



Northstar Cultural Community Centre

NORTHSTAR NEWS

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A Vision for Change through Speaking, Sharing & Listening

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Ontario Trillium Foundation



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It is hard to believe that the **Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant** is about to be completed.

Throughout this investigative process the need for participants who possessed a strong belief and willingness to exhibit an understanding of communication skills and oral language was important.

The initial **Strategic Planning Survey** was completed individually through the sharing of non verbal check marked answers to 35 questions. These answers were tabulated to **reflect personal participation, event preferences and new program suggestions.**

The next logical step occurred during the **Focus Group Sessions** which served to incorporate the active aspects of **speaking, sharing and listening** in response to leading questions provided by project Consultant Amanda Gellman.

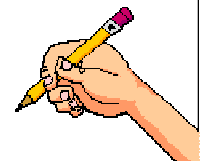
This same format was utilized during the **Board of Director's Strategic Planning Session** resulting in the creation of a **new mission statement, a revised logo, business card, letterhead and Newsletter template** being

approved with an official launch next month.

The invitation for the **TOWN HALL** meeting on February 21, 2013 at St. Angela Church Hall stated clearly that the event was organized as a gathering of members, volunteers and community friends **to discuss the new strategic direction, offer feedback and review the list of "Focus Group" suggestions for future "Program Offerings"** at the NCCCentre.

Those people in attendance were given a list of 72 Focus group ideas. Each person was asked to put a check mark in the box next to the "program offerings" that Northstar's Board should ensure are offered, then, participate in a roundtable discussion at the table where they are seated to come up with a collective table list of their **"TOP TEN" choices.** Each table group chose a recorder who came to the microphone to report on their group choices.

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TOWN HALL RESULTS - SHARING



1. Bus Tours, Computer Classes
2. Black History Programs, Lunches
3. Investment Club
4. Apple Picking, Health Classes
5. Craft Classes ,Family Board Game Nights, Movie Nights
6. Art Exhibit Events, Black Athlete Awards, Student Scholarship Program, Themed Boat Cruises, Will & Estate Planning Classes
7. Picnics for all ages, Self Employment Workshops, Talent Shows, Teacher's Club, Theatre Project, Walking Tours
8. African Studies, Diversity Training, Essay Contests Mediation for Male Students, Music Instruction Programs, Pot Luck Dinners, walkathons
9. Birthday Parties, Black Entrepreneur Awards, Dance Lessons, Football Camps, History Days, Member Holiday Dinners, On - Line Member Data Base, Social Days/Events
10. African Drumming, Baby showers, Chess Club with tutoring, Family Programs, Game Days, Hotline for People of Colour, Mother's Day Events, Operation R.E.A.D., Santa parties for Children, Wedding Showers, Employment/Job Fairs, Home Economics Courses, Literacy Programs, Archives on line/computer

* *the choices are listed according to accumulated/ totals for TOP TEN rankings*

ACTION PLAN

- #2 SEE PAGE 3 (lunches)
- #4 SEE PAGE 4 (health classes)
- #8 SEE PAGE 5 (walkathon)
- #9 SEE PAGE 7 (workshops, meetings)
- #10 SEE PAGE 7 (literacy programs)

Volunteers Needed

If **you** are qualified/trained or interested in presenting any of the above mentioned "Programme" workshop/ events

Please leave a message for Nancy Allen,
Chairperson , Special Projects Committee

HEALTHY LIFE SERIES



You are invited to attend

DIABETES WELLNESS CLASSES

presented by

Ann Conrad BA Sc., RD,CDE

**Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator
Diabetic Wellness / Windsor Essex Community Health Centre
at**

**Northstar Cultural Community Centre
225A Erie Street East (near Windsor Ave.)**

Session I - Wednesday, April 3, 2013

6:30 until 7:30

OR

Session II - Friday, April 19, 2013

12:30 until 1:30

“ Lunch & Learn” (10:00am to 2:00pm)

Salad Luncheon \$ 5.00 (includes salads & diabetic dessert)

**A Diabetes Nurse will be available also to answer
questions about medications!**



**PLEASE CALL NCC Centre Office 519 252-7143 to register!
(SPACE IS LIMITED)**

A healthy life is a Happy life!

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, Roller Bladers or Bicycle Riders 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 to assist if necessary)

PARTICIPATION LEVELS

LEVEL I - PARTICIPANT

Walkers, Roller Bladers, Bike Riders - Pick up PLEDGE SHEETS at the NCC Centre Office, 225A Erie Street East (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10:00 am –2:00pm) or Call (519) 252-7143 to have a pledge sheet sent by mail through Canada Post or by email.

LEVEL II - DONOR

Donate ANY amount by calling NCCC office and your name will be listed on a pledge sheet.

LEVEL III - SUPPORTER

Attend the event and become a



Cheerleader for all of the participants!!!

Income Tax receipts for any donation a Donation of \$20.00 or more!

NEIGHBOURHOOD MEMORIES



AN EVENING FOR SHARING **Mc DOUGALL STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD MEMORIES**

On
Thursday, June 27, 2013
6:30 pm to 8:00pm

Featured Speaker: Mr. Ivory D. Williams
**President of the Detroit Association of
Black Story Tellers**

More details to follow in the next Newsletter!



FLORENCE VIVIAN DEAN
“In my neighbourhood there were around fifty children and every Friday night, I had a Church service in my basement and at least forty children would come and attend.. I would have different speakers to come, and we would serve refreshments. God really met our needs!”



RUBY MORTON
Horseback riding in the backyard; we had ponies and horses. A show horse named Duchess participated in all the parades. Father (Bishop C. L. Morton Sr.) would take neighbours’ children for rides either by buggy or with saddle .



DALE BAYLIS
“Playing baseball in the field now occupied by Harrison Memorial Church on the corner of Mercer and Cataraqui. I had this friend who used to live right next door to it and I used to go over there and play horseshoes with him...We had a pretty nice time in that neighbourhood.”

The comments expressed above reflect some of the many memories recorded by researcher Karl Kersey during some of the “one on one” interviews that he conducted in 2006 for a booklet titled *“McDougall Street Reflections: A Walk Down Memory Lane.”*

* More comments from this document will be shared at the event mentioned above on June 27th.

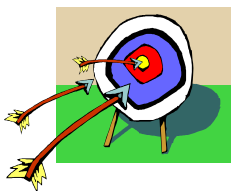
Membership Matters

2013 MEMBERSHIPS are available NOW!!!

“A 10th Year Anniversary Challenge”

(In 2013 the Northstar Cultural Community Center will celebrate its 10th year)

PLEASE HELP US to ACHIEVE OUR TARGET “Project 10 by 10”



The challenge is to RECRUIT or RENEW 100 members by the time the 10th anniversary celebration takes place in the Spring of 2013!

Membership Fees for 2013

SENIORS \$20.00

INDIVIDUAL \$25.00

STUDENTS \$20.00

FAMILY \$50.00

NON - PROFIT MEMBERSHIP \$100.00

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP \$250.00

- ◆ Discounted price for event tickets
- ◆ Discounted rate for rental of “ Community Room” at 225A Erie Street
- ◆ Input in the decisions made by Northstar Centre

Most importantly, knowing that YOU are making a difference!!!

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

Tuesday, March 26

Thursday, April 25

Wednesday, May 22

Breakaway Gaming Centre

655 Crawford Avenue (behind Tim Horton's)

8pm to 10pm

Participants receive a free bingo card dabber, complimentary drink and a \$10 donation will be made to Northstar Cultural Community Centre



TAKE NOTE!



BOOKSTORE IS OPEN !

GREAT DEALS COMING IN APRIL NEWSLETTER!



USED BOOK SALE

DROP BY TO SEE THE GREAT SELECTION OF USED BOOKS ON DISPLAY. NEW ARRIVALS COME IN EVERYDAY!

2 books for \$ 1.00 or 5books for \$2.00



GREAT NEWS

A SPECIAL COLLECTION OF Books is now being catalogued to become the foundation for books that can be signed out as part of a “Circulating Library.” Each selected book will be signed out by individuals

for a period of 2 weeks then returned to the collection.

This procedure will begin in May.

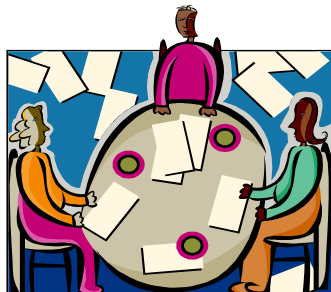
THE NORTHSTAR COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

Renovations are almost complete on the small utility kitchen area!

This room will be available for rental by May 1st, 2013.

Rental fees will be published in April Newsletter.

small groups at tables



workshop format



discussion groups



games/crafts



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Windsor, ON
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**Tuesday thru Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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Comments or Suggestions?

(519) 252-7143

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Easter Dates

**Good Friday, March 29th
Easter Sunday, March 31st
Easter Monday, April 1st**

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah!!!

North American Black Historical Museum presents...

Wilberforce University Concert Choir

Sunday, April 14, @ 3pm

St. John's Church, Amherstburg

Tickets– Individual \$20.00

Members \$18.00

Group of 10+ \$16.00

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 \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income.



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2013 Membership Registration

Individual: \$25.00/yr Family: \$50.00/yr Seniors: \$20.00/yr Student: \$20.00/yr
(60 yr. & over)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Country: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____