Events Calendar March 9 – 16

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Tuesday, 05 March 2013

Saturday, March 9

Fun-Raiser: Join Miami Dade County's Black Heritage Planning Committee from 1 - 6 p.m. for an afternoon of fun at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and assist the Young Pillars Scholarship Fund. Bus departs from Golden Glades Interchange. Admission $30 includes the bus ride and $20 hard rock dollars. Call 305-375-4606.

AKA Top Hat Salute: Zeta Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.'s Women of Achievement Award luncheon at noon is preceded by a roundtable on women's issues, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Hotel, 400 Corporate Dr., Fort Lauderdale. Tickets $70, call 954-587-2456.

18th Annual South Florida All-Star Basketball Game: Tournament of Champions will present the largest youth all-star basketball game in South Florida where elite players from Dade and Broward will face off for the coveted title and scholarships, 2 p.m. at Ransom Everglades, 3575 Main Highway in Coconut Grove. Tickets $10. Call 305-972-6615.

Sunday, March 10

AKA Founder's Day Luncheon: Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. will salute the sorority's legacy of service and sisterhood that spans more than a century with a public luncheon featuring Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson at 2 p.m. Email creativepearl27@yahoo.com or visit akagzo.org

Evening at the Bandshell: DanceNow Miami (DNM) presents an evening under the stars featuring students from the Academy of the Arts and DNM at 7 p.m. at North Beach Bandshell, 7300 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Admission free. For more information visit dancenowmiami.org or call 305-975-8489.

Thursday, March 14

Trio Day: Join Palm Beach State College and guest speaker Angela Coleman as they showcase the positive impact of federally funded college opportunity programs on the lives of individuals, 10 a.m. at the MLK Plaza at the Lake Worth Campus. Call 561-868-3332 or visit

palmbeachstate.edu/outreachtrio

Friday, March 15

O DANCE's RnJ: A contemporary modern dance interpretation of the classic Romeo and Juliet comes to South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, 10950 S.W. 211 St., Cutler Bay, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets $20 in advance and $25 day of the show. Free parking available. For more information visit smdcac.org or call 786-573-5300.

Saturday, March 16

8th Annual Jazz in the Gardens: Charlie Wilson, New Edition, Earth Wind & Fire, Najee, Rachelle Ferrell, Neyo, Monica, Mary Mary and more will headline the epic concert that has become one of the most highly regarded and anticipated music festival events in the country, through March 17 at the Sun Life Stadium, 2269 N.W. 199th St., Miami Gardens. Visit jazzinthegardens.com

2013 Nat Moore Florida Golf Classic Celebrity Weekend: A fun-filled weekend of events March 16-18 including a Celebrity Party at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and a Golf Tournament on the Blue Monster at Doral Golf Resort & Spa. Proceeds benefit the Nat Moore Foundation, which provides educational scholarships to South Florida's graduating high school students and support to nonprofits serving children and youth. Call 305-770-0995 or visit natmoorefoundation.net

3rd Annual Women History Month Celebration: The Haitian-American Solidarity Center-PBC will honor five women – Sheila Acevedo, Connie Berry, Glenda Garrett, Marcelle Chery and Monique St. Louis – with the Human Progress Award, 5 p.m. at St. John Fisher, 4001 North Shore Dr., West Palm Beach. The theme is Women are the Main Pillars of Society. Call Enide Salomon at 561-291-1980.

Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities: The nation's largest annual, free event for people with physical and/or intellectual challenges will take place from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Spanish River Park, A1A in Boca Raton. The event is open to all ages with physical and/or intellectual disabilities, their caregivers and family. Visit boatingbeachbash.com. or call 561-715-2622.

Ongoing:

The Amen Corner: The African American Performing Arts Community Theatre, Inc. presents the James Baldwin classic through March 17 at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 N.W. 22nd Ave., in Miami's Liberty City. Admission $20, discount rates are available, parking free. Call 305-456-0287 or visit aapact.com. (See review on Page 4C.)

The Essence of Black Miami Exhibit: The Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida presents an exhibit that reflects the last 20 years of the AT&T Black History Calendar, through April 30, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ward Cultural Tourist Gallery, 249 N.W. Ninth St. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information visit theblackarchives.org or call 305-636-2390.

Local Treasures of African History: The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum reaches into its archives of donated artwork and artifacts for its latest exhibit representing sub-Saharan West Africa and southeast Africa through April 2013. The exhibit will close with a presentation by Sam X, the Gourd Master on The Many Faces of the Gourd, featuring West

African uses of the gourd, 5:30 p.m. on March 29. Visit spadymuseum.org

*Please email your event to: empyrealcommunications@gmail.com by the preceding Thursday at 10 a.m.

**Pictured above is Priscilla Dames-Blake, Chair of Miami-Dade County's Black Affairs Advisory Board.