

Thank You Message

From Edith Knowlton, ABA LIFE MEMBER 2011

I was awe-stricken when my name was called in the Membership meeting as a recipient of a Life Membership Award. The criteria are demanding and strict. Among the criteria are: one has to have an outstanding service record; compete with seven other nominees; select a spokesperson to present the nominee.

It is an extreme honor to receive this award. It is the most prestigious recognition one can achieve in the ABA. I am extremely humbled, honored and grateful for this award.

First, let me thank the MABU for providing opportunities to serve locally, sectionally, and nationally in leadership and service opportunities. Without your support and belief in my abilities, my success would be nil.

Second, I would like to thank my friend and sometimes bridge partner, "Mac" Saddler for submitting my name as a nominee.

Third, I would like to thank Avis Turner and Delores Turner for their superb endorsement letters of support.

Fourth, I would like to thank Wiletta Phipps for the typing and retyping of the application.

Fifth, "Thank You," Leatrice Bell, member of the Life Membership Committee for your suggestions, recommendations, and editing of the application. All were valuable. I am sure your comments were heavily weighed.

Also, I thank SVP Gloria Christler for endorsing the nomination by affixing her signature.

Last, but not least, I thank Vernice Whitfield who was my selected spokesperson. I was not present when she spoke on my behalf. However, I know that she did an excellent job detailing my worthiness.

Individually, your support was magnificent. Combined you made me a winner. Thank you, you, and you.

Sincerely ,

*"Vanglist" Knowlton

*Now you know what the "V" in my name represents. I spread good news and recruit for the ABA.

