



SIS Connections

One Community, Many Voices

WELCOME TO THE PREMIERE ISSUE OF THE SIS NEWSLETTER!

Celebrating progress, strengthening connections,
building the future.

Whether you're a long-time member of SIS, a newer member, or someone we've had the pleasure of meeting at one of our events—Welcome! Your presence matters. Your Voice makes a difference. Thank you for being here!

To understanding & compassion—Trish & Gina, Co-Pres.

RECENT EVENTS

In partnership with TiBA on Juneteenth, SIS hosted a powerful screening of *The Long Shadow*, sparking deep reflection on anti-Black racism and historical awareness. With over a hundred people in person and dozens online, Frances Causey, the director, answered many questions from the audience and piqued our interest to watch her other documentaries. (continued on next page)



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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: sisfor-change@gmail.com. Thanks!



RECENT EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Over the summer, SIS collaborated with the Catalyst Academy, at the invitation of Founder and CEO Dr. Felicia Benzo, to lead workshops on identity, empathy, and storytelling. The students were aged 10-14, and attended a six-week program during June and July. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our

facilitators and the brilliant youth who reminded us why this work matters. There's a full article in SIS member Charlee Brazier's magazine, [*Significant*](#), too, on page 9!

And on Saturday, August 2nd, SIS had a table at the Black Psychiatrists Convention in Daytona Beach.

Our follow-up Q&A about "THE LONG SHADOW" is in the works for the latter part of September. Stay tuned for more details!

MEMBER

SPOTLIGHT

SIS loves to shine a light on our incredible SISTERS—celebrating our members, sharing their contributions, unique stories, and the ways they help advance our mission of racial healing and justice. This feature is a chance to get to know each other better, be inspired, and recognize the many ways our members make a difference.

If you'd like to be featured in our member spotlight for an upcoming issue of the newsletter, please send a note to sisforchange@gmail.com.

REMINDER TO SIS MEMBERS: Please use [this link](#) to fill in the member skills survey at your earliest convenience. We love seeing the talents, skills, and past experiences that are so relevant to what we've got planned!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FILM *A Binding Truth*: On Sunday, September 14th, SIS will be screening this film at the [African American Cultural Society](#) in Palm Coast; doors open at 3:30 pm. A discussion will follow the film. No charge. (see page 4 for details) [Register here](#). [Trailer for film](#).

SIS Book Club: September Pick — We're reading *Harlem Rhapsody* with a special appearance by the author, Victoria Christopher Murray! Join us on Zoom on Sunday, September 21st at 4 pm Eastern. [Register here](#) and we'll send you the Zoom link. (see pg. 3 for more details)

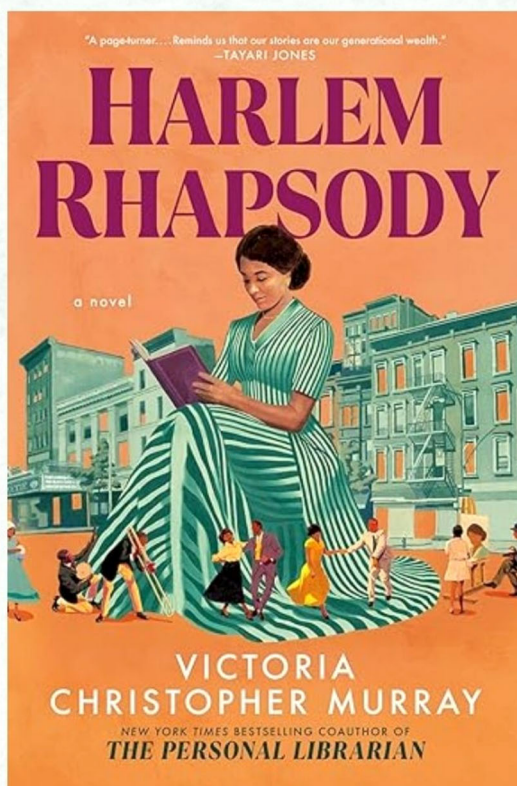
FUN & FELLOWSHIP: SIS Members have the opportunity to visit *Cultuvue* that celebrates Black culture through the visual arts on September 22 at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. Registration information is forthcoming.

SIS Book Club

Quarterly Book Discussion

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Join this
Exclusive Live
Discussion
with the
Author to
hear the
story behind
the story!
-via Zoom
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*"If you can put aside your guilt and I can put aside my anger, we have a chance to learn from each other," a quote by Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick, one of the two primary subjects in a *Binding Truth*.*

Film: A Binding Truth

Sunday, September 14, 2025 – Doors open 3:30PM; film at 4pm

African American Cultural Society, 4422 N. US Rte.1, Palm Coast, Florida 32164



Seeking Insights for Solutions (SIS) and the **African American Cultural Society** in Palm Coast, in collaboration with the Chicago-based **Collective Action to Build Community (CA2BC)** and **Pizza and Social Justice (PSJ)**, will host a screening of the 2024 documentary, *A Binding Truth*. This award-winning 90-minute film tells the story of two high school classmates—one black, the other white—who find themselves bound together by a history stretching back more than 150 years. It is a story of healing and shows a way forward from a troubling past. The film will be followed by a discussion with the audience.

There is **no charge** for attending this screening. Please register at <https://www.umcnic.org/CA2BC>. Click on the blue box that says “A Binding Truth Information” and follow the prompts to fill in your information. Check the location for the AACS in Palm Coast, which is listed as “**Sun. Sept. 14 at 4PM(EST) ‘Pizza and Social Justice’ at the African American Cultural Society, Palm Coast, FL.**” (no pizza, just cookies!)

You may **also register on the same form** for the September 28 online live interview with the two protagonists in the film, Jimmie and De Kirkpatrick, and Louise Woehrle, the film’s director or by visiting the CA2BC website: <https://www.umcnic.org/CA2BC>

In the meantime, here’s the trailer for a Binding Truth: <https://whirlygigproductions.com/a-binding-truth-film-trailer/> Hope to see you there!



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

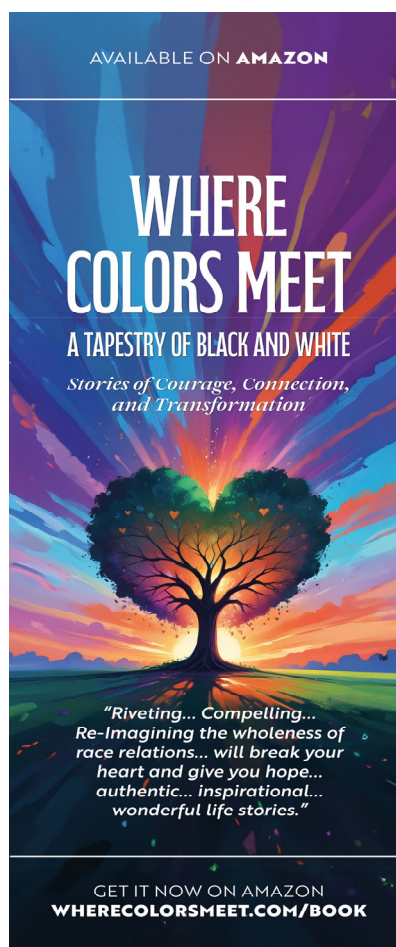
Seeing a need for energetic, nonprofit work toward social justice, we formed our organization in the summer of 2020 following George Floyd's death to provide sensible solutions. We've consistently grown since then, all thanks to the helping hands of our amazing community of women!

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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