

The mission and purpose of the African American Cultural Society, Inc. is to preserve and perpetuate the cultural heritage of African Americans through educational, artistic, intellectual and social activities and services deemed to be in the interests of the entire community.

Membership Enrollment for July 2020 – June 2021

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From President Joe Matthews...

CENTER ADMINISTRATION

Hello AACS family, I hope you are all well and staying home. If you must go out, I also hope you are practicing social distancing and wearing your mask and gloves.

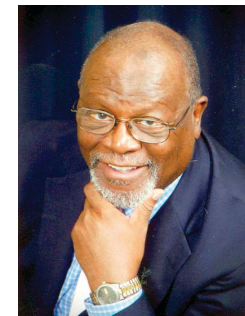
While the Cultural Center building is still officially closed, the officers and directors have been watching the store and conducting the business of AACS.

Blanche Valentine, our Cultural Center Administrator, has been working from home, continuing to monitor the phones, sending out emails, and making Robocalls. She has made occasional trips to the Center as necessary to meet with me, other officers and directors, and the chairs of the 200 Club, Cultural, and Social Media Committees.

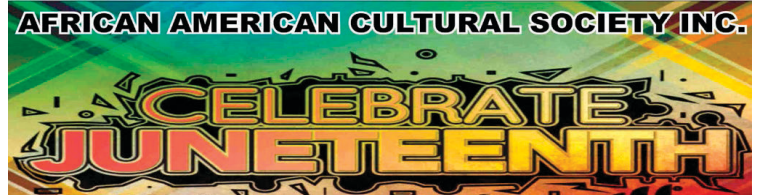
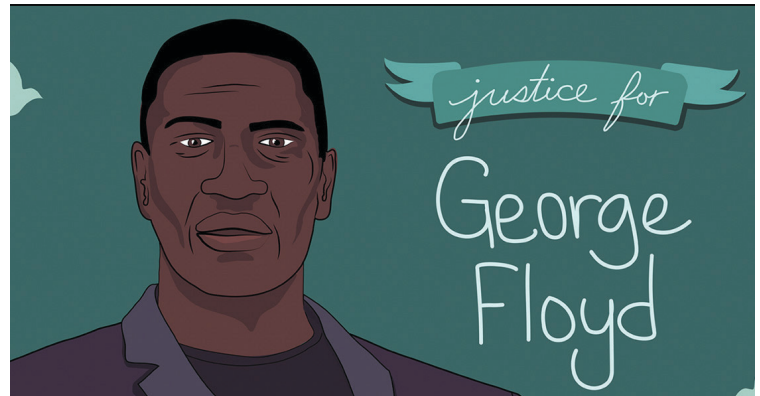
During her trips, she also is keeping the center building pandemic safe by sanitizing the bathrooms, tabletops, chairs, and doorknobs. Periodically I make building safety checks to double check doors and the bathrooms, ensuring there are no leaks, and that nothing is out of place.

I am pleased to report that we have been successful in obtaining a small loan through the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) of the federal CARES Act. The loan will be forgiven if we use it to continue paying the Cultural Center Administrator, our one employee, for at least eight weeks.

Now I want to transition into a direct appeal: please immediately renew your membership and pay your dues for the next fiscal year. The pandemic is having a devastating impact on our



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Juneteenth exposes the injustices and denial of human rights that still plagues America, as shown again by current events. The holiday also celebrates the good in people of all ethnicities and cultures, who fought side-by-side against evil.

Juneteenth is an important part of our African American heritage because it is like a second Independence Day. It is a reminder of how far we have come and how much further we need to go toward eradicating the oppression that continues. It is a memorial to those who have died in the name of basic freedoms and a challenge to those who would question the relevance of the past to everyone alive today.

This year's AACS celebration again is partially supported by the City of Palm Coast. The theme will be "Bridging the Gap" with entertainment and words from our supporters. All are welcome to join this cultural event by viewing the video to be posted shortly after June 13th on our website, our Facebook page, and on YouTube. Parents are encouraged to have children view the video for an educational and entertaining experience.

We are gratefully accepting donations to help defray expenses for the virtual event. Debit/credit card may be used online at aacs.pc.eventbrite.com. Donate buttons also will be found at our website and on Facebook.

From President Joe Matthews continued...

finances with the elimination of rental income and the cancellation of scheduled fundraising events.

Please remember we are still available to you if needed although the building remains closed. We are just a phone call away.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Cultural Committee now is chaired by Ms. Salima NDulu, a new Palm Coast resident and AACS member. The committee is working hard on planning our Juneteenth Celebration scheduled for Saturday, June 13th. It will be presented virtually with the theme "Bridging the Gap". There will be singing, dancing, readings, and stories. There also will be sponsor and vendor presentations.

I know you will enjoy and be proud of the celebration. We will let you know what social media platform to use to view the Juneteenth program.

OUTREACH

The Men of AACS, a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has the charter to assist AACS with financial support and physical manpower to the extent possible.

I reached out to the organization for the task of cleaning the Center's many chairs. I joined seven Men of AACS volunteers to perform the necessary work on May 20th.

The workers included **Alton Dempsey**, cochair of the Men and project manager, **Berkeley Chandler**, Chair of the Men, **Edmund Pinto**, **Johnnie Spann**, **Louis McCarthy**, **Merritt Robertson**, and **Richard Barnes**. We were joined by **Daniel Isaac**, chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. We all wore gloves and masks and practiced social distancing as much as possible. It took more than two hours to take our 200 chairs outside the building for spraying, wiping down, drying, and returning to the building.

I want to personally thank the Men of AACS and Daniel for their time and help.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

We will continue to move AACS forward during this difficult time. Thanks to the Cultural Center Administrator, the officers and directors for their support and dedication during the pandemic. In closing "It Takes a Village". Thanks Village.

Lifetime Membership

Lifetime Members are a cherished part of the AACS family due to their exceptional financial support and service. The following are our Lifetime Members:

Original

Walter R. Boone, Sr., Erma Brooks, Arzellina A. Carter, Elva S. Lee, Anna Mauge', Ada McCain, James M. Sharpe, Jr., Gladys Spann and B. Audrey Thompson.

Gold

Robert C. Alleyne, Rosa Lee Griffin, Lionel Holder, Victor R. Krause, Jean Lanier, Dr. Jeanne Lea, Mildred O'Bryan, Karen Ottley, Ellen M. Parker, Herman L. Price M.D., Ethel Riley, Mavis E. Smith, James Wheeler, Jeanette B. Wheeler, Harriett Whiting, Robert W. Whiting, and Emma D. Wilson.

Silver

Richard P. Barnes, Lynda Baten, Gloria L. Benjamin, Cecile Mauge Boone M.D., Alzie D. Bostic, Doris H. Boyd, Donald Bryant, Rhedna R. Brodnax, Loretta Bryant, Dora M. Campbell, Joan Dabney, Barbara J. Goss, Alberto Jones, Sylvia Jones, James T. Lee, Stephanie E. Matthews, Jeroline D. McCarthy, Louis P. McCarthy, John L. Mills, Angelika Schlieper, Reinhold Schlieper, William L. Seeney, Jean M. Tanner, Earsel Wallace, Col. G. Henry Williams (ret.), and Janice C. Williams.

Silver Subscribing

Daniel Isaac, Joseph Matthews, Marie Winston-McCray, Loretta S. McCray, Edmund G. Pinto, Jr., Merritt A. Robertson, Anne S. Smith, Douglas M. Smith, Dr. Myra Middleton Valentine and Meshella E. Woods.

Gold memberships cost \$5,000, payable in \$500 annual installments. Silver memberships cost \$2,500, payable in \$250 annual installments. AACS Credits are accepted with one credit equal to one dollar. Become a Lifetime Member today and never pay AACS dues again!



In Memoriam

Ann L. Bernard
Adult Member
Palm Coast, Fla.

Kathleen D. Merritt
Adult Member
Past Treasurer
Widow of William B. Merritt
Clinton, Md.

Happy July Birthday!

Each of the following members is wished a healthy and joyful birthday!



June N. Bethel (27), Clarence W. Brodnax (24), Dominick E. Cunningham, Kenneth Davis Jr. (23), Geraldine A. Finley (19), Mamie R. Godfrey, Angela Johnson (28), James T. Lee (21), John Lucas (29), Patricia L. McLaurin (20), Miles Krause McLean (9), Naomi Meacham (10), Melinda J. Morais (10), Dorothy J. Nixon (25), Joyce Roach (4), Damali Walker (6), Janis Wiggins (1), Marilyn S. Wilson (30) and Meshella E. Woods (21).



Congratulations to the winners for May 2020: Robert L. Gary, **Charles E. Krause III, Herman L. Price, Eugene Roberson,** and

Barbara Solomon.

Per the Club's 2020-2021 schedule, a total of 52 drawings remain through March 2021 for prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

If you are interested in obtaining a number for the drawings, the enrollment process is still underway. The remaining numbers are: 023, 024, 122, 135, 140, 143, 166, 167, 176, 193, 204 and 223.

Contact **Berkeley Chandler** at (386) 263-2018 to make your number request known. Then pay \$104 for each number with a check made payable to "AACS". This may be a year to remember with all 224 numbers sold to support AACS during this difficult period!

Candidates Needed...

Please consider becoming a candidate to serve as AACS Director, First Vice President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer. Each position to be filled by election in November has a three-year term starting January 2021. Duties of each position are stipulated in the AACS Bylaws.

As usual, each candidate must complete an application and be nominated by a petition signed by four AACS members. Please call or email The Center to receive a Nominating Packet via postal mail or email. Nomination forms now are being accepted by the Nominating and Election Committee for introduction of qualified candidates to the general membership in September.

Scholarships Awarded

By **Patricia Bottoms**, AACS Adult Member

The Youth Black History Program Committee, with **Jeanette Wheeler** as chair, is proud to announce that four deserving students will receive \$7,000 this year to continue their education in the fall.



This is the scholarship program's 17th year of making awards from donations associated with the annual "Reality Show". This year's show, held on February 17, 2020, had the theme "The Beginning...Before We Were African Americans". It was a joyful celebration of the "homeland" focused on the African continent.

Each of the scholarship program recipients has participated in the reality show for several years, maintained excellent grades, and been active in school and the community.

Flagler Palm Coast H.S. graduate **Jada Simpson** was awarded \$2,000 which included a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of the late AACS Gold Lifetime Member **Madalin C. Price, Ph.D.** Jada has a 4.9 grade average, was active in student government, ran track, and participated in church activities. She will attend Southeastern University, in Lakeland, Florida, to major in marketing and business.

Alex Harvey, also a Flagler Palm Coast H.S. graduate, was awarded \$2,000. He participated in student government and dramatics and will earn his Associate Degree from Daytona State University. Alex plans to attend the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando.

Savannah Ryan is home schooled and a pianist who was involved in various classes at Embry Riddle University. She was awarded \$1,500, which includes \$1,000 in honor of the late AACS Original Lifetime Member **Jean Boone**. Ryan will continue her education at Daytona State College.

Flagler Palm Coast H.S. graduate **Erica Cousins** has been recognized for perfect attendance. She is an accomplished dancer who has taken classes at Daytona State College. Erica was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and will continue her education at Clark Atlanta University with a major in Psychology.

Our committee is so thankful to AACS members and the community for their generous contributions to the annual Youth Black History Reality Scholarship Program.



African American Cultural Society, Inc.

THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP!

Calvin Baker, Sr., Emery Barksdale, Jr., Kurt R. Bottoms, Patricia A. Bottoms, Clarence W. Brodnax, Alvin L. Brown, Eugenia L. Brown, Carmen Yvette Bynum, Reginald T. Bynum, James J. Callender, Lynnette Callender, Morris R. Carter, M.D., Eric Dangerfield, Harry D. Davis, Lucy G. Davis, Alton Dempsey, Jackie Dempsey, Annie S. Eversley, Geraldine A. Finley, Dr. Lawrence E. Gary, Dr. Robenia Gary, Mamie R. Godfrey, Vincent Godfrey, William H. Godfrey, Ethel Green, Lawrence Green, Eileen D. Hopson, William K. Hopson, Verna C. Jackson, Shirley R. Jacob, Destine Jefferies, Dr. Lasherica Jefferies, Marc Jefferies, II, Marc Jefferies, Howard P. Jennings, Mary Jennings, Henry Johnson, Robbie A. Johnson, Imani Kinshasa, Dr. Kwando M. Kinshasa, Lycurgus (Bob) Lanier, Agnes C. Lightfoot, Ralph E. Lightfoot, Gina Barclay McLaughlin, James McLaughlin, Catherine A. Pearson, John Pearson, Maxine Pearson, Wanda J. Phillips, William Phillips, Joyce Roach, Merritt A. Robertson, Faith Robinson, Mary Rogers-Grantham, Henry L. Smith, Theodora Smith, James E. Snow, Johnnie Spann, Dr. Chester T. Trahan, Thelma J. Trahan, Foster L. Vestal, Sharon M. Waring, Muriel Weems, Howard D. Wilson, and Marilyn S. Wilson.

The early renewal of your membership is deeply appreciated and a key part of ensuring that AACCS is a strong and effective organization during this difficult period!

If your name is not shown above, now is the time to renew your membership for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. **Please fully pay your annual dues as soon as possible to somewhat replace the major income losses of our fund raisers since February due to the pandemic.**

Send a check today for \$50 if you are a Young Adult Member (Age 18 to 34), for \$100 if you are an Adult Member, or for \$150 if you are Family Household Members living at the same address. No dues are required from Youth Members (Age 12 to 17), Emeritus Members, and fully paid Lifetime Members. Dues may be paid online without extra credit/debit card fees at AACCSpc.eventbrite.com.

Questions? Call (386) 445-8403

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AACS Activities

Cultural Center Building

Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (V)

200 Club Number Enrollment

In-progress

New Members Only Reception

Wednesday, October 14 @ 11 a.m. [T]

Pompano Beach Excursion

May 5-6, 2021 [T]

Cultural Film Presentations

Thursdays in June [C]
No presentations in July and August

Dance Classes

Tuesdays 4:30-6 p.m.
postponed until further notice

General Membership Meetings

Saturday, June 27 @ 11 a.m. (V)

Membership Dues Reenrollment

In-progress

Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 13 @ 5:00 p.m. (O)

Washington, D.C. Museum Trip

June 15 - 20, 2020 [C]
June 14 - 19, 2021 [T]

Pyramid Players Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 10, 2021 [T]

An Afternoon with A. Peter Bailey

Saturday, September 26 [V]

Membership Directory Photo Session

Friday, August 7 [C]
postponed until further notice

Annual Member Appreciation Cookout

Saturday, September 12 @ Noon

[C] Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic [O] Online Video [T] Tentative (V) Virtual (remote) activity