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From President Joe Jones ...

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My inspiration for this edition of *The Scribe* comes from a posting by my Facebook friend Mwalimu K-q Amsata. You may know him as Ed Brown, chair of AACS' African Studies Group.



He used October 9<sup>th</sup>, the day America set aside to celebrate Christopher Columbus, as an opportunity to comment on the presence of Africans being in America centuries before Columbus was a twinkle in his father's eye. In his post, Ed referenced one of my favorite books, *They Came before Columbus* by Ivan Van Sertima. If you are a student of American History or African History, and a lover of truth, this book should be in your library.

Using linguistics, anthropology, art, documented testimony and even religious practices, Professor Van Sertima lays out irrefutable evidence in page after page of this groundbreaking work that Africans not only made regular visits to America, but possibly ruled in some areas of The Americas long before Columbus made his famous voyage.

Although Van Sertima's book makes the most compelling argument and is the best known work about Africans being in America before Columbus, he is not the only author to make this assertion. Other noted historians, anthropologists and linguists have also documented this claim. Noted Harvard professor Leo Wiener makes the same declarations in his three-volume work *Africa and the Discovery of America* as far back as 1922. If the evidence is overwhelming and irrefutable, why isn't it more widely known or at the very least widely taught in our schools as a theory?

Van Sertima, Leo Wiener, and any other historian or anthropologist who made the assertions that ancient African people possessed the knowledge and intelligence to navigate the high seas and interact with Native Americans have all suffered the same fate. Their work has been roundly criticized or just ignored.

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## Chenita J. Johnson in the Spotlight

AACS Adult Member

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Hi, I'm Chanita Johnson. I'm a native Floridian, born and raised in Winter Haven, and residing in Flagler County for the past thirty-eight years.



I graduated from Florida State University in Tallahassee with a Bachelor of Science in Business, and a Minor in Education. I began my teaching career at Sebring High School in Highlands County, Fla. During my three years there I taught business courses.

After relocating to Flagler County, my teaching career continued at Flagler Palm Coast High School. I taught Business classes, such as Business Applications, Accounting, and Typing (Keyboarding) during twenty years of service. My feeling was Keyboarding provides students a lifelong skill that would prove to be helpful in the realm of technology. In my classroom, my motto was "I mean Business." I loved challenging my students and expected excellence.

When Matanzas High School opened in 2005, I left the classroom and embarked on a new challenge as Dean of Students. In this position I became part of the fabric of the Matanzas administrative team, becoming a well-known face to all students and faculty.

After more than thirty years of service in Education, I decided to retire in 2013 and dedicate my time to living life fully, enjoying my two adult children, Jerrami Johnson and Joi Williams, as well as my four grandchildren.

When I'm not spending my days traveling with friends and family, I'm dancing (line dancing in particular) the night and days away! You may

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Among the facts dismissed by Van Sertima's critics is evidence of cocaine in the mummified bodies of Ancient Egyptians that could only have come from America. Fruits and plants from Africa being grown in America and have the same name in both Africa and America. Depictions of Africans on pre-Columbian pottery. Depictions of Africans as ancient American deities. Skulls and skeletons of African people found in ancient America. The giant Olmec heads of Mexico revealing not only the facial features of the Mande people of West Africa, but hair styling and clothing as well. Other European explorers saying that they saw Africans among the Native Americans in the New World. Christopher Columbus even wrote in his own journals that the natives told him that Black people came from the southeast and traded gold-tipped spears with them.

Yet with this and a mountain of other evidence that Africans were in America centuries before Columbus, we honor a man as its discoverer, who not only brought murder and mayhem to the New World, but in the words of John Henrik Clarke *"when he set sail, he didn't know where he was going. When he arrived, he didn't know where he was, and when he returned, he didn't know where he had been!"*

Thank God that some of us now refer to October 9th as Indigenous People Day. Africans' connections to the indigenous people of America should remind us of our greatness as a people. So what, you may ask. Even if it is true, that was then, this is now. What does that have to do with me now? It has everything to do with you now, declares Dr. Charles Finch, a social scientist and historian from Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Finch said that *"Blacks must reconstruct their historical memory. No nation, no race can face the future unless it knows what it is capable of."*

Our history is so much more than slave ships, Jim Crow, and oppression. Yes, our greatness allowed us to withstand all of that, but we are so much more. Although it is a part of our history, our ancestors didn't just pop up in a North Carolina tobacco field, or on a Georgia cotton plantation. Historical memory should inform us that we are capable of present and future greatness!

It was our people who built the largest structures known to man, not just the pyramids and the Sphinx, but The Great Wall of Benin which was four times longer than The Great Wall of China. It was our people who brought medicine, mathematics, and civilization to the Western World. Our ancestors built the great Mali and Songhai Empires that were home to the greatest centers of learning in the ancient world. We also navigated the oceans and interacted with indigenous people on both the North and South American continents.

AACS works all day every day to help us reconstruct our historical memory. To help us internalize what was done by our people thus denoting what we can do. To all of you who labor at AACS, thanks for the historical memories!

also find me at the beach, playing cards somewhere, on a 20-mile bike ride, performing in the MoTown and Mo' musical revue, in my flower garden, or at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. I'm a member of several ministries. I live a purpose-driven life, with a beacon of energy, love and caring, so that it draws in everyone around me.

"Inspiring Cultural Enrichment, Friendship and Fellowship" is an African American Cultural Society statement that fits my temperament and speaks to my desire!

Edited by Beverly D. Christopher, AACS Adult Member



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AACS Film Presentations Classic Black Cinema

The Great Debaters

November 10 at 4 p.m.

2007 historical drama - 126 min.



Marshall, Texas, described by James Farmer, Jr. as "the last city to surrender after the Civil War," is home to Wiley College, where, in 1935-36, inspired by the Harlem Renaissance and his clandestine work as a union organizer, Professor Melvin Tolson coaches the debate team to a nearly-undefeated season that sees

the first debate between U.S. students from white and Negro colleges and ends with an invitation to face Harvard University's national champions. The team of four, which includes a female student and a very young James Farmer, is tested in a crucible heated by Jim Crow, sexism, a lynch mob, an arrest and near riot, a love affair, jealousy, and a national radio audience.

Black Orpheus

December 1 at 4 p.m.

1959 drama/romance - 107 min.

Young lovers Orfeu and Eurydice run through the favelas of Rio during Carnaval, on the lam from a hitman dressed like Death and Orfeu's vengeful fiancée Mira and passing between moments of fantasy and stark reality. This retelling of the Greek legend of Orpheus and Eurydice introduced bossa nova to the world with its soundtrack by young Brazilian composers Luiz Bonfá and Antonio Carlos Jobim.



Congratulations to the recent winners!

Winners in August 2023 **Jacqueline J. Dempsey, Geraldine A. Finley, Howard D. Wilson,** and the **Men of AACS.**

Winners in September 2023 were **Richard P. Barnes, Annie S. Eversley,** Cynthia George (Quarterly Prize), Yvonne James, Joseph Lee, and **Douglas M. Smith.**

If you are interested in joining the Club, you can join the new cycle at any time. Each owner of a number can win multiple times. You do not need to be present at the monthly drawings to win.

In the Next Five Months \$4,100 In Remaining Prizes Will Be Won In Twenty-Nine Drawings!

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Then pay \$104.00 for each number with a check made payable to "AACS - 200 Club." If you are interested in joining the Club, you can join the new cycle at any time.

The 200 Club rules are designed for those who like to win. Numbers from 001 to 224 are offered for purchase to AACS members and the public at a cost of \$104 each. All purchased numbers are placed in the lottery drum for every drawing during a monthly General Membership meeting. Starting in April, the 200 Club offers: fifty-three weekly prizes of \$100, one for each Saturday in the year; four quarterly prizes of \$250 each, in June, September and December 2023, and March 2024; and one annual prize of \$1,000 in March 2024. Due to the number of Saturdays in the 2023-2024 calendar, there is an extra weekly prize this cycle!



Maintenance Reserve Fund

By Joseph T. Jones,
AACS Subscribing Silver Lifetime Member & President

Generous past donations by members and friends established the Maintenance Reserve Fund to finance facility maintenance projects.

The Fund balance is now at a very low level and additional donations are much needed to replenish it for current and future projects. Please donate whatever amount that you can at any time. Also, the donation to AACS of a no longer needed car could provide you with an excellent tax write-off.

Several necessary projects are underway or have been completed this year to maintain and extend the life and facilities at the Cultural Center and Museum building.

Restrooms: New toilets in all three restrooms have been upgraded to handicapped height. Urinals in the men’s room have been repaired. Restroom floors have been stripped, cleaned, and waxed. This project is complete except for replacement of mats in the men’s room.

On-site Storage Shed: A large shed (12 feet by 32 feet) has been installed behind the building with hurricane tie down straps. Plans are being made for a concrete walkway and wooden ramp to ease access to the shed from the Cultural Center and Museum building.

Exterior Doors: Dacon Construction Co. has been contracted to do all the necessary exterior door repairs. Scheduling is underway for completion of this project.

Sound System: The entire sound system has been completely revamped. All equipment has been replaced except for the wireless microphones. Project completion will include training of key staff for proper equipment operation.

Building Exterior: The entire exterior has been power washed to remove several years buildup of dirt and mold.



AACS Needs You Now!

Please step-up to keep your organization strong with good leaders. Consider becoming a candidate to serve as Director, First Vice President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer for three years starting January 2024. Duties of each position are stipulated in the AACS Bylaws.

Four director positions needed to be filled by election this year. The three current directors with terms ending this year are not seeking re-election and one director with a term ending in December 2024 is leaving his position this year.

The current First Vice President and Recording Secretary are not running for reelection. Treasurer **Merritt A. Robertson** is seeking reelection.

As usual, each candidate for one of these seven positions must complete an application and be nominated by a petition signed by four AACS members. **Application and petition forms are enclosed with this edition of the newsletter.** Completed candidate forms should be sent to the Nominating and Election Committee at the Center. Positions unfilled by election will be filled by one-year temporary appointments.

New AACS Members,
Welcome and Thank You!

Many thanks to the following members for recently joining the African American Cultural Society and helping to reach its goals: **K. Brown, Barbara Frazier, Richard Frazier, Clifton Shirley, and Joyce Shirley.**

New members may join by paying a one-time discounted amount for the first year of membership.

Month Joined	Young Adult	Adult	Family
November	\$18.75	\$37.50	\$56.25
December	\$18.75	\$37.50	\$56.25

Dues payments are accepted by mail or in person at the Center; a bank card may be used for payment at the AACS website.

Lifetime Members are a cherished part of the AACS family due to their exceptional financial support and service. Gold Lifetime Memberships cost \$5,000, payable in \$500 annual installments. Silver Lifetime Memberships cost \$2,500, payable in \$250 annual installments. Become a Lifetime Member today and never pay AACS dues again!

Scholarship Donation from UWF-SIS

By **Sheila C. Platt**, AACs Gold Lifetime Member

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During the COVID dominated summer of 2020, several members of the University Women of Flagler (UWF) met at the Gazebo at Tidelands to “get out of the house” and discuss the political topic of that summer: the murder of George Floyd.

When it was safe to meet again, this group, which had named itself SIS (*Seeking Insights for Solutions*), applied to become an Interest Group under the UWF umbrella. The women, and later their spouses, brothers, sons-in-law, and friends produced a video of their individual life experiences with racism. This video has been disseminated to various organizations in and around Flagler County.

Betty Bonnick became a valued member. Her enthusiastic presence was infectious. She was an active participant in SIS’ continued outdoor meetings, which came to be called “One on Ones.”

Betty passed unexpectedly this past summer. Her loss has deeply affected each SIS member. It was decided to begin a collection of funds in her memory, to be given to a charity of her family’s choosing. They selected AACs’ Scholarship Fund.

At AACs’ September 23<sup>rd</sup> General Membership Meeting, a group of UWF members attended to deliver \$1,150 that had been collected. Gina Barclay-McLaughlin and Trish LeNet spoke of Betty’s legacy as they presented the check to President Joe Jones.



Shown with President Joe Jones are UWF-SIS members Trish LeNet, Gina Barclay-McLaughlin, Pearl Jones, Luzibu Nsakala, Nancy Skadden, Linda Hagman, Mary Jennings, and Sheila Platt.



## Youth Black History Program

### *Begins a New Award Year*

by **Melba J. McCarty**, AACs Adult Member

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AACs is honored to be the recipient of a donation from the University Women of Flagler (UWF) to fund youth scholarships. We are delighted to include UWF among individuals and organizations that recognize and generously support our work for youth development and continuing education.



Backward Never, Forward Always!!!

May these words resonate with all of us at AACs and our community as we initiate plans for the 21st Youth Black History Program on Sunday, February 18, 2024. Participant recruitment, community organization engagement, program design and the scope of details are all underway for an interesting, informative, inspirational, and interactive celebration. Please plan now to join us with your presence as well as scholarship fund donations.

This year we expect to award six scholarships to students who meet the eligibility requirements: two years participation in the YBH Program; satisfactory completion of requirements for High School Diploma; 2.5 grade point average; letter of acceptance by a college or technical school; and community involvement documentation. Names and contact information of students interested in participating in the YBH Program must be given to any member of the YBH Committee before December 1, 2023.

A special invitation is extended to AACs members to join the YBH Committee. Your energy, enthusiasm, passion, ideas, experience, knowledge, and creativity will be greatly appreciated and rewarded. To learn more about joining, please contact any member of the Committee:

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**AACS will host the Smithsonian traveling exhibition
¡Pleibol! In the Barrios and the Big Leagues
November 25, 2023 - February 25, 2024 in its
Cultural Museum Founders' Gallery.**

For nearly a century, baseball has been a crucial social and cultural force in Latino communities across the United States. And, for just as long, Latino/a players have had a huge impact on the game. ¡Pleibol! examines how generations of Latinos/as have helped make the game what it is today. From youth and community teams to the Major League, the exhibition reveals how baseball brings people together regardless of race, class, or gender. These inspirational baseball stories reflect larger themes in American history that connect us all, on and off the diamond.

"Baseball is America's Pastime. When looking at its history in our modern day, it is difficult to imagine the racism and hate, which will always remain implanted in the roots of the game. From the Negro Leagues of 1920, to the racism surrounding Roberto Clemente, Hispanic players, and other racial minorities, the struggles of the past will never be forgotten. Although its history was filled with periods of adversity, the current inclusive state that baseball currently presents is truly remarkable." Zaslau, Darren Brett, "Race, Ethnicity and the Legacy of Baseball in the Americas" (2017). Honors Papers. 794.

Reviewing the history of the game and highlighting the positive trends toward racial inclusion overtime will be the focus of the local community exhibition that will accompany the Smithsonian exhibit. The community exhibition is titled "The Tradition of Baseball: Flagler County Unites Around the Game".

This local exhibition will provide an opportunity to highlight the Negro Leagues, the Dominican's ties to the game, other ethnicities who have embraced the game, as well as our local communities' love of the game. AACS has invited the Hispanic American Cultural Society and Flagler Babe Ruth Baseball, (the county's founding baseball league), as well as the varsity teams and students of Matanzas and Flagler-Palm Coast High Schools to participate in the development of the local exhibition.

Support for this exhibition comes from the Smithsonian, the Flagler Tourism Development Council, the Cities of Bunnell and Palm Coast and Florida Arts and Culture. AACS is actively seeking major corporate sponsor support and will apply for a Community Program grant from the Florida Humanities to support free public programming.

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Building Our Future

By **Orlando N. Johnson**, AACS Family Household Member & Financial Secretary

On the rear wall of the African American Cultural Center and Museum is a framed article entitled "Building for Our Future" written in 1998. It highlights the vision our original AACS officers had about purchasing property for a building to share programs and events with the larger Flagler community.



I recently had conversations about their parents' AACS vision with Linda Sharpe-Andy, daughter of Founding & Charter Members **James & Ida Sharpe**, and Rob Boone, son of Original Lifetime Members **Walter & Jean Boone**. I also asked how their parents would feel about the Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) established this year to keep AACS's doors open for an unlimited period.

Linda Sharp-Andy said "My parents were concerned not only about growing the membership, but they were also concerned about the financial health of the AACS in the coming years. My dad held various positions at the AACS, including serving as the 10th President. They would be absolutely thrilled with the PEF."

Rob Boone said "My parents, who were Original Lifetime Members, would be delighted with a PEF. Upon arriving in Palm Coast, they immediately became involved in AACS, supporting many committees and holding various officer positions. My dad served both as Treasurer and later as the 4th President. My parents were especially committed to the Scholarship Fund. They loved helping young people and participated wholeheartedly in the social and cultural activities."

As of September 2023 the PEF had a value of \$29,089, thanks in large part to a gift from the Boones. Approximately 40% of the funds are invested in Ariel Investments and Carver Federal Savings Bank, two of the nation's leading African American financial institutions.

We are looking for the PEF capital funds to constantly grow and expect to continue investing in institutions and communities that share AACS' goals and values. Details of the official launching of a major fundraising campaign for the PEF will be announced in early 2024. *We're building for our future.*

Stay at Home Tea Fundraiser

By **Sheila C. Platt**, AACS Gold Lifetime Member

The Ways and Means Committee has completed the annual Stay at Home Tea fundraiser. For several years, this fundraiser has provided AACS with much needed operating funds during the early months of our fiscal year.



Many thanks to the following members and friends for responding to the request for donations: **Lynda Baten, Gloria Benjamin, Jewel Black, Loretta Bryant, Carmen Bynum, Beverly Christopher, Dolores Clinton, Hedy Davis, Jacqueline Dempsey, Linda Epps, Geraldine Finley, Robert Gary, Anne Gibbs, Mamie Godfrey, Erol Grant, Rosalee Griffin, Sandra Hairston, Sondra Henderson, Urita Hodge, Nancy Howell, Elizabeth Isabell, Shirley Jacob, Vanessa James-Foxe, Robbie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Imani Kinshasa, Victor Krause, Dr. Jeanne Lea, Sybil Lucas, Douglas Maddox, Joseph Matthews, Stephanie Matthews, Marie McCray, Clarice McLeon, Dorothy Nixon, Wanda Phillips, Sheila Platt, Hazel Plummer, Seconia Reid, Merritt Robertson, Irving Robinson, Mary Rogers-Grantham, Brenda Russell, Walter Sarden, Walter Seaton, William Seeney, Reinhold Schlieper, Gloria Singleton, Gloria Sonjii, Elvia Smith, James Snow, Cassandra Stephenson, Ronald Stephenson, Jean Tanner, Ezekiel Walters, Norma Walters, Sharon Waring, Muriel Weems, Marilyn Wilson.**

The Committee provided all members with tea bags and the following recipe for cake to enjoy with the beverage.

Apple Pecan Pound Cake

1 lb. unsalted butter, 2 cups granulated sugar, 4 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon lemon flavoring, 3 cups all-purpose flour, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 cups chopped pecans, 2 cups apples (peeled, cored, and diced).

Preheat oven to 375° F.

Combine flour, nutmeg, cinnamon, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a large bowl, mix butter, sugar, eggs, vanilla, and lemon until thoroughly combined.

Gradually add flour mixture until smooth.

Fold in apples and pecans.

Pour into a greased 10" Bundt pan.

Bake for 1-hour and 15 min. or until cake tests done.

Annual Cookout 2023

By **Sheila C. Platt**, AACS Gold Lifetime Member

Labor Day weekend this year began with AACS' annual Membership Appreciation Cookout on Saturday, September 2. The party began at noon, and already the line was forming to enter. New and long-term members gathered at the AACS building to greet old friends, make new ones, and enjoy the ribs and chicken prepared by Terry's Catering.



Over one hundred members and friends attended to share in the fun. After the meal many members remained to play cards or various other games which produced rounds of laughter throughout the room.

Jean Tanner chaired the event, which was held to thank all the members who have supported the various activities of our organization throughout the year. Without their enthusiastic support the mission of AACS would not be achieved.



Just a note to say thanks for an excellent edition of the Scribe.



Col. Michael Herndon and Dr. Valerie Herndon

AACS Family Household Members

The Scribe thanks Mr. & Mrs. Herndon for their letter! We constantly strive to support the AACS mission by providing members and friends with clear, concise, and accurate information.

Every AACS member is invited to share and celebrate their life story, milestones, or major life events in the newsletter, usually in the column titled "In the Spotlight." Please contact me at 386-313-5611 to be included in a future edition. Thanks in advance!



Beverly D. Christopher

AACS Adult Member

The Scribe welcomes letters and articles from AACS members. Material intended for publication may be emailed to aacspalmcoastpa@aol.com. Please include your full name and telephone number. All letters and articles for *The Scribe* are subject to editing, unpublished letters and articles cannot be acknowledged, and responses to published letters may be unobtainable.

Happy November Birthday !

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You Are Invited - Save the Dates!

See *The Scribe* bi-monthly newsletter for updated event schedules.

Friday, Nov. 10th - 4 p.m.

***The Great Debaters* (2007) Movie**
historical drama 126 min. FREE

Saturday, Nov. 18th - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 21st - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting
FREE

Saturday, Nov. 25th

Thru Sunday, Feb. 25th

***Pleibol!* Baseball Exhibit**
Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. FREE

Friday, Dec. 1st - 4 p.m.

***Black Orpheus* (1959) Movie**
drama/romance 107 min. FREE

Friday, Dec. 8th - 5 p.m.

Holiday Gift Giving for Children
donations accepted for gifts

Saturday, Dec. 16th - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting FREE

Wednesday, Dec. 27th - 2 p.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration FREE

Monday, Jan. 1st, 2024 - 1 a.m.

New Year's Day Luncheon

Tuesday, Jan. 16th - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting FREE

Saturday, Jan. 27th - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18 - 4 p.m.

Youth Black History Program
donations accepted for scholarships

Tuesday, Feb. 20th - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting FREE

Saturday, Feb. 24th - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Mar. 9th - 11 a.m.

Jazz Brunch

Tuesday, Mar. 19th - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting FREE

Saturday, Mar. 23rd - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 16th - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting FREE

Saturday, Apr. 27th - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21st - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting FREE

Saturday, May 25th - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 15th - Noon

Juneteenth Celebration FREE

Tuesday, June 18th - 11 a.m.

African Study Group Meeting FREE

Friday, June 21st

African New Year Celebration

Saturday, June 22nd - 11 a.m.

General Membership Meeting
FREE refreshments 10:30 a.m.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS JUNE 1, 2024

<i>Renewal Period</i>	<i>Young Adult</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Family</i>
One Fiscal Year	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Two Fiscal Years	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$240.00
Three Fiscal Years	\$105.00	\$210.00	\$315.00

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Individual Young Adult (Age 18 to 34): \$50 each year

Youth (Age 12 to 17): Free

Discounted Initial Rates for New Members

Month Joined	Young	Adult	Family
July – September	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
October-December	\$18.75	\$37.50	\$56.25
January – March	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$37.50
April – June	\$ 6.25	\$12.50	\$18.75

Discounted Rates for Multiyear Renewal

Renewal Period	Young	Adult	Family
Two Fiscal Years	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$240.00
Three Fiscal Years	\$105.00	\$210.00	\$315.00

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