

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!"

JANUARY 2018 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

NOTE: January 1 is IMANI (Faith), the last day of Kwanzaa. It encourages AfroDescendents "To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle."

MAKE THIS A GOOD PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR !!!

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

“The God of earth has commanded and the Double Lion has repeated, that you be given your soul which is on earth and your shadow which is in secret places. Seeker of vindication, raise yourself that you may be vindicated against your enemies. Take your staff, your loin cloth and your sandals and go to the Council of Judgment. May you be vindicated against your enemies, male and female, against those who would harm you, and those who would bring a case against you in the Council of Judgment on this day of joy. ”

From: “The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt” /

The Book of Vindication, Section 1, p. 112 / 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.

“LAK LYEC PE LOYO RWODE” (Acholi is a Nilo-Saharan language in Uganda + South Sudan)

“An Elephant Is Not Overburdened By Its Tusks” (Translation)

This is a person who is determined to complete a difficult task. (Understanding)

from “Acholi Proverbs”, page 18

Compiled by Okot p'Bitek, 1985

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

DANNY GLOVER: SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON REPARATIONS (Nov 2017)
<https://ibw21.org/news/actor-danny-glover-advocates-reparations-n-o-benefit/>

REPARATIONS RESOURCE CENTER

Includes information for reparations news and articles; and recommended links to global activities.
<https://ibw21.org/reparations-resource-center/>

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.
https://ibw21.org/docs/naarc/NAARC_Preliminary_Reparations_Program.pdf

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

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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 NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASSES

January 14th + 21st + 28th (Sundays) from 9am – 10:25 am

"CULTIVATING YOUR SPIRITUAL SPACE: A PERSONAL PROCESS FOR ALTAR BUILDING"

WO'SE's Minister in Training will share information for setting up your personal altar based on the WO'SE traditions.

This will add to how African culture, history and wisdom impacts and facilitates the times we currently live in.

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

January 7th + January 21st (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

January 14th + January 28th (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.

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2018

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for January 2018

JANUARY 1 (Monday), 11 am – 4 pm; No Fee

"SPEAK UP JUDGE Fairly" (Oscar grant Event)

Join the 9th Annual Vigil for "Oscar Grant gone but not forgotten" in remembering Oscar's life. There have been speakers, poets, spoken word, singers and dancers at this memorial remembrance day. Hosted by the Oscar Grant Foundation that was organized after the criminal trial and subsequent conviction of former B.A.R.T. Police Officer Johannes Mehserle for the January 1, 2009 unlawful killing of Oscar Julius Grant III.

Fruitvale Station, 3401 E. 12th Street, Oakland 94601

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/357097881386819/> OR
<https://oscargrantfoundation.org/contactus/>

JANUARY 2 (Tuesday), 8 pm (doors open 7:30 pm); \$20

"CORNELL C.C. CARTER"

Cornell "CC" Carter, a signature sound of jazz/funk/soul/gospel, has been gracing stages and entertaining thousands of fans with his signature sound around the world for many years. Growing up in a San Francisco home chock full of Jazz, Blues, Funk, Soul, and Gospel, drove CC to create a musical gumbo made from ingredients from each of these strong influences. Following the release of "In The Moment", CC received the UK Bright Star Award for Best Male Artist of 2016. Released May 19, 2017, "Vindicated Soul" is a remarkable collection of soul covers that also includes a remix of the classic CC original track "Where Do We Go" (www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NNT7rrkE-k) CC is also featured as a lead vocalist on the track "Love, Peace, and Happiness" from Power of Peace, the new Santana/Isley Brothers collaboration. Check the website for more info.

Yoshi's Oakland, 510 Embarcadero West / Jack London Square, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/event/1554285-cornell-cc-carter-oakland/>

NOTE: check Yoshi's website (<https://www.yoshis.com/>) for performances by other world renowned performers.

JANUARY 6 (Saturday), 9 am – 2 pm; NO FEE

"SATURDAY AT THE RAFIKI COALITION"

Special sessions to enhance your health and brighten your day at the Rafiki Wellness Center!

9 – 11 am: CAM (Complimentary & Alternative Medicine)

Acupuncture, Chiropractic Massage, Reflexology, and Health Screenings. Appointments necessary.

9:30 – 10:30 am: CARDIO-SOUL WITH TIFFANY

Active movement for men and women to gain body strength and move to soulful music.

10:30 – 11 am: FOOD FOR LIFE

Chef Hunia will prepare delicious food from the African Diaspora.

11 am: LUNCH & TABLE TALK

Building and maintaining your wealth; estate wills and probate with Rebba Middleton and Zakiya Norton

Rafiki Coalition, 601 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco 94124

More info / Reservations: 415.615.9945 OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/>

NOTE: Check the calendar for January – March 2018 at:

http://rafikicoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/BCA_Calendar_Q1-2018_1.pdf

JANUARY 6 (Saturday), 12 – 2 pm; For fee call phone # below

“THE WILL TO ADORN”: RECEPTION

“The Will to Adorn: African American Dress and the Aesthetics of Identity”, is a multi-year collaborative folk cultural research and public presentation project initiated by the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. This project explores the diversity of African American identities as expressed through the cultural aesthetics and traditional arts of the body, dress, and adornment. The reception celebrates the efforts of MoAD 2017 students and interns. Speakers include: Dr. Diana Baird N’Diaye, a Cultural Heritage Specialist and Curator at the Smithsonian’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage; and Richard Collins, MoAD’s School & Community Outreach Coordinator.

Museum of the African Diaspora, 685 Mission Street, San Francisco 94105

More info: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/the-will-to-adorn-reception/?instance_id=14300

JANUARY 7 (Sunday), 4:30 – 6:30 pm; No Fee

“BRING IN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT: AN ANNUAL HEALING EVENING”

Join AVOTCJA (poet + musician for small traditional percussions) & MODUPUE (the Bay Area Blues Hall Of Fame Jazz Group) for this soul-stirring event with poetry, jazz & the fire of wordsong. All ages welcome to enjoy the vibes!!!

BIRD & BECKETT BOOKS, 653 Chenery @ Diamond, San Francisco 94131 (1½ blocks North of Glen Park BART)

More info: 415-586-3733 OR <http://www.avotcja.org/upcoming-events.html>

JANUARY 11 (Thursday), 8 pm (doors open 7:30 pm); \$28+

“LATOYA LONDON”

Come to enjoy LaToya Renee London, Bay Area's favorite American Idol, as she returns home for a special night of contemporary jazz & soul. She will perform songs from her new forthcoming CD including her beautiful new single, "Faith in Love", with special guest appearance by “DYSON the Soulsinger”. LaToya is a soulsinger and actress who was the fourth-place finalist on the third season of the reality/talent-search television series American Idol; and part of an award-nominated national tour of the Broadway musical The Color Purple. Dyson Thesinger, has dominated the Bay Area music scene for over fifteen years. Throughout his career, he has shared the stage with many big timers and has recorded in studio with Quincy Jones, T. I. , E-40, Backstreet Boys, Too Short, Khomee The Poet and Dewayne Wiggins. In 2017, Dyson was nominated in seven categories by the Bay Area Black Music Association and Academy of America. He received five awards including Best Live Performer Male for the second consecutive year.

Yoshi's Oakland, 510 Embarcadero West / Jack London Square, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/event/1588667-latoya-london-oakland/>

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JANUARY 12 (Friday), 1 – 3:30 pm; No Fee (registration required)

“HEALING JUSTICE SCREENING - A FILM BY SHAKTI”

A new film that asks America to talk about the causes and consequences of our current system of justice. Designed for dialogue, “HEALING JUSTICE” addresses the youth-to-prison pipeline, the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, and highlights the importance of healing methodologies such as restorative justice. Join director and producer, Dr. Shakti Butler, for a screening of “HEALING JUSTICE” and a facilitated conversation. The event is organized by World Trust that works to create a world free from racism where transformative love and wisdom heal the human family from racism and separation.

The California Endowment, 2000 Franklin Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Registration: 510-969-9837 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-justice-screening-a-film-by-shakti-butler-january-12-2018-tickets-40107529701>

JANUARY 12 (Friday), 2 pm; No Fee

“OAKLAND SUPER HEROES MURAL 4”

Join the triumphant celebration of the unveiling for this fourth mural of the Oakland Super Heroes Mural Project. Mayor Libby Schaaf, Councilwoman Lynette McElhaney and Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell will be part of the program.

The Oakland Super Heroes Mural Project is part of the ArtEsteem project, a program of the Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc. of West Oakland. ArtEsteem provides visual arts, fashion design and cultural arts classes to students k-12 as well as professional development for teachers during the day and after school.

Mural Unveiling, 35th and West Street, Oakland 94609

More info: 510-652-5530 OR <http://oaklandmuralproject.com/>

JANUARY 12 (Friday), 2 – 5 pm; No Fee

“2018 KING HOLIDAY CELEBRATION”

Please come by! The Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute will host an Open House and Reception as part of its annual King Holiday celebration. This year’s theme honors King’s vision of a ‘great world house’ in which we have to live together. You can visit Dr. Clayborne Carson and his colleagues at the King Institute and tour the recently updated exhibit of King-related photos and documents. The Open House will also include live music and refreshments.

Martin Luther King, Jr Research and Education Institute, 466 Via Ortega, Cypress Hall D, Stanford University 94305

More info: 650-723-2092 OR <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/events/2018-king-holiday-celebration>

JANUARY 13 - 15 (Saturday - Monday); No Fee

“BLACK COMIX ARTS FESTIVAL (BCAF2018)”

WELCOME TO BCAF2018! The Black Comix Arts Festival (BCAF) celebrates African Americans’ creativity in the comic arts and popular visual culture and is dedicated to the notion that all audiences deserve to be subject in the culture in which we participate. The expanded three-day event includes a grand expo, kids activities, film screenings, panels and conversations, “cosplay” events and much more. A partnership with the San Francisco Public Library, BCAF is a festival of the Northern California Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Foundation and is part of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations in San Francisco. In 2015 USA Today's editors and readers selected BCAF as one of the ten best art festivals in the U.S. Check the website for performers and other details. Check the times and event locations below:

JANUARY 13

1 - 6 pm: “BCAF2018 YOUTH DAY”, SF Public Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco

11 am – 3 pm: “ROBERT LOVE BCAF”, de Young Museum, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco

JANUARY 14

12 pm - 5 pm “BCAF2018”, SF Public Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco

7 - 10 pm: “BCAF MEET-UP”: Hazel, 1446 Market Street, San Francisco

JANUARY 15

11 am - 6 pm: “BCAF EXPO”, City View at Metreon, 135 Fourth Street (4th floor), San Francisco

More info / Updates: 415-857-0595 OR <http://sfmlkday.org/bcacon/>

JANUARY 13 - 22 (check details for each event on website below); No Fee

“BLACK HISTORY & CULTURE”

(Events at various branches of the San Francisco Public Library)

January 13th (Saturday), 10 – 11 am: Hambone, History and Humor with Unique Derique

Unique Derique teaches the African roots and rhythms of Hambone body percussion and its evolution in the U.S.A.

Marina Branch / North Beach Meeting Room, 1890 Chestnut Street, San Francisco 94123 / 415-355-2823

<https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1031135601>

January 19th (Friday), 3 - 3:45 pm: Kirk Waller - African and African-American Stories

A storytelling experience with movement, music, spoken word and magic with award-winning storyteller Kirk Waller.

Portola Branch / Meeting Room, 380 Bacon Street, San Francisco 94134 / 415-355-5660

<https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1031146401>

January 20th (Saturday), 11 am - 12 pm: African Drumming with Moeketsi Gibe

Experience an interactive drumming and musical performance from Moeketsi Gibe, originally from South Africa.

Mission Branch, 300 Bartlett Street, San Francisco 94110 / 415-355-2800

<https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1031314001>

January 22nd (Monday), 11 – 11:45 am: Capoeira Workshop with Jarrel Phillips

Capoeira is a historic, African-based martial arts form from Brazil, embracing freedom and pride through movement.

Glen Park Branch / Meeting Room, 2825 Diamond Street, San Francisco, 94131 / 415-355-2858

<https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1031251701>

JANUARY 14 (Sunday), 2 - 7 pm; \$20 offering

“THE WHITE PARTY 2018: NEW YEAR. NEW ENERGY. NEW BEGINNINGS.”

The White Party is a community offering. This healing space is created for participants to begin the new year with positive energy, good intentions, goals and manifestations. The Sunday Haitian Folkloric dance class is more than taking steps across the floor...“We are in Church and use DANCE as a form of worship...Nourishing our Individual Bodies, Mind & Spirit, while collectively honoring Haiti, Lwa and the Drum”. Participants should wear WHITE. A Community Potluck will immediately follow the dance section of the White Party. Please bring a dish, drink, or dessert offering to share with the community. Suggested Altar Offerings: White Flowers, White Candles, Fruit and/or Florida Water

The Humanist Hall, 390 27th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-967-1760 OR <http://www.raratoulimen.com/>

JANUARY 14 (Sunday), 7 pm; \$8+ children / \$25+ adult

“IN THE NAME OF LOVE / SONGS OF CHANGE”

(The 16th Annual Musical Tribute Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr)

“In the Name of Love” is Oakland’s non-denominational musical tribute to Dr. King. The event showcases: locally and internationally known performing artists; children from Oakland public elementary schools; archival footage of Dr. King; and presentation of the “Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award” to an outstanding Oakland citizen. Other performances will include: Nicolas Bearde, Kim Nalley, Tiffany Austin, Amikaeyla Gaston and Jessica Lá Rel with Tammy Hall on piano; Marcus Shelby on bass; Allison Miller on drums; Adam Theis on horns; Terrence Brewer on guitar; and the 55-voice Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, under the musical direction of Terrance Kelly with a soulfully stirring set of spirituals and gospel tunes. The Mistress of Ceremonies will be the illustrious Dana King.

Oakland Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland 94619

More info / Tickets: 510-858-5313 OR <https://www.livingjazz.org/mlktribute>

JANUARY 15 (Monday), 10:30 am – 12:30 pm + 2 – 3:30 pm (doors open 10am); No Fee (RSVP required)

“DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE SPECIAL EVENT”

NOTE: January 15, 2018 is a free admission day at all national parks in honor of MLK Day of Service

All ages are welcome, However high school students and teachers are especially invited to attend this program. A panel of African American rangers will present stories of African American struggles and triumphs connected to Bay Area national parks. Historian John Templeton, founder of the African American Freedom Trail in San Francisco, will moderate the panel and frame the stories within the context of Dr. King’s work. Following a break for refreshments, the program will continue at 2 PM with poetry read by Tongo Eisen-Martin, James Cagney, and Zack Hanson; and music from the African-American songbook. Before or after the program, attendees to this event can visit the fleet of historic ships!

Maritime Museum Building, 900 Beach Street, San Francisco 94109

More info / Reservations: 415-561-7034 (Jesse) OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/through-our-voices-get-the-word-outmartin-luther-king-jr-celebration-registration-39296814831>

JANUARY 15 (Monday), 11 am+; No Fee

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY: SPECIAL EVENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE: 11 am – 5 pm

Free admission to MoAD and programs throughout the day. Programs will include: a performance by the Dimensions Dance Company from 12 – 1:30; a film screening of “Tell Them We Are Rising” (shown hourly from 11 am); the Latin Jazz Ensemble from 11 am – 1 pm; a Family Dance Workshop with Loco Bloco from 2 – 2:45 pm; a Family Drumming Workshop from 3 – 3:45 pm with Loco Bloco; and all day activities at the “En Mas” carnival exhibit on the 3rd floor.

NOTE: the “En Mas” photography exhibit continues until March 4th.

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street, San Francisco 94105

More info: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/free-admission-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-national-day-of-service-3/?instance_id=14301

JANUARY 15 (Monday), 7 pm; \$5 (24 and under) / \$10 adults

“21st ANNUAL BRINGING THE NOISE FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.”

Join the celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. King than through the voices of young poets and writers. Envisioned by Youth Speaks’ Emerging Artist Tassiana Willis, the theme of this year’s event is “TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY”. Inspired by the Black women and women of color whose experiences and contributions to movements for justice are systematically erased, “The Noise” will speak to a year characterized by xenophobia and “white nationalism” by lifting up and engaging with Dr. King’s assertion that “before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you’ve depended on more than half of the world.” The event will include veteran performers and the next generation!

Nourse Theater, 275 Hayes Street, San Francisco 94117

More info / Tickets: 415-255-9035 OR <http://youthspeaks.org/mlk/>

JANUARY 16 (Tuesday), 6 – 8:30 pm; No Fee (RSVP recommended)

“BLACK FATHERHOOD: TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS, TESTIMONY & TRIUMPH FILM SHOWING”

Join Dr. Khalid White for a film screening of Black Fatherhood, followed by a panel of fathers and an open discussion. Stories will be shared of brave men who have stepped up and created a better world for their sons and daughters, as they provide new models of fatherhood while navigating socio-economic class, gender and race. Film showing at 6 pm; and Panel discussion and book signing from 7:15 - 8:30 pm (books will be available for purchase). Dr. Khalid Akil White is an Ethnic Studies Professor and the Umoja Academic Success Program Coordinator at San Jose City College.

Cal State East Bay Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard, Hayward 94542

More info / RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-fatherhood-trials-tribulations-testimony-triumph-film-showing-tickets-41120588788> Check out the trailer to his documentary: https://youtu.be/n_GDXpHJ fs

JANUARY 18 (Thursday, 6pm) + JANUARY 20 (Saturday, 1 pm + 4 pm); \$5 - \$15 donations requested

“HARRIET'S SPIRIT”

Opera Parallèle (OP) Presents the world premiere of “Harriet's Spirit”, a new opera inspired by the life of heroic abolitionist and humanitarian Harriet Tubman. The performance features new music by Bay Area-based jazz composer and bassist Marcus Shelby and a libretto by Roma Olvera as part of OP's acclaimed Hands-On Opera program, that creates and presents accessible and sophisticated new music theater works in collaboration with elementary school children during an intensive residency. This year's performance partners with Rooftop Alternative School 8th Grade Students, jazz vocalist Tiffany Austin as Harriet Tubman and soprano Christabel Nunoo as Modesty (a middle-school aged girl enduring adversity and bullying at school who is inspired by the biography of Harriet).

African American Art and Culture Complex / Buriel Clay Theater, 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 415-626-6279 OR <https://opharrietsspirit.brownpapertickets.com/>

JANUARY 18 (Thursday), 6:30 – 9:30 pm); No Fee

“HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM ON RACISM”

The Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute (MCLI) is holding this event to: (1) explain the process of holding the U.S. accountable for racism, and (2) to include the lived experiences of community members who have experienced racism at the hands of the government in the report that the MCLI will submit to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). There will be a presentation by organizers working with MCLI followed by a Q and A. Individuals as well as social justice organizations working in communities of color are requested to come to this event to find out how their experiences can be included and to help MCLI compile this report for the CERD. Note that the Trump administration seems to have failed to submit its report to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) by the deadline of November 20, 2017.

GROW Incubator, 909 7th Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-848-0599 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/147276946033109/>

JANUARY 19 (Friday), 7 – 9 pm); \$20 - \$25 / \$15 for CIIS members

“JOY DEGRUY IN CONVERSATION WITH DENISE BOSTON ON POST TRAUMATIC SLAVE SYNDROME”

How does the trauma of slavery continue to impact African Americans today? Join Joy DeGruy and Denise Boston for this conversation examining how centuries of racism, oppression, and violence have led to contemporary social problems and structural inequalities that continue to negatively affect African Americans. Understand how transgenerational trauma and systems of oppression have heavily influenced our current moment, from racial disparities in our prisons, to the racial education gap, and social justice movements like Black Lives Matter.

This is a public program by the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS)

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, 1187 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94109

More info / Tickets: 415-575-6100 OR

<https://www.ciis.edu/public-programs/public-programs-event-calendar/degruy-boston-lec-fw17>

JANUARY 19 – JANUARY 21 (Friday - Sunday), Check website below for performance times; \$35+

“JASON MARSALIS VIBES QUARTET”

Jason Marsalis is the youngest member of the illustrious Marsalis clan, but his accomplishments would make fitting laurels for an octogenarian. A drummer who established his career on the red-hot New Orleans jazz scene, he spent more than a decade in the Marcus Roberts Trio, one of jazz’s most accomplished ensembles; and co-founded the Afro-Caribbean jazz combo Los Hombres Calientes with percussionist Bill Summers and trumpeter Irvin Mayfield.

SFJAZZ Center (Joe Henderson Lab), 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/productions/jason-marsalis-vibes-quartet/>

JANUARY 23 (Tuesday), 12 - 8 pm CST (Central Standard Time); No Fee

NOTE: 12 – 8 pm CST = 10 am – 6 pm PST (Pacific Standard Time) in California

“FIRST ANNUAL BLACK WOMEN’S VIRTUAL EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT”

The Essential Women’s Movement for African American Women will host this first time Black Women’s Virtual Empowerment Summit. The Free Conference Call platform will be used to call in (see details below), so this will be a FREE virtual event. The goal is to offer a platform to AfroDescendent women speakers both in the U.S. and internationally; and to bring smart business women together to network and help one another grow their businesses. There will be an average of 15 highly recommended speakers and trainers, to share their thoughts and ideas to help empower women as they strive to build sustainable and profitable businesses and set other goals for the New Year.

CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF THE SPEAKERS, THEIR TOPICS AND THE TIME FOR THEIR TALK/DISCUSSION.

PHONE NUMBER TO CALL IN AND LISTEN OR ASK QUESTIONS IS: 712-770-4715, Pin Code: 243460

More info: 512-909-7365 OR <https://cathyharrisinternational.com/empowermentsummit/>

JANUARY 25 (Thursday), 6 - 8 pm; (check contact info below for tickets / fees)

“PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON FORCED MIGRATION”

Another opportunity facilitated by the Priority Africa Network to focus on migration issues of people of AfroDescent coming to or already located in the U.S. There will be a performance by the Kiandada Dance Company Artistic Director Byb Kongo Bibene. Speakers will include: Elsadig Elshiek, Director of the Global Justice Program at the Haas Institute; Catherine Tactaquin, Executive Director of the National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (NNIRR); and Lara Kiswani, Executive Director of the Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC).

Priority Africa Network’s Nunu Kidane & Gerald Lenoir will moderate.

Washington Inn, 495 10th Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-652-1493 OR <http://www.priorityafrica.org/event>

JANUARY 25 (Thursday), 7:30 - 9:30 pm; \$12 (\$15 at the door)

“PATRISSE CULLORS WHEN THEY CALL YOU A TERRORIST: BLACK LIVES MATTER MEMOIR”

This is the emotional and powerful story from the co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement and how it came to be. Patrisse Cullors is from Los Angeles and is also an artist, organizer, and freedom fighter. The event will be presented by KPFA Radio 94.1FM, with Marcus Books; and hosted by Cat Brooks, KPFA Radio's UpFront Co-Host, a long-time performer and activist, and the co-founder of the Anti Police-Terror Project (APTP).

First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 800-838-3006 OR <https://kpfa.org/event/black-lives-matter-patrisse-cullors-asha-bande/>

JANUARY 26 (Friday), 7:30 – 9:30 pm (no admissions after 7:30 pm); No Fee! (donations appreciated)

“MINDFUL DRUMMING MEDITATION”

Experience the twin concepts of rhythm and sound-wave vibration as a way of meditation. Mindful Drumming is an expedient way of tapping into one's natural rhythm; and it brings one into the now and into one's joy and happiness.

Sessions are facilitated by Baba Kokomon Clotney who has a MBA; and is a master drummer, storyteller, record producer, author and teacher. He is also the cofounder and Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection Inc., in Oakland, California and in Ghana, West Africa. He was born to the Ga Adagbe group in Accra that is rich with ancient codes of conduct, deep spiritual beliefs, and rituals of power. Baba Kokomon has produced two compact disks, and has co-authored / authored 3 books. He is cherished for his contributions to development of Afro cultures.

Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info / Registration: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/mindful-drumming-1>

JANUARY 27 (Saturday), 6 – 10 pm; \$15

“RTL VODOU VOYAGE: DESTINATION CUBA! PHOTO EXHIBIT + DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE”

The Rara Tou Limen (RTL) Haitian Folkloric Dance Company embarked on a 10-day dance intensive program focused on personal development and technical training in Afro-Cuban dance styles, Yoruba/Lukumi ceremonial traditions, and Cuban-Haitian folkloric traditions. RTL will celebrate the work of Documentary Photographer, Woosler "Ti Woosle" Delisfort, who accompanied Rara Tou Limen on their recent trip to Cuba. In addition to the documentary screening of “RTL Vodou Voyage: Destination Cuba”, which chronicles the company's immersive dance journey, the work of Woosler's 2-year documentation of Vodou ceremonies in his hometown of Little Haiti, located in Florida will also be presented. Additional programming will include: ritual works by the Awon Ohun Omnira Choir, Grupo Mbele (Folklore Afro-Cuban) with Musical Director Pablo Soto Campoamor and Guest Choreographer Asatu Hall; the Rara Tou Limen Dance Company; Artist discussion with Woosler "Ti Woosle" Delisfort; and Orisa and Vodou altar installations.

1 – 5 pm: Photo Exhibition Only (Doors Open). Suggested Donation \$10 and up (pay at door)

6 – 10 pm: Photo Exhibition, Performances & Screening (\$15). You may pay on-line or at door

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 510-967-1760 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rtl-vodou-voyage-destination-cuba-photo-exhibit-documentary-premiere-tickets-40959581210>

JANUARY 31 (Wednesday), 7:30 – 9 pm (arrive on time); No Fee (donations appreciated)

“COLOR THEORY - RACIAL HEALING CIRCLE”

Racism is defined as a life threatening disease. Come to engage in deep dialogue and explore personal beliefs, fears, and attitudes about race in a safe and non-judgmental environment. This is a monthly dialogue for community building. The theme of this month's circle is: "Go deep and let go of the fear." The Attitudinal Healing Principle that will be the focus for this month is #11. "Since love is eternal, change need not be viewed as fearful."

The Racial Healing Circle is 28 years old and is an offering to the global community.

Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info / RSVP: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/events/2018/1/31/racial-healing-circle>

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 JANUARY 13, 2019 (check for 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: 510-318-8400 OR <http://museumca.org/exhibit/take-root-oakland-grows-food>

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 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 in the southern U.S. 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

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for January 2018

SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

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 Nenel), 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

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 JANUARY 2018

JANUARY 1: "Independence Day" in Ayiti (Haiti); "Glorious Independence Day" in The Sudan; and "Liberation Day" in Cuba. **JANUARY 2:** "Founders' / Ancestors Day" In Ayiti (Haiti); and "Carnival Last Lap" in Saint Kitts & Nevis. **JANUARY 3:** "Revolution Day" in Burkina Faso. **JANUARY 4:** "Martyr's Day" in Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire). **JANUARY 7:** "Coptic Christmas / Leddet / Genna" in Egypt, Ethiopia and The Sudan. **JANUARY 10:** "Majority Rule Day" in The Bahamas; and "Vaudoun Day" (Traditional Religions Day) in Benin. **JANUARY 12:** "Zanzibar Revolutionary Day" In Tanzania. **JANUARY 13:** "Democracy Day" In Cape Verde. **JANUARY 15:** "John Chilembwe Day" In Malawi. **JANUARY 16:** "Heroes' Day" (to honor Laurent Kabila) in The Democratic Republic of the Congo. **JANUARY 17:** "Heroes' Day" (to honor Patrice Lumumba) in The Democratic Republic of the Congo. **JANUARY 19:** "Timket" (Coptic Epiphany) in Eritrea and Ethiopia. **JANUARY 20:** "Heroes Day" (anniversary of death of Amilcar Cabral) in Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau; and "Armed Forces Day" In Mali. **JANUARY 21:** "Errol Barrow Day" (first Prime Minister) in Barbados. **JANUARY 22:** "National Heroes Day" in the Cayman Islands. **JANUARY 25:** "Revolution Day" In Egypt. **JANUARY 26:** "NRM (National Resistance Movement) Liberation Day" in Uganda.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR JANUARY

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- January 1:**
- 1789 - Ayiti (Haiti) was liberated, but declared liberation in 1804.
 - 1801 - Importation of enslaved people was made illegal by the U.S. Congress. It became active in 1808.
 - 1854 - Lincoln University, the oldest historically black university in the United States, was incorporated as Ashmun Institute in Oxford, Pennsylvania.
 - 1863 - Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln.
 - 1916 - Dr. Carter G. Woodson published the first issue of the "Journal of Negro History".
 - 1956 - The African nation of Sudan became independent.
 - 1960 - The African nation of Cameroon became independent.
 - 1997 - Kofi Annan was the first person of AfroDescent installed as United Nations Secretary General.
- January 2:**
- 1800 - Free persons of AfroDescent in Philadelphia issued an antislavery petition to Congress. The petition was rejected.
 - 1831 - First publication of "The Liberator", an abolitionist newspaper, by William Lloyd Garrison.
 - 1964 - Unsuccessful attempt to assassinate President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana.
 - 1984 - W. Wilson Goode was inaugurated as the first Philadelphia mayor of Afro descent.
- January 3:**
- 1870 - The Colored Methodist Church was established. In 1956 the name was changed to the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.
 - 1959 - Cuban revolution was led by Fidel Castro and the CCP (Cuban Communist Party), and was victorious over neo-colonialism.
 - 1961 - Adam Clayton Powell elected as Chair for the Education & Labor Committee for the U.S. House of Representatives.
- January 4:**
- 1787 - Prince Hall (founder of the first Black Masonic Lodge) submitted the first reported petition to the Massachusetts legislature for funds to return to Africa.
 - 1920 - Andrew "Rube" Foster organized the Negro National League for baseball.
 - 1959 - Congolese Nationalist Party (MNC), led by Patrice Lumumba, ousted Belgian colonialism.
 - 1971 - The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) was organized to provide awareness and alliances across racial, political and social lines.
- January 5:**
- 1804 - Ohio passed the "Black Laws" restricting the movement of AfroDescendants.
 - 1911 - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was chartered as a national organization at Indiana University.
 - 1959 - Demonstration by Alliance des Ba-Kongo in Zaire (Belgian Congo)---30 killed, 300 wounded.
- January 6:**
- 1773 - Enslaved Africans in Massachusetts petitioned for freedom.
 - 1832 - The New England Antislavery Society was organized at the African Baptist Church in Massachusetts. It later became the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society.
 - 1984 - Robert Nelson C. Nix, Jr., the first AfroDescent to sit on a State Supreme Court bench since Reconstruction, was inaugurated Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
- January 7:**
- 1837 - The "Weekly Advocate", was established in New York by Philip A. Bell.
 - 1890 - W. B. Purvis, inventor, patented the Fountain Pen (Patent # 419,065).
 - 1927 - First game for the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team.
 - 1979 - Andrew Jackson Young received the 63rd NAACP Spingarn Medal for his work with the UN, for his work as Congressman, and for his uncompromising activism in the Civil Rights Movement.
 - 1985 - U.S. Supreme Court ruled that affirmative action for employment was lawful.

- 2002 - Shirley Franklin was sworn in as mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, and was the only AfroDescent female to be mayor of a major U.S. city.**
- January 8:**
- 1811 – New Orleans revolt by enslaved persons began. Over 100 enslaved persons were killed.**
 - 1867 - Persons of AfroDescent were granted voting rights in the District of Colombia (D.C.).**
 - 1922 – African National Congress (ANC) was founded.**
 - 1996 - Willie Lewis Brown was sworn in as the first AfroDescent mayor of San Francisco.**
- January 9:**
- 1866 – Fisk University in Tennessee; and Lincoln College in Missouri were founded.**
 - 1906 - Paul Lawrence Dunbar, renowned poet and writer, made his transition to the next life.**
 - 1914 – Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University.**
 - 1922 – Birth day of Sekou Toure (first President of the Republic of Guinea).**
- January 10:**
- 1864 – Birth day of George Washington Carver (scientist and inventor); born in Grove, Missouri.**
 - 1866 – Georgia Equal Rights Association was organized.**
 - 1888 - A. B. Blackburn, inventor, patented the Railway Signal (Patent # 376,362).**
 - 1957 - Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded.**
 - 1961 - Charlayne Hunter-Gault and Hamilton E. Holmes integrated Georgia University. Hunter-Gault became a journalist/correspondent with PBS and Holmes became an orthopedic surgeon.**
 - 1999 - Ann Williams was confirmed as President Bill Clinton’s nominee for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She was the first AfroDescent ever appointed to that position.**
- January 11:**
- 1879 - British began the invasion of Zululand in southern Africa.**
 - 1892 - William D. McKoy of Indiana was appointed minister to Liberia.**
 - 1940 – Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. was commissioned as the U.S. Army’s first AfroDescent General.**
 - 1976 - Hank Aaron received the 60th NAACP Spingarn Medal for establishing the baseball home-run record (715), and for his outstanding sportsmanship and role model for young people.**
- January 12:**
- 1948 - U.S. Supreme Court ruled that AfroDescent students should have equal rights in legal studies.**
 - 1952 - First AfroDescent student admitted to the University of Tennessee.**
 - 1964 - Zanzibar government overthrown by African nationalists.**
 - 1971 - The Congressional Black Caucus was organized.**
- January 13:**
- 1869 - The Convention of the Colored National Labor Union, the first Black labor convention, was held in Washington, DC. Frederick Douglass was elected as its first president.**
 - 1873 - Pickney Stewart Pinchback was elected to the U.S. Senate.**
 - 1913 - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded at Howard University.**
 - 1953 - Don Barksdale became the first AfroDescent to play in an NBA All-Star Game.**
 - 1966 - Robert C. Weaver became the first AfroDescent to become a presidential cabinet member when Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.**
 - 1990 - Lawrence Wilder was inaugurated governor of Virginia, the first AfroDescent to be elected to that position in the U.S..**
- January 14:**
- 1981 - James Frank, the President of Lincoln University, was named as the first AfroDescent president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).**
- January 15:**
- 1908 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded at Howard University.**
 - 1929 – Birth day of Martin Luther King, Junior (civil rights activist and honoree of numerous awards including Nobel Laureate). He was born in Atlanta, Georgia.**
 - 1966 - Nigerian Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa was killed in the first military coup.**
 - 1975 - John Lewis was awarded the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Non-violent Peace Prize". Lewis was Executive Director of the Voter Education Project (VEP).**

- 1998 - James Farmer received the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom. He was the co-founder and a National Director of CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality).
- January 16: 1920 - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded at Howard University.
- 1966 - Organization of Solidarity with the People of Asia, Africa and Latin America (OSPAAAL) was founded in Havana, Cuba.
- 1967 - First AfroDescent government installed in The Bahamas.
- 1974 - Muhammad Ali, boxing champion, was named the Associated Press Athlete of the Year, 1974.
- 1981 - African Americans in the Overton section of Miami, Florida rioted for three days against the police killing of Arthur McDuffie.
- 1994 - Pan-Africanist Congress announced the end of armed struggle in South Africa.
- January 17: 1882 - Lewis H. Latimer patented the process of manufacturing carbon filaments for light bulbs (U.S. Patent # 255,212). He also received patents for six other patents.
- 1923 - Spingarn Medal was awarded to George Washington Carver at Tuskegee Institute, for his pioneering work in agricultural chemistry.
- 1961 - Patrice Lumumba and two comrades were killed by imperialists.
- 1974 - Racial discrimination continued in Topeka, Kansas after Supreme Court decision (via a report by U.S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare).
- January 18: 1938 - Captain B. Collins patented the portable electric light.
- 1981 - Grant Fuhr, goalie for the world champion Edmonton Oilers, became the first AfroDescent Hockey player in the league.
- January 19: 1848 - Lewis Temple, invented the "Temple-Toggle" that advanced the whaling industry by giving the hook a harpoon that held whales securely.
- January 20: 1870 - Hiram Rhodes Revels (Mississippi) was elected as the first AfroDescent U.S. Senator.
- 1954 - W. Leonard Evans, Jr founded the "National Negro Network", the first black-owned radio network in the country. Its programming was broadcast on up to 45 affiliates.
- 1973 - Amilcar Lopes Cabral, leader of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde, was assassinated in Conakry.
- 1986 - Bishop Desmond Tutu was awarded the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize".
- 1986 - The first Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was celebrated as a U.S. national holiday.
- 2009 - Barack Obama (first U.S. President of AfroDescent) was inaugurated as 44th President.
- January 21: 1824 - Osai Tutu Kwamina defeated the British at Assamaka, Ashanti (Ghana).
- 1891 - P. D. Smith, inventor, patented the "Potato Digger" (Patent # 445,206).
- January 22: 1800 - Birth day of Nat Turner, leader of the famous revolt / rebellion of enslaved Africans.
- 1879 - Zulu victory in the Battle of Isandlawana over the first British invasion.
- January 23: 1889 - Dr Daniel Hale Williams, pioneer in surgery, founded Provident Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.
- 1891 - First nurses training program for Afro-Descendants opened at Provident Hospital in Chicago.
- 1941 - Richard Wright (author and activist) was awarded NAACP's Spingarn medal for public service.
- 1958 - Althea Gibson became the first person of AfroDescent to be "Female Athlete of the Year".
- 1964 - The U.S. 24th Amendment was ratified, and it abolished the poll tax.
- 1976 - Paul Robeson, actor and civil-rights activist made his passage to the next life.
- 1989 - U.S. Supreme Court ruled that setting aside contracts for minority-owned businesses was unconstitutional.
- January 24: 1962 - Jackie Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- 1985 - Tom Bradley (4-term Los Angeles Mayor) was awarded the NAACP's Spingarn medal.

- 1987 - Over 20,000 demonstrators (Afro + Euro) marched against racism in Georgia.
- 1993 - Thurgood Marshall, the first AfroDescent Supreme Court Justice, made his transition to the next life. He served for twenty-four years before his retirement in 1991.
- January 25: 1851 - Sojourner Truth addressed the first Black Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio.
1890 - National Afro-American League (a protest organization) was founded in Chicago, Illinois.
1966 - Constance Baker Motley became the first woman appointed as a Federal Judge.
1980 - Black Entertainment Television (BET) began broadcasting from Washington, DC.
- January 26: 1887 - Ethiopians defeated Italian forces at the Battle of Dogali.
1896 - Strikes and riots for higher wages began in St. Kitts / Nevis (Caribbean).
1948 - U.S. Armed Forces segregation ended with Executive Order 9981 by President Harry Truman.
- January 27: 1952 - Ralph Ellison's powerful novel, "Invisible Man", won the National Book Award.
- January 28: 1787 - The Free Africa Society was organized in Philadelphia.
1944 - Matthew Henson received the congressional medal as co-discoverer of the North Pole.
1985 - "We Are The World" was recorded by Michael Jackson, Lionel Ritchie, Quincy Jones and others to raise money for famine-stricken Ethiopia.
1986 - Dr. Ronald E. McNair died when the Space Shuttle "Challenger" exploded after launching from the Kennedy Space Center. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor. He was a 5th degree black belt Karate instructor and a performing jazz saxophonist.
1997 - At South Africa's Truth Commission, police confessed to the 1977 murder of Steve Biko.
- January 29: 1926 - Violette Neatly Anderson became the first AfroDescent woman to practice before the Supreme Court.
- January 30: 1797 - Sojourner Truth was born as an enslaved African in Hurley, New York.
1844 - Richard Theodore Greener became the first AfroDescent to graduate from Harvard.
1858 - William Wells Brown published the first Afro drama "Leap to Freedom".
1906 - Bambata massacre of over 3000 native South Africans by the British.
1927 - The Harlem Globetrotters formed the AfroDescent basketball team that entertained the U.S. and the world with their zany on-the-court basketball antics.
1956 - The home of Martin Luther King Jr. was bombed.
1965 - Leroy "Satchel" Paige was named all-time outstanding player by National Baseball Congress.
- January 31: 1865 - U.S. Congress passed the 13th Amendment that outlawed slavery.
1963 - James Baldwin's influential collection of essays, "The Fire Next Time" was published.
1979 - Ethiopia and Kenya signed a treaty of co-operation and friendship.
1988 - Doug Williams, Washington Redskins quarterback, was the first AfroDescent quarterback to play in a Super Bowl game and was named MVP in Super Bowl XXII.

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/>

FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 4, 2018; \$1,900 (Land package)

“REMEMBERING OUR CONNECTION WITH OUR ANCESTORS: A WORKSHOP WITH MALIDOMA SOME”

Take a special trip to Negril in Jamaica for a 5-day session with Maildoma Some: a Professor; an African Elder for Burkina Faso; and world recognized leader/trainer for African spiritual traditions. This is a wonderful opportunity to align more deeply with your inner guide; and to honor and connect with your Ancestors whose shoulders you stand on. Malidoma has been given the privilege and responsibility to provide participants with tools to enable them move into a more peaceful and empowered way of being both within themselves and the community. The fee includes: workshop, accommodations at Jackie’s On The Reef in Negril, breakfast, dinner, yoga, airport transfer, and two spa treatments. Private divinations are available on request. Visit Malidoma’s website for other tours and special events.

More info / Reservations: 646-228-7878 OR jackiesonthereef@rcn.com OR <http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/ritual-workshop-at-jackies-on-the-reef/>

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>

ONGOING PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for January 2018

SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

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

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

(Check website for details on future tours; videos of previous tours; and special events)

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's are MVP's)"; 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/#>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

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/maatinstitute-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 bringing 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/>