



MILWAUKEE ETHNIC NEWS

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Remembering the fair housing marches

Milwaukee Inter-ethnic Forum

In June 2012 a Yahoo Groups forum was organized to connect ethnic leaders and active participants in ethnic activities to each other. Currently representatives of Latino, Polish, Jewish, African American, Arab, French, German, English, American Indian, and pan-African groups are participating.

Anyone wishing to join can contact Yahoo Groups and search for the Milwaukee Ethnic list, and then sign on.

A play in November will focus on 1967 march to Kosciuszko Park



Play cast in front of General Kosciuszko Monument

His story: A Somali with PACA



My name is Ali Mohamed, and I'm from Somalia. I have been in the United States for about five years now, and I graduated from high school June 9, 2012. I have been coming to Pan-African Community Association (PACA) for the last year and half. I have been working with many kids

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For the first time in its history, the Basilica of St. Josaphat will host live theatre. The

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Play on marches, continued

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premier performance will be The March to Kosciuszko, Saturday, November 3, 8pm.

Synopsis of play

Two fictionalized families struggle with an appropriate response to the upcoming fair housing march to Kosciuszko Park. A southside family wants to hold on to their Polish neighborhood that has recently lost housing as a result of freeway construction. On the north side, a Black family that has also lost housing during freeway construction, questions whether they should risk participation in the potentially violent march. The events are narrated by General Thaddeus Kosciuszko. As he speaks, the audience learns the *historic* Kosciuszko—not the one both sides conceptualize.

How to order tickets

Tickets are priced at \$25 each and can be purchased online at <http://marchtokosciuszko.brownpapertickets.com>

New Members Sought

The KRAKOW POLISH DANCERS of MILWAUKEE COUNTY is very interested in NEW MEMBERS!! It is time to REFRESH and build ANEW and consider the accomplishments of our past and strive for the FUTURE. Our mission is very steadfast with a sincere commitment to our youth, young adults, and community. Our award winning non-profit charitable/educational organization was established September 7th, 1967, this marking our 45th anniversary.

The KRAKOW POLISH DANCERS of MILWAUKEE COUNTY is internationally acclaimed as a troupe that "specializes in the artistry, character and style of the American/Pol."--Official Cultural Ambassadors from Wisconsin to Poland, Holiday Folk Fair and WI International Institute Representatives Toledo International Festival and featured throughout the Midwest, Hawaii, Washington D.C., New York City and England, The Netherlands, Germany, Bavaria, Austria, France, Switzerland, Italy and Australia.

Our company offers equal opportunities to all individuals and welcomes prospective members age 9 and up. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Membership is decided on the ability and compliance with our policies and procedures and commitment to family values, our community and our Krakow Mission.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday from 6:45-9:00 P.M. at Collins-Meyer-Knutson 2304 VFW Clubhouse at 2900 West Lincoln Avenue, Milwaukee, WI.

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Who are the Donauschwaben?

Haven't got a clue? Read on!



Photo taken in Sindelfingen, Germany

The Donauschwaben are ethnic Germans that lived outside of Germany in the Slavic regions of Hungary, Rumania and the former Yugoslavia, predominately along the Danube River. Their ancestors left what is now called Southern Germany and areas around Alsace-Lorraine during the 18th century to try to better their lives. They were offered free farmland along the then-barren areas of the Danube River. They remained in the settled areas for centuries, developing entire Donauschwaben villages among the locals. During this time, they retained their German language and customs while incorporating aspects from the surrounding cultures—thus creating the unique Donauschwaben culture.

Menomonee Falls organization

The United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee is located in Menomonee Falls at the Schwabenhof. The organization is a family oriented with several dance groups and auxiliary groups—*Kindergruppe*

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(dancing & singing, ages 3-12), *Jugendgruppe* (dancing & singing, ages 13-25), *Kulturgruppe* (dancing, ages 18 +), *Frauengruppe* (ladies social auxiliary), *Jägerverein* (men's hunting auxiliary), and Senior Citizens (55 + social group).

Fifteen of the performers (ages 11-28) and six chaperons spent two weeks touring Europe this July—three countries (Germany, Austria & Hungary), seven cities, nine performances, and all in fourteen days!! Not only was it an amazing adventure, it was a wonderful education on the Donauschwaben culture. Upcoming events include: Oktoberfest on September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and *Kindergruppe Kirchweih* on September 29th. For further information, see the website at www.udommilwaukee.com or contact Mary MacGillis at macmablum@yahoo.com.

Capital campaign for La Causa facility



La Causa is currently undergoing a capital campaign to build a new, state-of-the-art facility designed to provide critical services to children in need, including those with special needs.

La Causa's Crisis Nursery & Respite Center

La Causa's Crisis Nursery & Respite Center is a resource available 24/7, 365 days a year to prevent child abuse. It is a 12-bed licensed shelter offering security, protection and compassion free of charge. For 20 years, La Causa has been working to keep children out of harm's way, and is the only shelter of its kind in southeastern Wisconsin.

Beyond the chief: Indian (art) hating on campus



Dr. Robert Warrior (Osage) will be lecturing on the shared power of place at Marquette University's Lunda Room/Henke Lounge at the Alumni Memorial Union on September 18, 4-6pm.

Groundbreaking book

Dr. Warrior changed the critical landscape of Native American studies in his book, *Tribal Secrets* (1994) and continues to demand an engagement between scholarship and scholarly institutions and the political and cultural realities of contemporary indigenous peoples. He hopes to help Marquette "be the difference" in future partnerships.

The event is free and open to the public.

La Causa's Crisis Nursery prevents child abuse and neglect by providing:

- Crisis care during difficult times such as domestic violence, illness, death, etc.
- Shelter for children when a family is homeless
- Respite care, to relieve stressful situations for parents with special needs children
- A safe haven for children during family medical emergencies

Candle light vigil to honor the Sikh

Dia de los Muertos Parade remembers the tragedy at National Night Out event



During this summer's National Night Out, the Dia de los Muertos Parade project held a moment of remembrance for the Sikh community in Oak Creek that lost lives in a senseless hate attack on Sunday, August 5.

2012 Dia de los Muertos parade

This year's Dia de los Muertos parade will also feature a Vigil for Peace following the procession. All communities in Milwaukee and beyond will be welcomed to this event. The Day of the Dead is the time when all come together and respectfully honor the ones who have passed over to the other side by remembering them with photographs, offendas or altars, and eating their favorite foods--including sweet warm treats--with loved ones.

This year's event will also include nonprofit organizations, clubs, restaurants, other businesses, theatres, wellness centers, and artists.

Hero of two hemispheres

Talk on Gaetano Trentanove, creator of Milwaukee's Kosciuszko Monument



As the 125th anniversary of Milwaukee's Layton Art Gallery approaches, Barbara Brown Lee, Chief Educator at the Milwaukee Art Museum, discusses her favorite unsung hero of the Layton collection -- Gaetano Trentanove. In his adopted home town of Milwaukee, the Italian-born Trentanove is best known for his monumental equestrian bronze statue of the hero of two hemispheres--Tadeusz Koeciuszko--in Kosciuszko Park (at 9th Place and Lincoln) and his magnificent marble, "The Last of the Spartans."

Barbara will share her reflections on the Kosciuszko Monument and also recount the fascinating story of how she rescued "The Last of the Spartans" from an ignoble fate and brought him home to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Time and place

The free lecture will be held on Thursday, September 20, 7pm at the Polish Center of Wisconsin, Franklin, 6941 S. 68th Street.

Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.

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from different countries, including kids who speak other languages. This makes me feel like this is where I need to be in order to know other cultures. It's really great being here, because I learn new things. It is also a pleasure to help the kids with whatever they need.

Bullying project

This summer, I did a project with PACA about my experience with bullying and how I felt when someone I know was bullied. The reason I was sad was because it changes that person. When people bully others it's really hard to stay the same as you were, because whatever people are saying to you will hurt no matter how hard you try to deny it. It will always be there that they said it or did what they did to you. Life is really hard, especially when people bully you for who you are. That's why I don't think anyone should bully others. Before you say something, think about what could happen to this person if you say these things to them. Think before saying or doing the action.

Bullying is one of the worst things that a person can experience in their lifetime. Bullying can cause a person to change themselves and who they are because of the negative comments from others. So don't be a bully. Be a star.

Creek Nation's Joy Harjo performs



The poet Joy Harjo is one of the most famous indigenous voices world-wide, grounded in a body of work that spans over 30 years. One of the many distinctions Harjo has earned includes the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas, the highest honor awarded by American indigenous writers. The muse behind her poetry has turned—over the past decade—toward

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DNA is transforming the ethnic landscape

Research shows that most African Americans hail from just over 40 ethnic groups



Increasingly, DNA studies are providing more information on the migration paths of ethnic ancestors. This has been particularly important for African Americans whose specific ethnic roots were lost through generations of slavery.

Scientists were once skeptical of claims made by early DNA ancestry-tracing services that they could identify one's "tribe" or "ethnicity" in Africa. The available data didn't sustain such claims. But new ways of calculating ancestry from the genome and larger African samples can make more accurate ethnic identifications. Today DNA results can connect an African American living in, say, Chicago or Milwaukee with an African who identifies himself by a name—say, Asante or Ibo—and who lives in Ghana or Nigeria. By matching genetic anomalies in an African American and an African, one can establish that these two individuals had common ancestors two centuries ago.

The more popular DNA labs for testing are 23andMe.com or FTDNA.com.

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a blending of poetry and jazz, her saxophone in tow. A prolific musician, scholar, activist, writer, and playwright, Harjo is coming to Milwaukee having just released her autobiography, *Crazy Brave: A Memoir*, which has been called “lyrical” and “soul-stirring.”

Time and place

Joy Harjo and members of her band will perform an evening of spoken word poetry with a distinctive style of jazz funk on September 6, at 7pm at the Weasler Auditorium at Marquette University. The auditorium is located at 1506 W. Wisconsin Avenue.

PACA fundraiser slated

A celebration of diversity in a global community will be held on Saturday, November 10, 6-11pm at the Zoofari Conference Center at 9715 W. Bluemound Road. The sponsor of the event is the Pan-African Community Association (PACA).

About PACA



Above are members of the Coalition of African Youth and African Women Entrepreneurship

PACA brings together all people of African descent to preserve and enrich African cultural values through education, empowerment, and dialogue, serving the needs of the greater Milwaukee community.

Programs include resettlement, social services, youth coalition, women’s entrepreneurship, language interpretation and translation, community dialogue, healthy living, leadership development, women’s association, after-school activities, community building, family literacy, and job development.

Arcadia book published on Milwaukee’s Old South Side

Photo history will focus on ethnic settlements



Urban Anthropology Inc. has created this historic publication on the Milwaukee area originally settled by the Poles. The book is part of Arcadia Press’ *Images of America* series. Including nearly 200 photographs, the volume tells the story of the various ethnic migrations to the area, which resulted in a community of 110 nations today.

Pre-orders now taken

Anyone wishing to pre-order this book can contact Rick Petrie at (414) 271-9417 or email him at RickPetrie@gmail.com.



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