



## Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

## In Memoriam Oct 31, 2022 Edition

### About the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar

The purpose of the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar is to connect the Black Community of CSU Monterey Bay with the local Black Communities of the Greater Monterrey Bay Area. The idea for the calendar came out of the community forums organized as part of CSUMB's annual super Saturday Black student recruitment events. The Calendar is edited by Steven Goings with new editions usually being released on Mondays (at least monthly; sometimes weekly depending on news and capacity).

Don't forget there is also a Facebook group: <u>Monterey Bay Black</u> <u>Folks Calendar</u> where you can post anything related to Black Folks directly.

1) To submit an event to the BFC for possible publication, click on this link: **BFC Event Submission Form** 

2) To submit a "My Take" article, send a word document (NOT pdf!) along with your name and email address to sgoings@csumb.edu

3) To submit a "In the Spotlight" biography/activities and photo of a community leader, send a word document and digital picture to sgoings@csumb.edu.

## **Editor's Note:**

Throughout this newsletter, <u>Blue Underlined</u> copy (including above!) indicates a searchable link.

## **Editor's Error!**

I meant to include some solicitations from Black Folks Community Member Gwen Nash in the previous edition but somehow missed doing so. My apologies to Mrs. Nash.

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## In Memoriam: Past Leaders and Current Activism by Steven Goings

On Feb 13, 2020, the Monterey County Weekly published an article I wrote <u>"As</u> <u>a generation of Black activists</u> <u>passes on, emerging leaders are</u> <u>revitalizing the Black</u> <u>community</u>".

Since the last edition of the Black Folks

Calendar 6 weeks ago, another halfdozen leaders have been called to glory including:

#### Zettie Lipscomb on Sept 16, 2022 Billy Deberry on Sept 17, 2022 Alice Jordan on Sept 30, 2022 Dwight Greenwell on Oct 7, 2022 Charmainge Scott on Oct 19, 2022 Don Jordan on Oct 19, 2022

Many of those leaders born in the 1930s and 1940s who are still with us and are still active are necessarily cutting down on the number commitments, leadership positions and public appearances they can attend to each year. In the circle I am most familiar with I am thinking of Dr. Helen Rucker,



DON & ALICE JORDAN Rest-in-Peace & Power!

Ruthie Watts, Yvonne & Lacy Kirkland (my mom and stepdad), and Mel Mason.

I tried my best to temper my growing sense of alarm in my 2020 article as the local Black community continued to dwindle by cheering emerging leaders and programming particularly those coming out of Cal State Monterey Bay.

But the truth is my alarm has only increased as time goes by. The twin calamities of the COVID pandemic and the assault on American democracy that crescendoed with the Jan 6, 2021 insurrection and metastasized into Big-Lie endorsing candidates infecting the 2022 field of Republican candidates throughout the country seem to have coalesced into an almost complete collapse of civic engagement.

The enrollment of over 500 new Black students at CSUMB in 2016, was less than 200 in 2022. All candidates for office in the City of Seaside (the seat of local Black political power for generations) are running un-opposed for the Nov election -- as are candidates for the Monterey County Branch NAACP.

Yvonne Thomas, in my view one of the most effective presidents of the Monterey County Branch NAACP in years, has decided not to seek a second term. I suspect the primary reason is the low turn-out of members at both general membership and executive committee meetings.

Leading our local NAACP is an unpaid position of enormous responsibility that necessarily involves sacrificing other competing interests. It is next to impossible to run a business or work a full-time job and lead the branch without the full participation of the rest of the leadership.

Indeed, a month ago, President Thomas was compelled to send a message to the entire branch membership personally imploring members to "recommit to ensuring a strong and vibrant Monterey County NAACP through your active participation and attendance at these very important meetings and to also encourage other members you know to do the same. We are counting on YOU."

What I am personally noticing is that we are able to bring people out for one-off events that include some level of entertainment. This year's NAACP Life Membership Banquet, CSUMB's All Black Gala and the Juneteenth celebrations in Seaside and Salinas were well attended.

But if we can't get enough participation to support a semester-long Historically Black Church Tour, a counseling group for Black students, or leadership for a NAACP college chapter or Youth Council or the staffing of standing committees that transform the Monterey County Branch from a glorified social club to a fully functioning civil rights organization with moral and political power to effect systemic change in an era in which political and voting rights -- the foundation of our democracy -- is under a sustained and greatest threat since the civil war, we are failing the next generation, current generations and the legacy of our oldest generation, who did so much more with so much less.

The memory of Alice and Don Jordan, Billy Deberry, Charmainge Scott, Joe Watson, Bishop H. H. Hamilton, Mary Ellen Harris, Akin Miller and countless others deserve so much better from us. <u>*GET INVOLVED!*</u>

-- Steven Goings



ALICE JORDAN Aug 31, 1943 - Sept 30, 2022



July 26, 1942- October 19, 2022



BILLY DEBERRY Feb 7, 1939 -- Sept 17, 2022



CHARMAINGE SCOTT Jan 19, 1951 – Oct 19, 2022



DWIGHT GREENWELL Jan 20, 1951 - Oct 7, 2022



ZETTIE LIPSCOMB July 26, 1936 – Sept 16, 2022

Photo Card by KSBW TV. Article by Reporter James Herrera as printed in the Oct 25, 2022 Edition of the Monterey Herald:

"Don Jordan, a former city of Seaside councilman and mayor who was part of the leadership that saw the city's



transition after the closure of Fort Ord, died last week at the age of 80.

Don R. Jordan, served on the Seaside City Council from 1991 to 1994, and as mayor from 1994 to 1998. He would again be elected to the city council

for a four-year term from 2004 to 2008 when he did not seek re-election. In its announcement of Mr. Jordan's death, the city of Seaside described the former councilman and mayor as "a committed leader during one of the most pivotal times in Seaside's history."

Mr. Jordan was mayor and partly responsible for the acquisition of Bayonet and Black Horse golf courses from the Army after seeing the shuttering of Fort Ord in 1994 and its effects on the city in the form of population and economic loss.

"Mayor Jordan will be remembered as a strong advocate for the economic revitalization of the city, with the reuse of the former Fort Ord Army Base; and was responsible for moving many economic development projects to completion," said Seaside Mayor Ian Oglesby in the announcement. Mr. Jordan would also be at the forefront of several development projects during his tenure that would witness the city of Seaside's economic transition from a military town for the enlisted to a viable business and multi-cultural community on the Monterey Peninsula.

"This is all part of the recovery package of the city of Seaside," said Mayor Jordan in 1996 speaking about the provisions of an agreement with the federal government concerning Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course on what was once Fort Ord land. The quote comes from the book "Racial Beachhead: Diversity and Democracy in a Military Town" by Carol McKibben.

Today, Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course and its surrounding resort property have residential homes being developed among the twin 18-hole golf courses as well as a Grand Hyatt Hotel.

"I remember Don as committed to Seaside, loyal to its residents, providing recreation opportunities for youth in the community and sincere about Seaside having a fair ride on the Monterey Peninsula," said Seaside Mayor Pro-tem Dave Pacheco. "He was good at striving to increase residents' pride in Seaside."

Pacheco was a city employee during Mr. Jordan's time in office and said there were challenging days at that time but the city moved forward with the golf course project, more recreation programs for youth and the Sunday Blues in the Park coming to fruition.

"As a lifelong native to the (Monterey) Peninsula, I knew (Mr. Jordan) as a pioneer for making Seaside a safer place," said Seaside Chief of Police Nick Borges. "He was very outspoken and contributed to the enhancements of Seaside's public safety departments. He will be missed."

Borges was a youngster when Mr. Jordan was first elected to the city council but he grew up to become part of the city's police force. "I was a police officer for the city" during Mr. Jordan's second round on the council from 2004 to 2008, he said.

"Through the 2008 recession and the year leading up to it, he was a calm and focused leader," said Borges. "I was a member of the police union board at that time and respected his poise. It certainly helped all of us navigate. He was a good man." The city of Seaside said "Mayor Jordan's outstanding professional contributions, tremendous civic engagement, and his earnest commitment to building community has inspired countless others to public service. His invaluable work as a public servant and his focus on serving the people of Seaside and Monterey County has established his legacy."



ALICE JORDAN Aug 31, 1943 - Sept 30, 2022

Alice L. Jordan, 79, of Seaside, CA, passed away peacefully on Sept. 30, 2022, after a very brief hospital stay.

Her husband, Don Jordan, former mayor of Seaside, CA also passed away 19 days later on Oct 19, 2022. She is survived by her sister, Earnestine Jones of Ponchatoula, LA; one godson, Rotrell Hampton of Baton Rouge, LA, currently residing in Austell, GA; a host of nieces, one nephew and a host of great and great-greatnieces and nephews.

### Here is the last known biography of Mrs. Jordan published in the Jan 10, 2022 Edition of the Black Folks Calendar:

Alice Jordan was born and raised in the segregated South, experiencing much of the challenges associated with the Civil Rights Movement. She helped to integrate a school in Louisiana. She moved to California from Atlanta, the home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Shirley Chisholm says, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth". Mrs. Jordan has proven herself as an exemplar of this quote which she lives by. For over a decade, she has been a leader in organizing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in Seaside that began in 1986. The annual program keeps Dr. King's life and legacy alive and emphasizes the importance of community service. The entire community participates in this celebration, including schools, churches, elected officials, civic and social organizations. Also, African American Speakers travel from across the country to Seaside, sharing their expertise and encouraging us to make a difference. This celebration is co-sponsored by The City of Seaside and Pan-Hellenic Council, Monterey Bay Chapter.

Mrs. Jordan, through her membership in The Links, Incorporated and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, recruited members of the community, especially minorities, to mentor students at Seaside High School focusing on leadership, character and academic excellence. This program kicked off with the Freshman Class of 2013 and lasted through their senior year. In 2017 the graduating students and staff acknowledged the positive impact of the program on the lives of the students. We have committed to another four years of service.

Mrs. Jordan affiliation with nonprofit organizations has allowed her to aid in the presentation of scholarships to many individuals over the years, especially minorities. She was also instrumental in helping to establish CSUMB's Upsilon Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She continues to promote "Get Out and Vote".

Mrs. Jordan is a member of Seaside Kiwanis. She has served in many leadership roles. She has also served as an adviser of Seaside High School Key Club for over a decade and has been recognized as 'best club in the district'.

Mrs. Jordan enjoys sports, traveling, readings and helping her community wherever there is a need. She is married to Don Jordan, former Mayor of Seaside.

On Saturday September 17, 2022, our beloved Billy Frank DeBerry, loving husband and father passed away at the age of 83 surrounded loved ones at his home in Seaside California.

Billy was born February 7, 1939, in Denmark Tennessee to his late parents Perkins and Geneva DeBerry, but lived the majority of his life in Seaside California.

He was married to his one true love Rosetta DeBerry who passed away February 9, 2021, for 53 years. Billy is preceded in death by his one sibling Charlie Floyd Short of Ballwin Missouri and son Michael D. Lewis of Jackson Mississippi.



## BILLY DEBERRY Feb 7, 1939 -- Sept 17, 2022

Billy is survived by his daughter Cheryl Nelson of Las Vegas Nevada, grandchildren, Michael S. Lewis of Covington, Georgia, Zachary Nelson, Matthew Nelson, Tyler Nelson of Las Vegas Nevada and nine great grandchildren.

Billy DeBerry's 38 years in education started as a mathematics and science

teacher in Nashville Tennessee. Billy later worked as a counselor in higher education at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama. While at Alabama State, Billy and his wife Rose were recruited to the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) by Charlie Knight. In keeping with his core belief and approach to life -- the five P's: Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance -- he worked diligently to become the first and only African American Superintendent of MPUSD. He demonstrated high standards of integrity, equity, and inclusion. The works of his life and the young people he encouraged and mentored only serve to validate who Billy was as a man.

Billy began his career in MPUSD as a professional school counselor at Martin Luther King Junior High in 1968. Two years later he advanced to the Assistant Principal position at Monterey High School and four short years later promoted to Principal of Martin Luther King Middle School. Shortly after, he was again promoted to Principal of Monterey High School.

After many years working on school sites, Billy joined the central office of MPUSD as the Director of Personnel and became Assistant Superintendent of Personnel in1987. In 1991 he was promoted to be the Associate Superintendent, K-12 until becoming Superintendent of Schools in 1994. He held the position until his retirement in 2000.

Along with his career at MPUSD, and a strong believer that "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" he served in several Educational Professional positions: Monterey Bay School Administrators Association, President, 1972; (President & Treasurer) with the Association for California School Administrators, Region X and was chosen as Outstanding Administrator of the Year, ACSA Region X; and also received the Blanche Montague Award, Region X, Association of California School Administrators. **Billy served on the Advisory Board for California State University Monterey Bay Institute for Community Collaborative Studies from 1995 – 99, helping to lay the foundation for CSUMB after the closure of Fort Ord.** 

Billy's work within the City of Seaside included:

- The City of Seaside's Mayor's Advisory Committee on Government Efficiency; Chairman,
- Citizens Advisory Committee to the Community Development Program;
- Planning Commissioner
- Human Relations Commissioner and
- Monterey Peninsula Police and Probation Committee.

His work for Monterey County was recognized in a special Board of Supervisor's resolution for a Lifetime of Dedicated Service to Monterey County.

He served on the

- Monterey County Civil Grand Jury;
- the Monterey County Equal Opportunity Advisory Commission;
- Monterey County Sheriff's Office Commission and
- the Monterey County Economic Development Commission.

Billy brought the power of his presence and his compassion in his most

remarkable life to those who needed it the most. We will celebrate his legacy and not mourn his loss because he was a rare gem and God will bestow upon him a beautiful reward.



DWIGHT GREENWELL Jan 20, 1951 - Oct 7, 2022

## Published by Monterey Herald on Oct. 28, 2022.

Dwight Wayne Greenwell, 71, passed away on October 7, 2022. Dwight was born on January 20, 1951, in Fort Worth, Texas, to William and Joan Greenwell. The family moved to Seaside, CA, in the early 1950s.

Dwight was the eldest of 6 children, and he loved each of his siblings unconditionally. He was always by their side, willing to lend a helping hand or offer advice whenever it was needed. He was a proud Spartan graduating from Seaside High School and Monterey Peninsula College before attending San Jose State University.

Dwight worked at Walter's clothing store and later accepted a position as a lineman at Pacific Gas & Electric Company. He was eventually promoted to the position of Sr. Engineer Estimator and served as an exemplary employee for 40 years before retiring in 2017.

Dwight loved to bowl and was proud to have bowled a perfect 300-game. He enjoyed watching and participating in group sports and even coached and refereed youth basketball. Dwight loved being a grandfather and cherished the time he spent with his grandsons. They each held a special place in his heart. He also enjoyed going to breakfast with his close friends to reminisce, share a good meal, and laughter. He was a mentor, a role model and a friend to many.

Dwight was a devoted member of New Hope Baptist Church in Seaside, CA, since 1999. He served as Chairman of the Deacon Board for 20 years, Secretary of the Brotherhood and on the Trustee and Usher Boards. Dwight showed his love for Christ by his dedication to family and service to others.

He is preceded in death by his parents William and Joan Greenwell. He is survived by his wife Jacqueline of 23 years; his children, Stacey Greenwell, Tabatha Greenwell, Raven Thompson, Patricia Ware-Williams (Omari Williams), Patrice Ware & William Ware (Crisanee Ware); grandsons: Omar Malik Cross, Onasis Wayne Greenwell, William Christopher Ware & Omari Josiah K. Williams, Siblings: William Greenwell Jr., David Greenwell, Gerald Greenwell (Toni Greenwell), Joy Bryant (Gregory Bryant) & Michael Greenwell (Gwynn Greenwell), his aunt Patricia Cass and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The wake will be held on Tues., Nov. 1, at New Hope Baptist Church in Seaside from 4pm-8pm. Anyone interested in sharing expressions with the family may do so at this time. The funeral service will also be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Wed., Nov. 2 at 11 am, with burial to follow at Mission Memorial Park.

Charmainge Scott obituary/biography edited by Steven Goings as retrieved from Charmainge's Facebook and Linkedin accounts. Once her family publishes an obituary it will be posted in a future edition of the Black Folks Calendar.

#### From her son Michael

**Scott:** "It is with great sadness that I inform you that my mother, Charmainge Louise Scott, your grandmother, sister, niece, aunt, family member and friend passed peacefully on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. She was surrounded by family and friends.

At this time, my family, extended family and I are working through our grief CHARMAINGE SCOTT Jan 19, 1951 – Oct 19, 2022

and heartache. We will post here on my mother's FB page of any obituaries. We appreciate all of the love, thoughts and prayers.

-Michael S. Scott Jr.-

## Charmainge Louise Scott was born on Jan 19, 1951 and died on Oct 19, 2022.

Since 1998, Charmainge was the proud owner of CM2P: Charm Music and Multimedia Productions, a client relations company she founded in order to

- Develop relationships with businesses and individuals involved in NPO fundraising events
- Discover and cultivate talent for PR campaigns and TV exposure
- Produce TV programs
- Direct talent for TV productions
- Co-engineer TV productions

A double alum of California State University, Monterey Bay she joined the matriculated in 1998, earning her BA in Integrated Studies in 2001 and her MS in Management and Information Technology and then went on to earn in PhD of Management in Organizational Leadership and Instructional Science and Technology from the University of Phoenix.

In addition to all the education she received, Charmainge was herself an

educator. Charmainge was a special education teacher for the Monterey County Office of Education where she was a substitute teacher since 2007 for K-12 special education students with various spectrum issues from autism to severe immobility conditions. She was also an adjunct professor at Cabrillo College, Monterey Peninusla College and CSU Monterey Bay as well as a music and vocal artist resident at the Arts Habitat.

And of course, Charmainge was a wonderful singer. The Charmainge Scott band performed regularly at the Monterey Blues Festival and around the peninsula and as an Access Monterey Peninsula producer she had the long running Charmainge Scott show.

## **Obituary created by Terri Dansby:**

Zettie B. Lipscomb was born on July 26, 1936 as Zettie B. Stansell to Bennie & Edward Stansell in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Zettie is survived by her longtime soulmate Richard D. Lipscomb Jr. who she met in Chicago while attending Englewood High School.



### ZETTIE LIPSCOMB July 26, 1936 – Sept 16, 2022

Once out of school, they discovered they had to be together. So, they were married in 1954 and began their lives together. She became a military wife and they began raising their family together; Daughter Terri Dansby/Husband Richard Dansby, Sons Michael Lipscomb/Wife Roshelle Lipscomb and Richard Lipscomb III/Wife Regina Lipscomb, and Daughter Rosalyn Middleton.

Once Zettie mastered being a military (Army) wife and raising a family were intact, Zettie went on to establish a career in banking and from working hard became the Manager of Eureka Federal Savings Bank in Seaside, CA. She later became her own boss in the world of Mary Kay which she truly took by the horns for over 30 years.

Zettie and Richard were fortunate to be married for 68 years. The have a growing family bond to include 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.



## Cluster hire delivers boost to music program and ethnic studies

Copy by Mark C. Anderson; photo by Brent Dundore-Arias on Oct 11, 2022 as posted on the CSUMB website at <u>https://csumb.edu/news/news-</u> <u>listing/cluster-hire-delivers-boost-to-music-program-and-</u> ethnic-studies/

One plus one plus one equals a lot more than three.

That's the early indication from a special sort of hire by CSU Monterey Bay's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS). Three new faculty members started this fall in the fields of music and ethnic studies, namely assistant professors of music, Althea SullyCole and John Wineglass, and assistant professor of ethnic studies, Sriya Shrestha. Each presents impressive accomplishments and plans for their curriculums as individual faculty members. Their interdepartmental potential together might multiply their impact.

Juanita Cole, the dean of CAHSS, describes "cluster hires" as an emerging practice in higher education designed to cross-pollinate new ideas among departments, cultures and campus interests.

"It's a recruitment practice known to increase diversity and interdisciplinary collaboration that's really popular among universities looking to diversify and advance research in specific areas," she says. A special allotment of funds for ethnic studies helped inspire the group hire, which has included an early orientation and talk of collaborations around performances, curriculum, grants and published articles. A cluster hire helps with recruitment but also with retention.

"They rely and lean on one another," Cole adds. "It helps make sure they're successful and have longevity."

She observes a clear chemistry among the group, something that surfaces in separate interviews.

"It's a special cohort," Cole says. "We struck gold here—it's really good for CSUMB students."

Here appears an introduction to each:

#### Althea SullyCole

Multi-instrumentalist, ethnomusicologist, vocalist and activist Althea SullyCole has spent 3 years in Senegal studying a 21-string West African harp called a kora. She's worked everywhere from Columbia University's music department to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. She's collaborated with all sorts of stars—from Royal Messenger to Lisette Santiago to her father Bill Cole.

Across those experiences, several takeaways emerged. One, African and African-descended musicians are generous with their wisdom.

"In Africa, musical knowledge and oral knowledge are disseminated through social connection," she says. "Most of that was handed to me for free, with kinship and generosity, and I feel invested in sharing it." Two, in many places that knowledge isn't so openly shared.

"The academic world can be exclusive and expensive," SullyCole says. "I do feel an ethical imperative toward making musical practice and knowledge accessible to as wide a population as possible. I feel like that's the mission of the CSU [system] and CSUMB's music department."

Three, democratization of music can go further than it does.

"People think of music as a world only accessible to people with ineffable abilities," she says. "One thing I say often: If you have a heartbeat, you're musical. I want to open up students to their own abilities and their own sound worlds..."

She's already basking in the chance to work with her cohort, to have intimate access to the Monterey Jazz Festival, and to take a student-centric approach to teaching.

"After working in radio, live programming, and as a touring artist, to use those skills directly with students is a huge privilege," she says.

#### John Wineglass

As a composer, Wineglass has won multiple Emmys, crafted full symphonies and earned commissions from the likes of Kennedy Center Concert Hall and The National Endowment for the Arts. So when it comes to the cluster hire and his joy at being "part of something that hasn't happened," it carries a little more weight than if a less pioneering soul said it.

Wineglass is audibly excited to get back in the classroom after a long stint writing and performing music.

"It's important to me. That's how I got where I am. It's my way of paying it forward," he says. "It's also a way to regulate my life as an artist—what do I do with all the experiences I've accumulated in my life? I love pouring my knowledge into the students, teaching my theory, sharpening my craft." He adds he is eager to be "a conduit" from campus to the workforce, to the music industry, and to the community.

"It is kind of mind-blowing to spend my time doing something useful for the community while connecting students to the arts," he says. When the conversation returns to the cluster, the theme of connectivity remains: Wineglass notes he's looking forward to helping next year's cluster class enjoy the opportunities and cohesion his class already has. "We've hit it off," he says.

#### <u>Sriya Shrestha</u>

Shrestha comes to the cluster well familiar with CSUMB, after years spent as an adjunct professor in the Humanities and Communication, and Global Studies departments.

As she lectured in her areas of expertise (race and gender), she found inspiration in the CSUMB Otters' attentive response.

"Our discussions about the history and present reality of structural inequalities and institutional oppression are not merely an intellectual exercise," she says. "They are tools for better understanding the dynamics [students] have witnessed in their own lives, neighborhoods, and communities."

Shrestha has always been fascinated with the "larger social dynamics that create the conditions of hardships and inequities"; one of her more recent papers explores a transnational, relational approach to global inequality. She further finds CSUMB's founding mission—to "serve the diverse people of California, especially the working class and historically undereducated and low-income populations"— resonant with her teaching.

"I am happy to be a part of that important work as a professor, and I see it as a continuation of my commitment to social justice," she says. Joining the cluster cohort, meanwhile, has widened her thoughts on how to honor that.

"Being a part of this has already expanded my thinking," she says, "and stimulated ideas about the diverse ways that we can work towards common goals using the tools and skills that are unique to each of us." Black Space: Mondays from noon to 1pm.



## Facilitated by Mel Mason, LCSW.

Contact Mel Mason at mel@villageprojectinc.orgto added to this online discussion group about all things Black on Zoom at *https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6464225667* 

B.L.A.A.C. Free Movie Night, Something the Lord Made Nov 9, 2022; 6 PM - Social Hour / 7 PM - Movie Lighthouse 4 Cinema located at 525 Lighthouse Ave. P.G. Click Here to Save Your Seat

"Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative" (BLAAC), is pleased to offer our community a free movie night and we want you to join us! We had so much fun during the last event, we decided to do it again.

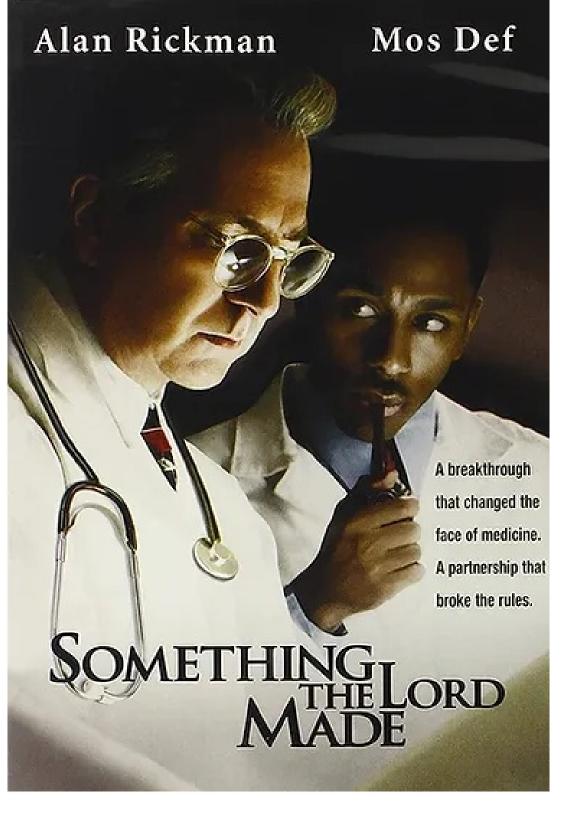
Our next movie (*Something the Lord Made*) will be shown on November 9th at the Pacific Grove Theatre, doors open at

6:30, and the movie will start at 7. *Click here* or see the link below for more details.

Spouses, friends, family, everyone is invited. The theatre will be selling traditional movie food and snacks, so come early and grab your treats, come early to grab your seat!

Seating is limited, please respond by 11/2 so we can reserve your place at the theater.

See you at the movies!



Although Vivien Thomas (Mos Def), a black man in the 1930s, is originally hired as a janitor, he proves himself adept at assisting the "Blue Baby doctor," Alfred Blalock (Alan Rickman), with his medical research.

When Blalock insists that Thomas follow him to Johns Hopkins University, they must find a way to skirt a racist system to continue their study of infant heart disease. Thomas is indispensable to Blalock's progress, but Blalock is the only one who is allowed to receive the acclaim. Monterey County Branch Elections:



## **Saturday Nov 19, 2022; 3 to 7 PM** Via Election Buddy System

**In-person Support Available on Election Day at** Oldemeyer Center (Seaside Room) located at 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside

The Nominations Committee of the Monterey County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) presented its slate of candidates to the general membership at Oct 27, 2022 meeting.

The candidates are as follows:

#### Officers:

- President: Lyndon Tarver
- 1st Vice President: Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton
- 2nd Vice President: Veronica Delaney
- Secretary: Pat Spencer
- Treasurer: James Black

**Executive Committee:** 

- Anita Crawley
- Barbara Johnson
- Edd Armstrong
- Eugene Jones
- Jeanne Gavrin
- John Smith
- Linwood Eady
- Rosalyn Green
- Ruthie Watts
- Yvonne Thomas

For the first time, all NAACP branch elections across the nation will be held exclusively online through the Election Buddy system. Every member of the NAACP who wishes to vote in their local branch elections must have a valid email address in order to participate. If necessary, a smart phone text number can be substituted for an email address; but there will be no in-person hard copy ballot voting.

If you are a current member in good standing of the Monterey County Branch and you wish to vote in the upcoming election but are unsure whether or not the branch has your current email address, please contact our Branch Secretary Pat Spencer at mcbnaacp1049@att.net immediately to update your email in time for the election. The ballot will be sent to your email (or text message) address and become available at 3 pm on Saturday November 19 and will close at 7 pm that evening. You are encouraged to vote as early as possible and to contact Steven Goings at sgoings@csumb.edu or at 831 277 1523 if you have any difficulty casting your ballot.

In addition, members of the local branch Elections Supervisory Committee consisting of Steven Goings, Sue Parris and Alanna Myles will be at the Seaside Room of Oldemeyer Center with laptops to assist you if you are having difficulty with voting online.

On the day and time of the election, you should monitor your registered email where you will receive and email from Election Buddy. It should look something like this:

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#### Vote now: NAACP Election Ballot - NAACP Branch Election

You are invited to vote in the NAACP Election Ballot - NAACP Branch Election .

The voting deadline is Sep 8 2022 9:00pm Eastern Time (US & Canada).

We are using an online election system to tabulate our votes. You have been assigned a unique access key which can only be used to vote once and your voting choices will remain anonymous. Do not forward this email. Do not reply to this email to vote, as your vote will not be registered.

If you have election questions, feedback or want to be removed from future ballot lists, please email Quincy Bates at <u>qbates@naacpnet.org</u>.

To vote, visit:

secure.electionbuddy.com/KSQF-7W58-CP86-3B8X

As the email will go on to explain, the system will generate a unique voting link for YOUR EMAIL address. You simply click on your unique link at the bottom of the email immediately following the words "To vote, visit:" On the ballot, for each officer position you must vote for 1 (one) candidate OR abstain. For the Executive Committee, you may vote for up to 10 (ten) candidates.

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## November 2022

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#### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MODEL, PLEASE CHECK WITH YVONNE KIRKLAND 831-393-9865

In the Spotlight: Mary Claypool, Candidate for Monterey County Board of Education



### **Serving The Community**

She served on the Monterey County Board of Education for nine years.

## **United By A Common Goal**

Mary is an advocate for education, she will continue to focus on the health of our public education system.

## **Get Involved**

We can't win this race without your help. Volunteer and donate to help us achieve our goals together.

## In her own words:

I worked for the City of Seaside for 20 years & County of Monterey for 17 years in Redevelopment, Community/Economic Development, Finance & Budget/Management. Served as Executive Director of the Monterey County Business Council for 5 years.

I have worked 30+ years with businesses, K-12, community colleges and universities developing the skills businesses require for quality employees. Served on numerous non-profits/public agencies/chambers for over 40 years and numerous committees at schools in the Monterey Peninsula Unified District.

As a parent, grandparent, 51-year Monterey County resident and advocate for education, I will continue to focus on the health of our public education system, will ensure all students are offered equal access to an excellent education, keep my community informed and engaged, work to provide programs to help students improve their individual test scores, promote extracurricular activities, engage parents in the education of their children and bring awareness.

## <u>Donate Here</u>

<u>Website</u>

In the Spotlight: Tyller Williamson, Candidate for Mayor of Monterey



## Committed to Service In his own words:

Like many young people in Monterey, I grew up in a military family. My mom served in the Navy for 20 years so we moved around the world and never lived anywhere long enough to grow roots. The central role the military played in our lives was a formative experience, but also an isolating one. That feeling of isolation led me to seek long-term connections and community in beautiful Monterey, where I have been honored to serve as a city councilmember since 2018.

For the past 12 years, I have worked at the Naval Postgraduate School

(NPS). As a human resources specialist, I support the recruitment of top talent to Monterey where the Navy provides defense-focused graduate education. As a Human Communication, Pre-Law graduate from Cal State Monterey Bay, I was inspired by other local graduates motivated to make our home a better place to live for all. As a Master of Business Administration graduate from NPS, I was honored to study criticalthinking and analysis with military officers serving in defense of our country.

When I arrived here on the Central Coast, I didn't know how much this area would mean to me. I had finally found a community that accepted and loved me, and I knew I'd never want to live anywhere else. My partner Ivan and I bought our first home together in Monterey because of the beautiful environment — from the climate and landscape to the amazing community activists I've grown to love as my family. Through my community work on the Monterey Peninsula, I have truly found a lifelong home. My ongoing work with fellow community members was fundamental in my decision to run, and with your support, serve as your next Monterey Mayor.

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## **Spotlight:Kim Barber,** Candidate for Monterey City Council

### In her own words:

Hello,

I'm more interested in hearing from you than talking about myself, but let me give you an idea of who I am:

I grew up in Maryland, received my Bachelor's Degree from Hampton University, Master's Degree in International Business from the University of Maryland, and Doctorate with a focus on Public Policy and Social Change from Union Institute and University. Having lived in other parts of the country, I never forget how grateful I am to call Monterey home.

My professional life has centered around education and business, specifically helping students succeed in college. To work toward that goal, I founded and served for 16 years as Founder and Executive Director of the nonprofit, The Color of Education. For the past five years, I have worked at California State University Monterey Bay currently as the Director of Pre-College and Early Outreach Support Programs.

I am a tenacious problem-solver; a compassionate listener and communicator, a collaborator, and an organizer. All these qualities translate directly to Monterey's City Council work, balancing the needs of residents, visitors, and businesspeople, protecting what's great about our city and improving for the future.

My priorities are:

- Providing appropriate affordable housing
- Ensuring affordable water
- Including all segments of our population in city government

My husband and I have two adult sons and one granddaughter. I look forward to meeting you. Great things are possible when we all work together.

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## <u>Website</u>

### Follow Black Folks on Social Media (Click on links to follow to sites)

## **Facebook:**

Monterey Bay Black Folks Calendar (Public Group, 396 members)

- About: The purpose of the Monterey Bay Black Folks Event Calendar is to connect the Black Community of CSU Monterey Bay with the local Black Communities of the Greater Monterey Bay Area.
- Site Administrator: Steven Goings

## NAACP Monterey County Branch 1049 (Facebook page under reconstruction)

• About: The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

### National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

• About: Founded in 1909 in response to the ongoing violence against Black people around the country, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the largest and most preeminent civil rights organization in the nation. We have over 2,200 units and branches across the nation, along with well over 2M activists. Our mission is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

#### <u>Black Lives Matter</u>

• About: #BlackLivesMatter is an online forum intended to build connections between Black people and our allies to fight anti-Black racism, to spark dialogue amongst Black people, and to facilitate the types of connections necessary to encourage social action and engagement.

#### <u>African American Policy Forum</u>

• About: Founded in 1996, The African American Policy Forum (AAPF) is an innovative think tank that connects academics, activists and policy-makers to promote efforts to dismantle structural inequality. We utilize new ideas and innovative perspectives to transform public discourse and policy. We promote frameworks and strategies that address a vision of racial justice that embraces the intersections of race, gender, class, and the array of barriers that disempower those who are marginalized in society. AAPF is dedicated to advancing and expanding racial justice, gender equality, and the indivisibility of all human rights, both in the U.S. and internationally.

### Monterey County Black Caucus (Public Group, 174 members)

- About: Our mission for the Monterey County Black Caucus (MCBC) is to heal and empower the Black Community by cultivating leadership, by providing a safe space for Black residents to unwrap and reflect, by advocating for equity and inspiring Black culture through arts and community development
- Site Administrators: Tay Elaine, Tinisha Dunn, Robert Daniels, Rosalyn Green

Marina BIPOC & Allies (Private Group, 63 members)

• About: A group for BIPOC & allies in Marina, CA to support the BIPOC community. We support #blacklivesmatter & will center black voices on needed local changes.

### Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

- Rev. Harold Hollingsworth Lusk Sr. Pastor
- The Church today REACHING TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE!!

### <u>Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ</u>

• Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ is under the Pastoral Leadership of Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins Sr.

### **Emmanuel Church of God in Christ**

- About: Stay updated about the great things God is doing at Emmanuel COGIC here in Seaside, CA. Our Pastor is Dr. E.B. Jones and our Founder is Dr. Welton McGee!
- YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA7zzqlu2bDCfrTmxlcHUiA

### Friendship Baptist Church Seaside

• About: Friendship is one of the first Baptist Churches on the

Monterey Peninsula. Many other Baptist Church's have branched off this congregation.

#### **Greater Victory Temple Church of God in Christ**

- About: Dr. Ronald Britt, Senior Pastor
- Lost souls are our priority! Each one, win one!

#### <u>Hays Christian Methodist Episcopal Church</u>

• Rev. La Tanya Barr

### <u>Holy Assembly Missionary Baptist Church</u>

• Founded in 1974 by Reverend Slade, HAMBC is a moving church being led by God in Marina, CA.

#### Lighthouse Full Gospel Church

• Through this Seaside branch, many lives have been influenced and souls saved. Great men and women have been equipped and sent out into the harvest field to promote the gospel and to help advance the kingdom of God.

#### Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Salinas

• In 1965, a group of devout Christians, finding a need for a Baptist Church in the area, assembled in the home of Sister Richardson at 1112 Del Monte Street, Salinas, California.

#### <u>New Hope Baptist Church Seaside</u>

• New Hope Missionary Baptist Church was organized February 12, 1959, in Seaside California at the home of Reverend James W. and Sister Bertha L. Paige.

#### New Hope Baptist Church Salinas

• About: "A Church Dedicated To Servant-hood and Discipleship"

#### Ocean View Baptist Church

• Rev. Kenneth Murray

#### <u>Recognizing Military Service Center</u>

- Formerly "Retired Men's Social Club"
- About: We are a Social Club. Our goal is to add to the betterment of this community and the people of the community, by providing Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors, Service Learning Programs and affordable Entertainment to our members and Community

### LINKS, Inc. Monterey Bay Chapter

• Established in 1974, the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Links Inc, are friends that transform the community in which we serve. Through cultural, educational, & civic participation, our chapter faithfully strives to be strong, smart & bold in positive change.

#### <u>Deja Blue, Seaside</u>

• Live Jazz, Blues and Comedy in Downtown Seaside

# **Useful Links:**

## **New!** County Employment Opportunities: Monterey

County Supervisor Elect Wendy Askew encourages community members to "register for job announcements from the County - and to apply for anything that seems interesting so that your resume gets into the system."

## **Black Business Directory**

• Here is something the Monterey County Branch NAACP is working on. You can send your entries directly to lbogene@yahoo.com

## Black Community Leader/Activist Archive

• Check out the list and add your bio and photo to it.

## Black Court Support Volunteer Sign-Ups

• We all know the so-called criminal justice system treats our folks much more harshly than others, sometimes just having community members show up at court can make a difference in how things turn out.

### **Black Web Sites**

• Check it out or add your favorite to the list

### <u>Black Speakers Bureau for Classroom</u> <u>Presentations</u>

• With so few African Americans working in our K-12 and higher education systems, our kids have too few opportunities to see professionals and role models who look like them. We are looking for Black community members and professionals who can be called on to be occasional guest speakers in local classrooms.

### Updated! CSUMB Black Staff & Faculty

Just the basic public contact and position info

## Monterey Bay Historically Black Churches

• Check out the current list of churches, update existing entries or add new ones.

Monterey Bay Black Folks Weekly Event Calendar Submit to AfricanQuazar@gmail.com

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