17 & 16 Sept 1993 Pg. 15
& Norton Air Force Base Museum
<https://www.nafbmuseum.org/>



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