



Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

July, 2019

July Meeting

Our July meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 AM at the Altura Credit Union. Yesenia Apreza who was selected to be awarded the Edison International Scholarship from the Tuskegee Airmen plans to come to the meeting to share her plans. This scholarship is awarded to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students. Only two were given nationwide. Please plan to join us.

7th Annual African American Family Reunion



The 7th Annual African American Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 in Towngate Park located at 13052 Elsworth St., Moreno Valley, CA. This is hosted by the African American Coalition in partnership with Moreno Valley Unified School District. The event will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Admittance and refreshments are free. We will have a table and we will need people to help out with set up, running the booth, and clean up. If you can help, please let Jackie Jempson know. Do plan to attend and enjoy the day with our chapter.

Visit by Scholarship Winners

At our June meeting, we were visited by two of our four scholarship winners. They shared with us their plans for the future.



Savannah Petty

Savannah Petty (Ramona High School, Class of 2019) has been accepted to the Air Force Academy. She plans to become a pilot. Savannah was leaving for basic training two weeks from the meeting.



Daryl Payton

Daryl Payton (Rancho Verde High School, Class of 2019) is headed to the University of Southern California. His plan is to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Advice from University Seniors



Michael Thomas

Member and engineering student (Cal Poly, Pomona) Michael Thomas who will graduate next year spoke to the scholarship winners with advice to help them in college. He outlined benefits available to students and advised them to take advantage of all that college has to offer. After graduation, Michael is considering the Air Force. He has hopes of becoming a pilot. Michael is a former scholarship winner.



Left to right: Lixsaden Felix, Savannah Petty, Daryl Payton and Michael Thomas discuss school after the meeting. Lixsaden has just graduated from Cal State San Bernardino.



Savannah Petty, DOTA Lt. Col. Harlan Leonard, and Daryl Payton

Fair Housing Proposed Mixed Use Project

A 38 million dollar project has been proposed. It will be a mixed use project to include the Civil Rights Hall of Fame. There will be museum space. One million dollars has been raised so far. Rose Mayes spoke to the group. With her were Major Katie Green (USAF Ret.) and retired nurse Myrtle Krushall. It has been proposed that the Tuskegee Airmen be a part of the project. The plaza/atrium area would be named for the Tuskegee Airmen. The naming opportunity would cost \$10,000.



Rose Mayes



Retired Major Katie Green shows the plans with suggestions for donor opportunities.



New members Paul "Butch" Carlson and Curtis Richmond joined our chapter at the June meeting.

Fourth of July Parade

Members of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter participated in the annual Moreno Valley Fourth of July parade. Our thanks to Public Relations Officer Jackie Jempson and Treasurer La Donna Jempson who worked very hard to take care of paperwork and to locate and decorate vehicles for the parade.



The van was decorated with airplanes and banners. Decoration took place on July 3rd.



This banner was placed on the convertible that carried DOTA Lt. Col. Harlan Leonard.



Yesenia Apreza, Edison International Award winner.



Yesenia was featured in the parade.



Edison T. Marshall, Jr., Lt. Col. Harlan Leonard, and Michael Thomas wait for the parade to begin.



Mr. Lionel Duncan is ready to ride.



Banner honoring Buford A. Johnson adorns the van.

