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***All** Articles and credits are due by the **First Saturday of each month.**

Thanks
to all of you who continually contribute to the newsletter.
—President Jarvis



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To Our RAFMAN Wives And Mothers Everywhere Have A Blessed And



Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Proverbs 31:28 KJV



President's Message—

Greeting in the month of May, the month where we celebrate one of the most important people we ever had or still have in our life. Mothers, are the ones who brought us into this world and helped us become the person we are today. We thank God for Mothers. To celebrate Mother's Day this year, the RAFMAN members, wives and friends are scheduled to take a River Boat cruise on the St. John River in Sanford FL.

The month of May also brings warmer temperatures, blooming flowers, and the fresh beginning of Summer. May is also the month when high school and college graduation begins, making May a month of great expectation for those graduating. We give a shout out and say congratulations to all those who have reach that mile stone. The RAFMAN June's newsletter will be dedicated to our high schools, colleges, and military services academies' graduates.

RAFMAN Fish Fry: The RAFMAN Annual fish and chicken fry was held on Saturday April 22 at the L. Claudia Allen Center. Although we had a few problems, working together we were able to overcome them. We had a great turnout of customers looking to buy either a fish or chicken dinner, Thanks to our Events and Entertainment Committee for a job well done. Also, thanks to our Ways and Means Committee for successfully selling all the Fish Fry Raffle Tickets. Finally, we say thank you to Patricia Henry and Darlene Saunders for working on the serving line, they were kept busy and did a wonderful job serving our customers.

This year in September, we are trying to bring back the RAFMAN Scholarship and Scholarship Banquet which we have not hosted since March of 2019 due to the Coronavirus. Because of the covid shutdown, it is proving to be difficult to get financial sponsors and everything that is needed to get started again. Hopefully, we can get the finances and resources we need to proceed.

In closing, as a reminder to all readers of this newsletter, we are living at a time that you should be aware of what is taking place in our country, laws that are being put in place, things that are being said and done with no one being held accountable. Do not always expect others to speak for you, speak for yourself. Be safe and be aware.

Arthur Jarvis, President

RAFMAN Club, Inc.

All Members Take Note:

Club Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2023

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Charles Dorsey
8032 International Dr. Orlando

3:00 PM — Club Meeting

L. Claudia Allen Senior Center
1840 Mable Butler Ave.
Orlando, FL 32805

Keep Safe!

From Simon.....

Reveille Call.....



Hello May. It is the time of year when graduation and off to higher education happens. So, for this month I want to spotlight my beautiful granddaughter, Nyla, who is doing both graduation from Apopka High School and then off to Campbell. She has signed with Campbell University for a full ride exhibiting her track and field competency. Campbell is a private, Christian University located in Buies Creek, North Carolina. Her parents, our daughter and son-in-law daughter, all three of which have been known to the RAFMAN Club for many years, are delighted that Campbell was her choice of the many offers from both large and small Universities. Please see Nyla's photos below:



Apopka High School Signing Day!

Congratulations Nyla on signing your NLI to attend CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY fall 2023 🏃💛🖤🐪 Very proud of all the student athletes from Apopka High School who signed this year.

#blessedandgrateful #trackandfield
#apopkahighschool 💙💜



Happy Mother's Day to all of the RAFMAN" gorgeous ladies.

Keep the Faith and I'll see you soon.

Peace..... Simon



Submitted By
RAFMAN Charles Dorsey

Shirley Chisholm's Historic Run for President

By Rachel Chang UPDATED: JAN 20, 2021

As the first Black American woman to run for U.S. president through a major party, the seven-term Congresswoman shook up the 1972 campaign.

Yet she let none of it shake her at all. As the first major-party Black American to run for president, she forged ahead fearlessly, running to represent all the people of the country equally, no matter how they viewed her, as she announced at Brooklyn's Concord Baptist Church on January 25, 1972, when she declared her candidacy.

"I am not the candidate of Black America, although I am Black and proud," the daughter of West Indian immigrants said. "I am not the candidate of the women's movement of this country, although I am a woman, and I am equally proud of that... I am the candidate of the people of America. And my presence before you now symbolize a new era in American political history."

And that was exactly what her historical presidential run did.

Chisholm already made history as the first Black congresswoman

By the time Chisholm was putting her hat in the ring for the 1972 Democratic presidential bid along with white male candidates George McGovern, Hubert Humphrey, Edmund Muskie, Henry M. Jackson and George Wallace, she had already been a barrier breaker, most notably becoming the first Black congresswoman in 1968.

The Brooklyn-born politician was a former nursery school teacher turned New York City Division of Day Care consultant, who was elected as a New York State assemblywoman in 1964. But it was during her 1968 campaign for the New York 12th Congressional District's House seat that she truly started to show that she had what it took to win a hard-wrought campaign.

She quickly branded herself with toughness, regularly starting off her speeches with "This is Fighting Shirley Chisholm." She also highlighted diversity by using her Spanish language skills, which she picked up while working in education, to speak to her Spanish-speaking constituents.

The tactics worked and she defeated her opponent James Farmer by more than a two-to-one margin. And in her victory speech, she kept it about the people. "My dear friends, tonight is a very important night... not so much for me, but for you, the people of this community," she said. "After many years of struggle and sacrifices on the part of several of you here this evening, we have at long last been able to elect today a voice that shall be your voice in the halls of the United States Congress."

As a newbie to the House of Representatives, Chisholm was assigned to a committee. The one chosen for her despite her history growing up in the concrete jungle of New York: House Agriculture Committee. "Apparently all they know here in Washington about Brooklyn is that a tree grew there," she so famously said that President Barack Obama even quoted it when he awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously in 2015.

But she soon found her way, using her educational background to fight for the Head Start program, as well as school lunches. She also was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Women's Caucus and also one of only 19 representatives who were willing to hold Vietnam War hearings.

Chisholm stepped up and took her shot at the presidency

While the Civil Rights Act of 1964 had only been signed a few years prior, discrimination with voting rights was still rampant throughout the nation. It was a time when "judging from what some Republican officials have been saying and doing, [the incumbent president] Richard Nixon has written off the black vote as unattainable and, what's more, unimportant," The New York Times wrote in a 1972 story.

Shirley Chisholm...

But two Black men — Georgia's Julian Bond and former Cleveland mayor and congressman Carl Stokes — considered runs and started strategizing. But Chisholm wasn't about to sit around. "They were standing around, peeing on their shoes, so Shirley finally said the hell with it and got a campaign going," a Chisholm aide told *The New York Times*. "If she hadn't, we'd still be without a black candidate."

Bond responded, "She was absent from most discussions on strategy...We may have been peeing on our shoes, but if we were, she wasn't around to get splashed."

Poster for presidential candidate Shirley Chisholm; Photo: Collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Gifted with pride from Ellen Brooks

Her campaign was not well received, even by fellow Black politicians

As the campaign was progressing, the Vietnam War was still being fought and the women's movement was just starting to emerge. Fighting Shirley used it as fuel to forge ahead. "There are people in our history who don't look left or right, they just look straight ahead," Obama said of her in 2015, noting that she was "driven by a profound commitment to justice."

With the slogan "Unbought and Unbossed," Chisholm thought that she might be able to use her historic run to rally up both the female and minority voters. She also heralded a personal understanding of the needs of the poor and disenfranchised more than any other candidate.

"But these traits are not the stuff of which election victories are made," *The New York Times* noted of the big hole in her campaign. "Victory requires money, well-placed support and slick, professionally-led political organization."

Indeed, she had only started her presidential run with about \$40,000 — the paper said that was just a fraction of what other candidates spent on TV ads for just a primary election in one state. And on top of that, getting top tier support proved to be a challenge. Feminist icon Gloria Steinem, who seemed like a likely Chisholm support, sided with her opponent George McGovern, as did Jesse Jackson.

"Mrs. Chisholm encountered a Black leadership that was divided and occasionally hostile wherever she campaigned," *The New York Times* said. "In North Carolina, Black leaders went so far as to proclaim publicly that 'a vote for Shirley Chisholm is a vote for George Wallace,'" referring to the "semi-reformed segregationist who ran openly racist campaign advertisements," as the *Smithsonian* described him.

And as proof of just how untraditional Chisholm was, when Wallace became paralyzed after an assassination attempt, she went and visited him in the hospital. *Article continues on page 6.*



Chisholm was proud that she 'shook things up'

In the end, the trailblazer only received 152 delegate votes at the Democratic National Convention and McGovern went on to win the party's nomination but lost the presidency to Nixon. But for Chisholm, that wasn't necessarily defeat. After all, from the start, she had said, "Regardless of the outcome, they will have to remember that a little hundred-pound woman, Shirley Chisholm, shook things up."

And she kept on shaking things up, eventually serving seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, continuing to open up opportunities everywhere she went, with her famous attitude: "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring your own folding chair."

Chisholm died on New Year's Day 2005, but the path she paved was one that hasn't been lost on Kamala Harris, who is the first female U.S. vice president of Black and South Asian descent. "We stand on the shoulders of Shirley Chisholm and Shirley Chisholm stood proud," Harris said.

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Armed Forces Day is a special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the holiday was established in 1949. The creation of a single day celebration for all five branches of the United States military made sense due to its recent unification under the Department of Defense. Today, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May, this year falling on May 20.

Be sure to mark your calendar & support our military!

Memorial Day 2023



Memorial Day for the year 2023 is celebrated/ observed on **Monday, May 29th.**

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed every year on the last Monday in May. It honors those who died serving in the United States military. In the United States, Memorial Day weekend kicks off the start of the summer season and with Labor Day weekend ending the summer. Most government and businesses offices will be closed on this Day. Armed Forces Day honors those who **currently** serve in the military and Veterans Day honors men and women who have **previously** served in the United States Military.

Navy to Commission Littoral Combat Ship USS Cooperstown

By: [Heather Mongilio](https://news.usni.org/author/hmongilio) <https://news.usni.org/author/hmongilio>

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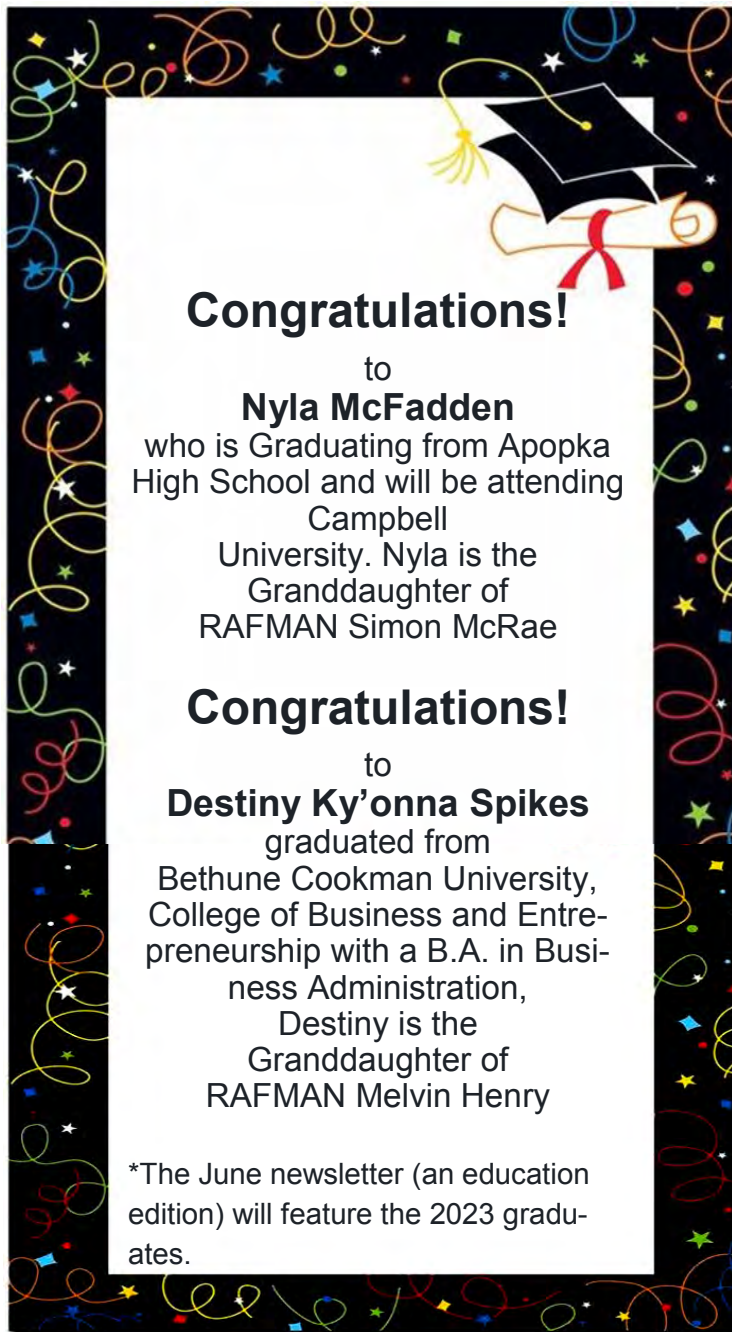
Cooperstown (LCS-23) during sea trials. Lockheed Martin Photo

The Navy will commission the 12th Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship Saturday in New York City on Saturday, the Department of Defense announced today.

The future USS *Cooperstown* (LCS-23), named for the hometown of the Baseball Hall of Fame, is one of the last Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ships that the Navy will commission. The Navy christened the last of the Freedom class, [USS *Cleveland*](#) (LCS-31), in April.

The Navy took delivery of *Cooperstown* in September, [USNI News previously reported](#). It will move to Mayport, Fla., following its commissioning ceremony.

Cooperstown is named in honor of the 70 members of the Baseball Hall of Fame who served in the military. It's the first ship to be named after the New York village.



Congratulations!

to
Nyla McFadden
 who is Graduating from Apopka
 High School and will be attending
 Campbell
 University. Nyla is the
 Granddaughter of
 RAFMAN Simon McRae

Congratulations!

to
Destiny Ky'onna Spikes
 graduated from
 Bethune Cookman University,
 College of Business and Entre-
 preneurship with a B.A. in Busi-
 ness Administration,
 Destiny is the
 Granddaughter of
 RAFMAN Melvin Henry

*The June newsletter (an education
 edition) will feature the 2023 gradu-
 ates.

Retirees & Friends of Orange County Community Action & Head Start, Inc.

3RD Annual
 JUNETEENTH Celebration
 June 17, 2023 / 10 AM - 2 PM

Location:

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
 Rev. Dr. Clarence R. Taylor, Pastor
 920 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
 (407) 656-7200

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We Thank You In Advance For The Love You
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Pastor Dana Jackson, Honorary Chairperson
 Retirees & Friends

Congratulations!
 to our
**Fish Fry Raffle
 Winners**

First Prize—\$100.00

Roy Vance

Second Prize— \$75.00

James Cockerl

Third Prize — \$50.00

Teresha Hardy



Sick n' Shut-ins:

Jerald Marks

To Bereaved Families:

Our Prayers and Condolences to Families Everywhere: loved ones who have passed away due to natural death, sickness, hurricane Ian, wars, hate crimes, and mass shootings around the world.



Truth Seekers

[Having] carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you. Luke 1:3

A woman once told me about a disagreement that was tearing her church apart. “What’s the disagreement about?” I asked. “Whether the earth is flat,” she said. A few months later, news broke of a Christian man who’d burst into a restaurant, armed, to rescue children supposedly being abused in its back room. There was no back room, and the man was arrested. In both cases, the people involved were acting on conspiracy theories they’d read on the internet.

Believers in Jesus are called to be good citizens (Romans 13:1–7), and good citizens don’t spread misinformation. In Luke’s day, numerous stories circulated about Jesus (Luke 1:1), some of them were inaccurate. Instead of passing on everything he heard, Luke essentially became an investigative journalist, talking to eyewitnesses (v. 2), researching “everything from the beginning” (v. 3), and writing his findings into a gospel that contains names, quotes, and historical facts based on people with firsthand knowledge, not unverified claims.

We can do the same. Since false information can split churches and put lives at risk, checking facts is an act of loving our neighbor (10:27). When a sensational story comes our way, we can verify its claims with qualified, accountable experts, being truth seekers—not error spreaders. Such an act brings credibility to the gospel. After all, we worship the One who’s full of truth (John 1:14).

By Sheridan Voysey

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1-4

1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled[a] among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

REFLECT: Why do you think conspiracy theories spread so quickly? How can you be a truth seeker?

PRAY: “Lord, it seems like every week some new claim comes through our in boxes and social media feeds claiming secret knowledge of something in the news. Oh Holy Spirit, would you guide us into all truth... ‘Father, help [us] discern truth from error as Your Spirit guides [us].’ Amen.”



SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

Why do we have four gospels? Basically, each one presents a unique perspective on Jesus, and having more than one account adds to their credibility. The Holy Spirit inspired the writers to pen their accounts. Though the four books have many similarities, each author emphasizes a different theme for an intended audience. Matthew wrote mainly for Jews, emphasizing that Jesus, the son of David, was the Messiah for whom they were waiting. That’s why he began with a genealogy and includes multiple references to Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Jesus. Mark emphasizes Jesus as the Suffering Servant of God. This was especially relevant to believers in Jesus who were suffering for their faith. Luke was written to Theophilus, a gentile. Luke presents Jesus as the Son of Man and Savior of all people. John presents Christ as the Son of God and Creator of the world.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Military Appreciation Month	1 Law Day Loyalty Day	2 National Teacher's Appreciation Month	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Mallory Graham
7	8 V-E Day	9	10	11	12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	13 2nd Sat. — 3rd Sun.: Armed Forces Week
First Full Week..Public Service Recognition Week						
14 Mother's Day	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17	18 Ascension Day	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21	22 Maritime Day	23	24	25	26	27
National Veterans Golden Age Games; The 2023 Games are scheduled to be held in Des Moines, Iowa from May 20-25, 2023.						
28 Pentecost	29 Memorial Day	30 Loretta Cockerl	31			
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JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PTSD Awareness Month	Homeownership Month			1	2	3
4 Mary Stoves	5 Mary Dixson	6 D-Day	7	8	9	10
11 National Flag Week 11-17	12 Women Veterans Day	13	14 ARMY BIRTHDAY U.S. FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22	23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday	24
25	26	27 Martha Moore PTSD Awareness Day	28	29	30	

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"Men Striving Together to Make This A Better
Community for All Concerned."

The RAFMAN Club Foundation is a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization that consist of military veterans providing academic scholarships to students, social service for senior citizen, youth mentoring and civic outreach for those in need within the Central Florida Community.

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