

# Uhuru SaSa, (Freedom Now) in Swahili.



## **Mission Statement:**

Uhuru SaSa was established in 1968, to develop our members culturally, vocationally and educationally; to prepare themselves to earn a living and become an asset to their communities; to develop our members into leaders so that they will be of service within the communities to which they will return; to teach them to better understand politics, economics and social consequences; and to instill into each individual a sense of pride in being a member of the African-American community; to teach our members the history of Africa and African-American people, their contributions to the world and the United States of America, and their need for education so they will be able to guide their own destinies;

Uhuru SaSa, has the following culturally specific rituals which we observe throughout the year:

- (A) Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration (January)
- (B) Black History. Month Celebration (February)
- (C) Juneteenth Celebration (June)
- (D) Kwanzaa Celebration (December)

## **Clubs Special Interest, value to members.**

Uhuru SaSa is a cultural club that is clearly about change & helping any Adult In Custody on the path to changing their life & becoming a pro-social member in society. We encourage Restorative Justice & accountability from our members & supporters. Programs we currently sponsor are: U-Self which is about helping young men find themselves, define themselves with out peer pressure & make positive decisions moving forward. Mentorship Class, which helps incarcerated men become better men, fathers, leaders & mentors to their family's & communities. Youth Panel, is geared towards helping At-risk youth make better choices & avoiding some of the many mistakes our members have made that lead them to prison. History Writing, We are currently publishing a book through our writing class which was a team effort with Willamette University, that will be published by years end of 2015. We are proposing to create a Business Plan workshop, where we teach A.I.C's how to create & polished functional business plans as well as teaching them how to find funding such as government grants & S.B.A. loans. Currently we are working on creating a gang intervention program to help stop gang violence inside and outside of prison. Also we are working on a restorative justice therapy project that will hopefully begin to help Adults in Custody mend relationships with family & loved ones with help from therapists as a result of the harms done by coming to prison. The value of such programs serves to provide inmates with alternatives & tools so that they may be rehabilitated & return to their respective communities changed men. We promote a culture of Restorative Justice & change which we feel is paramount in fighting recidivism rates for paroled Men in our state.



**Uhuru SaSa Juneteenth Event  
Black History Writing Class**

