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The Congress of Black Women
of Canada

presents

*The Kay Livingstone
Tribute & Award*

20th Anniversary

“Celebrate the Vision”

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Congress of Black Women**



from



and all Kay's family

Program

Welcome
Gwen Jenkins
Chairperson, London Chapter

Opening Remarks
Sybil Garrick, Ontario Representative

National Anthem: Vanessa Clarke, pianist

Introduction of Head Table Guests: Gwen Jenkins

Grace: Delta Brown, London Chapter

◆ Lunch ◆

Solo:
GREETINGS FROM CITY OF LONDON
Greetings: Hon. Zanana Akande
Minister of Community & Social Services

Performance: Sunshine Dancers

Introduction of Speaker: Patricia Helland

Guest Speaker: Esmeralda Thornhill
National President, Congress of Black Women

Tribute to Verda Cook
Sheila Mascoll, President, North York Chapter

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Ettie Rutherford, National Vice-President

Solo:

Chapter Roll Call: Sybil Garrick

In appreciation: Gwen Jenkins

Closing Remarks: Sybil Garrick

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Menu

Entree

Garden Salad

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Fried Rice

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Dessert

Fresh Fruit Salad

Tea and Coffee

Wine served with lunch



*Mrs. K. Livingstone
Toronto, Ontario
Mother, actress, volun-
teer worker*

Kay's descendants came from Cayuga and settled in the Chatham/London area during the early 19th century. Her early education and training was in the city of London and in Toronto, where she excelled in Drama and Speech Arts at The Royal Conservatory of Music, and later at the Ontario College of Music in Ottawa.

Her father, James Jenkins, an Assistant Judge of the Juvenile Court in London and a leading figure in the local black community, and her mother Christina, instilled in her a concept of community awareness. One of the Province's earliest black newspapers, *The Dawn of Tomorrow* founded by Kay's parents had a great influence on her interest in black history and the contributions of black people in North America.

After leaving London, Kay worked as a civil servant in Ottawa, where she met and married George Livingstone of Antigua. During this same period she hosted her own radio show, *The Kathleen Livingstone Show*, featuring poetry and music. At this time, she also became an accomplished horsewoman.

Kay and George established their home in Toronto, where George founded his own contracting firm, and they raised a family of five children. She continued to be actively involved in performing arts appearing as one of Canada's leading black actresses, receiving very favourable reviews, in the amateur and professional stage, and television and motion pictures.

In addition to her interest in the performing arts Kay was concerned with promoting Canadian understanding of black people and their contributions. She also hosted *The Kay Livingstone Show* on CBC, CKEY, and CFPL (London), dealing with the traditions and cultural activities of black peoples of the world.

Kay served the general community and Canadian blacks with distinction as: the Founding President of the Canadian Negro Women's Association; Past President of the Women's Section, United Nations Association; Chairman, International Affairs of Local Council of Women; Chairman, World Service of the Local Council of YWCA; Regional Chairman of the National Black Coalition; Moderator, Heritage Ontario, Appeals Board of Legal Aid; Chairman, Canadian Commission of Canadian Council of Churches; Member of the Advertising Women's Club of Toronto; and as Public Relations Consultant.

Kay Livingstone pioneered the cause of black Women in Canada, and was an advocate of social justice for all individuals. She pursued these objectives with a sense of dedication, integrity, and perseverance for which the Canadian public can be grateful.

Kay died suddenly in 1974, while returning from Mexico. She will long be remembered not only for the work among minority groups, but for her work in the performing arts.

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Akua Benjamin, Rita Cox, 1990
Verda Cook, 1991

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