

July Newsletter

While most people ate BBQ and celebrated, I have been sitting here, on MEMORIAL DAY 2016, thinking about my many Family Members, all 9 of them, who were in the Military and were highly decorated. Was thinking, no, trying to imagine, what they had to go through to get a piece of Metal to adorn their chest and what it cost us as a family. I was looking for a document and found some of my Ex-Husbands papers. He must have sent them somewhere when fighting for his disability. Brought up some very deep rooted emotions....

Like each year, a special presentation was shown on Television, this year it was a remake version of ROOTS. There was much chatter on the social sites as what to expect, so here is a little, with permission, of what that looked like.



My FBF [Greg Eagles](#) posted:

This version of Roots is indeed a lot different than the one I saw as a kid. They didn't show Kunta Kinte joining forces with the British army once he ran away in the original version. They just showed John Amos getting caught, tied to a tree, and getting his foot chopped off. In this version they even SHOWED the chopped foot! They are going for the gory, horrific details in this version. But I guess that's what the times demand. The

performances from the largely British cast are impressive. It's definitely different. But I can't say it's all bad. It's almost like seeing it for the first time. You must brace yourself because since the success of "12 Years A Slave" there's going to be a plethora of movies depicting this very ugly period of this country's history. I'm not sure that's a bad thing even though they haven't begun to scratch the surface of our history and the noble personalities that helped define it.

I responded: I am warming up to it a little by looking at it as a different story, Will write about it in July Newsletter. I figured that if LeVar Burton is a Exec Producer I will give it a chance. Think we were all predisposed. I had the privilege to go to Henning, TN and meet the offspring of the real people in the book on both sides and they said Mr Haley did a very accurate account of the family stories, so I am looking at this version of an account of the times rather than ROOTS. It was such a great accomplishment to even be able to air the first time and I always thought by Quincy Jones' music entered people's conscious mind they learned a lot. I also had my grand-kids watch it when they were older. Young ones have no point of reference. Maybe they need this version....

Since I wrote this much has happened and I would like to elaborate on my visits to Henning. A great Grandson of the Colonel was a gay man. He was in the closet and always afraid someone would discover his sexual preference. He had a house on Mississippi Bottom built on stilts to be safe from the rising waters of the Mississippi and it was only accessible by small planes. It was there he entertained his company. It was shortly after losing my house to a **Hate Crime** and I had mentioned to him I was looking for a new place to settle with my children. He offered me an exchange. Me, giving the impression to be his female friend to shield him from gossip and he would let me, since I was **Light enough** live in the "OVERSEERS" Quarters still in existence in **1981. Needless to say, this disturbed me greatly, I declined and returned to Washington State. To this day I feel he had no idea how insulting the Overseer Quarters comments were to me.**

I watched the new ROOTS for 8 hours and thought they had done a great job of reconstructing the time period of that time, now that we are used to violence on TV each day. It did not disturb me that the story line of Kunta Kinte's family was portrayed different than in the original version. Make sure you take a look when the series is on Netflix.

My friend Blue Thunder died and we miss him greatly. He was the PIUTE Brother who made it rain in California to help the drought. *See show at the end of the newsletter.*
http://www.earthwisdomfoundation.net/About_Blue_Thunder.html



American Politics occupied the airwaves to the point I decided not to give THAT any more energy. Before getting all hot under the collar it would be wise for us ALL to take another look at the legal proceedings of the Political Parties and discover it's not over 'til someone sings. Besides, I am going to take another look at that in form of new predictions on the 25th of June. It will be live-streamed on YouTube. Psygeria

Our own ICON Mohammad Ali departed from us and for a split second in time showed us what a Muslim accomplished for this country for such a long time and the place he holds in our history. I remembered having spent time with his daughter MayMay many years ago while she was appearing in Fort Lewis WA. The way her eyes lit up when she talked about her Daddy. He must have been one of the **GREATEST** people on the planet. It also took me back to the time period when so many, in a combined effort made such leaps forward in the world. EQUALITY. I went down memory lane and found a video featuring my friend Hugh Masakela. I will post it at the end under the Fair Use Act.

My FBF K Nilly Neal made us aware of the police brutality of some Police officers in Orlando Florida. In his own words:

"At my very own home, a Sumter Deputy detained me for a "seat-belt violation" (??). He then yelled at me to put my hands on the steering wheel. I dialed 911 because I was afraid. (they've done this to me before) Afterward, Officer Hector Otero snatched me out of my truck and held me while Deputy McCaig shot me in the chest with a Taser gun. I did absolutely nothing to deserve it!!! I was actually about to get off of my lunch break, but that never happened. I spent the day in jail with no clue of why I was even jailed. Finally, I was bailed out and given papers with my charge: "arrested for resisting arrest". That was my only charge. (???) As for what my original arrest was, it shall forever be a mystery. Officer Otero lied through his teeth on his incident statement and Officer McCaig obeyed his command to Tase me! I have been charged with a felony.... I tried to get an attorney, but they will not oppose the State, and I don't have endless amounts of money to buy justice. It's NOT the whole department that is bad. Some Officers I

know personally and really like, However, there are some rotten apples there too.... Pray for me please. Pray for them. Pray for your families. Pray for my wife and kids.



THIS IS WHAT SOME OF THE RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY EMERGED.

Kenny Neal, also known in our community as **K Nilly**, is one of the leaders when it comes to bringing our community together from all corners of **Sumter County**. He's well known for putting together the annual county wide talent shows for all ages, "**Bushnell's Got Talent**". These events bring our 5 small towns together so often, many of them feel like family reunions and he is recognized by everyone for his warm, welcoming smile.

My name is Jake Jones and I have known him for over 6 years, starting with my first (of many) talent show entries, going on to accidentally become his neighbor. To be brief, he has been a mentor, a friend, and a big brother who cares about his neighbors and his community.

What has happened to him is an injustice that has been happening for too long. Unfortunately, 2016 hasn't brought everyone into the 21st century and there is still evident racism as natural as if it were the 1950's in some neighborhoods.

By sharing or contributing to this page, you will be helping us come together to afford an Attorney to take this case and make enough noise to get the corruption out of our police station.

Nilly has agreed to do a show with me per Skype and tell his story. I have researched many things in reference to the subject and I am so proud of Nilly to have the courage to have employed the community to help upstanding citizens to get justice..... let me re-phrase... ALL citizens justice.

While we are talking Orlando.....

These are the deceased victims of the tragedy, which was caused by ONE MANIAC. It will stay with us for a long time.

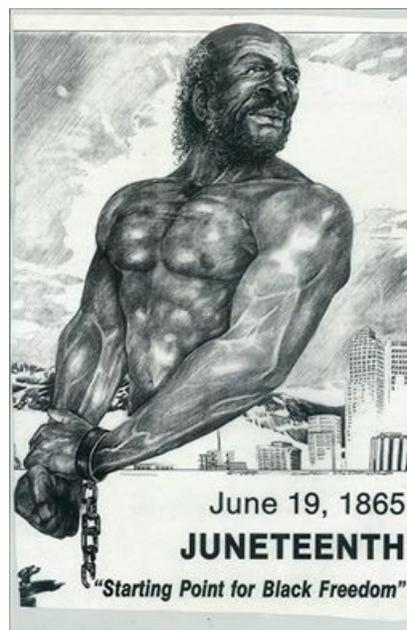


Orlando link Wikipedia

https://Wikipedia/wiki/List_of_massacres_in_the_United_States In excess of 50,000 people attended the public memorial for the 49 victims.

I have 737 friends on my Facebook. Carefully selected people I have formed personal relationships with, some virtually and some in person.

I am ashamed to report to you that we ALL, with the exception of ONE Caucasian friend, forgot the DATE. June 19th.



Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of Slavery. The Emancipation became official Jan 1st, 1863. It took till June 19th, 1865 for the Union Soldiers to land in Galveston and start to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation.

This day has been celebrated through out the years. In the 50's and 60's Marches were added in honor of a multitude of causes affecting minority and poor people's issues. In the 1980's it became a holiday. Speakers, networking, sharing of food and community issues, music and dance is on the agenda for the day. The attached picture is an opening shot from my show and was created for my show by a friend in Colorado.

With the emerging of our Facebook community this year, those of us unable to physically attend the festivities shared poems, pictures and greetings through electronic means. We were somewhat surprised to find a decline in participation of the younger generation and the lack of education in reference to this enormous event of Juneteenth. Some of us have decided to make an extra effort for next year to add to our circle of online participants.

The Blue Hopi Star has been seen in many locations around the world, fulfilling one of their last prophesies.



This picture is from the following website, unable to give credit to the photographer.
<http://mssnaturalbeauty.com/hopi-blue-star-kachina-appears-final-sign-day-purification/>

A 2-year old boy was killed by an alligator near Disney World in Orlando. Think FLORIDA-think ALLIGATOR when a sign reads: Stay out of the water.

Oakland CA fired its third Chief of Police in **Eight days** due to a sex scandal and is put under civilian control.

Part of Ghana is under floodwaters, many dead.

According to EuropaKrisen 65.3 million people are current refugees, that every 113th person living on the planet at this time.

While some of us, for different reasons of course, were Trumping our lives away, this very eventful June has come to a close. Peeps.... relax, be good to yourself and
PLEASE try to DEFRAG yourself!

Love and Light
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Here is the interview with Hugh Masakela
http://fairuse.stanford.edu/Copyright_and_Fair_Use_Overview/chapter9/index.html
my friend Hugh Masakela. Great interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIFI3X3i8EQ>

This is the show when Blue Thunder made it rain in California

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmCGZLcbI_4&list=PLU7REmKUBGuvu4Z1ESoy-PHOkXPN9xi5E)

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Now that Females have to register.... a show what some females, the pioneers, did NOT expect when entering the service.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Run8-oX_swA