



CMC News

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Message from the Director

The Center for MultiCultural Communities continues because daily we are reminded that the twin evils of discrimination and racism are not in remission, but alive and well in our region, the state, the nation, and the world. Though our region has made and continues to make progress, it has not reached cultural and racial detent. Minority residents still report being shadowed while shopping. Housing discrimination, economic discrimination in the form of retail redlining is still very real. One has only to view the departure of well patronized businesses, who disappear overnight. Yet customers would have to stand in lines when going to those same businesses for service.

Eugene Dumas

Fairness Loses a Soldier

Our 20th anniversary gala will be held in honor of our fallen colleague, Mr. Therone Watson. The Center for MultiCultural Communities is sad to report the loss of one of its most dedicated soldiers. Therone departed this life in February 2016. He will be missed by all who knew and respected him. He worked tirelessly to persuade people from various people groups to see and accept the theological and scientific fact that there is just one race, the human race. There is compelling evidence that he was successful because, at his memorial, attendees were very diverse. At least one couple came from Toronto, Canada. Therone cast a persuasive shadow that captured many and persuaded them to be advocates for unconditional egalitarianism. We will continue his fight.

Motivators to Succeed

An important part of our activities recently has been to conduct "Speak Up – Speak Out" forums to seek solutions to the pervasive problem of racism in its various forms. One psychologist said, "People get tired and frustrated if problems are just discussed and no solutions are proposed." We have made a lot of progress. In our forums we have collaborated with professionals from various disciplines. It is hoped that we can publish our proposed solutions in the next edition of CMC News. A lot of progress has been made.

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Male Success Initiative

We feel honored to be helping to structure a success plan for men of color. In this activity, we have been asked how to solve the perceived view that young men of color are targets for extinction by some in their own community and—even more—by the larger society. CMC encourages young men to work to reach their full potential with a successful game plan that counteracts victimization efforts by their enemies, whether internal or external.

Our 2016 Annual Gala

Get your tickets for what we hope will be the best gala we have ever had! Our speaker will be Michael Fosberg, a nationally known speaker and author. Michael will capture and hold your attention like few speakers can. By all means, honor us with your presence. Enjoy great conversation, good food, beautiful music, and an inspiring speech.

A Quote to Remember

“There must exist a paradigm, a practical model for social change that includes an understanding of ways to transform consciousness that are linked to efforts to transform structures.”

– Bell Hooks

An Open Invitation

Come and join us as we work to promote cultural and racial harmony. You may do so with a tax deductible contribution.

Associate membership – \$20

Graduate membership – \$30 plus completion of a workshop

You're Invited!

Crossing Bridges

Featuring

Michael Frosberg

Actor, Author and Playwright

**The Center for MultiCultural Communities
20th Year Gala**

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Calumet Country Club

2136 175th Street, Homewood, IL

6:30 p.m. Social Hour

7:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Activities and Program

9:30 p.m. Dancing

Tickets \$65 ~ Cash Bar Please RSVP by March 7