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Elmont Online & ECAP

presents its

3^d Annual
Black History Month
Celebration

Clara H. Carlson
235 Belmont Blvd.
Elmont, NY 11003

February 12th, 2006
3:00PM

"I have learned over the years
that when one's mind is made
up, this diminishes fear;
knowing what must be done
does away with fear."

Rosa Parks
(1913-2005)

About
Dr. Carter G. Woodson



We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his

childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard.

The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population—and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

About
Sandra Ifill

Sandra Ifill has lived in South Floral Park for 35 years. A Queens College graduate, Sandy received her Bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology, and anthropology with emphasis on understanding children, and her Masters in Education/Early Childhood Education from Adelphi University. Sandra is a retired educator who has served as Assistant to the Principal at Covert Avenue School. Married to Antonio, she has three children and one grandson. For many years Sandy taught a specialized program within the 1st grade known as ALEM (Adaptive Learning Environment Model) geared to the specific needs of students and, as a result, led several summer workshops for teachers and graduate students at CW Post & South Hampton College. Active in the Stewart Manor PTA, she served on the Legislative Committee for Elmont's Interschool Council of PTAs, and also as a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Elmont School Board. Sandy served on the Scholarship Committee for the Lewis Howard Latimer Assn. of Electrical Workers offering scholarships each year to HS School students of color wishing to pursue a higher education. Sandy continues to be active in her new community. Together with her husband she is involved with Help 4 Kids, an organization helping children in need. Sandy has received many awards for her commitment and dedication including Assemblyman Alfano's 21st Assembly District Women of Distinction Award. We recognize her today to again say thanks.

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Program

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Remarks

Members of Sewanhaka Senior High Choir

(Sewanhaka High School - *Choral Director: Ms. Rachel Daloia*)

Amazing Grace

Stand by Me

St. John's Divinity Dancers

(St. John's United Methodist Church - *Director: Ms. Ann Marie Bryan*)

HAFALI in collaboration with Mirlen Pierre-Louis and Robby Boco

"Nago"

The Cast of The Wiz

(Elmont Memorial High School - *Director: Ms. Eileen Kramer*)

Excerpts From The Wiz

***The Slave Song (Poem)* - Written & Presented by Lee Riley & Angel Aviles**

Presentation of Citations & Awards

Jazz Masters

(Elmont Elementary School District- *Director: Mr. Anthony Pino & Sherman Irby*)

The Storyteller - Ms. Lynnett Braxton

St. John's Divinity Dancers

***Their Stories (Poem)* - Written & Presented by Lee Riley**

Stony Brook Gospel Chorus (SUNY at Stony Brook - *Director: Candice Beckford*)

King of My Life

We've Come This Far By Faith

Lift Every Voice & Sing - Lee Reiley & Alicia Ortiz

Closing Remarks

About

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is headquartered in Washington, D.C., temporarily on the campus of Howard University. Established in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, we are the Founders of Black History Month and carry forth the work of our founder, the Father of Black History. We continue his legacy of speaking a fundamental truth to the world—that Africans and peoples of African descent are makers of history and co-workers in what W. E. B. Du Bois called, “The Kingdom of Culture.” ASALH’s mission is to create and disseminate knowledge about Black History, to be, in short, the nexus between the Ivory Tower and the global public. We labor in the service of Black folks and all humanity.

Incorporated in Washington, D.C., ASALH is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization. The mission of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.

ASALH:

- Sets the annual theme for Black History Month
- Sponsors an annual convention to

celebrate and study African life and history.

- Publishes the *Journal of African American History* (formerly the *Journal of Negro History*), and the *Black History Bulletin* (formerly the *Negro History Bulletin*).

- Sponsors graduate and undergraduate essay contests.

- Sponsors specialized professional development curriculum workshops, institutes, and seminars.

- Co-sponsors with the American Historical Association the annual Wesley-Logan Prize for the Best Book on the African Diaspora.

- Co-sponsors with the National Education Association (www.nea.org) the annual Carter G. Woodson Award at the NEA Human and Civil Rights Awards observance.

- Co-sponsors with the National History Day organization Carter G. Woodson awards to high school students for winning projects, papers, or performances relating to African American history ■

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ECAP - Elmont Community Awareness Program

ECAP is a Community Awareness Program in Elmont, Nassau County. The purpose is to reasonably assure that information about community activities is made available to the widest possible audience. Institutions and organizations are asked to provide ECAP with timely information about significant coming events. ECAP will help to further publicize the event through posting on the ECAP website, by flyer, newsletter or by telephone contacts with residents. Success may be measured by larger participation in an event than originally anticipated.

During its first year of operation ECAP sponsored two events- A Leadership seminar on March 15th 2003. This event provided training for community leaders, Civic Organization Officers and interested homeowners on How to organize and keep up the interest in a Civic Organization. This was followed by The Elmont Family day celebration on September 13th. Our local newspapers referred to this event as a "Hugh Success". Of course, the credit belongs to all the organizations and individuals who participated.

ECAP accomplished the following - Seventy -five percent of the organization and implementation for Elmont Family Day was done through E-mail and on the website. This is a first for Elmont (special thanks to Maughns). ECAP was conceived as a new and creative way for doing business and disseminating critical information. It was intended primarily as an electronic trailblazer for the Elmont Community civic operations. (I am aware of the need for hard copies and door to door interaction in several languages when necessary and we continue to explore opportunities to fulfill this requirement).

We began with the Leadership Seminar, distributed over 30,000 flyers and ended with Elmont Family Day. ECAP embodies what an individual can accomplish with a thought a dream, a dedicated Assemblyman like Thomas Alfano and a diverse community in transition - the challenge is now ours to keep ECAP alive.

As Director of ECAP this is what I have learned - A network of dependable supporters at all levels is critical to the success of any event. I have also learned that people are proud of their community and want to interact, be educated and have fun together. It is evident that we only want WHAT IS BEST FOR ELMONT. Most importantly, we have great children, and we must work as a community to enhance their future.

Sincerely,
ECAP Director
Cheryl Lee

21st Assembly District MLK, Jr. Award Recipients

Richard A. Mastrocola, Esq.

Richard Mastrocola has an extensive background as a lawyer. However, if asked, he would say his most rewarding experience was the years between 1988 and 1998 where, as a *Associate Appellate Counsel*, he devoted his practice of law to all aspects of appellate advocacy in the New York State Appellate Division on behalf of indigent criminal defendants.

Mr Mastrocola's participation as a civic leader in Elmont is exemplary. He was elected to the executive board of Parkhurst, President of the CCC, during which time he brought to fruition the Welcomme to Elmont Sign we now enjoy as a point of Community pride and unity. He reinvigorated the Veteran's memorial on the south-west end of Elmont and chaired the PPATS (People for the Preservation of Alva T. Stanford).

As recently as Friday Mr. Mastrocola, in reviewing the work for which we now honor him, said simply "Elmont is my hometown" that place in the heart where I always long to return to.

Randall Clarke

Randall Clarke has worked for Assemblyman Tom Alfano for almost two years. Randall is an Elmont resident and is currently attending Queens College. He was recently elected President of the Black Student Union at Queens College.

Randall is an honest and reliable individual - always ready to help where possible. He is a real role model, especially to his peers.

The **E**lmont **O**nline **P**roject (www.elmont.org) was started 7 years ago. Since its' launch, the site has serviced more than 150,000 unique visitors from around the world. Elmont Online is Elmont's downtown online. Today, the site provides a variety of important community services to both its online and off-line users. Most notable are its' weather service; real-time local, national and international news; an up-to-date community calendar and multi-user planner; an multi-language email service, virtually free from ads and spam, provided at no charge to Elmont residents. Elmont residents can have their very own "*RESIDENT*"@ELMONT.ORG email address. TellMont, a list server, delivers to its growing subscriber base timely news and commentary. TellMont is a welcomed addition to Elmont's information pool and is considered by many, "Elmont's New Voice".

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

verse 1

verse 2

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

verse 3