

## Oswald Baptiste

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	<h1>Afro-PanaVisions.com</h1>
<p>Visions of a more united, self-determining, nurturing, and networking community</p>	
<h2>On-Line Newsletter</h2>	
<p>July 2008</p>	

### Introduction:

It is hard to believe that the reading of one book could produce such change in one's thinking as well as regenerate nebulous thoughts which have been floating through one's mind. "The Mis-education of the Negro" by Carter G. Woodson is no ordinary book. It provided us the inspiration which eventually has been growing into a documented, more historically-accurate account of the West Indians' (as well as the Costeños') Diaspora experience from the slave trade to/through the Caribbean Islands and their living experiences in Panama.

Our on-line newsletters will be a community affairs supplement to our quarterly published PDF format newsletters that has been chronicling our past. It will be generated at least monthly (in between the quarterly newsletters and will deal, for the most part, with many current topics/issues regarding the Afro-Panamamanian community. It's wide open--any and everything goes!

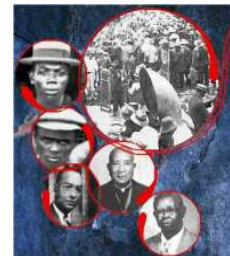
In addition, our mission all along is to rescue and restore our identity in Panama and articulating a vision of a more united and effective community. The conceptual idea is to endeavor to make our community greater and our future brighter. We not only want to communicate these ambitious goals with members of the community, we intend to also communicate clearly how we are going about achieving them. We will share noted best practices in the community, listen to each and learn from each other, pull on each other's strength and not simply compete with/against each other for the spotlight and self-aggrandizement. We at AfroPanaVisions strongly believe that the time has come for a new approach/mindset, a stepping outside of the box, if you will, to addressing and solving the problems in our communities.

As previously mentioned, some of our major goals are to help

### Recalling the Past!



Carter G. Woodson, founder of Black History Month, recognized that our sense of identity, through knowledge of our history, is seminal to our survival and progress as a people.



Silvermen's Generation-Pioneers to Panama

young people fulfill their dreams, cultivate arts and culture, and bring relief to the poor and aid and comfort the sick, and much more as outlined in our recent proposal. To accomplish these goals we are committed to the following principles:

- Governance structure that move our organization forward.
- Strong, transparent and accountable financial management.
- Inclusive and diverse organizational practices.
- Enlightened use of human and other resources.
- Regular and effective communications.
- Effective ethical fundraising and development.
- Overall management focus on results.

### Community News/Announcements, etc.

#### **Inbox:** **Cemetery Project Update**

Dear Oswald,

This is just a note to update you on our progress with the cemeteries. The good news is that we've submitted the application for Corozal Cemetery to World Monuments Fund and they have accepted it, meaning they are considering it seriously. To even get to that point we spent long hard hours preparing documents and images. I'm sure you understand that it's not been easy. We will soon be submitting the application for Mount Hope Cemetery in Colon.

Please relate this to your members and ask them to pray fervently for our success with this project. It would be a big step for us as our ancestors' resting places would be recognized worldwide as monuments to humanity. .



Sincerely,  
Cobert Roberto A. Reid

#### **Outbox:**

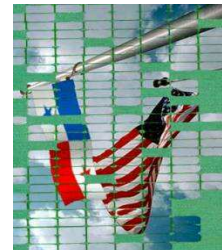
*We at AfroPanaVisions can hardly wait to see these two cemeteries rendered more pleasant (as memorials) with beautiful buildings, neatly arranged gravestones, manicured lawns, chapel, map rooms, and country club-like surroundings similar to the cemeteries of the; "Zonians," on the former CZ. We wish for a peaceful resting place whereby our children, and those of us in the US, would be able make pilgrimage-tours of these cemeteries-memorials of our ancestral heroes who made the supreme sacrifice for mankind and their children's country, the 'Silvermen,' in particular. Our best wishes to Mr. Reid for a most successful conclusion of his efforts. Keep pushing Roberto, we wholeheartedly support you!*



Criollos' Generation-

Were they really  
citizens?

"Education for  
Liberation"



Afro-Panamanian  
community.



Our forebears did not resist slavery, nor did they struggle against incredible odds to pave the way to opportunity for future generations just so we could aspire to be successful imitators in the ongoing oppressive social order.

For further information on Mr. Reid's work you may go to the following websites:

[The Silver People Heritage Foundation](#)

[The Silver People Chronicle](#)

[Rapsodia Antillana](#)



We must begin the process for improving, where possible, the lives and opportunities for our children. We can't afford to turn our backs any longer. We have to remove the blindfold, we deserve a brighter future.

### What's New at AfroPanaVision.com

*Since we last communicated with you, we have made numerous upgrades/additions throughout our website. Check us out, if you haven't lately!*

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