



Ponca City High School African American Club Students Celebrate Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month members of Ponca City High School African American Club went to see *Hidden Figures*, a movie about three brilliant African-American women: Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, who worked at NASA and were instrumental in the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. They also toured the Oklahoma History Center, which, in addition to a cross-cultural exhibit, has an exhibit called *Realizing the Dream*. This exhibit shows many aspects of people, places and events prior to and during the early Civil Rights Movement. Displays included Clara Luper's living room, separate drinking fountains, Richard Lewis' barbershop, and a soda shop with bar stools.

Additionally, club members participated in a team building exercise at The Escape Room. The Escape Room is a fun live escape game, designed for small groups of 2-7 people. Teams have 60 minutes to assemble a series of puzzles and mysteries in a room. The goal is to figure out the code to open the door and get out in time! This activity requires students to work as a team and rely on the skills of everyone involved.

The club is service oriented and most recently, the Ponca City High School African American Club worked with Attucks Community Alliance at a basketball tournament. This Sunday, February 26, students will participate in the community-wide Black History Month Celebration, *Who Is Serving Dinner*. Students will each portray a historical figure who diners will attempt to name. Dinner is free, but a ticket is required. The Ponca City High School African American Club is open to all high school students and they meet bi-weekly at Ponca City High School.

Attending the trip: front row (l-r): Martezz Carnes, Isaiah Harris, Troy Carson, Kenyatta Leal, Braeden Charles, Brennan Wiggins; second row (l-r) Marissa Webb, Marshaun Webb, Ariana Frederick, Amaya Chandler and Jared Kimble. Also attending, but not pictured was Brice Mbolong, teacher sponsor, Diane Anderson, and Norris Frederick Phillips 66 Black Employee Network and parent sponsors.