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BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

Agenda

11-1-00

1. Report on guess speaker (Dr. Afrika) and venue for program.
-Promotion for program
-Transportation
-Other
2. Report on Afrika House (Jomo Akono)
3. Report on Plaque from George Winfield
4. Selection of theme
5. Selection of fundraisers
6. Journal
7. Kwanzaa Presentations
8. Closing

? Children's Kwanzaa
Cost estimates / African Market place
1st part of Dec...
Presentation
1st Day of Kwanzaa...

No Brunch, Candy Bar
Kwanzaa Taps, Journal, Market Place, Donations
Wendy Anderson...
Themes...

A Vision of Family ~
Our Vision for Ourselves
A Vision for Community
Our Vision

Tues Dec. 26 - L. Hughes
Wed Dec. 27 - AACC - Market Place. Ken Glower
Thu Dec. 28 "King Okoye"
Fri Dec. 29
Sat Dec. 30 - (AM) Children's Kwanzaa
Sun Dec. 31 - Moot (Karamu)
Mon. Jan. 1 - Celebrate at Homes...

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

Requests For Presentations

The Buffalo Kwanzaa Committee has received the following requests for presentations as of 11-1-2000:

- Shawn ① Deaconess Center (1001 Humboldt Pkwy) 12-26-00 between 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM Senior Program / Youth Program
- Karina ② W.N.Y. United Against Drugs and Alcohol 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Karama Amin 12/10/00
- ③ West Minister Early Childhood Program 1-9-00 and 1-10-00
Between 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM
- ? (Makeda Sabriyah) ④ St. Martin's Cultural Enrichment Day 1-12-00 Friday between 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM Youth ...

WBLK - Air time ...

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE
108 Sycamore Street
Buffalo, New York 14204
(716) 856-7720

Mrs. Agnes Baines
African Cultural Center
350 Masten Street
Buffalo, New York 14208

November 1, 2000

Dear Sister Baines:

This letter is to inform you that on October 20th, 2000 the following agreement was made between the Buffalo Kwanzaa Committee and Dr. Llaila Afrika:

That Dr. Afrika would visit Buffalo, New York between November 3rd through November 6th, 2000 and conduct Holistic Health lectures, workshops and personal consultations for the Buffalo community. Dr. Afrika will be presenting at the following locations:

- 1. Friday between 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Langston Hughes Institute**
- 2. Saturday between 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM Harambee Book Store**
- 3. Sunday Between 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM First Nazareth Baptist Church**
- 4. Sunday between 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Coldspring Missionary Church**
- 5. Monday between 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM N. Jefferson Library**

Dr. Afrika has agreed to a fee of \$350.00 for his services. The airfare for his travel to Buffalo from Atlanta (round trip) is 191.00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Bro. Ausar Afrika

The Buffalo Kwanzaa Committee presents Dr. Llaila Afrika for three day's of Holistic Health Lectures, Book Signing's, Personal Consultations and Workshops. Dr. Afrika will be in Buffalo between Nov. 3rd and 6th.

Dr. Llaila Afrika is a nutrition consultant, massage therapist, historian, writer and a Doctor of Naturopathy. A pioneer in the field of health Dr. Afrika's background includes serving in the Medical Core in the Military and several years' experience as a psychotherapist. He has used herbal and other holistic treatments exclusively since the early 1970's and is unique for his Afrocentric approach to nutrition and health. Dr. Afrika states that, "We must become healthy so our children can become healthy". "We are created by God to become Goddesses and Gods. A healthy body is the only vehicle that will make us realize our Godliness.

Llaila is the founder of the Afro-American Health and Vegetarian Society, as well as a member of the National Naturopathic Medical Union, the British Guild of Drugless Practitioners, the American Holistic Science Association, and the American Black Chiropractic Association.

Some of the topics Dr. Africa will discuss are:

- The truth about Aids**
- Herpes Treatments**
- Foods to avoid and their substitutes**
- Complete Herbal Remedies**
- How to Prepare Herbs**
- Drug Detoxification**
- Vitamins and Minerals**
- Disease Diagnosis and Examination**
- Vaccines (A Cure or Death)**
- Violence and Children**
- Women's Health Issues**
- Men's Health Issues**
- Fasting**
- And many others**

For more information, please contact the Buffalo Kwanzaa Committee at Harambee Books, Arts and Crafts. 108 Sycamore Street 14204 or call 856-7720 ask for Bro. Ausar Afrika or Sister Aqua Assassta.

Goods

350.00

Al-Nisa..

Restaurants
meals for

Sam Rappard - \$100 - Kwanza Comm.

50/50 Split .. Kwanza Committee / Dr. Afrika
Audio/Video Tapes ..

Comm. Dev. - \$200.00 Betty Grant..

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

C/O HARAMBEE BOOK STORE
108 Sycamore Street Buffalo, New York 14204
856-7720 Phone 856-7763 Fax

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Tuesday December 26: UMOJA (Unity)
Pratt-Willert Center 7 PM to 9 PM
422 Pratt Street: Speaker Rita Jackson

Wednesday December 27: KUJICHAGULIA (Self Determination)
McCoy Convention Center 7 PM to 9 PM
653 Clinton Street at Adam: Speaker Dr. Maulana Karenga (\$5 Donation)

Thursday December 28: UJIMA (Collective Work & Responsibility)
African American Culture Center
350 Masten Avenue: 7 PM to 9 PM
Afrikan Market, Music, Dance, Poetry

Friday December 29: UJAMAA (Cooperative Economics)
Martha Mitchell Center 7 PM to 9 PM
Kenfield Projects: Speaker Bro. Jamil Muhammad

Saturday December 30: NIA (Purpose)
Children Kwanzaa: Afternoon Program Central Library 12 Noon to 2 PM
Evening Program (African Village) Muhammad Mosque # 23 5 Walden Ave. 3 PM to 9 PM

Sunday December 31: KUUMBA (Creativity)
Moot Senior Center 7 PM to 9 PM
292 High Street: Open Microphone
Karamu Feast

Monday January 1: IMANI (Faith)
Harambee Book Store 7 PM to Until
108 Sycamore St: Tribute to Dr. John H. Clarke Open Discussion & Possible Video

- ①
- \$50 Drum } 1hr
 - \$50 Dance } 1hr
 - \$50 Assistant } 45 min
 - \$50 Art & Craft 1.5 hr
 - \$50 Griot/O 1 hr = Swahili class
 - many Cous-Cous
 - \$50* Preparing food 1hr = or dinner prep
 - \$50 music - PAN-AFRIKAN + culture +
- During Between music Poetry
-
- \$350 = 3.5

①. ~~Kunwara~~ - A vision of our
 OWL
~~Carrying our own~~
 Destiny

Destiny - A vision of
 our owl

* Purchase Supplies

more ideas
 whole story exhibit donation

Culture rite Youth & Culture
 Poetry Dance

KWANZAA
9/20/00

Kwanzaa = 2346.67 opening acct.,
Kwanzaa Committee.

2,000.00 Betty Grant CDBG
500.00 City Bank.

Wendy - Ads - 1st Dec.

Plaque.. \$125
Names on the plaque..
Total Cost..

Pre-Christmas
Dec. 9

Dr. Afrika - Nov. 3
Langston Hughes
acc
Sandems
Kensington Place } vendors..

DeBerry - Dec.

Vendor - Dec. 2

mtg - Oct 4.

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

Agenda

11-29-00

1. Financial report
2. Program Development
3. Report on Plaque *- George*
4. Report from Committees
 - Publicity *893-0947* (Kandee Nance, L. Nathan Hare, Samuel Radford, Lisa F. Muhammad) *→*
 - Marketplace & Vendors (Ausar Afrika, William F. Muhammad) *12 Vendors Vendors List. 2 days... \$20 1 day \$30 2 days, NIKKI,*
 - Nomination (Lisa F. Muhammad, Kandee Nance, Helen McCown) *Youth nominations...*
 - Karamu Feast (Kandee Nance, Ausar Afrika)
 - Fundraiser (L. Nathan Hare, Kandee Nance, Helen McCown) *KWANZAA Booster.*
 - Children Kwanzaa (Sharon Holley, Kandee Nance, Jomo Akono)
 - Education (Sharon Holley, Ausar Afrika, Kandee Nance, Akua Assata) *Willie, Bruce Austin...*
5. Journal Ads
6. Closing
 - Dec. 10 Kanima*
 - Dec. 26 - Sharon (Decones Hosp.)*
 - Dec. 8 11-1 45min. (D'Youville Collg)*

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT

11-29-00

NEW ACCOUNT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9-12-00	\$2346.67

AMOUNT RECEIVED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11-14-00	\$757.00
11-27-00	\$100.00

DISBURSMENT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>
10-11-00	\$125.00 (George Winfield)	101
10-12-00	\$191.00 (Delta Airline)	102
10-29-00	\$100.00 (Vera Martin)	103
11-03-00	\$ 50.00 (Ausar Afrika "Food")	104
11-03-00	\$ 75.00 (Delta Airline)	105
11-07-00	\$ 350.00 (Honorarium)	106

Totals \$ 891.00

ADJUSTMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
9-13-00	\$ 73.63	NSF

AVAILABLE BALANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11-29-00	\$2222.31
	<i>2000 + Beltge Grant</i>
	<i>4222.31</i>

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Host - Nat Hare

2) Pratt-Wilbert
3) Friends of Edeley
Ken-Bailey
Cultural Presentation

Wednesday December 27: KUJICHAGULIA (Self Determination)
McCoy Convention Center 7 PM to 9 PM
653 Clinton Street at Adam: Speaker Dr. Maulana Karenga
Host: Nikki, Willie

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African American Culture Center
350 Masten Avenue: 7 PM to 9 PM
Afrikan Market, Music, Dance, Poetry
Host: Tyetta

Vendors

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Martha Mitchell Center 7 PM to 9 PM
Kenfield Projects: Speaker Bro. A. Akbar Muhammad
Host: Auser Afrika

Jami

Saturday December 30: NIA (Purpose)
Children Kwanzaa: Afternoon Program Central Library 12 Noon to 2 PM
Evening Program (African Village) Muhammad Mosque # 23 5 Walden Ave. 3 PM to 9 PM
Host:

Vendors

Jamell Brown
Justin Nance

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Moot Senior Center 7 PM to 9 PM
292 High Street: Open Microphone
Karamu Feast
Host:

Monday January 1: IMANI (Faith)
Harambee Book Store 7 PM to Until
108 Sycamore St:
Tribute to Dr. John H. Clarke Open Discussion & Possible Video

(Birthday)

SAT - Central library
Naming Ceremony - 30 min
27 men 16-18

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

MARKETPLACE & VENDOR REPORT

12-13-00

1. Zawadi Enterprize	\$30.00
2. C. Dorsey/B. Hamler	\$30.00
3. Jill Bronner	\$20.00
4. Harambee Books	\$30.00
5. Pat Bozeman	\$30.00
6. Adeylah (Dee) Miller	\$30.00
7. Hamadoune Sow	\$30.00
8. Glendell & Catherine Muhammad	\$30.00
TOTAL	<u>\$230.00</u>

4- Rochester
Fomo
Habea

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT

12-13-00

AVAILABLE BALANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12-13-00	\$2222.31

AMOUNT RECEIVED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12-12-00	\$225.00 (Journal Ads)
12-12-00	\$140.00 (5 Vendors)

TOTALS	<u>\$365.00</u>
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AVAILABLE BALANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11-29-00	\$2587.31

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

Agenda

12-20-00

1. **Financial Report**

2. **Programs**

3. **Report from Committees**

-**Publicity** (Kandee Nance, L. Nathan Hare, Samuel Radford,
Lisa F. Muhammad)

-**Marketplace & Vendors** (Ausar Afrika, William F. Muhammad)

15 Vendors.

-**Nomination** (Lisa F. Muhammad, Kandee Nance, Helen McCown,
Niki Stewart) *turn in to Kandee. **

-**Karamu Feast** (Kandee Nance, Ausar Afrika, Akua Assata)

-**Fundraiser** (L. Nathan Hare, Kandee Nance, Helen McCown)

-**Children Kwanzaa** (Sharon Holley, Kandee Nance, Jomo Akono)

-**Education** (Sharon Holley, Ausar Afrika, Kandee Nance, Akua Assata)
Bruce Austin, Nathan Hare

*Families Helping Families 12/16
Bette Grant Show
TC Amith - WUFO - Sat AM*

✓ 4. **Journal Ads** (Sam Radford's Report)

5. **Closing**

*Decorations - Dec. 26
West Seneca Market - Dec 28*

Booster Club - mention

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT

12-20-00

AVAILABLE BALANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12-13-0	\$2587.31

AMOUNT RECEIVED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12-14-0	\$225.00
12-18-0	\$175.00

TOTAL	<u>\$400.00</u>
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AVAILABLE BALANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12-20-00	\$2,987.31

BUFFALO KWANZAA COMMITTEE
Journal Report (12-20-00)

1. Ruth Holley	\$5.00	Patron
2. High Spot	\$25.00	½ Page
3. Canisius College	\$75.00	Back Page
4. Lutheran Service	\$15.00	¼ Page
5. Bflo. Police Res.	\$40.00	½ Page
6. True Bethel	\$15.00	¼ Page
7. Harambee Books	\$50.00	Full Page
8. Berkshire Farm	\$50.00	Full Page
9. Return To Promise	\$50.00	Full Page
10. Scented Wonders	\$15.00	¼ Page
11. Juneteeth Festival	\$50.00	Full Page
12. Cattonyx Services	\$15.00	¼ Page
13. Karmia Amin	\$25.00	½ Page
14. Doris Records	\$50.00	Full Page
15. Storytellers - <i>Sharon Huddy</i>	\$15.00	¼ Page
16. Muhammad Family	\$25.00	½ Page
17. Caribbean Express	\$25.00	½ Page
18. African Cultural Cnt.	\$25.00	½ Page (Not Yet Paid)
19. African Imports	\$50.00	Full Page
20. Eva Doyle	\$30.00	½ Page
Total	\$560.00	(+25.00 A/ACC=\$585.00)

585.00

21. Muhammad's Mosque #23

**KWANZAA 2000
A VISION FOR THE AFRICAN FAMILY**

UMOJA-UNITY

**Tuesday, December 26, 2000
Pratt-Willert Community Center, 422 Pratt Street**

Host Bro. Ausar Afrika & Sis. Akua Assata

Lift Every Voice and Song

UNIA Pledge

Opening' Ceremony

Reading of Tamshi La Tambiko (Libation Statement)

Pouring of Libation

Explanation of Kwanzaa Symbols

Lighting of the Kinara

Nguzo Saba Song

Kukumbuka (Remembering) – Reflections from Elder/Youth

Presentation of Plaque for 1999

- 1. Welcome Mr. Clark, Executive Director of Pratt-Willert**
- 2. Welcome African Heads of State (Modell Gault) -10 min.**

Drum Call

Dance Presentation

African Group...

*Makumbe Presents
The Rhythm and Dancers
of the Forest.*

Introduction of the Speaker - by Sister Karima Amin

Speaker Sister Rita Jackson

Announcements

Reading of Tamshi La Tutaonana (Farewell Statement)

Seven Harambees

*100 Chairs - ACC
Pratt Willert...*

**KWANZAA 2000
A VISION FOR THE AFRICAN FAMILY**

KUJICHAGULIA –SELF DETERMINATION

**Wednesday, December 27, 2000
McCoy Convention Center, 653 Clinton Street**

Host - Bro. Willie Stewart & Sis. Nique Nance

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UNIA Pledge

Opening' Ceremony

**Reading of Tamshi La Tambiko (Libation Statement)
Pouring of Libation
Explanation of Kwanzaa Symbols
Lighting of the Kinara
Nguzo Saba Song
Kukumbuka (Remembering) – Reflection from Elder/Youth**

Welcome Rev. Josey

Drum Call

Dance Presentation - African American Cultural Center Dancers

Introduction of the Speaker

Speaker Dr. Mualana Karenga

Announcements

Reading of Tamshi La Tutaonana (Farewell Statement)

Seven Harambees

Children's KWANZAA

NIA

Saturday, December 30, 2000

12 Noon - 2:00 PM

Mason O. Damon Auditorium

Central Library
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Featuring

Music Students from St. John Christian Academy
African Cultural Center's ^{Children's} Drum and Dance Troupe
Jack and Jill Beautillion Initiates - African Naming Ceremony

Co-Sponsored by Kwanzaa Committee of Buffalo,
Dept. of Extension Services - Buffalo & Erie County Public Library,
Jack and Jill - Buffalo Chapter

**KWANZAA 2000
A VISION FOR THE AFRICAN FAMILY**

NIA-PURPOSE

Buffalo area
Saturday, December 30, 2000

1 Lafayette Square
Eire County Public Library & Muhammad Mosque # 23

1 Lafau
Host Nathan Hare & Sharon Holley (12-2 PM)
Makeda and Jessica Nance
Sam Radford & Anntoinette Rhodes (3-9 PM)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UNIA Pledge - *Rashaad Holley*

Opening' Ceremony

Reading of Tamshi La Tambiko (Libation Statement)

Pouring of Libation

Explanation of Kwanzaa Symbols

Lighting of the Kinara

Nguzo Saba Song

Kukumbuka (Remembering) - Reflection from Elder/Youth

Welcome - *Sharon Holley*

Drum Call

Dance Presentation - *African American Cultural Center Childrens*

Music Presentation - *Dance and Drum Troupe*

Announcements - *Students from St. Johns Christian Academy*

Reading of Tamshi La Tutaonana (Farewell Statements)

Seven Harambees

Jessica Co-Host
Nance

\$ 150.00 Children's Kwanzaa

Children's Kwanzaa - p.u. on 12/29

Thank Co Sponsors:

**KWANZAA 2000
A VISION FOR THE AFRICAN FAMILY**

NIA – PURPOSE

Saturday, December 30, 2000
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square

Host Makeda Holley and Jessica Nance

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UNIA Pledge Rashaad Holley

Opening Ceremony

Reading of Tamshi La Tambiko (Libation Statement)
Pouring of Libation
Explanation of Kwanzaa Symbols
Lighting of the Kinara
Nguzo Saba Song
Kukumbuka (Remembering) – Reflection from Elder/Youth

Welcome Sharon Holley

Drum Call

Dance Presentation – African American Cultural Center Children's Dance and Drum
Performing Troupe

Music Presentation – Students from St. John's Christian Academy

African Naming Ceremony – Jack and Jill Beautillion Initiates

Announcements

Reading of Tamshi La Tutaonana (Farewell Statement)

Seven Harambees

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Children's Kwanzaa was co-sponsored by The Kwanzaa Committee of Buffalo, The
Dept. of Extension Services – Buffalo & Erie County Public Library and Jack and Jill-
Buffalo Chapter

(U.N.I.A.)

This Flag is mine
Here's to this flag of mine
The Red, Black and Green
Hopes in its future bright
Africa has seen
Here's to the Red of it,

Great nations shall know of it
In time to come
Red blood shall flow of it.
Historians shall write of it.
Great Flag of mine.
Here's to the Black of it.
Four hundred millions back of it.
Whose destiny depends on it.
The RED, BLACK, and GREEN of it.
Oh, Flag of mine.

Here's to the green of it
Young men shall dream of it,
Face shot and shells of it,
Maidens shall sing of it,
Waving so high
Here's to the whole of it
Colors brought and pole of it
Pleased is my soul with it
Regardless of what is told of it,
Thanks God for giving it
Great Flag of mine.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

*Lift Ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring
with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high
as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling
sea. Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us; Sing a song, full of the hope that the present
has brought us, Facing the rising Sun of our new day
begun, let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, fell in
the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady
beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for
which our fathers signed? We have come, over a way
that with tears has been watered. We have come,
treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered.
Out from the gloomy past, til now we stand at last,
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou
who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who
hast by thy might, led us into the light. Keep us forever
in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God where we met thee. Lest our hearts, drunk
with the wine of the world, we forget thee; Shadowed
beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our
God, true to our native land.*

**James Weldon Johnson
J. Rosamond Johnson**

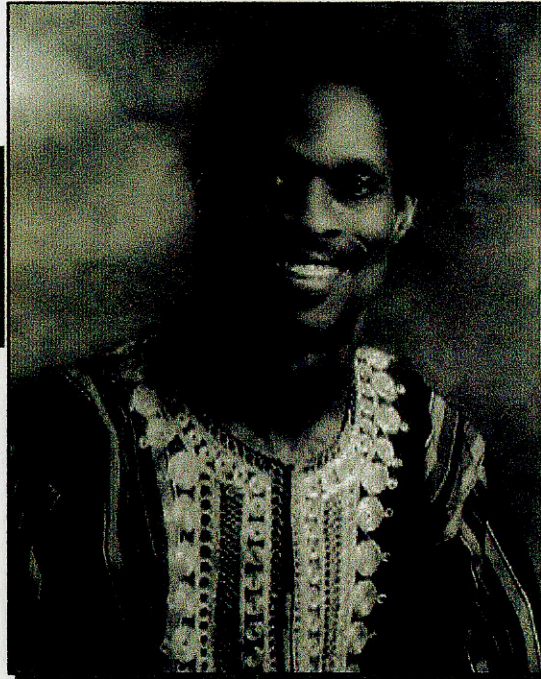
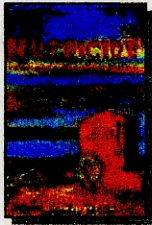
The Kwanzaa Committee and
Harambee Books and Crafts
presents

Dr. Naila Afrika

Topics to be discussed:

- Women and Men Health issues
- Vitamins and Minerals
- Violence and Children
- Drug Detoxification
- Complete Herbal remedies
- How to prepare Herbs
- Disease Diagnosis and Examination
- Herpes Treatments
- Vaccines (A cure or Death)
- The Truth about AIDS
- Foods to Avoid and their substitutes
- Fasting and many others

Books by
Dr. Afrika include



African Holistic Health

Friday, November 3 thru November 6, 2000

Friday 7-9PM Langston Hughes Inst. 25 High St.

Sat. 12-6PM Harambee Bookstore 108 Sycamore Ave

Sun. Various Churches

Mon. 6-8PM African Cons. Workshop 332 E. Utica St.

For more information call Bro. Ausar Afrika 856-7720

A very special thank you to the Village Elders For their wisdom, guidance and willing Participation.

The Honorable Clifford Bell
Council Member -At- Large (Ret.)

John Johnson, Commissioner
New York State Office of Child & Family Services

Nathan Hare, Regional Director
Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth

JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.
Buffalo Chapter
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Rubie Carlis-McKelvey	Beautillion Co-Chair

JACK & JILL OF AMERICA, INC.
BUFFALO CHAPTER
2001 BEAUTILLION

rites of passage naming ceremony

Saturday, December 30, 2000

1:00 PM

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library



"Robbing peoples and countries of their rightful names was one of the cruel games that colonizers played with the colonized. Names are like magic markers in the long and labyrinthine streams of racial memory, for racial memories of mankind are stored. To rob people or countries of their name is to set in motion a psychic disturbance that can, in turn, create a permanent crises of identity."

~ Jan R. Carew ~

IT WAS STOLEN, WE MUST GIVE IT BACK

~PROGRAM~

Karibu (Welcome)	Martha Younger
Master Drummer	Emile Latimer
Entrance of Beaux	
Significance of Ceremony	Elder Clifford Bell
Libation	Baba Nathan Hare & Queen Mother Linda Seay
Naming Process	Elder John Johnson
Naming of Beaux	Baba Nathan Hare & Queen Mother Linda Seay
Special Libation	Baba Nathan Hare
Parents' Commitment	Parents of the Beaux
Community Welcome	Baba Nathan Hare

~2001 BEAUX~

Dennis M. Abrams	Nahilah
Alex Archer	Shomari
Philip Borden	N'Namdi
Bryan Brown	Tahir
Vincent Caver	Mwendapole
Aaron Clanton	Zuheri
Dominic Currie-Bishop	Zuri
Bryan Ferguson	Mwamba
Michael Griffith	Abasi Awbah Kondoh
Leamon Hall	Akil Kamau
Kentrell Harris	Ali Chioke
Chad Houston	Omari
Vonzell D. Jones	Adofo Nangila Akil
Brandon Littles	Kamau
George Matthews	Kontar
Todd McAlister	Emarogbe
Kameron McCullough	Balandemu
Jason R. Moore	Matzmoyah
Jaja Muhammad	Jaja
Kent Olden	Bakari Akili
Amir Shareef	Yusuf
Nasser Sutherland	Nasser
Aaron Wood	Nasor
Brandon Woods	Akil
Jermaine D. Younger	Jahi

APPLICATION FOR USE OF AUDITORIUM

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Nguzo Saba Conference Marks 35th Anniversary of the Organization Us

Article

Some of the most prominent political, educational, business, spiritual and literary leaders from around the country will come together Sept. 7-10, when the Organization Us celebrates its 35th Anniversary with a major conference to be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 9620 Airport Blvd, Los Angeles and at the African American Cultural Center, 2560 W. 54th St., Los Angeles. The four-day conference and celebration has as its theme, "Nguzo Saba 2000: The Principles and Practice for Bringing Good into the World" and will be organized around The Nguzo Saba, The Seven Principles.

Most familiar as the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, the Pan African holiday celebrated by over 28 million people throughout the world African community, the Nguzo Saba are used extensively as a central part of on going cultural, educational and political programs. These principles usually cited in Swahili and English are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith).

The Nguzo Saba, The Seven Principles, were developed by the activist/scholar, Dr. Maulana Karenga, who is chair of the Organization Us and professor and chair of the department of black studies, California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Karenga is also the creator of Kwanzaa and has written the standard book on the subject titled, Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture.

The conference comes at the same time a celebration of the history and far-reaching effect of the Organization Us has had on black intellectual and political culture. Us and its philosophy, Kawaida, including the Nguzo Saba, have played a vanguard role in shaping the Black Arts Movement, Black Studies, the Black Power Movement, Black Student Union Movement, Afrocentricity, rites of passage programs, the ancient Egyptian Studies movement, the independent black school movement, African life-cycle ceremonies, the Sumba Wachanga youth movement and black theological and ethical discourse.

Internationally, the Nguzo Saba have served as a core vision and value orientation for community, student and liberation groups in Africa and in other parts of the world African community.

Continuing to build on these achievements, the conference will present models of excellence and possibility from organizations around the country who use the Seven Principles as vision and value orientation in such diverse areas as independent schools, rites of passage, family maintenance, school retention, cooperatives, psychological treatment,

and community organization.

The conference will also include discussion on critical current issues such as independent politics; quality education; reparations; the struggle against police abuse; the death penalty and other human rights violations; male/female relationships; community organizing; economic development; and spirituality and ethics.

The opening conference reception will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at the African American Cultural Center and the special awards luncheon, leadership roundtable and conference workshops will be held Sept. 8-9 at the Renaissance Hotel. For registration and more information, please call (323) 299-6124 or visit www.NguzoSaba2000.org and www.Us-Organization.org.

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Pride and joy
African-Americans celebrate Kwanzaa

By KEVIN COLLISON
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12/27/00

Dancing and drums begin a seven-day festival with a focus on unity, as families seek to connect children with their heritage

The warmest spirit in Buffalo on a snowy Tuesday night glowed in the Pratt-Willert Community Center, where 300 African-Americans celebrated with dance and drums on the first day of Kwanzaa.

Many arrived dressed in bland winter coats that, once shed, revealed colorful African garb beneath. It was a family occasion, an event that many want to pass along to their children to connect them with their heritage and encourage pride.

"It's something my family has been doing the past three years," said Melissa Batts, her year-old daughter, Imena, bundled up in a snowsuit. "We enjoy doing it together and enjoy doing it with the community. People here are our family."

Kwanzaa was founded 34 years ago by an American college professor, Maulana Karenga. Kwanzaa, which means "first fruit" in Swahili, is based on the Nguzo Saba, the



Photos by SHARON CANTILLON/Buffalo News
The dance troupe Makumba performs the dance Djoli Don on Tuesday in the Pratt-Willert Community Center during the opening day of Kwanzaa, celebrating the principle of Unity.



Akua Assata lights the middle candle, representing the people, during ceremonies commemorating the first day of Kwanzaa.



seven principles of community and nation-building.

Each day celebrates a different value: Umoja (unity), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Nia (purpose) and Imani (faith).

The opening comments and prayers of Ausar Afrika and Akua Assata, the co-hosts for the first event, earned the respect of the audience, but it was the hard drumming and ecstatic dancing that lifted their hearts and hands.

The tiny symbol of African pride was 6-year-old Kesi Akono. Dressed in a bright green dress and head wrap inspired by the garb worn to market, the girl led five teenage dancers barefoot across the gymnasium floor.

Kesi maintained remarkable poise as she not only danced but sang a song in Wolol, an African language, to salute the king and celebrate his wedding.

The other dancers took it from there, swirling and leaping in similar pink, yellow, orange and blue costumes. Their exertions would tire an Olympic sprinter. After a quick change, the girls came back in festive skirts and tops decorated with cowrie shells.

The little girl led the group again, and their beat intensified again as the clapping, drumming and whistling grew louder. Smiles of joy and pride beamed on the faces of the audience.

Afterward, Kesi attributed her poise to years of practice.

"I've danced for a long time, since I was a little baby," she said. The girl also has learned the meaning of Kwanzaa from her mother, Sophia Akono, who home-schools her.

"Kwanzaa means 'come together and celebrate,'" said the girl, who had done so much to bring that spirit to the event.

There were other, older community-builders as well.

Modell Gault had recently returned from his third trip to Ghana. He looked the part as well, wearing native garb much more suitable for that tropical West African country than wintry Buffalo.

Gault said the traditions still practiced in the village where he attended school in Ghana could help rekindle pride among African-Americans.

"Our culture is suffering from what we call cultural genocide and cultural suicide simultaneously," he said.

"It's only fitting that our ancestors look down among us Africans of the diaspora and ask us to return home and regain their culture. Their (Ghana) culture is still intact. The theme of this Kwanzaa is a vision. We have returned to America with a vision."

Rita Jackson, an inspirational speaker from California who gave a talk, said unity in the African-American community is vital following the latest presidential election.

"More than ever, we are going to have to pull together as a people," she said. "You can say dimples, chad and misvotes, but we are going to have to pull together."

The remaining themes of Kwanzaa will be celebrated throughout the rest of the week: today, 7 p.m., McCoy Convention Center, 653 Clinton St.; Thursday, 7 p.m., African-American Cultural Center, 350 Masten Ave.; Friday, 7 p.m., Martha Mitchell Center, Kenfield Projects;

Saturday, noon, Central Library, and 3 p.m., Muhammad Mosque, 5 Walden Ave.; Sunday, 7 p.m., Moot Senior Center, 292 High St.; and Monday, 7 p.m., Harambee Book Store, 108 Sycamore St.



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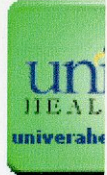
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Culture, not religion, is basis of celebration

By ANTHONY CARDINALE
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12/28/00

The struggle of African-Americans over the years has altered the character of this country, Maulana Karenga, founder of the Kwanzaa celebration, said here on Wednesday evening.

Speaking in the McCoy Center on Clinton Street to 175 residents dressed in their finest African outfits, Karenga discussed the achievements of his 34-year-old movement on the second day of Kwanzaa.

The professor of black studies from California State University at Long Beach said this latter-day African holiday is now celebrated by 28 million people annually.

The struggle of a people to rediscover their roots after centuries of slavery was bound to alter the society of white Americans as well as blacks, he said.

But the lesson could have been forgotten through what he called "the memory replacement of the dominant society."

"One of the great attempts of the holocaust of enslavement was that the Europeans sought to replace our memories with theirs," Karenga said. "Just think of the crime of replacing someone's memory. George Washington and Betsy Ross (in place of) Nat Turner."

This freedom-loving nation "is not what George Washington or Thomas Jefferson imagined it to be or set it up to be," he said. "It is what we created in our struggle for freedom, justice and equality, and power to control our destiny."

Freedom as Americans know it today actually grew out of the struggle of blacks to rediscover their past, he said, citing not only Turner's slave uprising but the movements of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

"Their struggle - our struggle - changed the character of this country," Karenga declared.

He then criticized the media for misunderstanding the meaning of Kwanzaa.



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"The media portrays Kwanzaa as self-improvement," he said, as if blacks were a step below whites. "It is not (meant to be) therapeutic. No one interviews a Jew about celebrating Hanukkah for self-improvement. What did Christmas do to solve the Mafia problem?"

The role of Kwanzaa, he said, is to discover "the spirit of human possibility" and to "celebrate the good of family, community and culture - the good of the earth - the ripening of fruit and the harvesting of good in the world."

In an interview, Karenga explained that Kwanzaa is not meant as a religious holiday and does not draw its primary impetus from the religions of the world.

"We used culture, not religion," Karenga said of his synthesis from a multiplicity of African elements to create the seven-day Kwanzaa celebration. He said he avoided favoring any of the competing religions practiced by Africans and African-Americans.

"I studied African societies and I asked myself, 'What is the social cement and glue that holds them together and gives them their humanistic character?' " Karenga said. "And I discovered it was their community and values that stressed and strengthened family, community and culture."

Nor was Kwanzaa an attempt to create an alternative to civil disobedience or rioting in the inner cities of the 1960s, Karenga said.

"It is not an alternative to struggle in the streets. It does not replace other modes of action. And as it was introduced, people began to embrace it and to see it as a fundamental way for culture grounding and value orientation."

The celebration continues at 7 tonight in the African-American Cultural Center, 350 Masten Ave.



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