

Thoughts from the Chair

What's goin' on? How are you? Really, how are you? The late Marvin Gaye wrote a great song "What's Goin' On", the lyrics of this song continues to resonate in my soul and are relevant today. Marvin Gaye wrote, Mother, mother, there's too many of you crying, Brother, brother, brother there's far too many of you dying. You know, we've got to find a way to bring some lovin here today. He then writes, Father, father, we don't need to escalate, you see, war is not the answer, for only love can conquer hate, you know we've got to find a way to bring some lovin here today. Then in the third stanza he writes "Talk to me, so you can see, Oh, what's goin on". How can I help my neighbor and strengthen my community if I never take the time to find out what is going on in their lives. People are dealing with hard issues. You may not have the answer for their situation, but you can listen to them and pray for them. To me, prayer is the most effective acts of love. You can also show your compassion for them by giving them a hug, sending a text, email or card, and or extending a warm handshake. Some of you, who know me, know this is an area that I need strengthening in. I am working on being better at staying better connected. Together, let's take the time this month to check in on our neighbors, family members and friends. Talk to them, so you can see what's goin on in their lives.

Have a good month!

Blessings...

Yvonne Matthews, Chair