



# San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club (SANCS&C) Newsletter



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## President's Corner By Mr. Dave Hill, President, SANCS&C

Greetings all! Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the SANCS&C for having the confidence, faith and trust in me to elect me as your President for the 2014-2015 term. I promise to strive to live up to your expectations and represent this organization in the best manner I know while keeping the organization's goal foremost on my mind. I would also like to thank Mr. Melvin Clemmons, Vice President, Ms. Cassandra Porter, Secretary, and Ms. Felecia Bratchett, Treasurer, for running for office, getting elected and joining me on this journey as SANCS&C's Executive Committee. Thanks also to those members who stepped up and accepted appointed position leads within the organization as well as those accepting the different committee position chairs. I look forward to an outstanding working relationship with each of you as we strive to move "OUR" organization forward. Again, to the entire SANCS&C organization I say "Thank You!"

I'm starting off the year asking for the help and support of the entire membership. In order for our organization to grow and become better, every member must do their part. We must all make an asserted effort to attend every scheduled regular meeting; they are held on the last Saturday of each month. We must all be willing to step up and lead the organization's events. We must all work hard to recruit new members, reclaim former members and retain those members that we presently have in the organization. Above all, we must all work together as a "TEAM!" We are a volunteer organization, but we all volunteered to join SANCS&C for a reason. I hope that reason was to "Give Back to Our Community!" Working together, we can make anything happen; however, working against one another can cause us all to fail. Again, I'm asking for your support as we move forward as a team.

The year started off with a blast as SANCS&C hosted one of the best Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrations ever. The celebration dinner was held at the Gateway Club, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland, TX, on 18 Jan 2014. Our guest speaker, the Honorable Frank D. Jackson, Mayor of Prairie View, Texas, provided those in attendance with an outstanding speech. We were also fortunate to participate in the San Antonio Zulus, A Taste of New Orleans Celebration, held 11-13 Apr 2014 at the Sunken Garden Theater. This was a first time appearance for SANCS&C at this event and we were awarded 2nd Place for Best Food noncommercial category. The membership came together during both events to ensure they were both successful. Well done membership!

We are not done yet! I won't touch on everything we have done or are scheduled to do in this president's corner; however, as you continue to read the different articles in this issue of our SANCS&C newsletter, you will be able to see that we are fully engaged and pushing forward in living up to our motto "Giving Back to the Community!" Although we have already participated in numerous activities already, there's still many, many more scheduled, on our annual calendar of events, for us to tackle. I'm sure we are all up to task in ensuring all of our SANCS&C events are a success.

In closing, I would like to remind us all to say thank you; thank you to our supporters and thank you to each other. I want to thank the editor of our newsletter, Mr. Mel Clemmons, for keeping the newsletter going. I truly believe this is a great tool for our organization to reach the masses. I ask the membership for support in providing Mel meaningful articles for future issues of our newsletter. Again, I look forward to an outstanding working relationship with each of you and thanks for the opportunity to serve you and our community. I wish you all the best and Godspeed as we move forward together. Thanks for all you do!



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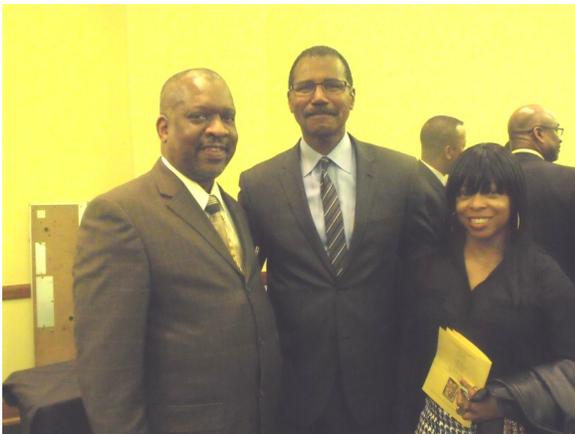
## Fiesta 2014 A Taste of New Orleans

This year we participated for the first time in the A Taste of New Orleans celebration at Sunken Gardens. It was an outstanding effort by the membership, and we would not have been as successful without the support of the following volunteers: Mrs. Alicia Hill; Mrs. Wilma Lusk-Dunn; Mrs. Evette Johnson; Ms. Tamisha Johnson; Ms. Vickey Lewis; Ms. Ella Floyd; Mr. Keith Raggette; Mr. Cliff Massey; Mr. Rick Hite; SMSgt Juwone Harris, MSgt Adrian Mitchell; TSgt Jason Session; and SSgt Sudana Cambell. This year it is estimated that there were over 8,000 attendees, with several food vendors serving up their favorite specialties. The SANCSC was recognized with a second place finish (pictured below) for best food in the non-commercial category, which was quite an accomplishment, and is an excellent example of the product the SANCSC puts out. Ms. Zeke MacCormack wrote in the SA Express Newspaper "Another first-timer to the event was the San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club, a sister organization to the San Antonio Zulu Association. The nonprofit set up a booth selling fish sandwiches to help raise scholarship money for college-bound high school seniors. Melvin Clemmons, vice president of the club, said a Taste of New Orleans is a fun way to help improve the community. "The more we raise, the more people we can impact," he added."



## GUNAA-SA Chapter and SA Association of Black Journalists Joint Scholarship Luncheon

On March 8, 2014 the SANCSC supported the Grambling University National Alumni Association and the Association of Black Journalists by attending their Scholarship Luncheon. CBS Correspondent, Mr. Bill Whitaker was guest speaker and Mr. Marvin Hurst, Newscaster from KENS-5 Eyewitness and President of The San Antonio Association of Black Journalists was the MC.



SANCSC Vice President Mr. Mel Clemmons and Treasurer Ms. Felecia Bratchett with Mr. Bill Whitaker (photo on the left) and Mr. Marvin Hurst (photo on the right).

## San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club (SANCSC)

### Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) Annual Walter C. Gaskin Picnic

The TJJD held the Annual Walter C. Gaskin Picnic on 5 April 2014. In attendance representing the SANCSC and shown in the photo below are the President, Mr. Dave Hill, the Secretary, Ms. Cassandra Porter, and members Mr. Alexander Harris and Mr. Ben Dunn. The

SANCSC has continued its support of the TJJD by providing financial support for the TJJD volunteer Youth Council summer picnic where membership participate with youth in fun game activities; and their annual Bowl-a-thon where they raise monies for various programs. The

SANCSC has been recognized as a Gold supporters of the Bowl-a-thon, for giving the most pledges and monetary support.



### African-American Community Awareness Group (AACAG)

This year the AACAG presented the SANCSC the 2014 Model Community Leaders Humanitarian Award in recognition for all the contributions we make in the community. The award was presented to the former SANCSC Vice President, Mr. Van Johnson, during the AACAG Miss Juneteenth ceremony. Mr. Johnson did an "Outstanding" job representing the SANCSC by giving a speech on commitment to the youth.

### John T. Maxey Second Annual Black and White Charity Ball

On 5 April 2014, SANCSC members Mr. Dave Hill, Mr. Gary Johnson, Mr. Alexander Harris, Ms. Cassandra Porter, Mr. Richard Deary, Mr. Van Johnson, and Mr. Ben Dunn attended the J.T. Maxey Black and White Ball. This event recognized the J.T. Maxey scholarship recipients. The SANCSC also made a donation for advertisement to support the charity ball.

# SANCSC 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet



Mayor Jackson

On 18 January 2014, the SANCSC held its 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet in celebration of the life and works of the late Dr. King. The Honorable Frank D. Jackson, Mayor, Prairie View, Texas and Government Relations Officer Prairie View A&M University was the guest speaker, and Mr. Marvin Hurst, KENS 5 TV News Reporter was the MC. It was an "OUTSTANDING" evening, and we give our THANKS to Mayor Jackson who gave a phenomenal speech, and to Mr. Hurst for taking time out of his busy schedule to add a touch of class to the celebration of Dr. King's life.

## SANCSC members at the MLK Banquet



Photo Courtesy of R40 Photos.

## SANCSC 2014 Calendar of Events

### June 2014

7 Jun	1100-1600	SANCSC Scholarship Bowl-A-Thon (Bandera Bowling Lanes)
28 Jun (4th Sat)	1800	6th General Meeting with SANCSC Membership Social (Stillman Park)

### July 2014

26 Jul	1800	7th General Meeting (Gateway Club)
26 Jul	1800-1900	Dress for Success Collection
26 Jul	1800-2400	SA Chapter BIG Black & White Scholarship Gala (Courtyard by Marriott Sea World)

### August 2014

2 Aug	1100-1300	Scholarship Awards Luncheon
30 Aug	1800	8th General Meeting (Gateway Club)

### September 2014

Proposed	TBD	Feed the Homeless
13-14 Sep	Weekend	Poor Boys Social Club (9th Annual Ball - Fort Worth Texas)
27 Sep	1800	9th General Meeting (Gateway Club)

### October 2014

4 Oct	1100-1700	SANCSC Scholarship Fish Fry (Tom Cats)
26 Oct (4th Sat)	1800	10th General Meeting (Gateway Club)
26 Oct	1800-1900	Dress for Success Collection
31 Oct	TBD	TJJD Bowl-A-Thon (Bandera Bowling Lanes)

### November 2014

15 Nov	1800-1900	Thanksgiving Gift Baskets
PROPOSED	TBD	Thanksgiving Potluck
22 Nov	1800	11th General Meeting (Gateway Club)
22 Nov	TBD	JBSA Feed the Wounded Warriors with Lackland AAHC (SAMC)

### December 2014

TBD	TBD	Ayers House Christmas Party (Ayers House)
TBD	TBD	Nursing Home Christmas Party
13 Dec	1930-0100	Christmas Party



SANCSO President

**Chief Master Sergeant (USAF retired) David Hill  
Former Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Intelligence Agency**

Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) David Hill was Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), Kelly AFB, Texas, from December 1995 until his retirement from the USAF on 1 February 2001. A career admin specialist, he served in a wide variety of positions within the administration field, including the staffs of 3 major commands and AIA. Prior to being selected as the AIA Command Chief, he served as Senior Enlisted Advisor, 67th Intelligence Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas. In the AIA Command Chief position, Chief Hill provided direct feedback to the AIA commander on all issues affecting welfare, readiness and morale of the AIA enlisted force. He served under the direction of 5 different AIA Commanders for 5-years during his tenure as AIA Command Chief Master Sergeant. Chief Hill is currently a civilian employee with the USAF, serving as Flight Commander, Cyber Operations Training, 24th Air Force, 67th Network Warfare Wing, 26th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland TX.



SANCSO Vice President

**Senior Master Sergeant (USAF retired) Melvin Clemmons  
Former Lackland Air Force Base 3A Functional Manager**

Senior Master Sergeant (Retired) Melvin L. Clemmons, Jr. was the Lackland Air Force Base 3A Functional Manager and ended his active duty career as the Superintendent, Mission Support Directorate, Air Force Information Operations Center (AFIOC), Lackland AFB, Texas. He led the daily planning & operations efforts of a \$15 million budget for a 130 person military, civilian, & contractor team supporting 900+ personnel of the AFIOC. He steered civilian, enlisted/officer performance reports, awards & decorations, & developed leaders in 16 Air Force Specialty Codes. He advised the Director on matters related to morale, welfare, training & effective utilization of military, civilian, & contractor personnel. In addition, he served as the AFIOC 3A Functional Manager, responsible for assignments, training, & deployments of 44 Knowledge Operations Managers. Mr. Clemmons is currently serving as a Program Analyst for the 90th Information Operations Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland TX.



SANCSO Secretary

**Senior Master Sergeant (USAF retired) Cassandra Porter  
Former AFNEWS Superintendent of Logistics & Career Field Manager**

Senior Master Sergeant (Retired) Cassandra L. Porter retired from the USAF with 22 years of honorable service. She ended her career with the Air Force News Agency. She currently is the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Inventory Manager, where she supervises accountability and accuracy of data entry and maintenance of all state property; reports missing and stolen equipment to the Office of the Attorney General, and works directly with the Pro-card Compliance Office on suspected fraud and/or credit card abuse. Ms. Porter is a Magna cum laude graduate of Troy State University, with a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Human Resources; and she received a Master of Arts Degree from Webster University. She is also the recipient of the 2005 UTSA Leadership Award. Ms. Porter is the proud parent of a son who is currently serving in the USAF. Her hobbies include reading, aerobic exercise, events planning, serving on community projects, and shopping (and more shopping)!



SANCSO Treasurer

**Senior Master Sergeant (USAF retired) Felecia Bratchett  
Former AFISRA 2S0 Functional Manager**

SMSgt Felecia Bratchett (Retired) served as the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (AF ISR) Agency 2S0 Functional Manager and Superintendent for the Logistics Readiness Division, Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support Directorate, Headquarters, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She oversaw training, manpower, utilization, assignment and related actions involving 135 Materiel Managers. She provided input to the Air Force Career Field Manager on training, force development and strategic enlisted management needs. She determined manning priorities and optimum skill utilization to balance operations tempo, mission variations and Air Expeditionary Force requirements. She entered the Air Force in July 1986 and has enjoyed numerous assignments both state-side and abroad. She retired on 30 June 2012 and is currently pursuing a Teacher's Certification.

**Homegoing of SANCSC Member  
Reverend Carlos Murphy  
(Sunrise - 18 April 1952 - Sunset - 25 January 2014)**

It is with deepest sympathy and a heavy heart that we report the loss of another member of the SANCSC, Reverend Carlos Murphy. Reverend Murphy passed away in his sleep during the morning hours of 25 January 2014. The funeral service was held on 7 February 2014 at the St. Luke Baptist Church, with the Interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.



*Reverend Carlos Murphy*

*"I've fought a good fight, I've finished my course. "I have kept the faith" - II Timothy 4:7*

***Homegoing of SANCSC Member  
Reverend Carlos Murphy***

**RESOLUTION: February 7, 2014  
In Life and in Death, in Life beyond Death  
GOD is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks Be to GOD.**

We the members of the San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club do humbly submit to the Will of Our Heavenly Father, who saw fit to take one of His Children home. Mrs. Mary Murphy tells us that her husband, Reverend Carlos Murphy, passed away on Saturday, January 25, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. In his loving memory, we offer this resolution:

WHEREAS: Reverend Carlos Murphy, a native of San Antonio, Texas, born April 18, 1952, was one of God's children, who touched the lives of everyone who came to know him. Having given his life to God at an early age, and having been raised in a Christian and loving home, Reverend Murphy came to know in his heart, that God truly had accepted him as His own. He was humble, loving and a dedicated Child of the King and a faithful member of the San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club where he served in the position of Chaplain for many years. He continued to be an active member and participated in club activities as much as possible up until his death.

Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful and happy memories survive in time of sorrow. We never lose the people we love, even to death; they continue to participate in every act, thought, and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched somehow by having shared their love.

WHEREAS: The officers and members of the San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club, San Antonio, Texas know that every good and perfect gift comes from God. We desire to express our love and respect to the family of Reverend Carlos Murphy, and make these resolutions, a copy of which will be kept in our records and a copy given to the family with our deepest sympathy.

RESOLVE FURTHER: To forever cherish the memory of your beloved Family Member, who lived and loved and now has passed into a greater City. "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."





# SANCSC Members and Purpose Statement



### Executive Committee

David Hill.....President/Sunshine Committee  
 Melvin Clemmons.....Vice President/Disciplinary Action & Membership Committees  
 Cassandra Porter.....Secretary/Ways & Means Committee  
 Felecia Bratchett.....Treasurer/Ways & Means Committee

### Officers

Van Johnson.....Chaplain/Sunshine Committee  
 Gary Johnson.....Historian  
 Jasper Blake.....Parliamentarian  
 Ben Dunn.....Sergeant-at-Arms  
 Alexander Harris.....Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms  
 Freeman Moore.....Webmaster  
 Albert Turner.....Alternate Webmaster  
 Thomas Vann.....Sunshine Committee

### Membership

Richard Deary  
 Linnard Ford  
 Ira Hodge  
 Joseph McDowell  
 Hilton Newell  
 Louis Raven

Arthur Beatty.....Emeritus  
 Fred Flewellen .....Emeritus  
 Curtis Montgomery.....Emeritus  
 Samuel Perkins.....Emeritus  
 Bill Reed.....Emeritus  
 Horace Westbrook.....Emeritus  
 Andrew Zeigler.....Emeritus

SANCSC Website: [www.SANCSC.com](http://www.SANCSC.com)

A big WELCOME to our newest members, Mr. Linnard Ford, Mr. Joseph McDowell, Mr. Hilton Newell, and Mr. Albert Turner!!!

SANCSC is a Non-Profit 501(c) (19) Veterans Organization, est. in January 1990. Our purpose is to provide a charity dedicated for non-profit, that contributes time, energy, wisdom, and fundraising to support the Community and those less fortunate, aspiring youth, the elderly, and the unusually poor or underprivileged. Our Motto is "Giving back to the Community". We are not affiliated with any governmental (federal or state), city or county agency; our financial support comes directly from its membership, fundraising events, and through local supporters like you. Over the years, we have demonstrated our dedication to charity by contributing funds and/or time to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (formally called Texas Youth Commission [TYC]), Baptist Children's Home, Air Force Enlisted Foundation, the George Gervin Center, Eagle Scouts San Antonio Food Bank Drive, Feeding the Homeless Under the Bridge, Haiti Relief Effort, the San Antonio Juneteenth Celebration, working with the Lackland Air Force Base African American Cultural Association in their Fisher House Food Drive and Feed the Wounded Warrior Thanksgiving Projects, and providing support to grieving families through our Sunshine Committee. This year our 3rd annual Scholarship Bowl-a-thon enabled us to award high school graduates' scholarships; contribute fruit baskets and gift cards during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to families in need; and sponsor a Christmas Appreciation Party as our way of giving back to our supporters! For the last 34 years we have sponsored the Annual Walter C. Gaskins Picnic for at risk youth at the TYC, and annually we host the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Banquet in honor of his life works and legacy. These events are only possible through our strong supporters...YOU!