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## The 411

Keeping The Dream Alive

March 6 > 9 the 25th Annual Ancient Kemetic (Egyptian) Studies Conf. "Enduring for Eternity" by the Assoc. for the Study of Classical African Civilizations at Cal State Univ. Dominguez Hills. Call: 323.620.1434 or [www.ascac.org](http://www.ascac.org)

March 15 - FREE Health Fair sponsored by the MSU College of Medicine to be held in the BCFI Gym, 835 W. Genesee @ Butler Sts., Lansing, MI 10 am - 2 pm Call:487-3775

March 27 - 29, - 2nd Biennial African American and African Studies Conference:"The Black Scholar and the State of the Black World" at the MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conf. Center, 55 S, Harrison Rd., East Lansing, MI

April 11 - The A. Philip Randolph Inst. (APRI), Lansing Chapter presents its 8th annual Community Role Model Celebration "We Are About Voting, Every Vote Counts" Keynote speaker: Claytona Brown, Nat'l President APRI. The event will be held at the MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI. \$25.00 per person. Reception at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. The APRI is a non-profit "Get out The Vote" voter education organization. More info call: 517.719.9157 Or e-mail: [glendera@aol.com](mailto:glendera@aol.com)

April 19 - The 26th Annual Founders Day Awards Brunch by the Greater Lansing Area Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. The keynote speaker is Paulette Granberry Russell, J.D. MSU, Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity, Slated to be held at the Best Western Midway Hotel located at 7711 W. Saginaw Highway in Lansing. 10 am start \$25.00 per ticket.

April 25 - "Saving a Generation" dinner/dance fund raiser by the Black Men Inc. of Greater Lansing. This 1st annual event is slated to be held at the University Club, 3435 Forest Rd., Lansing, MI.

April 26 - 2nd Annual Springtime Ballroomers Nightout at the Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbott Road. East Lansing, MI 48823. Featuring The Smooth Gentlemen. Dining & Dancing. After 5 Attire. Raffle Drawing: 7 Day Cruise May 4 thru 10, 2008 Airfare Included. Ticket \$35 Per/Person.

July 23 > 26 - Lansing is host of the 17th Annual U.S. - Africa Sister Cities Confab - Building Alliances Through Trade, Culture & Peace. For more info: [www.lansingsc.org/pages/index.cfm](http://www.lansingsc.org/pages/index.cfm)

2nd Saturday of each month the General Membership Meeting of the Black Men Inc. of Greater Lansing at BCFI at 9 am

## Ain't I a Woman?

A report of Sojourner Truth's famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech given at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio

"Well, children, where there is so much racket, there must be something out of kilter, I think between the Negroes of the South and the women of the North - all talking about rights - the white men will be in a fix pretty soon. But what's all this talking about?"

Sojourner Truth pointed to one of the ministers. "That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody helps me any best place. And ain't I a woman?"

Sojourner raised herself to her full (6-ft) height. "Look at me! Look at my arm." She bared her right arm and flexed her powerful muscles. "I have plowed, I have planted and I have gathered into barns. And no man could head me. And ain't I a woman?"

"I could work as much, and eat as much as man - when I could get it - and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne children and seen most of them sold into slavery, and when I cried out with a mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me. And ain't I a woman?"

The women in the audience began to cheer wildly.

She pointed to another minister. "He talks about this thing in the head. What's that they call it?"

"Intellect," whispered a woman nearby.

"That's it, honey. What's intellect got to do with women's rights or black folks' rights? If my cup won't hold but a pint and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half-measure full?"

"That little man in black there! He says women can't have as much rights as men. 'Cause Christ wasn't a woman. She stood with outstretched arms and eyes of fire. "Where did your Christ come from?"

"Where did your Christ come from?", she thundered again. "From God and a Woman! Man had nothing to do with him!" The entire church now roared with deafening applause.

"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right-side up again. And now that they are asking to do it the men better let them."

March is **Women's History Month**