

WO'SE COMMUNITY



PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

This newsletter includes selected information and websites to check for Pan-African events and resources; and it is compiled by the WO'SE Council Elder for Pan African Affairs. You may view current and past monthly issues if you log on to the WO'SE Community website <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" under Latest News. You may also click on the Subscribe link to receive the monthly digital copy.

NOTE: If you have suggestions for additional listings or websites, please send email info to civatestt@yahoo.com.

WO'SE WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAYS 10:30am – 12:30pm
8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621 / Call 510-632-8230

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES FOR WO'SE & ILE OMODE SCHOOL:

For Ile Omode School at WO'SE: <http://www.ileomode.org/>

For WO'SE: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/WoseCommunity/>

For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesacramento.com/>

"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

<http://youtu.be/Uh-IXTMrTIY>

"VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY"

A Newsletter by Mxolisi Ozo Sowande, WO'SE's Minister Emeritus

<https://hcvoice.wordpress.com/about/>

WO'SE GREETING: "ANKH, UDJA SENEB!" = "May you have Life, Prosperity and Health!"

DECEMBER 2017 / 6258 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

NOTE: An update for this issue is planned for mid December

KWANZAA EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018

WO'SE Community Kwanzaa info on page 5

NOTE: A listing of Bay Area Community Kwanzaas will be in the newsletter update

NOTE: For national & international Kwanzaa celebrations check:

<http://www.soulofamerica.com/events/kwanzaa-celebrations/>

WO'SE 37TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: DECEMBER 1 – 3, 2017

Events listed on page 4

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

“Walk each day in the way of righteousness and you will reach the place to which you are going...If you are found generous in times of prosperity, when adversity comes you will be able to bear it. If you are righteous you will be recognized and respected. And, whether you are among many or few, you will find your family and friends, and all you wish will be granted.

From: *The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt / The Book of Ani, Section X, p. 55 / c1984 by Maulana Karenga*

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

NOTE: African proverbs are for the wise man/woman to contemplate and find their real meanings.

“RYEKO PE PA NGAT ACEL” (Acholi language of Uganda and South Sudan)

“WISDOM, CUNNINGNESS, SKILL OR KNOWLEDGE IS NOT FOR ONE PERSON ONLY” (English Translation)

WHAT IT MEANS: Even if one is knowledgeable or powerful, one should always listen to the opinions of others since wisdom and skill, like knowledge, is not a monopoly of one person.

From: “Acholi Proverbs”, page 20 / c1985 by Okot p’ Bitek

PAN AFRICAN MISSIONS FOR THE DECADE...LET’S DO IT !!!

“INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

This is a United Nations Resolution that covers the decade from January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2024, with the theme “People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development”. Check details in the links below. If you have any project / program suggestions or contributions for this very special mission of the decade, please contact the

WO’SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: cjyatestt@yahoo.com

UN Links for events and other info: <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

AND <http://www.un.org/pga/101214/launch-international-decade-people-african-descent/> AND

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/index.shtml>

STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE (SOBWC) IV

Held November 2016, and includes Conference summary, program, declaration and more. Special workshops on reparations, the Afro family, Afro economic issues and implications for the Pan African world.

<http://sobwc.ibw21.org/>

THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION

Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity

On 23-24 August 2016, two hundred and seventy two representatives from civil society, trade unions, women, young people, men, people living with disabilities, parliamentarians, media organizations and faith-based groups, from across Africa and the African Diaspora gathered in Arusha, Tanzania and committed to build a pan-African movement that recognizes these rights and freedoms of our People. Read (and sign) the Declaration on the website below.

<http://www.africans-rising.org/2016/08/24/the-kilimanjaro-declaration/>

REPARATIONS PROJECTS: NATIONAL / REGIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

If you are interested in or planning any local or global Reparations project / program please contact the
WO'SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: cjyatestt@yahoo.com

RESULTS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL REPARATIONS SUMMIT"

Check this website for the summary of the summit that was held April 9 – 11, 2015 and for follow-up events:
<http://ibw21.org/promotion/final-communicue-click-here-to-read/> OR 410-844-1031

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS COMMISSION (NAARC) PRELIMINARY 10-POINT REPARATIONS PLAN: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CONFERENCE, 2015

The 10-Point Reparations Plan developed by NAARC at the Congressional Black Caucus September 2015 Conference.
<http://ibw21.org/summit/>

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

WO'SE, 8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621

Need more information for any event at WO'SE / Ile Omode?

Call 510-632-8230 OR Visit the websites:

For Ile Omode School at WO'SE: <http://www.ileomode.org/>

For WO'SE: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/WoseCommunity/>

For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesacramento.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: WO'SE SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM, WITH "SPECIAL" SESSIONS LISTED BELOW. ALL SUNDAY SERVICES ARE FOLLOWED BY A KARAMU (COMMUNITY FEAST).

WO'SE COMMUNITY 37TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

December 1st + 2nd + 3rd

WO'SE turns 37, and this year's theme "Building Bridges to Close the Gaps" refers to the pressing need for organizations in our community to work together towards our shared goals. The WO'SE Community of The Sacred African Way was founded in 1980 as a spiritual institution devoted to the needs of African Americans. Our beliefs and practices have evolved over the years based on our study, experiences and unique mission. We believe the teachings of our elders and our ancestors that the Creator God created the universe and all life, and has placed in each of us a part of the Divine Spirit.

December 1st (Friday), 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Full Community Family Party in the WO'SE Sanctuary

December 2nd (Saturday), 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Community Building Educational Workshop with professor Manu Ampim

Oakland Public library / Melrose Branch, 4805 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland 94601

Please sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-african-coalitions-building-a-network-to-advance-the-work-tickets-39719912327?aff=efbeventtix>

December 2nd (Saturday), 12:30 – 5 pm

Ile Omode Bowlathon Fundraiser

AMF Southshore Lanes, 300 Park Street, Alameda 94501

December 3rd (Sunday), 10:30 am

Drum Call followed by Praise & Celebration and Special activities in the WO'SE Sanctuary

WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASSES

December 3rd + 17th (Sundays) from 9am – 10:25 am

"AFRICAN WISDOM FOR OUR TIMES: THE HUSIA IN THE TRUMP ERA"

WO'SE Minister Greg Hodge will continue a 4-part series of intensive discussions on this very important assessment of how African culture, history and wisdom impacts the times we currently live in.

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

December 3rd and December 17th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, WO'SE's much praised "Stones of Fire" choir will share inspiring songs from Africa and the African Diaspora. Enjoy the artistic vocal, rhythmic and soul stirring performances that will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu follows.

WO'SE MUSIC SERVICE

December 10th and December 24th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

These two special monthly services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays will be interlaced with soul inspiring music by the "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends; and will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu follows.

2ND ANNUAL KWANZAA / HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

December 16; 11 am – 4 pm

In the spirit of UJAMAA (Cooperative Economics) and KUUMBA (Creativity), come and shop (or sell goods) at the family marketplace. There will be high quality and one-of-a-kind products, plus some great-tasting snacks on sale.

The event is an annual fundraiser for WO'SE's Ile Omode school.

For more information or to apply for a sales booth, contact Mama Darnisha at 510-501-7550.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY KWANZAA

UMOJA / Unity: December 26th (Tuesday), 5:30 - 9 pm

Join WO'SE / Ile Omode for this annual opening of the 7-day Kwanzaa celebration for the Afro community. Please wear African clothing and bring a dish (no meat or alcohol) or drink to share for the Karamu / Community Feast that follows.

NOTE: Attendance at all Community Kwanzaas is only for people of African Descent.

Hosted by the WO'SE Community, House of Amen Ra

East Oakland Youth Development Center (EOYDC), 8200 International Boulevard, Oakland 94621

More info / RSVP: 510-632-8230

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2017

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for December 2017

DECEMBER 1 (Friday), 5:30 – 7:30 pm; No Fee "YOUTH RADIO OPEN HOUSE"

Youth Radio journalists and artists will open the doors for the community to learn about Youth Radio, an award-winning media production company that trains diverse young people in digital media and technology. Partnering with industry professionals, students learn to produce marketable media for massive audiences while bringing youth perspectives to issues of public concern. You may take a tour of the studio, and see all the incredible revolutionary work produced by the young storytellers, media makers, and creatives during this session. They are looking forward to seeing you there!

Youth Radio Headquarters 1701 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612

More info / RSVP (feel free to bring guests)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-radio-open-house-121-tickets-39926541360>

DECEMBER 1 (Friday), 6 - 9 pm: No Fee "7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART EXHIBIT: OPENING RECEPTION" Note: the exhibit continues until December 30th

Join the Opening Reception of the group exhibit and "Lukasa" coded quilts by Martin Grizzell that explore the African origins of Underground Railroad. The group exhibit will include a collection of unique, astonishing and affordable art by new and returning artists from the Bay Area. Participating Artists include: Samantha Chundur, Cathy Coverley, Neveland Dent, Aziz Diagne, Emory Douglas Carlo Fantin, Monjett Graham, David Graves, Calvin Grey, Martin Grizzell, Yan Inlow, Michael Johnson, Corinthia Peoples, Pablo Sato, Karin Turner, Kevin Woodson, The Arthur Wright and more.

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-465-8928 OR <http://www.joycegordongallery.com/>

DECEMBER 1 – 3 (Friday, 7:30 pm + 10 pm / Saturday, 7 + 9:30 pm / Sunday, 7 + 9 pm); \$24 "BILLY BIG DADDY CADE'S TRIBUTE TO THE KING"

"Billy Big Daddy Cade has the look, has the voice, and his guitar style is as close to the real thing that one could ask for. When this man takes the stage, Cade Is B.B. King!" said the Las Vegas Sun. He will be accompanied by Charles "Tuna" Dennis: B.B. King's Rhythm Guitarist, who performed with the Legendary soul bluesman Bobby "Blue" Bland.

Biscuits and Blues, 401 Mason Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 415-292-2583 OR <https://biscuitsandblues.com/bbkingtribute>

DECEMBER 1 – 17: Check website below for performance days, times and fees

Ease on down the road with Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion as they try to figure out how to get Dorothy back to Harlem. The funky Tony Award-winning musical "The Wiz" is the winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and Best Original Score; and includes such numbers as "Slide Some Oil to Me," "He's the Wizard," "No Bad News" and "Mean Ole Lion." The hit stage production is back at Black Repertory Group Theater in Berkeley.

Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley 94703

More info / Tickets: 510-652-8030 OR <http://www.blackrepertorygroup.com/tha-wiz.html>

DECEMBER 2 (Saturday), 4 - 8 pm; No Fee (\$10 - \$15 special tickets for food, etc.)

“FREE MISKITU! 2ND ANNUAL YAPTI TASBAYA RECLAMATION BENEFIT & FESTIVAL”

Join the descendents of Miskitu for an evening of traditional food, drinks, music, book signing & art. Miskitu was once an Ancient Kingdom that was thriving with coastal fishers, lobster divers, artisans, and homeopathic practitioners. The land stretches from Nicaragua to Colombia on the Atlantic Caribbean Coast. Today, the people are facing human rights violations and other atrocities such as environmental & ecological genocide at the hands of a ruthless government.

Learn how you can help give these people a voice and save lives!

Geoffrey’s Inner Circle, 410 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: https://www.meetup.com/the-LPSF/events/245334242/?_cookie-check=qAyL0b9CAPJx_0IK

DECEMBER 2 (Saturday), 9 pm – midnight (doors open at 8:30 pm); \$15+

“CHINYAKARE AND ZULU SPEAR”

The CHINYAKARE ensemble uses its colorful performances for “creating community through music and dance.” The ensemble includes diverse and experienced musicians from both Africa and the U.S. under the direction of Zimbabwean dancer and musician Julia Tsitsi Chigamba. Chinyakare represents traditional music and dance from the Shona, Ndebele, and other cultural groups from Zimbabwe. Some of the main instruments the ensemble plays are mbira (thumb piano), hosho (shakers), ngoma (drums), marimbas, and chipendani (mouth bow). In addition to her Oakland classes and workshops, Julia Chigamba has recently started a nonprofit organization, the Kumusha Foundation, to preserve and promote traditional Zimbabwean performing arts in the U.S. She also founded the Chinyakare Cultural Center in Harare, Zimbabwe. The award-winning band ZULU SPEAR will begin by performing traditional South African songs and dances in costume, followed by original Zulu Spear songs and South Africa world beat music rearranged by the band. The group was created by the late South African expatriate singer-composer-dancer Sechaba Mokeoena and Soweto-born singer Gideon Bendile who worked with such stars as Hugh Masekela, Paul Simon, and Peter Gabriel. The band reunited a few years ago when Bendile, who was featured in the Walt Disney animated film “The Lion King,” issued a new CD, “Come Over to Our House,” that included tracks from the original band’s unreleased Capitol sessions as well as new music.

Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5099 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/12/2/chinyakare-and-zulu-spear>

DECEMBER 5 (Tuesday), 6:30 – 8 pm; No Fee

“SPORTSWRITER MARCUS THOMPSON TALKING ABOUT STEPH CURRY”

Calling all Warriors fans! Long-time Warriors Beat reporter and sportswriter Marcus Thompson will discuss & sign copies of his biography entitled “Golden: The Miraculous Rise of Stephen Curry”. Thompson's exclusive interviews with Curry, his family, teammates, and Coach Kerr provide an intimate and perceptive look at this NBA player.

Copies of his book will be on sale courtesy of A Great Good Place for Books.

Oakland Public Library / Montclair Branch, 1687 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland 94611

More info: 510-482-7810 OR

<http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/montclair-branch/sportswriter-marcus-thompson-talking-about-steph-curry>

DECEMBER 8 – 10 (Friday – Sunday), check time schedule below; No Fee

“OAKLAND PUBLIC CONSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION!”

Join the celebration for the opening of the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music at its new location! There will be sample classes for Adults and Youth alike that will include: Zimbabwean-style marimbas, Beginning Band for Adults, Piano Class, Guitar, AfroCuban Percussion, Jazz Improvisation, and more. Classes will also be offered for parents and their tots! And...small bites, munchies and beverages will be served.

SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8, 6-7:30pm: VIP INVITATION ONLY Reception for Residents of the California Hotel

Saturday, December 9, 1pm to 5pm: Drop in and sample some of our upcoming classes.

Saturday evening: 7-8:30pm. Enjoy a concert by Faculty and Friends

Sunday December 10, 2-5pm: Jazz Jam Session. Register for classes from 1pm - 5pm.

NOTE: Music Is eXtraordinary(MIX) was founded in 2001 by Musician/Educator, Angela M. Wellman to support the needs of schools that wanted more music education for their students.

California Hotel, 3445 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland 94608

More info: 510-836-4649 OR <http://opcmusic.org/Events.php>

DECEMBER 8 – 10 (Friday – Saturday , 8 pm / Sunday, 3 pm); \$54+

“BLACK GIRL: LINGUISTIC PLAY”

In this soul-stirring performance, innovative choreographer Camille A. Brown draws on the games little girls play to tell a story of black (Afro) female empowerment. Brown uses African-American vernacular forms such as social dancing, Double Dutch, hand-clapping games and ring shout to explore the self-discovery and playfulness of childhood in a work the New York Times calls "by turns, clever and tender." Camille, a 2016 Guggenheim Fellow, has created dances for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Urban Bush Women; and is known for imaginative works that address issues of identity and social justice.

Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley Campus (near Bancroft and Dana Avenues), Berkeley 94720

More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR <https://calperformances.org/performances/2017-18/dance/camille-a-brown-and-dancers-black-girl-linguistic-play.php#purchase-box>

DECEMBER 8 – 10 (Friday + Saturday, 7:30pm / Sunday, 3pm + 7pm); \$30+

“GREGORY PORTER: THE VOICE OF NOW”

Gregory Porter (a two-time GRAMMY-winner for his smash 2013 release “Liquid Spirit” and 2016 follow-up “Take Me to the Alley”) has undoubtedly become one of jazz’s most important male vocalists. He is lauded as a “soul-drenched singer delivering his emotionally charged original songs”. With a deep rich voice, Porter can croon like Lou Rawls, soar like Marvin Gaye and speak powerful truths like Gil Scott-Heron...while doing it with heart and grace.

SFJAZZ Center (Miner Auditorium), 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/productions/gregory-porter/>

DECEMBER 9 (Saturday), 4 - 6 pm; No Fee

“CARTER GILMORE EXHIBIT UNVEILING AND RECEPTION”

Carter Gilmore was the first African-American elected to the Oakland City Council. Make sure to visit the unveiling of this exhibit and the reception featuring a short program. Light refreshments will be served.

African American Museum & Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-637-0200 OR

<http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/exhibit-unveiling-and-reception>

DECEMBER 9 (Saturday), 6 – 8 pm; No Fee

“BLACK LIFE: TONGO EISEN-MARTIN”

BLACK LIFE is excited to welcome one of America’s most important and vital poets, Tongo Eisen-Martin, to perform his work, which Claudia Rankine has called “resistance as sound”. Born in San Francisco, Tongo Eisen-Martin has organized against mass incarceration and extrajudicial killing of Afro people throughout the United States. He has educated in detention centers from California's San Quentin State Prison to New York’s Rikers Island; and he has designed curricula for oppressed people’s education projects from San Francisco to South Africa. BLACK LIFE is an ongoing project at the Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive that is coordinated by Chika Okoye and David Brazil.

Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive 2155 Center Street, Berkeley 94704

More info / <https://www.facebook.com/events/1916491658668282/>

DECEMBER 9 (Saturday), 7 pm+; \$10+ (sliding scale /purchase tickets at the door)

“FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR THE HAITI EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND”

The event is in memory of Lori Nairne, Bay Area Global Women’s Strike activist and Supporter of Haiti. Performers include: Alia Sharrief, Ras Ceylon, & Tacuma King / Bay Area Youth Arts. KPFA’s own Hard Knocks Radio host Davey D will be spinning a set as DJ. Co-sponsors include: Danny Glover, the Haiti Action Committee, Marcus Books, Love not Blood Campaign, Students for Haiti Solidarity, Pacifica Radio’s “Sojourner Truth” and more.

More info: 415-626-4114 (Global Women's Strike) OR

<http://haitisolidarity.net/2017/11/december-9-benefit-show-for-haiti-emergency-relief-fund/>

DECEMBER 9 - 10 (Saturday, 5pm / Sunday, 2pm); No Fee (RSVP requested / donations appreciated)

“STREETS ARE FREE-DRUMSICAL: NOTES ON A NEW WORLD ORDER”

You are invited to this event by youth participating in a movement for self-determination and inspiration in our world. The youth are active agents of our healing and joy as they sing, move and make beats in support of collective freedom. The performance will sow seeds of revolution, inspiration, empowerment, and multigenerational participation. As we deal with Bay Area's harsh urban reality, the children organize and unite us in keeping the streets safe and free.

EastSide Cultural Center, 2277 International Blvd, Oakland

More info / RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/streets-are-free-drumsical-2017-tickets-37509401630>

DECEMBER 10 (Sunday), 1 - 3 pm; No Fee (donations appreciated)

“THE BLACK WOMAN IS GOD POETRY READING”

This special poetry reading is inspired by the Somarts exhibit “The Black Woman Is God”; and features Joyce, Lee, Nazilah Jamison, Thea Mathews, Vanessa Rochelle Lewis, Jenee Darden & Kelechi Ubozoh with music by Melissa Jones.

Honorary guests will be Karen Seneferu and Melorra Green. Readers will have books for sale.

Red Bay Coffee, 3098 East 10th Street, Oakland 94601

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1981677828780949/>

DECEMBER 10 (Sunday), 3 - 6 pm; \$35+

“ART OF JAZZ”

The “Art of Jazz” is: a Holiday Concert, an Art Auction...and a PoP-Up Boutique! AND...it is also a fundraiser for the Joyce Gordon Foundation Of The Arts’ much acclaimed program for youth!!! Your participation at this event will help to invest in Oakland's youth by cultivating a spirit and space of open artistic expression, creation, and community building.

Geoffreys Inner Circle, 410 14th St, Oakland 94612

**More info / Tickets: 510-465-8928 OR <http://www.joycegordongallery.com/>
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-of-jazz-fundraiser-for-the-youth-tickets-39471594602>**

DECEMBER 10 (Sunday), 4 pm; \$15+

“HALLELUJAH! LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

Celebrate life, love and the holidays with your community and Oakland Symphony! Presented alongside over 200 voices from four different choirs and an electric mix of additional guest artists, this year’s concert pays tribute to musical legends Prince and Leonard Cohen in a joyful mash-up of the traditional and unexpected. Join Music Director Michael Morgan, Chorus Director Lynne Morrow, Linda Tillery & Friends, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, The Vocal Rush and others for this annual soul-stirring / community bonding event for the holidays!

Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 510-444-0801 OR <https://www.oaklandsymphony.org/event/hallelujah-let-us-break-bread-2017/>

DECEMBER 11 (Monday), 6:30 pm; No Fee

“BACKPACK FULL OF CASH”

This feature-length documentary, narrated by Matt Damon, explores the growing privatization of public schools and the resulting impact on America’s most vulnerable children. Filmed in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Nashville and other cities, “Backpack Full of Cash” takes viewers through the tumultuous 2013-14 school year, exposing the world of corporate-driven education “reform” where public education – starved of resources – hangs in the balance. The film will be followed by a discussion that will include Dr. Julian Vasquez-Heilig, professor at Sacramento State and California NAACP Education Chair; and Sylvester Hodges, former Oakland Board of Education member.

The event is sponsored by the Sacramento State Doctorate of Educational Leadership.

Oakland Technical High School, 4351 Broadway in Oakland 94611 (Enter on 42nd Street)

More info: <http://www.oaklandpost.org/2017/11/25/free-east-bay-showing-documentary-backpack-full-cash/>

DECEMBER 13 (Wednesday), 6:30 – 9:30 pm; \$35+

“BAY AREA BLACK PROFESSIONALS HOLIDAY MIXER”

This annual event, now in its 7th year, brings the African American Employee Network (AAEN) together with corporate employee/business resource groups, professional organizations, STEM organizations, investors, small businesses and individuals from the private, public and academic/education sectors. Attendees can expect an evening of networking, entertainment and yuletide fun. Cooperative, small business and non-profit booths & sponsorships are available.

Impact Hub Oakland, 2323 Broadway, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 510-817-2236 OR <http://bphm.aenbayarea.org/>

DECEMBER 14 - 17 (Thursday – Sunday) Check website for performance times and fees; \$34

“TONY! TONI! TONÉ!”

Tony! Toni! Toné! crashed out of their Oakland neighborhood in 1988 with their Gold debut album “Who?” which spawned the hit “Little Walter”. In 1990 their second album “The Revival” garnered four # 1 Billboard hits including “Feels Good,” “Whatever You Want,” “The Blues” and “It Never Rains (In Southern California)”; and went Platinum. In 1991 the group received the NAACP Image Award for “Vocal Group of The Year”; the American Music Award for “Favorite R&B/Soul Group” and the ASCAP Award for “Feels Good”. They continue to perform worldwide, and their much anticipated 25th Anniversary album is due to be released later this year. Check them out while they are here!

Yoshi’s, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/event/1501267-tony-toni-tone-oakland/>

DECEMBER 16 (Saturday), 6 – 10 pm; No fee (RSVP recommended)

NOTE: also check phone # below if you wish to pay to include the dinner

“HEAR THE PERSONAL STORY OF YUSEF SALAAM – ONE OF THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE”

Come and listen to the story of Yusef Salaam, who served five years in prison for a crime he did not commit based on a forced confession. On December 19, 2002, at the recommendation of the Manhattan District Attorney and a presentation by the Innocence Project, the convictions of the Central Park Five were overturned.

Geoffrey’s Inner Circle, 410 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-706-7558 OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/hear-the-personal-story-of-yusef-salaam/>

DECEMBER 16, 2017 - JANUARY 13, 2019 (check exhibit days/times + fees)

“TAKE ROOT: OAKLAND GROWS FOOD”

An exhibition exploring the ecological and cultural factors of how and why food is grown in Oakland. Enjoy this hands-on exhibition with the entire family and: hear personal stories from farmers and growers within the community; see compelling illustrations and maps; and meet the diverse flavors of Oakland! Learn what motivations Oaklanders have for growing food...including access to healthy and delicious ingredients; environmental and social justice values; or simply the joy of tending a garden. Visitors are invited to share personal stories, explore interactive activities, and gain a deeper understanding of Oakland’s agriculture.

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-318-8400 OR <http://museumca.org/exhibit/take-root-oakland-grows-food>

DECEMBER 17 (Sunday), 12 – 2 pm (registration at 11:45am); \$10

“2017 WINTER SOLSTICE WORKSHOP”

12 NOON: “SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE SOLSTICE”

Learn why this time of the year was the most important time in antiquity...as witnessed by the Great Pyramids of Egypt (Kmt) and Mexico December 21 – 24. It is a time: to be open to receive directions; to manifest changes in behavior; and to the accomplishment of new goals in life. Instructor = Shekhem Samerit Kau (Marcus)

1 PM: “WINTER SOLSTICE PREP”

Learn about the Rejuvenation Diet and how to purify your body. Also learn Feng Shui techniques to cleanse your space and exercise routines (Yoga + Qi Gong) to keep your energy flowing. Instructor = Sert Beqsura Takhi (Bayinnah)

Health & Human Resource Education (HHREC), 1905 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland 94612

More info / Reservations: 510-866-6644 OR 510-410-0337 OR <http://www.ausarusetwestcoast.com/>

DECEMBER 17 (Sunday), 2 – 7 pm; \$150

“THE RITZ SALON REUNION AND JEFFREY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION”

Join the Birthday Celebration for Geoffrey...Featuring some of Oakland's best stylists, top models, and celebrities!

Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 410 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-839-4644 OR

<http://geoffreyslive.com/upcoming/the-ritz-salon-reunion-and-jeffreys-birthday-celebration/>

DECEMBER 22 (Friday), 8 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm); \$30+

“RAY MCCOY: A LUTHER VANDROSS HOLIDAY TRIBUTE SHOW”

Ray's passion for singing can be found from start to finish while performing original Vandross classics including many of his well known ballads and love songs such as “So Amazing”, “Here and Now”, “A House Is Not A Home”, and “Superstar”. In 2010 KBLX Radio celebrated Ray's group as the “Event of the Year” for their performance at the Dunsmuir Mansion House in Oakland. That same year, the band performed Sundays at The Woodminster Amphitheater alongside season headliners Pete Escovedo, Goapele, The Oakland East Bay Symphony, Angie Stone, and George Duke.

Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR

<https://www.yoshis.com/event/1484926-ray-mccoy-luther-vandross-oakland/>

DECEMBER 23 (Saturday), 7:30 pm (doors open at 7 pm); \$24+

“BLACKALICIOUS: HOLIDAY RAPPIN WITH THE GIFT OF GAB & CHIEF XCEL”

BLACKALICIOUS MC Gift of Gab (nee Timothy Parker) proclaims in the group's first new album in a decade that “We're older, we're wiser, we're more mature...It's better now, because we've grown as people and artists...Unite with us this Hip Hop Holiday for a non-silent night of Xmas Rappin”. Other performers will join the event. At 7pm there will be a VIP Artist Meet & Greet, and a Semi-Open Dance Floor during the show. The show is presented by Mark T. Elliott of the A-List Musiq Circle -Your Bay Area's Who's Who Entertainment Network.

Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/event/1552454-blackalicious-oakland/>

DECEMBER 28 – 31 (Thursday - Sunday), Check website for performance times; \$29+

“AN INTIMATE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION WITH GOAPELE”

Goapele, an Oakland-born singer / songwriter / producer / actress / designer, started her musical career in 2001. Her influence and impact can be felt throughout R&B, soul, and hip-hop. In 2017 she launched a lifestyle product line (Dreamseeker), starred in a short film entitled “Where Is Beauty”, and partnered with the Aids Healthcare Foundation. As all of Goapele's music has done, her “Dreamseeker” will undoubtedly inspire. She says: “I want listeners to feel like anything is possible, there's room for magic, and they can be themselves no matter what...I want to lift spirits and make people feel good.” In the midst of everything, motherhood remains the highest priority!

Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/event/1546661-goapele-oakland/>

NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 16, 2017: Every Saturday from 10 am – 3 pm

“FREEDOM FARMERS’ MARKET”

Come and bring your wallet every Saturday for some affordable, culturally relevant, non-GMO, organic produce grown by Afro Farmers and other socially disadvantaged farmers. LIKE IT FRESH, BUY IT FRESH, COOK IT FRESH !

5316 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 94609

More info: <http://www.freedomfarmersmarket.com/>

**NOW UNTIL DECEMBER, 2017, check website below for details on days, hours, and events; \$5 +
GORDON PARKS: THE MAKING OF AN ARGUMENT”**

This special exhibit pulls together more than eighty items from the Gordon Parks Foundation archives to offer a comprehensive investigation into the African American photographer’s first Life magazine photo-essay, “Harlem Gang Leader” (1948). The multidimensionality of this collection softens the portrayal of the young gang leader, wrestling with common stereotypes of black inner-city youth.

Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA), 2155 Center Street, Berkeley 94720

More info / Tickets: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/program/gordon-parks-making-argument>

NOW UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2018 (Tuesdays – Fridays, 12 – 6 pm / Saturdays, 12 – 5 pm); No Fee !

“THE BLUE PERIOD: THE ART OF MALIK SENEFERU”

“HOMECOMING: LEGACY. LEGENDARY”

The exhibit “BLUE PERIOD: THE ART OF MALIK SENEFERU” covers the periods of his life. Malik is a self-taught poet, painter, draughtsman, muralist, and illustrator; and the founder of the “Aesthetic Ascension” art social network.

The “HOMECOMING: LEGACY.LEGENDARY” exhibit has contributions from other local artists.

African American Art & Culture Complex (AAACC), 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco 94102

More info: 415-921-1750 OR <http://aaacc.org/events/?cat=exhibitions>

NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, 2018, Check website below for details on days, hours, fees and events

“QUESTION BRIDGE: BLACK MALES”

Hailed as one of the Bay Area’s Top Exhibitions in 2012 by the San Francisco Chronicle, “Question Bridge: Black Males” returns to the Oakland Museum of California. You may immerse yourself in intimate videos from a diverse group of over 160 black men across the US. Hear these men answer each other’s questions with exceptional honesty and vulnerability, and share stories, beliefs, and values in a personal portrayal of their lives. This exhibition is sponsored by the Bay Area Video Coalition and supported in part by a grant from the Open Society Institute: Campaign for Black Male Achievement, The Tribeca Film Institute, the Sundance Film Institute’s New Frontier Story Lab, and other organizations.

Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), 1000 Oak Street (at 10th Street), Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-318-8400/318-8505 OR <http://museumca.org/exhibit/question-bridge-black-males-2017>

NOW UNTIL APRIL 1, 2018, check website below for details on days, hours, fees and events

“REVELATIONS: ART FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUTH”

The exhibit features the acquisition of 62 works by contemporary African American artists from the Southern United States from the “Souls Grown Deep Foundation in Atlanta. The cultural origins of these artworks can be traced back to the early African Diaspora, slavery, and the Jim Crow era of institutionalized racism. Included in the current acquisition are paintings, sculptures, drawings, and quilts by 22 acclaimed artists.

De Young Museum / Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco 94118

More info / Tickets: 415-750-3600 OR <https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/revelations-art-african-american-south>

ONGOING BAY AREA EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

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More info / to assist with the project: 510-273-2456 OR info@savenubia.org OR www.SaveNubia.org

BLACK GIRLS PLAY

Black Girls Play (BGP) is a holistic program sponsored by the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music that combines music education, mentoring, entrepreneurship and leadership development for aspiring Black Girl musicians (age 11 – 18) in Oakland. The program provides: Private lessons, Performance Ensembles, Mentorship, Business of Music/Entrepreneurship and Production. To register, applicants should have: a minimum of one year private or group instruction in music; and the ability to read and to learn music.

More info / Registration: 510-836-4649 OR <http://www.opcmusic.org/BlackGirlsPlay.php>

FILHOS DE BIMBA BAY AREA

Filhos de Bimba Bay Area was founded on June 10, 1986 by Manoel Nascimento Machado (Mestre Nene), the son of Mestre Bimba, the creator of Capoeira Regional, and one of the most influential masters of Capoeira. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines music, dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. Music and song accompanied by percussion is an inherent part of Capoeira, and an integral part of what is taught at Filhos de Bimba Bay Area. The school preserves the cultural legacy of Africa, with its effective method of teaching, character building, and rituals.

More info / Registration: <http://capoeirabayarea.com/>

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

(Check website for details on future tours and special events)

The tour company conducts ultimate journeys to the motherland to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are: Ghana Repatriation & Investment tour May 23-June 5, 2018 for \$3,600; Ghana, Togo & Benin Roots Tour Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800; The Ethiopia Roots & Culture Tour (this was rescheduled with optional tour to Tanzania Nov 16-30, 2018 for \$3,600 Ethiopia & \$1,000 Tanzania; Brazil Roots & Culture Tour July 20-29, 2018 for \$3,600. These are all inclusive packages that includes full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia.

More info / Registration: <https://www.africafortheafricans.org/>

SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS TO WATCH

NEW LISTING: #8 below

NOTE: Your suggestions for more free listings will be appreciated

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1. "KOJO": a short documentary on gifted 12-year-old jazz drummer Kojo Odu Roney. The film and the film maker have received numerous awards. The film was funded by the National Black Programming Consortium and screened in the 2017 PBS Online Film Festival.
<http://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/2017-festival/kojo/>
2. The Ringshout & the Birth of African-American Religion (watch on YouTube)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmmTMg3e5Uo>
3. "The Black Panther Party in San Francisco: Impact, Legacy, and Continued Inspiration" (Black Panther Party Program by the California Historical Society, April 21, 2016)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS9ip138MBo>
4. McIntosh County Shouters: Gullah-Geechee Ring Shout from Georgia (performance)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxPU5517u8c>
5. Roots 2016 Series Previously Shown on the History Channel
<http://roots.history.com/episodes>
6. Film: "Untold Legacy" by Dr. Leslie Brown (watch online or download)
<http://mandamushow.top/downloads/download-free-untold-legacy-2006-leslie-k-brown.html>
7. "Afropop Caribbean Films" (watch now until further notice!)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop-caribbean-shorts/>
8. "Afropop Season 9" : new films to watch and appreciate (some study guides available)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop/#season9>

NOTE: You may also link to films for Seasons 1 - 8

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2017

NOTE: During this month many African and African Diaspora nations celebrate Kwanzaa, Christmas, Boxing Day and the Prophet Maouloud / Mawlid's birthday

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DECEMBER 1: "National Day" in Central African Republic; "Farmers' Day" in Ghana; and "Freedom and Democracy Day" in The Chad Republic. **DECEMBER 8:** "Immaculate Conception Day (Patrona de Guinea Ecuatorial)" in Equatorial Guinea and Seychelles. **DECEMBER 9:** "Independence Day / Vere Cornwall Bird Day (Previous Prime Minister)" in Antigua and Barbuda; and "Republic Day" in Tanzania. **DECEMBER 10:** "International Human Rights Day + Namibian Women's Day" in Namibia. **DECEMBER 11:** "Proclamation of Independence Day" in Burkina Faso. **DECEMBER 12:** "Jamhuri / Independence Day / National Day" in Kenya. **DECEMBER 13:** "National Day" in Saint Lucia. **DECEMBER 16:** "Reconciliation Day" in South Africa. **DECEMBER 18:** "Republic Day" in Niger. **DECEMBER 19:** "National Heroes and Heroines Day" in Anguilla. **DECEMBER 20:** "Abolition Day" in Reunion. **DECEMBER 21:** "Sao Tome Day" in Sao Tome & Principe. **DECEMBER 22:** "National Unity Day" in Zimbabwe. **DECEMBER 24:** "Independence Day" in Libya. **DECEMBER 25:** "Family Day" in Mozambique. **DECEMBER 26:** "Family Day" in Namibia; "J'Ouvert / Carnival" in Saint Kitts & Nevis; and "Day of Good Will" in South Africa. **DECEMBER 31:** "Festival Day" in Montserrat.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR DECEMBER

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- December 1:** 1865 - Shaw University was founded in Raleigh, NC.
1955 - Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person, which sparked the Montgomery Alabama bus boycott.
1964 - Alex Quaison-Sackey from Ghana was selected to preside over the General Assembly of the United Nations.
1992 - Pearl Stewart of the Oakland Tribune became the nation's first African-American woman editor-in-chief of a major daily newspaper.
2008 - President Obama named Susan Rice as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; and Eric Holder as the U.S. Attorney General.
- December 2:** 1859 - John Brown and several Africans in the anti-slavery army were hung in Virginia.
1884 - Granville T. Woods, inventor, patented the Telephone Transmitter (Patent #308,817).
- December 3:** 1847 - Frederick Douglass and Martin Delaney began publishing the "North Star", an abolitionist newspaper.
1851 - Myrtilla Miner established what is now the University of the District of Columbia.
- December 4:** 1833 - The American Anti-Slavery Society was established in Philadelphia.
1906 - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. was founded at Cornell University.
1909 - James Anderson founded the "Amsterdam News" newspaper in New York.
1969 - Fred Hampton and Mark West, Illinois Black Panther Party members, were killed during a police raid in Chicago, IL.
- December 5:** 1935 - Mary McLeod Bethune founded the "National Council of Negro Women" in New York City, NY.
1946 - Executive Order 9809, that created the President's Committee on Civil Rights, was issued by President Truman.
1955 - The Montgomery Bus Boycott began.
1957 - "Fair Housing Practices Law" adopted by New York City forbidding discrimination in housing.

- 1958 – The All African Peoples Conference convened in Accra, Ghana.
 2013 - Nelson Mandela made his transition to the Next Life.
- December 6: 1869 - “Colored National Labor Convention” met in New York and elected James Harris as president.
 1871 - P.B.S. Pinchback was elected President-Pro-Tem of Louisiana Senate + Acting Lt Governor.
 1932 – R.B. Spikes patented an automatic gear shift (Patent #1889814 A).
 1961 – Franz Fanon made his transition to the Next Life.
 1963 - “Medal of Honor” was awarded to Marian Anderson and Dr. Ralph Bunche.
 1997 – Lee Brown was elected as the first African American Mayor of Houston, TX.
- December 7: 1896 – Antonio Maceo, Cuban freedom fighter, was killed in battle.
 1981 – John E. Jacob replaced Vernon Jordon as President of the “National Urban League”.
- December 8: 1850 – Lucy Ann Stanton became the first African American woman to complete a 4-year college program. She received a BA in literature from Oberlin College in Ohio.
 1987 – Kurt Schmoke became the first African American Mayor of Baltimore, MD.
- December 9: 1946 – The Committee on Civil Rights was established by Executive Order.
 1961 - Tanzania established its independence.
- December 10: 1948 - “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.
 1950 – Dr. Ralph J. Bunche became the first African American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
 1956 – The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) was founded.
 1964 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- December 11: 1872 – P.B.S. Pinchback of Louisiana became the nation’s first African-American Governor.
- December 12: 1870 – Joseph H. Rainey was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
 1899 – George Grant patented a wooden golf tee (Patent #638,9207).
 1938 - U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a state must provide equal education for “Blacks” (Afros).
 1963 - Kenya established its independence.
 1995 – Willie Brown became the first African American Mayor of San Francisco, CA.
- December 13: 1957 – Daniel A. Chapman became Ghana’s first Ambassador to the United States.
- December 14: 1959 – Berry Gordy founded Motown Records and the “Motown Sound” in Detroit, MI.
- December 15: 1985 – J. Bruce Llewellyn and Julius Erving became owners of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.
- December 16: 1961 – Umkhonto We Sizwe ("Spear of the Nation") the armed wing of the African National Congress (ANC) launched its first guerrilla attacks against the apartheid government.
 1976 – Andrew Young was appointed Ambassador to the United Nations by President Carter.
- December 17: 1961 – Zimbabwe African People’s Union (ZAPU) was formed.
 1991 – Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls was named the 1991 Sports Illustrated “Sportsman of the Year”.
- December 18: 1865 – The 13th Amendment, that abolished slavery, was ratified by the U.S. Congress.
 1971 – Jesse Jackson founded “Operation PUSH” (People United to Save Humanity).
 1996 - Kofi Annan became the first United Nations Secretary General of African Descent.
- December 21: 1956 – Montgomery African Americans called off the year-long bus boycott.
 1976 - Patricia Harris named Secretary of HUD (Housing & Urban Development), and was the first woman of African Descent to hold a Cabinet position.
 1993 - Hazel O’Leary was named Secretary of Energy.

- December 22:** 1943 - W.E.B. Du Bois became the first African American to be a member of the National Institute of Literature.
1980 - Samuel Riley, Jr. was named Secretary of HUD (Housing & Urban Development).
- December 23:** 1919 - Alice H. Parker patented the gas heating furnace (Patent # 1325905 A).
1923 - Birth day of Cheikh Anta Diop, who corrected and re-wrote ancient Egyptian (Kmt) history.
- December 24:** 1936 – Count Basie made his New York City debut at the Roseland Ballroom.
1989 – Thomas W. Cole, Jr. was inaugurated as the first president of the newly-merged Clark Atlanta University.
- December 25:** 1863 – Robert Blake won the Navy Medal of Honor for distinguished service aboard the USS Marblehead ship.
1951 – Harry T. Moore, Florida NAACP Coordinator, was killed when his home was bombed in Mims, FL.
1971 - Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) was organized by Reverend Jesse Jackson.
- December 26:** 1908 – Jack Johnson defeated Tommy Burns, and became the first heavyweight boxing champion of African Descent.
1957 – The First Afro-Asian Peoples Conference was held in Cairo, Egypt.
1966 – The week of KWANZAA was first celebrated by Maulana Karenga in Los Angeles, CA.
- December 27:** 1877 – A patent was issued to African Americans Stewart and Johnson for metal bending equipment (Patent #375,512).
1892 – The first African-American intercollegiate football game was played between Livingstone College and Biddle College (now Johnson C. Smith University).
- December 28:** 1816 – The American Colonization Society was formed in Washington to transport free Africans back to Africa.
1834 – Seminole Warriors (Native American and African fighters) defeated the U.S. Army in Florida.
1977 – Karen Farmer became the first African-American member of the “Daughters of the American Revolution”.
1988 - “African-American” adopted by civil rights organizations as the preferred term for “Blacks”.
- December 30:** 1892 - “Medical & Surgical Observer”, the first “Black” (African-American) medical journal was published by Dr. Myles Vandahurst Lynk.
- December 31:** 1908 – Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. became pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City, and built it into the world’s largest African-Descent congregation.
1953 - Hulan Jack was sworn in as the first Manhattan Borough President of African Descent.
1984 – The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) held its first nationally televised Telethon.

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH MARCH 2018:

NOTE: Check the following website for more national and international tours, festivals and conferences:

<http://www.soulofamerica.com/events/>

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NOW THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2018

"SENSES OF TIME: VIDEO AND FILM-BASED WORKS OF AFRICA"

Our hearts beat to the rhythms of biological time and continents drift in geological time, while we set our watches to the precision of naval time. Time may seem easy to measure, but it can be challenging to understand. The six African artists featured in "Senses of Time" explore how time is experienced and produced by the body. Bodies stand, climb, dance, and dissolve in seven works of video and film or "time-based" art. Characters and the actions they depict repeat, resist, and reverse the expectation that time must move relentlessly forward. "Senses of Time" invites viewers to consider tensions between: personal and political time; ritual and technological time; and bodily and mechanical time. Through pacing, sequencing, looping, layering, and mirroring, diverse perceptions of time are embodied and expressed.

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Avenue - SW, Washington, D.C. 20560

More info: 202-633-4600 OR

<https://africa.si.edu/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/senses-of-timevideo-and-film-based-works-of-africa/>

JANUARY 20 – 28, 2018

"29th ANNUAL ZORA NEAL HURSTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & HUMANITIES"

First presented in 1990, the Festival is a multi-disciplinary, intergenerational event composed of public talks and conference, museum exhibitions, theatrical productions, arts education programming, and a 3-day Outdoor Festival of the Arts. The event takes place primarily in Eatonville, Florida (10 miles north of Orlando) and throughout Orange County. The Festival's main goals are: to celebrate the life and work of Zora Neale Hurston; and to celebrate the cultural contributions which people of African ancestry have made to the United States and to world culture. Zora Neale Hurston™ (1891-1960) is the dominant female voice of the Harlem Renaissance era. In her works, she celebrates her hometown, Eatonville, as representative of the dignity and beauty of rural Southern, African-American life and culture.

For more info: 407-647-3307 (Carolyn Atkins, docent) OR <https://zorafestival.org/>

FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2018

"22ND GULLAH CELEBRATION"

The Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history on Hilton Head Island. Come to experience the food and music; receive firsthand, historical information; and take a journey through the culture via the visual arts. Established in 1996, the Celebration is an annual event that was designed to create economic development opportunities for minority business owners, and to develop the cultural tourism market with a variety of events designed to attract local residents, regional, national and international travelers.

More info: 843-255-7303 OR <http://gullahcelebration.com/>

MARCH 8 – 11, 2018; \$75 Student / \$150 General

“INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT / SUMMIT IDPAD-S 2018”

Summit IDPAD-S 2018 will take place in Georgetown Guyana, and will: audit where we are as a people; rationalize where we ought to be as a people; and set goals for 2024. IDPAD-S 2018 will bring African Descendants from around the world to focus on eradicating the plight of African descendants through the implementation of possible solutions to issues affecting the Race. The conference will encourage delegates: to collaborate more fully across disciplines; and to share working models that can assist in the development of African descendants and their communities. It will also provide a venue for delegates to openly discuss the serious issues facing them, as well as the solutions they envision to address the problems; and ways of implementing these solutions. Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Julius Garvey, Prof. Verene Shepard, Mr. Anthony Browder, Dr. Ahmed Reid, Ms. LaTosha Brown, Mr. Terrence Southern and Ms. Faya Rose Toure. Confirmation for additional speakers is forthcoming.

More info / Application: <https://www.idpadsummit.com/>

MARCH 21 – 25, 2018

“NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION”

The Annual Convention showcases Afro students and professionals who have a passion for STEM; who are high achievers in these fields; and who are channeling their dedication to advance their communities and society at large. #NSBE44 will attract more than 10,000 aspiring and practicing engineers, educators, representatives of more than 200 academic institutions, government agencies, corporations and nonprofit organizations. The convention will feature high-profile speakers, panel discussions, dynamic workshops, networking sessions, community engagement events, technical and scientific competitions, hands-on engineering and science activities and the premier career fair (including scholarship info) geared toward African Americans in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

More info: 703-549-2207 OR <http://www.nsbe.org/Events/Convention-2018.aspx>

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Consider the ultimate journey to the motherland and the Diaspora to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are:

“GHANA REPATRIATION & INVESTMENT TOUR”: May 23 - June 5, 2018

“BRAZIL ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR”: July 20 – 29, 2018

“ETHIOPIA & TANZANIA ROOTS TOUR”: November 16 - 29, 2018

NOTE: Prices for these tours are “all-inclusive” and include: full accommodations and round trip flights from the U.S.; daily exercise and meditation sessions; daily breakfast & dinner; hotel accommodations; business & investment networking; and transportation & access to all tour sites & activities.

<http://www.africafortheafricans.org/>

BLACK FAMILY LIFE AND CULTURE, INC.

Black Family Life and Culture's vision is to utilize its rich thirty-five (35) year history of culturally based research and program development to provide the African American community the tools to reclaim ownership of their health and wellness by Reunifying the Families, Revitalizing the Community and Reestablishing the Culture.

"Mu Kala Kintwadi Ya Tubu I Mu Zinga" (To know one's origins, is to live forever) African Proverb

<http://blackfamily-life.org/>

INSPIRE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC!

Inspire Health Solutions, LLC provides services, products and resources to minority women that are designed to motivate, innovate, invent and inspire! Encouragement and inspiration is offered through some of the featured motivational books written by Dr. J. Nwando Olayiwola; including “Minority Women Professionals (MWP are MVPs”); as well as customized workshops, training, consultation and coaching. Scholarships are available.

More info / Event registration: <http://inspirehealthllc.com/>

“ONE AFRICA HEALTH RESORT, RESTAURANT & WELLNESS CENTER”

Tours or retreats to this healing retreat, at the One Africa Health Resort in Ghana, provide rejuvenation in a quaint Afrikan village style environment. Fourteen day tours are priced from \$2,500 and include roundtrip airfare from New York City. Tour sites included in the itinerary are the: W.E.B. DuBois Centre, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial, Cultural Art Center, Makola Market, Elmina and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons; and more.

More info / Tickets: 011-233-20-750-1221 OR <http://www.oneafricaghana.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

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BAY AREA

1. **AFRICA TODAY WITH WALTER TURNER:** check updates on contemporary developments in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the United States, and more. Mondays, 7 – 8 pm on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Listen online to current and past programs.
<https://kpfa.org/program/africa-today/>
2. **AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAGSNC):** check details and dates for Bay Area monthly study groups and weekly assistance with African Heritage / Genealogy research.
<http://www.aagsnc.org/> OR 510-531-3905
3. **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY COUNCIL:** an independent community group in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health's African American Health Initiative. Committed to close the gap of negative health disparities affecting people of African descent by sharing e-health information and resources that promote effective health policies, community action and well being.
<http://www.bcoa.org/> OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/news.html#events>
4. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS -- BAY AREA**
 - San Francisco BayView (online): <http://sfbayview.com/>
 - The Sun Reporter + California Voice (subscription info only):
<http://www.sunreporter.com/tosubscribe.html>
 - The Oakland Post and Post Newspaper Group Online. Includes news for Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Marin, South County and Vallejo.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/>
5. **AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAPAC)**
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/african-american-parent-advisory-council.html>
The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide a forum to hear the ideas of the San Francisco Unified School District's African American parent community, and respond to those ideas by educating and informing parents of district resources, policies, and programs.
6. **AFRICANA STUDIES COMMUNITY RESEARCH CENTER AT MERRITT COLLEGE:** The Department of African American Studies provides curriculum for African American history to be used on ipads and/or computers that is fully ADA compliant for hearing and visually impaired learners and accessible in Spanish. It also includes a Black Family Research Specialist who works 2 days a week to train persons on genealogy processes.
510-434-3935 OR 510-531-4911 OR <http://postnewsgroup.com/> OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/afam/>
OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E_9UJQ0UJg&feature=youtu.be
7. **AFRICANA STUDIES / PROFESSOR MANU AMPIM:** check his Save Nubia Project, African studies / radio program, educational tours, e-store, publications, special events, lectures and more.
<http://www.manuampim.com/>

8. **AFROCENTRIC OAKLAND:** promote individual and community rejuvenation and cultural pride through art.
<http://www.afrocentricoakland.com/>
9. **AKILI DADA:** check details and activities of the Africa and San Francisco Branches coordinate transformative leadership for young women from underprivileged backgrounds in Africa and the U.S.
<http://www.akilidada.org/#home>
10. **AUSAR AUSET SOCIETY---WEST COAST:** check details for the West Coast chapter that carries on the mission of Ausar Auset Society International by: offering monthly classes on the material created by Ra Un Nefer Amen I; providing an outlet for the supplies and materials of AASI; and by creating a community environment through which one can live out the Kamitic spiritual system with others.
<http://www.ausarasetwestcoast.com/>
11. **AVOTCJA:** check info and links to Avotcja's activities as a D.J., poet, musician with Modupe; and more.
<http://www.avotcja.org/>
12. **BAOBOB:** Bay Area Organization of Black Owned Businesses: supports Black owned businesses and their customers, who agree that keeping our dollars circulating within our community is tantamount to Black empowerment in the Bay Area and beyond.
<http://baobobdirectory.com/>
13. **BARBARA LEE'S CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #13:** keep up-to-date on international /national / regional / local issues and events that impact on the Bay Area represented by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.
<http://lee.house.gov/>
14. **BAY AREA BLACK UNITED FUND (BABUF):** strives to improve Bay Area African-American wellness by: putting needed resources into the community; compiling a Health Conductors list; and by engaging the community in leading healthier lives. Check info and more.
<http://www.babuf.org/>
15. **BAY AREA PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Established in 1987, the organization writes, directs and produces quality production throughout the Bay Area; and is based at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts.
<http://bayareapac.wix.com/bapac>
16. **BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP):** working for racial, social and economic justice through grassroots community organizing and policy-change.
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
17. **CENTER FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION:** a Bay Area group building powerful movements from below and the left through education, analysis, theory, and dialogue.
<http://www.politicaleducation.org/>
18. **DIAMANO COURA WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY:** provides classes / workshops for West African dance and music at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts in Oakland. The Company has professional performances locally, nationally and internationally.
<http://www.diamanocoura.org/>
19. **DOWNTOWN TAY:** Empowering the young adult community (16-24 years old) in Alameda County. Connecting to culture; inspiring hope; cultivating creativity; supporting wellness and promoting critical thinking.
<http://www.downtowntay.org/>

20. EAST OAKLAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EOYDC): EOYDC develops the social, higher education and leadership capacities of youth and young adults (ages 6 – 24).
<http://eoydc.org/>
21. ELLA BAKER CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: advances racial and economic justice to ensure dignity and opportunity for low-income people and people of color.
<http://ellabakercenter.org/>
22. FREEDOM FARMERS' MARKET: check the African American farmer's site for ordering your "Harvest Box" and to learn about farming or assist those wishing to maintain or create sustainable farms.
<http://freedomfarmersmarket.com/>
23. HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA: check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
24. HUNTERS POINT FAMILY: grass-roots, community-based organization providing holistic programs supporting at-risk youth and young adults living in BayView Hunters Point, San Francisco.
<http://hunterspointfamily.org/>
25. IJO ADULAWO ORISA TEMPLE OF OAKLAND: Ijo Adulawo means the temple of Black Theology. Main objective is to promote spiritual development in the Bay Area through the study and practice of the Orisa Lifestyle. Online products and services available.
<http://ijoadulawo.weebly.com/> + <http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
26. JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC): check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
27. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SACRED WOMAN CIRCLE: receive and provide Sisterhood support through the Gateways and beyond! Services include KemetiC & Womb Yoga; and products include holistic teas, tonics, elixars, soaking salts and more.
<http://www.holisticpsr.org/>
28. ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY: organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
29. OUSD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: Oakland Unified School Districts program that pilots a three-tiered model of prevention/ intervention/ supported reentry in response to conflict/harm.
<http://www.ousd.org/Page/12324>
30. OUTDOOR AFRO: reconnects African-Americans with natural spaces and one another through camping, hiking, biking, fishing, gardening and more.
<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro/>
31. PAN AFRICAN CITY ALIVE: check the online store and Resource Center in Sunnyvale, CA for African art, clothing, books, culture, etc.
<http://www.panafricanstore.com/default.aspx>
32. PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK: check the Oral History Project ("I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland's Griots"). Wednesdays – Sundays, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142
www.peraltahacienda.org

33. **PRIORITY AFRICA NETWORK (PAN):** check the Bay Area’s website for Pan African affairs, resources, organizations, events, news and updates, African Immigration, African restaurants, etc.
<http://www.priorityafrica.org/index.html>
34. **QILOMBO:** a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
35. **RED BAY COFFEE:** Check the website to purchase coffee and gifts in Oakland or San Francisco, at some Farmer’s Markets or online. Fosters single origin, fair trade, direct trade, organic and sustainable coffees.
www.redbaycoffee.com
36. **USHIRIKA KENYA Inc.:** check details and activities for the community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong, united and thriving Kenyan community in Northern California and throughout the U.S.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ushirika-Kenya-Inc/119089438101741?hc_location=timeline
37. **VILLAGE-CONNECT:** the mission is to build the capacity of people to become more self-aware and self-directed, resulting in sustainable positive transformation. The Project has received many awards.
<http://www.village-connect.org/>
38. **WANDA’S PICKS:** check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
39. **YOUTH SPEAKS:** founded in 1996 in San Francisco, and champions a local, national, and increasingly global movement of young people picking up pens and stepping proudly onto stages, declaring themselves present.
<http://youthspeaks.org/#>

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40. **ALL AFRICA:** online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
41. **ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
42. **AFRICA TIMES NEWS: THE AFRICAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER:** comprehensive access in French and English to events in and about all countries in Africa. Organized by a group of young African journalists.
<http://www.africa-times-news.com/>
43. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS—NATIONAL**
 - The Final Call: <http://www.finalcall.com/>
 - National Newspaper Publishers Association—list of member newspapers:
http://www.nnpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=45
44. **AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL):** committed to transform communities in Kenya and the Diaspora through education, information dissemination for knowledge, skills and sustainability.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>

45. **AFRICAN GLOBE: BLACK NEWS, POLITICS AND INFORMATION:** dedicated to the propagation and the dissemination of news and information relating to, and of importance to African Peoples worldwide. Includes videos, biographies, etc.
<http://www.africanglobe.net/>
46. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE**
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
47. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET:** provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
48. **AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES**
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
49. **AFRICAN UNION (AU):** official organization for 53 member African nations and the African Diaspora, with the head office in Ethiopia. Formerly Organization of African Union (OAU).
- For info on each nation, and all AU programs and projects: <http://www.au.int/en/>
 - For info about “Agenda 2063” (50 year proposals / projects for Africa): <http://agenda2063.au.int/>
 - For live stream of important meetings: <http://summits.au.int/en/livestream?q=livestream>
50. **AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND - USA:** a coalition of African women and their U.S. allies for various projects.
www.awdf.org/awdf-usa OR www.awdf.org (sister organization)
51. **AFRICANS RISING:** a growing and self-selecting collective of social movements, NGOs, peoples and popular social justice movements, intellectuals, artists, sports people, cultural activists and others, across the continent and Diaspora.
<http://www.africans-rising.org/>
52. **AFROPOP: THE ULTIMATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** links to special worldwide Afro TV / Media presentations. A series on the present day realities and contemporary lifestyles of Africans, on the continent and the Diaspora.
<http://afropop.tv/>
53. **AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS:** Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS Campaign.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
54. **ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa. The All-African People’s Revolutionary Party recognizes that African People born and living in over 113 countries are one People, with one culture, one Nation and one destiny.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
55. **AMERICA’S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:** virtual galleries and links to resources to educate the public about the ongoing injustices endured by people of African heritage in America.
<http://www.abhmuseum.org/>

56. **ARISTIDE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY:** community and internationally sponsored programs which include the new Medical School at UNIFA (University of the Aristide Foundation) in Ayiti (Haiti).
<http://www.aristidefoundationfordemocracy.org/>
57. **ATLANTA BLACK STAR:** online resource for global Pan African information on all topics (health, travel, politics, TV & film, lifestyle, parenting and more)
<http://atlantablackstar.com/>
58. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
59. **BLACK ALLIANCE FOR JUST IMMIGRATION (BAJI):** educates and engages African American and black immigrant communities to organize and advocate for racial, social and economic justice. Has a Bay Area branch.
<http://blackalliance.org/>
60. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
61. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
62. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
63. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
64. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
65. **BLACK PUBLIC MEDIA / NATIONAL BLACK PROGRAMMING CONSORTIUM (NBPC):** founded in 1979, the NBPC develops, produces, distributes and funds media content about the Black experience for public media outlets. Content provided online at BlackPublicMedia.org and via broadcast through AfroPoP: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange documentary series.
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/>
66. **BLACK STAR PROJECT:** operates nationally with a belief in the strength of parental and community involvement in education to eliminate the racial academic achievement gap.
<http://blackstarproject.org/action/>
67. **BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS - LOS ANGELES (BWWLA):** is committed to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through health education, empowerment and advocacy.
<http://www.bwwla.org/>
68. **BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH IMPERATIVE:** dedicated to promoting optimum health for Black women across the life span - physically, mentally and spiritually.
<http://www.healthyblackwomen.org/>

69. CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
70. CARICOM / CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT: partnership of Caribbean nations for regional projects and development. Represented in PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) and UN (United Nations).
<http://www.caricom.org>
71. CENTER FOR THE RESTORATION OF MA'AT: New York based organization providing courses, tours, TV and radio programs about the Kemetic legacy.
http://www.centerformaat.com/About_KLT.html
72. THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT (CRRJ) – Northeastern University School of Law: serves as a resource for scholars, policymakers, and organizers involved in initiatives seeking justice for crimes of the civil rights era.
<http://nuweb9.neu.edu/civilrights/>
73. CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS: includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
74. CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (COSAS): international organization for free, compulsory and relevant education and training systems that embrace democracy and equity and quality for students.
<http://cosas.co.za/>
75. COLORED CONVENTIONS: info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
76. FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS: an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
77. FAWOHODIE SUA: Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
78. INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORD 21ST CENTURY: for building the capacity of Black communities in the U.S. to work for the social, political, economic and cultural upliftment of the global Black community.
<http://ibw21.org>
79. INTERNATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S CONGRESS: an international, non-profit networking organization; setting exemplary models of womanhood for building up African people worldwide.
<http://www.ibwc.us/>
80. THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO COMMEMORATE AFRICAN ANCESTORS OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE (ICCAAMP): organizes and lists international activities that are designed to remember the millions of Africans who were sold, kidnapped, shipped then died along the route from Africa to the Americas.
<http://www.remembertheancestors.com/>

81. **KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE:** founded in 1997 to bring relevant news, information and life enhancing programs to the Black community via multimedia.
<http://www.know4life.org/> + News: <http://know4life.tumblr.com/>
82. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today's community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
83. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maat institute-aboutus.html>
84. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
85. **NAARVA.com:** the National African American RVer's Association, Inc. is a special RV Organization for "US" like no other RV Camping Organization.
<http://naarva.com/>
86. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** a mass-based coalition organized for the sole purpose of obtaining reparations for African descendants in the United States.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>
87. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
88. **PAN AFRICAN NETWORK IN DEFENSE OF MIGRANTS RIGHTS (PANIDMR):** an Africa-led organization that promotes the well being and interests of migrants, refugees and stateless persons from Africa.
<http://www.panidmr.org/>
89. **RACE FOR THE TIMES (RFT):** provides links to national and global projects for understanding racial issues. Includes in-depth interviews, conscious hip hop, radio archives and more.
<http://www.raceforthetimes.com/tags/african-internationalism>
90. **RACIAL EQUALITY TOOLS:** this site offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for those working toward racial equity and racial justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.
<http://racialequitytools.org/home>
91. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
92. **RESTITUTION STUDY GROUP (RSG):** a non-profit institute based in New York City to examine and execute innovative approaches to healing the injuries of exploited and oppressed people. The RSG partners with community advocates to bring about litigation, legislation, genealogy and DNA research.
<http://www.rsgincorp.com/index.html>
93. **SISTA WORKS:** an organization to connect women and girls of African Descent worldwide to enrich one another and discover the resources to fulfill their dreams.
<http://www.sistaworks.org/>

94. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
95. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU)**: Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
96. **YENOBA.COM**: free website featuring many major achievements and important dates for /by people of African Descent. It includes inventions, and leadership that have helped mankind world-wide.
<http://www.yenoba.com/>
97. **ZENVIBA CAPITAL CORPORATION**: a non-profit investment bank that makes direct measurable impacts in underserved urban and rural communities.
<http://www.zenviba.com/index.html>

BOOK SALES FOR AFRICAN / AFRODESCENDENT HISTORY & HERITAGE

A SHORT LIST OF SITES FOR AFRO-CENTRIC BOOKS (REVIEWS AND PURCHASE)

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for December 2017

1. **AFRICA'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 20TH CENTURY** - The ASC (African Studies Center) Leiden Library, compiled a dossier on Africa's 100 Best Books of the 20th Century project. It includes an introduction, the top twelve list, the top hundred list, and a selection of Web resources
<http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/webdossiers/africas-100-best-books-20th-century>
2. **ASHAY BY THE BAY – African American and Multi-Cultural Children's Books**
Online catalog with 600+ bi-lingual and picture books and products. Provides special reading lists online and online or onsite book fairs for fundraising. Orders may be taken online, by email, phone or fax.
www.ashaybythebay.com
3. **THE BLACK BOOK REVIEW ONLINE**
<http://www.qbr.com>
4. **BLACK BOOK PLUS - Knowledge Books**
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, Caribbean, etc.
Publisher + online bookstore: <http://www.blackbookplus.com/KNOWLEDGE%20BOOKS.asp>
5. **BLACK BOOKS DIRECT – African American History**
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, children's books, arts & media, bargain books, etc.
Online bookstore: <http://www.blackbooksdirect.com/history.html>
6. **MARCUS BOOK STORE - Home Library Must-Haves**
NOTE: you may choose from other categories such as art, history, elementary, middle School, high School, politics, science fiction, self-help, etc. Self-directed Book Clubs may meet at the Marcus Bookstore.
Oakland + online: <http://marcusbooksoakland.com/>
7. **PAN AFRICAN CITY LIVE – Special collection of African and African American books.**
Culture and Bookstore in Sunnyvale + online: <http://panafricancity.com/product-category/books/>
8. **PER ANKH PUBLISHERS (owned by AYI KWEI ARMAH - author of "Two Thousand Seasons")**
Online bookstore (Bay Area distributor / facilitator): <http://www.perankhbooks.com/>