

Tracy African American Association Newsletter



GUEST SPEAKER: Christian Chukwuma, Financial Advisor

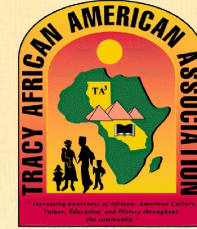
Christian Chukwuma, MBA and Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investment addressed the TAAA meeting on Jan. 8, 2011. He spoke on Foundations For Investing, and the 5 Key steps toward achieving your financial goals. These steps include:

1. Where am I today? This step is an overview of your current situation. It looks at your current needs, expenses, income and assets.
2. Where would I Like to be? This next step helps you set specific goals based on what is important to you: saving for retirement, living comfortable in retirement; funding a child's education, protecting your family with the right insurance or saving money on taxes.
3. Can I get there? This is where Christian - using Edward Jones' tools - will analyze your current situation and goals, then create a strategy to help you achieve them.
4. How Do I get there? This step focuses on creating a well-balanced portfolio with diversified quality investments. It also ensures proper asset allocation in each asset category between Cash, Income, Growth & Income and growth.
5. How can I stay on track? In this step, Christian offers an annual review of your portfolio to be sure you are staying on track to achieve the goals you set in step 2. It also addresses any changes in your needs or circumstances to make appropriate adjustments.

Not knowing how your current investments are allocated among the 4 asset classes (cash, income, growth/income, and growth) can cost you. It might derail your plan of reaching your financial goals or expose your assets to intolerable risks that may affect your family's future.

That is why Christian is offering a FREE portfolio review of your investments (old and current 401k's IRA's, stocks, bonds, CD's life insurance, annuities, mutual funds etc).

Christian lives here in Tracy with his beautiful wife, Catherine and three children, and has his office in downtown Livermore located behind the Vine Cinema at 1762 First Street. So whether you need help with retirement planning, saving for college, or simply want a complimentary portfolio review, they can help. Please call Christian or his Office Administrator, Jane to schedule a FREE portfolio review at (925) 455-4264 or visit www.edwardjones.com for more information.



Black Student Union Raising funds for the 37th Statewide Leadership Conference in Ontario.



Let us help create something positive. Let us build a better tomorrow a person at a time. Then, down the road, we can celebrate something positive that we helped to create.

The United Black Student Unions of California (UBSUC) has many chapters. These students have dedicated there studies to learning more about leadership skills and handling an ever changing competitive landscape that is a reality in America today.

The 37th statewide leadership conference will be held in Ontario on March 18-20, 2011. In order to attend this event, each student must raise \$600 for transportation, hotel and registration fees.

A tax deductible donation of any amount can be sent to WEST HIGH SCHOOL BSU, 1775W. Lowell Avenue, Tracy, Ca. 95376 by January 31, 2011. Make your donation payable to UBSUC.

For more information :
WWW.UBSUC.COM

Visit www.taaa.net

Use the internet to connect to the Tracy Unified School District. Your child's future is at your finger tips. You can verify the your child's requirements on line from home, work, or on the road. <http://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/Pages/MainHomePage.aspx>





New Officers

Officers were sworn in by City Manager Leon Churchill this January 8 at the monthly meeting. The officers are charged with maintaining the goals of the Tracy African American Association. A more complete biography can be viewed at www.taaa.net.

BY-LAWS CHAIR

John Stewart Jr. has been an active member of TAAA since 2004. He will be serving his second consecutive term as By-Laws Chairperson.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Toni Beckham is president and CEO of PR, et Cetera, Inc. - a full service Public Relations and Marketing Communications company.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Gail LaGasca is one of the founding members of the Tracy African American Association. For four years, she held the position of Treasurer. Gail was the original Recording and Corresponding Secretary for TAAA for several years.

TREASURER

Nancy Diane Young is a woman with a passion for people and helping others achieve growth and deliverance in their lives through mentoring and ministering through words and dance. She is the author of five books.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE CHAIR

Michael White has been a TAAA member since 1997. He was employed at Northrop Grumman for 28 years where he began his career in the micro electronics departments and worked his way up to Quality Engineer where he supported various ground, flight and space programs.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 4 Mixer at the E-Gallery (Next to the Grand Theater)
- June 4 Juneteenth Celebration Dr. Powers Park 10AM-7PM
- July 22 Delicato Wine Tasting Affair \$15.00 6-8PM

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. exhibit has been assembled at the Tracy library.



Books, articles, remembrances and pictures are collaged sculptured at the entrance.

These artifacts are a recording of our life and times with the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the center. In brief, these collections of works inscribe the dedication it took make change possible in this country. Changes that benefit every community in the nation.

The spirit of Dr. King warms us at the entrance. His image continues the call for educational opportunities.

Please take time to visit Tracy Public Library and applaud the creativity of Margie Forehand who sculpted this display. Mrs. Forehand is currently the Recording Secretary of the TAAA.

CALL FOR VENDORS, PERFORMERS & SPONSORS

TRACY AFRICAN AMERICAN ASSOC.
17TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL
SAT, JUNE 4, 2011 | 10 am - 7 pm

VENDOR/EXHIBITOR CONTACT
 Mishelle Neverson | juneteenth09@yahoo.com | 209-481-9500
Vendor Application (Take advantage of early bird rates)

ENTERTAINMENT CONTACT
 Nate Terry | NateTerry@hotmail.com | 209-601-6311

SPONSOR CONTACTS
 Howard Baker | president@TAAA.net | 209-914-9764
 Fred Cole | colef@BSCI.com | 209-836-0734

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES/ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES!

FAST FOOD VARIETY
ARTS & CRAFT VENDORS
KID'S CORNER
RAFFLES!
LIVE MUSIC - SPOKEN WORD - DANCE PERFORMANCES!

TRACY JUNETEENTH '11

SAT, JUNE 4, 2011 **DR. POWERS PARK | TRACY, CA**
 10 am - 7 pm [Lowell Ave & N Tracy Blvd]

www.TAAA.net
 Juneteenth Festival proceeds benefit the TAAA Wayne Nelson Academic Scholarship Program
 (TAAA has awarded more than \$56,000 in college scholarship grants to date)

Visit www.taaa.net

Education is a strong thread in the fabric of success.