



Northstar Cultural Community Centre

NORTHSTAR NEWS

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The GRIOT Network is coming...

The Ontario Black History Society in Toronto circulated a memo recently requesting assistance with the development of Africentric resources for use by secondary school teachers to engage students and support individualized learning. This memo concluded with this quote, **“February is over, but Black History is all year!”**

The implications of that quote poses many questions one of which might be, **“Does this community have a plan to accommodate Black History during the other 11 months of the year?”**

Here in the City of Windsor, the abundance of events during the month of February left just a few days when there was not some type of Black History Month related event/activity being presented.

This focused attention from within the community needs to be applied not only to Black History related events but also to any planned event (e.g. fashion show, concert, job fair etc.) that would be of interest throughout the year especially when a comment such as **“Oh, I did not know about that!”** is still heard quite often.

In other words, what type of communication/marketing network can be instituted, revised or improved upon to facilitate an increased awareness thereby developing a greater sense of connectivity among local non profit, religious groups or businesses.

One solution to this dilemma might be to consider the notion of encouraging a few dedicated people who are

willing to **“spread the good news ”** about upcoming community events, activities, projects or initiatives in the same manner that people **“spread the news”** about someone’s death or funeral arrangements.

This Griot Network is based on the name given to a West African historian who is a member of a hereditary family whose function is to keep an oral history of the tribe or village. Most villages had their own griot who told tales of births, deaths, marriages and other historically significant facts through song, dance etc.

Obviously, **The Griot Network** cannot be as stated above but it can become an informal model for people to imitate the actions of this **“historic person”** by keeping abreast of local happenings at churches, heritage sites, charities etc. then communicating with others through telephone, email or other social media outlets. There will be **no forms** to complete, **no dues** to pay, **no rules** to follow. **If you choose to participate you have made the right decision! PLEASE** read through this newsletter to identify at least **ONE EVENT** that you would be willing to contact someone about! **THANK YOU!!!**

Congratulations to our favourite Griot named **Dileana Nolan-Larkin** whose telephone calls keep our community informed about events happening at Northstar Cultural Community Centre!

April Edition

**VOLUNTEERS
Needed!**

**WE NEED
YOU!!**

See page 8
for more details!



FERGIE JENKINS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP LUNCHEON

From the students at Colchester North School

Dear Northstar Community Centre,
Thank you for putting on this event because it was a very good speech for the kids and the kids in our area should know about Ferguson Jenkins. They should know about him because he can be a great inspiration and they should know about our local history. It was very inspiring!

This was the perfect field trip of the month because it was Black History Month . It was good to have this kind of field trip and this made us bring back more knowledge to the students of Black history which at our age is a good thing to learn about.

Again, thank you, this must have taken a long time to plan. It was very well done and informative. There were things to take into consideration. I liked how Mr. Jenkins brought humour to his speech and that got me to keep listening because he was very funny.

Lastly, thank you for allowing me and my fellow classmates to such a fabulous and well put together event here in Windsor. Sincerely Calli

Fergie Jenkins Quatrain

During the ceremony Ferguson gave his speech
I found his comments were meant to teach
They talked about his challenges his and success
His life turned around from being a mess.

He is a baseball star that changed history
How he did it is not a mystery
After he got his stamp
He became more of a champ.

We all clapped because his story was inspiring
We all stared for we liked admiring
What will and will be a baseball star
As everyone rode away in their car.

We shouted HURRAY!
For that man that day
He earned a stamp
And once again HE IS A CHAMP!
Witten by Brad

When Mr. Jenkins Came

Do what you want to do!
Be who you want to be!
Do good and do it right!
Be a good person!
And never, never ever give up!
This is a man named Ferguson Jenkins!
By Donovan



A Poem for Fergie Jenkins

Ferguson Jenkins you're an inspiration to me
I now realize what I can be
I will now follow what I like to do
And that is all because of you
You inspire tons of kids everywhere
And that is because you really care
You are a great man full of pride and that is really nothing to hide
I learned that following what you like to do is the best
Because if you don't you'd rather rest
I learned that life can be sometimes rough
But you have to stay strong and be tough
To now know that later in life it can be fun
But doing what you love to do has to be done
You inspired me that one day
Because of what you had to say
I hope people learned something from what you had said
Because you have a lot of knowledge in your head
I hope that you like what I wrote
Because I would like back a note.
Sincerely Jordan

Mr. Ferguson Jenkins Shines Above Everyone Else Ferguson Jenkins # 31

He went through with
All of the name calling!

He pushed himself
Forward and never
gave up!

He made a difference
In life!

He is my favourite
Baseball player!

He followed his dreams!

He got his own Stamp!

He is Ferguson Jenkins!
Written by Alexandra

Dear Mr. Jenkins...

I applaud you and all of your huge accomplishments and I am happy that you got your own stamp because from what I heard you deserve it! Sincerely Austin

I think everyone was excited to be in your presence and I'm sure everyone including myself will follow your advice and take you inspiring words to heart. Sincerely Tamer

I really enjoyed your speech. Some things that I learned was to keep on working and giving it your all and some day it will pay off. Sincerely Brendyn

I think that you are a very good role model and I think that you should keep on going to schools and telling everyone your life story. Sincerely Sydney

It would be an honour to see you again. I find it awesome that you were the first coloured man from Canada to be a major league baseball player. I find it interesting that you took on the role of Jackie Robinson. Sincerely Mackenzie

I find it amazing that you stayed with your sport and never gave up on your dreams. It's a good thing that you kept your dream alive just like everyone else that made a difference. Sincerely Cole F.

I want to thank you for teaching me and the other kids that were there to never let anyone tell us what we can and can't do. This is a great story to bring up when someone tells me or one of my friends that we can't do anything because of our culture or beliefs. Sincerely Kate

I thought that it was really great that you received a stamp, you honestly deserve it. By you receiving that stamp it showed me that anything is possible if you strive enough. Sincerely Michelle

You mentioned how you would go into the gym and practice every Tuesday and Thursday night and that is how you became such an amazing player. I think you are an outstanding person. Sincerely Joslyn

This is going to be my first year being on a base ball team. I am so nervous. I feel that you were talking to me to never give up even though the journey to achieve your dream might be difficult. Your fan ,Sarah Marie

The thing that I liked best was that you came from a little town called Chatham that some people probably never heard of before and then you went to America to play in the big stadiums and was the first Canadian in the hall of Fame. Sincerely Jordyn P.S. the food was GREAT!

You have inspired me to tryout for baseball. I never usually do even when I get great opportunities I turn them down but this year I will actually tryout and try my best just like you did. From Tyler

I was very surprised when our teacher said that you were in the top 100 best baseball players. I was shocked because it takes a lot of talent to throw a baseball at 90mph. Sincerely Cole S.

IN A GAME TODAY, ANYONE CAN PLAY, THANK YOU FERGUSON JENKINS, Sincerely Jacob

MEMBERSHIP/VOLUNTEER MATTERS

APPRECIATION NIGHT

Dear Northstar Cultural Community Centre Member or Volunteer,
There are not enough languages to say “Thank you” for your support throughout the 2010 calendar year. We applaud your effort to attend at the “Appreciation Night Dinner” so that we could individually let you know just how much your commitment and support mean to all of us.

Sincerely,

Directors & Staff of NCCC Centre

P.S. Remember the special \$30.00 Family Membership for the month of April ONLY!

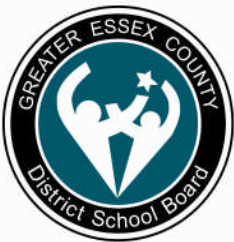


FERUSON JENKINS LUNCHEON– A TEAM EFFORT!

Sponsors



Northstar Cultural
Community Centre



Provincial Chrysler
Pepsi Canada
Trophy Boys
John Fairley
Don Learn Photography

Patterson Collegiate Alumni
Smoke & Spice Restaurant
Herald Press
Giovanni Caboto Club
Robert Martin

A special “thank you” is extended to those community minded individuals who stepped forward to assist /volunteer for this event! **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

Meal of the Month

TURKEY DINNER & A MOVIE

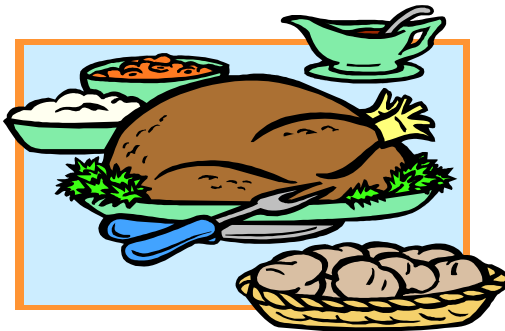
Friday, April 29, 2011

5:00pm to & 7:00pm

Tickets \$10.00 in advance/\$12.00 at the door (to reserve call or visit office)

BME Fellowship Hall
685 University Street East
@ Louis Ave.

*Note: parking is allowed
without a permit on any
street around the church on
this date!*



A special video slide show
of previous events will be
featured throughout the
evening.

Take out is available!

A MOTHERS DAY SPECIAL

OH, YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL!

Bring your beautiful doll(s) with you...

Bring a story about your favourite doll(s) to share...

Bring yourself and a friend or relative...to

Mackenzie Hall Cultural Centre
3277 Sandwich Street
Saturday May 14, 2011
10:30 until 12:00



Guest Presenter– Henriette Trautman
owner of The Doll House in Ruthven, Ontario where she is able
to professionally repair / restore and appraise collectable
or vintage dolls.

ADMISSION \$10.00 AT THE DOOR

Call NCCCentre at (519) 252-7143 or
MacKenzie Hall (519) 255-7600 for details!

SPRING WALK & ROLL-A-THON



Let's all put our best
foot forward
and
PARTICIPATE!!!

Assumption Park

(at the foot of California Ave.)

9:30 a.m. - registration & warm-up,
10:00 a.m. - start of event
11:30 a.m. - wrap up.

The Walkers and Roller Bladers will begin at Assumption Park and proceed along the Riverfront Trail to Dieppe Park (foot of Ouellette) then return to the starting point, a distance of 5 kilometres.

Senior walkers will walk from the parking lot in Assumption Park along the Riverfront Trail to Centennial Park then return to starting point, a distance of 1 kilometre
(a volunteer walking buddy will be available if necessary)

Call now for your **pledge sheet!** (519) 252-7143
or stop by the office Tue., Wed. or Thurs. between 10am and 2pm

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Honouring the Heroes of the Local Black Diamond



Saturday June 18, 2011

at

BME Church Fellowship Hall

685 University Street East at (corner of Louis)

10:00am to 1:00pm

\$10.00 per person (youth \$6.00)

Featuring:

- ◆ Photographic display of early baseball teams circa 1940's, 50's and 60's
- ◆ Team displays for Coates Little League & the Mavericks
- ◆ Memorabilia display of badges, hats, crests etc.
- ◆ A walk down memory lane through the telling of personal stories

PLAN TO ATTEND & BRING A FRIEND!!!



THE G.R.I.O.T. NETWORK

Getting Reliable Information Out There!

APRIL

Monday, April 18 to Thursday, April 21, 2011 - *Holy Week Services*

@ Harrison Memorial Church , 810 Mercer St., 7:00pm to 9:00pm

***Good Friday Service* @ Asamblea Cristiana De Adoration, 1650 Howard Ave. 12:00pm -3:00pm**

Saturday, April 23, *Bring Your Bling, Antique Appraisals* @ Mackenzie Hall, 3277 Sandwich St., 1:00pm - 4:00pm \$5.00 per item (519) 255-7600 (visit the NCCCentre display table)

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 *Charity Night* @ Breakaway Centre 655 Crawford Ave. 8:00pm to 10:00pm Your attendance will earn \$ 10 for the “charity of the month” Proverbs Heritage Organization

Friday, April 29, 2011, *Turkey Dinner & a Movie Night* @ BME Church Hall ,685 University St. East 5:00pm to 7:00pm Tickets \$10.00 Advance/ \$12.00 at door (call NCCC to reserve)

Saturday, April 30, 2011, *Emancipation Celebration Talent Search* 8:00pm to 12:00am @ Afrik Restaurant, 501 Erie St. No charge (519) 300-3623

May

Sunday, May 1, 2011, *Hat Day at the Raceway*, Windsor Raceway, 555 Ojibway, 5:00pm, Dinner @ 6:30 \$ 50 per person call (519) 890-4316

Saturday, May 14, 2011 *A Mother's Day Special, O You Beautiful Doll* @ Mackenzie Hall 3277 Sandwich St. 10:30am -12:00pm \$ 10.00 (some informal appraisals provided)

Friday, May 27, 2011 *A Tribute to the Greats of Music* by Artists of Colour @ Mackenzie Hall, 3277 Sandwich St., 7:00pm \$ 20.00 Call (519) 734-9039

Saturday, May 28,2011, *Spring Walkathon* @ Ambassador Park (foot of California Ave.) Warm up at 9:30 Pledge sheets now available, (see page 6) (519) 252-7143

June

Saturday, June 11,2011, *7th Annual Community Yard Sale* @ parking lot Anderson's Funeral Home, 895 Ouellette 8am to 2pm,(no cost to local charities to participate) call 254-3223 by May 30

Saturday, June 11,2011 *Patterson Collegiate Alumni Gathering*, 2pm to 6pm, Masonic Temple Ballroom 986 Ouellette \$20 (meal & registration) (519) 254-8280

Saturday, June 18,2011 *Ribs & Ragtime*, North American Black Museum,277 King St., Amherstburg 4pm to 8pm \$ 40 (519) 736-5433 Tickets now available

Saturday, June 18,2011, *Father's Day Brunch: Heroes of the Local Black Diamond* , BME Church, 685 University Ave, East, 10:am to 1:00pm \$ 10.00 See page 6 (519) 252-7143

***July - *Youth Activity Week* ,to be announced**

****August - *McDougall Street Reunion*,(Family Day, Seniors Luncheon, Heritage Tour & A Taste of History Meal) to be announced**

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Comments or Suggestions?

(519) 252-7143

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Youth Opportunities

1. Melvin “Mac” Simpson Award contact North American Black Historical Museum (519) 736– 5433 or www.blackhistoricalmuseum.org

2 Summer Jobs for Youth 2011 (youth aged 15 to 18 years)

**Call office - Summer Jobs for Youth (519) 254-2363
New Beginnings
1049 Janette Ave
Windsor, Ont.**

Application Deadline Thursday, April 28, 2011

3. New position on Board of Directors for a youth Coordinator! Call Now for an application form.

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Please remember the gift of community and consider making a donation to the Northstar Cultural Community Centre or volunteering. Your gift will be used to continue the work of the Centre in providing services and programs to your community.

Donations of \$10 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income.



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2011 Membership Registration

**Individual: \$25.00/yr Family: \$50.00/yr Seniors: \$15.00/yr Student: \$15.00/yr
(60 yr.& over)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____