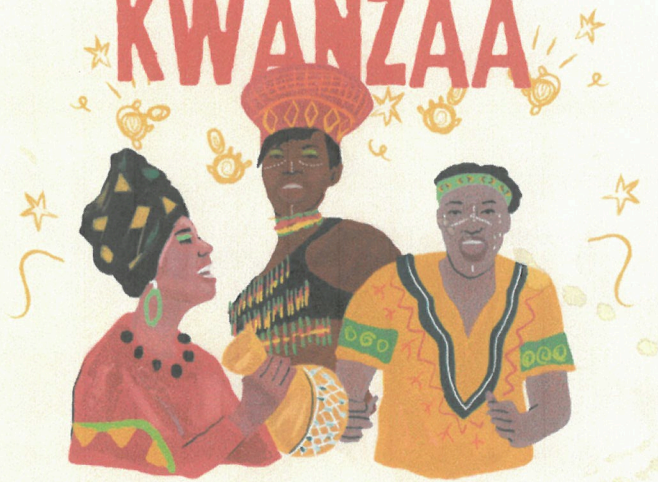


HAPPY KWANZAA



The Mother's Club of Wheatley Heights

The Concerned Fathers Association

&

The Half Hollow Hills Library

Present

"A Kwanzaa Celebration"

Saturday, December 14th, 2024

2:00 pm — 4:45 pm

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Kwanzaa Celebration

PROGRAM

Entrance Song Egwu	Chike & Mohbad
Welcome	Phyllis Stewart
Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing"	Zahari & Jayden Clinton Pianist Ms. Love Foy
Libation Ceremony	The Concerned Fathers Assoc.
What is Kwanzaa? 7 Principles - Nguzo Saba	Brian Hall, Myles Redd, Jessie Porter
Umoja (Unity) Percussion Video 3D_Dance Studio	Domonic Luna/Kennedy Ross Nijahl, Elijah & Barrae Choice Daphne A. Williams & Students
Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)	Maxwell/Kingsley Harding
3D Dance Studio Performance -	Daphne Andrews Williams & Students
Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility)	Myles Redd
Nassau Suffolk Alumni Chapter Kappa Leaguers Steppers	Principal Paul Sibbles Wyandanch High School
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)	Ethan Campbell
Fashion Show	Judith Gaffney - Coutre Trees Designs
Nia (Purpose)Jordan & Ryann Olmann
Kuumba (Creativity) Choreographer Song: Amazing	VCW Dancers Lucas / Olivia Chery Pastor Mike Jr.
Imani (Faith)	Josiah/Noah Goulding
Inspirational message	Dr. Ronald Williams Wells
Karamu/Zawadi	Jaxson Goodman/Mason Campbell Ryann Olmann/London Merriweather
Kwanzaa Alphabet Poem: L. Taylor Happy Kwanzaa Song Pianist	MCWH Youth & Friends Directed by Maxwell Harding Ms. Love Foy
Closing Remarks	MCWH, Inc. President Meryl Porter
Karamu/Holiday Feast	Rose Tolbert/Flora Onuchima/ Claudine Harding/SaraFuentes

NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM'

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

What is Kwanzaa?

Kwanzaa is an African American holiday based on an African harvest celebration. Dr. Maulana Karenga created it in 1966 to help African Americans learn more about their roots. Many of the words used at Kwanzaa time come from Swahili – an African language. The word “Kwanzaa” comes from the Swahili word meaning first and stands for the first fruits of the harvest.

There are seven symbols that stands for something. The first symbol is the mkeka, or placemat. Its stands for history. The kinara, or candle holder, is the heart of the Kwanzaa setting. The kinara stands for people who lived many years ago in Africa,

There are seven principles of Kwanzaa. Principles are reasons for being which are not just for African Americans but may be important to all people.

Habari Gani?

Ujamaa Fashion Show Models

Designs by Coutre Trees Fashion

Phyllis Stewart	Kingsley Harding
Kennedy Ross	Bianca Campbell
Monique Golding	Gloria Speight
Keith Golding	Mason Campbell
Noah Golding	Ethan Campbell
La Wanda Rice-Chery	Jackie Merriweather
Claudine Harding	Cheryl William
Maxwell Harding	Zion Lambre



Kwanzaa Committee Members

La Wanda Rice **Chery**/ Phyllis Y. Stewart - Co-Chairs

Imogene Blanding, Bianca Campbell, Gloria Campbell, Sharell Hassell-Goodman, Monique Goulding, Jackie Merriweather, Shantell Ollmann, Michelle Sparrow-Harrison, Claudine Harding

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Kwanzaa Utenzi (Poem)

Kwanzaa's brings excitement to everything we do. Kinara, candles and kente cloth combine traditions old and new. We celebrate with food and drink, tell stories with the drum. Seven principles practiced each year, remind us of where we're from.

Umoja (Unity) Grandmas love of family teaches, don't spend holidays apart.

Kujichagulia (Self Determination) Our parents instill confidence, so we listen to our heart.

Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility) Friends and family members give advice along the way. Encourage us when we are down, help solve problems day to day.

Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) Shopkeepers work together fighting to keep our community strong.

Nia (Purpose) Neighbors and leaders always teaching right from wrong.

Kuumba (Creativity) The beauty that we see each day in our music, art, and dance.

Imani (Faith) Believing in ourselves and knowing that we always have a chance.

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- *The Half Hollow Hills Community Library
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- *Dr. Ronald Williams Wells
- *Pianist - Ms. Love Foy
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