



We all hold a piece to the puzzle  
Friday June 15, 2012

*The Coalition, Inc. Board  
of Directors*

*Gary R. Adams  
(President/CEO), John E.  
Churchville (Treasurer),*

*Members:*

*Abu Mashkuwr Naadim  
Abdulhabir, Josephine  
Blow, Stanley Daniels,  
Nijah Famous, Lansana  
Koroma, Abdul Malik  
Raheem, Lewis Williams*

*Table of content*

*For Our Children ... 03*

*This Week ... 03*

*Employment and  
Training Opportunities  
... 06*

*Health Matters ...07*

*Green Piece ... 08*

*Grants, Scholarships &  
Instruction... 09*

*SpotLight ... 09*

*Arts for Awareness ... 13*

*Coming Up ...13*

*Computers and  
Technology ... 16*

*A Hand Up ... 17*

*Word-of-the-Week ... 19*

# *News From The Coalition, Inc.*

*"Communication – Cooperation – Collaboration"*

Volume 6, Number 38

## **Greetings Coalition Family!**



Dr. Edward W. Robinson, Jr.

**Dr. Edward Robinson**, attorney, historian, author of “Journey of the Songhai People” has made transition at age 94 on Wednesday, June 14 at approximately 10:15pm in his home town of Philadelphia. Family members and friends were in the hospice and at his bedside including his wife, Harriette.

An attorney, historian, author and professor, at the time of his death Dr. Robinson was working actively to produce a new movie titled “**Whispers of the Medallion.**” In 2004, he was awarded a contract with the Philadelphia Public School District to infuse African studies within the current social studies, science, and mathematics curricula from kindergarten to 8th grade for the 180,000 pupils’ school district and succeeded in making the teaching of African history mandatory for all students.

*If this publication is being forwarded to you, and you wish to be placed on our mailing list, send an email to [TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com](mailto:TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com) with “subscribe” in the subject.*

*If you are receiving this publication without consent, send an email with “unsubscribe” in the subject to be removed from our database.*

*If you would like to report on a recent community event, feel free to send us a brief account of what happened in document format, and we will share it with our readers.*

*Send your information to: [News From The Coalition, Inc.](#)*

*All entries for submission should be received by noon, the Monday prior to publish date and in [Press Release form](#).*

Dr. Robinson produced the best-selling historical album, **Black Rhapsody**, and co-authored **The Journey of the Songhai People**, considered by universities as a foundational history book; produced a video, an animated children’s story, **The Songhai Princess**, which became the winner of four national prizes; and co-authored with his wife, Harriette, the **book, ‘Twas the Night Before Kwanzaa**.

In addition, Dr. Robinson **authored the curriculum utilized by the thousands of members of the D’Zert Club**. All of Dr. Robinson’s efforts have been directed toward one goal: To effect a positive change of attitude toward the ancestral value of people of African descent by the total world society through dramatically exposing the beauty, grandeur and sophistication of ancient Egypt and the Songhai Empire.

*“Dr. Edward W. Robinson Jr. avenged our ancestors for the benefit of their descendants. That’s why we must **become more conscious and engage in more activism**. Let’s start by buying and reading each of his books and buying and listening to his ‘Black Rhapsody’ CD “” said **Ceil Keller, a member of Avenging The Ancestors Coalition (ATAC)**.*

**Funeral arrangements are being made – details will be published as they are made available. – Norm Bond**

<http://www.blackeconomicdevelopment.com/dr-edward-w-robinson-jr-attorney-historian-author-dead-at-94/>

“We each hold a piece to the puzzle.” – Dr. John Elliott Churchville  
“Communicate... Cooperate... Collaborate”

*I don't want the cheese, I just want to get out of the trap.*

*Latin proverb*

*We are proud to announce that News From The Coalition, Inc. is featured on the internationally acclaimed site Eight Cities Map which is read in more than One hundred eighty countries!*

*Click here:*

*EightCitiesMAP*

*Choose "Philadelphia's Online Community "Newsletter" from the menu.*

## **FOR OUR CHILDREN**

*"It is easier to build children than it is to repair men."...Frederick Douglass*

### **CAP4KIDS**

FREE Home Safety Inspection-Injury Prevention Program City of Phila  
A home safety inspection checks out the following: a properly operating smoke detector, carbon monoxide levels, hot water temperatures, improperly placed electrical extension cords and overloaded electrical outlets, loose carpeting, loose stairs, handrails on stairways and grab bars in bathrooms, slippery bathroom surfaces, and improperly placed medication and cleaning chemicals.

In addition, if needed, we distribute free items such as smoke detectors, bath-water thermometers, nightlights, and rubber bath mats. Call 215-685-7441

- [www.phila.gov](http://www.phila.gov)

### **THIS WEEK**

**Mt. Airy Arts & Groove**

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

7100 Germantown Ave.

Featuring

\*Brazilian Music Party featuring Clifton Davis and Jota Velloso

\*Jazz Concert featuring

Barbara Jackson and Lady "Dale"

\*Blue Notes - R&B Funk Show

\*Sunday Brunch with Gospel Great Tamika Patton

Buy Your Tickets Now for These Performers

@ Mt Airy Artz and Groove

Host WDAS Patty Jackson:

For more information and to purchase tickets [click here](#)

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

### **The Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Poetry Slam**

Come watch some of the top poets from the Midatlantic region! The Philly Youth Poetry Movement is hosting a friendly competition between the 2012 PYPM Youth Slam Team and several other youth poetry teams before heading to the Brave New Voices International Youth Poetry Festival in California next month.

Support some of the dopest youth poets on the planet as they gear up for Brave New Voices.

Youth teams include: New York City, Baltimore (MD), Hampton Roads

*A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song. – Chinese Proverb*

*If you have a favorite relevant quote, why not share it with our readers. send to [TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com](mailto:TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com) We will credit you with the submission.*

**JOIN THE COALITION, INC!**  
To join The Coalition go to: [TheCoalitionInc.net](http://TheCoalitionInc.net) and download a copy of the Pledge of Commitment and return it to us [the.pa.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:the.pa.coalition@gmail.com)

(VA), Washington DC., and Richmond (VA) and your PHILLY TEAM (PY – pm)

Dj Reezy will be in the building.

The Rotunda

4014 Walnut St

Philadelphia, PA 19104

Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>

3:30 PM sharp!

\$7.00 for youth (19 & under), \$10.00 for adults (20+)

\*All proceeds will go directly towards funding PYPM youth to attend Brave New Voices in California next month. We are bringing 12 youth and each student costs \$750 to attend. Please come support and help make this trip possible.

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

Please assist State Senator Anthony Hardy Williams, Philadelphia Councilman Kenyatta Johnson, and State Rep Harold James in spreading the word regarding a

**"Goods for Guns"**

event on

Saturday June 16, 2012

located at Vare Recreation Center.

The goal is to remove as many unwanted guns as possible from our communities in an effort to save lives. Unfortunately, as of today Philadelphia's official homicide count is 160, last year on this same day the count was 132. We must do better and we all have a roll to play in stopping the violence! If you have any questions please contact me at the phone number provided below. Thank you for your help! Special thank you to Uplift Solutions for standing with us continuously.

Respectfully,

Don D. Cave III

Director of Community Outreach

Anthony H. Williams

PA Senate - 8th District

Democratic Whip

215.492.2980

[www.senatoranthonywilliams.com](http://www.senatoranthonywilliams.com)

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

*We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same. - Anne Frank*

*If you would like to report on a recent community event, feel free to send us a brief account of what happened in document format, and we will share it with our readers.*

*Send your information to: [News From The Coalition, Inc.](#)*

*All entries for submission should be received by noon, the Monday prior to publish date and in [Press Release form.](#)*

## **UHURU Flea Market**

**at Clark Park "B"**

SAT June 16th • 9-5

Clark Park, 43rd & Chester Ave • #13 Trolley • W. Phila

•VEND•

Vendor Spaces Still Available!

\$45: 16' x 16' space • \$25: 6' x 6' space

download the rules & regulations [HERE](#)

Call: 215-387-0919 Email: [philly\\_flea@yahoo.com](mailto:philly_flea@yahoo.com)

•VOLUNTEER•

Volunteer at the Uhuru Flea Market in Clark Park:

- 7-9am - help vendors unload
- 11am-2pm - community outreach & flea market sales
- 4-6pm - help clean up the park

Call 267-571-9762 or email [philly@uhurusolidarity.org](mailto:philly@uhurusolidarity.org)

for Harris, volunteer coordinator

----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

## **23rd Annual Father's Day Picnic**

Sunday June 17, 2012

Belmont Grove Picnic Grounds

Belmont Mansion Drive & Chamounix Drive

Time: 12:00 Noon Till 6:00PM

Bilal Qayyum-President FDRC

The Hatfield house

3201 W. Girard Ave

Philadelphia Pa 19130

Telephone: 215-236-3372

Fax: 215-236-1799

email:[bilalq@fdrc.net](mailto:bilalq@fdrc.net)

----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

## **National Black Arts Spoken Word Tour**

Presents

Tuesday, June 18, 2012

Showtime: 7pm

"Bad Boyz and Dreams of a Brave New World"

Staged Adaptation about Urban Youth problems and issues in the community and the world - written and acted by Thierry Lundy

Tickets: \$5.00 per person - 50% off General Admission of \$10.00

Showtime: 8pm

*Even on the most exalted  
throne in the world we are  
only sitting on our own  
bottom. - Michel de  
Montaigne*

Staged Adaptation "Lil Addict - Life Stories about Addiction,  
Homelessness and Violence/Crime Prevention"  
Adapted by Maurice Henderson, Robert Hayes and Leroy Calbert.

Tickets: \$5.00 per person - 50% off General Admission of \$10.00

Paul Robeson House Museum  
4951 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA. 19139

(These are two different performances with individual general admission  
prices)

For more information contact Maurice Henderson @ (215) 987-7918 and  
mauricebrianhenderson@yahoo.com or Leslie Miles @ (267) 444-6528  
and [milessteps@gmail.com](mailto:milessteps@gmail.com)

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

## **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORUNITIES**

### **Philadelphia Job Fair**

Monday, June 18, 2012, 11AM - 2PM  
Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West  
4010 City Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131  
<http://www.coasttocoastcareerfaairs.com>

### **King of Prussia Career Fair**

Monday, June 18, 2012, 11AM - 2PM  
Crowne Plaza Hotel Valley Forge  
260 Mall Blvd, King of Prussia, PA 19406  
<http://www.nationalcareerfaairs.com>

### **Job Fair of Philadelphia**

Thursday, July 26, 2012, 10AM - 1PM  
Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel  
640 W Germantown Pk, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462  
<http://www.catalystcareergroup.com>

### **Philadelphia Opportunity Expo (Veterans & Spouses)**

Thursday, July 26, 2012, 11AM - 3PM

*Every calling is great when  
greatly pursued. - Oliver  
Wendell Holmes*

*If you have a  
favorite joke, why  
not share it with our  
readers. send to  
[TheCoalitionNews  
@gmail.com](mailto:TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com)  
We will credit you  
with the submission.*

*We will be  
spotlighting  
members and  
organizations  
weekly, if you wish  
to have your  
organization  
spotlighted, forward  
to us information on  
your primary  
mission, your  
current projects  
and/or how you  
would want other  
members of The  
Coalition to be  
involved. Many of  
us are already being  
a support to one  
another, but there is  
plenty of room for  
improvement.*

Lincoln Financial Field  
1020 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19148  
<https://events.recruitmilitary.com>

## **HEALTH MATTERS**

### **FREE DENTAL SERVICE FOR ADULTS**

"Councilwoman Janie Blackwell is hosting a free dental care day for adults on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

The dental care will be provided at UPENN's dental school (40th & Spruce Sts), and is open to all Philadelphia residents. They plan to treat up to 600 people on that day, but only have 40 people scheduled so far. Obviously, it would be unfortunate if this service is underutilized so I am asking your help to spread this message. They want people to schedule an appointment through the Councilwoman's office. Those who are interested should contact Anjali at 215-686-2031 to schedule treatment."

The direct number to schedule appointments is 717-737-4682 ...

**THEY ARE PROVIDING CLEANINGS, FILLINGS, AND  
EXTRACTIONS..... PLEASE SHARE... THANK YOU**

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

Recent research found higher concentrations of parabens in the upper quadrants of the breast and axillary area, where antiperspirants are usually applied, suggesting they may contribute to the development of breast cancer. One or more paraben esters were detected in 99 percent of the tissue samples collected from mastectomies. In 60 percent of the samples, all five paraben esters were present

Overall, topical application of personal care products containing parabens appear to be the greatest source of exposure to these estrogen-mimicking chemicals, far surpassing the risk of the aluminum in antiperspirants

Aluminum chloride—the active ingredient in antiperspirants—has been found to act similarly to the way oncogenes work to provide molecular transformations in cancer cells. Like parabens, aluminum salts also mimic estrogen, and bioaccumulate in breast tissue, which can raise your breast cancer risk

Despite the fact that parabens are used in such a wide variety of products,

their safety is primarily based on a rat study from 1956, as modern toxicology studies are lacking, and not a single study on the chemicals' carcinogenicity follow acceptable regulatory standard carcinogenicity study

*Your faith is what you believe, not what you know.  
- John Lancaster Spalding*

*If you would like to report on a recent community event, feel free to send us a brief account of what happened in document format, and we will share it with our readers.*

*Send your information to: [News From The Coalition, Inc.](#)*

*All entries for submission should be received by noon, the Monday prior to publish date and in [Press Release form.](#)*

protocols, according to a recent review.

Contributed by Saundra Ali-Healthy Me

----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

## **GREEN PIECE**

### **Get Fresh!**

Volunteer with Philabundance Fresh for All  
You recycle out the wazoo and consider yourself  
consigliore of the enviro-sack mafia.

Hence, a cause you can believe in: Philabundance wants to fill those ubiquitous bags with produce through its new Fresh for All programs.

And you can help by volunteering.

The nonprofit hands out perishables at six sites in the Delaware Valley — where nutritious diet staples are hard to come by, especially in tough times.

With a minimum three-hour commitment, you'll keep busy. Help with admin, approve clients, or do community outreach (posting mailings, making phone calls).

Looking for something physical?

Take food to sites, divide apples, and dole out the goods. You'll be doing a major part to help people get the fruits and veggies they need.

And that's a green movement to be proud of.

To participate in Fresh for All, contact Tunisia Garnett (215-339-0900 ext. 238 or [tgarnett@philabundance.org](mailto:tgarnett@philabundance.org)).

For more information, go to [www.philabundance.org](http://www.philabundance.org)

----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

Recycling Services Inc. in Pottstown takes styrofoam on Saturday and Tuesday mornings. <http://www.recyclingservices.org/>

**For sustainable enterprise go to Green Jobs Philly**  
<http://www.greenjobsphilly.org/news>

----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----



## **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION**

*"Happiness is not being the best, it is being your best." - Madu*

*If you have a favorite relevant quote, why not share it with our readers. send to [TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com](mailto:TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com) We will credit you with the submission.*

### [Grants for Women](#)

You May Qualify for Grants to Earn a Degree Online. Search Schools.

[EducationConnection.com/GrantsInfo](http://EducationConnection.com/GrantsInfo)

### [Apply For Scholarships](#)

Stop Paying For College! Apply For Scholarships Online Today.

[CollegeAdviser.com](http://CollegeAdviser.com)

### [Top 2011 Online Grants](#)

Grant Funding May Be Available See If You Qualify!

[www.ClassesUSA.com](http://www.ClassesUSA.com)

### [\\$10,000 Scholarship](#)

No GPA, No Essay, No Stress! Takes Only 3 Short Min. Don't Wait

[www.ScholarshipZone.com](http://www.ScholarshipZone.com)

## **SpotLight On Our Efforts**

On June 1, 2012, the originator/Founder of the historic Million Woman March, Sis. Empress Phile' Chionesu, returned from a fact finding, exploratory, and Movement building expedition that successfully resulted in an exciting and powerful collaboration with the Republic of Benin, West Africa.

This historic visit, which officiated the launching of several major and long awaited "next step" operations of the Universal MW Movement, specifically the MWM "Africa Ancestral, Freedom, & Self-Determination Journey" 2012 Project, also served as the first of several "Repentance, Solidarity, and Reconciliation " dialogs and initiatives that has been uniquely designed to begin an incredible process to pro-actively connect, during 2012-2013, Africans born in North America with African countries located in the Western Region; thus furthering and stabilizing meaningful relationships and productivity for all concerned.

(NOTE: 2013-14 will begin designated initiatives for the Eastern African Region)

The National MWM is extremely proud of the ongoing work and accomplishments that it has been able to render, ascertain, and bring

*Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...  
Kathy's Korner!*

*Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties.*

*The first man had married an Asian woman, and bragged that he had told his wife she was going to do all the dishes and house cleaning. He said it took a couple of days but on the 3rd day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were done.*

*The next man had married a Caucasian woman. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. On the 1st day he didn't see any results, but the next day it was better. By the 3rd day, his house was clean, the dishes were done and he had a huge dinner on the table.*

*The last man was married to a Sistah. He boasted that he had told her that her duties were to keep the house clean, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the 1st day he didn't see anything, the 2nd day he didn't see anything but by the 3rd day most of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye; enough to fix himself a bite to eat, load the dishwasher and call a landscaper.*

*(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)*

forward in the states during the past 15 years. And now armed with a well designed international program that is directly linked to countries throughout the African Diaspora a greater view and manifestation of the true MWM vision and holistic strategy can be administered and witnessed.

Never before has there been a extensively serious and diverse major project structured and presented, internationally, that specifically addresses the issues, concerns, and interest of women and girls of African descent worldwide. The Million Woman March being the largest gathering in the world of women anywhere ever was not only designed (and demonstrated its capabilities) to do things such as this, but much much more. In 1997, MWM set the tone with its "out of the box" unconventional and groundbreaking "NU Grassroots Tactical and Organizing Systems" (TM)

This year's visits to Benin, (and the upcoming trips to Ghana, Togo, and possibly Nigeria), will not only further establish the present and protracted mission and platform that was envisioned at the time of MWM's original conception and, of course, the new revelations and subsequent developments that have occurred during the past 15 years, but the upcoming visits will, assure, undoubtedly, a dramatic shift in the present stagnating and destructive paradigms hindering real global African advancement, sustainability, and Unity.

With the Republic of Benin's hosting of the National MWM US delegation that included, of course, MWM Founder and President General Empress Chi, along with MWM Special Projects Coordinator for Arts and Culture Development, Sis. Wanda Dickerson (Co-Founder of the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble), and Roger and Rudy Frances, (of the IGI Circus International Entertainment and Promotions) members of the MWM Special Projects International Logistics Team, a genuine "evolutionary relationship" has been set in motion and as such will provide a variety of "from the grassroots through the glass ceiling" incentives and opportunities while demonstrating the creativity, beauty and greatness of the Mother of Civilization. (Africa)

Press Conferences to provide a more in depth report on the visit to Benin/Dahomey, other upcoming MWM programs and Special Projects, and to assist in the establishment of National MWM Coordinating Teams and MWM Chapters will be held in Philly, PA and Camden, New Jersey on June 19, 2012 . Additional briefings and "Information Sessions" will be held in Trenton, Burlington, and Newark, New Jersey in addition to DC, NY, and DE during the month on June and July 2012

For more information contact the National MWM Headquarters at: [nationalmwm@aol.com](mailto:nationalmwm@aol.com), [officialmwm@yahoo.com](mailto:officialmwm@yahoo.com), or call: 267-636-

*Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all -- the apathy of human beings.*  
- Helen Keller

*We are proud to announce that News From The Coalition, Inc. is featured on the internationally acclaimed site Eight Cities Map which is read in more than One hundred eighty countries!*  
[Click here: EightCitiesMAP](#)  
*Choose "Philadelphia's Online Community "Newsletter" from the menu.*

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

The mission of the **Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc.** is to create solidarity and harmony within the entire community. This is experienced at the grassroots level within the religious and educational community, the business and government sector at the city, county and state levels. Its success in bringing together people from different cultures and background has integrated our activities and events into the social fiber of the city and surrounding communities.

The Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc. is incorporated as a 501©3 tax exempted, non profit charitable corporation with approximately 30 members. The dedication and the continued success of the Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc. are made possible due to its leadership, the diligent work of its volunteers and members as well as the generous financial support of private and public funding as well as state and local contributors.

In 1957, a group of parishioners from Our Lady of Mount Carmel/Fatima Church marched under the leadership of its founder, Father Leonardo Carrieri. These parishioners gave witness to their and Puerto Rican heritage, culture and traditions, thus forming the Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc. also known as St. John the Baptist Parade, Inc. It epitomized the aspirations of a community in search of recognition and equal opportunities. One of the main objectives of the first parade was to present a positive image of the Puerto Rican community.

Through the years the organization has built strong partnerships with respectable organizations such as the Latin American Economic Development Association, Camden County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey, Camden Children's Garden, Atrium Dance Studio and Mega 1310AM.

Over the years, the organization has evolved from a single event to a celebration that spans from the month of May until the end of June. Our Calendar of Events consists of a Business & Professional Reception for local and county businesses and government officials, Coronation Pageant gives highlight to our beautiful and intelligent young Latina

*Do not strive to be happy,  
stay on your path, happiness  
will overtake you. - Madu*

women in Camden County, Commemorative Mass & Luncheon gives tribute to our humble beginnings and our founders, Flag Raising Ceremony educates the public of our Puerto Rican history and the reason for our flag, Distinguished Citizens Luncheon gives honor to those seniors that have dedicated their lives to making Camden County a better place, Annual Gala Banquet & Dinner Dance provides an opportunity to spotlight our financial supporters and Achievement Honorees; the Festival de Aibonito Celebration is a tribute to one of the most beautiful and rich towns of Puerto Rico. It also consists of an Annual Parade which is a joyful celebration of Latino culture, folklore, art, history and customs.

We end our month long celebration with the largest outdoor summer concert which spotlights the many talents of our Latino culture. These two events are celebrated on the last Sunday in June, at the Camden Waterfront, to coincide with the feast of San Juan Bautista, the patron Saint of Puerto Rico.

When Christopher Columbus arrived at Puerto Rico during his second voyage on November 19, 1493, a group of Arawak Indians known as Tainos inhabited the island. The Taínos called the island "Borikén" or "Borinquén". Columbus named the island San Juan Bautista, in honor of St. John the Baptist. The Catholic calendar placed the feast of John the Baptist on June 24, six months before Christmas. June 24 is the 175th day of the year.

Each Puerto Rican town celebrates fiestas patronales, which are Patron Saint Festivals, and many towns have additional festivals, which honor cultural icons like Bomba y plena, danza, salsa, hamacas and popular crops such as plantains and coffee. This country puts a premium on celebration. Since St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of the Island and the namesake of the capital city (San Juan), his day is widely celebrated by big parties on the beaches.

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

**African Genesis Institute** is a “school without walls” focused on developing an understanding and awareness of the African experience in America. Our flagship program, which includes our Free Trip to Africa, is a proactive, 3 semester, educational and cultural program for African American and Latino youth between the ages of 7 and 14. We also offer a series of cultural trips, learning sessions, and other events during the year which are open to the public.

*True happiness arises in the first place from enjoyment of oneself. - Joseph Addison*

## **ARTS FOR AWARENESS**

*I see little of more importance to the future of our country and of civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him. Pauline Kael*

### **Jus' Words at Dowlings Place**

1310 No. Broad St. Phila

Every Thurs. 9pm to 1am

- Poets
- Rappers
- Singers
- Spoken Word Artists

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

## **COMING UP**

### **"13TH ANNUAL YOUTH ANTI-VIOLENCE HEALTH AWARENESS INITIATIVE 2012 FESTIVAL"**

Myers Recreation Center in collaboration with Resurrection Ministries, YOACAP, Urban Solutions, IDAAY, Southwest EPIC Stakeholders, Myers Recreation Center, Southwest Community Advisory Group and The Health Annex Family Practice Counseling Network is hosting their "13th Annual Youth Anti-Violence Health Awareness Initiative 2012 Festival" at Myers Recreation Center, 58th & Chester Avenue, on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please contact Mr. James A. Gordon at: (267) 319-1104 or [jamesgordon5@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesgordon5@hotmail.com) or Ms. Ryekisha N. Coffie at: (215) 851-1878 or [ryekisha@yoacap.org](mailto:ryekisha@yoacap.org) for Vendor Information.

For any questions and/or additional information, please contact Mr. Jaleel Williford at: (215) 873-3774.

This is a FREE Event for both youth and adults. Make plans to attend.

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

*The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes to do, but in liking what one has to do. - James Barrie*

**Dismiss the myth that we don't care about Black on Black MURDERS!!!!!!**

Dismiss the myth the myth that our youth do not care!!!!!!!  
Dismiss the myth that our community leaders won't work together!!!!!!  
**DISMISS THE MYTH THAT YOU DON'T CARE!!!!!!**  
**COME AND MARCH WITH US AS WE TELL OUR NEIGHBORS THAT WE DO CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY.**

**WHEN: FRIDAY JUNE 22, 2012**

**RAINDATE: JUNE 29 MEETING**

**LOCATION: 50TH & KINGSESSING AVENUE TIME:**

**6:30 PROMPTLY. (GATHERING STARTS AT 6:00PM)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 267-254-9972**

**THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY SWAC, TOTAL COMMITMENT, SWPDS, NO HOUSE UNTOUCHED AND OTHERS.**

**----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----**

The Philadelphia Chapter of NCOBRA  
will host the

**2012 conference of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA).**

June 22-24, 2012

Church of the Advocate

1801 Paul Washington Ave. (W. Diamond St.)

Philadelphia, PA

Why reparations?

There are those who ask "Why Reparations? Slavery ended in 1865?" After the passage of the 13th and 14th amendments, laws were passed to re-enslave people of African descent through Jim Crow laws. The New Jim Crow is a result of the low-intensity war against the Black community under the guise of a "War on Drugs," in addition to ongoing discrimination, and an extension of the slavery experience for Black people.

What can we do: We can begin to work together to define the strategy, plan the approach and implement the solution. One way to do this is to come to Philadelphia in June for the 2012 NCOBRA Conference. Other ways include joining with other groups working on the reparations issue. Organizations from the Nation of Islam to the NAACP have endorsed reparations. Now let's do more than talk the talk, let's walk the walk. We must decide what must be done to reclaim, reconstruct and restore our people to their former greatness. See you in Philadelphia. Share with your friends!

Copyright © 2012 National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA), All rights reserved. You believe in social and

*The moments of happiness  
we enjoy take us by  
surprise. It is not that we  
seize them, but they seize us.  
- Ashley Montagu*

economic justice. You believe in the humanity of all people. You believe in the righteous struggle of people of African descent for repair and recompense for the current indignities they suffer and the crimes against humanity perpetrated against our ancestors. Our mailing address is:

National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA)

P.O. Box 42765

Philadelphia, PA19101 Add us to your address book

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

SAVE THE DATE!!!

### **Ninth Annual Weekend Of Peace**

At locations across the city of Philadelphia, we will present an opportunity to local organizations to shine as we provide services and entertainment to youth and families. Join us for Health/Job Fairs, games, music and more! July 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> Vendors welcomed.

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

\* \* Outside PA \* \* \*

### **The Parada San Juan Bautista**

Sunday, June 24, 2012

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The parade will begin at 4th & Elm Street, turn left on Third Street and travel straight down Third Street. The judges' stage will be located at Third & Washington Streets.

The Parada San Juan Bautista (Saint John the Baptist Parade) has become a long lasting tradition in the City of Camden with its inception in 1957. Its goal is to unite the community to celebrate the richness of the Puerto Rican culture with all ethnic backgrounds. It is considered the largest summer event in the region with over 30, 000 attendees. The parade is a well-known, family-oriented, cultural and educational event, which takes place on the last Sunday in the month of June. It displays a mosaic of the very best of the Latin rhythms and dances from around the region, marching bands, decorated floats, exhibits as well as the flavors and aromas of ethnic cuisine. This year DJ Redz will be performing at the parade on our Queen's float.

*Happy people roll with the punches. They know from experience that everything changes. Today's good fortune may vanish tomorrow, today's crises may turn out to be tomorrow's good fortune. - Unknown*

## **COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Free online journal focuses on technology for nonprofits**

Technology can help nonprofits create the change they want to see in the world. But even with daily evidence of world-changing innovations and applications of technology, it's difficult for nonprofit leaders to know how to apply it to their missions.

[NTEN:Change](#), a free online journal from the [Nonprofit Technology Network](#),

provides the guidance and practical considerations nonprofits need to make the sound investments and decisions that will help them meet their goals.

Free subscriptions are available [here](#).

----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

### **Group offers low-cost web access to nonprofits**

Mobile Citizen, a provider of mobile broadband for education and nonprofits, will offer a Technology Assistance Grant program beginning in January to provide non-profit organizations with affordable access to the Internet.

Available only in Portland, Oregon, Las Vegas, and Philadelphia, the grant includes reduced-price service from Mobile Citizen, with unlimited usage for only \$10/month or \$120/year per account. It bundles Mobile Citizen's wireless broadband, powered by WiMAX, a fourth generation (4G) technology from Clearwire Corporation with a variety of benefits available only to grantees, including:

- 12 months of service from Mobile Citizen extended to 15 months at no additional charge. With this, nonprofits receive three free months of service per account.
- Dedicated Mobile Citizen Customer Care customized for non-profit organizations.
- A free one-year membership to NTEN, a nonprofit technology network, ongoing information and news as well as access to a support community.
- A choice of additional benefits including an educational webinar series.

For more information, email [Free Trial](#).

[www.mobilecitizen.org/grantphiladelphia](http://www.mobilecitizen.org/grantphiladelphia)

----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----



*You don't have to know how to sing, it's feeling as though you want to that makes the day happy and successful. - Monica Crane*

## **A HAND UP!**

*"None of us has gotten where we are solely by pulling ourselves up from our own bootstraps. We got here because somebody bent down and helped us." - Thurgood Marshall*

### **America's Original Savings Network**

As amazing as it may sound many people do not realize how easy it is to LEGALLY stop paying for their groceries! This is how the one hour television show began for the company whose website is at:

<http://nofullprices.net>

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q:** Are these manufacturer coupons or coupons that I print on my computer?

**A:** All of our coupons are actual manufacturer coupons. Fewer and fewer retailers accept coupons that are printed from your computer because of a huge increase in counterfeit coupons. Actual manufacturer coupons which we issue are accepted everywhere that coupons are accepted.

**Q:** Can these coupons be doubled?

**A:** Yes. These are manufacturer issued coupons and may be doubled in any store that offers double coupons.

**Q:** What are the face values and the expiration dates of these coupons?

**A:** Being manufacturer coupons, the manufacturer determines the face values of the coupons. We currently stock coupons ranging in value from 40 cents to 5.00 dollars. The coupon expiration dates are generally valid for 90 days.

**Q:** How can I use \$1,000.00 worth of coupons in 90 days?

**A:** With our program, you get to choose the coupons you want, when you want them. This way you never have to worry about the coupons expiring.

**Q:** How do I choose the coupons I want?

**A:** Each coupon book contains coupon request slips which you fill out and send in. Those coupons are then mailed to you.

----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

*Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling. - Unknown*

## **WORD-OF- THE-WEEK**

### **provender**

\PROV-uhn-duhr\  
Dry food for domestic animals, such as hay, straw, corn, oats, or a mixture of ground grain; feed; Food or provisions.

**Remember to support The Coalition, Inc.'s on-air personalities...**

Please listen to the "**Time For An Awakening**" Program with Bro. Elliott, this and every Sunday at 7 pm. Listen at [www.900AMWURD.com](http://www.900AMWURD.com) Call 215.634.8065 or toll free 1-866-361-0900 to join the discourse!!!!

**Sister Phile Chionesu**, organizer of the Million Woman March, "**Nu Day Resurrection and Liberation**" Show LIVE each Saturday evening 10:30 PM--12:00 midnight EST.

"NU Day" is heard in Philly and, worldwide, through the internet at: [www.blogtalkradio.com/empresschi](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/empresschi) Or you can tune in via podcast at 646-652-2232

Call in and give your thoughts, comments, opinions at 1-646-652-2232

Or send an instant message to [mwmsistahood@aol.com](mailto:mwmsistahood@aol.com) to chat on line.

**Civil Alert Radio with Sabir Bey**- Every Tuesday 9:30 p.m. EST (6:30 P.M. PST)

Format Style: Open forum along with special invited guests.

Listen via your cell: 858.357.8450 On the web:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/civilalert>

This spot reserved for The Coalition, Inc. friend and supporter Jeff Hart\*\*

