



## Greetings APWU POWER Sisters!

The 18<sup>th</sup> biennial National APWU POWER convention will be held August 23-27, 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland. Please check the APWU.org website for further details. Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to have our Regional Conference in 2016. Let me begin by saying thank you for the support I have received during my tenure as your region POWER Coordinator. Serving you has truly been my pleasure. As a result of not having our Regional conference we couldn't all be involved in the decision making in the selection of our Regional attire and COPA donations for the POWER convention. Everyone will be responsible for ordering your region (Southern) shirt. Please copy and paste the following link to your address bar to place your order: [www.shirtwholesaler.com](http://www.shirtwholesaler.com). Click on the **"Denim"** tab, our shirt is ***"Sierra Pacific Ladies Long sleeve denim "SP5211 - "Dark Denim"***. The Southern Region attire is the denim shirt, white tank top (undershirt) and white bottom. The region color for the banquet will be shades of pink. I realize that a lot of you will be paying your own expenses for this convention, therefore, please don't incur added expense by purchasing new attire for the banquet (only if you want). Simply accent your attire with shades of "pink". This could be jewelry with pink in it or something as simple as a corsage. The banquet is a semi-formal event. For the past couple of conventions we (Southern Region), have been getting our #?!@ kicked when it comes to **COPA** donations. We are asking each sister to bring **\$100.00** for **COPA**. Let's be creative in ways we can get our **COPA** dollars. Solicit from others in your workplace. Challenge yourself to a **"One-a-Day"**. Drop **"One-dollar- a-Day"** in a bank or Mason jar starting now so you'll have your \$100 plus by convention time. I really can't stress the importance of **COPA** considering the political climate we're facing today. Also, ladies I'm encouraging you to bring a sister who has never attended a POWER convention to this convention. New blood is essential to POWER's survival. Last but not least, all is expected to purchase a POWER convention t-shirt. This year's color will be deep purple with metallic gold print. The cost of the shirt is \$20.00. All proceeds from the t-shirt sale goes to **"Sisters helping Sisters"**. Please drop me an email ([bettywhyaskwhy@aol.com](mailto:bettywhyaskwhy@aol.com)) and let me know what your Committee or you are doing to raise **COPA \$s**. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call e-mail or text. My work hours is 23:00 – 07:00 a.m. You can leave a message on my cell (803-261-0344) or e-mail me.

Yours In Solidarity

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