



# THE BEACON



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HELM



Dane McCoy  
Commodore

Hello Ebony Boat Club,

March is National Women's Month, and I would like to commemorate Retired United States Four-Star Admiral, Michelle Janine Howard. Admiral Howard served as Commander of United States Naval Forces Europe while concurrently commanding the United

States Naval Forces Africa and Allied Joint Force Command Naples, Italy. Prior to that she served as the 38th Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Howard has an extensive resume filled with many historical firsts during her highly impressive naval career. She was the first African American woman to command a United States Navy ship, the USS Rushmore (1999), and the first to become a Two Star General and Three Star General. In 2006, she was selected for the rank of Rear Admiral, making her the first Admiral selected from her U S Naval Academy class of 1982 and the first female graduate of the United States Naval Academy selected to be a flag officer. Howard was appointed Vice Chief of Naval Operations, the second highest ranking officer in the navy July 1, 2014. After she was sworn in Howard became the highest-ranking woman in U S Military history, and the highest ranking African-American and woman in U S Navy history. Howard also became the first female four-star admiral to command operational forces, when she assumed command of United States Naval Forces Europe and Naval Forces Africa. She was also the first black woman to command an expeditionary strike group at sea, where she made her mark on a global stage.

In 2009, she led the Virginia Beach based Expeditionary Strike Group 2 when it was deployed off the coast of Africa. The Norfolk, Virginia based cargo ship Maersk Alabama had been boarded by Somali pirates who held its captain aboard a life raft for ransom. It was Howard's job to set the cargo ship captain free. That was an eye-opening event for her. She was in command of several groups including naval air, vessels and a Seal Team. Everyone in the world was focused on one American. Admiral Howard made sure he didn't end up on shore in Somalia. The dramatic film "Captain Phillips" starring Tom Hanks was made after the incident. Admiral Michelle Howard became the first woman to become a four-star admiral in the



Admiral Michelle Howard receives her four star shoulder boards.

Navy in 2014, and named Vice Chief of Naval Operations, which made her the second highest officer in the Navy. Howard retired from the Navy in 2017 after completing her

last assignment as the Commander of Naval forces in Europe and Africa.

I would also like to commemorate hard working Women leaders (Past Commodores) who represent Ebony Boat Club in the highest regard:

- EBC Past Commodore Marilyn Brock
- EBC Past Commodore Eddie Jo Mack
- EBC Past Commodore Ann Dukes
- EBC Commodore Carol Whitehead
- PICYA Past Commodore Lenora Clark

There are many other women and men who strive to make Ebony Boat Club very successful and enjoyable for members and visitors. I thank you all.

It is my pleasure to serve you,  
Dane McCoy, Commodore

## A Message From : THE VICE COMMODORE



Sheila George  
Vice Commodore

Hello everyone,

I hope that my EBC family is doing great. This is Women's Month: I would like to say to all of the EBC women: HAPPY WOMEN'S MONTH to each one.

***Remember you are unique***

***Know your own worth***

***Believe that your Existence is a blessing to this earth.***

***Never water yourself down, just because someone can't handle you being 100 percent.***

As clubhouse manager, I am delighted to report that the repair work at the clubhouse is coming along. Many thanks to the crew for their support in bringing our club back even better than it was before. All of the countless hours you guys have put into the repairs, installation of new equipment and all of the miscellaneous things that needed fixing to assure the proper functioning of the clubhouse, your thoughtfulness and dedication is very much appreciated. Thank you and keep up the great work!

LADIES, now that the men are just about finished with their repair work, it's time for us to do our part in getting the final cleaning touches on the clubhouse. If you're available to help out please contact me or Carol. We will then set a date and time to meet at the clubhouse. Please, let's all work together for the good of the club.

Just saying:

***"If you fall down, get up, dress up, show up, Just don't give up, God's got you."***

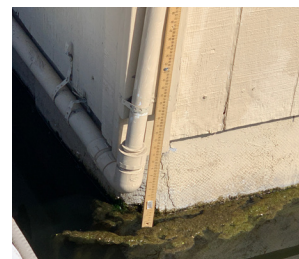
Vice Commodore  
Sheila George

The checklist to ensure the Clubhouse remains afloat has been simplified to cover the 3 main areas:

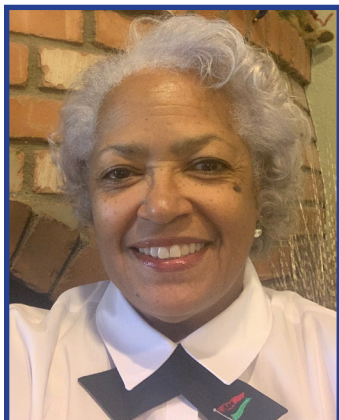
- Check the yardstick (rear left corner of the Club House). It should be completely out of the water.
- The power cords should be securely plugged into the marina dock tower and the building outlets
- The water to the Club House should be turned off when leaving. This can be verified by ensuring the handle to the right of the clubhouse door is in the off position.
- Make sure the door is locked. Close the door then push down on the handle, then push the door to make sure it's locked. If the door opens turn the knob inside to lock the door. Repeat the process to make sure the door is locked.

The club members who have volunteered to check the club house once a week are:

03-2021 - Robert Willis .....08-2021-Ann Dukes  
04-2021 - Mr. & Mrs Whitehead ..... 09-2021 - Robert Willis  
05-2021 - Mr. & Mrs Williams ..... 10-2021 - Ann Dukes  
06-2021 - Melvin Huff..... 11-2021 - Mr. & Mrs Mack  
07-2021 - Robert Willis ..... 12-2021 - Mr. & Mrs Davis



A Message From :  
**THE REAR COMMODORE**



**Jennifer Duhon**  
*Rear Commodore*

Greeting Members,

This month Reggie, my 97 year old dad and I received our first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. While this is a step in the right direction, we will continue to follow CDC guidelines.

Regretfully, this month we have canceled the Mardi Gras Cruise In March 19-21. Until more of our members receive the vaccine, the CDC and California have determine it is safe to do, club activities will be curtailed. Our planned Club activities for April are: EBC Opening Day Boat Parade –Crab Feed on April 10 and Spring Youth Day on April 17. It is expected that these events will also be canceled. The Board will evaluate at the next Executive meeting and advise the membership.

Every month in our newsletter we have advertisers on the Business Corner Page. These advertisers represent friends and family of the EBC membership. This is an excellent opportunity to support our Bay Area small business owners.

**Frankie III Enterprises LLC** – This is the transport company of Frank and Carol Whitehead. If you need an auto or boat moved quickly and safely, Frank and Carol are the ones to call.

**Round Top Ranch** - This cattle ranch is owned by our past Port/Fleet Officer, Randy Harris. If you are in need of some quality beef, Randy sells live cattle on the hoof. He can also assist with getting the meat processed.

**Tyrica Owen Photography** - Tyrica Owen is a portrait and Event photographer located in the San Francisco Bay area. Check out her beautiful work on Facebook at Tyrica Owen Photography.

**Total Life Changes** - Do you wish to feel healthy and more energized? Searching for business opportunities - Contact Franchena Rosebud for product information or business opportunities.

**AC Motorsport** - If you are looking for a previously owned quality auto or truck, Al Curry II is the man. Check out Al's business at [ac2motorsport.com](http://ac2motorsport.com)

**B-Diff3r3nt - Custom Made Pieces**- Are you the person who likes to fly with the fishes and swim with the birds? You will love the custom fashions of B-Diff3r3nt Custom Made Pieces by DeAndre Washington. Check out his website at [bdifferentclothing.com](http://bdifferentclothing.com)

**Off the Hook Bait** - This ad has been removed as the advertised owner, Deon C. has sold the shop.

In honor of Women's Month, remember to kiss and hug the women in your life. They are true Sheros.

Take Care,  
Jennifer J Duhon  
*Rear Commodore*

**E**very month we would like to feature a business that advertises with EBC. You can support a family member, a friend or local business by placing an ad for them in our newsletter. Check the EBC Business page in this newsletter for pricing.



A Message From :  
**THE TREASURER**



**OTIS BROCK**  
*Treasurer*

Hello fellow Ebony Boat Club Members:

If you are planning to visit the club by land, I would like to remind you that last year the marina changed its parking policy. They require a parking placard to park in the close parking spaces. You can park in the first four spaces near the street without a parking placard. We noticed the parking enforcement officers patrol the parking lot; every day around 2 P.M. citing the vehicles without parking placards. Contact me if you want me to send you one.

We normally receive US mail at our P.O. Box 796 Stockton, Calif. 95201. You may use this address for future correspondence with your club, or send it directly to my home address.

Please send me an E-mail if you are having a problem receiving your treasurers reports. We may have an old E-mail address. We will be sending out the current membership information with the treasurer's report for this month.

The Ebony Youth Foundation is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service. This means that you can deduct

contributions to the Foundation under Internal Revenue Code Section 170.

If you are interested in assisting the foundation, you can make a donation directly to the Ebony Youth Foundation at 1253 Yuba Avenue San Pablo Calif. 94806 or online at Network For Goods. Click on Ebony Youth Foundation and follow their instructions. We are listed on the Eligible Organization List as 814228897. Another way that you can help is to list Ebony Youth Foundation on your Facebook page as your non-profit Fundraiser.

You can do this by going to your Facebook settings and register. Your Facebook settings are at the top right corner of your Facebook page. You can also forward this information to your E-Mail Text and Facebook friends.

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donate/>

Thanks and Safe Boating  
Treasurer, Otis Brock





A Message From :  
**THE PORT/FLEET CAPTAIN**



**REGGIE KELLEY**  
*Port/Fleet Captain*

Ahoy there Mates

I was recently asked if there was a standard procedure for communicating on the water. The two I would like to share in this issue are (1) standard procedure for non-emergency calls and (2) "request for bridge opening".

**The standard procedure for a non-emergency call** such as calling another vessel, marina, or restaurant to ask where to tie up for dinner, is as follows.

***You should call the vessel, marina or restaurant on channel 9 or 16 in the following manner.***

- Name of station being called, spoken three times.
- The words "THIS IS", spoken once.
- Name of your vessel and call sign (if you have a station license) or boat registration number, spoken once.
- The word "OVER".
- Then you wait for the station being called to answer.

***Their answer should be in the same manner as your call.***

- Once answered you should suggest going to a working channel to carry on your conversation.
- Finish your statement with the word "OVER".
- Wait for reply or confirmation from the station being called, switch to the agreed working channel to complete your transmission.

**Calling Station:** "Please switch and listen channel 68, OVER."

**Responding Station:** "Switching channel 68, OVER." You would then switch to channel 68 and call vessel or marina using the same procedure and conduct your

business. All conversations whether on a hailing channel or a working channel should be kept short and to the point.

**Approaching a Draw Bridge** is similar with a few differences. Remember, you are requesting a bridge operator to stop traffic in both directions, long enough for you to cross under. Be polite to the bridge operator. Being rude and unpleasant could create a greater delay.

As you approach the bridge **look for a blue sign with what looks like a telephone receiver with a lightning bolt through it.** This will give you the radio frequencies that the bridge monitors (**usually 16 and 13 or 9**)

**Before calling in,** make sure you double check the name of the bridge you want to pass under. If you mix up the name of the bridge, the operator may not acknowledge you.

Use the procedure on the left to acknowledge the bridge operator. After being acknowledged by the bridge operator tell the operator you are requesting passage, OVER.

You may have to travel this way again so don't forget to thank the Bridge Operator. You also don't need to switch stations.

**When approaching a bridge at night** you will see three red lights in a triangular pattern. The two lower lights indicate the bridge opening just above water level and the center light hangs from the center of the bridge span. If you line up with the center light and keep the relative relationship of the lower lights equidistant on either side you can be assured that you are in the center.



## A Message From : THE SECRETARY



**Carol Whitehead**  
Secretary



The table was set and everything looked and tasted great! One thing I didn't read under Jim's article was "this sweet and fruity drink has a powerful punch, to drink with caution!" Needless to say I was ready to hit the floor, everything was wonderful. Next time less booze more fruit drink for me. Thank you James Mack, we had a fun Fat Tuesday with the traditional New Orleans Hurricane.

Hello EBC Members, Family and Friends,

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe, healthy and feeling optimistic as we make our way out of this pandemic. So far, Frank was able to get his first vaccine and I'm waiting to be notified when I can. Hopefully it will be soon! I'm not sure if Spring is just around the corner because it was super cold outside. I'm sure the trees that are blooming early are wondering the same thing.

The Opening Day on the Bay "Back To The Future" is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th. We have a few boats interested in making the trip over to San Francisco for the weekend and we'll be staying at the South Beach Marina. If you're interested in joining the cruise over, give Frank a call.

In the February Newsletter James Mack posted one of his monthly drinks to try at home. Well, I tried it! I even took his suggestion that this drink the "Hurricane" is best when served with crab, shrimp etc. etc. after all it was FAT TUESDAY! My sister-in-law Robyn and her daughter Meagan were up for a few days, so we gave it a try! We decided to bake our seafood in garlic, cajun seasoning and lemon juice. We baked king crab legs, snow crab legs, dungeness crab, jumbo shrimp and Italian sausage. The aroma from the seasoning and seafood baking had us salivating.

While waiting for the goodies in the oven, I made one of my kitchen sink salads. You know, the one with every vegetable from the store produce section in it. My niece Megan was working on making the "Hurricanes" and Robyn was sautéing the seafood in the buttery seasoning.



*"The Success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up."*

*Serena Williams*

Stay Safe and Healthy,  
Carol Whitehead, Secretary & Past Commodore

A Message From :  
**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN**



**JAMES MACK**  
*Parliamentarian*  
*Bar Manager*

Hello EBC,

Praying that this newsletter finds everyone in good spirits....no pun intended.

Here's this month's try it at home beverage "Sloe Gin Fizz." There's a variety of ways of making it. I decided to give you a little history along with the England way of making it. Enjoy!

Sloes are tiny berries that grow wild in hedgerows around England. Unpleasantly astringent on their own, they are popular in sweetened jams and preserves, and they develop a rich, tart flavor when infused in gin. Naturally, enterprising distillers have been incorporating them into liquor since the 17th century. The spirit takes on the essence and bright color of the berries, and then sugar is typically added to counter the fruits tartness. What's left is not technically gin, but actually a gin based liqueur. To experience the authentic flavor of sloe berries, use a British style sloe gin, such as Plymouth, Hayman's or Sipsmith. Most sloe gins are less boozy than their unflavored counterparts, and it's common for them to clock in around 25% to 30% ABV.

The British traditionally used sloe gin in wintry drinks, but it's become most famous for its turn in America's refreshing Sloe Gin Fizz, where it's paired with club soda, citrus and simple syrup. This synergistic combo yields a cocktail that is sharp and quaffable, with sloe gin's characteristic reddish purple hue. The Sloe Gin Fizz is a breezy take on the classic Gin Fizz, which uses a not sloe variety as its base.

While most Gin Fizzes employ egg white for a silky texture and creamy head, the sloe version often skips this protein packed ingredient. However, that doesn't mean you have to. If you'd like to add egg white to your drink, simply shake all the ingredients without ice to emulsify the egg with the liquids, then shake again with ice to chill the drink. You'll be left with the same refreshing cocktail you know and love, but one that's sporting a richer body and thicker head.

Another easy way to experiment with the cocktail is by splitting the base between sloe gin and dry gin. This results in a cocktail that walks the line between a Gin Fizz and Sloe Gin Fizz, with milder berry notes and a fainter color but one that still features the same easy drinking sensibility.



**Sloe Gin Fizz**

**Ingredients & Steps**

- 1 1/2 ounces sloe gin
- 1 ounce lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 3/4 ounce **simple syrup**
- Club soda, to top
- Garnish: lemon wedge
- Garnish: cherry
- Add the sloe gin, lemon juice and simple syrup into a cocktail shaker with ice, and shake until well-chilled.
- Fill a highball or Collins glass with ice, and strain the contents of the shaker into the glass.
- Top with the club soda.
- Garnish with a lemon wedge and a cherry.

By the time the corona virus is over, everyone will have the knowledge to be a bar tender. Please drink responsibly and never drink and drive.

Cheers,  
James Mack, Bar Manager & Parliamentarian



A Message From :  
**THE STAFF COMMODORE**



**Frank Whitehead**  
*Staff Commodore*

Hello EBC and all the ships at sea,

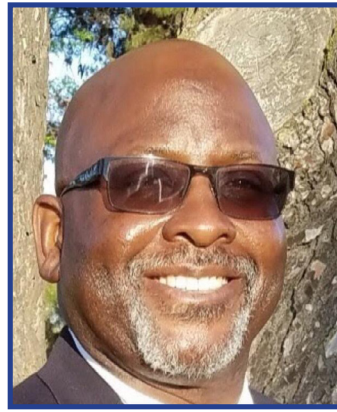
I Pray that this message finds everyone and their family in the very best of health. Let's also remember that we need to keep in our Thoughts and Prayers the millions of our global family members that are struggling to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. May the help that's needed arrive sooner rather than later!

As a result of the tireless work done by our first responders, doctors, scientist and countless others, we seem to be slowly turning the corner on the virus. Even though the United States has suffered the largest death tolls due to the World wide pandemic, we all must now do our part by continuing to wear our mask, social distancing and when the vaccine is available to you, do your part and get vaccinated. Hopefully in the not too distant future we will be able to fellowship and cruise again.

Club members have been doing a great job of staying in touch with each other via phone, email or snail mail, keep up the great work. In the mean time stay safe!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,  
Frank Whitehead, Staff Commodore

A Message From :  
**SAFETY & TRAINING OFFICER**



**KERRY DAVIS**  
*Safety & Training Officer*

Greetings EBC family, I hope that this message finds you well.

For the March newsletter safety topic, I would like to focus on the need for every boater to file a float plan before you begin a trip to wherever you need to go.

A float plan is an added measure of safety to let a reliable person that you can depend on, your intentions to where you're traveling to, your route, your estimated time of arrival to your destination and when you are to return. In the event that you do not return as stated in your float plan, the person holding your plans can then alert the appropriate rescue agencies needed to search for you.

It is also important to communicate to your designated person holding your float plans any change of plans or delays that may occur. You should also let that person know when you have returned to close your plan. If your plan holder reported to the rescue authorities that you are overdue, you should notify the rescue agencies of your safe return. Please click on the link below for a copy of the United States Coast Guards Float Plan form.

<https://floatplancentral.cgaux.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.pdf>

Safe boating,  
Kerry Davis, Safety & Training Officer

Informed Messages:

## FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS



PhotoCaption: A new engine cutoff switch law aims to prevent boat-strike injuries (credit: National Safe Boating Council)

### **New Boat Engine Cutoff Switch Law Goes Into Effect April 1, 2021**

***Applies to boats less than 26 feet operating on plane or above displacement speed***

SPRINGFIELD, Va., March 15, 2021 – There are new engine cutoff device wear requirements for recreational boat operators as part of the January 1, 2021, passage of National Defense Authorization Act that included a U.S. Coast Guard Reauthorization. These devices, commonly referred to as engine cutoff switches (ECOS), are designed to prevent a boat-strike injury if an operator is accidentally ejected overboard while underway. Engine cutoff devices can be located at the helm of the boat or on the tiller or body of an outboard engine and typically connect a boat's operator to the cutoff switch with a lanyard. Some ECOS devices eliminate the lanyard and rely on wireless proximity devices to shut down an engine if the operator goes overboard.

Effective April 1, 2021, the new law requires vessel operator to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless ECOS on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. These vessels include (1) boats that have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm or on an outboard engine or have a wireless ECOS, or (2) boats manufactured beginning January 2020. The Coast Guard increased the number of boats required to have ECOS installed after this date in an effort to reduce boating accidents and fatalities.

Exceptions to the ECOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displacement speed. Low-speed activities such as fishing or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 lbs. of static thrust – or about the size of a 2-hp engine.

The new law applies to all federally navigable waterways. As this is a federal law, states do not have the ability to enforce the new ECOS regulations — though seven states (Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey and Texas) currently have their own ECOS laws. BoatUS expects most states to amend their regulations to match federal law over the coming years. While boat operators who fail to follow the new requirement could face a \$100 civil penalty for the first offense, BoatUS expects the U.S. Coast Guard's initial focus will be education. Boaters are encouraged to [check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information](#) on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations.

“BoatUS supports responsible use of cutoff devices and wants to get the word out to boaters to be aware of this new requirement so they can prepare,” said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. “We believe the new requirement allows recreational boaters to operate their vessels in a practical manner while increasing boating safety.” Kennedy suggests that boat operators double check to see that their engine cutoff switch is working at the beginning of the season by getting into a good habit of wearing it.

# FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS



The roots of many phrases and words we use every day can be traced to a life afloat. Here's a smattering of nautical sayings that have come ashore over the years.



Illustrations: Jeffrey Moores

## **A cup of Joe**

The nickname for coffee came about due to the reforms initiated in 1913 by Josephus Daniels, then secretary of the United States Navy under President Woodrow Wilson.

One such reform was the elimination of the officers' wine mess, a policy received less than enthusiastically by many. Since that time a cup of the strongest drink allowed on board U.S. naval ships has been referred to as "a cup of Joe."

## **Bigwigs**

Strangely enough, this is one bit of seafaring lingo that pretty much means what it says. Senior officers of Britain's Royal Navy at one time actually did wear bodaciously large wigs after the style of the day.



## **Bootleg**

This term for the smuggling of illegal liquor was derived from the sailors' ruse of bringing in contraband by hiding it in the tops of the sea boots.

## **Carry a bone in her teeth**

Phrase used to describe a ship sailing fast enough to foam the water in front of her bow.

## **Crow's nest**

Name for the highest lookout station aloft, a term most likely derived from the old Norse practice of bringing cages of ravens aboard to assist in navigation. If the navigator was in doubt as to the direction of the nearest landfall, the cage was hoisted aloft, and a raven released. The bird invariably headed for land, the navigator noted the direction of flight, and plotted accordingly. Best guess is the lookout stationed aloft likely shared his perch with the feathered members of the crew from time to time, thus the name!

## **Duffel**

A sailor's personal belongings (normally referring to his clothing) as well as the sea bag of coarse woolen fabric used to carry and stow them in. The name probably originated from the Flemish town of Duffel (near Antwerp) where the cloth was made.

## **Footloose**

Uninhibited or spontaneous. The bottom of a triangular sail is called the foot, and a "loose-footed sail" is one attached fore and aft, but unsecured along the boom itself and able to dance freely in the wind if the clew (aft end) is freed.

## **Dungaree**

Webster's Dictionary once defined dungaree as "a coarse kind of fabric worn by the poorer class of people and also used for tents and sail." While we probably couldn't picture our favorite pair of jeans hanging from the yardarm, discarded sailcloth (which was not dyed blue, nor was as well-woven as today's fabric) was often utilized by sailors to make items such as work clothes and hammocks. In fact, it was standard practice for captains in both the



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American and British navies to exaggerate the amount of sail lost during a battle in order to provide the crew with material. The cloth was called dungaree (from the Hindi word dungri), and the name became synonymous with the clothes themselves.

## **Gamming**

A "gam" was a mutual visit between the crews of whaling ships when they happened to meet abroad. It was there the latest news and gossip was exchanged and yarns were spun amid plenty of song, dance, food, and drink. The word "gam" came from whaleman slang for a pod of whales.

## **Hard up**

Destitute, fallen on hard or trying times, this is derived from "hard up the helm," an order to place the tiller as far to windward as possible during difficult weather, thus turning the ship's head away from the wind so she might ride easier.

## **But Why Is It Called The 'Head'?**

The forward-most part of the ship was originally known as the "bows" or "beakhead" after the ram on the bow of a fighting galley (think beak as in bird of prey). During the Medieval period, the bows evolved into a raised castle-like structure from which archers (and later fighting musketeers) could fire down upon the enemy during battle, which is where the name forecandle (or fo'c'sle) is derived.

Over time, the forecandle devolved into basically a work platform covered with open grating. Due to the continuous flushing action of the sea and its location (which allowed the wind coming forward to carry the smell forward, too, away from the ship), this is where the lavatories or "seats of ease" came to be located, these being nothing more than benches built over holes cut into the grating.

Those who used them were fully exposed to both the elements and the ship's company with at least one Spanish traveler describing with

mock sentiment the lovely views afforded the crew of the moon and planets, as well as the tarred ropes (which serve the same purpose as the corncob in rural America) and those impromptu washings provided by the waves. Thoughtful captains often had safety netting strung around the entire area, as it was not uncommon for patrons caught off guard to be washed overboard by larger seas. They could be busy places too, as a typical 18th century man-of-war possessed only six seats of ease for a crew of roughly 800.

## **Hunki dori**

Commodore Matthew Perry's historic visit to Japan in July 1853 began an era of openness and commercial intercourse between east and west. Yokohama was one of Japan's busiest ports at the time, and the main street of the waterfront district, Honki-dori, became famous for its ability to provide an abundance of pleasures to sailors while in port.

While Honki-dori was relatively straightforward and easy to navigate, the winding side streets and back roads were not only confusing but potentially dangerous to unwary sailors (particularly those of the inebriated persuasion) who often fell victim to robbery or worse. Advice was if you stayed on Honki-dori you could probably find everything you desired in relative safety, hence the street name association with everything being OK.



"It appears he's adapting to this social distancing thing pretty well."

## EBONY'S MONTHLY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

A pretty face gets old, a nice body will change. But a good woman will always be a Good Woman!

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

LOOK THE RIGHT WAY! IN THE WORLD AROUND you, there are vistas of bright beauty as well as dark, ugly wastelands. When you look the *right* way—toward what is *true, noble, lovely*—you are encouraged and strengthened. I created you with a great capacity to enjoy beauty and goodness. Your soul resonates with these blessings, drawing strength from them.

As you go through this day, you will encounter things that make you cringe, things that are wrong or ugly. Deal with these as you must, but do not let them become your focus. Remember that I am with you, and listen to Me. Hear Me saying time after time, “Look the *right* way.”

There is beauty not only in the visible world but also in what is unseen. This world in its fallen condition can never satisfy you fully. You yearn for perfection, and I am the fulfillment of that deep longing. I am perfect in every way, yet I am able to stay close to you as you walk through this sin-stained world. So look the *right* way—toward blessings, toward Me—and the Joy of My Presence will shine upon you.

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

EBC Member Thelma Johnson recovering from illness  
EBC Member Tony & Gloria Petit and family for the loss of his brother  
EBC Member Dane & Pamela McCoy and family for the loss of his cousin  
Friends of EBC Forest & Linda Blue and Family for the loss of Linda's mother  
EBC Member Marilyn Brock and her Mother, both recovering from an auto accident  
Keep EBC Members Tony & Gloria Petit in prayer, both suffering from health issues  
Say a special prayer for EBC Member Vera Labat, Roy Booker and family for their brother Junior

*Please pray for the tremendous loss of lives and the many families affected by the Covid-19 crisis. If you know of someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the Newsletter Editorial Staff.*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EBC MEMBERS



**Barbara Lee**  
CONGRESSWOMAN FOR THE 13TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

As COVID-19 continues to devastate our community here in the East Bay, many families are also struggling to pay funeral costs for loved ones lost during this pandemic.

I have good news to share—after almost a year of inaction from the Trump administration, we are finally able to deliver critical relief for families in need.

**FEMA is now authorized to grant up \$2 billion in funeral expenses. Families who have lost a loved one to COVID-19 can be reimbursed up to \$7,000 in funeral assistance retroactively to January 2020. This relief is available to anyone in the country regardless of immigration status.**

Those interested in participating in the program will need expense documentation, a death certificate, and other personal information documents.

I'm proud to have partnered with Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez on this crucial relief measure for families in California and across the country already beset by unimaginable grief.

No one should struggle to afford a proper funeral for a loved one. During this time of unprecedented pain and economic hardship, it's a moral imperative that the federal government step in and provide relief. While the details for this plan are still evolving, I will be reaching out with more information as it becomes available.

As always, my office is here for you. If you need assistance with a federal issue, please contact my Oakland office at (510) 763-0370.

Best Regards,

**Barbara Lee**



## MESSAGES FROM PAST OFFICERS



**ANN DUKES**  
*Past Commodore*

Good Afternoon EBC family,

Ebony hosted the PICYA delegates meeting for the first time Monday, March 1, 2021. Carol Whitehead and I prepared a powerpoint presentation showing Ebony at its best. We had tried to show the presentation at the last club meeting but it just didn't work. Commodore McCoy did the verbal dialog. There were some technical difficulties but overall it came out well. The responses were very positive, prayerfully we will be able to show it at the next club meeting. I want the membership to see how we were represented. I want to thank all the members who joined the meeting, Ebony was represented well.

Although the COVID restrictions are easing up please do not ease up on your protective measures of wearing your mask, hand washing and please get your injections. There's a long ways to go before we will be back at what was "normal," AND WE MAY NEVER GET THERE! There are several mutations now and the injections seem to be effective but we still need to be cautious. Some of the PICYA clubs are opening for outdoor and limited seating or member's only usages. If you would like to cruise to another club please call them first to check on their

status. There is a link on the PICYA.ORG page under Resources to check. Click on Officers Resources "update your club's opening dates". It is supposed to be kept current by each club. Robert Willis has been doing Ebony's. This link will let you know which club is open and to what extent.

The Leadership Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2021. It will be hosted by Coyote Point Yacht Club. Sign up is on the PICYA website. It will be from 2:30 to 5:30 via ZOOM. There are several interesting topics that are listed on the PICYA web page. Please sign up for this conference. The COTY rules have changed so if we have six (6) members attending we will get the maximum points for this event.

I am looking forward to preparing for OPENING DAY ON THE BAY. It will be a ZOOM affair again, the theme is "Back to the Future". Each club can have as many entries as they want. We would like some done by children as well, as there are COTY points for youth decorated boats. We can do both power and sail since it's by ZOOM. I would like to get the maximum of fifty (50) points.

I would like to take this time to thank Carol Whitehead for all the work she put into the PICYA presentation. There was a lot of calls and checking pictures and deciding on which ones showed Ebony at its best. She and I were up many nights trying to get the power point to flow. I would also like to thank Otis Brock, Marilyn Brock, Lenora Clark and Robert Willis for taking part in our Black history program, it was great hearing Ebony history. Until next time.

In Love And Prayer,  
Ann Dukes, Past Commodore & PICYA Delegate

## MESSAGES FROM PAST OFFICERS



**Marilyn Brock**  
*Past Commodore*  
*Ass't Boatique Manager*

Hello EBC

I pray this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and well. Spring is in the air, flowers blooming, birds chirping and lots of sunshine. Let us not forget that the longer days make for great boating. Reggie Kelly, Jennifer Duhon, Otis and I were Blessed to have four wonderful days on the other side of Rio Vista. Just past the deep-water channel on the Sacramento River. Prospect Slough is a great place to stay a few days on the boat. This was the first time that we didn't catch any fish. But I don't think anyone really cared. We had a great time. The water was calm and beautiful. Can't wait to do it again soon. Anyone interested!!



We have been in contact with the new vendor for apparel. We are in negotiations with them regarding pricing. I'm very optimistic that we will receive the same quality that we have in the past.

We have received several orders and we will be working very hard to get those out to you as soon as possible. So if you need something from the boatique please let us know. Several items are featured on the website. To order call Sharon Fuller or myself. For your convenience we accept all major credit cards. *"When God reigns, Grace pours"*

Marilyn Brock  
Past Commodore  
Ass't Boatique  
Manager





## MARCH RECIPES FROM THE GALLEY

### Growing Up In North Carolina



Hello it is cold and raining, what will help; I know a southern dessert

Growing up in rural North Carolina was not fun. My parents were sharecroppers which meant we were always behind the eight ball. My mom was a resourceful woman determined to give us kids the best she could and her father was determined that his grandchildren had better than he did.

He drummed education into us as he was not allowed to go to school. We always had food because we raised it. The garden was a must and was cared for like the crops we tended. We also had livestock so we were good. I was a teenager before I knew you bought eggs, milk, veggies and meat in a store. The men and women in my family also hunted game in the winter and we fished until the river froze over. Yes, we had sugar because we raised sugar cane. Mom bought Watkins' vanilla and spices. That was one of her few luxuries. We may not have had the best clothes or car but we ate well. Below is a southern dessert that was a special treat. There are several ways to make this. This is the updated version using crescent roll dough and half and half. My mom used fresh cream and made the dough from scratch.

Warmest Thoughts,  
Ann Dukes, Past Commodore



### SOUTHERN BUTTER ROLLS

- 2 Crescent dough rolls**
- ½ cup sugar**
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon**
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg**
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice**
- 1 cup soft butter**
- 1 pint half and half**
- 1 cup sugar**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla**
- 1 tablespoon rum or bourbon**

Heat oven to 360 degrees. Roll the pastry out being careful to keep in one piece. Spread one half of the soft butter over the dough. Mix spices in a small bowl. Sprinkle one half over the buttered dough. Roll the dough into a log and cut into 1 inch slices. Repeat with second package of dough. Butter a 13x9x3 baking dish place slices in a single layer. Heat the milk add sugar stir until sugar dissolves add vanilla and rum or bourbon. Mix well Pour over rolls. Cook for 30-40 minutes. Cool before serving. The aroma in the house is amazing, warm and so inviting. Enjoy.



# DATES TO REMEMBER




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To be added to our email list or if you have questions.  
Please contact us at one of the numbers listed above.

**PICYA 2021 CALENDAR**



Visit the PICYA website for information on their 2021 Calendar of Events and upcoming scheduled ZOOM meetings

**2021 EBC CLUB MEETING DATES**


All Club House meetings have been suspended. Monthly meetings will be conducted via ZOOM. The monthly agenda and reports along with the ZOOM meeting connection information will be emailed to all EBC members prior to the meeting.

STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Commodore Dane McCoy*



*Happy Birthday To*  
*Otis Brock*  
*Glen Williams*



# EBONY BOAT CLUB & EBONY YOUTH FOUNDATION'S PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



## LeeAndra Matthews



## **ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation** **Developing The Future Of The Nonprofit Workforce**



*LeeAndra Matthews will complete her Certified Nonprofit Professional certification over the summer with an internship, the final component of ASU's Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (NLA) program. It was made possible by the Career Development Award she received from the national NLA organization. After graduating later this year, she hopes to take her nonprofit skills back home to California and serve her community by helping formerly incarcerated people get back on their feet.*

**How the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance at ASU jumpstarts nonprofit careers and community impact by Troy Hill, ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation February 4, 2021**

The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance program has been operating at Arizona State University for over 40 years. As a leading campus affiliate of this **national program**, in that time it has helped to prepare hundreds of students from any major for immediate success upon entering the nonprofit world after graduation. ASU senior LeeAndra Matthews has been involved with the **Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Association** since the first semester she transferred here from a college in California.

# EBONY BOAT CLUB & EBONY YOUTH FOUNDATION'S PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



## LeeAndra Matthews



Along with fellow NLA student Meredith Clements, Matthews was recently awarded a 2021 **Career Development Award** from the national Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. The award pays for some of her living expenses while she completes an internship this summer, the final component of the program. “In my last semester I took a leap and I applied for the internship scholarship, just because I know I have financial needs and I don't really know what my outcome may be for my internship, whether it'll be paid or not,” she said. “I was really blessed to be awarded that scholarship.” Matthews has completed all of her requirements for her Certified Nonprofit Professional certification except for the internship, which she has plans to complete this summer after she graduates from ASU. During her time with NLA, Matthews has been a part of countless workshops and seminars that have grown her as a future nonprofit professional.

A community, she said, “is really what I needed when I transferred here. I was really seeking a community that I felt comfortable with and identified with and I was really blessed to join this program.” I've learned amazing things as far as like networking... and even when we went to our Alliance Management Institute, the AMI campaign, was honestly one of my greatest accomplishments and memories from my experience with the NLA.”

The ongoing AMI **fundraising campaign** provides NLA students with hands-on experience as they raise money to attend a national conference, pitching donors directly on the investment in their futures. It can be nerve-wracking at first, but pushes students to grow outside of their comfort zone and gives them practical tools to fundraise for nonprofits.

The campaign is just another way that the NLA helps to prepare students for success in the nonprofit world as soon as they graduate. The campaign has raised up to \$30,000 in some years - all raised by students. “I cry every time I talk about it, but honestly I don't know where my educational journey would be if I wasn't involved.” Matthews has also taken an interest in the personal finance classes offered by the program, and she said they have helped her a lot.

“The knowledge I've gained from this program is amazing... I can honestly say the greatest takeaway I have from this program is the hands-on experiences, like going to a nonprofit and actually participating in either volunteering or a program.” After graduating, she plans to return to California and pursue her passion in the nonprofit sector: helping formerly incarcerated people get back on their feet.





## Ebony Youth Foundation Scholarship



The objective of the scholarship program is to encourage and assist talented students. The awards are aimed at providing a source of financial support for graduating high school students OR students currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution. Relatives and associates of Ebony Boat Club members are also eligible for an Ebony Youth Foundation (EYF) scholarship if they meet the following requirements:

- **Applicant must be a high school senior, have applied or have been accepted at a qualifying post-secondary institution (accredited college or university) or currently attending a qualifying post-secondary institution, and must have at a minimum a 2.00 (C) GPA.**
- **All applicants must submit a typed (all questions answered and signed) COMPLETE EYF application and include the following in your packet:**
  1. **Letter of acceptance** from a qualifying post-secondary institution (accredited college or university);
  2. **At least two (2) letters of recommendation describing the applicant's personality, integrity and leadership potential;**
    - 1 must be from an **Ebony Boat Club member**
    - 1 school official or community leader
  3. **Applicant must submit an OFFICIAL transcript in a sealed envelope.**
  4. **A photograph** suitable for Inaugural Ball Program. *If you are selected as a recipient of an Ebony Youth Foundation Scholarship Award your picture will only be used in the Inaugural Ball Program and the Ebony Boat Club's Beacon Newsletter.*
- **Completed application must be POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1, 2021**
- **All FINALIST(S) must participate in an oral interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee.**

For further information, please contact:  
Janet V. Noyd, Scholarship Chair at (510) 366-4045

Applications must be submitted to:  
EYF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 796  
STOCKTON, CA. 95201

**EBONY YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

# EBONY YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE

Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Message Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever received an EBC scholarship?  
No  Yes  If Yes What Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School / College \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name and Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Total Family Gross Annual Income: \$ 0.0 - \$ 44,000  \$ 45,000 - \$74,999  \$75,000 & Above

Do you have a relative or friend associated with the Ebony Boat Club? Yes  No

If yes Please provide the name of the person or persons.

Name of College/ University of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Emphasis / Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_

List any other awards received or acknowledgements (List \$\$ if monetary and year received)

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Please answer each of the following questions, in twenty-five (25) words or less (use additional sheets as needed, numbering each answer accordingly):

1. Skills and Special Talents / Leadership Roles:

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2. Community Activities and / or Work Experience:

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3. What are your career goals?

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4. How do you expect to achieve your goals?

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1. Who is your mentor and how is he / she helping you?

Five horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 1.

2. How will this award benefit you?

Five horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 2.

3. Please share other facts not covered that you feel are important.

Five horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 3.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTED MARKED BY JUNE 1, 2021**

Applicant Signature

Date

## References

List a minimum of three (3) references and attach (2) letters of recommendations

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Name: Relationship

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Address City / State

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By my signature I attest to the information provided by me in this application to be factual and true.

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Signature

Date

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### ❖ DID YOU:

- ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION
  - SIGN & DATE THE APPLICATION
  - INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE
  - INCLUDE AN EBONY BOAT CLUB MEMBER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
  - INCLUDE ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR COMMUNITY LEADER
  - INCLUDE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE
  - INCLUDE ONE PHOTOGRAPH SUITABLE FOR INAUGURAL BALL PROGRAM AND BEACON NEWSLETTER.
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## 2021 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Date	Description of Event	Contact	Location
January 23	PICYA Commodore's Ball/Installation of Officers (Zoom)	PICYA	TBD
January 30	Monthly Club Meeting (Zoom)	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
February 7	Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-Off <b>CANCELED</b>	Otis & Jim	EBC Club House
February 27	Monthly Club Meeting (Zoom)	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
February 27	EBC Black History Month Program(Zoom)	Sheila, Pappy, Ann, Janet	EBC Club House
March 5-7	EBC Cruise Out to Village West #1 <b>CANCELED</b>	Reggie Kelley	Village West YC
March 12-14	EBC Cruise Out to Village West #2 <b>CANCELED</b>	Reggie Kelley	Village West YC
March 19-21	**Mardi Gras-Cruise In-Diablo YC <b>CANCELED</b>	Ann Dukes	EBC Club House
March 20	PICYA Leadership Conference(Zoom)	PICYA	TBD
March 27	Monthly Club Meeting (Zoom)	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
April 3	Opening Day on the Delta – Antioch/Stockton	Stockton YC	EBC Club House
April 10	EBC Opening Day Boat Parade <b>CANCELED</b>	Dane, Carol, Sheila	Stockton Marina
April 17	Spring Youth Day <b>CANCELED</b>	Ann Dukes	EBC Club House
April 24	Monthly Club Meeting–Membership Picture Day	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
April 25	Opening Day On The Bay Boat Parade	PICYA	San Francisco
May 1	**Cinco de Mayo Cruise In	Marian Wattel	EBC Club House
May 14-16	**Western Night Cruise In & Line Dancing	Sheila George	EBC Club House
May 22	Reno Turn Around Bus Trip	Frank Whitehead	Reno NV
May 29	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
May 28-31	Memorial Day		
June 4-6	**Jazz & Wine Festival - Cruise In	Carol Whitehead	EBC Club House
June 11-13	Annual Cabin Fever Fishing Derby	Frank Whitehead	San Joaquin
June 19	Juneteenth Celebration & Family Carnival	Ann, Janet, Carol, Pappy	EBC Club House
June 26	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
July 9-11	**Mad Hatter Day & EBC Horse Race - Cruise In		
July 16-18	Sacramento Cruise Out - CHOICE #1	Reggie & Melvin	Sacramento YC
July 23-25	Sacramento Cruise Out - CHOICE #2	Reggie & Melvin	Sacramento YC
July 31	Monthly General Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
August 13-15	**Annual White Party Cruise In	Kimberly, Carol, Pappy	EBC Club House
August 28	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
September 3-6	Labor Day		
September 18	Monthly Club Meeting & Election Nomination	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
September 18	Coastal Clean Up	Kerry Davis	Stockton Marina
Sept 23 - Oct 2	EBC Cruise Out - Down Bay Cruise	Otis Brock	Bay Area Cruise
September 25	Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta	PICYA	Encinal YC
October 2	PICYA Leadership & Management Conference	PICYA Leadership	TBD
October 8-10	**Columbus Day Cruise In - EBC Regatta Race		EBC Club House
October 23	4th Annual Day at the Races-GGF	Tony Petit	Albany-GGF
October 30	Club Meeting – EBC Election	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
October 30	**Ghouls/Goblins/Grownups Celebration/Cruise In	Kimberly Romes	EBC Club House
November 20	Monthly Club Meeting	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
December 4	Lighted Boat Parade Antioch & Stockton	Stockton YC	Stockton
December 11	EBC Change of Watch Dinner	EBC Membership	EBC Club House
December 18	EBC Community Service Day	EBC Membership	EBC Club House

BLUE = OPEN CRUISE IN/OUT DATES    \*\*BLUE = CRUISE IN DATES WITH AN EBC EVENT    PURPLE = EBC CRUISE OUT DATE    GREEN = SCHEDULED EBC EVENT    RED = CLUB MEETING    BLACK = MISC OTHER EVENTS WE ATTEND    UPDATED 11/15/2020

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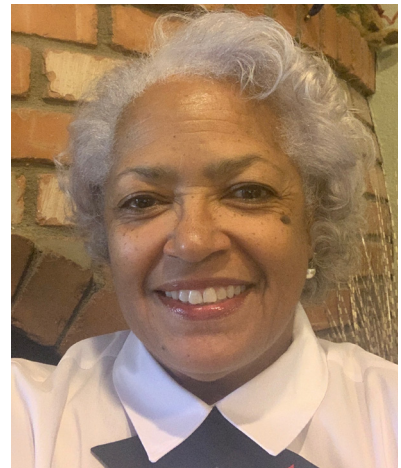
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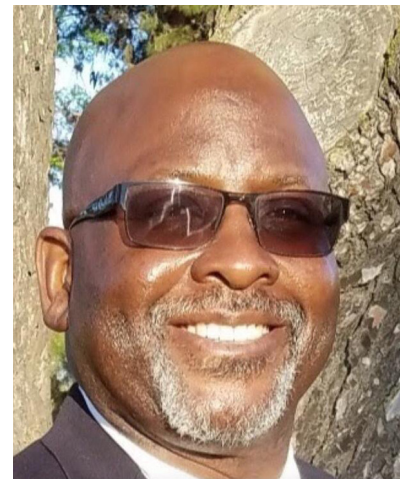
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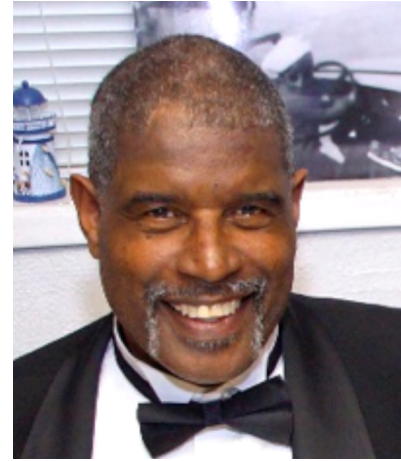
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