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## **I. CCSJ PROJECTS**

**Next Steering Committee Meeting: Monday, October 25, 7 p.m. Place to be announced. Please contact Barb Howe at [barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu) if you have issues for the steering committee to consider.**

### **Annual Meeting & Organization Fair Set for Tuesday, September 21 (International Peace Day)**

As part of its annual meeting, the Community Coalition for Social Justice is sponsoring an economic and social justice organizations' fair on September 21, 2004 at First Presbyterian Church. Equality for All Americans, the WVU Center for Women's Studies, and WVU's BiGLM will be participating - please add your group to the list!

The vision for this event is:

- To gather organizations working to promote social and economic justice in the areas in and around Morgantown
- To give space for informal networking among organizations with similar aims
- To raise awareness about the groups working towards social and economic justice in the area through organizational displays
- To provide an opportunity for the community at-large to come to the fair to learn about and to connect with the organizations working for justice in the community

### **TO REGISTER YOUR GROUP:**

Please send your registration by Monday, September 13, 2004 to:

[ccsjwv@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com), or CCSJ Annual Meeting-Fair Registration, PO Box 160, Morgantown WV 26507, or call Shelly Barrick Parsons, 292-4061

### **REGISTRATIONS MUST INCLUDE:**

1 NAME OF ORGANIZATION

2 NAME OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

3 EMAIL, PHONE, ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON

4 EMAIL, PHONE, WEB, ETC OF ORGANIZATION

5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR GROUP (SUMMARY OF MISSION AND GOALS, NO MORE THAN 1 PARAGRAPH) (WILL BE USED FOR PUBLICITY)

The fair is open both to CCSJ member organizations and to nonmember organizations. This is a great (and free!) way to publicize your group to the community, and to find out about resources in other groups. The gym at First Presbyterian Church will be accessible starting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 21 to set up organization's displays. For more information on the Community Coalition for Social Justice and its members, log-on: [www.geocities.com/ccsjwv/](http://www.geocities.com/ccsjwv/)

## **Diversity Week Photo Contest Planned**

CCSJ and the WVU Division of Social Work are co-sponsoring a photo contest as part of WVU's Diversity Week, which will be held from October 18th-22nd. The theme of the contest is the same as the theme of Diversity Week - "Making Friends Near and Far," a theme which the WVU President's Office for Social Justice notes "conveys the importance of living in harmony with our fellow human beings and getting to know each other better. Friendship begins with awareness and understanding."

Please drop off your entries at the Job Accommodation Network on Spruce Street (attention: Suzanne Gosden) or at the WVU Campus Ministry Center (attention: Shelly Parsons) at 293 Willey Street between October 4th-8th.

For further information, please contact Kris Hash at [KMHash@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:KMHash@mail.wvu.edu).

## **Economic Justice Book Ideas Needed**

We have turned over our lists of suggested books to the public library to purchase with our funds from the City of Morgantown and the Appalachian Community Fund. We hope to have some of these available for display on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Our list of suggested economic justice books did not total \$1000, the amount we have available from the City of Morgantown, so please send your ideas for additional purchases to Judy Cohen at [mcohen@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:mcohen@access.k12.wv.us).

## **Steering Committee Members Needed!**

If you are interested in being more involved in CCSJ, please contact Tim Hairston at [questz1@adelphia.net](mailto:questz1@adelphia.net). Suzanne Gosden and Shelly Parsons are working with Tim as the nominating committee for this year.

## **Welcome, Leah!**

CCSJ is pleased to welcome Leah Rye as the representative from Caritas House on our steering committee.

## **II. PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES AND IDEAS!**

If you have not yet done so, please send your dues so that we have the resources to continue our work. We use your money to purchase books for local schools, for instance. **Dues are \$5 for individuals and \$25 for organizations.** Youth under the age of 18 are free. Please send your checks, payable to CCSJ, to PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160.

Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at [attfield@labyrinth.net](mailto:attfield@labyrinth.net).

Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or e-mail us at [ccsjwv@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com).

Deadline for items to include in next Update will be September 30. Please send items to share with our membership to [ccsjwv@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com).

**If we can support your event or your issues in some way, please let us know, especially if you represent a member organization.** We want to be a true coalition that unites groups and individuals interested in social justice, so please let us know how we can help and please send us information about your group to publicize to our membership.

## **III. NEWS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

## **Caritas House**

Caritas House traditionally gives out bags of nonperishable food items and personal care items, but this year, the pantry shelves are looking very bare. If you are able to contribute to this worthy project, Caritas House especially needs bleach, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, q-tips, and dish detergent. According to Caritas House staff, "Any donation would be very much appreciated, even if it's just one bottle of bleach or one pack of mac-n--cheese." Please take your donations to Caritas House at 1000 Elmer Price Drive in Morgantown or call 598-511 for more information. If you are on the downtown WVU campus, you can take donations to the BiGLM office in the Mountainlair.

In other Caritas news, the United Way fundraiser, "The Magical Night of Giving" will be November 7th, at the Morgantown Mall. On that evening, the Morgantown Mall will close its doors to the general public, and will only be open to those people who have bought tickets from their local non-profit organization, like Caritas House. There will be extreme sales throughout the mall, as well as door prizes drawn every five minutes. It is a great way to save on early holiday shopping, as well as to support Caritas House. Tickets are \$5 each, and Caritas House receives all the proceeds from the tickets it sells. If Caritas House sells the most tickets, compared to the other United Way-associated non-profits, then it also receives additional monies through the event.

## **WVU-ACE**

WVU-ACE is planning an open house for September 29<sup>th</sup> and is working with the West Virginia Education Association on plans for a Higher Education Conference at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact the WVU-ACE office at 598-3900.

## **Equality for All Americans**

Equality for All Americans cordially invites you to watch the movie "Jasper, Texas" on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Campus Lutheran Center on the corner of Hough Street and University Avenue, across from the WVU Downtown Campus Library. After the movie, we also invite you to participate in a community discussion. This event is free and open to all of the Greater Morgantown area. The movie is rated R due to violence and language.

## **WVU Center for Black Culture and Research**

CBC & R is sponsoring a WVU Diversity Week Seminar on African American History & Culture in West Virginia on October 23, 2004, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the WVU Mountainlair.

## **WVU Center for Women's Studies**

**Wednesday, September 15** - Early registration deadline for Women and Creativity Conference. See notice below for conference details.

**Tuesday, September 28** - 7 p.m - G21 Life Sciences Building, WVU - Women's Studies Fireside Chat: "A Different Kind of Family: Social support in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community." Presented by Mindi Spencer, a 4th-year doctoral student in the Life-span Developmental Psychology program at WVU, and Dr. Julie Hicks Patrick, associate professor in the Life-span Developmental Psychology program at WVU. This presentation is free and open to the public.

According to Spencer, social support issues have not been examined extensively among older lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) adults, despite mounting evidence that these individuals do not have the same experience with aging as same-aged heterosexuals. Examining the social networks of LGBT adults is essential because in this group, social support may directly influence positive self-identity and successful aging (Friend, 1991). This

presentation will describe an ongoing research project at WVU examining the influence of gender and sexual orientation on the social support networks of middle-aged and older adults. We will argue the case for a distinct LGBT culture, discuss some of the unique issues surrounding aging as a member of a "sexual minority," and present our ideas for overcoming the challenges associated with conducting research in the LGBT community.

**Monday, October 4** - "Silent Witness" program on domestic violence sponsored by School of Applied Social Sciences, Junior League of Fairmont, and Center for Women's Studies. Place and time to be announced.

**Wednesday, October 13-Friday, October 15** - Women and Creativity 2004: Examining the Past/Composing the Future - The third decennial women and creativity conference combined with Sixth Women's Studies Residency in Honor of Judith Gold Stitzel will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Morgantown and the WVU Creative Arts Center. The keynote speaker will be composer Libby Larsen on Wednesday, October 13, and there will be WVU Symphony Orchestra concert on October 14, featuring the work of women composers, including Larsen. For more information and registration information, please see [www.as.wvu.edu/wmst/wvuwomenandcreativity.htm](http://www.as.wvu.edu/wmst/wvuwomenandcreativity.htm). The full program will be posted there soon.

Co-sponsors are the Center for Women's Studies, College of Creative Arts, and WVU Council for Women's Concerns, with assistance from Arts Monongahela, Inc., the Convention and Visitors Bureau, WVU Department of English, and Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. This project is being presented with financial assistance from The West Virginia Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this conference do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

#### **IV. LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL NEWS**

##### **WVU BiGLM**

Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Mountaineers meets every Thursday from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the Laurel Room of the WVU Mountainlair to provide support for bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgendered students, faculty, and staff at WVU; provide a safe place for LGBT people to meet and discuss the issues that affect their lives; educate the campus and community concerning bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgendered issues; and monitor and promote social justice on campus and in the surrounding community. Allies and PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) are welcome. Membership does not indicate sexual orientation or sexual practices. For more information, go to [www.wvu.edu/~biglm](http://www.wvu.edu/~biglm), phone 293-8200, or email [wvu\\_biglm@hotmail.com](mailto:wvu_biglm@hotmail.com).

##### **Morgantown ACLU**

The Morgantown ACLU chapter is meeting at ZenClay/Tea Garden on Thursday, September 9th at 7 p.m. to discuss the campaign for a PATRIOT Act-free zone in Morgantown. While this is primarily an ACLU meeting, CCSJ members are welcome to attend. On September 28<sup>th</sup>, at the committee of the whole meeting for the Morgantown City Council, ACLU members plan to present their proposed ordinance to city council. They would like members of supportive Morgantown organizations to come to the council meeting. If you are interested in this campaign or would like to circulate petitions in support of this ordinance, please contact Leah Rye at [squamishforever@yahoo.com](mailto:squamishforever@yahoo.com). On residents of the City of Morgantown are eligible to sign these petitions.

##### **Voter Registration Deadline**

As a reminder, the last day to register to vote in West Virginia is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration information is available online at [www.wvsos.com/elections/voters/voterbasics.htm](http://www.wvsos.com/elections/voters/voterbasics.htm).

##### **Voting Information for People with Disabilities**

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office has published a brochure giving information about voting procedures for people with disabilities. If you are permanently and totally disabled, you can be put on a special absentee voting list so that you automatically get an absentee ballot mailed to you for each election. If your polling place is not handicapped accessible, you may be able to vote from your vehicle. You can get a copy of this brochure at [www.wvsos.com/elections/publications/Disability%20Acc.pdf](http://www.wvsos.com/elections/publications/Disability%20Acc.pdf) or by calling the Secretary of State's Office at 1-866-SOS-VOTE (1-866-767-8683).

### **WVU Events to Commemorate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education**

Look for a series of events during the next academic year that will mark this historic anniversary. The calendar of events and more information about the year's events is available at [www.wvu.edu/~socjust/brown\\_v\\_board\\_aug20.htm](http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/brown_v_board_aug20.htm)

September's events are as follows:

**Wednesday, September 8, 2004** - WVU Law School Lugar Courtroom - 7:00 p.m.

*Legal Panel with WVU President David Hardesty*

Equity in Education Grants

Opening Remarks : David Hardesty

Keynote Address: Ken Gray , Vice President for Student Affairs, WVU

Panel Discussion and Questions from Audience

Panelists: Roslyn Payne, President WV Chapter of National Bar Association

Andre Cummings, Associate Professor of Law, WVU

Moderator: Kevin Outterson, Associate Professor of Law, WVU

**September 21, 2004** - WVU Health Sciences Center Auditorium - 7:00-10.00 p.m.

*The Asa Hilliard Lecture - The Image of African American Youth 50 Years after Brown v. Board of Education*

This event is one of the several organized and convened in the recognition of the 50th year anniversary of the historical

US Supreme Court desegregation case Brown v. Board of Education Speaker: Dr. Asa Hilliard

Dr.Katherine Bankole, Center for Black Culture and Research, will introduce Dr.Asa Hilliard

Panel Discussants:

Mr.Michael Belmear, VP for Student Affairs Fairmont College

Dr. Nick Evans, Program Coordinator, Academic Affairs, WVU

Mrs. Opal Jones, Mother and Public School Teacher

Ms. Gabriel St.Leger, Graduate Student, WVU

**Thursday, September 30, 2004** - Westover Elementary School

*Every Family Has Stories*

This talk will include readings from several of Dr.Howard's books. Her picture books provide " a glimpse into African-American life of the past in stories that celebrate the joy of simple pleasures and close relationships." Dr.Howard has

received several awards for her books including the American Library Association's notable book citation, Hedda

Seisler Mason honor book, Booklist Picture books of the '80's, and the International Reading Association's Parents'

Choice Award and Teacher's Choice Award.

Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Howard

Moderator: Myra Lowe, University Librarian, Dean's Office Library, WVU.

**Monday, October 18 2004** - Gluck Theater, WVU Mountainlair - 7:00 p.m.

*Desegregation of Schools in West Virginia as a Result of Brown v. Board of Education*

Brown v. Board of Education directly impacted black women teaching in West Virginia at that historic time. In telling

the stories of their lives, these women described what it was like to move from the close knit black schools to the integrated - mostly white - schools.

Panel discussion will cover Black Female teachers' situation before and after the Brown Decision.

Panelists: Dr. Ancella Bickley, retired vice-president of academic affairs at West Virginia State College

Dr. Rita Wicks-Nelson, professor emerita of psychology at Marshall University

Program coordinated by Sherri Belmear, Assistant to VP Administration, WVU and Ron Lewis, Professor in History, WVU.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004 - Mountainlair Ballrooms - 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

*"What Mama Taught Me: The Seven Core Values of Life"*

Speaker: Tony Brown, Dean of the School of Journalism and Communication at Hampton University

Tony Brown will discuss his recent book, "What Mama Taught Me: The Seven Core Values of Life"

This includes Question and Answer Session.

Mountainlair Ballrooms - 8:30 p.m. - Book Signing

Program coordinated by Dana Brooks, Dean of School of Physical Education, Chair of Brown V. Board Event.

Breakfast coordinated by Jennifer McIntosh, Executive Officer, President's Office for Social Justice, WVU

### **SUPPORT BREAST CANCER RESEARCH - BUY NEW PINK M & Ms!**

The makers of M&M candies have teamed up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to raise funds through the sale of their new "pink & white" M&M candies. These special bags of M & Ms will be on sale in September, October and November, 2004. The bags are clearly marked.

For each 8-ounce bag of the special candies sold, the makers of M&M (Masterfoods) will donate 50 cents to the foundation.

### **CCSJ Steering Committee 2003-2004**

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