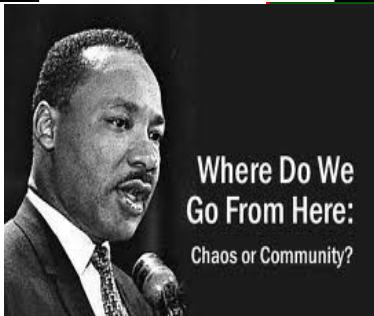


Black History Month



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Where Can We Go From Here? We All Can Make it TOGETHER!!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Every year we see hundreds of programs on MLK day done in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. What does it really mean?

We celebrate the life and legacy of a great man. However, it seems that the worship and programs that are presented for that day ring hollow as the injustices placed upon African American people continue to rain down on our communities.

Each year thousands of dollars are spent to present the King day programs. Programs are only for six to eight hours for **one** day. In some instances there is programming throughout the week but still it seems to be

done for show. It's the politically correct thing to do in the towns and cities that need to placate the minorities within their city limits. Most of the whites in the programs seem to be forced into the rituals and songs, while Blacks are reminded about the glory days of the civil rights movement. Yet nothing changes for the hundreds of thousands of African Americans caught in the trap of poverty and crime in cities across this nation. Dr. King would be fighting to end the apathy and tension between classes within the African American community. Dr. King would be addressing police brutality and the murders of innocent children in our

cities. Dr. King would be demonstrating for fair wages and immigration of our brothers and sisters in this country. Dr. King would be raising questions about unfair labor laws and military budgets that place bombs over bread. Dr. King was about service and leadership! Dr. King was lead by an compassionate and loving spirit and those that followed King followed that same spirit. This year we should try to give more time to the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom is still NOT free! We must lead and serve every day just like Martin Luther King Jr. We will not be free until we learn to work together !!

WAKE UP!

WE NEED EACH OTHER!!

Peace Movement in the Twenty-First Century

The growth and expansion of the movement toward peace is a needed, as violence continues to overtake our lives in this century. Watch the normalization of violent acts we see perpetrated in our community and you will understand why it is important for us to

re think our culture and lives with a priority toward peace in the world and our communities. The African American community is headed toward all out class war as those that have are pitted against those that have not. The violent acts are mean-spirited and hate

filled and reflect a class divide of epic proportions. We need to begin a peace movement within the African American community. We need to begin to redefine our relationships with the propriety toward Non violence. To do less is to destroy our children's future. WAKE UP!



Diversity and Inclusion - The New Politically Correct Jargon For the 21st Century

Jargon is "the technical terminology or characteristic idiom of a special activity occupational or social group." In other words, the term covers the language used by people who work in a particular area or who have a common interest. Much like slang, it can develop as a kind of shorthand, to express ideas that are frequently discussed between members of a group, though it can also be developed deliberately using chosen terms. A standard term may be given a more precise or unique usage among practitioners of a field. In many cases this causes a barrier to communication with those not familiar with the language of the field".

Wikipedia

In the case of multicultural language usage we hear these terms thrown around by so called experts and specialist who

are not even part of the communities they speak about. These terms lump the issues of all communities of color into one perspective that does not adequately represent the situation that confronts domestic minorities particularly Africans American in western culture. These new words are the language of dissolution to the issues of race in the 21st century. Soon we will not be able to talk

about race in any productive way because to do so will be politically incorrect. Yet the issues of race will still be a part of the oppression and tradition of bias reflected in the concerns of Africans in America. The decline of race in America will reflect the destruction of African American culture and people.

WAKE UP!



Black History Month Should Be a Priority for ALL African Americans

We must learn from our pass and the contributions that are a part of our history as a people. We spend far to much time trying to assimilate into a culture that does not respect our collective contributions as a people. We must look at the awesome contributions of African Americans and the tremendous work that has been apart of our history.

This country could never have grown to its present strength and capability with-

out the considerable contributions of the brilliant minds and effortless sacrifice of African American people. We must never forget the efforts of great people like:

Dr. George Washington Cavers, Dr. Charles Drew, Daniel Hale Williams, W.E.B. Dubois, Benjamin Banneker, Thurgood Marshall, Fannie Lou Hamer, Grandville T woods, and Harriet Tubman.

Learn about your people!!!

Keep Hope Alive, Never Give In, Never Give Up!!

I remember teaching a class one day on African American history, and it seemed that the class just could not understand the points I was trying to make about African Americans needing to unite for a common cause. One student asked, "Why do blacks need to stand together?" Another student said, "You people always seem to be agitated and angry." Another suggested, "We have taken care of you this long, why bite the hand that feeds you." After trying to maintain my composure and explain the importance of self definition and unification within the African American culture I began to shake my head and just sigh when a Black student came up behind me and whispered NEVER GIVE IN, NEVER GIVE UP!! I will never forget how good that student made me feel when it seemed the battle was not worth fighting. So I say to you brothers and sisters who love your people, NEVER GIVE IN TO DOUBT AND NEVER GIVE UP ON YOUR PEOPLE!

NWIAAA Presents Black History Month Movie Nights



The Cotton Pickin Truth

February 21, 2014 @ 6 pm
Valparaiso University
Arts and Science Building Room 234
1400 Chapel Dr., Valparaiso IN

"The Cotton Pickin' Truth... Still On The Plantation" is a documentary about slavery in the United States of America and the harsh living conditions for many African Americans today as a direct result of being forced to live in involuntary servitude.



Red Hook Summer

February 28, 2014 @ 6pm
Valparaiso University
Arts and Science Building Room 234
1400 Chapel Dr., Valparaiso IN

A middle-class boy from Atlanta finds his worldview changed as he spends the summer with his deeply religious grandfather in the housing projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn.

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North West Indiana African American Alliance Vision and Mission Statement

Vision To create a network that assists in the movement towards racial equity, social equality, and racial accountability within the region of Northwest Indiana.

Mission Statement We seek to engage public and private entities, through advocacy and education. Our goal is to find solutions to the prevailing issues that impede the progress and empowerment of African American communities in Northwest Indiana.

To encourage African Americans within the northwest Indiana Region to find a common cause by joining together as one community and give voice to the ongoing injustices created by racism and the lack of diversity supported within the region of Northwest Indiana.

To encourage people of color and those who support the Aspirations of African Americans within this region to join together and address the ongoing disparity of work, healthcare and lack of representation and fair treatment within the major institutions and governmental positions within the region of northwest Indiana.

To end discrimination and unfair treatment of African Americans in this region by presenting a collective and vocal presence to this region regarding these expressed concerns by presenting a clear and positive alternative to this injustice surrounding our communities that embraces people of color as primary state holders to these concerns.

Donate Now

Your donations will help with:

- Fundraisers
- Administration Cost
- Host Functions

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Thank you!



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Fundraiser

The Northwest Indiana African American Alliance hosted it's first fundraiser in November of 2013. We had a total of eight teams for our bid wiz tournament and raised \$100.

We will announce other fundraising opportunities in the near future.

We would like to thank all those who participated in our first fundraiser.



Northwest Indiana African American Alliance Presents a Bid Whist Fundraising Tournament

- \$10 a player
- 4 people per table
- 16 tables available
- First prize \$100
- Second Prize \$75
- Third prize \$50
- Refreshments
Fun, Fun, Fun

**Saturday
November 16, 2013**

Game starts at 1pm
(and continues until there are three winners)

Tournament Location:

For table reservations, please e-mail:
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RSVP BY: November 9, 2013

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