



## 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 [ciyatestt@yahoo.com](mailto:ciyatestt@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!"**

## **UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

**NOTE: Check the WO'SE website for the Main February Newsletter**

## **AFRICAN HERITAGE / BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**NOTE: the website below includes info for the 2018 official Black History Month theme ("African Americans in Times of War") and other info from the founding organization, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Website: <https://asalh.org/>**

**THOUGHTS TO SHARE: Zimbabwe provides Africans many lessons**

<http://www.herald.co.zw/zimbabwe-provides-africans-many-lessons/>

## NEW LISTINGS FOR BAY AREA + BLACK HISTORY EVENTS

NOTE: WO'SE website for events in the main February Newsletter: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/>

**FEBRUARY 13 - 28 (check dates, times & locations on the Laney Campus below); Events are free**

### **"2018 LANEY COLLEGE BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS"**

**February 13 (Tuesday), 6 – 9 pm**

"Women's Healing Circle" / #403, Student Center

**February 14 (Wednesday), 2 – 4 pm**

"Black History & The Struggle For Liberation" / #2, Eagle Village

**February 26 (Monday), 12 – 1 pm**

"Black History Jeopardy" / #402, Student Center

**February 27 (Tuesday), 2 – 4 pm**

"Black history Month & Mardi Gras party" / Laney Quad

**February 28 (Wednesday), 2 – 4 pm**

"Gentrification & Displacement In Oakland" / #2, Eagle Village

**Laney College Campus, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland 94607**

More info: 510-834-5740 OR 510-464-3188 OR <http://laney.edu/events/black-history-month-events/>

**FEBRUARY 17 (Saturday), 1 – 2:30 pm; No Fee**

### **"AGAINST ALL ODDS": A FAITH FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

Join Grandmothers Who Help for this faith based event that will include: Guest Speaker Dr. Tom Wilson, the Nimely Pan African Dance Company, the Faith Kids Choir, the Pursuit Youth Group, Voices of Faith Choir, the Koinonia Praise Dancers with Elijah No and an exhibit by Mothers Who Help. A free community dinner will follow the events.

**577 Manor Boulevard, San Leandro 94579**

More info: 510-357-5723 OR <http://www.grandmotherswhohelp.com/blackhistory.html>

**FEBRUARY 17 (Saturday), 2 pm; No Fee**

### **"FREDERICK PENN PRESENTS "COL. CHARLES YOUNG AND THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS AT THE PRESIDIO"**

Vietnam-era veteran, Frederick Penn, a National Park Service ranger at the Presidio of San Francisco, presents Col. Charles Young and the Buffalo Soldiers at the Presidio. The PowerPoint presentation provides a revealing look at one of the most significant Afro military figures in U.S. history and the first Afro U.S. national park superintendent.

**African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

More info: 510-637-0200 OR <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/national-park-service-ranger-frederick-penn-presents->

**FEBRUARY 18 (Sunday), 1:30 - 4 pm; No Fee (RSVP Required)**

### **"A HISTORIC AFTERNOON WITH CLARENCE JONES, MLK JR.'S ADVISOR"**

In honor of Black History Month, you are invited to join this historic conversation with Clarence Jones. Mr. Jones was an advisor and speechwriter to Martin Luther King, Jr. and is a Scholar in Residence at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute at Stanford University. Mr. Jones will discuss the legacy of Dr. King in the United States and Israel. After his presentation, a panel with Ravit Baer and Marcella White Campbell will discuss Israeli and African American Jewish perspectives.

The program will also feature a special preview of the upcoming documentary "Shared Legacies".

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

More info / RSVP: 415-386-2504 OR <https://bechollashon.wufoo.com/forms/clarence-jones-february-18-2018/>

**FEBRUARY 19 (Monday), 11 am - 1 pm; No Fee**

**“GINA’S JOURNEY: THE SEARCH FOR WILLIAM GRIMES”**

A film narrated by Keith David, veteran actor and voice artist. “Gina’s Journey” follows the quest of one woman tracing the steps of her Ancestor who travelled along the Underground Railroad to freedom and authored the first narrative by an enslaved person in U.S. history. A Black History Month special screening presented by the Oakland NAACP.

**Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland**

**More info: 510-465-4100 (Mr. Howard) OR 510-219-3840 (Ms. Adams)**

**Film Trailer: [www.ginasjourney.com](http://www.ginasjourney.com)**

**FEBRUARY 22 – 25 (Thursday – Saturday at 7:30 pm + Sunday at 7pm); \$30+**

**“HUGH MASEKELA TRIBUTE: JAZZ EPISTLES W/ ABDULLAH IBRAHIM, WADADA LEO SMITH & EKAYA”**

The Jazz Epistles is South Africa's greatest bebop band of all time and will re-unite for the first time since 1960, when the racist apartheid government forced them into exile. The Jazz Epistles concerts will feature trumpeter Wadada Leo Smith standing in for Masekela, and the performances will be dedicated to his memory.

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

**More info / Tickets: 866.920.5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/productions/jazz-epistles/>**

**FEBRUARY 22 + 28 (check dates & times below); All events are free and open to the public.**

**ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENETS AT MERRITT COLLEGE**

**February 22 (Thursday), 12 – 2 pm**

“Black Fatherhood” / Film and Discussion with Dr. Khalid White / R-110 Student Lounge

**February 28, 11 am - 12:30 pm R-110**

“Awakening the Natural Genius of Black Children,” / with Jason Seals / R-110 Student Lounge

**Merritt College, 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland 94619**

**More info: 510-531-4911 OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/blog/february-merritt-connection/>**

**FEBRUARY 23 (Friday), 6 - 9 pm; No Fee (free ticket required via eventbrite / donations welcomed)**

**“FREEDOM THROUGH THE ARTS”**

Come and celebrate the story of how the arts of African heritage were brought by our Ancestors across oceans into the South, and how our arts evolved in the South and into Northern communities like Harlem and the West. There will be performances from The Village Method (TVM) Scholars, Congolese dance from the world renowned Kiazzi Malonga and his dance troupe, jazz pieces from musician Kevin Moore, speakers, poets and more! The Event is presented by TVM, an Afro-centric, grassroots nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with a vision to build capacity for social change and the advancement of Afro (Black) communities in South Alameda County. The core program is a college and career cohort system of support for youth and families from sixth grade to and through college.

**James Logan High School (Center for the Performing Arts), 1800 H Street, Union City 94587**

**More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freedom-through-the-arts-tickets-42177894217>**

**FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday), 2 pm; No Fee**

**“RICKI STEVENSON ON THE CENTENNIAL OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN WORLD WAR I”**

Ricki Stevenson, an Oakland native, Bay Area newscaster and founder of Black Paris Tours, speaks on this year's 100 year anniversary of African American soldiers arriving in France to help win World War I. Among them was James Reese Europe, leader of the band for the 369th Army regiment known as the “Harlem Hellfighters” that are credited with bringing jazz music to France. Study guide on “African Americans in Times of War” is available.

**African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info: 510-637-0200 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/ricki-stevenson-centennial-african-american-soldiers->**

**FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday), 7 - 10 pm; No Fee (donations appreciated)**

**" MR. B'S ROYAL RAGTIME REVUE"**

**THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE, REMEMBERING THE PAST TO ELEVATE THE FUTURE**

This special Afro (Black) History Month Dinner Program happens again, and the goal is to feed over 100 guests.

The featured performance will be an original musical entitled: "Mr. B's Royal Ragtime Revue", written and performed by the host, Bryant Bolling. The production highlights famous African-American composers who flourished during the early part of the twentieth Century such as: Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway and Billie Holiday. The performance includes: Shavon Moore, Ben Jones, Will Herring, Marilyn Reynolds, Zakiyah Bolling, Cedric Long and James Brooks. NOTE: a “Roaring Twenties Fashion Show” will follow the performance.

**Historical Althenheim, 1720 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland 94602**

**More info: 510-393-4010**

**FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday), 8 pm; \$ 20 general / \$10 student**

**“ART-IN: THE INCUBATORS”**

Join this Afro (Black) History Month exploration of the African American Diaspora as told by the 5 companies currently active in the Resident Art Incubators program at the African American Art & Culture Complex (AAACC).

All 5 companies began a journey at AAACC 3 years ago and their residency is coming to an end. Come watch them spread their wings and blossom into sustainable Arts-Organizations lead by people of color! The event

features: April Chelsea Mosley, Luna Malbroux, Raissa Simpson, Fely Tchaco Martin,

Micah Morgan, Marcelo Javier Pereira and Rodney Earl Jackson Jr.

**African American Art & Culture Complex (Buriel Clay Theatre), 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco 94102**

**More info / Tickets: 415-484-8566 OR <http://www.sfbatco.org/tickets/>**

**FEBRUARY 25 (Sunday), 2 - 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested)**

**“LINDY HOPPIN JAZZY JUKE: A COMMUNITY RECEPTION AND DANCE PARTY”**

**It's time to Kick Up Your Heels and have a Sunday meal at the JAZZY JUKE! Bring Friends & Family !**

The Wo'se Community Church of the African Way is hosting a dance reception for three Dance Legends: Chaz Young, Chester Whitmore and Norma Miller, the unconquerable Queen of Swing. There will also be a special guest appearance by Traci Bartlow, Oakland's Lindy Hop Ambassador! While you are there, you can: Buy A Plate of delicious food; Meet Living Legends; and Shake a Tail Feather! Queen Norma will be selling and signing her children's book “Stompin' At The Savoy”; and there will be a Contest for Best Vintage Attire.

So come dressed like a “Lindy Hopper” from the 30's or 40's. You can get some ideas for outfits at

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/364932376038965147/>

**Wo'se Community, 8924 Holly Street, Oakland 94621**

**More info / Register: 510-632-8230 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lindy-hoppin-jazzy-juke-a-community-reception-and-dance-party-tickets-42895080340>**

**FEBRUARY 26 (Monday), 6:30 - 8:30 pm; \$10+ (sliding scale, no one turned away)**

**“WRITING AS HEALING WORKSHOP THE BODY'S NARRATIVE: WITH DELINA BROOKS”**

Exploring “The Body's Narrative”. What stories do our bodies carry and what stories are we ready to shed? What are we building into our bodies and (how) does it nourish us, serve us into brighter, expanded, "better" expressions of ourselves? Delina offers this invitation: "Write with us, heal with us, and help to literally change the frequency of our world, one word at a time." Open to writers at all levels. Please bring writing materials.

**Lake Merritt United Methodist Church (UMC), 1330 Lakeshore Ave/, Oakland 94606**

**More info / RSVP: 510-595-5598 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/325822921255569>**

**FEBRUARY 28 (Wednesday), 5:30 - 9:30 pm; No Fee (registration required)**

**“SAN FRANCISCO BLACK HISTORY MONTH CULTURAL EXPERIENCE 2018”**

**WITH SUPERVISORS LONDON BREED AND MALIA COHEN**

Join these two much-respected San Francisco Supervisors and community leaders for a celebration of Afro (Black) History Month with Music, Art, Dance and Cuisine that will include: Food bites compliments of San Francisco restaurants, Hosted Wine Tasting and Beverages.

**San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place, San Francisco 94102**

**More info / Registration: 510-654-5335 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/san-francisco-black-history-month-cultural-experience-2018-tickets-42951232292>**

# LISTINGS FOR SPECIAL BAY AREA & NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

**NOTE: For other listings please check:**

The main Newsletter on the WO'SE website: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/>

The links below are for Bay Area and National listings and include their own updates.

## 1. "BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2018" / San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society

A listing of many events scheduled from February 2 – 28, scheduled from February 2 – 28, including: a Special Kickoff at SF City Hall, an Art Exhibit, Maritime Walking Tour & Human Rights Commission Equity Rights Workshops and a Film Festival.

415-292-6172 / <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/sfaahcs-black-history-month-2018/>

## 2. AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

A listing of events and links to event listings for U.S. Government agencies that include: The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment For the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and other government divisions.

<https://africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/>

## 3. BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2018: UPCOMING EVENTS

A listing of events throughout the entire Bay Area including San Jose and Marin. Events include performances, awards ceremonies, Mardi Gras, health panels and many social fairs and issues.

<http://theregistrybayarea.com/events/category/holiday-occasion/bhm-2018/>

## 4. "MORE THAN A MONTH: BLACK HISTORY, CULTURE & HERITAGE"

A listing of over 50 free events at all San Francisco Public Libraries from February 1 – 28. Events include: "Ethnicity & Culture That Harmonize With African Genealogy"; "Meet the Amazing Harriet Tubman and Her Three Lives"; "Asheba, Musical Storyteller"; "Hambone, History & Humor" and other topics.

<https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1031246201> +

<https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1100000001&m=all&t=1&s=344>

## 5. "AFRICAN AMERICANS IN TIMES OF WAR: RECALL THE PAST AS WE BUILD THE FUTURE"

Details of the African American Museum & Library of Oakland (AAMLO) weekly film screenings and other events from February 3 – 24.

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/news/2018/01/african-americans-times-war-theme-aamlo-black-history-month-series>

## 6. "GULLAH EVENTS: CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE SPIRITUAL THREAD THAT BINDS THE AFRICAN ANCESTORS AND THE GULLAH OF TODAY"

A listing of a variety of events that are scheduled from February 1 – 23 during this 22<sup>nd</sup> annual celebration.

<http://gullahcelebration.com/gullah-events>

## 7. Ashkenaz Music & Dance Center, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702 / 510-525-5054

A listing of a variety of events from Africa and the Diaspora that are scheduled from February 3 – 24.

510-525-5099 / <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar?category=BLACK+HISTORY+MONTH>