

100 BLACK MEN OF SONOMA COUNTY, INC.



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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 napplication, 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 Founding Fathers of
100 Black Men of Sonoma County, Inc.
The names listed below were the persons named as the initial
Directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the 100 Black
Men of Sonoma County.
Signed and Date: May 14, 1991**

William B. Clarke, Anthony Harris, William Tanner, Ted Keys, Lee Cumming, Curtis May,
Raymond Prezzy, Perry Ecton, Joe Sturdivant, Anthony Harris, Gregory Jones, Willam Dacus

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UPDATE INFORMATION

The 100 BMOSC and the Redwood Credit Union agree to a joint agreement in which the Redwood Credit Union provide support and funding in the amount of \$2,500 to back a financial literacy program for the youth we both serve in Sonoma County.

The Male Success Initiative mentoring program meetings continue with the students from SSU under the leadership of Andre Bailey.

We receive and inquiry from Sunrise Rotary Club asking if the 100 Black Men of Sonoma County would be interested in partnering with them in a joint mentoring program. Jim Gray is reviewing the idea as of this date.

A meeting is planned with Rachael Cutcher, Scholarship Office Director and J Mulineaux, Executive Director of the SRJC Foundation to discuss the Bea and Homer Harris Scholarship. Marion Walker and Arthur Chaney are taking the lead from the 100BMOSC.

A Bylaws Review Committee was established by President Chaney to review and propose General Bylaw changes to the membership body. Work continues as of this date.

On July 17, 2020, Mayor Tom Schwedhelm, Santa Rosa Police Chief Rainer Navarro, Economic Development Division Director Raissa de la Rosa, and Community Engagement Coordinator Danielle Garduño, met with President, Arthur B. Chaney, Dr. Jim Gray, Gerarde Moret, and Dr. Greg Granderson.

Discussion Points and Themes

The discussion centered around three areas:

- training of law enforcement officers,
- officer accountability, and
- policy change at various levels of government that influence or impact local law enforcement agencies

Quotes: Martin Luther King said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

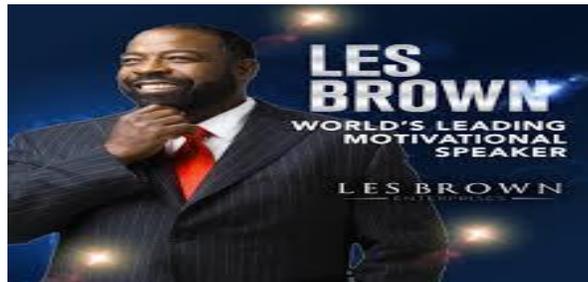
NEW MEMBER

Dr. Jewmaull Reed (Board Certified Allergy & Immunology and Internal Medicine). Dr. Reed is currently with Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa. His objective with the help of the 100BMOSC is to improve the lives of the Black diaspora, while increasing the financial and political power of our people as a whole. It is our honor to have Dr. Reed as a new member. Welcome to the family.

The 100 BMOSC has as part of our charter a commitment to cultural enrichment. We believe that by provide opportunities to art of all types, different cultural events and performances, and sporting events members of our community may have an experience to which they may not have without our support.



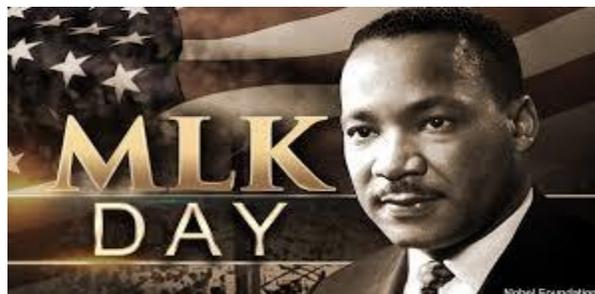
Alvin Ailey American Dances performed twice



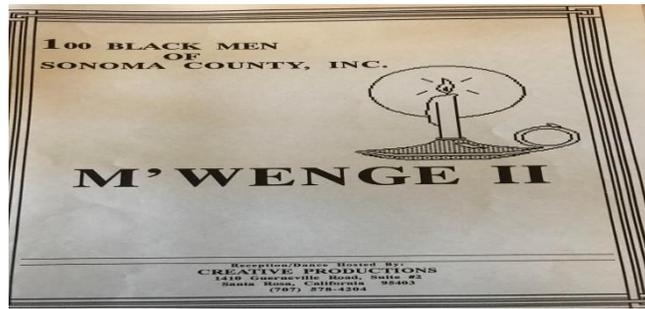
Les" Brown the national known motivational speaker



Chef Marcus Samuelsson Top Black Chef Award - 3 Chefs dinners



Supporter and Funder of the MLK day events



The 100 BMOSC W`menge dinner was black-tie fundraising event.



Sponsored trip to professional basketball game



Black College Tour – bus tour for high students



We sponsored the Ebony Fashion Fair twice in Santa Rosa



Statement of the death of George Floyd,
100 Black Men of Sonoma County, Inc.

The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County Inc. (100 BMOSC) graciously honor and respect the constitutional, "...right of freedom of speech, or the press, or the right of the people peaceable to assemble and petition the government for redress of grievance." The 100 BMOSC stand firmly in opposition of the unlawful destruction of public and private property.

The 100 Black Men of Sonoma County deplore and detest the senseless murder of Mr. George Floyd. Our hearts and prayers are extended to his family and friends. Mr. Floyd's death by the cowardly members of the Minneapolis Police Department is a disgrace to the law enforcement profession. Unfortunately, a segment of our society view the women and men in law enforcement, who serve honorably as part of the systemic problem. They were not responsible, but their uniforms are soiled with the unjustifiable and abusive conduct of the accused officers. However, we believe that the majority of law enforcement officers are good people and have the desire to help their local community. Law enforcement personnel receive extensive training before they are allowed to, "**Work on the street**". Officers should be compelled by honor and trustworthiness to report misconduct, without fear of backlash. Many officers have complained of the ramifications of taking this action. They should be supported by leadership.

Mr. Floyd's demise is a continual reminder of the ugly underside of the enduring history of racism, as practice in the U.S. and directed specifically against the Black, Latino, and Native American communities. The circumstances around Mr. Floyd's unjustifiable death was unmasked by video shown around the world. The video showed the practice of the ignoring complaints of mistreatment and disrespect towards people of color. Repeated incidents, whereby law enforcement reports clearly do not mirror the images captured on video, will continue to foster the public's distrust of the law enforcement community.

The death of Mr. Floyd has penetrated the subconscious of most American citizens and raised to a conscious level the hidden and ignored axiom, "**Black Lives Matter**". This statement does not mean other lives do not matter. Mr. Floyd's spirit will forever be an historical marker in police brutality. The national protests sparked by his death, has resulted in meaningful examination of the physical, mental, and economic abuse of black and other minority communities. Hopefully, this is the moment in time whereby structural change, will be the byproduct of protracted national and international protests, specifically propelled by courageous multiracial young people. Collectively, they openly demonstrate their willingness and desire to finally confront the hidden presence of racism everywhere. The premise of this statement is to inform the residents of Sonoma County of the position of the 100 BMOSC. We stand ready to discuss the subject matter concerning the death of George Floyd and the underlying issue of racism in America.

On behalf of the 100 Black Men of Sonoma County, to our local community, statewide, across the nation and abroad, please stay safe. Remember, we have not passed the era of COVID-19.
Best regards,

Arthur B. Chaney, President
100 Black Men of Sonoma County, Inc.

As a society let us demonstrate positive synergy. Our strength is in our unity, the power of our knowledge, our collective life experiences, our willingness to share, and innate desire to help someone in need are great qualities. We are more powerful moving forward together.