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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr George Keaton

Founder/Executive Director
Remembering Black Dallas, Inc

Dr. Keaton is a fifth-generation native of Dallas on his maternal and paternal family line. He has had a lifelong fascination and interest in the history and heritage of the Dallas African-American communities and freedman towns. Family stories told to him by his maternal grandmother as a child sparked a quest to learn more about his family eventually expanding to the African American culture of the people and city of Dallas. Dr. Keaton quotes, "Learning about my family made me quickly realize how deeply I was connected and woven like fabric into the people and the city of Dallas so deeply that I could no longer envision a separation of the two".

He has been a lifelong student of studying the African-American culture and the history of Dallas. With his lifelong study and heritage within the city of Dallas, he anxiously established the organization Remembering Black Dallas after his retirement in 2015 upon completing 31 years of service as an educator and counselor with the Dallas Independent School District. His organization's mission statement is to preserve and promote the heritage, culture, and artifacts of Dallas' African Americans and its surrounding communities. Through this organization since its inception, Dr. Keaton and his team of local volunteers have: established state markers and monuments throughout the city of Dallas, established the Mabel Chandler Scholarship Foundation, conducts countless workshops, speaker presentations, local and annual out-of-state African-American heritage tours, citywide cultural displays, publications, and most recently produced a play depicting little known facts of local outstanding African American Dallas natives in 2019. He has just completed his second theatrical documentary production of The Half Ain't Never Been Told. In all of these projects and endeavors, the unique focus is on the life and culture of African-Americans and formerly enslaved people and their tremendous contributions to the county of Dallas.

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

June 27: Final meeting of the year at AFRAH Restaurant;
Installation of 2022-23 Board Members

Attending on-line? Here is the information for today:
Zoom Meeting ID is 852 1876 9498; Passcode is 056584.

Richardson Flags

Sign up year-round. Subscriptions continue for a full calendar year and flags will be placed on each of the next five deployments. No matter when you sign up, you will receive five flag deployments. All for \$50/year!

The Club operates its Flag Program with the support of local Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Jr. ROTC detachment members who share in the revenue. Net proceeds benefit Richardson Rotary Foundation's college scholarships (over \$480,000 committed to 91 recipients since 1983), plus various club-supported programs and charities.

<http://www.richardsonflags.org/> or call (972) 725-7150 ext. 803

- ★ President's Day (3rd Monday in February) ★ Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- ★ Independence Day (July 4) ★ Labor Day (first Monday in September plus 9/11)
- ★ Veterans Day (November 11)

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Dr. Keaton, with the support of many community leaders in 2018, formed the Dallas County Equal Justice Initiative Coalition which is a local grassroots product of the Equal Justice Coalition founded by Atty. Bryan Stevenson is currently located in Montgomery Alabama. This organization's focus is to recognize and bring to the forefront the atrocities of lynchings, and racial violence that took place in Dallas County. The local group serves as a platform for the community to discuss racial injustices and racism, and address the systemic discrimination in Dallas County with the hopes of resolution and healing for the county of Dallas

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