



NORTHWEST INDIANA AFRICAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

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Where can we go from here? We All can make it TOGETHER!!



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Special points of interest:

- Join NIAAA and support unity of African Americans in Porter County
- Have you paid Membership dues?
- \$25.00 quarterly membership to UFAP INC.
- Join the NIAAA project today!

There are times when the African American community seems to have lost its will to Fight for what we believe in.

We spend most of our waking hours just trying to survive and it seems that most times we are just trying to "Make it". Well I am here today because some people sacrificed their "making it" time so I might find freedom and comfort. You and I are where we are today because of the sacrifice that others made in our behalf.

This African American history month please do not forget all those nameless brothers and sisters who stood up for your rights even before you were born and certainly before you

have whatever you have today.

We must never forget the long and sometimes perilous journey African Americans traveled to "make it". If the "Truth be known "none of us have made it because if there is still one person suffering then we have not yet made it.

If one family is suffering because of the new prison Jim crow tactics then we have not "Made It" If one family is dying because of hunger or the lack of health care in our community then we have not "Made it".

If one child is being shot because they are at the wrong place at the wrong time then

we have not "Made it". I am so tired of listening to selfish African Americans claiming they have paid their dues when the truth is everybody's dues are in arrears. Yes I said it! Nobody's dues have been paid in full. We all still have work to do and we need to get off our collective (expletive)

and do something for someone else besides ourselves! We need to quit patting our selves on the back in front our liberal white colleagues and return to our communities and help our people make it

together!!!

When one suffers we all suffer!!!

Gun violence will not stop in this nation.

We will continue to see our children murdered unless we take a stand!

This nation supports the sale of small auto arms and assault weapons without legal or medical scrutiny. We are approaching a time when it will be legal for guns to be carried by anyone with a drivers license and the ability to pay the price for the weapon. Sandy Hook is only the

tip of the iceberg. The mass shootings will increase as the use of violence to serve self interest will continue to be supported by our laws and policies within this country. There is no reason to have assault weapons on the streets of our community . The violence in this

country is connected to our fear and obsession with power and control. Those within the African American community must be careful in the onslaught of this obsessive fear and paranoia that is being displayed around this issue. Stand up for the end to gun violence in our community!!!!



Urban League is sponsoring Diversity luncheon!!



The Urban League of Northwest Indiana will host its "Celebrating Diversity" Luncheon on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. This annual event will recognize contributions from businesses and organizations that practice and promote diversity throughout Northwest Indiana.

We believe this event

will promote inclusion and collaboration and provide recognition for stellar performance in practicing diversity. During the event, recognition will be focused upon a number of organizations in all or one of the following areas:

Community Relations Award - Activities that encourage and support diversity

in our community

Development Award - The promotion of diversity education and communication within the organization

Leadership Award - The development and implementation of diversity strategies throughout the organization

Workforce Diversity Award - Diversity representation in the workplace

JOIN US !!



Health Care in the Black Community

You are what you eat!
We can ill afford to continue to ignore what we consume as a people. The diets of African Americans must change and shift toward a healthy vigorous process of healthy eating and exercise. We need to grow healthy bodies that can withstand the onslaught

of the stress and strain of resisting this racist and stress filled environment .
Lets start by eating at least one leafy salad a day and removing meat out of one of our meals per day. Also lets bake more of our portions as opposed to frying them.

Remember always you are what you eat.
Reduce your intake of refined sugar and caffeinated drinks. Drink life giving water as much as possible. These few steps will increase your health and strength.
You cannot love others if you do not love yourself!

Invictus by William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me, black as the pit from pole to pole, I think whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning of chance my head is bloody , but unbowed. Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms but the horror of the shade, and yet the menace of the years finds and shall find me unafraid. It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul!

For every one that has struggled !!!!!!!



The Nietzsche Ideology A brief summary part 1

If you would like to understand the thinking of some people in this Western European society you must read :

Friedrich W Nietzsche and his "Will to power"

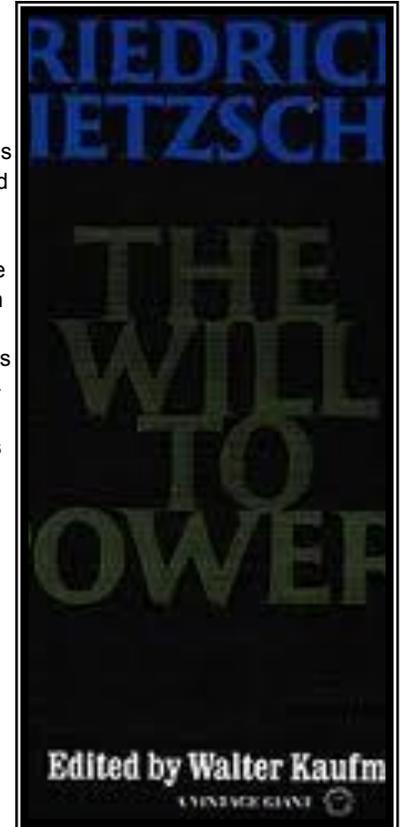
I use to wonder why some people could act in their own self interest with such cold calculation and rigorous disregard for the powerless. Then I read this guy and essentially he says that this characteristic is an natural pursuit of the "European aristocratic brute and barbarian"

Trans valuation of values page 284.

The natural attribute of the European social construct of his day was to conquer and control with out the regard to the less valued or what he termed weaker members of society. In fact he suggests that it is an quality to be able to pursue your own will to power by domination of the less aggressive members of the social environment. Hitler took Nietzsche's perspective and it seems that there are many people who follow Nietzsche`s

thinking is still around. In fact this way of thinking has even seeped into the African American community because there are some African Americans who think like Nietzsche hoping it will get them a seat next to their powerful friends. But understand the basis of Nietzsche's thinking. The outcome is an individual pursuit of that "will to power" which means no one is exempt from this lust for power.

Obsession for power hurts Everyone! more in next issue...



Please consider your participation in our program efforts!

Consider joining us in this struggle for a better community today. There are several areas of concern that we will list out today and ask that you would consider supporting;

- Voters Education
- Family values orientation
- African American demographics
- Diversity training
- Jobs bank ,economic development and minority hiring in Northwest Indiana
- Violence and inner city communities
- Law enforcement/ community
- African American educational projects.
- Environmental stewardship
- Understanding Unlawful eviction.

What is your program?

WAKE UP YOU SLEEPING GIANT OF A PEOPLE! WAKE UP!

Peace and Justice! No Justice, No Peace! Without Justice, there is no Peace! The 10th Annual Justice and Peace Symposium

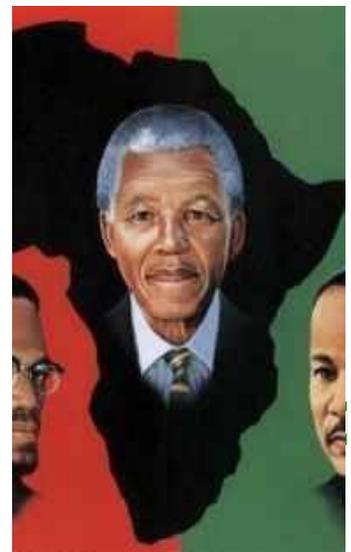
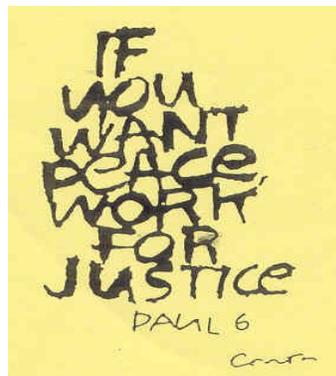
VU's Office of Multicultural Programs

Invites you to the Annual Peace & Social Justice Symposium. The symposium is co-funded by the Cultural Arts Committee, United States Institute for Peace, and numerous Departments on campus.

Chapel of the Resurrection
Valparaiso University
February 16, 2013
9:45 am

Keynote speaker
Ms. Zoe Weil

Work shops at the Neil's Science Center on campus of Valparaiso University all day



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**"If you are not part of
the solution, you are
part of the problem"**

Remember who you are!



North West Indiana African American Alliance Mission Statement

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.

Unity is the best policy for Africans in America

In the clutches of another season of neglect and discouragement, we must find our voice!

The years have come and gone and we are still not free! Despite the collection of wrongs continuing to pile high beyond the sight of the politically correct, we are still not free. We search for leaders and answers to questions that have haunted our people for centuries and the answer is still the same answer that confronted us as a community four hundred and fifty years ago. Until we learn how to work together and solve the problems within our own community then nothing is going to change.

Day in and day out we see and hear the same old tired stories of the vision of diversity. The "concept is so complicated and complex that we need time to sort out the details" they say..

Here are some details for us to think about. The reality is that these institutions that pay lip service to the concept of diversity refuse to commit to changing anything toward a more inclusive community. These institutions are trying to hold on to the power and influence they wielded at our expense so they can continue to make decisions over our lives without our input. We must speak out and speak up to the powers that continue to challenge the concept of diversity in the communities where we live and work.

Day after day we are lied to and lied about regarding this issue. Enough is enough. Stand up you mighty people and claim your place and rights as a nation that will not be denied!!

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SHADOWS OF THE PAST

Out of the past stands a shadow of a man and women that cannot be clearly seen,

Vague images of greatness and glory that are now afraid to be noticed by the

Children of the day as the hour plays with the strings of destiny attach to the screams of these children that only want to be.. Something.. Some body

While mom and dad becomes a vague memory of the past glory days seemingly gone but yet are needed even more. The children wait longingly at the door, staring into the storm into the night.

We strain our eyes and hearts to make out these ghost like forms as the storms of life shower the broken hearts standing within the doorway of opportunity,

while politically correct vultures sit on trees in the lobby within the forest of our wasted dreams. The children seek out the images of a man and

woman that are not yet formed and all the while a child is screaming "let me see you so I can come and be with you".

Yet these formless images are not what they seem because unless we are all free its just another dream just another dream.....

-Gregory A. Jones