

BLACK WOMEN'S CAUCUS OF WASHINGTON STATE



Tacoma Chapter

Tacoma, Washington

A large sunburst graphic with a central semi-circle and radiating dashed lines. Inside the semi-circle, the words "YET WE RISE" are written in a curve at the top, and "ANNUAL LUNCHEON" is written in a straight line below it.

YET WE RISE ANNUAL LUNCHEON

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2003
12 NOON**

**MICKEY O'REILLY'S RESTAURANT
8736 HOSMER • TACOMA, WA**

STILL I RISE

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame

I rise

Up from a past that's rooted in pain

I rise

I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear

I rise

Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear

I rise

Brining the gifts that my ancestors gave,

I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

I rise

I rise

I rise.

Maya Angelou

Program

Mistress of Ceremonies Lillian Jasper

Welcome Ozetta Allen

Invocation Joyce Lowe

Musical Selection Joan Allen

Lunch

Musical Selection Joan Allen

The Occasion Marlene Hines

Introduction of Speaker Wilma Muse

Speaker Dr. Doris Walker

Door Prizes Bernice Conway

Reflections & Wrap-up Bertha Davis

Closing Life Every Voice and Sing

Black Women's Caucus – Members

Versa Alexander
Ozetta Allen
Alma Canty
Bernice Conway
Hattie Crisp
Bertha Davis
Erma Dawson
Jeanette Elem
Sarah Gordon
Lorraine Gregg
Marlene Hines
Jacqueline Holland
Valerie Issiac
Lillian Jasper
Florence Joseph
Fannie Kelley
Joyce Lowe
Janis Martin
Brenda Moore
Lillie Morris
Wilma Muse
Mary Reese
Pamela Terry