

Panther News Update# April 22th
Let Us Not Forget Our Comrades Event

Let Us Not Forget Our Comrades event April 7th at the West Oakland Library. Over 300 attended the event Honoring our Comrades. Many comrades were involved in the event. The event was full of energy, love, pride, and the fighting spirit.

Brother Aaron Dixon of the Seattle chapter spoke of the achievements of the Seattle chapter and the lost of a number of comrades killed there serving the people. Brother Robert King from New Orleans also attended and spoke about the Angola 3 case and updates in their cases. Sister Lesley Phillips did an outstanding job, going over the history of the Oscar Grant case via Power Point, job well done. Big Man spoke about the lose of Sam Napier to the BPP. Big Man pointed out how Sam grew the BPP newspaper, the pride and love he had for the comrades and the newspaper. Sam was killed in 1971.

Thanks goes out to Sister Kujichaguilla for the opening and Sister Sheba for the libation, Larry Robertson(Star Groove) for the music, you know Larry used to play with the Lumpen (BPP Singing group) years ago. Two other highlights of the event was a poem done by Steve McCruthen about our Fallen comrades. The other highlight was Brother Elder Freeman whom gave a fiery speak on what needs to be done and the lost of his daughter whom was recently killed. Brother Arthur League from the Southern California Chapter spoke about John Huggins and Romanaine Chip Fitzgerald the longest held political prisoner.

I also showed the Fallen Comrade video provided to me by the NY BPP Legacy committee (Yassmeen). We also opened the Emory Douglas Exhibit which is in the big display case inside the library. The exhibit hosts many of Emory's new artwork, the ezhibit will be up until June. Brother Emory was also at the event.

We worked with Occupy Oakland. to do a Free BBQe and Speak out across the street from the library after our event. The BB Que was a big success feeding over 1,000 people. The park was full of people having a good time enjoying a nice sunny day and relaxing in the park. Brother Big Man spoke about Party history in the park and Bobby Hutton. Sister

Sheba, and Robert King spoke. I would like to thank Occupy Oakland and Ellora and Ali for a job well done. Occupy Oakland also made and gave away Panther T shirts for free.

Programs were provided by donations from Yvonne King and Naomi Banks. The outstanding banner of Kenny Zulu Whitmore was provided by funds from Sister Barbara Cox and the Angola 3 committee(Marnia). We would like to thank anyone I missed for your help.

***Emory Douglas has just returned from Portugal, when I spoke to him, he told me the exhibit we put up in Lisbon is still up and there's talk of the exhibit might move to Brazil sometime this year. We opened that exhibit over one year ago. Brother Emory is now in Scotland doing a art show.**

***I have been approached by a number of filming companies looking to do documentaries on the BPP. I have been contacted by three recently they're looking for BPP material. The Legacy of the BPP is still being studied.**

Hundreds of copies of the 45th yr Black Panther Party newspapers were passed out in Cuba recently. I was told the respond was great as many people wanted to know what happened to the BPP.

More information upcoming.