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Sharon Jordan Holley

Who is Sharon Jordan Holley?

She is the only child of the late Johnnie M. Jordan and Rebecca Bryant Jordan of High Springs, Florida.

She is the wife of Kenneth B. Holley. Mother of Nzinga, Asantewa and Makeda Holley. Grandmother of Nia.

She is a graduate of A.L.Mebane High School in Alachua, Florida; Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida; Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida (BA); Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan (MS in Library Science).

She is a Librarian (27 years with the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library and now Coordinator of Urban Services, a position that supervises all of Buffalo's city branch libraries); Founding member of the African American Librarians of Western New York; Storyteller - Founding member of Spin-A-Story Tellers of Western New York; Co-coordinator of Tradition Keepers: Black Storytellers of Western New York; second half of We All Storytellers with Karima Amin; Former Board Member and current member of the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc.

She is a "closet" writer with several published stories, poems; an early member of the NIA Writers Workshop under Celes Tisdale.

She is past co-owner with her husband of Harambee Books and Crafts, a business they owned for over 21 years, before selling to Brother Africa, Vera Martin and Patrick Freeman.

She is the President of the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier; Convenor for the Coalition of African and African American Historical Groups of Western New York; Recent appointee by Deputy Speaker Arthur O. Eve to the Commission for the New York State Freedom Trail; Member of the Buffalo Genealogical Society for the African Diaspora.

She has worked to promote the heritage and culture of African people for most of her adult life both in Florida and in Buffalo, New York. Community involvement includes coordination of Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X Celebrations, African American History activities and Co-coordinator of the Kwanzaa Committee of Buffalo for the last 20 years. She has received recognition for her professional and community activities.

Who is Sharon Jordan Holley?

She is one of us. A woman of many "geles". At the core, she is family based, community focused and demonstrates the love for African people.

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HARBANIGANI:

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE
OPENING NIGHT OF KWANZAA. KWANZAA

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HOLIDAY CREATED
BY ^{MULANNA} ~~DR~~ RON HARENGA.

KWANZAA IS THE CELEBRATION OF US
AS A PEOPLE, OUR HISTORY, HERITAGE
AND CULTURE.

THIS YEAR'S THEME OF KWANZAA IS
"CELEBRATING OUR VALUES". THERE ARE
SEVEN DAYS OF KWANZAA. EACH NIGHT
HAS ONE VALUE ASSIGNED TO IT. TONIGHT
IS UMOJA - UNITY, 2ND - KUTICHAGULIA -
SELF DETERMINATION, 3RD - UJIMA COLLECTIVE WORK
4TH - UJAMAA - COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS, 5TH - NIA
PURPOSE, - 6TH - KUUMBA CREATIVITY. 7TH - IMANI
FAITH. THE GREETING ~~AT~~ ~~THE~~ I GAVE AT
THE BEGINNING HARBANIGANI - MBAS - "WHAT'S
THE NEWS" - OR "WHAT'S HAPPENING". EACH NIGHT
OF KWANZAA WHEN SOMEONE GREETS YOU

WITH "HARBAIGANI" ~~FOR~~ THE RESPONSE IS
THE VALUE OF THE DAY. SO THAT I SAY
HARBAIGANI NOW YOUR RESPONSE WOULD BE.

THERE ARE SLINGERS WHICH WILL TELL YOU
WHERE EACH KWANZAA CELEBRATION WILL
TAKE PLACE. ALSO THE KWANZAA COMMITTEE
OF BUFFALO IS ASKING FOR A \$1.00 DONATION
FOR THIS KWANZAA JOURNAL AND FOR
THIS POSTER

WE WILL NOW HAVE ^{PHYLLIS ~~WARRA~~} ~~AND~~ COME
AND EXPLAIN THE SYMBOLS.

1. EXPLAIN LIBATION
2. SAY STATEMENT
3. CALL FOR UNITY CIRCLES
4. POUR ON GROUND
5. PASS AROUND
6. EVERYONE STAND FOR HARAMBEE'S

LIGHT CANDLES + EXPLAIN

Dear Friend:

We are in the process of planning for the community-wide Kwanzaa Celebration in Buffalo (December 26 - January 1). A meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 P.M. at Harambee Books and Crafts, 1377 Main Street, Suite 3.

Agenda items will include 1) locations for kwanzaa programs 2) committee assignments 3) suggestion of theme and/or focus of major activities 4) budget for kwanzaa activities.

Your presence and contributions toward the planning of this event will be greatly appreciated. This is an open ^{community} meeting, so if you know of others who would be interested in this information, please let them know.

For more information, contact Sharon Holley at 856-7525, ext 301 (work) or Kenneth Halley 884-5011 (69 event Bookstore).

In Unity

Black Studies - Bflo St. - Monroe Brkan
Black Studies - UB - James Pappas
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Bflo Fed. of Neighborhood Centers - J. Peters
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Sunship Communications - C. Smith
Langston Hughes Institute -
Bflo Inner City Ballet - K. Singletary
Ujima Company - L. Hill
Ground & Echoes of Yemanjá - E. Latimer
Bflo Arts and Music LTD - D. Hilliard
St. Augustine Center - K. Johnson

NOI Study Group
Bro. Dennis X

Coalition of
100 Black Women
J. Peters

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In Unity,
Sharon Halley

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^{bo}
Nov-Issue - Book / Toy
Gift Ideas

Dec - Fabulous Fairy Tales
edit > 837-9067 Michelle
Muller
deadline 10th of the
Preceding month.

(3) A red candle for
the first day of Kwanzaa
" Light it for UMOJA

a green candle for
the second day of "
Light it for KUCHIGAGULI

a red card for
the third day of Kwanzaa
Light it for UTAMA

a green
the fourth day
UTAMAA

a red
the fifth day
N/A

a green
the sixth day
KUMBA

a Black candle
the seventh
IMANI



KWANZAA COMMITTEE of Buffalo

December 6, 1982

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Kwanzaa Committee of Buffalo is working and planning for the community wide Kwanzaa celebration which will be held December 26 - January 1, at various locations within the inner-city community. This committee exists to coordinate the activities of Kwanzaa and to disseminate correct information about this National Afrikan-American Holiday created by Maulana Ron Karenga. The theme this year will be "SHARING TRADITIONS".

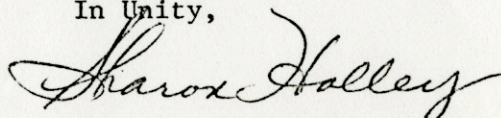
Kwanzaa is an opportune time for all Afrikan-Americans to come together and share the bounties of God. Recognizing that families and businesses in our community are hard pressed financially, we are asking for donations of \$5 to \$10 dollars from families and individuals and \$20 to \$30 dollars from the business community. Your name or the name of your family will be acknowledged in the "COMMUNITY KWANZAA CARD BOOKLET". Your business can be listed on a 1/8 page ad - business cards are acceptable. The BOOKLET will also contain information on Kwanzaa and the program for the seven night celebration in Buffalo. Your contribution will help defer expenses for the Karamu (feast) on January 1 and publicity.

To ensure that this celebration is a reality we ask that those who are able to contribute find it within their hearts to do so. Please help support the only national holiday that we as Afrikan-Americans can say is truly our own and part of our ancestral Afrikan heritage. Let us share this proud tradition together.

Payment should be received by Monday, December 13. Please make all checks payable to:

Kwanzaa Committee of Buffalo
c/o Harambee Books and Crafts
1377 Main Street, Suite 3
Buffalo, New York 14209

In Unity,



Sharon Holley, Chairperson
The Kwanzaa Committee of Buffalo

KWANZAA WEEK

UMOJA (UNITY)

Join the University of Buffalo's Gospel Choir for an evening of uplifting musical entertainment.

TIME: 6:30 PM Place: Capen Lobby DATE: November 26th

**Refreshments and a movie will follow. (A Raisin in the Sun)

KUJICHAGULIA (SELF-DETERMINATION)

The Minority Faculty and Staff Association will present an evening of their finest poetry. Time 6:30

Place: Fargo 2nd Floor Lounge (Bldg. 6) Date: 11/27

UJIMA (COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY)

Minority leaders in the Buffalo Community will come together to discuss major social, political, and economic issues.

TIME: 7:00 PLACE: Baldy Hall's Kiva Room DATE: 11/28

UJAMAA (COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS)

A Kwanzaa craft display consisting of jewelry, cloths, and other ethnically based items will be sold.

PLACE: Capen Lobby DATE: 11/29

NIA (PURPOSE)

A special African performance will be held in room 101 of Main street campus' Allen Hall. Join Emile Latimer and the drummings and dance if "The Sounds and Echos of Yemenja"
Pre-Performance Reception: 7:00 DATE: 11/30

KUUMBA (CREATIVITY)

The Legal Defense Fund for Ronald Longmire will present their second disco to support the fund. Poetry will be read.

TIME: 9:00 PLACE: Fargo 2nd floor lounge DATE: 12/1

Donation: \$1.00

IMANI (FAITH)

Come witness the coming of the Kwanzaa tradition to the University of Buffalo. A cultural Dinner and Show will serve as the closing event in our Kwanzaa celebration. Remember, in Unity, there is Strength.....

TIME: 6:00 PLACE: Talbert Bullpin DATE: 12/2

Donation: \$3.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TICKET-TRON (Capen Hall)