



## SIS Connections

### One Community, Many Voices

Celebrating progress, strengthening connections,  
building the future.

#### WELCOME! PRESIDENTS' CORNER

We would like to thank all of our wonderful members for your commitment to SIS. Your participation, your creativity, and your willingness to share your skills and your time has helped this organization grow from a small discussion group five years ago to a 501.c.3 non-profit with over 60 members. We have only just begun! We are grateful to you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Barbara Holley and Trish Le Net

#### *Recent Events: Walking with Shirley Chisholm — A Historical Trailblazer*

On Sunday, October 26th, members of Seeking Insights for Solutions (SIS) joined community friends and neighbors to walk in honor of Shirley Chisholm, at an inspiring

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## SHIRLEY CHISHOLM WALK (CONTINUED)

*Pictured at right are the team who organized the Shirley Chisholm*

*Walk and at left is one of the Trail Markers with an audio recording.*



### SIS MEMBERSHIP

#### SPOTLIGHT

*What does being part of a diverse sisterhood mean to you, and how has SIS shaped that meaning?*

This question is at the heart of our new quarterly feature: *The SIS Membership Spotlight*.

Created to highlight and celebrate the SISTers who make our community vibrant, impactful, and beautifully diverse, each spotlight offers a member the chance to share what SIS means to her and why she chose to join us. It's more than a moment of recognition. It's a space to uplift voices, foster mutual understanding, and deepen the bonds of sisterhood that hold us together.

event sponsored by the Democratic Women's Club of Flagler County.

With sneakers laced and spirits high, we came together to celebrate the legacy of a woman who broke barriers, fought for the marginalized, and paved the way for generations to come. Shirley Chisholm taught us to create our own opportunities, to speak up for what's right, and to never stand on the sidelines when change is needed.

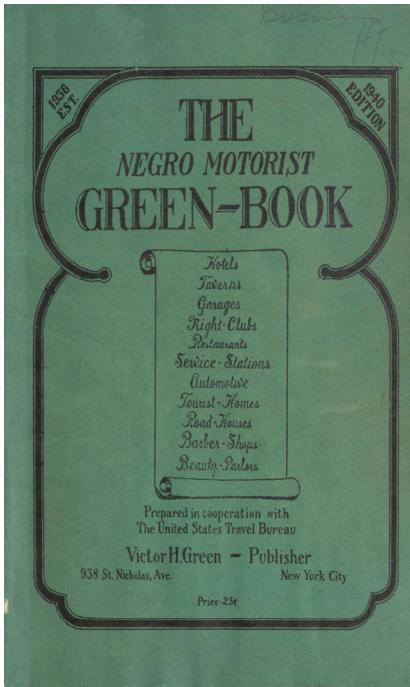
She showed us what it means to be courageous in the face of exclusion — a voice for the voiceless, a model of defiance, and a beacon of self-determination. To remember Shirley Chisholm is to honor resilience, leadership, and the unshakable belief that one person's courage can move a nation toward justice.

It was uplifting to see so many participants come together in unity and purpose. As Shirley Chisholm reminded us, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." Hers is a call to action that continues to inspire SIS in our work today.

SIS proudly walks in Shirley Chisholm's footsteps — championing justice, equality, and a brighter future for all.

My reflection,  
Luzibu Nsakala

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



### DID YOU KNOW??

#### THE GREEN BOOK & SAFE TRAVEL

**Did you know** that *The Negro Motorist Green Book* (1936–1966) was a guide created by postal worker Victor Hugo Green to help Black travelers find safe places to eat, sleep, and refuel during segregation? It reminds us that even in the harshest times, people found creative ways to build safety, dignity, and connection — much like SIS fosters spaces where honesty and respect guide the journey toward understanding. (Source: Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture)

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority: On Saturday, December 6th luncheon: 30th Chapter Anniversary Luncheon.** See flyer on Page 7.

**Handel's Messiah:** Sunday, December 7th at 4pm at the Palm Coast United Methodist Church. No charge.

**SIS General Meeting:** Our meeting (the second Tuesday of each month) will take place on Tuesday, December 9th at 12 noon on Zoom. Guests are welcome by sending a note to [sisforchange@gmail.com](mailto:sisforchange@gmail.com).

**Kwanzaa Celebration:** Saturday, December 27th at the AACS in Palm Coast from 12 noon-5pm. See page 5 flyer.

**SIS Fun & Fellowship: Save the Date for Friday, January 23rd at 5:30pm Sock Hop** at the VFW Hall—details to follow. Get ready to rock & roll!

**Save the Date: Friday, February 27th breakfast honoring SIS** and the Florida Museum of Black History. See flyer on page 6.

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### SIS Book Club

All are invited to attend the SIS Book Club, which meets quarterly (usually via Zoom). Many thanks to those who nominated and voted on our next reads. While we couldn't choose every book, we're excited to announce the two powerful selections ahead:

#### Next Up:

**Book:** *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee

**When:** Thursday, December 11 @ 4:30 PM (via Zoom)

#### Coming in Q1 2026:

**Book:** *Anybody's Daughter* by Pamela Samuels Young

**When:** Date TBD — stay tuned

As a small thank-you, there will be a drawing for a **\$25 Amazon gift card** during the meeting — whether you use it for books or a well-earned treat is up to you. We look forward to a thoughtful, honest discussion — a space where we can listen, learn, and grow together.



## OUR RESIDENT POET, MARY ROGERS- GRANTHAM, WINS AWARD

This year, the Florida State Poets Association (FSPA) held its annual fall convention at Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, FL on October 25-27. Mary's poem, "An Aged World Speaks", was announced as a winner in the FSPA 2025 Contests. In Category #1 : Free Verse, it earned the 1st Place Award, \$100.00 and publication in Cadence anthology. Congratulations, Mary! Brava!

## LINCOLNVILLE FESTIVAL

On Friday, November 7th, five SIS members went to hear wonderful Jazz music by Doug Carn at the Lincolnville Elks Lodge on Washington Street in Saint Augustine, which served as the kickoff for the Lincolnville Festival. The music was fabulous and all of us enjoyed it tremendously. The Elks Lodge had recently re-opened after a million-dollar renovation project was completed. It was built over 70 years ago, and was a meeting place for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Lodge also served as a training center for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the Civil Rights Movement.

Prior to going to the concert, we went into Best Richardson African Diaspora Literature & Culture Museum. It is located at 83 Washington Street. For the Lincolnville neighborhood, it is a cultural center with a wonderful vibe! We were so happy to find this gem of a bookstore: full of new books, as well as first editions, signed, used and rare books, beautiful artwork and jewelry. We were all pleased to have met and talked with co-owner Gigi Best Richardson. We had an ongoing conversation with Gigi, Friday night and into Saturday. Gigi knows so much about world history, as well as her own history as she has spent years of research learning about her ancestors.

On Saturday, we set up a SIS table for the all-day festival in front of the Lincolnville Museum. There were plenty of vendors and food trucks. However, the turnout was less than expected. We did have people sign up for our newsletter and spoke with people about SIS and our mission. We stayed the whole day, though we decided not to come back the next day, as they were expecting even less people. The highlights were the music and meeting Gigi Best Richardson. Who knows? We may have a field trip in the future to St. Augustine to meet with Gigi at her bookstore!



Pictured are: Valerie Herndon, Carol Ann Moritz, Gigi Best Richardson and Trish Le Net.

As Co-Chairs of Outreach, Yvette and Mary wish to thank all the volunteers for their support and enthusiasm: Carol Ann, Holly, Carol, Lonnie, Valerie, Trish, Marva and Pearl.

# Come Celebrate Kwanzaa at the African American Cultural Society— (SIS will have a table there)



THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE  
of the  
African American Cultural Society, Inc.  
invites you to join us for a



## KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Theme: *Forward Ever ~ Backward Never*



**December 27, 2025, ~ 12 noon to 5:00 p.m.**

at the  
African American Cultural Society, Inc.  
4422 US HWY 1 North  
Palm Coast, Florida 32164

*Come and celebrate with us.*

*There will be vendors, lots of good food, African Fashion Show,  
50/50 drawing, a souvenir journal and an exciting program  
beginning at 2:00 p.m.*

For more information, contact the office Monday – Friday

Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Phone: 386-447-7030

Fax: 386-447-2059



Save the Date: SIS is grateful that we'll be celebrated at a fundraiser for the new Florida Museum of Black History

[Click on flyer to purchase tickets](#)

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present  
**A Day  
of  
Celebration**  
Honoring  
**SEEKING INSIGHTS FOR SOLUTIONS(SIS) Inc.**  
&  
**FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY**

FEB 27, 2026 • 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

NET PROCEEDS AND DIRECT  
DONATIONS GO TO:



LOCATION: Palm Coast United Methodist Church

PRICE: \$50 per ticket

SPECIAL OFFER: Early access to buy tickets. Seated together.

OFFER ENDS: Nov 30, 2025

Individual tickets still available after this date

**GET TICKETS AND/OR MAKE A DONATION**

[www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/day-of-celebration-breakfast](http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/day-of-celebration-breakfast)



[Click on Flyer below or QR code](#)  
[to purchase tickets or find out more](#)



**Palm Coast Flagler County Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

Kimberly Smith, Chapter President  
[www.palmcoastdst.com](http://www.palmcoastdst.com)



# 30<sup>th</sup> CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Thirty Years of Sisterhood, Strength, and Service*

**December 5 - 6, 2025**

**World Golf Village Renaissance**

**St. Augustine Resort**

**500 South Legacy Trail - St. Augustine, FL**

## **Welcome Sisterhood Night**

Friday, December 5, 2025

6:00-9:00pm

*Attire: Delta Casual*

*~Deltas only~*

## **Celebration Luncheon**

Saturday, December 6, 2025

12:00 Noon

Event Price \$60.00

Attire: Delta Business Red

*~Open to public~*

**For more information contact:**

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**Registration and tickets**

**Scan QR code or visit:**

[www.palmcoastdst.com](http://www.palmcoastdst.com)

<https://tinyurl.com/6ubxrfff>

## HOW TO FIND SIS

We're excited that we've become a 501.c.3 and we're ramping up our social media presence. Please find us on :

- ◆ [Facebook](#)
- ◆ [Instagram](#)
- ◆ [YouTube](#)
- ◆ [LinkedIn](#)
- ◆ [Threads](#)
- ◆ [Blue Sky](#)

## ABOUT SIS: FOUNDERS' STORY

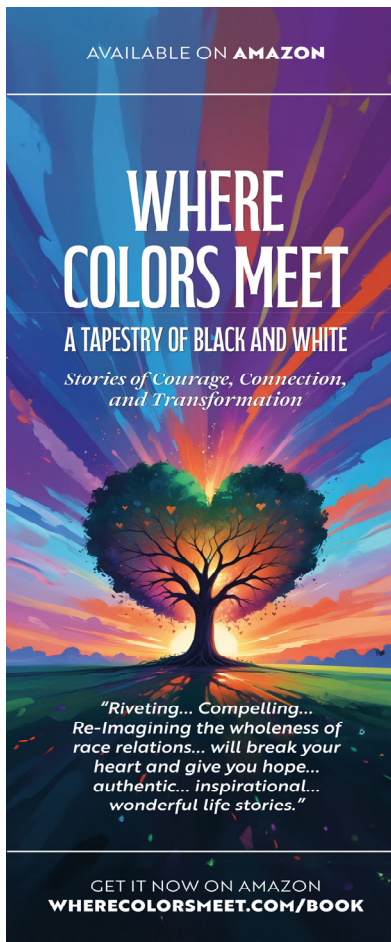
Seeing a need for energetic, nonprofit work toward social justice, we formed our organization in the summer of 2020 following George Floyd's death to provide sensible solutions. We've consistently grown since then, all thanks to the helping hands of our amazing community of women!

We are now an independent

501.c.3 with over 60 members—just about half Black and half white. Our standing Committees include: Fun & Fellowship, Outreach, Fund-raising, Scholarship, Both Sides of the Bridge, Communications, Membership and Book Club.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information or to become a member.

*We're so grateful for all the contributions we've received over the past five years to get us to this point! We can't do what we do without the passion of our members and friends of SIS! Visit [our website](#) to donate.*



## OUR MISSION & VISION:

**Our Vision:** A society empowered by racial equality, social justice and mutual respect.

**Our Mission:** To be a positive force in eliminating racial inequality and social injustice through acknowledging history, fostering interracial discussions, and promoting understanding, acceptance and respect across races.



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