



We Are All Alaskans



Diversity News—The Mayor’s Office of Equal Opportunity

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From the Director’s Desk ~

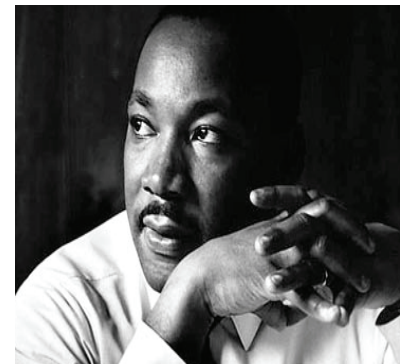
My name is Celeste Hodge – Director of the Mayor’s Office of Equal Opportunity. The Mayor’s Office of Equal Opportunity is pleased to offer “Diversity News” – a quarterly newsletter designed especially for today’s diverse community. This newsletter will provide the latest and greatest information affecting today’s diverse community. If there is information you would like to see highlighted in the “Diversity News”, please email your information to MitchellJS@muni.org. We will continue to work to promote diversity within the Municipality of Anchorage and throughout the community. With that being said, February is Black History Month. The Municipality kicked off Black History Month on Wednesday, February 1 at City Hall (632 W. 6th Avenue), 12 PM. Retired Judge Larry Card, Mayor Mark Begich and others presented remarks. Attendees enjoyed entertainment and Soul food from Catfish Haven. Please visit www.muni.org/diversity to view activities and events scheduled throughout Black History Month. Thank you and Happy New Year!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community-Wide Celebration

The Community Wide Celebration honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was held on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at the Egan Center. There were memorial events taking place in various community locations Monday as well.

If you missed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community-Wide Celebration, you may click or copy and paste this link to listen to an excerpt of some of the local celebration services.

http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/apti/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=866748



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Saturday School ?

The Polynesian Community through the (Polynesian Association of Alaska, Inc) is on the 2nd year to continue the Saturday school program. This year the Polynesian Community, Native Community and the African American communities are working together, with the help of the Anchorage School District, under the Title I program to continue this Saturday school program.

The scheduled start date is February 4, 2006. The target areas are the Title I Elementary schools, in East Anchorage that have a more diverse student body and/or students from low income families.

Please pass the word out to the parents whose children are registered in the elementary schools of East Anchorage. Encourage them to complete the registration form that was sent home with their student, and to return it to their school before February.

If there are not enough students, the program will be cancelled. Please don't miss this opportunity for your children. Interested persons may call Julie Jessell, Supervisor of the Title I program @ 742-4494.

Steller School -- Culture Day

Steller Secondary School is tentatively planning an all day event, possibly March 1st, to highlight the cultures of our exchange students from Germany, Japan, Thailand and Turkey AND the unique heritage of Steller families. The day will include an all school meeting with 14 simultaneous 'break out' sessions (students will select 3-4 to attend); a comparative religion panel; an international luncheon; post lunch event, and at the end of the day small group sessions to summarize students' observations/learning.

We welcome diverse community group participation or willingness to be presenters for one of the 'break out' sessions.

If you are available, please contact Marilyn Pierce-Bulger at 333-4242 or marilyn@apexmail.com as soon as possible. Thanks!

Wells Fargo Values Diversity

Wells Fargo understands the importance of recruiting, placing and maintaining a diverse workforce and helping its team members understand, respect and celebrate diverse cultures at work and in the community. The company's vision and values states: "*We want all of our team members to feel valued for their culture, skills and traits, and to know they fulfill their ambition and contribute to the success of the company.*"

In 2001, Wells Fargo formed an Alaska Diversity Team to advise senior management in creating a company "culture" that embraces and values team member differences. The Alaska Diversity Team initiated the development of four Team Member Resource Groups (TMRG.) TMRGs are networks of team members that share a common interest or dimension of diversity.

Wells Fargo's Check-Point Alaska TMRG has formed a strong community partnership with Mountain View Elementary School. The group will coordinate and judge a Black History Month Essay Contest at the school. Contest winners will receive savings bonds provided by Wells Fargo. Check-Point members also regularly teach students valuable money management skills with Wells Fargo's interactive *Hands on Banking*[®] financial education program.



MUSEUM EVENTS

Feb. 4 at 1 p. m. The museum presents a program inspired by Maya Angelou and her book *Hallelujah! The Welcome Table: A Lifetime of Memories with Recipes*. She includes her favorite recipes and personal stories which inspired them. Members of our diverse community will read or recite their favorite poem by Angelou. This event is included with museum admission.

Feb. 24 at 7 p. m. This adult program focuses on the slam genre and includes five local poets reciting original works. The poets also talk about their work and inspiration in a panel discussion which the public is invited to participate. Poetry; performance; art; and slam as a genre has associations to the modern *Hip Hop* movement. Visitors will also be able to sign up for open mike. Light refreshments. Admission \$3 members and students, \$5 general public.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Anchorage Senior Activity Center is seeking volunteers of diverse backgrounds to help with some of their large functions, especially during "Rondy". They are anxious to expand their ethnic base and reach out to all groups in the community. Volunteer can help to serve large parties, decorate for events, performing traditional dancing, singing etc. If you are interested or know of anyone or group who might be please call either Dianne Stevens or Kathy Pepe at 258-7823.