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Martin Luther King Day 2024 Monday, January 15

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Remembering the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Born January 15, 1929, Atlanta, GA

Died April 4, 1968, Memphis Tennessee.

Baptist Minister and Social Activist who led the Civil Rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



Coretta Scott King and children

Martin Luther King III, Dexter,
Yolanda and Bernice

***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

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

2024

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THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN
THE RAFMAN CLUB, INC.
WILL CELEBRATE ITS



OCTOBER 27, 2024



RETIRED AIR FORCE, MARINE, ARMY, NAVY
*"Men and Women Striving Together
to Make This A Better Community for All Concerned."*



**Please mark your calendar and include us in your budget!*



President's Message



Greetings in the New Year, the year 2024, a year of great expectation in what is supposed to be the greatest country in the world. A world where technology practically dictates how we live. A country where unscrupulous politicians and other elected officials who have been appointed to office continue to recommend or put restrictive laws in effect that infringe upon the rights of others. We also have those individuals who are utilizing their seemingly unlimited finances to gain high positions and used their influence to have others removed from positions where they think they do not belong. We also have some of these same people saying that they are immune from prosecution, and sadly we have others who agree with them. To make matters worse in the state of Florida where approximately 35,000 people died from Covid complications we have an individual who the State Governor appointed as the state surgeon General opposes taking Covid shots.

On the positive side with all the problems and negative things that took place in 2023 we made it thru so, there is still hope and a chance to make this country the great society that the late President Lyndon Johnson envisioned it would be. Of course, we still have climate change and other problems to contend with, and the key to some of our problems is working together.

What about all those New Years resolution you made, are they realistic, have you broken any of them, if not good, if you make it to the second week of February before breaking them, that is about average, good luck.

In my newsletter write-up I no longer spend a lot of time writing about sports, because I no longer spend a lot of time watching it, for those who do I hope your team or the person you are pulling for is winning.

In closing, keep a positive attitude, be a good neighbor, a good citizen, be aware of what's happening in your community, your state, your country, and the world we live in. Finally, if you had a good year in 2023, I hope you are blessed with a great year in 2024.

Quote for the beginning of 2024!

"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things" —Robert Brault

Submitted by:

Arthur Jarvis, President
RAFMAN Club, Inc.

All Members Take Note:

Club Meeting

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Host: RAFMAN Joe Cockerl

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

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.....
Entertainment News and More



Happy New Year! We have been blessed to see another year begin its journey. It is too early in the year to do anything fruitful but make our resolutions. So, what is yours? I will tell you that I have the best resolution of all. Nothing! I am going to keep on keeping on and follow the Master's plan. Or, if you HAVE to make a resolution how about we try to be the best person that we can? That's a good something to work on. Can you think of anything better?

Most of you will remember my grandson Michael who is my youngest daughter's oldest child. Well, Michael graduated from First Academy in 2020 the year of COVID-19 when we had to have his graduation ceremony on a stage with just the staff and family. This was for all of the students because we were at the height of the pandemic with no social contact being enforced. Well, after just three years, in December 2023 Michael has obtained his Bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine. As well, he has been accepted to the Master's program which he is working diligently to obtain in just a year. Yes, he's a Gen X young man but showing that good genes don't have to have holes 😊

Hello Michael,

I hope this email finds you in high spirits! I wanted to extend my warmest **congratulations** on your acceptance into Tusculum's Master of Arts in Organizational Training & Performance Management program. It's truly an exciting achievement, and we are thrilled to have you as part of our graduate community!

To proceed with your enrollment, *click* on the following link: <https://www.tusculum.edu/payment/>. This will direct you to the payment page, where you can submit your

enrollment deposit of \$100.00. Once your deposit is completed, your dedicated academic advisor will contact you to discuss your spring classes and ensure a smooth transition into the program.

We encourage you to take this important step and submit your deposit TODAY! Our team is here to assist you along the way, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further clarification.

Thank you for choosing Tusculum University for your graduate studies. We're excited to embark on this educational journey with you!

For once in all of my year's of writing I can comment the Orlando Magic. I hope that they do not make me sorry that I have said this, but they are looking pretty good. Let's hope it holds. On the flip side of sports, I hope that your NFL team has made the play offs. It is too soon to make predictions, but there are a few teams that look good for the Super Bowl. We'll know more at this time next month.

I am going to do a walk off here. Just a few words to start the New Year. I wish you all a wonderful year filled with blessings. May all that you hope and pray for come to you.

I'll see you soon and keep the faith.

Peace Simon

[Famous Athletes](https://www.biography.com/athletes) (<https://www.biography.com/athletes>)

Coco Gauff

Professional tennis player Coco Gauff, who rose to prominence with a win over Venus Williams at Wimbledon when she was just 15, won the 2023 U.S. Open.

By [Biography.Com Editors](#) And [Tyler Piccotti](#) UPDATED: SEP 12, 2023



Getty Images

Coco Gauff Today: Tennis Star Wins 1st Grand Slam at US Open

Teenage tennis star Coco Gauff rallied to beat Belarusian player Aryna Sabalenka in three sets in the U.S. Open women's singles final on Saturday, giving the 19-year-old American her first Grand Slam tournament victory. Gauff, who rose to No. 3 in the WTA singles rankings with the championship, received celebratory messages from a number of prominent figures, including President Joe Biden and former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton. "It's still crazy," Gauff said during an appearance on NBC's *Today* show. "Even last night I was telling myself, 'You're a Grand Slam champion,' and it doesn't feel real at all."

Who Is Coco Gauff?

American tennis player Gauff received a wild card entry to Wimbledon in 2019 when she was 15 and immediately rose to prominence by defeating five-time tournament champion [Venus Williams](#) in the first round. That year, Gauff also reached the third round of the U.S. Open and won her first singles title. The teenage phenom was selected to the U.S. Olympic team in June 2021 but had to withdraw from the delayed Tokyo Games after testing positive for COVID-19. At 19, she won her first Grand Slam title at the 2023 U.S. Open.

Quick Facts

FULL NAME: Cori Dionne Gauff
BORN: March 13, 2004
BIRTHPLACE: Delray Beach, Florida
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: Pisces

Early Life and Parents

Cori Dionne Gauff was born on March 13, 2004, in Delray Beach, Florida. She was named after her father, Corey. She told *Sports Illustrated Kids* in an interview that, to avoid confusion with their similar names, her aunt suggested calling her Coco, a play on one of her father's old nicknames. Gauff has two younger brothers, Cameron and Cody.

Athleticism runs in the family. Corey played Division I basketball at Georgia State University. Her mother, Candi, was a gymnast who also participated in Division I track and field at Florida State University. Because Gauff's parents were athletes, they wanted their firstborn to pursue a sport. So, Gauff began playing tennis at the age of 6.

Gauff spent her early years in Georgia. Her mother was a teacher, while her father was a pharmaceuticals executive. To support Gauff's tennis training and career, her parents opted to leave their jobs and move back to Delray Beach. Candi began to homeschool her daughter while Corey became her coach.

Early Tennis Career

By the time she was 10, Gauff had traveled to France to work with Patrick Mouratoglou, who coached Serena Williams. She continued to train with Mouratoglou, but her father was her main coach.

Corey has said of Gauff's development, "Be a well-rounded athlete, learn other sports—that's one thing we emphasized with Coco early on; she was in gymnastics, soccer, basketball, and she ran track. We wanted her to develop as a total athlete."

Gauff won the United States Tennis Association Clay Court National 12-under title in 2014. In 2017, she took second place at the U.S. Open Girls Junior Championships. The next year she became the junior champion at the French Open.

RAFMAN Annual Seniors' Christmas Celebration
L. Claudia Allen Senior Center
Saturday, December 16, 2023
6:00-9:00 PM





RAFMAN FACTS CALENDAR 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13 MLK PARADE DOWNTOWN ORL +++
 JANUARY 16 DR. MLK BIRTHDAY/PRAYER BREAKFAST+++
 JANUARY 25 RAFMAN SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION
 FEBRUARY TBA BLACK HISTORY MONTH
 APRIL 27 RAFMAN ANNUAL FISH FRY
 MAY TBA MOTHER DAY DINNER
 JUNE-VETERANS TOWN HALL MEETING..... CANCELLED??
 JUNE TBA..... LCA SENIORS PROM
 AUGUST 24..... ANNUAL PICNIC (MELBOURNE FL)
 OCTOBER 27 **RAFMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY** (*A Church Celebration*) *c
 NOVEMBER TBA VETERANS CHURCH SERVICE AT BETHLEHEM
 NOVEMBER 9..... VETERANS DAY PARADE, DOWNTOWN ORL
 NOVEMBER TBA FLORIDA CLASSIC, FAMU/BCU
 NOVEMBER TBA THANKSGIVING BASKETS GIVE-AWAY*c
 DECEMBER 7 SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION*c
 DECEMBER TBA..... MAYORS TOYS FOR TOTS*c
 DECEMBER TBA (NEW) RAFMAN CHRISTMAS PARTY+++

PURPOSE: THE FACTS CALENDAR IS PUBLISHED TO SHOW WHAT EVENTS NORMALLY TAKE PLACE DURING THAT MONTH.

NOTES:

- CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT WILL BE MADE WELL IN ADVANCED TO THE MONTH IT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE.
- +++ FUTURE CONSIDERATION
- *C Charity committee event, will require funding
- THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE—SOME UNSCHEDULED EVENTS MAY COME UP DURING THE YEAR.

Thoughts...



Military Foreign Lovers

Why do members of the military often marry lovers from the foreign countries they were deployed in?

When they come home, they get to leave their in-laws thousands of miles away.

Stars

How different military branches use the stars:

The U.S. Army sleeps beneath the stars.

The U.S. Navy uses the stars to navigate.

The U.S. Air Force chooses their hotels based on the stars.

Military Play on Words

Why does the military only allow dress shirts during ceremonies and events?

Civilian casual tees are absolutely unacceptable.

Military Secrets

My friend kept asking what my military rank was, but I kept telling him it's Private.

Just Desserts

A cookie and a piece of cake joined the army, but eventually, they abandoned their fellow soldiers. Now, they are wanted for dessert-ion.



RAFMAN Freddie Moore (Ret.)
January 14



RAFMAN Simon McRae
January 20



Sick n' Shut-ins:

Thanking God for His keeping power.

To Bereaved Families:

Our Prayers and Condolences to Families everywhere.



Our Daily Bread

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A Simple Request

If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me. John 21:22

"Please clean the front room before you go to bed," I said to one of my daughters. Instantly came the reply, "Why doesn't *she* have to do it?"

Such mild resistance was frequent in our home when our girls were young. My response was always the same: "Don't worry about your sisters; I asked you."

In John 21, we see this human tendency illustrated among the disciples. Jesus had just restored Peter after he'd denied Him three times (see John 18:15–18, 25–27). Now Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me!" (21:19)—a simple but painful command. Jesus explained that Peter would follow Him to the death (vv. 18–19).

Peter barely had time to comprehend Jesus' words before he asked about the disciple behind them: "What about him?" (v. 21). Jesus replied, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?" Then He said, "You must follow me" (v. 22).

How often we're like Peter! We wonder about the faith journeys of others and not what God is doing with us. Late in his life, when the death Jesus foretold in John 21 was much closer, Peter elaborated on Christ's simple command: "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do" (1 Peter 1:14–15). That's enough to keep each of us focused on Jesus and not on those around us. —By **Matt Lucas**

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:17-24 NIV

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." ²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

REFLECT: How are you tempted to compare your faith walk with others? How will you keep your focus on Jesus today?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, please continue to conform me into the image of Your Son.



SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

After His resurrection, Jesus remained on earth for forty days before ascending into heaven. During this time, He "proved to [his disciples] in many ways that he was actually alive" (Acts 1:3 NLT). The New Testament records some eleven post-resurrection appearances of Christ. The risen Jesus met with different people for different reasons. He had unfinished business with all His disciples. The Passover weekend was a traumatic one for them, and every disciple had "deserted him" (Matthew 26:56). In fact, Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times (John 18:15-27), but Christ restored him (21:15-19). His disciples needed to be forgiven, restored, reinstated, and re-commissioned to do God's work. —By K. T. Sim

Scripture—<https://www.biblegateway.com/>

<https://odb.org/>

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Their mission is to make the life-changing wisdom of the Bible understandable and accessible to all.

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JANUARY 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|-------------------|
| | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Lynn Colleton | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Freddie Moore | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Lamonte Brown | 20 Simon McRae |
| 21 | 22 Chinese New Year | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

<https://militarybenefits.info/national-vietnam-war-veterans-day/>
<https://www.hfotusa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2023/>
<http://www.holidays-and-observances.com/military-holidays.html...>
<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2023>
FEBRUARY 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-----|---|-------------------------|
| Black History Month African Americans and the Arts | | | | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day | 3 Four Chaplains Day |
| 4 USO Birthday United Service Organization | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Mardis Gras | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| National Salute to Veteran Patients Week | | | | | | |
| 18 | 19 President's Day and Coast Guard Reserve Birthday | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | Veteran.com ★ COMMUNITY 2024 Military Calendar - Holidays, Observances (veteran.com) | |

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"Men Striving Together to Make This A Better
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