



BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT ENERGY CHAPTER

Quarterly Newsletter

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President's Corner Importance of Voting

By: President, Vera Dunmore



Vera Dunmore

The 2020 Presidential Election was very important and will be a memorable election because of the Covid-19 Pandemic that the world is currently experiencing. Due to the pandemic, there were several voting options available, such as early voting, mail in, hand delivery, drop in ballot drop off box and voting in person. As of November 2, 2020, according to the FOX news, 95 million people have voted.

Our ancestors faced many challenges such as voting taxes, literacy tests, violence, and other intimidation tactics from 1776 to 1964. In 1965, the Voting Rights Acts directed the Attorney General to enforce the right to vote for African Americans. Due to many battles, laws, and amendments, you can vote if you are 18 years of age, a United States citizen and not a convicted felon. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Regional Representative Corner Senator Kamala Devi Harris

By: Octavia Gorham-Greenhill

Senator Kamala Devi Harris was born October 20, 1964, in Oakland, California. An American politician and attorney have served in the United States Senate since 2017. She is the Democratic vice-presidential nominee for the 2020 election. She received her education at the University of California and Hastings College of Law, Howard University. Kamala Harris is married to Douglas Emhoff, an entertainment lawyer.

At the age of five, Kamala and her sister, Maya, were brought to Berkeley, California after her mother, Shyamala Gopalan, born and raised in Chennai, India and father, Donald Harris, from Jamaica had separated. That move shaped Kamala Harris' life!

During Kamala Harris' career as a Senator, she has become known as a very smart, aggressive, intelligent, and very articulate person, as described by Bernie Sanders. By Steve Schmidt, former Republican Strategist -- A formidable political leader, smart, quick on her feet, articulate, etc. The many descriptions, from many people go on, and on. We can say that Senator Kamala Devi Harris is at the top of her league in excellence.

In Kamala Harris' autobiography, "The Truth We Hold" she wrote that her mother understood that America would see Kamala and Maya as Black, so "she was determined to make sure we would grow into confident and proud Black women."





Membership Corner

By: Vernita Galloway

- ★ Congratulations to our Gold Plus Members- Shirley Cambrel and Tomiko Edwards-Williams
- ★ Congratulations to our Lifetime Member- Madame President- Vera Dunmore

Payment Options for Lifetime & Gold Membership

Lifetime Membership is \$325.00

Gold Plus Membership is \$250.00*

*ONLY Lifetime Members can purchase a Gold Plus Membership

Membership Installment Plans:

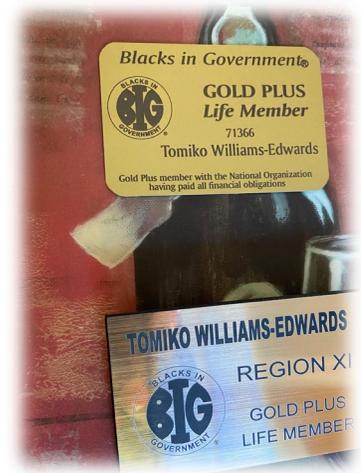
Members can create an installment plan thru their big account

Contact the BIG National Office and they can create one for you at (202)

667-3280 or via email at bignationalofficemanagers3005@gmail.com or

membershipinquiries@bignet.org.

There is no minimum payment or frequency of payments. You must pay your last installment payment before your regular or associate membership expires (one year). If your lifetime membership is not paid off before the end of the year, you must make you regular (\$35.00) or associate (\$25.00) yearly payment. If interested in joining or chapter, please visit our website: <https://www.big-energy.org>



Program and Education Corner

New Wave of Learning

By: LettieWormley

Learning has taken on a new definition since COVID-19. People have gone from learning by using face-to-face (reading/writing) to virtual (auditory and kinesthetic) method of learning. We're taking advantage of the various types of learning and communicating by using technology, such as Zoom, WebEx and teleconferencing.

These styles of learning have enabled us to remain in close contact with the outside world as we journey these uncertain and unprecedented times. Virtual learning has forced many households to wear several hats as teachers, instructors, in addition to being parents. Also, learning virtually has opened others a skillset in how technology has grown over the years.

Prior to the pandemic, learning was as simple as opening a textbook or turning on a computer screen.

Although society has embodied the importance of remaining vigilante, it's imperative that we use all the necessary products available to remain focused while we keep the windows open of our minds for achieving knowledge in the new wave of learning.



Volunteering Corner

Why should I volunteer?

By: Gregory Jackson

According to learningtogive.org, volunteering is a form of civic responsibility, which involves the giving of time or labor without the expectation of monetary compensation. Volunteering affords people the opportunity to share their skills, knowledge, and talents as well as the opportunity to learn new skills while helping organizations and communities further their goals. Let us be real, volunteering can be fun, interesting and time consuming. Volunteering has many benefits. It gives you an opportunity to discover your passion, can improve your physical health and mental, reduces stress, and allows you to make a difference. Sometimes we find our hidden talents by jumping into something you know nothing about. Take the opportunity to volunteer...it will not be a waste of your time.

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Chapter Accomplishments

Chapter Accomplishments and Events: July/Aug/Sept

- * Guest Speaker - Royce Kinniebrew - History of Rights for African Americans
- * Guest Speaker- Reginald Sarpong- Globe Life Insurance
- * Guest Speaker - Matthew Fogg - BIG National Presidential Candidate
- * Guest Speaker - Honorable Shirley Jones, BIG National Executive Vice President - Path to SES Leadership and BIG Presidential Candidate



Things to consider during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- ◆ Get your flu shot
- ◆ Take vitamins and exercise
- ◆ Have smaller Holiday gatherings
- ◆ Shop online for holiday gifts
- ◆ Explore alternatives for grocery shopping
- ◆ Virtual Contact with Family & Friends



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