

fifteenth amendment to the constitution

Ratified March 30, 1870

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous conditions of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Election Day
November 4th, 2003

answer....
He went in one ear and out the

Did You Know

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Merck & Co. (New Jersey based drug Co.) have adopted one of the most aggressive efforts to battle AIDS in Africa.

The Gates Foundation has donated \$50 Million which will be used for medication, testing and education in Botswana. More than 38% of adults are infected with HIV in Botswana (the highest rate in the world).

OUR THANKS TO HOWARD KEYS AND ETHEL GIBSON FOR THE GENEROUS BOOK DONATIONS.

They will make a wonderful addition to our **future** Black History Library.

**DID YOU KNOW?
Ads For Runaway Slaves**
quotes from
The Pennsylvania Gazette

October 17,1781
Peat and "Cuff" ran away from Henry Lewis of Hilltown.

May 8, 1782
"Cuff" runs away from George Cungle of New Britain.

March 12, 1783
"Cuff" Runs away from William Hart of Plumstead.

Ad For Slave For Sale

December 31,1783
Richard Gibbs-
Advertised a mulatto girl for sale.

taken from
Index to Bucks County References in the
Pennsylvania Gazette 1728-1789
compiled by Terry A. Mcneally

COOK'S CORNER - GOOD EATING!

ONE STEP LASAGNA - using regular noodles not the precooked

Ingredients:

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| 1 Box 16 oz. Lasagna | 8 oz. Mozzarella Cheese |
| 2 Jars 15-1/2 oz. Spaghetti sauce | Grated Parmesan Cheese |
| 1 container 15 oz. Ricotta cheese | 1-1/2 cups water |

Directions

Combine water and spaghetti sauce. Cover a 13 x 9 x 2" pan with 1-1/2 cups of this . Arrange noodles on top (UNCOOKED) slightly overlapping edges. Spread half of the ricotta cheese over and then half of the Mozzarella and then 2 Tablespoons Parmesan cheese. Add another layer sauce, then noodles then again the rest of the cheeses. Cover with the rest of sauce if any. Cover with aluminum foil and bake 350 degrees for 1 hour. Enjoy!

Thank you Mrs. Ida Jones for this easy delicious recipe.

Happenings



HOLD THE DATE
February 28, 2004

Black History Month Poetry and Arts Celebration

An Afternoon Celebrating Poetry
and Art that Celebrates African
Americans Contribution to History.



HOLD THE DATE
March 6, 2004

Rainbow Extravaganza

Gala Affair for the benefit of the Harriet
Tubman Memorial Fund

Harriet Tubman's Homestead

Visit Harriet Tubman's Home in
Auburn NY
April 30th- May 1st, 2004

visit Harriet Tubman's home,
gravesite with Carnation tribute,
and the William Seward mansion.

"I've Known Rivers" Langston Hughes

This is an informal listing of the readings that were delivered on the occasion of the *Poetry and Readings* event on February 8th, 2003 at the **Bethel A.M.E Church** in Bristol.

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| Louise Davis | "i see you for evelyn" Imani Tolliver |
| | "Runagate, Runagate" Robert Hayden |
| Patricia Edwards | "I am a Black Woman" Patricia Edwards |
| Chelsey Hartley | "Freedom" Langston Hughes |
| Pauline Harvey | "And Ain't I a Woman" Sojourner Truth |
| Nancy Johnson | "On the Pulse of the Morning" Maya Angelou |
| Dorothy Kline | Medley of Spirituals |
| Lisa Khalsa | "And I Shall Rise" Maya Angelou |
| Clan Linton | "Negro" Langston Hughes |
| Ruth Lockett | "I Have a Dream" Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. |
| Dannielle Martin | "And I Still Rise" excerpt, Maya Angelou |
| Martha Miller | A personal account on an adventure in researching family history |
| Mrs. Bertha Nael | "A Prayer For Inner Strength" Iyanla Van Sant |
| Reverend Nael | "Lift Every Voice and Sing" James Weldon Johnson |
| Shaunese O'Connell | "Dark Symphony" Melvin B. Tolson |
| Anna Mary Pollard | "Psalm of Life" Henry Wadsworth Longfellow |
| Robert Pollard | "An Ante Bellum Sermon", "The Colored Soldier",
"The Lawyer's Way" Paul Lawrence Dunbar |
| Harold Pugh, Jr. | "The House of a Strong Man" Harold Pugh Jr. |
| Willie Shuler | "Ballad of the Landlord" Langston Hughes |
| Denise Smith | "If Jesus Came To Your House" Lois Blanchard Eades |
| William Smith | "If", "Uncle Henry", "Requiem for the King" from
"Field Hollers" by William Smith |
| Evelyn Taylor | "My Sort of Man" Paul Lawrence Dunbar |
| Sidney Taylor | Short Observations by Sidney Taylor |

Thoughts, sung or shouted, whispered or written, enlivened through the beat or implied by the silences have always been present in our memories, creating rhythmic patterns which hold messages to be repeated, restated, reheard and reinterpreted, finding various routes to the centers of our being.

In February of 2004 the *African American Historic and Cultural Society of Bucks County* will again invite singers, orators, poets and listeners to participate in an afternoon or evening designed to reflect the variety and strengths of our oral history.

we Are Planning



Trips



UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Tour Sights in Bucks County
Enjoy Buffet Lunch
May 22, 2004 (Tentative)

The Lower Bucks Steering Committee

Find out how the P.S.S.A. testing and the No Child Left Behind Law affects children in our community. There is power in the new legislation but only with informed parents and community groups will our children benefit.

Next Meeting

October 23, 2003- 7:00pm
Norton Avenue Baptist Church Annex
5723 Norton Ave. Bristol PA

How will you be celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 75th Birthday January 15, 2004

Interfaith Harmony is trying to coordinate a celebration
Share your ideas
contact: Natalie Kaye @215-579-1836
if you would like to participate

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**African American Historical
and Cultural Society
of Bucks County**
Meeting Reminder
 Second Saturday of the Month
 1:00pm
 Grundy Library
Next Meeting November 8th

Did You Know?
Gwendolyn Brooks
 Chicago 1950
 First African American
 to Recieve the Pulitzer Prize
 for Poetry.

**DEADLINE
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