



October King Press

*We Are
Building
"Character,
Families &
Communities"
In 2010*



The King Team welcomes its newest member, Donna Brown-Wells. Donna is the new Office Assistant. We are happy to have her join our team!

**The King Center is now open on
Saturday from
9:00am until 1:00pm!**

**Open gym
Open King & Queens Fitness Room
&
Our newest class is a
Power Fitness Class taught on
Saturday's from noon until 1pm
with instructor Saleem**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Coming to the center

Milwaukee Affiliate of
SISTERS NETWORK, INC
A National African American Breast Cancer
Survivorship Organization



Saturday, October 16, 2010
10:00am – 3:00pm
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center
1531 W. Vliet Street



**A DAY FOR BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS &
VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT FOR THE CURE!**

ON-SITE REGISTRATION:
9am

Mail Registration
P.O. Box 250336
Milwaukee, WI 53225

Register online & ask questions at:
www.Sisters4Cure.org



Supporting the
Fighters.
Admiring the
Survivors.
Honoring the
Taken.
And never, ever giving up
Hope.

**KNOCK OUT
BREAST CANCER**



Coming to the center

GIRL SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST SOCIAL MEET AND GREET!!!

Come register your daughters, Grades K5-5th for Girl Scouts, and receive warm and fluffy PANCAKES!!!

Complete and bring the attached registration form to this meeting. Girls Scout information will be shared and girls can also participate in games, music and a take-home project.

When: Saturday, October 9, 2010
Where: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center
1531 W. Vliet Street
Time: Between 9-12pm
Who: Girls grades K5-5th

Girls in grades 6-12th, ask me about volunteer opportunities as an assistant at Girl Scout meetings.

Questions? Contact Ms. Twana, Membership Specialist, @ 414-443-3944



Coming to the center

Youth Gospel Extravaganza!
October 9th
10:00am until 4:00pm

mob- A **PULSE** IN THE COMMUNITY presents



THE YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, October 9th
Martin L. King Jr. Center
1531 W. Vliet Street
Milwaukee, WI 53205
@ 10am

20/10

FREE!!!!

Admission
•HAIR-CUTS (for a number of youth)
A variety of Foods will be avail.
Prizes, programs, giveaways, & more.



“Represent your school, but the Anointing will control this environment.”

The Legendary COMMANDOS

(security will be enforced)

Coming to the center



University of Wisconsin
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

UNNATURAL CAUSES

...is inequality making us sick?

Do we ALL have
an EQUAL chance
for HEALTH?



Supporting Healthy Pregnancies for Healthy Babies

Project of the Wisconsin Partnership Program
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

October 14th
4:00pm until 7:00pm
Free and Open to the
Public

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center
1531 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE LIHF PRESENTS:

Can racism become embedded in the body and affect birth outcomes?

CONTACT: QUINTON D. COTTON, 414.224.3055

Coming to the center

October 21st

Play
Pieces in My Own Words by Brenda Wesley

Locally Produced Play Educates Community on Mental Illness among African Americans

(As part of National Minority Mental Health Awareness month, NAMI Greater Milwaukee (National Alliance on Mental Illness) has announced the upcoming presentation of *Pieces: In My Own Voice*, a play intended to educate and deliver information to African Americans coping with mental illness.



Actors from various Milwaukee community theatres will perform *Pieces* on Thursday, October 21st. The event is free of charge and the public is welcome to attend. After the play there will be a question-and-answer session, a resources table and depression screening.

Pieces is just one component of the successful **ASK** (*Access, Support & Knowledge*) program, which was developed by NAMI Greater Milwaukee in response to troubling signs of growing mental health challenges in the African American community.

As part of the ASK program, NAMI Greater Milwaukee makes various resources available, including providing a presentation free of charge upon request for churches, civic groups, schools and other community organizations. Since the formation of ASK in 2007, more than 100 ASK presentations have provided information to more than 4,000 participants.

Brenda Wesley, a trained mental health education facilitator, conducts the ASK presentations and wrote *Pieces*. Brenda knows first-hand about the struggles faced by African Americans dealing with mental illness. Two of her closest family members live with mental illness.

"*Pieces* will captivate and engage the audience by bringing them into the world of persons living with a mental illness. The audience will journey through a crisis, self acceptance and recovery," Wesley said. "The stories are told through monologues that cover a wide range of mental health diagnoses. We weave educational messages throughout the show that have been delivered through the ASK program."

Happenings in the Center & around the Community

**200 Websites
Scholarships for
Black Students
www.blackexcel.org**

On September 30th, Repairers of the Breech teamed up Jim Sajdak, President of Stan's Fit Your Feet and distributed 1000 pairs of gym shoes to the homeless and low-income families! The event was a great success.



On Wednesday, October 7th volunteers from Harris Bank were at the King Center to work with the youth. They discussed the importance of managing money through effective spending, saving and sharing as part of the Financial Literacy Program with Harris Bank and United Way. The children did financial workshops and enjoyed learning about saving money.



Meet the King Advisory, Inc.

Executive Board Members

King Advisory, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization which consists of 16 members. The King Advisory, Inc's signature event is the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Back-to-School Festival, which was founded by 10th District Milwaukee County Supervisor, Elizabeth Coggs. The Back-to-School Festival helps children start the academic year positively with basic classroom supplies. Children receive a book bag, theme books, a pack of pencils, ink pens, folders, a ruler, glue sticks, erasers and much more to get them off to a great academic school year. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Back-to-School Festival improves the image of Milwaukee County's premiere central city green space, King Park and its surrounding neighborhoods. This event brings together a true private/public partnership collaboration which residents of Milwaukee County benefit from, the effects of this event has been recognized as a community wide festival.



**Elizabeth
Coggs
Founder**

Elizabeth Coggs was elected and has served as 10th District Supervisor since 1988 and was re-elected in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008. Supervisor Coggs is currently Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee and a member of the Health and Human Needs Committee and Parks, Energy and Environment Committee. From 1996 to 2000 she was the Second Vice Chair of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, the first person of color and first female to be elected to this position by her peers. Supervisor Coggs is a graduate of Lincoln High School and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is also an alumna of Future Milwaukee.

Supervisor Coggs has served as Chairman of the Combined Community Services Board for the past four years. She is also a member of the National Association of County Officials and the National Organization of Black County Officials. She's also a member of the Leaders Forum and the Historic Concordia Neighborhood Association.

She has a lifetime of involvement in the Milwaukee community. She is Chairman of Vision for Vliet, and a member of the Milwaukee Urban League Guild, NAACP and Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God In Christ.

Elizabeth is the dedicated mother of Priscilla, Chloé and Devona and grandmother of Solomon. She and her family attend Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God In Christ. Supervisor Coggs lives by the motto of "God first, then family and community" and believes in the power of "Faith, Hope & Harmony."



**Shawn
Williams,
President**

Shawn Williams has been the President Of King Advisory since 2008-Present. Shawn favorite motto is "You have to pay your rent while living on earth" I feel by giving back is paying my rent to the youth in central Milwaukee. Shawn received his Associate Degree in Biblical Studies from Agape Bible College "06". He is a active Community Organizer, Motivational Speaker, Outreach Consultant, and serves with the Milwaukee County Work Reform Men of Color Taskforce.



Kaylynn Blackwell is married with 2 adult children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She retired on January 16th of 2007, after 38 years, as an insurance professional, with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Kaylynn serves on the board of King Advisory, Inc. (KAI), a non-profit organization formed to support the MLK Community Center and call attention to what the center has to offer the community. KAI also raises money to provide school supplies and book bags to thousands of children every year.

Ms. Blackwell looks for volunteer opportunities wherever she can. She serves on several committees and is active at Cross Lutheran Church, where she has been a member for more than 30 years.

Kaylynn is a graduate of Cardinal Stritch University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. She also earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Management from Milwaukee Area Technical College.

**Kaylynn
Blackwell
Vice President**



A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Key earned her bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in 1984, an associate's degree in management from Milwaukee Area Technical College in 1997 and pursued her master's degree in management from Cardinal Stritch University, graduating in 2003. She has also completed the Center for Disease Control and Prevention/Association of Schools of Public Health based in Atlanta - *Distant Learning Program* – Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership and received a graduate certificate in 2002.

Over the last 20 years, Key has spent her social work career at New Concept Self Development Center, Inc. Her role has been one of project coordinator, supervisor, site manager, division manager, special assistant to the CEO, Associate Director and currently the agency's CEO/President. Key serves as the project director for "The Long Term Recovery Project". This project provides case management services to individuals residing in Milwaukee who were affected by Hurricane Katrina.

She currently serves in the role of treasurer for the King Advisory, Inc board of directors. The board has a 16-year history of providing book bags and school supplies to more than 5,000 school age youth during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. " Back to School Festival". Key was also a 2006 recipient of the Milwaukee Times Black Excellence Award.

**Vanessa
Key,
Treasurer**



My name is Theresa Randall, Secretary of the King Advisory, Inc. Board of Directors. I have 3 wonderful children and 2 grandchildren. I work full time for Milwaukee County-Wraparound Milwaukee and am a full time student at Concordia University. I have served on the King Advisory, Inc. Board for a number of years. I have volunteered for the Back to School Festival for over 10 years in many capacities. I love being able to interact with the children/families in our community. It is always a great feeling to know that you played a part in making someone else's life a little bit better.

**Theresa
Randall,
Secretary**

Additional Board members include: Nancy Hahn, Minister Quincy Johnson, Daniela Matthews, Makia Reed, Charles Reese, Pastor Deborah Taylor, Rep. Leon Young, and Roosevelt Prichett. AdHoc members are: Dee McCollum, Jeff Baudry & Pastor Guy Taylor

Meet the "Friends of King Community Center Board Members

The mission of "Friends of King Community Center" is To honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through excellent education, programs, and achievement as we build up the Beloved Community. This board plans fundraisers and participates in events that benefit the members and visitors of the Community Center. The board is running full steam ahead with ideals to make the center continue to fill like home away from home!



**ReDonna
Rodgers,
Board Co-Chair**

ReDonna is the oldest of 6 children. She thanks her mother and father for encouraging her to get an education. Her mom inspired her to travel and her father taught her to develop her skills so she could support herself. She loves listening to people, comedy shows, dining out, movies, and watching documentaries.

Her career journey includes the Hillside Boys & Girls Club, the YWCA, Dallas Boys & Girls Club and New Concept. In 1991, ReDonna co-founded the Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship (CTE). CTE's mission is to expose 9-24 year olds to entrepreneurship, financial literacy, provide an awareness of personal growth opportunities and build individual responsibility.

ReDonna has built her career in the fields of youth development, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and family empowerment. CTE has assisted over 50 businesses started by young people under 24 years of age and served over 10,000 youth through:

- Your Life is Your Business Program
- WAGE (We Are Girl Entrepreneurs)
- I Can Be My Own Boss Series
- Teach Me Some Cents Series



**Marilyn Miller,
Board Co-Chair**

Marilyn Miller is the Executive Director of the Lutheran Human Relations Association (LHRA), a national peace and justice organization founded 57 years ago, which provides cross-cultural education, human relations and anti-racism/oppression workshops and training. Marilyn is a native Milwaukeean who has served locally and nationally in helping people reach their full potential educationally and relationally. Currently, she is working at Reformation Lutheran Church as she attends seminary at Wartburg Seminary in Iowa and completes her Clinical Pastoral Education experience on her way to becoming a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Nancy Hahn is a Social Worker licensed by the State of Wisconsin. Nancy possesses a BS degree in Social Welfare from UW- Whitewater with an emphasis in Child and Family Services and an Associates Degree in Supervisory Management from MATC. Currently, Nancy is the Manager of the Division of Social Services for New Concept Self Development Center, Inc. where she has been employed for over 19 years. In her role at New Concept, Nancy is responsible for overall management of program contracts, staff development and training, grant writing and reporting, program outcome development and evaluation, local and state collaboration, and funding source relations for over multiple programs related to teen pregnancy prevention, child abuse and neglect prevention, fatherhood programming, parent education, comprehensive human sexuality education, healthy birth outcomes, youth mentoring, sexual assault prevention, peer education models, HIV/AIDS case management, and home visitation models. In addition to her professional work, Nancy currently is a member of the MLK Inc. Back To School Advisory Board, Friends of King Advisory Board and the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Council Advisory Board. Nancy is the mother of one adult son, Ryan and has resided in Milwaukee since 1976.

***Nancy Hahn
Board Recorder***



Joe Woodland has been an employee of Milwaukee County for the past seven years. He has volunteered with the Back-to-School Festival for the past 4 years. Joe is happy to serve on the Friends of King Community Center Board because he believes in the centers new motto: "Building, Character, Families and Communities"

***Joe
Woodland***



LaQuisha is the proud mother of two sons Devonte and Brandon. She's been in Retail Banking for 10 years, and currently a Sr. Personal/Private Banker with North Milwaukee State Bank in which she wears several hats on the retail side. She enjoys helping and educating others with things she has learned over the years in finance. LaQuisha is also a licensed Life Insurance Agent. I currently sit on two boards: Friends of the MLK Center and Intercession, Inc. She has a passion for riding motorcycles and enjoys the time with other riders.

***LaQuisha
Jackson,
Treasurer***



Dana has spent the last 15 years educating and empowering our youth as a substitute teacher and paraprofessional. She is currently a sales rep for 5 Links & Family Child Care Provider. Active in the community and spent the summer of 2010 as Character Leadership Coordinator for Fine Art in Motion Dance Education Camp. She volunteers for various organizations and a dedicated member of Grace United Church of Christ. She is also the founder of T.R.A.C.K.S. (Taking Responsibility for Our Actions, Community Knowledge & Success) program for young males. She is the mother of Dayln and grandmother of Damyan.

***Dana Jackson,
FundRaiser
Coordinator***



**Dante T.
Chestnut Sr.**

Mr. Dante T. Chestnut Sr. is an integral part of the music and entertainment industry as (CEO) of DAMG ENT. LLC, (General Manager) with Music Powers I-Media (Atlanta) as an entertainment consultant, A&R Rep. Mr. Chestnut is also chief designer for Don Alesante Fashions, and founder of numerous non-profit organizations which include: The CHILL Program, 501c3 foundation (Creating Hope I Love Life) and D.A.N.T.E. (Doing Anything Necessary To Educate) to help the fight against illiteracy and violence, (co-founder) of S.W.A.G.G (Strong Women Accomplishing Greater Goals). Mr. Chestnut is working diligently to end violence in communities and keep trade and sports programs in schools as well as music and liberal arts programs in schools and community centers across the country.

Mr. Chestnut is also the creator of the new "Marching High Steppes" Marching Band program starting at the Dr. Martin Luther King Center in January 2011. With over 15 years to his credits, he is the definition of a true humanitarian and business leader who is passionate about his mission and carries the torch for God in his everyday walk as a board member with the Dr. Martin Luther King Center.



**Andre
Lee
Ellis,**

A native of Milwaukee Mr. Ellis started his performing arts career with the Hansberry Sands Theatre Company in 1984 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He completed theater studies at the Herbert Bergoff School of the Arts in New York City in 1991. He worked for Jomandi Productions in Atlanta, Georgia as the director of telemarketing and an actor 1991-1993. He returned to Milwaukee as the artistic director of the Hansberry-Sands Theater Company for two seasons. To his many credits Mr. Ellis was also one of the original founders and production director of the Ms. Juneteenth Pageant for 10 years. He was the drama instructor for the Marquette University Upward Bound Program for 8 years. Artistic Director of the American Players Theatre Company in Spring Green, Wisconsin's Summer Youth Theater Training Program. Mr. Ellis also directed the City of Milwaukee Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration for 7 years. Director of the Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival in Milwaukee for 9 years. Mr. Ellis moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 202 and worked with the Black Theatre Troupe there in many productions. As founder of the Andre' Lee Ellis & Company Theatre group in Milwaukee, he is most proud of the partnership shared with Milwaukee County Parks and the company's home inside the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center. Mr. Ellis is committed to presenting theater from the African and African American perspective and making it accessible and entertaining for all people to enjoy right in the County of Milwaukee.



**Carlos
Tyler**

Carlos is a student at Bryant & Stratton and will graduate in this December with an Associate Degree in Business Administration Presently Carlos is working at Milwaukee Athletic Club, and the Boys and Girls Club He is also a 21 years old Business Owner

King Center Memberships

Milwaukee County

Residents Yearly Fees

Adult - **\$35.00**
Junior (13-17) - **\$22.00**
Child (5-12) - **\$14.00**
Family of four (4) - **\$70.00**
Junior add on - **\$11.00**
Child add on - **\$7.00**
Day Passes - **\$2.50**
Replacement Cards **\$5.00**

Non-Residents Yearly Fees

Adult Non-Resident - **\$90.00**
Day Passes - **\$4.00**
Replacement Cards **\$5.00**

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
9:00am until 8:30pm
Saturday – 9:00am – 1:00pm



Room Rentals

Multi Purpose Room

\$35.00 (2hr minimum)

Conference Room

\$35.00 (2hr minimum)

Gymnasium

\$65.00 per hour
(Weekdays)
\$75.00 per hour
(Weekends)

Youth Rec Room

\$40.00 hour
Great for youth Birthday
Parties!

Auditorium

\$425.00 for 6 hours
\$80.00 Additional Hour

Registration & Rental Procedure

All fees must be paid at time of registration or rental. Classes, times and dates are subject to change without notice.

2010 King Team

*Rita Echols, Office Administrator * Jasen Jasper, Office Assistant * Dominic Conners, Youth Coordinator * Fred Jones, Recreation Specialist * Greg McBeath, Fitness Instructor * Ta-Wau Saleem, Karate Instructor * Tommy Sundebird, Weight Training Coordinator * Alvin Boyd, Preventative Maintenance Coordinator * Lamont Johnson, Facility Manager*