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SIS Connections

One Community, Many Voices

Celebrating progress, strengthening connections, building the future.

WELCOME! PRESIDENTS' CORNER

September has been a beehive of activities for SIS. We thank our members who have worked so diligently to make each event successful and memorable. It is your commitment that keeps SIS going and growing!
With our heartfelt gratitude,
Gina and Trish

RECENT EVENTS: *A Binding Truth—A SIS(terly) SUCCESS!*

"If you can put aside your guilt and I can put aside my anger, we have a chance to learn from each other."

— Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick

In 1965, Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick became the first Black football star at an affluent Charlotte high school, sparking

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MISSION IN ACTION: Reflect & respond

At SIS, we create safe spaces for honest, respectful conversations about race and social justice—turning personal insights into collective impact. We invite you to reflect and share your experiences for a future issue:

"What experience have you had of being the "first" or only person in a group?"

Send your answers to our email. Thanks!

SIS MEMBESHIP 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.

A BINDING TRUTH (CONTINUED)

one of North Carolina's most volatile civil rights cases. His white classmate, De, witnessed the events and later wrote about them in his college essay. Decades later, a surprising discovery in church records brought the two men back together, uncovering painful truths about slavery's legacy and America's racial divide. *A Binding Truth* is ultimately a story of healing, reconciliation, and the power of dialogue to move us forward.

On Sunday, September 14th, the documentary was privately screened at the AACS in Palm Coast. SIS members Mary Kiernan-Tighe and Gloria Grabe, along with Trish Le Net were the support under this incredibly successful project. This event was made possible through the generous collaboration of the African American Cultural Society (AACS), with SIS member Meshella Woods, Imani Kinshasa, Da'Misty Williams, and their volunteers, along with Collective Action to Build Community (CA2BC) of Chicago, Pizza and Social Justice (PSJ), and Together is Better Alliance (TiBA). Thanks to everyone's efforts, more than 125 guests attended this powerful gathering. SIS members played a pivotal role in the day's success. They

baked cookies, welcomed and registered guests, managed the name tag and book tables, and served as "floaters" to help wherever needed. Their contributions made the event warm and welcoming. We are also grateful to those SISters who invited family and friends, expanding our circle of connection and impact.

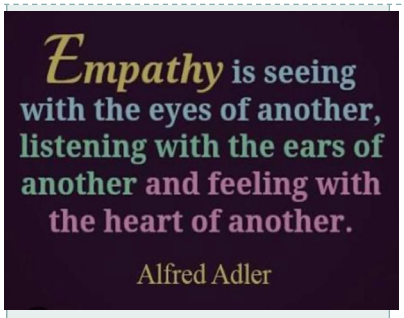
Following the film, Meshella Woods shared a moving reflection, and Gloria Grabe encouraged audience participation by asking attendees to share their feelings and insights. The responses were heartfelt and revealing.

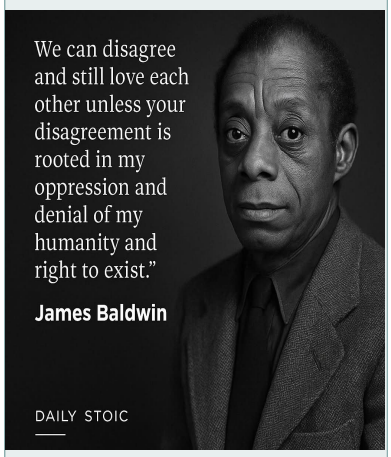
RECENT EVENTS: *A BINDING TRUTH* (CON'T.)

One attendee exclaimed, "I want to join SIS!" Another shared a painful memory of serving in the Armed Forces, describing how she and her comrades were subjected to racial slurs while walking in uniform. These stories underscored the importance of creating safe, courageous spaces for dialogue and understanding.

This event truly embodied SIS's mission of acknowledging history while fostering interracial dialogue. Through honest conversations and shared experiences, SIS continues to shine a light on the path toward unity, healing, and lasting change.

Our follow-up Q&A about "THE LONG SHADOW" AND "A BINDING TRUTH" is in the works for October now. Stay tuned for more details!





UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

***A Binding Truth* Interview:** On Sunday, September 28th, SIS will be showing the interview between the two cousins as a follow-up to the film at the African American Cultural Society in Palm Coast; doors open at 3:30 pm. A discussion will follow the interview. No charge/no RSVP needed.

SIS Planning Meeting: All SIS members are invited to attend our Fall Planning Meeting on Tuesday, October 7th from 10am-2pm. Contact Trish for further details.

SIS General Meeting: Our meeting (the second Tuesday of each month) will take place on Tuesday, October 14th at 12 noon on Zoom. Guests are welcome by sending a note to sisforchange@gmail.com.

Motown & Mo: On Saturday, October 18th at 5pm, Motown & Mo: Rockin' Around the Clock at the Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center in Palm Coast. Tickets are $30. Call 386-437-7547 for more information.

HOW TO FIND SIS

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

- Facebook
- Instagram
- YouTube
- LinkedIn

ABOUT SIS: FOUNDERS' STORY

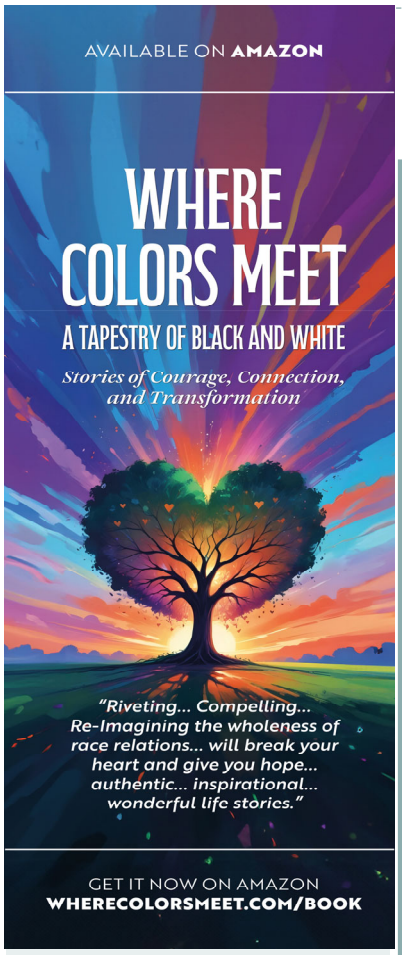
Seeing a need for energetic, nonprofit work toward social justice, we formed our organization in the summer of 2020 following George Floyd's death to provide sensible solutions. We've consistently grown since then, all thanks to the helping hands of our amazing community of women!

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, 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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