



## AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLUB



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### Black History Month

**Black History month is an annual observed commemorative month originating in the United States, where it is known as African-American History Month. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in African-American history, before it spread to other countries where it could celebrate black people worldwide. It initially lasted a week, becoming a month-long observation since 1970. It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, where it has received official recognition from governments, and more recently has also been celebrated in Ireland and the United Kingdom where it is observed in October. *Wikipedia***

The AAC Club through our Assistance Committee is accepting gift cards, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Dollar Tree and Dollar General, all year long, to be utilized for those in need. The gift cards may be brought to the AAC mailbox at Willow Hall. All donations are welcomed. We are also hosting a 24/7 confidential, 800 toll-free, *Prayer/What's Up*, telephone line - one minute calls to **800-679-4018**. The African-American Club meets every second Friday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Club Encore Auditorium. You may also connect with us for updates and events on our Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lvwaclub>. Membership is \$5 per calendar year. At the January meeting, elections are held for open seat (s) on the Executive Board.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out for our Holiday Gala on December 13 at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, New Jersey. The event was sold out! Great food, excellent DJ and lots of dancing. Enjoy some of the videos on our Facebook page.

We had a great showing for our Kwanzaa ceremony on December 28 at Club Encore. Thanks to everyone who made this possible and thank you for coming out. Enjoy some pictures from the Kwanzaa ceremony.

