



# CMC News

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## *Message from the Director*

The 2014-2015 fiscal year promises to be an exciting and busy year for the Center for Multicultural Communities. We are getting inquiries from groups we have not heard from before. As the racial and cultural climate continues to erupt CMC gets more and more calls. We have already done two workshops on Affirmative Fair Housing and are scheduled to do five additional ones. These workshops are designed to end the type of racism that foster housing discrimination. So far CMC has engaged in a variety of activities.

~ *Eugene Dumas*

## **PSC getting to know CMC**

On Aug. 14, CMC made a presentation to administrators, faculty and staff of Prairie State College. We are grateful for the invitation from President Terri Winfree, which gave us the opportunity to explain what we do and to receive feedback.

## **A taste of the local community**

CMC was out meeting and greeting folks at the Taste of Thornton again this year. The event, held in August, provides us with an opportunity to acquaint many people with the services we provide. Even though the event was shortened by a torrential rain, it was very profitable since many people stopped and inquired about what we do, picked up brochures, and asked about joining CMC.

## **Fair housing workshops**

July 23rd and August 2nd CMC partnered with Diversity Inc. and did two workshops on Affirmative Fair Housing for the State of Illinois. We provided the historical context for housing discrimination and the racism that facilitated it. In each instance commenters indicated we had brought our "A game" to the presentations. We are to do five more.

## **Racial and ethnic seminar**

On Sept. 3, CMC conducted an interactive seminar on Racial and Ethnic Relations for Dr. Moore's sociology class at Prairie State College. This class is composed of a variety of people groups.

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### Future Events

- Sept. 18 – Cultural Competence, a workshop for the South Suburban Family Shelter
- Sept. 24 – Furthering Affirmative Fair Housing
- Date TBD – hate crime prevention workshop

### Quote of the Month

“But inasmuch as America is closer, it has yet to achieve the post-racial reality being bandied about nowadays. America’s prevailing orientation toward race continues to have direct implications for it, and how Black faces in white places achieve greatness. This speaks again to the four basic questions implied by the four dimensions:

1. Who am I? (Identity)
2. Can I be judged on my merits? (Meritocracy)
3. Is society color-blind? (Society)
4. Do I have equal opportunity to fulfill my destiny? (Opportunity)“

– Randal Pinkett and Jeffrey Robinson

*Black Faces, in White Places*

### An Open Invitation

Come and join us as we work to enhance cultural competence and promote racial harmony. You may do so with a tax-deductible contribution. Or, become a member by taking a workshop.

### Some Workshops

- Race, Society and Daily Life
- Understanding & Respecting Individual Difference
- Coping Skills for a Multicultural Society

Call or email today to find out more!