

*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.*

**Encourage others to become  
new members for now  
through thru June 2021**

**Your word of mouth is  
needed now more than ever!**



**Maintenance Reserve Fund  
2021 Campaign for  
Donations thru June 2021  
Help to keep our Cultural  
Center in good condition!**

## From President Joe Matthews...

Good day! I hope all is well with you and your family. Please continue to stay safe and follow the direction of scientists.

### Black Studies Committee

In September, A. Peter Bailey was an exciting speaker in the second event of the committee's series. Mr. Bailey is a renowned speaker, activist, lecturer, and author. As a confidant of Malcolm X, he was one of the last persons to speak with Brother Malcolm before his death. Mr. Bailey's presentation was well received, and the feedback was very positive.



Although this speaker program was done virtually, we were able to have a Q&A session. Questions were prepared earlier, and asked of Mr. Bailey by **Joseph T. Jones**, one of the moderators.

Expenses for this presentation were partially offset by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council, and Mr. Bailey is interested in building a long-term relationship with us.

### Cultural Programs

We are proud to have scheduled our annual Holiday Gift Giving community service event for December 4th this year. Due to the pandemic, we will be presenting children's gifts in a drive-up arrangement.

Solicitation of support from AACS members and friends has begun; monetary donations are welcomed as well as unwrapped toys for children age 3 to 10. The Gift Giving Committee needs funds by November 10th to allow for shopping and wrapping. Please drop off toys and monetary donations at the Cultural Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Center Administration

Since returning from the summer hiatus, two general membership meetings have been conducted using virtual meeting technology. The technology is new

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## AACS Election Voting has Begun!

This year we will be electing three Directors, the First Vice President, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer. Each position will have a three-year term starting January 2021. Duties of each position are stipulated in the AACS Bylaws. Many thanks to those nominated for these important positions!

**Please complete your election ballot** enclosed with this newsletter and return it for tabulation by our AACS Election Day. Election results will be announced at the General Membership Meeting on November 21.

**Remember: Vote AACS by November 20!**

## Maintenance Reserve Fund 2021 Campaign

The Fund 2021 Campaign has been underway since last September when the Board of Directors recognized a pressing need to raise \$125,000 to correct the inadequate Maintenance Reserve balance.

Every member is asked to donate during the Campaign in anticipation of AACS' 30th Anniversary in 2021. Many thanks to the sixty-seven members and friends who have responded to the need. Although monthly pledge payments are encouraged, one-time gifts are gratefully accepted to help reach our goal. Online donations with no fees are accepted at the AACS website, [AACSPalmCoast.org](http://AACSPalmCoast.org). Checks may be mailed or delivered to the Cultural Center.

**As of October 2020  
Donations \$53,380**

**Goal \$125,000**

## From President Joe Matthews continued...

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to us and I hope you have been enjoying the recorded meetings. A lot of work goes into the production of each meeting; we have learned a lot, and I am confident the production quality will continue to grow.

For November's meeting I would like to do a Zoom "live" event, giving you an opportunity to participate as if you were in the Cultural Center. You will be able to enjoy and participate in the meeting from the comfort of your home, asking questions as needed. As always, I welcome your input and suggestions to make our organization more effective.

### Facility Maintenance

As I reported last month, the ad-hoc Roofing Committee was established, R & K Certified Roofing, Inc. was hired, and we have made a storm damage insurance claim. Expectations are that construction work soon will commence to fully restore the integrity of the Cultural Center's roof.

### Donations and Grants

As you know, AACS is being directly affected by the pandemic. To partially replace lost revenue and help with operating expenses, another federally funded CARES grant has been obtained from the Florida Humanities Council. I want to again thank the Grants Committee for its hard work, especially by chair **Meshella Woods** and member **Stephanie Matthews**.

### In Closing

Our AACS Chaplain, **William K. Hopson**, is available to call, talk or visit you during this difficult time. Do not hesitate to call the Cultural Center office if you would like his assistance.

Silver Lifetime member **Louis P. McCarthy**, and past AACS President **Vivian Richardson** have my prayers to rapidly recover their health.

Condolences are offered to Silver Lifetime member **Dora M. Campbell** on the passing of her brother Daniel McGriff in New Jersey, and to **Hugo A. Hendricks** on the passing of his wife, **LaValle E. Hendricks**. Prayers also are offered to the Sylvain family, former AACS members, on the passing of their son Giovane.

As always, "It Takes a Village".



## In Memoriam

**LaValle E. Hendricks**  
*Wife of Hugo A. Hendricks*  
Palm Coast, Fla.

## Happy November Birthday!

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



**Calvin Baker Sr.** (10), **Wanda L. Bradley** (19), **Alfreda M. Brown** (4), **Matthew Davis** (6), **Kyran Godfrey**, **Erol Grant** (3), **Michael Herndon** (9), **William K. Hopson** (2), **Orlando Johnson** (3), **Redonia Johnson** (22), **Dr. John T. Larkins** (15), **Mavis E. Smith** (7), **B. Audrey Thompson** (1), **Edna Krause Thorman** (12), **Dr. Chester T. Trahan** (1), **Robert W. Whiting** (8), and **Julian A. Williams** (21).



Prize drawings for October were made during the monthly General Membership meeting. Congratulations to all the winners: **Walter R. Boone**,

**Dennis Hargett**, **Ellen M. Parker**, **Delcena M. Samuels**, and **Reinhold Schlieper**!

The next prize drawings will be made at the General Membership Meeting on November 21. Per the Club's annual prize schedule, a total of 24 drawings now remain through March 2021 for prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

## Kwanzaa is coming!

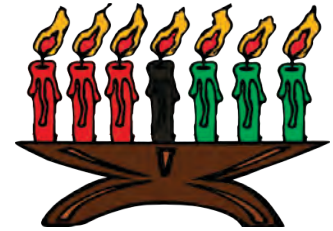




# ***Help Bring Holiday Joy to Flagler County Families!***



## **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Giving**



**Friday, December 4, 2020**

**Drive-Thru Only for Recipients – 4 to 6 p.m.**  
**African American Cultural Society Center**  
**4422 N. US Highway 1, Palm Coast, Fla.**

**Once again AACCS will distribute gifts of toys to selected families!**  
**Please make your donation by Tuesday, November 10** for the committee to complete shopping and wrapping children's gifts.

*Unwrapped toys and gifts for children 3 to 10 years old may be left at the AACCS Center. Please indicate the appropriate sex and age of the child for the gift, as well as the donor's name.*



*Make checks payable to "AACCS" with memo note "Holiday Gift" mail to AACCS, P.O. Box 350607, Palm Coast, FL 32135-0607*

**Donate Online at [AACSPalmCoast.org](http://AACSPalmCoast.org)**

**For information: The Cultural Center (386) 447-7030 - 10 am to 2 pm**

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# Spirituality Traditions of Africa

Thursday, November 19 – 7 p.m.

## Herodotus, Europe, African Spirituality and Religion



*Third in a series of Zoom webinar lectures by Robert Whiting*

Send an e-mail to [SpiritualityAACS@gmail.com](mailto:SpiritualityAACS@gmail.com) with the notation  
*African Spirituality Zoom Meeting* to receive Zoom instructions

*When missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible, and we had the land. They said, "Let us pray." We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible, and they had the land.* - Bishop Desmond Tutu

What was the pre-colonial spirituality of Africa? Want a feel for the transition that Desmond Tutu refers to in a bit of tongue in cheek?

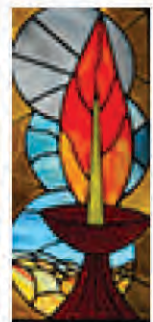


For answers, join us at a series of lectures by **Robert Whiting**. He has done over 40 years of research on Africa, particularly Nile Valley Civilizations. Mr. Whiting studied the Medu Netcher (Egyptian Hieroglyphs) under the tutelage of Ankh Mi Ra, the only African American to write a grammar book on this ancient African language. He has sat at the feet of some of the world's most preeminent African scholars and went on a study tour to Kemet (Egypt) with Dr. Charles Finch, an internationally renowned Nile Valley Civilization scholar and lecturer. Mr. Whiting has lectured in a variety of settings including universities, schools, churches, and community groups up and down the East Coast, as well as in Africa.

**Donations Accepted Online at [AACSPalmCoast.org](http://AACSPalmCoast.org)**



This series is being offered by the African American Cultural Society (Palm Coast, Fla.) and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Ormond Beach, Fla.) with opportunities for participants and the presenter to dialog on Zoom. Mr. Whiting is an AACS Gold Lifetime Member and Education Committee chairman.







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**AACS Activities**

**Cultural Center Building**

Lobby Hours M-F 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Dance Classes**

Postponed  
until further notice

**Pyramid Players Golf Tournament**

Saturday, April 10, 2021 [T]

**200 Club Number Enrollment**

Completed

**General Membership Meetings**

Saturday, November 21 @ 11 a.m. (V)

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Giving  
Drive-Thru**

Friday, December 4 @ 4 p.m.

**New Members Only Reception**

Wednesday, November 11 @ 11 a.m. (V)

**Membership Dues Reenrollment**

In-progress

**Membership Directory  
Photo Session**

postponed until further notice

**Pompano Beach 2021 Excursion**

Cancelled

**Juneteenth Celebration**

Completed

**Annual  
Member Appreciation Cookout**

Saturday, May 22, 2021 [T]

**Cultural Film Presentations**

No presentations  
until further notice

**Washington, D.C.  
2021 Museum Trip**

Cancelled

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



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# NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION

SEE ENCLOSURES FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS AND BALLOT

November 1, 2020

Dear Member,

The continued success of AACS is highly dependent on qualified and dedicated directors and officers, strongly supported by the membership at large, and on clearly stated governing documents to guide courses of action. You are encouraged to firmly exercise your right as an AACS member and return your vote for those you wish to serve your organization as directors and officers from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

For the **Board of Directors**, please vote for no more than three (3) names from the nominated persons and write-in candidates you can name on the ballot.

For the **Executive Board of Officers**, three of the ten board positions are for election this year. Please vote for the nominated person or a write-in candidate you can name on the ballot.

On your secret ballot, a yes vote for a director or officer candidate must be indicated by placing an X in the box next to their name. A no vote for a candidate is indicated by NOT placing an X in the box next to their name.

To be elected, a nominated or write-in candidate must receive a majority of the valid votes received for the nominated position, that is at least one more vote than 50% of all votes. Also, a candidate for director to be elected must be among the top 3 candidates receiving valid votes.

After completing your secret ballot, please place it in the return addressed envelope you received with this notice and seal the envelope. **Your ballot must be returned in the envelope you received from AACS.** If you affix postage to your envelope and mail it to us, a postmark no later than **November 18, 2020** is needed to ensure that your ballot will be received and counted. Alternatively, you may have your ballot hand delivered **in the envelope you received from AACS** to the deposit box in the Cultural Center lobby **no later than 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020** for it to be counted. Please note that only the first ballot received from a Family Household membership group will be counted.

Sincerely yours,

Nominating and Election Committees



## AACS NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Responding to why they wish to be elected and what they will do to help move AACS forward.

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**Daniel Isaac**

In 2010, I relocated from New York City, after retiring from the New York City Department of Correction, and moved to the wonderful city of Palm Coast, Florida.

The move to Palm Coast enabled me to meet outstanding people such as Edmund Pinto, Joseph Matthews, Lynda Baten, Jean Tanner, and Stephanie Matthews, to name just a few leaders of the African American Cultural Society.

I bring leadership abilities to the AACS organization, as a dedicated former manager with the New York City Department of Correction, as an Officer, Investigator, Captain, and Assistant Deputy Warden. I am currently the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. I ask for your vote.

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**Joseph T.  
Jones**

I was born in Whiteville, N.C., but spent my adult life in Philadelphia, Pa. In 1966 I began as a computer operator and became the firm's Vice President in 1979. I then was a computer systems analyst at other firms before a switch led me to a 20-year sales /marketing career with AT&T/Lucent Technologies. I retired as marketing director for three states and then became a retirement specialist, finally with The Vanguard Group until 2006.

My wife, Carol, and I moved to Palm Coast and joined AACS in 2010. We are members of the Black Studies Committee and have been strong supporters of all AACS programs and activities since becoming members. If you give me your support to become First Vice President, you will get my undying gratitude and dedicated service. Be Blessed!

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**Merritt A.  
Robertson**

I was introduced to AACS by my fraternity brother Herman Price shortly after I moved to Palm Coast in 2015.

On my first visit to AACS I was impressed with the Center and its programs. I immediately joined and began supporting its worthy causes.

I am also a member of the local chapter of the NAACP and a member of ACLU. I was appointed Treasurer by Joe Matthews in January 2018. For some time I have also served on both the Budget & Finance Committee and the Nominating & Elections Committee.

I wish to serve AACS as Treasurer for another term. Thank you in advance for your vote.

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**Jean M.  
Tanner**

I have served as a Director for two terms and would like to continue in this position to help keep AACS in existence. Presently I am the Membership Committee Chair, serve on the Ways & Means Committee, attend the Black Studies Group meetings, help with the Christmas Gift Giving Committee, and assist when needed with the Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, and Jazz Breakfast Committees.

I did not come to Palm Coast to sit on my laurels. Having said that, I grew up in a community where Community Service was taught, and I intend to serve for as long as I can. I hope more members will help me to keep AACS alive by stepping forward and joining a committee.

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**Geraldine Wright**

I have been the Recording Secretary for only one year and want to continue in this position to further support efforts to expand upon AACS's mission and to be involved in ongoing events that provide sustenance.

Being a member of AACS has provided opportunities to enhance my knowledge of Black History and meet with others of my culture socially. I will be attentive in providing viable information from meetings and open to others' ideas presented for AACS sustainability.

I hope I have gained your trust and now request your vote to continue in this capacity.

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