



The Drum Newsletter

The Tribune Society, Inc. of the Court in the State of New York

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From The President's Desk

Greetings Sister and Brother Tribunes;

As I take over the helm of The Tribune Society, I would like to beat the DRUM to call for unity. Many years ago I remember that The Drum Newsletter used to have a sub title "The Strongest Link." As we enter the 40th year anniversary of the Tribune Society, I'll beat the DRUM to call for a tightening of links that connect us all. It does not matter what job title or position you have in the system, we all are Tribunes. We must all continue to consistently make contributions, that our titles allow us, to further the implementation of justice, and to develop programs and activities that will directly benefit our community. We are as strong as the weakest link.

My goal is to create strong links within our Society. We can do this by sincerely displaying unselfish commitment towards the Society and to one another. I beat the Drum to call for the setting aside of individual differences so that we can consider what is best for Our Organization.

I beat the Drum to call those who have left the fold, for one reason or another, to return and help tighten the links, to make us stronger than ever. If change is needed, become active and help us decide what changes will be effective.

As the new President I have submitted proposed amendments to the Tribune Society's Constitutional and By-Laws Committee. I have requested that they review the entire constitution and by-laws and make recommendations for any additional amendments.

I beat the DRUM to call for your active involvement on all committees and encourage you to come forward with new ideas under the premise that everything is open to and for the benefit of our members. In the words of one of our past presidents, "our strategy for providing for the long term life of our organization is to get both new and experienced members involved in committees so that there is never a loss of experience or talent."

You have a new, talented and committed Executive board to guide the Tribune Society as we enter an exciting new year. A new year that includes a number of new initiatives as well as completion of several ongoing projects designed to enrich our organization.

Finally, I beat the DRUM to call on all to help recruit new members, attend general membership meetings, and to participate in Tribune Society committees and events. With your participation we will soar.

Please stay in touch with your county delegate or building representative for details on all upcoming events. You can also check out the Tribune Society website at www.tribunes.org. You can contact the Tribune Society by email at Tribunes@yahoo.com.

I look forward to serving as your president in the upcoming new year, working with you and building on the many successes of the prior year. ***The Executive Board and I wish each and everyone a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.***

Fraternally, Ernest Owens
President

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, **December 13, 2007** - 6:00 P.M.
Federal Court House
500 Pearl Street, Room 850 • NYC

18th Annual BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 20, 2008
6:00 P.M.

60 Centre Street - (Rotunda)
New York, NY 10001
Keynote Speaker:
Susan L. Taylor
Editorial Director, Essence Magazine

16th Annual ALPHONSO B. DEAL / WILLIAM H. THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP DANCE

Saturday, April 12, 2007
Occasions Banquet Hall

Merrick Blvd., Springfield Gardens, NY

SCHEDULED GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Thursday, March 20, 2008
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008
Thursday, December 11, 2008

6:00 P.M.
Federal Court House
500 Pearl Street, Room 850 • NYC

~ REMINDER ~

Please be reminded that the Tribune Society's financial fiscal year runs from September through June.

Dues of \$25.00, for the 2007-2008 financial year were due in September 2007. Dues can be mailed, submitted at the general membership meeting or given to any board member. To ensure the accuracy of our membership database, it is requested that all members complete a membership renewal form.
Thank you for your support.

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AT
WWW.TRIBUNES.ORG

Email Address:
TRIBUNES@YAHOO.COM

39th Annual Awards Dinner

By Ernest Owens

We wish to thank everyone who attended our 39th Anniversary Dinner Dance on November 1, 2007 at Marina Del Rey. I had the honor to make the presentation of the Tribune Society's Distinguished Service Award to Emmy award winning broadcaster Ed Gordon. Thank you, Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye in presenting the Special Recognition

Award to the Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick. Past president Edward Edmead was presented with the President's Award by Vice President Leah Richardson. A good time was had by all. We want everyone to know that your presence and support that night were and is greatly appreciated.

{ Photo - Hon. Judith Kaye, Mr. Ed Gordon, President Ernest Owens,

Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.)



A Letter to My Fellow Tribune Members

By Leah Richardson

Dear Tribune Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect and thank each and every member who has worked with the executive board and served on our committees during this past year. I also thank you for coming out and supporting us at the County receptions and outings we had throughout the year. I especially would like to thank you for contributing to our fundraisers

These fundraisers are what help us to provide events and activities for you, our members. Fundraisers also contribute towards the Scholarship Awards for our Tribune youth. Because of your hard work, you made this year a successful one.

I would like to personally thank the county delegates -

John W. Stubbs III
County Delegate Coordinator
Dean Hutchins
(Manhattan County Delegate)
Al Lowe
(Queens County Delegate)
Regina Greene
(Nassau County Delegate)
Karen Blanchette
(Bronx County Delegate)

Tonia Wharton
(Suffolk County Delegate)
Shannon Williams
(Westchester County Delegate)
June Farrow
(Brooklyn County Delegate)

A special thank you to all the Building Reps for a job well done.

I would also like to thank former President Edward Edmead, Vice President Roderick Randall, and last and certainly not least, former President Patricia Parker for their support, wisdom and dedication to our organization.

It's through your leadership and support we can come together as a group of individuals all working for the same cause. I am blessed and proud to have you as part of my team. You have truly shown your dedication, skills, commitment and the effort that it takes to maintain the integrity of an organization. We look forward to seeing you next year at our many events to come. Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a Happy Holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

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We are seeking members to work with the following committees.

Contact us if you are interested in becoming part of or co-chairing a committee.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE & YOUTH COMMITTEE -

Focusing on re-establishing a mentoring program and other programs involving providing positive role models, scholarship, and financial information for our youth.

PREPARATION COURSES COMMITTEE

Court Clerk/Senior Court Clerk exam scheduled for May 17, 2008

ABD/WHT SCHOLARSHIP DANCE COMMITTEE

TAX EXEMPT STATUS - 501C3

Seeking members for creation of the Board of Directors

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce the re-establishment of the Tribunes Society's Resume Bank. Prior to submitting your resume for review, contact us to receive the Tribune Society Resume Development Workbook.

Member Activities Follow-Up

Photos From Tribune
Activities & Events -
TRIBUNE KINGS COUNTY
BAR-B-QUE & FAMILY DAY OUTING
AUGUST 4, 2007.



PREPARATORY COURSE FOR THE
ASSOCIATE & PRINCIPAL COURT CLERK
PROMOTIONAL EXAM
SEPT 5, 2007 - NOVEMBER 17, 2007

WESTCHESTER COUNTY RECEPTION
OCTOBER 9, 2007



MINORITY INTEREST MEETING WITH THE
HON. ANNE PFAU AT 25 BEAVER STREET
OCTOBER 17, 2007

39TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
NOVEMBER 1, 2007
ED GORDON



KINGS COUNTY RECEPTION
141 LIVINGSTON STREET, BROOKLYN
NOVEMBER 9, 2007

BRONX COUNTY RECEPTION
851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX NY
NOVEMBER 13, 2007

MEETING WITH THE
HON. FRANCIS A. NICOLAI
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

23RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE
DISCO
DECEMBER 7, 2007



“GIVE A TOY -SPREAD SOME JOY”



To Each and Every member of
Our Tribune Family & Friends

Happy Holidays

*May the spirit of this season -
Harmony, love and understanding
Become a way of life. And may the
coming year bring Hope and Peace
to all mankind.*

*From the Tribune Society
Executive Board*

If you're like most people, starting in January you will be looking for ways to save money after your holiday spending spree.

Here are a few money saving suggestions:

- Turn off computers and TVs when not in use and save more than \$100 per year.
- Set your hot-water-heater thermostat at 120 degrees Fahrenheit (or "low"). That's hot enough for most needs.
- Once a year, ask your current long-distance carrier and a couple of competitors whether another calling plan suits your current usage. The Web site www.trac.org can guide you to lower-cost plans.
- Consider switching to basic cable service instead of paying extra for channels you may not watch. Also, ask your cable company whether it offers just one premium channel in your area instead of charging you more for a package.
- If you have children approaching college age look for groups offering scholarship at www.fastweb.com for www.salliemae.com (click the "WiredScholar" icon in lower right-hand corner) and www.collegeboard.com (click "For Parents" & "Scholarship Search")
- Use search engines such as www.Shopping.com, [\[Shopping.yahoo.com\]\(http://Shopping.yahoo.com\), \[www.BizRate.com\]\(http://www.BizRate.com\), \[www.MySimon.com\]\(http://www.MySimon.com\), and \[www.froogle.com\]\(http://www.froogle.com\) when shopping online. Each site nets different retailers, so try them all.](http://www.</div><div data-bbox=)

- Aggressively clipping coupons is one way to save significant sums on groceries try www.cutouthunger.org, which posts weekly supermarket deals and coupons by state
- Buy three papers. "Picking up three copies of the Sunday paper is a small price to pay for the savings you'll receive in clipped coupons,"
- See double. Shop only at super-markets that double or triple the value of coupons.
- Consider coupon sites. Sites such as www.bargainboardwalk.com, www.couponmountain.com and www.eCoupons.com offer "coupon codes" for the goods you want to buy. Be aware you may need to provide personal data and may receive spam.
- Print coupons. Visit sites that let you print supermarket coupons for free, such as www.coolsavings.com and www.smartsource.com.
- Spot the sales. See what foods are on sale at local supermarkets during the coming week. Check newspaper ads, store circulars or the supermarket's Web site.

- Create a menu. Plan a week's worth of meals based on the sale items. Many food magazines have Web sites, such as www.foodandwine.com, that offer free access to recipes arranged by food type or ingredient.
- You can cut the cost of movie tickets purchases by visiting the Web sites of movie-theater companies, many of which offer multiple online ticket sales for about \$5 per flick, as well as other savings promotions.
- To cut the cost of Broadway shows by up to 50 percent, try www.BroadwayBox.com, a Web site that provides show discount codes and lets you order tickets online.

Source:

Consumer Reports - 101 Tips

~ Web Sites of Interest ~

www.internet4classrooms.com

This site can be helpful over the holiday break. It is educational and free.

www.blackamericaweb.com

Click on the Tom Joyner Foundation 2008 Full Ride Scholarship Application One scholarship will be awarded to a Freshman entering a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the US in the fall of 2008. The recipient of this Full Ride Scholarship will receive full tuition waivers and generous stipends to cover room & board and books.