Well-wishers celebrate inauguration of African chief

Closing the cultural divide

Special to the MCJ
By Dwayne Muhammad

Milwaukee was provided a unique opportunity to bridge the ‘Diasporan Chasm’ last Saturday when brothers and sisters from the Motherland joined with local African Americans to help celebrate the birthday of Chief Daniel A. Ajibola of the Iyere Kingdom.

A frigid and windy fall night was no deterrent for fellowship as dozens of Black Milwaukeeans helped the Nigerian chief celebrate his 66th birthday with family, friends and special guests at the Nigerian Community Center.

Chief Ajibola was warmly greeted and thanked everyone for attending the cultural event. The dining hall at the Community Center was overflowing with well wishers, many of whom were adorned in traditional African clothing.

Chief Ajibola’s village is about four hours from the Nigerian capital of Lagos. He said approximately 8,000 people live in the village, which has 20 chiefs and one king. The chief said the average age of a chief is 65, which is linked to the culmination of wisdom that comes with age.

Chiefs are selected every six years. However, the chief pointed out that a king remains a king until he dies.

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Camille speaks out about Bill’s ‘mistrial’

Victimized by malicious DA?

(Editors' note: Imbued with an immense intellect and sense of social responsibility, Camille Cosby has long been an advocate for education and for the continued financial support of the United States’ historically African-American colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Along with her husband Bill Cosby, she donated $20 million in 1988 to Spelman College, the prestigious and historically African-American women's college located in Atlanta, Ga.

Together, Camille and Bill have donated more than $200 million to schools and universities and they’ve also contributed countless pieces of historic artwork to the Smithsonian museums.

by Camille O. Cosby, Special to NNPA Newswire

My husband, Bill Cosby, was recently victimized by a malicious District Attorney and an equally vicious judge.

This is not the first time that my husband has been persecuted by corrupt and self-serving politicians. In the late 1960's and early 1970’s, Bill Cosby, along with hundreds of other people, was secretly and illegally harassed by a President of the United States.

It was 1973, during the Watergate hearings, when the Enemies List of President Richard M. Nixon was disclosed by Mr. Nixon’s White House Counsel, John Dean. Bill and I were stunned that such a list existed and that Bill’s name was on that list.

Soon, the answers to questions about Bill kicked in: that’s why those Federal agents would appear, unannounced, at our home and his workplaces; that’s why there have been multiple tax audits within one year; that’s why hateful propaganda about Bill was disseminated by media…with an extensive goal of ending his believability and livelihood; and numerous other “that’s why” enlightenments.

There was another explosive document that was submitted during the hearings…one that deeply resonates with me, even today. It was a memorandum from Mr. Dean on how to effectively weaken Mr. Nixon’s enemies…”how we can best screw them (e.g.: litigation, prosecution, etc.).”

Now, I am going to fast-forward to two current, collaborative, corrupt politicians. Both exist in the Montgomery County Courthouse in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and both, like Mr. Nixon, are intent on destroying Bill Cosby…whether for their toxic ambitions or simply in furtherance of racial hatred.

One of those men never presented credible, admissible evidence of his charges, and the other has not allowed the truth of Bill’s innocence to be put forward.

The following are specific examples that illustrate their true agendas:

Re: District Attorney Kevin R. Steele

Unethical Campaign Promise: During the 2015 election for District Attorney, Steele campaigned on a promise to prosecute
Bill Cosby. That promise purposely converted Bill’s case into a political issue for Steele’s own gain.

At the time, Steele was running against the former prosecutor, Bruce Castor, who had made a binding decision not to prosecute Bill in 2005. Steele’s unethical promise undermined Castor’s political career…it also undermined the rule of law in America by violating the rule that trials be impartial and not done for corrupt political purposes.

Racially Charged Statement: During the jury selection process, M. Stewart Ryan, the assistant prosecutor, made a racially charged statement in The defense team tried to raise Ryan’s statement in front of the judge, who repeatedly interrupted one of the defense lawyers when she was trying to make the argument. The prosecution, which picked an almost exclusively white jury, called the focus on Ryan’s statement “ludicrous,” and the judge refused to grant relief to Bill Cosby.

Failure to Disclose Evidence: Prosecutors interviewed Marguerite Jackson more than a decade ago, but failed to disclose the facts of that interview or her statements to the defense team before the first trial. Ms. Jackson stated that Andrea Constand had talked about making up a story of sexual assault in order to “get money.”

The prosecution actually destroyed their own notes of the meeting they had with Ms. Jackson, and allowed Constand to testify falsely at the first trial that she had never met Ms. Jackson, even though the prosecution had learned that the two women worked closely together…shared hotel rooms together…while Constand was employed at Temple University.

When the prosecution finally informed the defense team about these facts shortly before the second trial, the defense lawyers were able to introduce Ms. Jackson as a witness. Even so, the impact of Ms. Jackson’s testimony was undermined by the actions of a corrupt judge. Re: Judge Steven T. O’Neill

Marital Donation to Protesters: Before the second trial, the defense team learned that O’Neill’s wife had donated to the Women Organized Against Rape…the group organizing protests against Bill Cosby outside the courthouse. O’Neill refused to recuse himself despite his wife’s affiliation with that group and her public statements that accusers should be believed and trusted “no matter the details.” O’Neill then compounded the harm to Bill by allowing Dr. Barbara Ziv to testify that accusers must be believed at all times…just as his wife had said.

Biased Jury Pool: During jury selection, O’Neill refused to excuse a white, male juror, who had stated about Bill Cosby: “I just think he’s guilty, so we can all be done and get out of here.” When the defense team raised the juror’s bias, O’Neill admonished them for delaying jury selection. Ultimately, O’Neill agreed to hear the issue; but he still denied the defense team’s motion.

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There are special qualifications and needed to become a chief and a king. A man must have the tribe’s bloodline to become a king. Chief Ajibola has the bloodline to become both chief and a king. He decided to become a chief because his family resides in the United States.

“I am from the Royal House. My family is here and I live here and that’s why I am not a king in Nigeria,” explained Chief Ajibola.

As the musicians were warming up to the joyous audience, people were meeting and greeting one another with love and respect. The atmosphere was genuine and authentic.

Men and women dressed in their traditional African garb providing a cultural connection to the Motherland and help close the gap that transcends land and sea. The food was delicious and satisfied everyone’s palate and the selection was varied so that no one was left out. The night was breathtaking and for good reason. A chief was celebrating his appointment of becoming chief and also observing his birthday.

A lot of preparation went into the celebration. Yeye Abbie Ajibola, the chief’s wife, decorated the entire dining hall. The color scheme of royal purple, glistening chandeliers, formal table settings and decorative chairs set the tone for a night befitting a man of royalty.

Nigeria is an African country on the Gulf of Guinea. Mostly Christians and Muslims make up the country of Nigeria. Nigeria is Africa’s leading oil producer and is the 12th largest oil producer in the world. There are over 190 million people in Nigeria and the first sign of human existence has been known to exist there. It is the most populous country in Africa and is comprised of more than 250 ethnic groups. The major languages spoken in Nigeria are Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba.

The people at the birthday/celebration were intelligent, outgoing, very friendly, warm, regal and proud people.
If O’Neill had allowed the biased juror to be replaced, one of the two black alternate jurors would have been seated; instead, O’Neill allowed the biased juror to remain on the jury.

Feud with Defense Witness: O’Neill assigned himself to the case against Bill Cosby and then presided over a hearing at which he knew Bruce Castor would be a critical witness for the defense. O’Neill and Castor had been political rivals in 1998 and 1999; and, during that campaign, O’Neill’s affair with a woman in Castor’s office was exposed. Unbeknownst to the defense team during trial, O’Neill never forgave Castor, blaming him for exposing the affair.

According to Castor’s sworn affidavit, O’Neill viewed the case against Bill, whom Castor had defined to prosecute, as a way to criticize and get back at Castor.

Indeed, O’Neill actually took over the prosecution’s questioning of Castor before ruling against Bill on the basis that Castor’s testimony was not believable.

On the eve of this very important election day, these examples remind me of the dangers we faced during Mr. Nixon’s presidency.

Both then and now, the American people have been dangerously close to being governed by a dictatorship...a dictatorship intent on serving its own greedy interests even when it results in eradicating the laws that protect humanity.

Bill Cosby with Attorney Tom Mesereau, who led the Michael Jackson defense team. Cosby, a comedy icon, was sentenced to 3-10 years for sexual assault. Another trial is scheduled for next year for a similar allegation. (photo from the NNPA NewsWire)

Many of today’s politicians—especially those who are heavily financed by particular corporate entities—are becoming increasingly dangerous enemies of our human rights. However, history teaches us that we, the People of the United States, can purge this danger from our nation’s political offices.

Indeed, Mr. Nixon’s corrupt presidency was finally brought to an end when the people rose up and demanded that their representatives be held accountable. We must do the same today.

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant judgment against you, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-376-6862 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD CALL 414-265-5300

America defines itself as a democracy; unequivocally, America has not accomplished that definition yet...but, we, the People, can help it do so. Tomorrow, voters have the opportunity to choose who will represent them...not just in Congress, but in thousands of states, county, and city positions across the country, like district attorney or trial judge.

Our ancestors fought for the right to make these choices. They were jailed, beaten, and killed for fighting for our right to vote.

Yet, too often, we do not exercise that most important right. We overlook the midterm elections because we forget how greatly they can impact our lives.

But, as I learned from Steele’s election in 2015, a corrupt politician at any level is a danger to the American people...and even more so when that politician has promised to act in service of his own toxic ambitions and racial hatred.

In (the 2020) elections, the people of the United States must vote as though their depend on it because their lives...and their freedom...very well might.
In the matter of the name change of:
BENJAMIN EDWARD MEIDERSN Pritchard
By (Petitioner) BENJAMIN EDWARD MEIDERSN Pritchard
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: BENJAMIN EDWARD MEIDERSN
Pritchard
To: BENJAMIN EDWARD MEIDERSN Pritchard
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-283/11-6-2-19-2018

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by
publication as a Class 3 notice for
three (3) weeks in a row prior to the
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee
Community Journal, a newspaper
published in Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Date: 10-30-18
By the COURT:
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-283/11-6-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV08877
In the matter of the name change of:
NICOLE RIDDLE
By (petitioner) NICOLE RIDDLE
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: SAMANTHA NICOLE RIDDLE
To: SAMANTHA NICOLE ALVAREZ
Birth Certificate: SAMANTHA NICOLE
RIDDLE
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. CLARE L. FIORENA
Circuit Court Judge
018-282/11-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV09090
In the matter of the name change of:
BEHLUL FERATI
By (petitioner) BEHLUL FERATI
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: BEHLUL FERATI
To: BEN FERATI
Birth Certificate: BEHLUL FERATI
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-8-2018

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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publication as a Class 3 notice for
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date of the hearing in the Milwaukee
Community Journal, a newspaper
published in Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Date: 10-31-18
By the COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-8-2018

SUMMONS
STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV08839
In the matter of the name change of:
BRIANNA RAYNE KUEEN
By (Petitioner) DESTINY D. BROWN
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: BRANNA RAYNE KUEN
To: BRIANNA RAYNE KUEEN
Birth Certificate: BRIANNA RAYNE
KUEEN
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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of Wisconsin.
Date: 10-24-18
By the COURT:
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV08805
In the matter of the name change of:
CHEVYS BOBBY TRAMELL
By (Petitioner) CHEVYS BOBBY TRAMELL
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: CHEVYS BOBBY TRAMELL
To: CHEVYS DARRYL BROWN
Birth Certificate: CHEVYS BOBBY
TRAMELL
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS
Circuit Court Judge
018-280/10-26-11-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV08815
In the matter of the name change of:
LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
By (Petitioner) LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
To: LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
Birth Certificate: LUCIA RAYNE
KUEEN
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

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of Wisconsin.
Date: 10-23-18
By the COURT:
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV09003
In the matter of the name change of:
ANNA ALVAREZ
By (Petitioner) ANNA ALVAREZ
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: ANNA ALVAREZ
To: ANNA ALVAREZ
Birth Certificate: ANNA ALVAREZ
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

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of Wisconsin.
Date: 10-23-18
By the COURT:
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV08827
In the matter of the name change of:
LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
By (Petitioner) LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
To: LUCIA RAYNE KUEEN
Birth Certificate: LUCIA RAYNE
KUEEN
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

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of Wisconsin.
Date: 10-23-18
By the COURT:
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV08809
In the matter of the name change of:
BELKIS CONSELUO BARQUERO
By (Petitioner) BELKIS CONSELUO BARQUERO
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: BELKIS CONSELUO BAR-
QUERO
To: BELKIS CONSELUO QUE
Birth Certificate: BELKIS CONSELUO
BARQUERO
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. STEPHANIE G.
ROSTHAIN
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM
401, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53203
DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2018 TIME:
3:30 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given
by publication as a Class 3 notice for
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Community Journal, a newspaper
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of Wisconsin.
Date: 10-31-18
By the COURT:
HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-2-19-2018

SUMMONS
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV08895
In the matter of the name change of:
BRIANNA RAYNE KUEEN
By (Petitioner) BRIANNA RAYNE KUEEN
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: BRIANNA RAYNE KUEEN
To: BRIANNA RAYNE KUEEN
Birth Certificate: BRIANNA RAYNE
KUEEN
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-6-2-19-2018

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Date: 10-31-18
By the COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
018-281/11-8-2018
In an extraordinary victory for voting rights, Judge Steve C. Jones of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, granting the Abrams for Governor campaign’s motion to require all counties statewide to accept absentee ballots with minor discrepancies.

These are ballots which were cast in good faith by thousands of Georgians attempting to exercise their fundamental right to vote, and which were among the countless votes Brian Kemp attempted – but ultimately failed – to suppress in this year’s election.

Judge Jones is the fourth Federal judge in the past three business days to find that portions of the Secretary of State’s administration of the 2018 election violate the United States Constitution.

The Abrams for Governor campaign issued the following statement in response:

“This is a major victory for Georgia voters and the Abrams campaign in the fight to ensure every eligible vote is counted and every voice is heard,” said Stacey Abrams for Governor Campaign Manager Lauren Groh-Wargo. “Under Brian Kemp’s watch as the nation’s foremost architect of voter suppression, countless Georgians have had substantial roadblocks placed in their path as they sought to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Now, the courts are doing what Brian Kemp’s Secretary of State office refused to – upholding and protecting Georgia’s rights and underlining the need for free and fair elections in a state that has suffered from an acute assault on voting rights engineered by none other than Secretary of State Brian Kemp.”

With regards to the additional motion requested, the court was unable to grant relief to thousands of voters who were forced to cast provisional ballots. Hampered by shoddy record keeping as orchestrated by Brian Kemp, counties simply did not maintain the documentation that would have been necessary to ensure that every eligible vote cast was a vote counted. Judge Jones also appropriately refuted the defendant’s weak claim that the Democratic Party of Georgia should have filed motions regarding these widespread voter suppression tactics prior to Election Day.

Nonetheless, the court was unable to grant immediate relief regarding the widespread irregularities and challenges faced by voters forced to cast provisional ballots out of county.

Court ruling may help Abrams win Georgia