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Message from the Director

Hate: the destructive four-letter word

Current events continue to remind us all that some people are still filled with hatred toward others, not because of something those people have done to them, but simply because they belong to another people group. What a terrible tragedy! This is 2017 and we are still seeing violations of human rights. It's as if the lessons history has taught about the destructiveness of hate have gone unlearned!

Recent headlines remind us that hate is no longer subtle. It is blatant, out in the open, and up close and personal. For example, one hate-filled man left his home in a large city, and traveled hundreds of miles just to kill as many people of another people group as he could. He felt it would give him a sudden rush and he would arouse fear in that large city. He killed one man but did not get a rush and wondered around in a daze. He later remarked to a policeman, "I'm only sorry the man I killed was old!"

This man and others have not learned that hateful acts help no one, neither the perpetrator nor the victim. Practitioners of anti-semitism recently demonstrated their hatred when they defiled cemeteries and made threats to people at other Jewish establishments. Over 700,000 people died in the American Civil War and over 6 million Jews died in Europe. These are just a few examples of the destructiveness of hate.

Why don't each of us dare to be different and embrace egalitarianism. CMC will continue to be an advocate for universal fairness. If only a few people stop hating and start loving our efforts will be worthwhile.

Come and join us as we work toward universal respect and fairness for all. You may do so with a tax deductible contribution. Join us at our annual gala on April 15, 2017 at the Calumet Country Club in Homewood. Enjoy friendly conversation, live beautiful music, fine dining, and an enlightening speech detailing strategies for ending violence.

— *Eugene Dumas*

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Winter sessions see increased participation

CMC worked with people from across the South Suburbs this winter, with a repeat of the three-part series called Enhancing Cultural Competence. The Homewood Public Library location is just one place as it offered. The workshops feature interactive activities designed to help participants increase their understanding and respect for cultures different from their own. An overwhelming majority of the diverse attendees gave enthusiastic, positive responses to the workshop.

Upcoming events

Watch your in-box for details on these great CMC events!

From the Holocaust to Today: a Story of Surviving

Hear the inspiring story of one woman's personal experience of the Holocaust. Julia's courage and hope in the face of incomprehensible hate and tragedy are a gift to us all, as survivors like her are few in number today. Free and open to all. April 20.

The Pathology of Hate and Systemic Racism

A hands-on workshop. Free and open to all. Date TBD.

Quote of the Month

"The past still burdens the present. One specific incident with a racist epithet can act as a magnifying glass that brings into sharp focus a person's awareness of the many different kinds of past and present racism targeting African Americans."

— Joe R. Feagin

Systemic Racism: A Theory of Oppression

Join us!

Being a member of CMC is a statement. It says you are willing to support successful, multicultural communities in the Chicago Southland. It says you care about our businesses, schools, governing bodies, nonprofit organizations, clubs, teams and all the other entities that make a community vibrant.

Please join us today in our work to enhance cultural competence and promote cultural and racial harmony.

You're Invited!

Yes to All That

LeVon Stone, Sr.

Anti-Violence Leader

**The Center for MultiCultural Communities
Annual Gala**

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Calumet Country Club

2136 175th Street, Homewood, IL

6:00 p.m. *Social Hour*

6:45 p.m. *Dinner*

7:45 p.m. *Activities and Program*

9:00 p.m. *Raffle*

Tickets \$60 ~ Cash Bar Please RSVP by Apr. 3