



## SIS Connections

### One Community, Many Voices

Celebrating progress, strengthening connections, building the future.

#### WELCOME! PRESIDENTS' CORNER

We are incredibly proud of and grateful to the SIS co-chairs and their committees for their tremendous work in helping SIS be a dynamic and purposeful organization. This week, we mark a milestone for SIS: yesterday morning we endowed two yearly scholarships in perpetuity at Bethune-Cookman University, an HBCU in Daytona Beach, founded by Mary McLeod Bethune (article on page 5). Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for organizing this historic agreement and to the generous donors for making it a reality.

Our other committees are working hard, too!

To every single SIS member - we appreciate you!!!

Barbara Holley and Trish Le Net  
SIS Co-Presidents



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## *SIS SOCK HOP FUN & FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION*

The Seeking Insights for Solutions (SIS) Sock Hop Fun and Fellowship Party was a joyful and successful event, bringing together approximately 70 members, family, and friends for an evening of music, laughter, connection, and fellowship. The celebration took place on January 23, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), located at 47 Old Kings Road North in Palm Coast, Florida. The event beautifully reflected the dedication and creativity of the SIS Fun and Fellowship Committee.

With lively music from the 1950s and 1960s, themed outfits and hairdos, dancing, and shared memories, the room came alive with energy and nostalgia. Many attendees enthusiastically embraced the Sock Hop theme, filling the dance floor—some even dancing with hula hoops—and participating in the Hula Hoop and Best Socks Contests. The joyful atmosphere was a reminder of how music and fellowship can unite generations and cultures.

The evening also included casual dining, a cash bar, and voluntary raffle ticket sales. A total of \$250 was raised, with two raffle winners each receiving \$60, and the remaining \$130 donated to support SIS and its mission.

Overall, the Sock Hop was a wonderful celebration of community, fun, and connection, enjoyed by all who attended.

We invite everyone to join us at upcoming SIS events—come connect, have fun, and support our mission. Together, we continue to build community and create positive impact.





## REFLECTIONS ON OUR WORKSHOP

On February 6, SIS brought people together at the Palm Coast Community Center to explore the deep themes of two powerful films: *A Binding Truth* and *The Long Shadow*. Having shown both films during 2025 to local audiences, SIS invited those audience members to come together again to discuss the films—with the passage of time and current events possibly raising more questions and changes in perspective. The discussion was led by SIS member Lonnie Mathis (pictured on the left), a psychotherapist who brought her insights into human behavior and trauma to help guide the conversation.

To begin, Lonnie invited everyone to close their eyes and listen to the trailers from the two movies to absorb the message. Her perspective was that the struggle from slavery to today isn't just about race—it's about fear on both sides. She reminded us that we're constantly being told what to think, what to believe, and how to see the world. To help us reflect, she shared an acronym for **FEAR: False Evidence Appearing Real**. Lonnie encouraged us to think about how we can move forward with an energy of love instead of fear, and to consider what kind of energy we each put into the world.

People in the room shared their own experiences with racism over the years, and others offered resources that have helped them along the way. Then the questions arose, “How do we break the cycle of racism?” and “Do we have a new way to break the cycle?” as a way forward. The answers and suggestions included: education, empowerment, encouragement, and communication via storytelling as ways to bring awareness and create more ways forward. One SIS member commented, “When they see us (SIS

members out in public), they get it.” And we agreed to keep doing that — being seen in public as an example of what's possible when Black and White women are friends in a group. Lonnie also



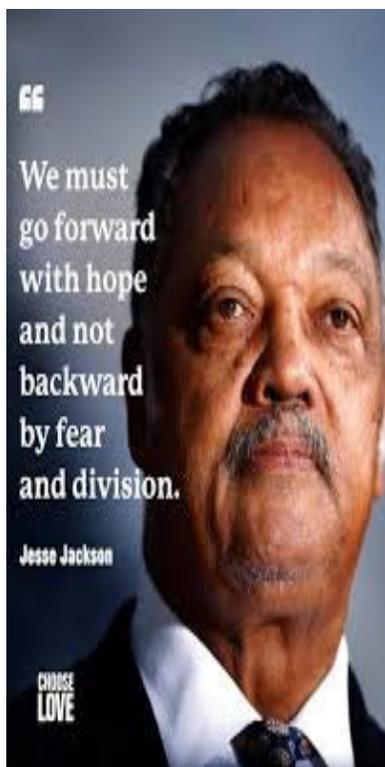
introduced us to the "Enemies Project," a docuseries that brings together people on opposite sides of an issue to rediscover their shared humanity. Another resource mentioned was *Belonging Without Othring* by John A. Powell and Steven Menendian.

We were all inspired to go forward with love! Thanks, Lonnie!

### PODCAST INTERVIEW WITH MARK WEBB

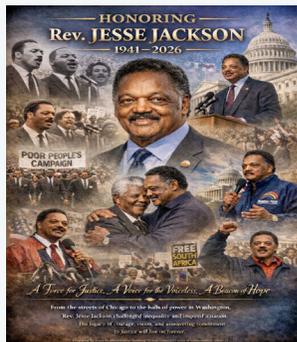
SIS was honored to be interviewed on the “Ponderings from Palm Coast” [podcast](#) on Monday, February 16th by its host Mark Webb. Trish Le Net, Pearl Jones and Karen Flaherty represented SIS, telling the story of our genesis, what's happened since and what's in store for the future! We have permission to put the video on our own YouTube Channel. Stay tuned!

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



### REV. JESSE JACKSON, SR. 1941-2026

"A patriot and a rebel. A fighter for equality and justice. A man who had hundreds of thousands of Black youth over the years chanting and believing, "I AM SOMEBODY." Rest well Jesse Jackson, Sr. You have left a legacy and you have earned your rest." From a post on Threads by Victoria Christopher Murray.



**SIS General Meeting:** Our monthly meeting (the second Tuesday of each month) will take place on **Tuesday, March 10th** at 12 noon on Zoom. Guests are welcome by sending a note to [sisforchange@gmail.com](mailto:sisforchange@gmail.com).

**Reminder: Bettie Eubanks, one of the SIS Founders,** will be doing an artists walk and talk among her displayed gallery of paintings at the [AACS](#) on Saturday afternoon, February 21st from 2-4pm.

**Friday, February 27th breakfast honoring SIS** and the Florida Museum of Black History. 7:30-9am at PCUMC.

**A Shirley Chisholm** play will be presented at the AACS in Palm Coast on Friday, March 6th at 5:30pm. Discussion will follow. See flyer on 6.

**SIS Book Club** will host the author of "*Anybody's Daughter*", Pamela Samuels Young, at their March 15th Zoom meeting. See flyer on page 8 and article on page 5 for more info.

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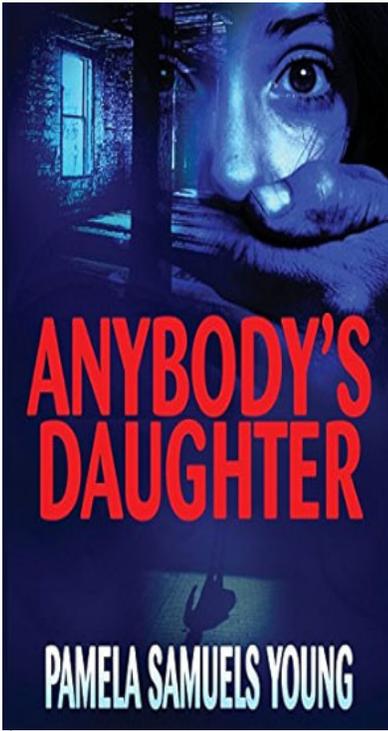
## Welcome: New Members of SIS

Seeking Insights for Solutions is guided by the authentic conversations shared between diverse women who choose to learn from one another by challenging assumptions and inspiring empathy.

From the entire membership, we are delighted to have every new SIsTer with us. **Since early December, Jacqueline Whyte, Peggy Turner, Carla Hoffman, Kathleen Duffy, Donna Harkins and Carol North have become new members of SIS. Welcome, welcome!**

We encourage each new SIS member to add her unique voice and lived experiences to grow our understanding across racial and cultural lines. Through meaningful dialogue, connections, and collective action, SIsTers learn and educate. Together we work toward reaching our vision of a society empowered by racial equality, social justice and mutual respect.

For those members who've been and remain part of the SIS community, your presence and commitment are truly valuable. You have helped to build and keep our SIsTership strong.



## Women's History Month Author: Pamela Samuels Young

This March— on **Sunday, March 15th**— **SIS Book Club** is proud to host acclaimed author **Pamela Samuels Young** for a virtual discussion of her novel *Anybody's Daughter*.

Dubbed “John Grisham with a sister’s twist,” Young is known for writing fast-paced legal thrillers that address urgent social issues. *Anybody's Daughter* sheds light on the often-hidden world of sex trafficking and the systems that allow it to thrive.

This discussion aligns closely with our SIS mission to eliminate racial inequality and social injustice through education, dialogue, and understanding. Our members are encouraged to read the book in advance and come prepared for thoughtful conversation and reflection. For more info, see flyer on page 8.

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## SIS Endowment to Bethune-Cookman University

On the morning of February 19<sup>th</sup>, nine SIS members attended the historic and significant moment when SIS gifted Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach with \$30,000. The purpose of the donation is to fund an endowment for two annual scholarships to two deserving students.

Dr. DeShanna Brown, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement at B-CU, will administer the Fund and was on hand for the signing of the Seeking Insights for Solutions (SIS) Endowed Scholarship Agreement and the check presentation from Dr. Valerie Herndon and Dr. Robin Hall, the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs. Following the signing and presentation, Dr. Brown graciously accompanied the group on a tour of the historic and recently renovated home of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, which is a highlight on campus.

### 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.



**“Shirley Chisholm: Unbossed & Unbowed”**  
**At the AACCS on Friday, March 6th at 5:30pm**

**[Click here to purchase tickets](#)**

# SHIRLEY CHISHOLM: UNBOSSSED & UNBOWED

A One Woman Show  
Written and Performed  
by Ingrid Griffith

Unbossed and Unbowed is an  
immersive and interactive  
one-woman show about  
the 1st African American woman  
to win a seat in Congress and  
1st to run for President of the U.S.

Call 386-447-7030  
for more information

Get your tickets online  
by scanning the QR code  
below.



**AACS and the Women of Flagler County will host a  
special event in honor of WOMENS' HISTORY MONTH  
March 6, 2026  
5:30 - 8:00pm**

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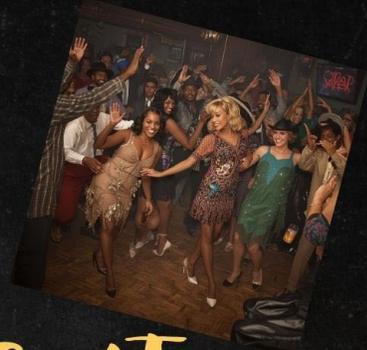


**Tickets: \$35.00  
Refreshments**



**African American Cultural Center and Museum**

**A few of our SIS members are AKA'S!  
Join us on Saturday, March 14th for  
"An Evening at the Savoy"!**



# AN EVENING AT THE SAVOY



**MARCH 14, 2026**

**7 - 10 PM**

**ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB**

45 N. Old Kings Road, Palm Coast, FL 32137



*Attire: Roaring 20's*

## SIS Book Club Event –

Sunday, March 15th at 4:30 pm via Zoom

[Register here](#) for Virtual Discussion with

Author Pamela Samuels Young

# SIS Book Club

## Women's History Month Event

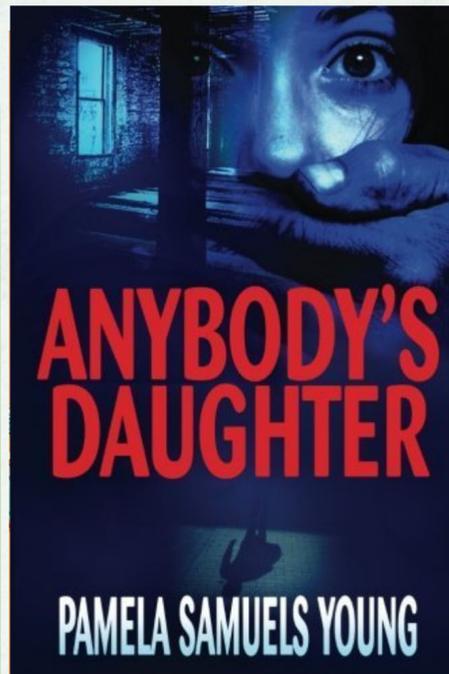
"Raising Awareness and Fostering Dialogue on Sex Trafficking"

Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:30 pm

A Virtual Discussion  
with the Author on  
~Zoom~

Dubbed by one reviewer as "John Grisham with a sister's twist," Pamela is now a full-time, award-winning author of more than a dozen novels and short stories.

Her thriller *Anybody's Daughter*, a gripping tale of a teen unwittingly drawn into the world of child sex trafficking via a Facebook scam, won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Fiction and was a Top Ten pick by *In the Margins*, the best books for at-risk teens.



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## HOW TO FIND SIS

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

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

## ABOUT SIS: FOUNDERS' STORY

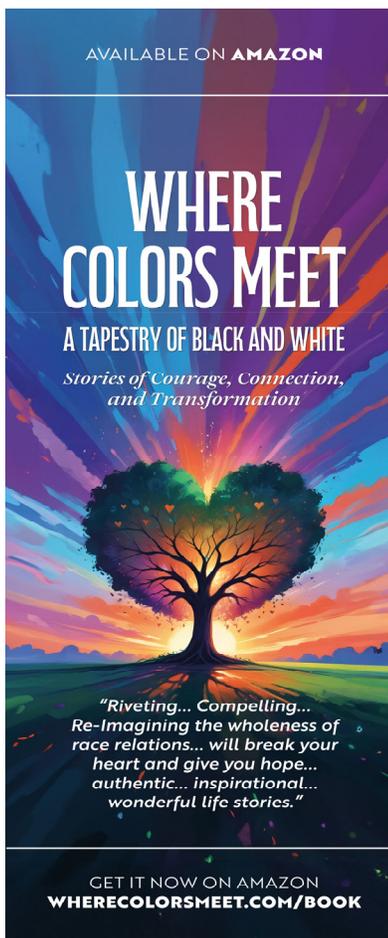
Seeing a need for energetic, nonprofit work toward social justice, SIS formed its organization in the summer of 2020 following George Floyd's death to provide sensible solutions. We've consistently grown since then, all thanks to the helping hands of our amazing community of women!

SIS is now an independent

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

Please visit our [website](#) for more information and 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! Please 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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