



HARLEM & BEYOND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Harlem and Beyond Planning Committee

Harlem and Beyond is a volunteer, nonprofit, community group which plans and presents family friendly activities in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and Black History Month. If you would like to become a volunteer, community partner, or sponsor of an event, please contact (661) 324-2897

**Red Tails: Oral History of the Tuskegee Airmen
by John Holway**

Publishers Weekly: "A riveting book focusing on World War II's famous Tuskegee Airmen and their quest to fly in defense of their country. The work is replete with interesting vignettes and colorful stories on these pioneering air warriors who not only had to face tough Nazi aviators in the air but also had to fight for their rights on the ground in America and the Army".

Community Partners:

- African American Read - In Committee • B Moore Christian Books and Music • The Bakersfield Californian • Bakersfield College
- Bakersfield Community Theater • Bakersfield High School • Bakersfield Senior Center • Bakersfield Singers Association
- Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra • California Champions for Change • California State Rehabilitation Center
- CEO/Community Empowerment Organization • CLC/Concerned Leaders of the Community • Friends of Kern County Library
- KERI 1410 AM Radio Station • KFRB 913 FM Radio Station • Kern County Library • Rising Star Baptist Church
- Russo's Books • South High School • Tuskegee Airmen Los Angeles Chapter

2013

**Harlem & Beyond
Community Events**

In celebration of
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
and Black History Month**

January 15 through February 26, 2013



Harlem and Beyond is a community-wide reading, discussion, musical and cultural project inviting everyone to read **Red Tails: An Oral History of the Tuskegee Airmen** by **John B. Holway**,

which is based on interviews with surviving members of the inspiring Tuskegee Airmen, the first group of African American pilots in the history of the U. S. military

Copies of the book and DVD are available at your Kern County Libraries, local Book Stores, and Online Retailers.

HARLEM & BEYOND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, January 15 - February 15, 2013

ESSAY CONTEST

"Black America: Its Past, Present, and Future" is the theme for CLC's-Concerned Leaders of the Community Organization- 2013 essay contest. A first-place winner will be chosen from each of the three categories: 3rd-5th graders; 6th-8th graders; and 9th-12th graders. All essays must be submitted by Friday, February 15th. For an application and further information, contact (661) 586-1840.

Monday, January 21, 8:30 a.m.

CULTURAL EVENT

Annual MLK Day Breakfast in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For reservations and ticket information, contact (661) 324-7445. Martin Luther King Community Center, 1000 South Owens Street.

Monday, January 21, 5:30 p.m.

CULTURAL EVENT

The 29th Annual March and Birthday Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will begin at the Liberty Bell, 1400 Truxtun Avenue; march will end with a celebration service held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 825 California Ave. FREE. For more information, contact Leo Williams, (661) 831-1163

Monday, February 4, 12:00 p.m.

DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWING

PBS's documentary film "The Tuskegee Airmen: They Fought Two Wars." An inspirational film about the Tuskegee Airmen, 450 African American aviators who battled prejudice at home and fought the Axis powers in Europe and North Africa. Originally planned as a military experiment, the Tuskegee Airmen flew 15,000 sorties and 1,500 missions, and their efforts led to the integration of the U. S. armed forces. FREE. Bakersfield Senior Center, 530 Fourth Street, (661) 325-1113.

Thursday, February 7, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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Saturday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.

DRAMATIC PRESENTATIONS

The Living History Exhibit: Reenactments from African American History. Imagine being just a human possession-no legal rights, physically whipped and abused, sold at auction to the highest bidder, or killed at will. Historical scenes from the African American experience-slavery, Reconstruction, World War II, Civil Rights Movement-will be brought to life through poetry, music, chants, dramatic readings, and original writings performed by CEO (Community Empowerment Organization). FREE. Bakersfield Senior Center, 530 Fourth Street, (661) 346-8304

HARLEM & BEYOND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.

STORYTELLING CONCERT

Charlotte Blake Alston, Master Storyteller: Family Storytelling Concert. Charlotte Blake Alston from Pennsylvania is a storyteller, narrator, instrumentalist and singer who performs in venues throughout North America and abroad. Venues include the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Smithsonian Institution, the Women of the World Festival in Cape Town, South Africa, and many more. Charlotte has received numerous honors including the prestigious Pew Fellowship in the Arts. She holds two honorary PhDs and received the Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Association. This concert is sponsored by the Bakersfield African American Read-In Committee, Harlem and Beyond Planning Committee, and Kern County Library. FREE. Beale Memorial Library Auditorium, 701 Truxtun Avenue, (661) 868-0745.

Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Michael Raney and Lawanda Smith of the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra will musically trace the development of Black Music in the United States from early church and field songs on through the American idiom of Jazz music. FREE. Russo's Books, 9000 Ming Avenue, (661) 665-4686

Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m.

LECTURE

How to Keep and Preserve Oral History, a workshop presented by Kern County Library Historian, Chris Livingston, FREE. Beale Memorial Library, Tejon Room, 701 Truxtun Avenue, (661) 868-0745.

Saturday, February 16, 2:00 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSION

"Fighting on Two Fronts: A Salute to Military Service by African Americans" is the theme for this event. Engaging personal narratives and interactive discussion addressing some of American's racial, moral, and legal military issues posed in John Holway's book, *Red Tails: An Oral History of the Tuskegee Airmen*, will be addressed. Panelists include Mr. Bob Davis, Mr. Rashid Frye, Mr. Henry Gatewood, Mrs. Amy Green, Mr. James Hicks, Mr. Tommie McClellan, Mr. Arthur Smith, and Mr. Charles Thompson. Most appropriate for ages 10-up. FREE. Bakersfield Senior Center, 530 Fourth Street, (661) 325-1113.

Saturday, February 23, 6:00 p.m.

HARLEM & BEYOND FINE ARTS FINALE

2013 Harlem & Beyond Fine Arts Finale, a cultural, musical and fine arts event featuring guest speakers Buford Johnson and Rusty Burns, representatives from the Los Angeles Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen; the Bakersfield Community Children's Choir, Bakersfield Community Praise Dancers, CEO Community Choir, and a host of talented, singers, poets, and instrumentalists from the Bakersfield community. FREE. Rising Star Baptist Church, 3421 Wilson Rd, (661) 831-2567.

Tuesday, February 26, 11:00 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories, songs, chants, and tales from the African American tradition shared by Veterans from the United States Armed Forces: Reverend Antonio Alfred, United States Marine Corp; Mr. Joseph Benoit, United States Navy; and Mrs. Margo VanDiver, United States Navy Reserves. FREE. Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, (661) 868-0745.