



HUSTLE & BUSTLE! Christmas comes on the same date every year and yet, most find themselves tired and worn out from decorating, purchasing gifts, wrapping gifts, mailing Christmas cards (and gifts), preparing meals, entertaining, going out, etc.

Just keep singing to yourself ... "It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

What Will 2022 Bring?

As the end of 2021 draws near, I look back on all which has occurred and know I have been truly blessed by the seven principles of Kwanzaa ...



- * **Umoja** (Unity) To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race. ... There is still a lot of work to be done to obtain unity outside of my family and circle of friends.
- * **Kujichagulia** (Self-Determination) ... I was determined to get more exposure for my writing and succeeded.
- * **Ujima** (Collective Work and Responsibility) ... By working with and through others, I was able to share my knowledge of writing and self-publishing.
- * **Ujamaa** (Cooperative Economics) ... By placing copies of each of my books at Elegba Folklore Society, I was able to enrich their inventory and my exposure.
- * **Nia** (Purpose) ... As my revolutions around the sun increase, I become more comfortable with my purpose in life.
- * **Kuumba** (Creativity) ... Creation and posting of visual renditions, sometimes with audio, of poems on my [YouTube channel](#) has become a slow foray into the world of digitizing for all eternity.
- * **Imani** (Faith) ... Keeping the faith in my God, myself, my family and my friends. Knowing whatever happens, I am doing all I can to move forward in 2022! Praying others will also strive for more love, empathy, compassion and understanding.

Practicing the seven principles of Kwanzaa does not have to end on January 1!

My Christmas gift to all was to keep this newsletter brief!

4th Quarter Activities

- Moderated
W.O.R.D.
(Writing Opportunities for the Richmond District), a writing and poetry workshop sponsored by Richmond Alumnae Chapter (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) which featured Karen Eure Wilson, Robin Farmer, Bonnie Newman Davis, Douglas Powell aka Roscoe Burnems, Stacy Hawkins Adams, Rodney Robinson, Dr Kimberly Ridley and Kenya Hunter.
- Participated in
Red Round Table Talk

Will the classics also fall aside in school book bans?

EDITOR, TIMES-DISPATCH:

After reading the recent news story about the Spotsylvania County School Board supporting the removal of books with sexually explicit content from library shelves, I wonder: Is D.H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover" in the library or on school reading lists, or is it referenced during discussions of classic literature? Anyone who has read the novel surely was crimsoned by its contents.

If parents who find life's realities objectionable could have their way, young-adults-to-be would be even more sheltered and ill-prepared for life than they already are. Besides, removing such materials from school libraries will not remove access via the internet. Would these parents prefer that their progeny learn from the internet vs. sensible class discussions?

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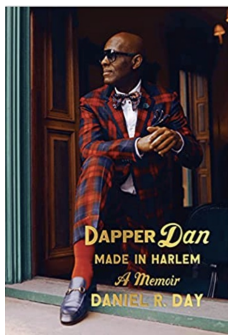
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Books Read

Fell down on the job this quarter!

I acquired a number of books -- hard copies and ebooks, but was distracted with BiBi duties and I enjoyed every little distraction.

A gym friend gave me a copy of **Dapper Dan Made in Harlem**, which I just started reading -- it is interesting!

If someone wishes you...



...because honestly, if you can't see past the words of the wish to its good intent, then it's not the holiday well-wisher who's broken, it's you.

Be a good human. Wish someone well this holiday season. Use whatever expression you'd like.

With heartfelt sincerity, THANK YOU TO ALL who have been supportive of my writing!

Enjoy this holiday season,
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