

# Progressive Oakland Women for Empowerment & Reform (P.O.W.E.R.)

## invite you to the 1st Annual MS. DELILAH BEASLEY TEA

**Saturday, September 15th, 2012**  
**The Pardee Home Museum Gardens**  
**672 11th Street, Oakland,**  
**(corner of 11th & Castro)**  
**2 to 4 p.m.**



Tea and an assortment of pastries & sweets & goodies  
**\$12 per person,**  
young people under the age of 18, no charge.

**This Tea is being held to welcome**  
**GIRLS INCORPORATED** to their new location: 510 16th Street, Oakland  
Alameda County's first and only resource center for girls.

**This event will be the first of a tradition, celebrating strong, smart and bold**  
**women who make a difference in our community.**

**Any profits from this event will be donated to the Girls Inc. building fund.**



**This annual tea is named in honor of Ms. Delilah Beasley**  
Delilah Leontium Beasley (September 9, 1871 - August 18, 1934),  
was an American historian, and newspaper columnist for the Oakland  
Tribune and was the first African American woman to be published  
regularly in a major metropolitan newspaper. As a writer, Beasley has  
the distinction of being the first person to have presented written  
proof of the existence of California black pioneers in her writings,  
Slavery in California (1918) and her classic, The Negro TrailBlazers of  
California (1919), a pioneering work in the field of California black history.

**Her journalism career spanned over fifty years, during which she wrote about**  
**the racial problems in California and the heroic achievements by blacks to**  
**overcome them during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.**

**In 1919, Beasley self-published The Negro Trail Blazers of California, a study**  
**which provided rich detail of black pioneers dating back to the Spanish**  
**exploration of the region. Throughout her life, Beasley continued to write,**  
**participate in black women's club activities and the local chapter of the NAACP,**  
**all the while struggling to provide for herself financially. She died in 1934 after**  
**years of ill-health brought on by poverty and overwork. To this day her writings**  
**remain among the critical sources for both black California and African American**  
**women's history. While her life and work is acknowledged in Oakland's African**  
**American Museum, many people are unaware of her contributions.**

**This tea, in celebrating Delilah Beasley's achievements, hopes to inspire young**  
**writers and journalists to follow in her footsteps.**

**Space is limited so call or write to make a reservation!**  
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