

BABRT Hosts Welcome Reception for Wife of the Former British High Commissioner to South Africa and British Labor Politician, Paul Boateng



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Oakland – California. On Thursday February 18, the Bay Area Business Roundtable (BABRT) will host a welcome reception for Lady Janet Boateng, the wife of Paul Boateng, former British High Commissioner to South Africa and British Labor Politician. The reception will be at the Joyce Gordon Gallery – 406 14th Street in downtown Oakland, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Lady Janet Boateng is visiting the Bay Area to review the works and accomplishments of BABRT Board Member, Doris I. Mangrum, which includes an award-winning documentary film entitled, *Stains – Changing Lives After Incarceration*. The film deals with the effects of

incarceration on children, youth, families and communities. It emphasizes rallying support for this often forgotten segment of our population.

Mangrum is also the author of *After the Bungy Jump There's Still a Lot of Jerking Goin' On*, a story of a mother's eight-year term of incarceration and the challenges it presented for her and the family she left behind. As an advocate for disenfranchised families for over 25 years, much of Mangrum's focus for the last 18 years has been centered on the plight of families affected by incarceration. She has appeared on numerous television shows and radio broadcasts, including *View from the Bay*, with Spencer Christian and Janelle Wang and she was recently quoted in the *UK Guardian* during the height of the Phillip Garrido kidnapping case. Mangrum is the host and producer of her own talk show, *Let's Saidiana*, which airs every Saturday at 9:45 a.m. on KDYA—1190 AM.

Mangrum currently divides her time between her work as a Social Worker at a correctional facility and a Community Relations Manger for support services providing assistance to families affected by incarceration to keep them intact.

Lady Boateng is shadowing Mangrum to establish a similar program in Britian and to develop an international communications network to share best practices around families and communities that are strongly impacted by incarceration. Mangrum chairs the BABRT's Community & Education Committee.

The BABRT is a 501(c)-(3) focused on fostering positive change and economic development in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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