

January/February 2024



# ICIA Imperial Scroll



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**Happy New Years! I hope this letter finds you in good spirits after the Holiday Season! I pray everyone had a Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year! When thinking about a new year, I'm encouraged by the hope, optimism and joy that comes with new beginnings! This new year is a chance for us all to take a step back and realize the many blessings we had last year and hope for the things to come in 2024! One of my biggest blessings and joys of 2023 was being elected Empress 31! It energizes me to see all of the love**

**and support for The Imperial Court of Iowa during our Thanks for Giving and Christmas with The Court Shows! From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for helping us raise money for those organizations so near and dear to all of us! The New Year, 2024 also excites me of all the possibilities and opportunities to do more good for our community through fun and new events! We would not be a successful organization without all of our committed members! I thank you for joining the ride this year or continuing your support!**

**I want to remind you we have an amazing NEW event coming in February, An Imperial 80's Prom! It's now open to ALL Ages! Make sure you visit our website ([www.imperialcourtofiowa.org](http://www.imperialcourtofiowa.org)) to buy tickets. It's going to be a fabulous event! We also are excited for our Imperial Court Pageant "Fundraising through the Years" to sign up to run for Community Service Royalty 2024, please message myself or My Princess Royal, Eudora Riverz (Jake Morrissey)**

**Now here is A little what's coming up for the Empress in January, February and March! Stay tuned for all of our fun and amazing events coming this year! Also, Mark your calendars for Monarch Ball 31 (April 13th) and PR Ball 31 (May 4th) As Always my inbox is open!**

**ALL my Love to ALL of Iowa  
Iowa's Youngest Granny  
Empress 31 of ALL Iowa**

*Big Momma Jean*

**EMPRESS 31  
BIG MOMMA JEAN'S  
JANUARY**




## EVENTS SCHEDULE

**JANUARY 7TH  
BOD MEETING  
(THE SADDLE)**

**JANUARY 13TH  
NEBRASKA E&E  
BALL  
(THE MAX,  
OMAHA)**

**JANUARY 19TH  
BIG MOMMA'S  
BDAY COURT  
SHOW  
(THE GARDEN)**

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**EMPRESS 31, BIG MOMMA JEAN'S**

## FEBRUARY EVENTS SCHEDULE

**Feb. 1st-4th:  
ICOM's  
Coronation  
32**

**Feb. 10th: Lunar  
New Year Event  
(The Garden)**



**February BOD  
Meeting- Date  
TBA**



**Feb. 16th: A Decade of  
Love Show  
(The Garden)**

**Feb. 17th: Imperial  
Prom Night  
(The Garden)**

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**EMPRESS 31, BIG MOMMA JEAN'S**

## MARCH EVENTS SCHEDULE

**March. 2nd:  
Strawberry Social  
(The Garden)**

**March 9th: I.C.I.A.  
Pageant  
(The Garden)**

**March 15th-17th: Fort  
Worth Coronation  
Weekend  
(FT. Worth, TX)**

**March 23rd: Leather  
and Lace Ball  
(The Garden)**



**March BOD  
Meeting- Date  
TBA**



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# Reign 31 Royal Family



**Eudora Riverz - Princess Royal 31**



**Domonic Darr-Patterson  
Prince Consort**



**Eva Rose  
Princess**



**Miles Long Frost  
Prince**



**Topaz Stahr  
Princess**



**Reggie Knight  
Prince**



**Tiana Love Michaels  
Archduchess**

# Reign 31 Royal Family



**Dominique Cass**  
Archduchess



**Duke Monroe Principle**  
Vicount



**Marsha Mellow Monroe**  
Viscountess



**Chastity Locke**  
Baroness



**Nostalgia Taylor**  
Countess



**Peaches Diamond**  
Countessa

# ICIA Reign 31 BOD



**President**  
Empress 2 Lili Whyte



**Vice President**  
Empress 29 Gina Te Michaels



**Treasurer**  
Empress 25 & Emperor 29 Evian/Evan Waters



**Secretary**  
Empress 24 of Minnesota Ida Stapter-Back



**State Functions Chair**  
Empress 30 Juanita Voltaire DuFlagan Riverz





Thursday September 26th

**In-State Show**

Blazing Saddle  
Doors Open at 7:00 pm  
Show Starts at 8:00 pm  
Free Admission

Friday September 27th

**Out-of-State Show**

Garden Restaurant  
and Show Bar  
Doors @ 5:00 PM  
Show @ 6:00 PM  
Tickets: \$25

Saturday September 28th

**Coronation 32:**

**A Candlelit Night**

**at the Imperial Palace**

Embassy Suites  
Doors @ 3:00 PM  
Show @ 4:00 PM  
Tickets: \$100

Sunday September 29th

**Victory Brunch**

Garden Restaurant  
and Show Bar  
Doors @ 10:30 AM  
Brunch @ 11:00 AM  
Tickets: \$35

**Victory Party & Show**

Garden Restaurant  
and Show Bar Roof Top  
Starting at 2:00 PM  
Free Admission



*You may purchase an Early Bird Special which includes ALL events for \$125!!!*

**Click on the image for more information and to purchase tickets**



# January 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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# February 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 2 ICOM's Coronation Weekend		
4	5	6	7	8	9 ICOM's Emperor Birthday Show	10 The Rise of the Dragon
11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 Decade of Love Show	17 80's PROM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 ICON's Snowball
25	26	27	28	29		

**Click on images above for more information**



Celebrate Black History Month 2024

Art as a Platform for Social Justice

EMPEROR 31 BRENDA'REHAB  
AND  
REGENT EMPRESS 31 LEAH TYLER  
OF THE IMPERIAL COURT OF MINNESOTA  
would like to extend the invitation to

# CORONATION 32:

*Golden Girls*  
*Attend the Hunger Games*

AT THE ROYAL SONESTA MINNEAPOLIS DOWNTOWN IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
FEB 1-4, 2024



FOR INFORMATION AND TO BUY TICKETS VISIT:  
[IMPCOURTMN.ORG/CORONATION32](http://IMPCOURTMN.ORG/CORONATION32)

Click on the image for more information.

ALL NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
GAURDIAN ANGELS SCHOLARSHIP

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IMPERIAL

PROM

NIGHT



FOOD, DRINK,  
SPECIALS,  
DANCING &  
SHOTS DJ  
MORE!

80's

PRIZES FOR  
PROM ROYALTY,  
BEST  
PROMPOSAL, &  
BEST IN THEME!

FOREVER YOUNG DANCE

21+

FEBRUARY 17TH / THE GARDEN / 7PM-12AM

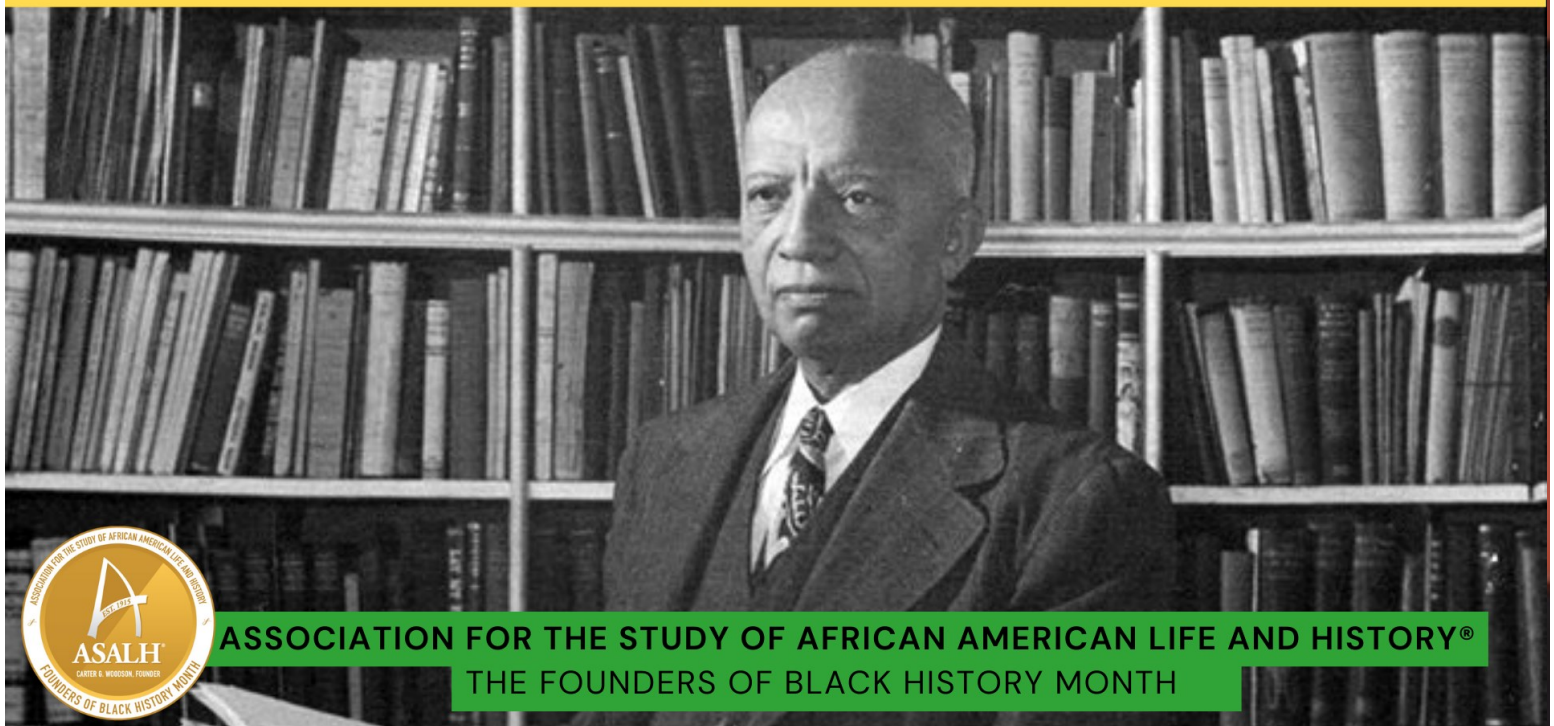
\$20/1 OR \$35/2 PRESALE TICKETS

\$30 AT THE DOOR

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to purchase tickets.

# THE ORIGINS OF **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

BY DARYL MICHAEL SCOTT | ASALH FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT



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THE FOUNDERS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## THE STORY OF **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** BEGINS IN CHICAGO IN **1915**.

An alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city, Carter G. Woodson traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in a national celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation sponsored by the state of Illinois.

Thousands of African Americans travelled from across the country to see exhibits highlighting the progress their people had made since the destruction of slavery. Awarded a doctorate in Harvard three years earlier, Woodson joined the other exhibitors with a black history display. Despite being held at the Coliseum, the site of the 1912 Republican convention, an overflow crowd of six to twelve thousand waited outside for their turn to view the exhibits. Inspired by the three-week celebration, Woodson decided to form an organization to promote the scientific study of black life and history before leaving town.

● **SEPTEMBER 9, 1915**

On September 9th, Woodson met at the Wabash YMCA with A. L. Jackson and three others and formed the **Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH)**.

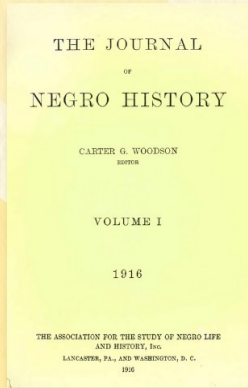
**CARTER G. WOODSON**

**A. S. N. L. H.**



# NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

1916



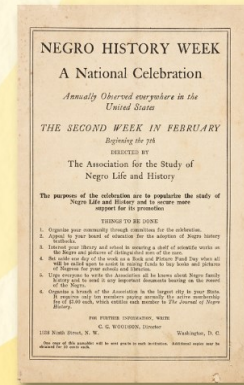
Dr. Woodson publishes *The Journal of Negro History*

1924



A graduate member of Omega Psi Phi, he urged his fraternity brothers to take up the work. In 1924, they responded with the creation of Negro History and Literature Week, which they renamed Negro Achievement Week.

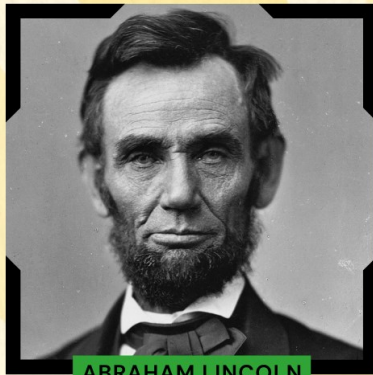
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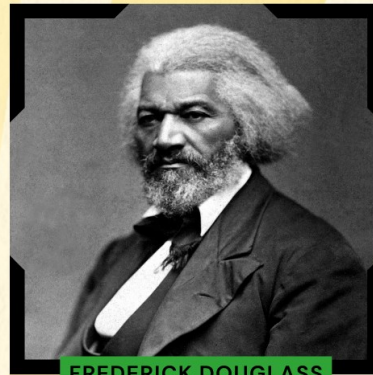
Dr. Woodson sends out a press release announcing Negro History Week in February, 1926.

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## WHY FEBRUARY?



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Woodson chose February for reasons of tradition and reform. It is commonly said that Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely **Abraham Lincoln** and **Frederick Douglass**, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively. More importantly, he chose them for reasons of tradition. Since Lincoln's assassination in **1865**, the black community, along with other Republicans, had been celebrating the fallen President's birthday. And since the late **1890s**, black communities across the country had been celebrating Douglass'. Well aware of the pre-existing celebrations, Woodson built Negro History Week around traditional days of commemorating the black past. He was asking the public to extend their study of black history, not to create a new tradition. In doing so, he increased his chances for success.

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# NEGRO HISTORY BULLETIN

## 1937



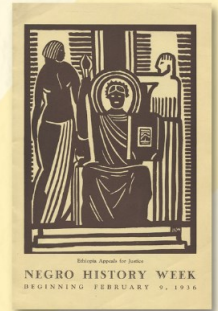
In 1937, at the urging of **Mary McLeod Bethune**, Woodson established the *Negro History Bulletin*, which focused on the annual theme. As black populations grew, mayors issued Negro History Week proclamations, and in cities like Syracuse progressive whites joined Negro History Week with National Brotherhood Week.



MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE

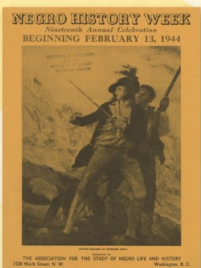
## 1930s

Like most ideas that resonate with the spirit of the times, Negro History Week proved to be more dynamic than Woodson or the Association could control. By the 1930s, Woodson complained about the intellectual charlatans, black and white, popping up everywhere seeking to take advantage of the public interest in black history. He warned teachers not to invite speakers who had less knowledge than the students themselves. Increasingly publishing houses that had previously ignored black topics and authors rushed to put books on the market and in the schools. Instant experts appeared everywhere, and non-scholarly works appeared from "mushroom presses." In America, nothing popular escapes either commercialization or eventual trivialization, and so Woodson, the constant reformer, had his hands full in promoting celebrations worthy of the people who had made the history.



Negro History Week booklet, 1936.  
Source: George Cleveland Hall Branch Archives

## 1940s

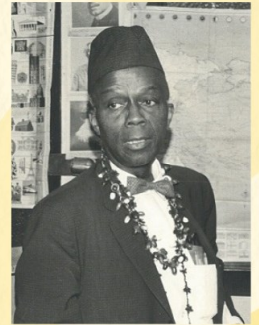


Negro History Week booklet, 1944.

In the 1940s, efforts began slowly within the black community to expand the study of black history in the schools and black history celebrations before the public. In the South, black teachers often taught Negro History as a supplement to United States history. One early beneficiary of the movement reported that his teacher would hide Woodson's textbook beneath his desk to avoid drawing the wrath of the principal. During the Civil Rights Movement in the South, the Freedom Schools incorporated black history into the curriculum to advance social change. The Negro History movement was an intellectual insurgency that was part of every larger effort to transform race relations.

## 1960s

The **1960s** had a dramatic effect on the study and celebration of black history. Before the decade was over, Negro History Week would be well on its way to becoming Black History Month. The shift to a month-long celebration began even before Dr. Woodson's death. As early as **1940s**, blacks in West Virginia, a state where Woodson often spoke, began to celebrate February as Negro History Month. In Chicago, a now forgotten cultural activist, **Fredrick H. Hammaurabi**, started celebrating Negro History Month in the **mid-1960s**. Having taken an African name in the 1930s, Hammaurabi used his cultural center, the House of Knowledge, to fuse African consciousness with the study of the black past. By the **late 1960s**, as young blacks on college campuses became increasingly conscious of links with Africa, Black History Month replaced Negro History Week at a quickening pace. Within the Association, younger intellectuals, part of the awakening, prodded Woodson's organization to change with the times. **They succeeded.**



Frederic H. Hammaurabi Robb  
Source: Rose Cleveland Hall Branch Archives

## 1976



Under President Gerald Ford, "Negro History Week" became Black History Month in 1976.  
Credit: Sun-Times archives

In **1976**, fifty years after the first celebration, the Association used its influence to institutionalize the shifts from a week to a month and from Negro history to black history. Since the **mid-1970s**, every American president, Democrat and Republican, has issued proclamations endorsing the Association's annual theme.

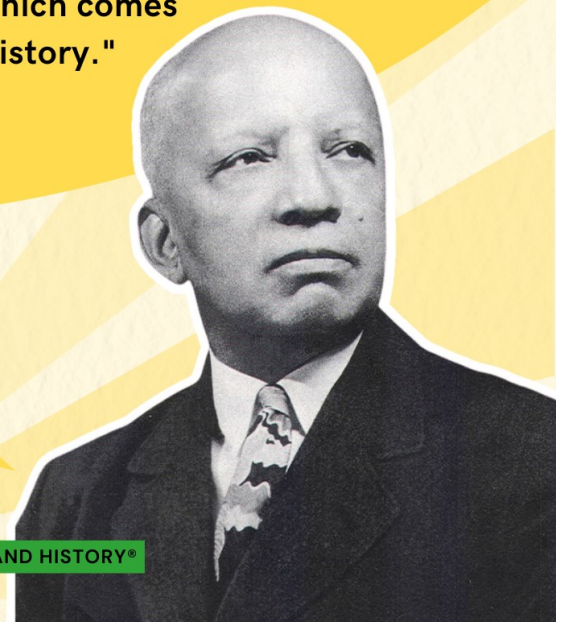


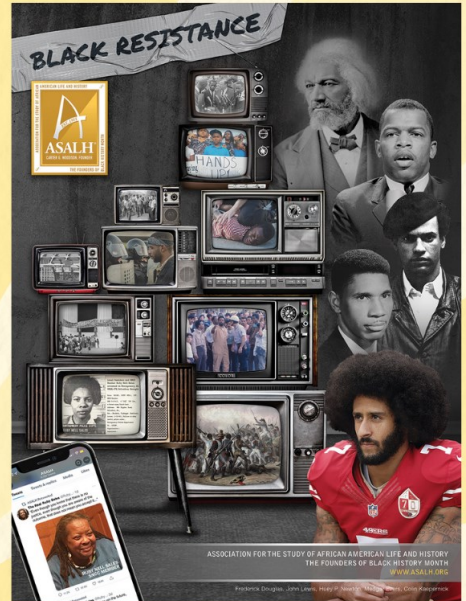
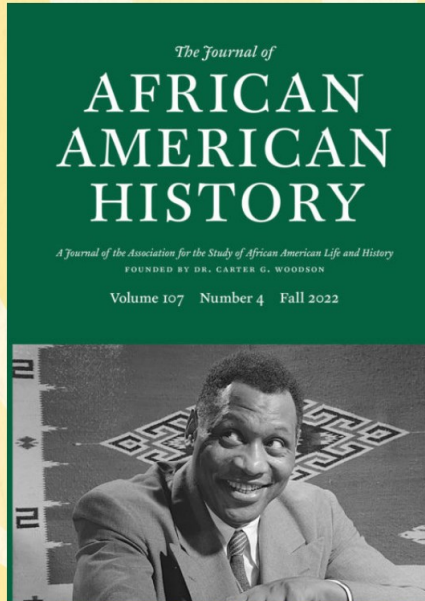
"Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history."

**CARTER G. WOODSON**

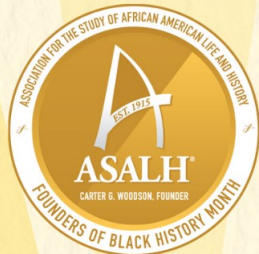
What **Carter G. Woodson** would say about the continued celebrations is unknown, but he would smile on all honest efforts to make black history a field of serious study and provide the public with thoughtful celebrations.

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## Origins of Black History Month

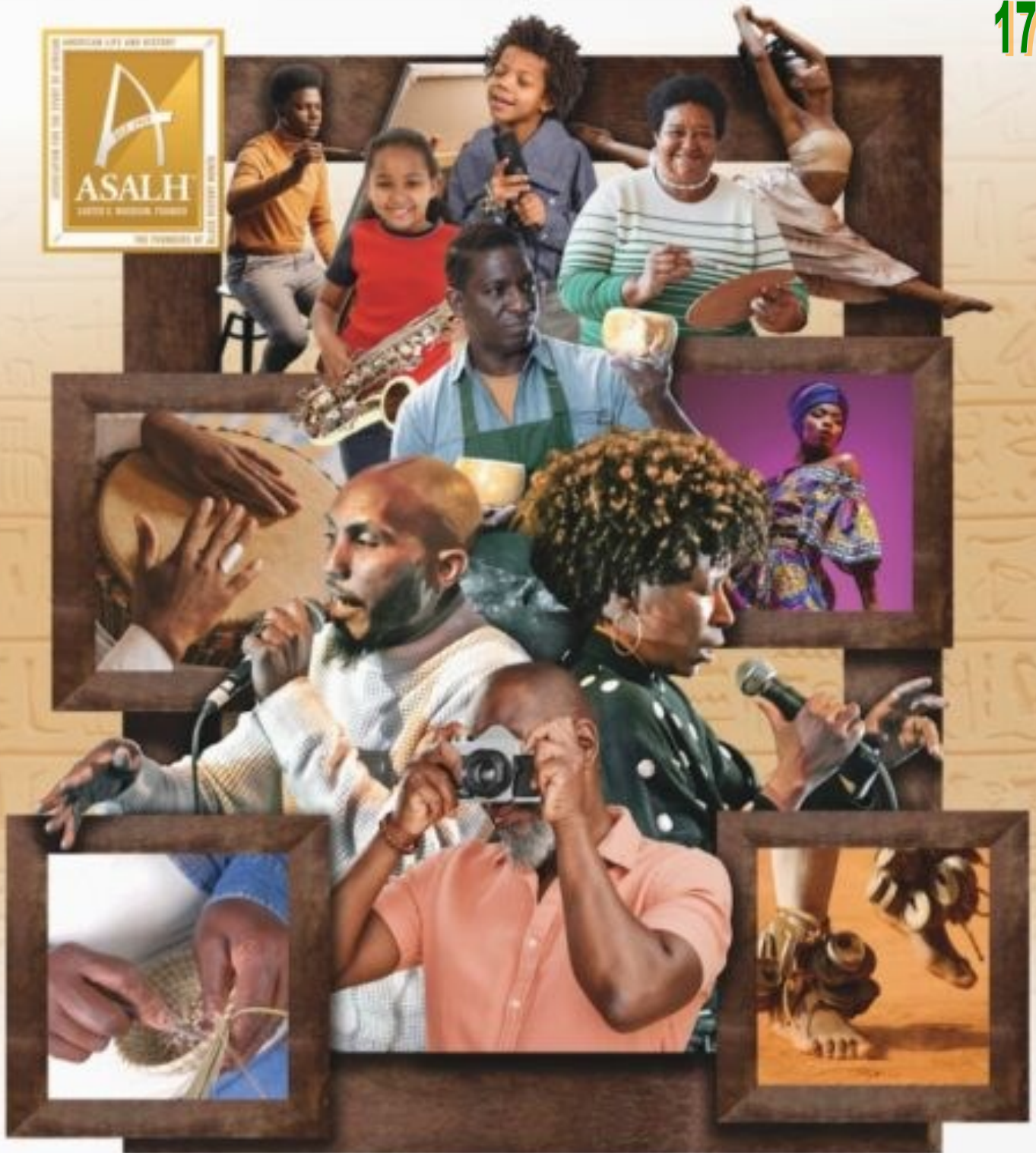
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# AFRICAN AMERICANS and the Arts

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**January BOD MEETING**

**Sunday, January 7th**  
**Starting at Noon at**

**The Legendary BLAZING SADDLE**  
EST. 1983  
416 E 5th St. Des Moines, Iowa 50309  
www.theblazingsaddle.com

**ICFA**  
EST. 1990



**FEBRUARY BOD MEETING**

**Date & Time**  
**TBD**

**GARDEN**  
RESTAURANT & SHOW LOUNGE  
525 E Grand Ave Des Moines, IA 50309

**ICFA**  
EST. 1990

**Click on the image for more information**

# *Big Momma's Birthday Battle*

*of the LEGENDS Court Show*

FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH, 2024, SHOW AT 8PM



*Whitney Vs. Tina*



*All Net Proceeds to Benefit Annie's Foundation*



525 E. Grand Ave. DSM, IA

**Click on the image for more information**

The Imperial Court of Iowa presents...

# The Rise of the Dragon: Asian New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 10, 2024

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Dinner - TBD

•Purchase \$15.00 ticket through the Garden

7:30-8:00 p.m. - Cocktail Social Time, Silent Auction and Honoring Our Elders

8-9:30 p.m. - Show with special guest performers

Come join us as we celebrate the  
Cultures and Diversity of Asian Community!

Net proceeds raised go to the Yasmine DeMorney Scholarship



# A Decade of Love: 80s Ballads

Friday, February 16th  
Starting at 8:00 pm  
at

ALL Performers  
Welcome!!!!

Hosted by:



525 E Grand Ave Des Moines, IA 50309



Eudora Riverz  
Princess Royal



Reggie Knight  
Prince

Net Proceeds to Benefit the Mother Earth Scholarship Fund

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EMPRESS 31 BIG MOMMA JEAN &  
PRINCESS ROYAL 31 EUDORA  
RIVERZ PRESENT:

# COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH THE YEARS PAGEANT

Community Service Royalty 2024

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 2024 | THE GARDEN

DOORS: 5PM | PAGEANT: 6PM

INTERVIEW: 3PM

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR

MUST SIGN UP TO COMPETE BY MARCH 2ND

TO REGISTER CONTACT  
BIG MOMMA JEAN OR  
EUDORA RIVERZ (JAKE MORRISSEY)



Click on the image for more information

Sunday October 15, 2023- The Garden Restaurant and Show lounge.

Call to order 12:20pm

Attendance

Robert E.  
Andrew M.  
James DP  
Steve M  
Eric DP  
Matthew M  
Wyatt R  
Jordan DP  
Matthew W  
Jake M  
Teddy G  
Greg R  
Dez  
Lukas  
Tiana  
Cage  
Eva

Approval of Minutes- motion carried

Approval of Agenda motion carried

File Reports

President

Vice President- nothing

Secretary- bills received in PO Box

Treasurer-

See attached. Bank says we have more money than we say we have  
No funds in the Mother Earth to give out this year

State functions

Eric, Wyatt and Lili to meet with the hotel

Monarchs

Lexi- thank you for helping get through coronation. Thank you Gina, Jake, Eric and Matt  
Juanita- still processing, thank you for all the help and for the last year

Auxiliary Reports

PR- thank you for a great year

Webmaster

All events updated, website updated

Old Business

Sign of Oaths of Office for new monarchs and PR

All signed

Change to the Yazmine Scholarship

To say and/or POC or Trans

New Business

Mongo- if you want to have an event at the Saddle contact Ima a few months before to get scheduled.

Motion to adjourn 1:05pm

Motion carried.

Regin 31

Sunday October 15, 2023- The Garden Restaurant and Show lounge.

Call to order 1:20pm

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Eva

Election of Officers- Motion Carried

President- Greg Ross  
Vice President- Steve McManigle  
Secretary- Eric Dollerschell- Petry  
Treasurer- Mathew Wilson  
State Functions- Wyatt Reicherts  
Monarch 1- Andrew McGlaughlin  
Monarch 2- Jordan Darr-Patterson

Ratification of Board 31- motion carried.

New Business

Membership of Prunella DeVille/Jim Baldrige-Garst

Will be allowed to apply for membership, a grievance will be filled on behalf of the board and a trial will follow.

Budget Guidelines

Review the budget vs spent for reign 30 and move discussion to next meeting.

Men of Ragbri sponsorship

No funds needed.

Motion carried.

Motion to change from Square to Pay Pal

Motion carried.

## Coronation 32 theme

A Candle Lite Night at the Imperial Palace

Motion carried.

## Monarch Monikers

Andrea

The Onyx and Pink Diamond Saint of Sobriety, Sisterhood, and Sass. “There’s Gnome place like home, just let her lick it” She may be ditzy but she’s not dumb, the Lady of the ‘Loo

Motion carried.

Jean Marie

The Hand Clappin', Foot Stopin', Card Playing Get me a Margarita and Make Sure it's the Good Stuff Dammit! The lover of Gospel, First Lady to the Church of Imperial Sass! Mama of ALL the Hot Men, Surveyor of the Big Bulges, and Glistening Pecks, And Purveyor of the VHS Cleaner! Bippity Bop-Pity Who the Hell are You? Iowa's Youngest Granny.

Motion carried.

Andrea to not have a PR

Leaving option to elevate someone later

## Monarch Ball

4/13 at the Garden 5pm door 6pm show

Motion carried.

## PR Ball

5/4/ at the Garden 5pm door 6pm Show

Motion carried

## BOD Ball

Look at having somewhere in Waterloo

## Consent Agenda

Need all agenda items sent to President a week before meeting

All committee reports to the president a week before the meeting

Can be put in BOD chat

## Protocol

Wyatt will handle protocol for the year.

## Old Business

Strategic planning

Motion carried to allow Wyatt R to start having the conversion with the planner.

## Next Meeting

November 19, 2023, at 12:00pm- The Blazing Saddle

Motion to adjourn 2:54 pm



Imperial Court of Iowa  
Reign 31 Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2023- The Blazing Saddle

Call to Order 12:00pm

Approval of Minutes- motion carried

Approval of Agenda- motion carried

Attendance

Matthew W

Matthew M

Wyatt R

Jake M

Greg R

Bob E

Steve M

James DP

Eric DP

Jordan DP

Eva Rose- Online

Andrew M- absent- unexcused

File Reports

President

If a member of the board is going to miss a meeting, they need to contact Lili before the meeting.

Registration with the state – waiting to go through the Secretary if State.

Visa President

Everyone is doing well- all is good

Secretary

Thank yous, ask letters, Insurance notices, check from American Marketing

Treasurer

See attached report.

State Function

Both the Saddle and Garden have confirmed for coronation. – follow up contact closer to the date.

Monarchs:

Jean Marie

Dallas was great

CAAP was a great time

Need to schedule meeting with the Saddle- Andrea may have to be on the phone.

Thanks for Giving show 11-23-2023

Christmas with the Court 12-15-2022

Reign 31 Christmas Party 12-16-2023  
 Jean Marie's birthday show 1-19-2023  
 Send personal invites for show vs doing cattle calls

Approval off Reports- motion carried.

Old Business

Budget- see attached

New Business

Ida's Message

Limit the number of dais guests  
 Will be continued as old business at a later date

Court Walks

Discus at a later date as old business

Extend crowning time to 11pm when needed

Doors at 3pm Ball at 4pm

Suspend 5pm SOP- Motion carried

Monarchs have to give awards before the ball

Rose Ceremony

Move to old business to be discussed at a later date

Candidates to be in Hospitality on Saturday from 10am to Noon

Motion Carried

Give only premiant and life time titles at the ball

BOD to help in hospitality this year.

Monarchs need to have ball coordinator by the January Meeting

Coronation Ticket Prices

\$25 Out of state show

\$100 Ball ticket

\$35 brunch

Under 21 Ball ticket \$50

Weekend Package \$160

Early bird package \$125

Out of State at the door \$30

No Ball tickets at the door

Brunch at the door \$40

Early bird pricing ends 8/31/2023

Ticket sales end 9/15/2023

Motion Carried

Webmaster

Bubbles has been moved to the home pages

All known events for reign 31 have been posted

Paypal links have been added

Coronation page has been designed.- need the following

Hotel Links

Room Rates

Ron's picture information Ticket prices

Princess Royal

PR Ball will be on May 4, 2024

Proceeds to the Hall Thompson Scholarship

2-16-2024 Reggie/Eudora Ballad Show

Have been advised that cannot be all ballads per the Garden  
 12-9-2024 will be going to Omaha for Toyz for Tots.



**Reign 31. Date: 12/17/2024**

**Called to order:** 12:12p.m.

**Called by:** Lili Whyte

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**Attendance:** Lili Whyte, Jake Morrissey, Juanita Voltaire, Reggie Knight, Evie Blank, Ida Slapter-Back, Dominic Darr-Paterson, Gina Té Michaels, Jean Marie Knight Michaels, Evian Waters

**Non-ICIA member:** Kitten Photography, Rusty

**Excused Absence:** Andrea Knight Michaels (work)

**On Call Attendance:**

**Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Minutes with the inclusion:** Evian Waters/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ida Slapter-Back

**Approval of the agenda:** Ida Slapter-Back / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evian Waters

**File Report:**

**President:**

Per Mongo, reigning monarch photo needed for Saddle. Who is printing? Jean and Dom take care of it.

M'ris stated there were total of \$200.00 PayPal donations – reminder to click on Event for PayPal.

Kitten Photography – Asked to be involved.

The Court Christmas party was a blast! Thank you to Rusty and Jerry!

No matching money from ICS. Duncan not returning calls, called Scott. Lilli going to reach out to Truly Scrumptious. Next year, do not mention match funds. Rusty asked if Chanel check for \$1,200.00. **Motion by Juanita to waive 25% / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Marie Knight Michaels. Evian will message Chanel.** Chanel response check given to Garden. Rusty check with Jerry.

Board meeting Executive Board member at US Bank on December 26, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.; appointment set up with US bank in Waterloo for Gina Té.

**Vice President:** In Omaha for a show for Natasha and Madeline. Attended the December ICIA show. Going to Houston with one of the Monarchs. Planning to go to Minnesota Coronation. Thank you to the Garden. January going over the SOPs.

**Secretary:**

Google Drive file moved to external hard drive. We need a place where all BOD members to have access to all files. Jake will look into the

February 10, 2024, Asian New Year's event.

- Dinner from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
- \$15 plated dinner to purchase from Garden website.
- Working food budget with Jerry.

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- o **two volunteers from the family line or general membership to plate the dinner.** This **will not** a buffet style dinner, as we are managing portion size and helps with clean up.
- o Everyone including the host needs to buy a ticket for the food as it covers the cost.
- o Social and raffle ticket purchases start 7:30 p.m. Event start at 8 p.m.
- o Show starts at 8 p.m. Sharp with Muffy and Juanita Co-emceeing.
  - o Talked to Jerry and agreed to run the vent all night. We will have more time and flexibility to do 2 to 3 sets.
- o Donations and auction items:
  - o Have eight drawing baskets features a country or aspect of Asian culture.
  - o Received donation from Empress Coco LaChine for Filipino baskets.
  - o Ivanna Cupcak is donating items to add to the Vietnam basket.
  - o Three grand prizes – Coronation portrait by Ron Comstock, Jewelry Set from Evie Blank Design, Drag Muffin male / unisex coat from Keith (high priced items)
  - o **Need two volunteers from the family line or general membership to see drawing tickets.**
- o **Asking for the board to figure out counters for the event.**
- o **Need board member, general member or family line member to sell \$15 Feng Shui pendant.** Poster has been created.
- o **Volunteers needed for decorating prior to the show;** will be asking Jerry and Mona what time we can get into the Garden to decorate, set up the floor plan and cook.
- o Meeting with Jerry – talk reservation table or document.
- o Clarification for ticket prices. Only for food.  
Need stamper for those who paid for food.

**Treasurer:**

US Bank Amount \$17,514.18

Outstanding Reign 30 Charitable Checks \$5,319.01

**Total Available Bank Monies \$12,195.17**

Reign 31 Books: \$12,185.58

Difference \$9.59

**Savings:**

Yazmine Scholarship \$4,111.00

Guardian Angel Scholarship \$1,283.82

**CDs:**

Guardian Angel Scholarship (February 2024) \$2,603.58

Mother Earth (December 2024) \$1,024.64

See details for balance sheet, credits and expenditure attachments to the agenda.

**State Functions:** Need to talk with Matt for the Hotel. Send

**Monarchs:****Jean's Monarch Report:**

- Thanks For Giving Show-We had a small but fun crowd. (\$192 Net raised)
- Attended World AIDS Day event at The Garden, great turnout for the event-Glad we had some representation from the Court. (Lili, Evian, Muffy, Dom and I)
- Traveled to Nebraska for their Toyz for Tots Benefit- Had a wonderful time supporting our sister court. Got the chance to talk to a lot of their COMs about our Monarch Ball in April, with many planning to attend. (HUGE Shoutout to My Princess Royal Eudora Riverz and Empress 30, Juanita Voltaire for being amazing representatives always but especially for the Toyz for Tots Event-THANK YOU Gina Te for going the weekend before and helping raise money and representing Iowa)
- Christmas with the Court Show- I'll report how it went and \$\$\$ raised.
- Christmas Party
- Sent out my Christmas Letter to members and a letter to members from reign 30 who did not rejoin this year.
- January 13<sup>th</sup>- I'll be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska for their E&E Ball.
- January 19<sup>th</sup>-My Birthday Show (Money going to Annie's Foundation) Whitney Vs. Tina Show-ALL Welcome to perform.
- February 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, I'll be traveling to Minnesota for their Coronation-I know we have many from the Royal Family Line planning to attend so we should have a large delegation from Iowa in attendance. (Thank you M'Iris for getting ad sent in)
- Please help push the Prom event that is on February 17<sup>th</sup>- This is a ticketed event so hoping we have a good turnout. This is now an ALL-AGES EVENT- \$20/1 Ticket, \$35/2 Tickets (3PM-7PM)
- New events added to calendar since last meeting: My Red and Wild Strawberry Social Event - TBD, Leather and Lace Ball that I have been working with Iowa Leather, Bear and Pet on, Community Service Royalty Pageant. Movie night with a cover event. Hoping for a very successful pageant. Ida volunteered for LGBT dvd for movie nights.
- Eudora and I have 2 contestants already for our Community Service Royalty Pageant and a few more I know that are thinking of running. Help spread the word on that to get more contestants. (March 9<sup>th</sup>). Push the event and let them know about form.
- Going to start sending invites out for Monarch Ball 31 after the first of the year.
- \*\*Lili- Can we please schedule a meeting with The Saddle to get some events going. \*\* Lili stated Ima wants to talk with Lili.
- Planning to meeting with folks in Sioux City. Planning talk with Rachel and Topaz.
- Pasta bake left donated for Refugee Organization and went a family in need.
- Thank you to the Board for supporting the monarchs.

**Andrea's Monarch Report:****Confirmed Travel:**

- Houston Coronation (January)
  - Leaving Thursday
  - Returning Sunday
- Minnesota Coronation (February)
  - I will need help getting to and from
  - I'm off at 2 p.m. on that Thursday, and off till Tuesday
  - Staying at the host hotel from Thursday-Monday

**Travel Options / Considerations:**

- Looking into Coronations in March for possible travel.
- Corpus Christi Texas Coronation

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### Fundraising Ideas / In the works:

- Change for a Change-Spare Change Drive
  - Similar to last year
  - Looking for more places to drop-off / collect coins
  - Need to ask The Garden if we can put up a change collection
- Online / in-person Coffee and Snack sales
- Reign 31 Merch
  - Merch to remember 31
  - Represent the reign at public events
- Raffle tickets to Coronation32
  - \$20 to enter
  - Prizes Package to include
    - Weekend Passes to Coronation32
    - Jewelry Set
    - Hotel Stay (pending board approval)
- Jewelry Auction
- PRIDE BINGO
  - Host Bingo at a local pride (like CVP or CCP)
  - Talk to Andrea as it's easier to say than type out how it works
- Food Booth at Jesup Farmers' Day

### Life Update:

- My work schedule is changing again.
  - No longer able to support any event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month (new full weekend to work)
  - Work is no longer allowing any PTO on your full weekend due to others abusing it
    - Subject to all change as it's a four-week rotation, that doesn't factor in 5-week months.

### Recognition:

- Congratulations to Reggie for the BINGO Event
  - Major Success. Can't wait for the next one!
  - Thank you to the Dew Drop for hosting the event
  - Jade Michaels for coming and counting the money
  - And thank you to anyone that was able to support the event in person, or behind the scenes

### Auxiliary Reports – Webmaster:

The website is updated. Website/Facebook Updates.

- Memorial Picture for Bubbles has been removed from the home page.
- All known IC.I.A. Events have Facebook events created and are posted on website.
- Coronation Page active:

Need Hotel link and room rates.

Website Hits as of 12/15/23: 2022 – 7,471 / 2023 – 8,324 / Year Average using / GoDaddy – 7,892  
November 2023 – 653; December 2023 – 198; Month Average – 699  
-Matthew Millard

**Auxiliary Reports – PRs:** May 4 for PR Ball. M'ris has the poster. Surprise for the event. Attended Toyz for Tots in Omaha. Will be attending E&E Ball and attending MN Coronation.

Discussion about having additional events that works with Andrea's schedule.

**Old Business:**

State reporting – We are registered

Bank – scheduled on December 26, 2023 with 4:15 p.m.; Gina will be signing in Waterloo after December 26, 2023.

Insurance update – Not canceled. Lili has three reinstatement letters. The agent didn't have the document for our policy. Check was sent to the insurance.

Strategic Planning – Engaged strategic planner. \$2,000 budget for cost. Juanita needs to send current Bylaws and SOPs. Need to have general membership and past members for a meeting. Discussion about past monarchs and Permanent Titles.

RFP Update – Asking Board Member for the approval of the letter to send out of tax.

Scholarship matching from the Imperial Council - Lili

Name tags – Juanita will order the name tag for the monarchs and PRs.

Rose Ceremony – Evie Blank

**New Business:**

- 1) Name tags
- 2) Hotel weblink for Coronation – Juanita need to talk with Matt and ask about plated dinner.
- 3) Prides 2024 – Andrea. Ida will send document in Board chat. Table for discussion to January 07, 2024 meeting.
- 4) Discussion for events getting board approval as the Board signs off on the outgoing checks as it was done in previous Reign prior to Reign 27. An embedded record of check number and dollar amount helps with a quarterly and annual audit of our financial records. Discussion about event forms, ads, and timeframe.
- 5) Standardizing monthly Board meeting for same Sunday. Not possible with schedule.
- 6) Jewelry set auction with tickets. Motion to create a jewelry auction by Gina T; 2nd by Jean K-M. Abstain: Ida Slapfer-Back.

**Upcoming Board Meeting dates:**

January 7th, 2024 – Saddle

Motion by Evian Waters to move the discussion for February meeting into the Board Chat to include Andrea. Jean Marie / 2nd by Juanita.

2) February 2024 - Garden

3) March 2024 - Saddle

4) April 2024 - Garden

5) May 2024 - Saddle

6) June 2024 - Garden

7) July 2024 - Saddle

8) August 2024 - Garden

9) September 2024 – Saddle

Motion to by Jean K-M; 2nd by Evian Waters.

**The December BOD minutes will be voted on at the January 7, 2024 BOD Meeting.**

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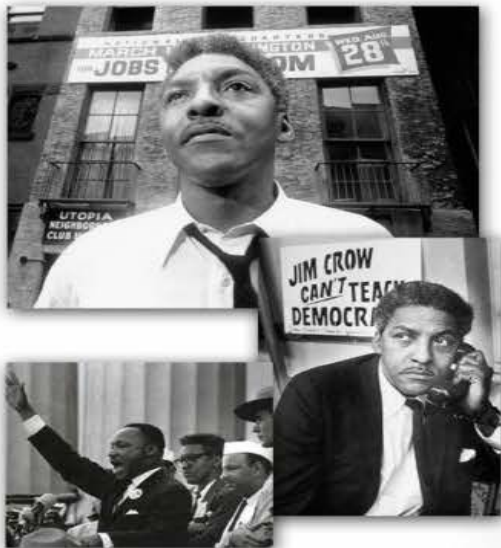
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