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ASALH 84th Annual Luncheon

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH) will hold its 84th Annual Black History Luncheon, themed “The History of Black Economic Empowerment,” on Feb. 20, 12:15 p.m., at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. DC Council Chairman Vincent Gray will chair the luncheon, and the luncheon will be emceed by the great-granddaughter of one of the first African-American millionaires, Madame C.J. Walker, and acclaimed author, journalist and former ABC and NBC network television news executive, A’Lelia Bundles. ASALH was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the father of black history month. \$75 (purchase tickets by Feb. 2). 999 Ninth St. NW. www.asalh.net.

Help for Haiti

The Greater Washington Haiti Relief Committee has set up a relief command center in the Embassy of Haiti building to coordinate national assistance and disaster relief in response to the deadly earthquake that has devastated Haiti.

The Greater Washington Haiti Relief Committee (GWHRC) is coordinating a number of relief efforts for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The following events are happening this month.

To Haiti with Love: Feb. 10 at 6 p.m., musicians, DJs, poets and visual artists will perform at the Lincoln Theatre (1215 U St. NW) in a series of events organized by the Young Haitian Professionals. \$20.

Dining out for Haiti: Through Feb. 19, the chefs at 701, Ardeo/Bardeo, Bibiana Osteria-Enoteca, The Bombay Club, Oval Room and Rasika – all owned by restaurateur Ashok Bajaj – will donate \$1 to the Red Cross every time patrons order certain appetizers and entrees.

Additionally, the GWHRC has set up a volunteer website volun-

teer.gwhrc.org for individuals wishing to help with the relief efforts. GWHRC needs a variety of volunteers from those who can help sort and pack donated items to those who are available to answer phones to doctors and nurses who can go to Haiti. Visit www.gwhrc.org for the latest information. To contact GWHRC, call the Haiti Embassy at 202-332-4090.

Work on Haiti Reconstruction

ACET Inc. is recruiting paid workers to provide assistance to the devastation from the recent earthquake in Haiti. ACET is looking for anyone interested in going to Haiti to help for a three- to six-month period. There are no particular skills sets defined at this point except the willingness to help wherever needed. ACET will be presenting folks and highlighting their unique skills and trade qualifications, so if the opportunity to help in your area exists, it will be noted and presented. Typical skill sets needed include: carpenters, masons, electricians, medical personnel, communications, builders, heavy equipment operators, plumbers, logistics, etc. But any skill can be of great help. This is not a volunteer request; this is a temporary employment assignment that will include travel, expenses and remuneration with an understanding that housing accommodations will be very basic. All that is needed at this point is a passport or ability to obtain one ASAP. To apply, contact Onekqua Beverly, corporate recruiter/security specialist, with ACET Inc., at 301-861-5023 or otbeverly@adamscomm.com.

Healthy Schools Act Hearing Feb. 9

DC Councilmember Mary Cheh (Ward 3) and Chairman Vincent Gray are holding a joint public hearing on Bill 18-564, the “Healthy Schools Act of 2009,” Feb. 9, 11 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building located at 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. This bill would raise school nutritional requirements to

meet national standards; establish a farm-to-school program in DC; address the youth obesity epidemic by increasing physical activity; promote recycling, composting, clean air, green schools and school gardens; improve school wellness, asthma treatment and allergy management; and reconstitute an existing body as a Healthy Youth and Schools Commission to create long-term solutions. To testify at this hearing, contact Aukima Benjamin at the DC Council: 202-724-8062 or ABenjamin@DCCOUNCIL.US.

Washington Hospital Center Offers Free Seminars on Living Well with Cancer

Adult cancer patients, survivors and caregivers alike are invited to attend Washington Hospital Center’s new 2010 series of free Saturday morning seminars on “Taking Care, Taking Control.” Seminars are scheduled for Feb. 20 and March 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) auditorium on Washington Hospital Center’s Campus, 102 Irving St. NW. You may attend all three or pick and choose what suits you the best. Both registration and parking are free. Register at www.WHCcenter.org/livingwell or contact Lorna DeLancy at 202-877-3915 or lorna.delancy@medstar.net.

DPR Needs Volunteer Timers for 24th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the United Black Fund will host “Diving Into History,” the 24th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet, Feb. 12-14, at the Takoma Aquatic Center, and volunteers are needed for the event. Volunteer shifts are available throughout all three days of the meet. To volunteer, contact Sean Link at sean.link@dc.gov. Takoma Aquatic Center is located at 300 Van Buren St. NW.

ROOTING DC: For Urban Gardening and All People Who Eat Food

You are invited to join DC’s Field to Fork Network, the America the Beautiful Fund, dozens of local community organizations and members of DC’s urban gardening community for the third annual Rooting DC urban gardening forum, Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Historical Society of Washington (801 K St. NW). This free event includes: workshops on growing your own food – soil preparation, starting seeds, composting, container gardening in small spaces; cooking demonstrations – preparing healthy and low-cost meals, making pickles, canning, raw foods; info on ethnic specialty crops – local West African, Caribbean, Central American and African-American agricultural specialists; talks on finding affordable fresh food at farmers’ markets, co-ops, nonprofit agencies and regional distribution centers; and roundtable discussions on urban agriculture, affecting local policy change and healthy affordable food for all. Lots of snacks and free seeds provided. Limited free childcare will be available for children ages 3-12 years. You must pre-register for childcare. Call 202-638-1649 or visit www.rooting-dc.org for more information.

Buy Tickets Now for NCMS Winter Blues and Silent Auction

Join friends and neighbors in style at the fifth annual North Capitol Main Street Winter Blues Party and Silent Auction, Feb. 27, 7-10 p.m., at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel located at 1325 Second St. NE. The event will feature a live jazz band, wine and hors d’oeuvres, fabulous auction items and great door prizes. The silent auction will benefit programs to revitalize and support commercial businesses along the North Capitol Street corridor. If you can’t make the event, consider donating to the silent auction. \$30/at the door; \$25/on-

line price, single; \$40/online price, for two. Call 202-905-6039 or visit www.ncmsinc.org for more information.

Public Hearing on Rhode Island Avenue Great Streets Corridor Plan

The District of Columbia's Office of Planning and Economic Development will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on "Rhode Island Avenue: Diamond of the District" (the RIA Plan), March 1, 6-8 p.m., at the Woodridge Neighborhood Library (1801 Hamlin St. NE). Implementation of the RIA Plan aims to transform the land uses along the corridor into a series of well-defined, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood centers. Upon approval as a small area plan, the RIA Plan will then provide guidance in public policy decision-making along Rhode Island Avenue. Guidance will be provided to District agencies, commissions and the broader public about affordable and mixed income housing, local business development, quality design and development, public art, zoning and local resident participation. A copy of the final draft is posted at www.dcbiz.dc.gov under "Great Streets" then "THINK: Rhode Island Avenue." A hard copy of the plan can be mailed by request to 202-727-6365, and copies are also available for review at Woodridge Neighborhood Library. To testify at the March 1 hearing, stakeholders should call 202-727-6365 by 2 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Small Businesses Invited to Participate in Ward 5 Expo

Ward 5 Councilmember Thomas is inviting small businesses located in Ward 5 to participate in the Ward 5 Small Business Showcase

during the Ward 5 Expo on March 6 at the Kellogg Conference Center of Gallaudet University. If you operate a small business in Ward 5 – e.g., bakery, café, art gallery, dance studio, legal office, construction firm, catering business, architectural firm, etc. – take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your business. Participation is free. The expo will also feature an update on key economic development projects in the ward. Space is limited. Contact Victoria Leonard at 202-727-8204 or vleonard@dccouncil.us for details.

Stephanie Day is the 2010 DC Teacher of the Year

Stephanie Day from Friendship Public Charter School is the 2010 DC Teacher of the Year. The announcement came at a celebration at Friendship's Chamberlain campus in Ward 6 in front of students, parents and faculty. Day received a check for

\$3,000 at the event and will be heading to Dallas, Texas, as DC's representative for National Teacher of the Year. The Friendship Chamberlain Elementary campus is located at 1345 Potomac Ave. SE. For more information on Friendship Public Charter Schools, call 202-281-1700 or visit www.friendshipschools.org.

Adams Morgan Winter Wonderland Goes Green

The Adams Morgan neighborhood is now the site of a "winter wonderland" made entirely of recycled pieces of paper, garbage clippings and eco-friendly products. This continues the theme from The Adams Morgan Day Festival which introduced a new Green Pavilion in 2009. Re-adapted winter wonderland displays of renewable resources now decorate storefront windows to highlight sustainability and green initiatives. Local venues

hosting the "green" displays are: Napoleon, 1847 Columbia Road NW; The Grill from Ipanema, 1858 Columbia Road NW; La Fourchette, 2429 18th St. NW; Savour, 2406 18th St. NW; and Black Squirrel, 2427 18th St. NW. The decorations were originally commissioned for the Danish Embassy's annual Cool Creative Christmas to highlight The UN Climate Change Conference hosted by Denmark in Copenhagen Dec 7-18. The eco-friendly display is totally green; comprised of solar LED lights, soy candles, recycled and seed-infused paper, and non-VOC paint. The displays will be up in Adams Morgan for the winter season. For more info, call 202-232-1960 or visit www.AdamsMorganNOW.org.

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