

## **National History of the 100 Black Men**

At the peak of the Civil Rights Movement in New York during the early 1960s, a group of determined professional men, consisting of public officials, businessmen, lawyers, retailers, government personnel and others who were then known as One Hundred Men agreed to change their name to One Hundred Black Men. The hope was that through re-identification with our Black heritage and with collective effort, they could help chart the direction in human rights and improve the quality of life for Blacks and other minorities. The original chapter, founded in New York City by J. Bruce Llewellyn in 1967, set an example to which all successive chapter aspire.

Now with more than 100 chapters and 10,000 members strong and still growing, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. remains committed to its founding mission: To improve the quality of life in African American communities by improving the educational, economic and social status of African Americans across the entire nation. Dedicated members of 100 Black Men have mentored more than 125,000 youth across the nation. 100 Black Men of America's Four For The Future™ signature program areas are Mentoring, Education, Health & Wellness, Economic Empowerment. Leadership Empowerment serves as an overlay to the 100's Four For the Future programs.

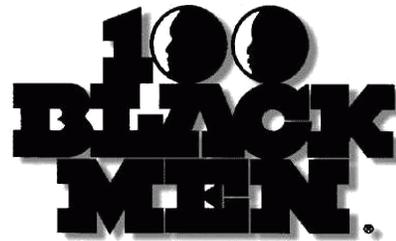
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## **Sonoma County Chapter History**

The Sonoma County Chapter of 100 Black Men was established in June 1990. A group of men convened out of the men's breakfast at Community Baptist Church to discuss the problems and expectations of the African-American community and the need for involvement of concerned black men. The decision was made to explore joining The 100 by inviting the Sacramento Chapter President to speak to the founding group. The group voted to create a chapter in Sonoma County. Shortly thereafter articles of incorporation were written and submitted to the State of California and tax exemption submitted to the state and IRS, both were granted in 1991. 100 Black Men of Sonoma County joined the national organization in 1992.



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***“What They See is What They Will Be.”***

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## Message from the President: Arthur B. Chaney



I am proud to serve as the President of 100 Black Men of Sonoma County, Inc. We were founded in June 1990, as a member of the national organization of the 100 Black Men of America. The National organization is a global network encompassing 116 affiliated organizations, with a combined membership of more than 10,000.

We are committed to improving the quality of life for African Americans in Sonoma County. Our Chapter includes African American men, who are established leaders in their chosen fields, including business, finance, taxation, a grant writer, education, medicine, law, technology, commerce, marketing, athletic director, coaching, and public affairs. We are committed to using our talents to empower our youth and strengthen our community.

Our success over the past 30 years has been the direct result of the committed men and corporate partners who have invested their time and resources to impact young black males and their families as well as other members in our community.

We seek members who are willing to contribute their time and talents to the organization to make a difference in the community. If you are interested in becoming involved in our organization, we are interested in you. All interested candidates are asked to submit an application, meet with the members of the board, and attend at least one of the chapter's events in order to complete the application process.

The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

The statements below form the foundation for all organizational activities.

### Mission

The mission of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is to improve the quality of life within our communities and enhance educational and economic opportunities for all African Americans.

### Vision

The 100 seeks to serve as a beacon of leadership by utilizing our diverse talents to create environments where our children are motivated to achieve and to empower our people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the communities we serve.

### Values

100 Black Men of America, Inc. is committed to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of the African American community based on the following precepts: respect for family, spirituality, justice, and integrity.



# Mentoring Our Cause

## Mentoring

The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County believe that - Mentoring is the cornerstone of what the organization brings to the community to by guiding young men and women in life experiences and self-respect, encouraging excellence in education, and the pursuit of positive life-long goals. “What they see is what they will be.”

## Education

The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County believe that – Educating and empowering young people can ensure that more African American men and women have access to college opportunities and educational resources. We believe that it is vital that high school and college students have the tools to understand how to navigate the college experience and receive the proper funding to do so.

## Health and Wellness

The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County believe that - Health & Wellness is a vital component of a thriving community. The 100 partners with other non-profit organizations to promote preventative health strategies deliver screenings and provide education on prevalent African American diseases.

## Economic Empowerment

The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County believe that - Economic Empowerment programs focus on 3-primary areas: Financial Literacy, Family Wealth Building and Entrepreneurship. Through comprehensive seminars and training classes, these programs work to promote economic self-sufficiency.

“Nothing in life that’s worth anything is easy.”  
President Barack Obama



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## **Windsor Golf Course**



### **ANNUAL 100 BLACK MEN SONOMA COUNTY GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**

**Ladies, Men and Young adults are cordially invited to attend and support this important event, which raises funds for our College Scholarship and other community programs. The golf tournament raises funds for our College Scholarship and other community programs. The golf tournament is a scramble golf format with over 100 golfers expected to participate. Attendees will also enjoy lunch, snacks, an awards dinner, players' gifts, an auction, raffle, and other surprises. This is a fun-filled experience where local businesses, residents of all our local County's come together with the 100 Black Men of Sonoma County for an increasingly meaningful**

**The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County (100 BMOSC) launched its scholarship program in 1996. Since that date we have provided over \$300,000 in scholarship funds. Annually, the 100 BMOSC award scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3000 per student per year. The goal of our scholarship program is to motivate and recognize academic achievement by high school and college African American youth. The program funds high school seniors who attend a community college or a four-year colleges or universities and students who plan to attend trade or proprietary school.**

**The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County support the belief that a great education can be earned locally by enrolling either Santa Rosa Junior College and then transferring to Sonoma State University. Sponsors and Players can register at: [100bmosc.org](http://100bmosc.org)**

**The tournament is held the third Friday in July annually.**