Happy New Year!

We have many exciting programs and projects this year. Please mark your calendar for the following events:

- **March 30 - African Youth Forum**
- **May 18 - Chicago African Summit & Resource Fair**
- **August 3 - African Community Picnic**
- **September 21 - African Unity Gala & Awards**

As Veto Session comes to an end, we need your help to give a final push to pass Driver’s Licenses for ALL in Illinois.

In December, SB957 passed out of the Senate with a strong bi-partisan super majority.

Be an active voice in your community.

**Click here to tell your State Representative to vote "YES!" for driver’s licenses for ALL in the Land of Lincoln.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at: **312-949-9980** or visit **Highway Safety Coalition** for regular updates! Forward to victory!!!
January's Recipe

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup lukewarm milk
- 2 Tablespoons fresh yeast
- 1 teaspoon cummin
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ soaked raisins
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ margarine or butter
- 2 cups flour

**Instructions**
- Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water in a large bowl. Mix the egg and the spices.
- Add the flour little by little. Knead the mixture for 10 minutes on a floured table.
- Allow the dough to rise, covered by a tea-towel, in a warm place. Knead the mixture again and create a round, flat bread (2 cm) from dough in frying pan.
- Allow dough to rise a 2nd time in a warm place, until its volume has doubled.
- Decorate bread (see picture above)
- Bake bread in covered frying pan for 10 minutes on a medium to low fire.
- Turn over bread and bake for another 5 minutes.
- Remove bread from frying pan and spread with some water and butter. Serve warm or cold in wedges.

Citizenship & Good Moral Character

Legal permanent residents (Green card holders) are eligible to apply for naturalization to become U.S. citizens after five years or three years, if married to a U.S. citizen.

A naturalization applicant must show that he or she has been a person of good moral character for the period prior to filing for naturalization.

Good Moral Character is defined by section 101 of the Immigration & Nationality Act as an alien who during the period for which good moral character is required to be established, is not, or was not the following:

- A habitual drunkard;
- A prostitute, drug trafficker, or purveyor of any other moral vice for commercial gain;
- Whose income is derived principally from illegal gambling activities;
- Who has been convicted of two or more gambling offenses committed during such period;
- Who has given false testimony for the purpose of obtaining any immigration benefit;
- Who during such period was confined, as a result of conviction, to a penal institution for an aggregate period of 180 days or more, regardless of whether the offense, or offenses, for which he or she has been confined were committed within or without such period;
- Been convicted of an aggravated felony;
- Who at any time committed certain internationally repugnant acts, including, but not limited to terrorism, torture and membership in an organization that condones or performs such acts;
- Who at anytime makes a false statement or claim of citizenship, registers to vote, or votes in a Federal, State, or local election (Including an initiative, recall, or referendum) or is in violation of a lawful restriction of such voting to citizens.

On the Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, questions 15 through 24 in Part 10, Section D, are designed to reveal whether an applicant has good moral character. Naturalization applicants must disclose their entire criminal history, even if the offense or the charges were dismissed.

At our citizenship workshops, you get the opportunity to have a free one-on-one consultation with an immigration attorney to provide legal review and guidance on naturalization issues.

Our next workshop is on:
Saturday, January 26th, 2013
9:00am-11:00am
Truman College Students Cafeteria
1145 W. Wilson Ave.
Chicago IL 60640

Click Here for list of required documents.
You can also reach us at (312)-949-9980 for more information.
Community Organizing Workshop!

Community organizing is a process that brings together people who seek to address critical issues in their communities. Once organized, the group gains a vehicle for articulating their concerns and goals, proposing ideas and solutions.

Successful organizing generates hope, fosters communities of interest, and strengthens leadership.

This workshop will equip you with tools in engaging, organizing, and mobilizing people in your communities or group to make an impact. Participants will build on skills of translating local issues into systemic solutions, as well as develop capacities and effective change strategies.

RSVP HERE

Saturday, February 23, 2013
9:30am - 1:00pm
IIT Tower Building, 6th Floor
10 West 35th Street, Chicago

Contact us by
e-mail: training@uniteafricans.org
or call 312-949-9980

Apply for Deferred Action!

On June 15, 2012, the Obama Administration announced that it would offer many DREAM Act-eligible youths protection from deportation. These youths, whether or not they are currently in deportation proceedings, will be able to apply for "deferred action," which would temporarily shield them from deportation and enable to live and work legally in the US.

Click here for more information.

UAO continues to disseminate information about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in the community and assist eligible DREAMers in processing applications.

If you or someone you know qualify, contact Sarah Travis at:
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Community Calendar

Support UAO by purchasing our 2013 community calendar!

See the changes we have made in our community every month through photos, quotes, and celebrate African independence anniversaries!

By purchasing this calendar, you are helping us to continue to advocate for African immigrants and refugees throughout Illinois!

Usher in 2013 with our beautifully-made calendar for only $5.00

To get your copy, contact us at: 312-949-9980

Advocacy ~ Unity ~ Empowerment

OUR MISSION

The United African Organization is a dynamic coalition of African community-based organizations that promotes social and economic justice, civic participation, and empowerment of African immigrants and refugees in Illinois.

OUR GOALS

✦ Build the leadership and organizational capacity of the community
✦ Advance public policies to increase opportunities and support for immigrant and refugee integration
✦ Ensure that African immigrant and refugees have an active role in multiple civic arenas
✦ Promote community development and access to social services
✦ Serve as a viable model of African Unity and Empowerment

December’s African Voices Podcast featured

✦ Top news stories from Chicago and the African continent
✦ Advice on African Hair Braiders
✦ Music from DJ Ziggs
✦ Hambesha: An Eritrean Dish

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