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KPBS MISSION

KPBS enriches the lives of people in the San Diego region through unique media services. These high quality radio, TV, Web and community activities educate, inspire, entertain, and advance civic involvement, celebration of culture and the power of diverse perspectives.

Tune in to KPBS Radio, 89.5 FM throughout February for Black History Month programs and to KPBS-TV, Channel 15/Cable 11 Sunday, February 12 at 5 p.m. for a broadcast of this special event.

The Black History Month Local Heroes are chosen for demonstrating a high level of commitment and community participation. The awards recognize their collective contributions of courage and humanity and encourage others in San Diego to continue this legacy.

This is the eighth year for the program in San Diego, which is part of a statewide initiative sponsored by Union Bank of California to honor the contributions of many ethnic unsung heroes.

2005 Honorees

Jennie Hamilton
Freddie M. Jackson
Vincent E. Mudd
Cecil H. Steppe
John E. Warren and Gerri Warren
The Rev. George Walker Smith

2004 Honorees

Johnny Carter, Ph.D.
Kathleen E. Harmon
Gale and Gil Johnson
Robert L. Matthews, Ph.D.
The Honorable Elizabeth A. Riggs

2002 Honorees

Paul J. and Zoneice Z. Jones
Jewell D. Hooper
Robert E. Osby
Fahari Jeffers and Ken Seaton-Msemaji
Hartwell W. Ragsdale

2000 Honorees

Doris Anderson
Floyd Gaffney, Ph.D.
Dr. Leon Kelley and Mrs. Jewel Kelley
Harold and Tina Lewis
Vernon Sukumu

2003 Honorees

Dorothy Annette
Howard H. Carey, Ph.D.
Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.
Reese A. Jarrett
Anna J. Mathews

2001 Honorees

Sandra Foster-King
Dr. Rodney Hood
William D. Jones
Walter Kudumu
Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.

1999 Honorees

Greg Akili
Cleo Malone, Ph.D.
Eileen Moss
Khalada Salaam-Alaji
Carolyn Y. Smith

2006 BLACK HISTORY MONTH LOCAL HERO AWARDS



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February 1, 2006

6 p.m. Reception and Dinner

Music by Carl Evans Jr. Jazz Ensemble

7 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Doug Myrland
General Manager, KPBS

Bob McNeely
Senior Vice President, Union Bank of California

Delores McNeely
Senior Vice President, Union Bank of California

Performance by MADA Youth Choir

7:10 p.m. Awards Presentation

George and Robbie Hill
Judge Napoleon A. Jones Jr.
James R. Kitchen, Ed.D.

Performance by San Diego City College students from Smokey Joe's Café

David E. Lloyd
Jimma McWilson

Performance by MADA Youth Choir

Leon L. Williams

8 p.m. Dessert and Coffee

Music by Carl Evans Jr. Jazz Ensemble

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ARTS

George and Robbie Hill founded the San Diego Young Artists Music Academy to enhance the lives of local children through music education and deter them from drugs and violence. Pouring their life savings into the academy, the Hills formed an

after-school music program – MADA, an acronym for Music, Art, Development and Achievement – featuring boys and girls choirs. And through the academy's programs, the couple focuses on helping young people with self-esteem, cross-cultural experiences, creative expression and music development.



EDUCATION

James R. Kitchen, Ed.D. is committed to education. As vice president of student affairs for San Diego State University, he provides 30 years of professional university experience to helping students academically and personally. Kitchen oversees programs that

promote community involvement, leadership, good health, career development, civic responsibility and cultural awareness. Prior to his current role, he has served as the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' associate dean of students and student development center director and an associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students at the University of Kansas.



BUSINESS

David E. Lloyd is an entrepreneurial ship builder who has stayed afloat in business for 39 years. That's because Lloyd doesn't shy away from hard work and seizes educational and business opportunities. Among the opportunities he's taken is being the first minority

business owner to receive a master ship repair contract from the U.S. Navy. Lloyd admits that running his company, Bay City Marine, Inc., hasn't always been smooth sailing; but he credits perseverance, as well as hard-working and loyal employees, for his success.



PUBLIC SERVICE

Judge Napoleon A. Jones Jr. has been on the bench for 29 years. He began as a municipal court judge and later moved on to superior court. Then in 1994, President Clinton nominated Jones for appointment to the U.S. District Court. And along the way, he's received

accolades from the very people who've had to abide by his rulings. But Jones' dedication to the community goes beyond the courtroom; the judge works as a mentor for elementary school children and is active with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater San Diego. Jones remains committed to serving the public, especially the adults of tomorrow.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Jimma McWilson believes "in the circle of life, everyone is equal." Following that philosophy, he was drawn a decade ago to the San Diego Urban League – an organization that strives to assist people from all walks of life to achieve social and economic equality. Since then,

McWilson has dedicated his professional life to the league, first as director of education, youth and family services; today he is executive vice president and chief operating officer. Through his work, the group continues helping to support and empower families so they may create healthy communities.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Leon L. Williams has been serving San Diego County citizens for nearly four decades. Most recently, he was San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board chair, a position from which he retired last fall. Williams' public service began as a San Diego City Council member.

Later, Williams was elected to join the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Along with these roles, he has been active in the California Coastal Commission, League of California Cities and other associations that work to improve the quality of life for area residents. In addition to being a dedicated community member, Williams is a devoted husband, father and grandfather.