



New Kemet Harambe Chapter

"New land of the black skinned people pulling together."

Quarterly Report - October 2006 to March 2007

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Election of Officers

In November 2006, the New Kemet Harambe Chapter (NKHC) announced the results of their 2007-2008 elections for the offices of 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The incoming officers were installed in December 2006 as follows:

1st Vice President	Stephanie Kimble
Corresponding Secretary	Yvette Coleman
Treasurer	Tawanda Thomas

Tawanda Thomas is a first term officer and Stephanie and Yvette are serving their second terms. These officers bring a wealth of leadership experience and enthusiasm that will propel the Chapter to new heights.

Membership

The New Kemet Harambe Chapter is over 60 members strong with 19 Life Members. Thanks to our Membership Chair Cheryl Simpson and her outstanding efforts to maintain current members as well as to recruit new members. Our goal is to reach a 100 plus membership by the end of the 2007 calendar year.

Programs & Activities for 2006:

Helping Chicago Area Youth To Keep Warm in the Winter (Coat Drive)

On October 23, 24, and 25, 2006, we partnered with the Chicago Family Foundation & the I CAN Youth Foundation to sponsor a "Winter Coat Drive." We collected over 200 new and used coats to be distributed to less fortunate families in the Chicago metropolitan communities for the winter.



“Congratulations, You Got The Job!” - Mastering the Interview

The Chapter hosted a training seminar on October 26, 2006 and November 30, 2006 at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building that was designed to provide participants with additional skills needed to enhance their ability to project more competitively during an interview process. The Chapter’s Training Chair, Patricia Thompson, did an excellent job in preparing and facilitating this discussion. Some of the topics covered were:

- ✚ **Key Elements of an Interview**
- ✚ **Preparing for the Interview**
- ✚ **Mistakes Interviewees Make**
- ✚ **Communication Techniques and**
- ✚ **Things To Avoid**



1st Black Woman President, Cook County Board of Commissioners



On November 16, 2006, we partnered with the National Black Nurses, Chicago Chapter Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Court 143, National Association of Black Social Workers and the Chicago Chapter Sankofa Safe Child Initiative to host a reception for Commissioner Bobbie L. Steele, celebrating her becoming the first Black Female President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. This event gave our chapter an opportunity to recruit City, State and Local employees. We received 2 memberships (1) from the County and (1) from the State at this event.

WTTW Channel 11 Fundraising Telethon

On November 25, 2006, our Chapter volunteered to participate in the WTTW Channel 11 Public Television’s Telethon. Public television is a very important vehicle for news, information and children’s programming. This event gave BIG exposure to Chicago’s metropolitan communities and reinforced our teamwork efforts.

World Aids Day Project

In December 2006, we partnered with various community-based organizations to create a World Aids Day Youth Project. We had a four week workshop to assist youth ages 11-19 in essay writing. The youth benefited from this project with the enhancement of their writing, reading communication, research, knowledge and computer skills. They also have a better understanding of hip-hop and its meaning. At the end of the four weeks, we hosted a community AIDS Awareness Forum and Youth Summit. The AIDS Awareness Forum had activities such as free HIV/AIDS testing, HIV/AIDS counseling and skits by various youth groups. At the Youth Summit, the youth won monetary prizes for the best essay on *‘The Hip-Hop Movement and Its Effects On Preventing Crime and The Spreading of AIDS Among Youths In Our Community’*.

U.S. Postal Service Christmas All Year Program

We annually participate in the U.S. Postal Service's Christmas All Year/Letters to Santa Campaign. It is an opportunity to make a wish come true for needy children and their families. The children write letters to Santa, which are collected at the main Post Office. In 2006, we blessed 14 children with over \$100.00 worth of toys for each child. We also issued a \$75.00 gift card to their parents/guardians to purchase a holiday meal. NKHC delivered the gifts to each home on Christmas Eve.



Joint Holiday Event with Sister Chapters

We partnered with our sister chapters, West Chicago United Chapter and Chicago Midwest Chapter to sponsor a holiday dinner dance. This was the first joint event the Chicago Chapters have ever had. It was held on Saturday, December 9, 2006, at the Beverly Woods Restaurant in Chicago. Each Chapter donated prizes for raffles prizes. Our Chapter donated a color printer and \$100.00 gas card. The event was well attended

and we are looking to partner with our sister Chapters for a 2007 summer event.



Programs & Activities for 2007

Da Bears' National Football Conference (NFC) Championship Playoff Game Fundraiser

A once in a lifetime opportunity was presented to our Chapter to man one of the concession stands for the NFC Championship Playoff game at Soldier Field on Sunday, January 21, 2007. President Sheppard accepted the challenge to recruit enough volunteers to accomplish the task at such a short notice. A notice went out to all NKHC members requesting volunteers from members, family, and friends to be trained to run the 2nd City Pizza concession stand for the DA BEARS. Fifteen volunteers were trained and reported for duty on game day.

The 15 member crew worked diligently on a very cold day from



9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., but most of all, they had FUN and the DA BEARS won. Our concession stand sold approximately \$7,500.00 of merchandise. Ten percent of the proceeds were made from the sale of non-alcohol items and eight percent were made from the sale of alcohol beverages. This was an exciting and unique opportunity to raise monies for our Chapter's youth programs. We received \$662.00 for our teamwork efforts during this historical event. Our sincerest THANKS go out to all of the volunteers for a job well done and as always to our President, who knows how to network and promote BIG!!!

Election of Regional Council Representatives

In February, the Chapter held an election to elect the new council representatives and alternates who will attend the Regional Council Meetings in the 2007 calendar year. The primary representatives will be: Donna Coleman, Ethel Crisp, and Deena Sheppard, by virtue of her office as President, and the alternates will be Dorian Gray and Penny Hubbard-Greene.

BIG Black History Month Program



On February 20, 2007, the Chapter sponsored a BIG Gospel Celebration. The Celebration was emceed by 1st Vice President Donna Coleman, who along with committee members envisioned this program to bring unity amongst the Black employees and two BIG chapters housed in the Metcalfe Federal Building. Assistant Chaplain Gwendolyn Massenburg set the tone for the program with a spirit-filled prayer. Over 60 government employees attended the event. This program was held in conjunction with other Black History Month activities being held in the building. The audience joined soloist, U.S. EPA

employee, Stephanie Harmon in singing *Lift Every Voice and Sing* to kick-off the program.

The program included a historical overview of gospel music by Past Chapter President Vince Saunders; vocal selections from invited guests Cecilia Moore (U.S. EPA supervisor) and Stephanie Harmon; praise and worship dancing by NKHC members Marion Cleveland and Willie Mae Jordan, and the Jones College Preparatory High School Choir. The program concluded with a presentation to the school and closing remarks from NKHC President Deena Sheppard who encouraged audience members to join the Chapter and continue to support upcoming activities.



“Knowing the Rules of a Fight” – The Basics of Parliamentary Procedure

The Chapter hosted a training seminar on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building that was designed to provide participants with the basics of parliamentary procedures. Jacqueline Dillard, Chapter Parliamentarian, Ethel Crisp, Past Parliamentarian and Communications and Public Relations Chair, and Deena Sheppard, President, facilitated the session which included a PowerPoint

presentation, a 30-minute video of a meeting using parliamentary procedures, and a short demonstration on how to use the procedures in an actual meeting. The presentation covered the following topics:

- ✚ **History of Parliamentary Procedures**
- ✚ **The Roles of the Parliamentarian and Presiding Officer or Chair**
- ✚ **Six Usual Steps to a Motion**
- ✚ **To Amend a Motion**
- ✚ **To Withdraw a Motion**
- ✚ **To Limit and Stop Debate**
- ✚ **Point of Order, Point of Information, Parliamentary Inquiry**
- ✚ **Websites for Additional Information on Parliamentary Procedures**

Upcoming Activities in 2007:

- Chapter's ISSC and Oratorical Contests in April
- AIDS Walk in May
- Fundraising Event(s) in June
- Chicago Food Depository Day in July
- Back to School Community Event in August
- Fundraising Event(s) in September
- Host Chapter for the Regional Council Meeting in October

Respectfully submitted by,

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