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President's Message

February 2017

Black History Month

It's hard to believe we are into the second month of the year already. February is a month when we think of love. Love of spouse, partner, a special friend, neighbor, pets, attending a candlelight dinner- coming up February 11, 2017, or skating on February 18th. I want to add another type of love, and that is the love of learning. So February being Black History Month I thought it would be fun to see how much you know about black history. So below I am going to ask questions and the answers will follow on a different page. There are 17 questions. See how many you can answer without looking at the answer sheet.



1. What was black history month called before President Ford declared February as Black History Month?
2. Who was the first African – American ever appointed to the United States Supreme Court by President Lyndon B. Johnson?
3. Who was the first African American man to hold the World Heavy Weight Champion boxing title from 1908-1915?
4. Name the great jazz musician whose signature tune was “Take the ‘A’ Train”?
5. Was Bessie Coleman the first black woman to obtain a license to practice nursing or flying a plane?
6. Who was the first black winner of the Miss America contest?
7. What food known as “mealies” is a staple in much of southern Africa?
8. Tanzania is the site of the tallest mountain in Africa. What is its name?
9. Who was the first President ever to meet with leaders of the African American community?
10. Who was elected mayor of New York City in 1989?
11. Why was February picked as the month for Black History Month?
12. Who instituted Negro History Week later called Black History Month?
13. Who was the first African –American woman to host a nationally syndicated TV talk show?
14. What famous educator and social reformer wrote Up from Slavery?
15. What great 19th century speaker declared that education means “light and liberty”?
16. What was the name of the man who was the initiator of the Watergate scandal?
17. Who was the first black student ever to enroll at the University of Mississippi?

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Delegates' Council January 12, 2017

Harlan Ost, President, chaired the meeting

Arnett Library, Bruce Tehan: Tutoring is available for those taking the TASC test, also known as the high school equivalency exam.

Lunar New Year...on Saturday, Jan 28th, some members are going to the Wok, located in Brooks Landing area. If you want to attend, call the Wok for a reservation....235-7888.

Rotary: Donna Sarnacki: There is interest in starting a SW Rochester rotary. Let us know if you are interested.

Candlelight Dinners will be held on Feb. 11. We need a few more hosts.

Skating Party will be held on Feb 18, from 1 to 4 pm. UR is helping out with children's games. 19th Ward volunteers will staff registration table and snack table. There will be no charge for skate rentals.

Palm Sunday breakfast will be held April 9 at Rochester Presbyterian Home. This event has been held for many years; proceeds are contributed to a local community organization.

Bull's Head Redevelopment: The area targeted for redevelopment extends from Jefferson Avenue to the old Taylor Instrument property. More than 600 different properties are included in this designated area. Bull's Head Plaza is currently about 50% vacant, and has been through foreclosure. A public meeting will be held in a few months...and residents, property owners, businesses and reps from St. Mary's Hospital/Rochester Regional Health will be invited. An advisory group meeting was held on Dec. 7, as reported at last Delegates' Council meeting.

Street Manager program: John DeMott and Don Hanks are focusing on four street corridors: Chili Ave, Genesee St., Jefferson Ave and Thurston Ave. They have visited about 30% of the 258 businesses in the last two months. Occupancy rate is about 85%. Ease on down Thurston event is planned for May 20.

Schools Committee: volunteers are needed on Saturday mornings to tutor youth for the Spelling Bee. We also need more volunteers tutoring children in our elementary schools.

Related Organizations: A member asked whether SW Common Council and SW Quad should be merged. Is there a

RESERVE THE DATE NOW

Our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on **April 9** at the Rochester Presbyterian Home from 8:00 AM til 9:30 AM. Watch for details in the March newsletter, but mark your calendar now. This is always a good event, with a great speaker, delicious breakfast, and supports an organization that gives back to our own community.

Donor Option 1142

This is the time of year when people typically sign up through their employer, donating money to a non-profit organization that receives funding from the United Way. Please consider the 19th Ward Community Association if this is an option for you in your place of employment. **Our Donor Option Number is 1142.** We depend heavily on member donations, and the funds that come in through United Way to continue our work in the 19th Ward.

Meeting calendar

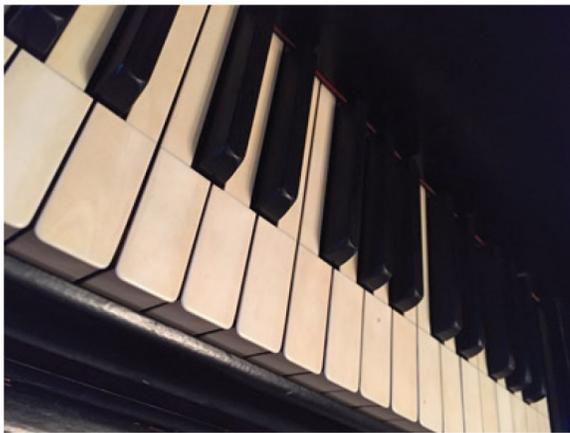
We now have a calendar in the meeting room at 216 Thurston. If you are planning to hold a meeting there, please be sure it is on the calendar to avoid conflict space needs.



Music Series 2017 at the Arnett Library

Select Saturdays, from noon to 1 p.m.

A wonderful program for music lovers of all ages followed by refreshments and a chance to meet the musicians.



February 25

Tony Nichols
on keyboard -
Jazz and
Gospel music

Mark your calendars for these upcoming performances:

- March 25: Eastman Community Music School Youth -
Soloists and Ensembles
- April 22: Salaff String Quartet

These are some of the best musicians in the country, and they will be at our very own Arnett library! We hope to see you and your families there!

This library is accessible to people with disabilities. To request specific accommodations, call 585-428-8304 ten days prior to the program.

310 Arnett Boulevard • 428-8214

Believe.



City of Rochester, NY
Lovely A. Warren, Mayor
Rochester City Council

Dear friends, neighbors, and community leaders

Increasing access to financial aid is critical for anyone seeking to continue their education after high school. To be eligible for financial aid to attend a four year university, community college, or technical training program, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or “FAFSA”.

We encourage you to share information about our third annual FAFSA Fest, our series of FAFSA completion workshops, with your community groups, union members, newsletters, neighbors, and more who have children who need to complete the FAFSA. Our trained volunteers provide individual assistance in filling out the FAFSA and help make continuing their education a more affordable reality!

- Wednesday, Jan. 18, Wheatley Library, 33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 29, East High College Goal Sunday, 1801 E. Main St., 1 to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, Wilson High School, 501 Genesee St., 5 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 11, Frederick Douglass R-Center, 999 South Ave., noon to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, Maplewood Library, 1111 Dewey Ave., 5 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4, Franklin Campus, 950 Norton St., noon to 2 p.m.

For more information, [check out Mayor Warren’s announcement](#), by visiting www.rochesterCan.org, or by calling Rochester Education Foundation 585-271-5790.

Thanks for your time and thanks for sharing!



Save the date of Sat, Feb 18th, 2017 for the annual ice skating party at the Genesee Valley Sports Complex at 131 Elmwood Ave from 1 to 4pm. This community-building event between the southwest community and UofR students has always been a crowd-pleaser with free food, free skating, great music, games and lots of fun on the ice. Bring the whole family to enjoy this free event as a kick-off to February Recess! For more information about this event or to volunteer call or email Angie Burch at 338-2621 or acburch26@gmail.com.



TASC

Free TASC Tutoring at Rochester Public Libraries

Do you want to prepare for the TASC (formerly known as GED) high school equivalency exam? Free tutoring is available at the libraries listed below. Please call to confirm their class schedules.

Arnett Branch Library

Mondays from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
310 Arnett Blvd., Rochester NY
(585) 428-8214

Lyell Branch Library

Mondays and Tuesdays from 3 – 5 p.m.
Fridays from 1 – 3 p.m.
956 Lyell Ave., Rochester, NY
(585) 428-8218

Maplewood Community Library

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 – 7 p.m.
1111 Dewey Ave., Rochester, NY
(585) 428-8220

Monroe Branch Library

Fridays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
809 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY
(585) 428-8202

Phillis Wheatley Community Library

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 – 5 p.m.
33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way, Rochester, NY
(585) 428-8212

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E-160-1293



PathStone is accepting application from City of Rochester residents who have a **broken furnace, water heater, or water service**. The homeowner must be up to date on their City and County property taxes and be income eligible. Please see the attached pamphlet for the full details. Applicants can start the application process by calling [\(585\) 442-2030 ext. 214](tel:5854422030) or visiting our office at 15 Prince Street 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

Scott Oliver
Deputy for Energy Programs
PathStone Corporation

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Black History Month

Answers

1. Black history week
2. Thurgood Marshall from 1967-1991
3. Jack Johnson in 1908 He held the title until 1915
4. Duke Ellington the song title refers to a New York City subway train that stops in Harlem.
5. Fly a plane (prevented from entering a US flight school, she studied aviation in France and returned to get her licensing in 1921.
6. Vanessa Williams in 1984.
7. Corn which grows abundantly in the regions climate.
8. Mt. Kilimanjaro – its central cone, Kibo, rises to 19,341 ft.
9. Abraham Lincoln –who supported their argument for a separate colony outside of the U.S.
10. David Dinkins – the first black mayor of the largest city in the U.S.
11. Because Frederick Douglass and Abe Lincoln were born in February.
12. Carter G. Woodson.
13. Oprah Winfrey in 1986.
14. Booker T. Washington – his 1901 autobiography.
15. Frederick Douglass- in a speech at Storer College in 1880.
16. Frank Wills –a night watchman discovered the burglary at the Democratic headquarters. He call police which lead to President Nixon resignation.
17. James Meredith-in 1962 his enrollment in the University of Mississippi caused rioting, and US marshals

BREAKING THE BUBBLE – 3RD IN A SERIES

**Monday, February 6
7:30 – 8:30
Brue Coffee
Incarceration Nation
a talk by UR Professor
Joshua Dubler**

How did the United States, a country with five percent of the world's population, come to incarcerate nearly a quarter of the world's prisoners? In his talk, Professor Joshua Dubler will explore the various social, economic, and political factors that scholars point to in trying to answer this vexing and pressing question. As well, he will explore—and solicit—ways that we as a community can work to end mass incarceration.

Joshua Dubler is an Assistant Professor of Religion, and the founder of the Rochester Prison Education Project. He is the author of *Down in the Chapel: Religious Life in an American Prison* (FSG, 2013), and is finishing a co-authored monograph entitled *Break Every Yoke: Religion, Justice, and the Abolition of Prisons*.

**Sponsored by UR Residential Life, Leadership Center,
and the Student Community Service Network**

Free and open to the public

The Rochester Historical Society Moves to the Most Secret Building in Rochester

By William Keeler/Librarian Archivist

The Rochester Historical Society is on the move again. This is our 8th move since our founding in 1862 and our 3rd move in the 21st century. We moved to the west side of the city into a building that was once a secret facility for the US Navy during World War II and later used by Eastman Kodak during the Cold War.

The building is on Lincoln Ave, in an area known as Lincoln Park. It is a mixed residential and industrial park once located in the Town of Gates. The location is the former site of the Co-Operative Foundry Company. The company was organized in 1867, employed 250 employees and by 1921 produced more than 5,000 stoves and ranges and between 8,000 and 9,000 furnaces. Their signature product was the Red Cross Parlor Stove. This coal fired stove was named after the Maltese Cross which was once stitched onto white tunics of knights in the Middle Ages that fought in the Crusades. The ornament on top of the stove showed a knight on horseback with a lance (see illustration). The company went out of business in 1934 a victim of decreasing demand of coal stoves from the building depression of 1928 and 29, The factory buildings were torn down five years later on July 19, 1939.

The lot did not stay vacant for long. The United States entered World War II in 1941. At that time the US Navy bought the property and erected buildings on the site. There was a tank on the grounds where gun sights were tested and a very large wooden box known as the "Bomb Box" which was used to test hand grenades. After the war the United States entered into what was known as the Cold War. Russia adopted a policy of isolation and our military needed a way to gather intelligence on their military plans. In 1956, during the Eisenhower administration, the U2 spy plane program began, The U2 was a plane which flew at such high altitudes that anti-aircraft fire could not reach it. They were used by the US to take pictures of the Russian landscape to monitor building activities for bomb silos and other military operations that would threaten the West. In coop-

eration with Eastman Kodak, the film from these nights was sent to the Lincoln Ave, plant for processing and evaluation.

Originally called the Turtle Project after Fordyce Tuttle Kodak's liaison with the CIA, this secret project was expected to last a year or two but actually lasted for 40 years. Employees selected for this project could not tell their families what they did and were often away for weeks at a time. The film was packaged in what were known as B boxes and flown to Rochester on a custom courier service and processed in the Lincoln Ave. facility. It was suspected for a time that Russian spies had taken up residence in one of the homes across the street from the plant. The U2 program shifted to spy satellites after 1960. In time, the entire operation shifted to the Hawkeye plant on St. Paul Street. The next operation in the factory was the development of the Hubble space satellite. Many local companies were involved in creating components for the satellite including Kodak. There were actually three satellites built in Rochester. The other 2 back-ups were stored in a warehouse for many years and finally donated back to the government to be used for other projects in space.

This huge building is now a multi-use building. A portion is used for Section 5 football training, a used furniture store, it once was a boxing training site, and is the home of a Roller Derby League. The Rochester Historical Society now occupies 8,000 square feet of space with offices facing the parking lot with large glass windows. There is room for meetings, offices for staff, a library and archive room and rooms dedicated to our paintings, artifacts and extensive clothing collection. In the near future our furniture and architectural drawing collection will also be brought here from storage.

You might be asking yourself why the Rochester Historical Society would move to the western fringes of our city in a building so secret many people are not aware of its location. This facility affords us the opportunity to put all of our collections and offices under one roof and has the potential to add more rooms later for exhibits and display. It is a tremendous

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Our member, Gerry Muhl actually came to this building in 1969 or so to pick up large photos of the back side of the moon (I'm thinking Pink Floyd) from the lunar Orbiter. He had to don a white suit (dust-free bldg.) and state that he wasn't a communist.



History on the Road

History on the Road is a series of 10 one hour PowerPoint presentations which explore chapters of Rochester's history. The presentations depict the Civil War, WWI, picture post cards, etc. The series or individual presentations are available to all interested in exploring our rich history. For more information, please contact Dan Cody at 585-623-8285 or dcody@rochesterhistory.org



IMPROVEMENT

Check out our website - www.rochesterhistory.org. We have added indexes of our photograph catalog records. Images will be provided upon request.

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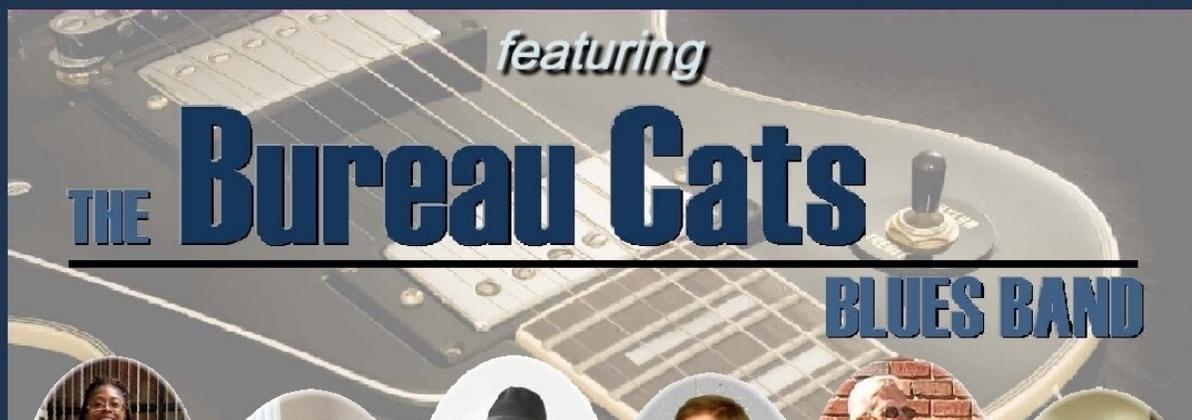
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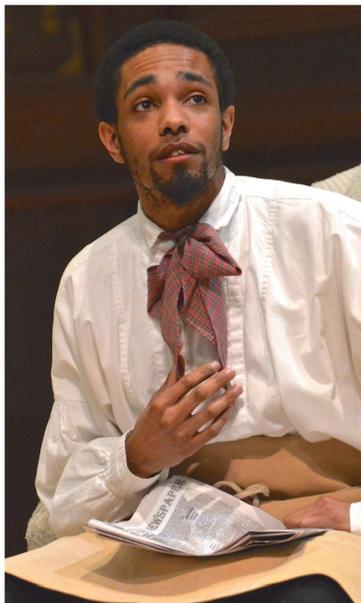
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 from 7 PM 'til

at Brue Coffee  960 Genesee St

Blues, Beverage & Food Specials and more Blues



Donations of cash & checks to St. Peters are welcome at the show



Walk the Walk

Encounters with Rochester's African-American Ancestors

An Entertaining and Moving Evening of Theater and Music, followed by a cookie reception with the Performers!

Friday, February 10 at 7 pm
Memorial AME Zion Church
549 Clarissa Street

In Rochester's Historic Corn Hill Neighborhood
Plenty of Free and Secure Parking!



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February

☐ January	February 2017						March ☐
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 8:30 AM Thurston Brooka Arnett Merchants at RPH	2	3	4	
5	6 Breaking the Bubble 7:30 – 8:30 at Brue	7 5:30 Skating Party Plan- ning at Brue	8 8:00 AM Genesee Mer- chants at NSC 7:00 PM Schools Com- mittee at 216 Thurston 7:00 PCIC at Staybridge	9 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Arnett Library	10 7:00 PMB lues for Food At Brue 7:00 PM Walk the Walk At AME Zion	11 Candlelight Dinners	
12	13	14	15 8:00 AM Chili Merchants at Livie's	16	17	18 9:45 AM History & Ar- chives at Brue 1:00 - 4:00 Skating Party	
19	20	21	22 6:30 PM 19WCA Public Safety at RPH	23	24	25 Noon—Music series at Arnett Library	
26	27	28	Notes:				

Some pictures from Martin Luther King, Jr. Luminary evening
A lovely evening, wonderful folks, shining lights everywhere



no snow for MLK 2017



Hot chocolate on Aberdeen

Home base at Arnett Cafe



Call the Office for contact information. Be sure your Delegate is aware of your interests and concerns.

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The 19th Ward Neighborhood

Please don't toss this newsletter; pass it on to someone else who

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