

“JOY!”

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REFLECTIONS

Noun: The turning of thought back upon past experiences or ideas; attentive or continued consideration; meditation; contemplation; deliberation: as, a man much given to reflection.

As we quickly move toward the end of the year, there is much to reflect upon. In 2023, much was given to this project to help breathe new life into the programs we cherish. This year has been a period of reflection, rebirth and celebration for the KJG Museum.

Additionally, we, as individuals, find ourselves reflecting on life as it used to be and what it has become. We reflect on the struggle to keep our children safe from harm and the things we must do as parents to keep them engaged in meaningful tasks that will enhance their lives.

We reflect on our aging parents and loved ones who are now dependent upon us.

The increase of drug usage and mental illness causes us to reflect on the many people who are caught up in a world where they just cannot seem to say “No” or find their way back to reality.

Living in a world of good, bad and ugly forces us to reflect more often than not.

During this season of reflection, let us not forget, however, self-reflection as it brings perspective to our lives. It helps us learn, grow, appreciate and understand. It is a deeper dive into wisdom and emotions and determines the great “Why?” As opposed to just remembering the things that have happened. Self-reflection taps into every aspect of the experience, clarifying our thinking, and honing in on what really matters.

-- KJGM

THE GIFT OF READING

This holiday, give a 3 to 7 year old a memory that will last for a life time. *Carla and the Christmas Cornbread* (Author Carla Hall) is the perfect traditional holiday book. The story is appealing, the illustrations are vibrant, and the cost is quite affordable. This 40-page book permits quality time with a very special child(ren). Enjoy the moment and create memories!

A Reflection Pun

Q. Why do you get 7 years of bad luck when you break a mirror?
A. It gives you enough time to reflect on your mistake!



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THE GIFT OF TRAVEL

Our third fundraiser of the year will take place on **Saturday, December 16, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.** Tickets may be purchased online on our website or may be purchased not later than 30 min. prior to the drawing. **Two pair of round-trip tickets to any SW domestic destination for a \$50.00 chance.** Video footage of each of our drawings is available on the KJGM website. The winner of the second drawing was Lorita Lipscomb. When asked what she plans to do with the tickets, she commented, *“I’m flying to San Francisco and taking a friend!”*

KJGM YOUTH DEBATE TEAM

Our first meeting with parents/students was November 14, 2023 at the Museum. Coach Emeritus Robert Edison delivered his incredible charge to the students. We welcomed our new coaches for this season -- Attorney Cheryl Wattlely and Andrew Wattlely. We are blessed to have Coach Cheryl and Coach Andrew join the team as community volunteers. We look forward to bringing home winning teams in March 2024.

It is not too late to register a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader who will benefit from this program. The program strengthens vocabulary, public speaking, leadership skills and so much more. Join us on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Museum.**

HAPPY KWANZAA!

Reflecting on 2023, we are reminded of Kwanzaa: Nguzo Saba: Seven principles. Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American Culture. It is celebrated from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called “Karamu.” The principals are practiced during this time period; however, they should be integrated in our daily lives throughout the year. The principals affirm African family and social values. **HAPPY KAWANZAA EVERYONE!**



December 26	<i>Umoja</i> (Unity)
December 27	<i>Kujichagulia</i> (Self Determination)
December 28	<i>Ujima</i> (Collective Work and Responsibility)
December 29	<i>Ujamaa</i> (Cooperative Economics)
December 30	<i>Nia</i> (Purpose)
December 31	<i>Kuumba</i> (Creativity)
January 1	<i>Imani</i> (Faith)

Tech Tid-Bits Projects



Gerald Dunn

As we approach the holiday season and the end of the year, we should take some time to reflect on the transformations that have occurred in 2023. 2023 was a year of innovation and the impact of technology has extended its reaches to millions of Americans.

2023 has ushered in many tech innovations such as ChatGPT, smart glasses, robot lawnmowers, hologram projectors and rotating dash cameras. Such items will eventually become popular household items, but ChatGPT has had the biggest immediate impact. ChatGPT quickly became popular in 2023 as many people began to have access to their very own personal chatbot. Within five days of its launch, the ChatGPT app had been downloaded by over one million users.

Many people have used ChatGPT to create basic travel plans to writing fables to computer programming code.

ChatGPT has made huge impacts in many areas such as:

- **Customer service:** Companies are using ChatGPT to respond to commonly asked questions.
- **Content creation:** Journalists, copywriters, and content creators are using ChatGPT to generate new ideas, write articles, and even poetry.
- **Healthcare:** Providers have begun to use ChatGPT for medical recordkeeping, analyzing and interpreting medical literature, and disease tracking and monitoring.
- **Entertainment:** ChatGPT can be used to generate movie scripts and improve gaming designs.

When you are searching for that perfect gift, you may ask ChatGPT for the perfect gift idea. You can also almost never go wrong with any of the latest tech gadgets.

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Aleisa's Corner



Aleisa Daniel

Our fourth quarter newsletter features Nadia Buckner. Nadia is a third year KJGM youth debater.



Nadia is committed and determined to be the best in all that she does. She is quite competitive. Even though she has aged out of the debate program, she continues to be involved with the Museum and all that it does. Our motto: *"Once a KJGM debater, always a KJGM debater!"* Nadia is a sophomore student at Uplift

Hampton Preparatory. She initially came to us from St. Anthony School in South Dallas. Following are some facts about Nadia --

Q: Nadia, how did you happen to get involved with the KJGM Youth Debate team?

A: *I was in the 5th grade when my homeroom teacher sent home a flyer and asked us to tell our parents about the debate team.*

Q: How did you feel about learning this new skill?

A: *In the beginning I was unsure and actually uninterested but after a couple of sessions, I became interested and just had fun.*

Q: How has it helped you in your studies?

A: *In school it has helped me understand reading comprehension and how to respond to questions that are being asked of me.*

Q: Now, reflecting on the past week, what was the hardest part of the past week for you?

A: *I am working on a project at school and it has been tough pulling everything together. Having to make something from our career choice out of wood has been difficult.*

Q: We encourage our debaters to give back to community. How have you volunteered in the community lately?

A: *I have assisted with giving out school supplies, feeding the homeless; and have assisted with cataloging books at the Kathryn Joy Gilliam Museum.*

Q: If you could travel anywhere, where would it be and why?

A: *I would love to go to Dubai. They have a huge water park with a slide that goes through a shark tank. I have heard that it is very exciting. I would love to go see for myself.*

Q: What is something people don't know about you that you wish they knew?

A: *I am an extrovert-introvert meaning that I love hanging out with family and friends or other large groups but I also love to have alone time and have time for myself.*

Q: What are three awesome things about you?

A: *I am a multi-sport athlete; I am very book smart and I like being knowledgeable.*

Q: What is a big world problem that you would like to change?

A: *I would like to change the violence and hate in the world today. I want people to realize when they do something hurtful that they think is making them a big person, they are hurting others. They are hurting families that don't deserve what is being done to them.*

Q: We understand that your goal is to become involved in the medical profession. What are you doing to help prepare yourself for this goal?

A: *I have applied for the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) at UT Southwestern Medical Center. This program exposes high school students to medicine. Dr. Claudia DeShay introduced me to the program after hearing that I want to be a pediatric surgeon. If accepted into the program, I think it will help put me on a successful path to medicine.*

Great responses Nadia, keep up the great work! You make us all proud!



HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND REMEMBER
“JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON”

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