



Carol F. Burton

Carol F. Burton is a gifted leader, a great listener, a generous stranger, a cultivator of relationships and a curator of good times. Carol loves good wine, good food, live jazz, entertaining, long walks, hanging out with friends, helping people find answers to questions and quiet time. She enjoys traveling to visit family and friends and internationally with her nieces. Carol enjoys staying at home on rainy weekends listening to R and B oldies and WBGO–Newark “all day” on Sunday. She also enjoys a great weekend brunch that lasts until the evening. Carol is considered a favorite sister, auntie and friend by many because of the joyful party feeling that happens when she is around. Carol is also known for the strength and the sense of safety and confidence that others gain from her presence.

Carol was born in Benton Harbor, MI, 90 miles east of Chicago nestled on the southwestern edge of Lake Michigan. Although she has lived in Brooklyn, NY and currently resides in Oakland, CA, for over a decade, Benton Harbor is still considered home. She sojourns home 1 or 2 times per year to sit, listen and smell the fragrance of the Lake that many non-Michiganders believe to be an ocean. Carol is the 5th of 6 children born to Grady and Jewel Burton, both deceased. All of the siblings live in various parts of the country but are close to each other and find time to visit at least one per year. The entire family comes together once per month to attend a Grady and Jewel Burton Family call. Oh what fun it is!

Carol can't help it. She is always thinking about ways to connect with friends and family. Visits, calls, cards, gifts, surprise parties, trips and more. She throws great parties where the food and drinks are “always delicious”. There you will frequently find thought provoking questions and dialogue that engages everyone. It is worth mentioning that Carol has a diverse collection of relationships from 16 to 80 years of age with varying backgrounds, interests and socio economic status. interesting conversations, a mix of people that rarely interact and sometimes it is bringing a group of people together regularly who are always grateful that she did. This is not limited to her personal life. Professionally, she embraces her teams at Jeweld Legacy Group (www.jeweldlegacy.com) and Mind Our Own Business (www.mindingyourownbizness.org) in the same manner. She is always trying to learn more about how to help people find joy and be successful. Clients report feeling the same sense of confidence, strength, maturity, and knowledge. As a CEO, Non Profit Leader, Mentor, Coach, Strategic Advisor, Friend, Sibling, Family Member, Colleague or Client Carol is always cultivating and nurturing relationships. She enjoys her life, so much so that it is difficult to know whether she is working or playing because of the feeling of joy and freedom that is experienced by all.

Minding Our Own Business is carefully designed and curated to bring the microphone to people that Carol admires, respects and loves. She wants the world to know the unique contributions that they have made and continue to make in the world and in the African American Community. She hopes that their lives will inspire and excite a flurry of possibilities and pathways for others wanting and looking for faces and voices that you can trust to advise and lead the way. Carol also hopes that that show can build a community of people that support and encourage each other. That beyond MOOB we help each other by extending invitations to tables where we would not ordinarily be present or sharing resources that we may not know about along with cautionary tips that aid our collective success.

We are a community of brilliance and power and it time to “Mind Our Own Business”.