



# Northstar Cultural Community Centre

## NORTHSTAR NEWS

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*February Edition*

**VOLUNTEERS Needed!**

**WE NEED YOU!!**

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## 2017 -A Year of Celebrations

If you are thinking to yourself, “**What is so special about celebrations in the year 2017?**” The answer will unfold as you read this page of the Northstar Newsletter.

It is a known fact that the Parliament of Canada officially designated the month of February as Black History Month in 1995 (20th Anniversary was celebrated in 2016).

The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism states, “This year, the 150th anniversary of Confederation provides a unique opportunity to learn more about the important role Black Canadians have played in shaping our country.” The Heritage Canada website lists the following anniversary celebrations for Black Canadians in 2017:

- ◆ **180th anniversary of the Corps of Negroes.** *During the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837, a militia order authorized the Corps of Negroes to join the colonial forces (about 50 men enlisted).*
- ◆ **160th anniversary of William Hall winning the Victoria Cross medal.** *He served aboard a ship in Calcutta during the 1857 Indian Mutiny. He breached the wall of Najeef Temple to allow British troops to enter.*
- ◆ **100th anniversary of the No.2 Construction Battalion’s Departure overseas.** *On March 28, 1917 this Black battalion sailed from Halifax. The unit operated in the France until the end of WWI.*

◆ **Diamond (25th) anniversary of Caribana.** *A cultural festival created to display the rich cultural traditions of Toronto’s West Indian population.*

These are but a few of the noteworthy achievements of Black Canadians and their contributions toward the shaping of our country of Canada.

**Confederation occurred on July 1, 1867** when Canada became a country with four provinces– New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the province of Canada which was split into two new provinces Ontario and Quebec.

The Canadian government is planning for a memorable year of celebratory events being staged across the country. Can you imagine the events being planned for our nation’s capitol of Ottawa on July 1st, 2017?

A **Canada 150th Oral Histories Project** is being developed here in the local area involving the Amherstburg Freedom Museum, the Essex County Black Historical Research Society and the Northstar Cultural Community Centre. A request for participants states “we’re encouraging African Canadian families with Essex County Roots to share their family stories. (see page #2 for details)

Another local celebration will take place during the Annual Mayor Dilkins Walk on May 22, 2017. The City of Windsor will officially celebrate its 125th birthday at the Festival Plaza. (details in the April Northstar News)

**ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE, PARTICIPATE & MOTIVATE?**

# CANADA 150<sup>TH</sup> ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



Historical Background - A *Griot* was a person who was responsible for keeping an oral record of the traditions and history of a group of people in a tribe, a village or a family in West Africa.

They were the original “storytellers” and “historians” who shared their gathered information in the form of music, poetry and stories.

This tradition can be utilized within the proposed oral history project outlined below by willing participants who wish to share personal experiences or participate in a group family discussion.

## Oral History Project– REQUEST for PARTICIPANTS

**WHO?** - African, Black and Caribbean families with roots in Essex County

**WHAT?** - Stories about life experiences in Essex County over the years

**WHERE?** - Locations such as Amherstburg, Anderdon, Colchester, Harrow, Maidstone, New Detroit/Tin Can City, New Canaan, Sandwich, Windsor and others.

**WHY?** - Develop a complete narrative about the contributions made by people of African descent throughout the generations

**WHEN?** - ASAP, in other words As Soon As Possible!

**HOW?** -Interviews will be recorded, some with a specific topic or theme, with each participant receiving an digital copy of their interview.

**If you are interested in setting up a time and date to be interviewed, or to recommend an appropriate member of your family-PLEASE CONTACT**

- ◆ Irene Moore Davis at [IMooreDavis@stclaircollege.com](mailto:IMooreDavis@stclaircollege.com) (519) 972-2727 ext. 4735
- ◆ Phil Alexander at [phil,alexander@amherstburgfreedom.org](mailto:phil,alexander@amherstburgfreedom.org) phone/text (519) 919-5033
- ◆ Nancy Allen at [info@northstarcentre.org](mailto:info@northstarcentre.org) (519) 252-7143 (leave message if after hours)



## A Lunch & Learn Workshop #1



### Topic: Our Canadian Flag

National Flag of Canada Day is Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
12:00 pm until 2:00pm

Meeting room at Northstar Cultural Community Centre

Bring your own lunch (red and white desserts will be provided at no cost)

“A fun time to learn facts about our flag!”

Wear red and white to win a prize!!!!

## Grandma's Treasure Chest

A collection of historically significant items will be used to create an exhibit to honour 2017 as a year of celebrations including – Black History Month (February), City of Windsor 125<sup>th</sup> birthday (May) and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada becoming a nation on July 1, 1867

6:00pm until 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Budimir Library, 1310 Grand Maris Road West



Presentation by Nancy Allen, Northstar Cultural Community Centre

## Stamp It!

Come out and witness the unveiling of the 2017 Canada Post black History Month Stamp!

Who is this famous Canadian?

Why was he chosen?

When did he set foot on Canadian soil?

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View an exhibit of former stamp notables such as Ferguson (Fergy) Jenkins!

2:00pm until 3:00pm **OR** 5:00pm until 6:00pm

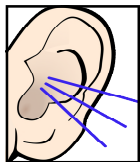
Thursday, February 23, 2017

Meeting Room: Northstar Cultural Community Centre



# MARCH...into HEALTHY LIVING WORKSHOPS

## Workshop#1



### HELPERS for HEALTHY HEARING

You are invited to attend a demonstration of “Hearing Assisted Listening”  
Devices, such as the telephone, for people who are hard of hearing.

presented by  
Bonnie Petryschuk

Hearing Care Counsellor for people 55+  
Canadian Hearing Society

Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
1:00pm until 2:00pm



Community Meeting Room– Northstar Cultural Centre—225A Erie Street East

## Workshop#2

### THOUGHTS of SPRING LUNCHEON

Let's get an early start to the “First Day of Spring” on March 20th!  
Come out and enjoy a light “SPRINGY FRESH” meal that will stimulate your “Taste Buds” to lighten up!



MENU includes- wraps, fruit kabobs, a “Green Buffet” of salads, vegetables,  
healthy treats, desserts and refreshments.

Thursday, March 16, 2017

11:30am until 1:30pm

Community Room, Northstar Cultural Centre– 225A Erie Street East

\* Free will donation appreciated! \*

\*Note– Plan to attend workshop #3 below if you desire to speak to a Dietician with a question about food!

## Workshop #3

### GETTING to the HEART OF IT!

Monday, March 20, 2017

2:00pm until 3:00pm

A focused discussion based on a 10 page booklet titled  
“GET TO THE HEART OF IT: Managing Blood Pressure, Cholesterol and Diabetes”

presented by

Anne Conrad

Registered Dietian

Windsor Essex County Health Centre



PLAN to ATTEND and BRING a FRIEND!!!



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

### **MEMBERS**

Your financial support through membership dues provided a much needed source of funds which assisted with the ongoing need to support the basic operating resources of a “Community Centre.”

### **COMMUNITY FRIENDS**

Your encouragement through attendance at events/activities and free will donations are an important component within the framework of the circle of people who believe in our purposes.

\*A special mention to our “Bingo Buddies” who attend the city wide charity bingo nights which are held bi-monthly!

### **SPECIAL EVENT DONORS**

Your donations of monies, refreshments, baked goods etc. were gratefully appreciated. Many people volunteered their time, talents and equipment to help make our fun(d) raisers successful.

Each of the 7 letters in the word at the top of this page is being held up by one person but there are many people standing behind that person to provide assistance when needed.

**Northstar** NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT IN **2017!**

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**C**ultural  
**C**ommunity  
**C**entre

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**Comments or Suggestions?**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**CHARITY NIGHT**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

**8pm until 10pm**

**Breakaway Gaming Centre**

**655 Crawford Ave,**

**(behind Tim Horton)**

*Plan to attend and bring a FRIEND!*

**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.**



***Northstar Cultural Community Centre***

**2017 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: \_\_\_\_\_