

Garrison Villiard, and William English Walling. DuBois edited the association's magazine, *The Crisis*, which reached more than 30,000 people. One often overlooked aspect of the NAACP's history is that the Jewish community contributed hugely to the NAACP's founding and continued financing.

In 1914, Professor Emeritus Joel Spingarn of Columbia University became Chairman of the NAACP and recruited for its board such Jewish leaders as Jacob Schiff, Jacob Billikopf, and Rabbi Stephen Wise.

In the climactic civil rights drives of the 1950s and 1960s, Jewish participation was all but overwhelming.

The NAACP's headquarters are in Baltimore, Maryland and it has regional offices in California, New York, Michigan, Missouri, Georgia, Texas, and Maryland. Each regional office is responsible for coordinating conferences in the states included in that region. Local, youth, and college chapters organize activities for individual members. The NAACP is governed nationally by a 64-member board of directors led by a chairman. The board elects one person as the president and chief executive officer for the organization.

Departments within the NAACP govern areas of action. Local chapters are supported by the Branch and Field Services department and the Youth and College department. The Legal Department focuses on court cases of broad application to minorities, such as systematic discrimination in employment, government, or education. The Washington, D.C. bureau is responsible for lobbying the U.S. Government. The Education Department works to improve public education at the local, state and federal levels. The goal of the Health Division is to advance health care for minorities through public policy and education.

As of 2004 the NAACP had approximately 500,000 members.

HONORING LOIS AUKLAND

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lois Aukland of the Royal Neighbors of America Chapter in Humboldt, Iowa, for receiving the National Fraternal Congress of America's, NFCA, Most Valuable Participant, MVP, Award.

The MVP award highlights Lois' service to her community and relief organizations around Iowa. Lois is the local secretary and treasurer and has held the office of recorder for 13 years. She has been the strongest recruiter for the chapter by increasing the active members from 5 to 20.

Lois has also been involved in many volunteer organizations and activities which include: the Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center planning committee, vice president of the Dakota City Worth White Club, the Girl Scouts representative for JOIN HANDS DAY, and a member of a team for the local Relay for Life fundraiser. Lois has received various awards including the Rookie of the Year by Humboldt Ox Bow Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America and was the inspiration behind her local chapter receiving the Camp Recognition Award each year since its inception.

Lois earned this award for her dedication to supporting women and serving communities, which is what Royal Neighbors of America is

all about. Lois has been a tremendous example for her community, and I commend her ongoing commitment to helping others.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Lois Aukland for her leadership and service to Humboldt, Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Lois in Congress and I wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

HONORING WOMEN'S CLUB OF SARASOTA'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Women's Club of Sarasota, which is celebrating its 95th anniversary this year.

Since 1913, the members of the Women's Club of Sarasota have been a persuasive voice for political causes, provided educational opportunities for area children, and facilitated several community improvement projects.

Founded by 63 women, the Club's motto of "Not Self, but Service" has been evident in its many accomplishments over the years. Their first clubhouse served as the public library for 30 years, providing the community with a place for social and cultural activities. Concerned about the well-being of area children, they helped pass the compulsory school attendance law, introduced medical-dental inspections and inoculations in public schools, organized a local PTA, and helped found the Helen Payne Nursery School.

During World War I, the group supported the war effort by organizing a local chapter of the American Red Cross. They also increased access to health care by helping to establish Sarasota Memorial Hospital—a community owned hospital. They helped with the city census, and were strong proponents of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote.

Today, the Sarasota Women's Club continues the same spirit of service with annual educational scholarships, special donations to several charitable organizations.

On their anniversary, I congratulate them for their achievements and have every confidence they will continue to play an important role in the improvement of our community and the lives of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, on February 25, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and missed votes. Listed below are the votes I missed and how I would have voted had I been here.

H. Res. 978, Rollcall No. 69: Expressing support for the designation of the week of March 3–7 as "School Social Work Week" to promote awareness of the vital role of social workers in schools, and in the community as a whole. Had I been here, I would have voted "yes."

H. Res. 930, Rollcall No. 70: Supporting the goals and ideals of "Career and Technical Education Month." Had I been here, I would have voted "yes."

H. Res. 944, Rollcall No. 71: Honoring the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré, United States Army, for his 37 years of service on behalf of the United States. Had I been here, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MARISSA JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING A BRONZE MEDAL AS ONE OF U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S "AMERICA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS"

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marissa Junior & Senior High School, in Marissa, Illinois, for receiving a bronze medal as one of "America's Best High Schools" as determined by U.S. News & World Report.

Our future will be determined, to a great extent, by the success of our Nation's high schools in preparing our next generation of leaders, innovators and problem-solvers. Our students must be able to compete for the highly skilled jobs that are driving economic growth. For these reasons, our schools must continually challenge themselves in pursuit of educational excellence. This designation from U.S. News & World Report clearly shows that Marissa Junior & Senior High School is doing a good job in this regard.

U.S. News & World Report looked at over 18,000 high schools from across the country and ranked them according to specific, objective criteria. In order to be considered for the top rankings, a school must perform above other schools in its State. This includes evaluation of reading and math testing with consideration for percentage of disadvantaged students. Additional evaluations looked at the performance of the least advantaged students as well as those top-performing, college bound students.

Of the over 18,000 schools evaluated through this process, less than 1,600 (about 9 percent) were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals. Marissa Junior & Senior High School being named to this elite group is a testament to the careful planning and support by the board and administration, the dedication, preparation and instructional excellence of the faculty and staff and the hard work and high level of achievement on the part of the students.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the board members of Marissa School District #40 as well as the administration, faculty, staff and students of Marissa Junior & Senior High School for their recognition as one of the best high schools in the United States.