

In the 70's, I was Yvette Roland and I was in the teen club at the Oakland Community School. The panthers saved our lives. We had photography class, sex education class at Children's Hospital. We had karate classes at the school. We loved to skate and when we had no money to go I remember, Elaine Brown saying pass me my purse and give us the money. We were teens, putting flyers on doors in West Oakland, to elect the first black mayor Lionel Wilson. Knocking on doors on election day to make sure the people voted. We made a difference. We had talent shows, talent-thon and Don Cornelius donated \$1000.00. We had a dance, and troublemakers showed up and one of the brothers was fatally killed and I remember at his service his favorite song was TOBACCO ROAD. The BPP made a difference in a lot of our lives. Me and a lot of the teens who were part of the teen club still get together. I am 47 years old now and live in Fairfield