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# The Alliance

*Dedicated to promoting  
unity, justice, equal  
opportunity, ethnic  
awareness, cross-cultural  
understanding and  
appreciation for diversity.*

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## ACEH to View “Hotel Rwanda” Film 7 p.m., Friday, September 9

ACEH members and friends will get together on Friday, September 9, at the Knickerbocker Theatre to watch the film “Hotel Rwanda,” followed by discussion at the Leaf and Bean Too coffee shop, 19th and Columbia Ave., Holland.

The movie begins at 7 p.m.; the theatre is at 86 East 8th St. in downtown Holland; tickets are \$7 with discounts for students and seniors.

“Hotel Rwanda” tells the inspiring story of Paul Rusesabagina, a Hutu manager of a luxury hotel in Rwanda, who sheltered more than 1,200 people and saved their lives when extremists massacred hundreds of thousands of Tutsi and moderate Hutu tribes in just 100 days in 1994.

Mr. Rusesabagina will speak at Dimnent Chapel, College & 11th St., Holland, on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., as part of Hope College’s Critical Issues Symposium, “From Auschwitz to Darfur: Genocide in the Global Village” (see below). His topic is “Hotel Rwanda: A Lesson Yet to be Learned.” Open to the public, no charge.

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***Celebrate the 5th*** annual Tulipanes Latino Art and Film Festival, September 1-4 in downtown Holland! Complete schedule at [www.tlaff.org](http://www.tlaff.org)

## College’s Critical Issues Symposium *Looks at Genocide in History and Today*

Since 1980, Hope College has sponsored an annual symposium “to stimulate serious thinking about current issues and to provide a forum in which the Holland community, students, and faculty may all engage in discussion with experts.” This year’s topic is “From Auschwitz to Darfur: Genocide in the Global Village.” The public is welcome; there is no charge to attend.

Following Paul Rusesabagina’s talk on September 14 (see page 1), the Critical Issues Symposium will convene on Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Wednesday, Sept. 28. Keynote speeches will be in Dimnent Chapel, College Ave. & 11th St.; location of discussion sessions will be announced.

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## Here's How to Join ACEH or Renew Your Membership

October's just around the corner, and with it ACEH's annual membership drive. Our year runs from October 1 to September 30, and you can join for one year or multiple years—see categories below.

Make your commitment to diversity, anti-racism, and cross-cultural understanding in the greater Holland community, by joining the dozens of other people who belong to ACEH. It's easy, it's rewarding, and you'll meet like-minded folks who want this to be a community where all are welcomed and respected.

**Individual:** \$20.00 one year; \$35.00 two years

**Family:** \$30.00 one year; \$50.00 two years

**Nonprofit:** \$40.00 one year

**Business:** \$75.00 one year

In lieu of, or in addition to, paying dues, you may make a pledge of service to ACEH. Checks should be made out to ACEH and sent to Treasurer Bin Lim, ACEH, Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007.

### ACEH Fundraising News

What does the Alliance do with your membership dues? We spend it on stamps, printing, and paper for the monthly newsletter (most newsletters go email, but about 150 go by postal mail); maintain the website ([www.harmonyalliance.org](http://www.harmonyalliance.org)); buy UNITY supplies; contribute to various ethnic events and agencies; purchase materials for social events.

Other fund-raising news: (1) Through **Kim Romero**, ACEH received \$260 by being a partner-participant in the Lakeshore Center for Independent Living's annual Walk and Roll fundraiser April 30. Several members obtained pledges for walking the track at Zeeland West High School. (2) **Herb** and **Ann Weller** contributed \$45 from proceeds of a "name your own price" garage sale at their home.

## Potluck in the Park Proves Popular

More than 40 adults and kids enjoyed a great afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun at the 7th annual Potluck in the Park August 7. Thank-you to the Alliance board for its planning; **Liz Barveld** for donating the beverages, pinata, and candy; **Greg Hulsebos** and Kimon Kotos for live music; **Kim Romero**, director of UNITY, and her daughter, Nicole, for clever crafts for the children; **Annie Olson** for her clay sculptures that always keep the kids interested and participating; and **Mike and Alecia Jones** and **Bin Lim** for all-around assistance.

The Holland Sentinel covered the event with two photos and a lengthy article, in its August 9 edition.

## ***News of ACEH Members***

ACEH board secretary **Liz Barveld** has a new granddaughter, Samantha Irene, born August 2 to Liz's daughter-in-law and son, Sally and Roger Barveld of Holland. Best wishes to the Barveld family.

**Tony Castillo** was featured in the July 24 *Holland Sentinel*, for the renovation of his Riley St. McDonald's Restaurant, one of the top 10 in sales in the U.S. in 2004. Tony chaired this year's Tulipanes Latino Art and Film Festival, Esplendor de Colores.

Need a ride to the Grand Rapids or Chicago airports? **Wayne Coleman** has started a new business in Holland: Coleman's Airport Shuttle Service. Contact him at (616) 355-2006 or (616) 212-3403, or on-line at [www.colemansairportshuttle.com](http://www.colemansairportshuttle.com).

A pat on the back to ACEH membership chair **Jill Cooper**, who has been awarded a Reinvent U scholarship and will attend Davenport University to major in business science: human resources and minor in computer science. Way to go, Jill!

**Miguel and Deborah De La Torre**, with their children Vincent and Victoria, are settling into their new home in Denver, Colorado, spending weekends sightseeing in the state. "Denver is wonderful!" reports Deb. Miguel will be teaching at Iliff Seminary in Denver.

**Desmond DeRoo** was on a team of 11- and 12-year-old boys who placed first in their age bracket at Maple Avenue Ministries MAM-JAM 3-on-3 basketball event recently. Congratulations, Desmond!

In addition to their careers in education, **David and Kim Douglas** have started a new business, as distributors of the nutritional supplement Juice Plus. Contact them at [www.juiceplus.com/athlete/+dd18684](http://www.juiceplus.com/athlete/+dd18684) for more information or to place an order.

Farewell to **Anthony and Sonia Guardado**, and their son Drew, who have moved to Round Rock, Texas, where Anthony will be associated with Texas State University. He was reference/instructional librarian at Hope College for six years.

**Utsab Khadka**, a Hope College senior and ACEH board member, was happy to spend part of the summer in Virginia with relatives, including visits from his mother and sister, who live in Nepal, and his father, who is currently working in Kabul, Afghanistan.

This summer **Tonia and Eric Lans** are rejoicing in the good health of their son, Zachary, who underwent major surgeries after his premature birth in April 2003. Tonia is a counselor at Holland High.

**Anna Marie Martinez-Muirhead** will be teaching Spanish to elementary students at West Ottawa's Pine Creek and Lakeshore schools this fall. She previously was a fifth grade teacher at Great Lakes Elementary.

One of our far-flung members, **Steve Underwood**, a reporter for the St. Ignace News, will become a senior editor for [www.dyestat.com](http://www.dyestat.com), a national track and field and cross-country website, with the possibility of moving to Portland, Oregon.

The East Coast will be the part-time home of **Marvin Younger** this fall, as he begins a new career traveling the U.S. as a year-round recruiter and fundraiser for New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He will spend one week each month at his home in Holland and keep the same email address, he says. Marvin "retired" two years ago after teaching fifth grade for 32 years at Washington School in Holland; he has been an English as a Second Language tutor at LAUP and a member of the Holland International Relations Commission. Buen suerte and bien viaje, Marvin.

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Our sincere sympathy to **Donna and Jim Brooks** on the death of Donna's mother, Helen L. Kimberley of Holland, August 25. Mrs. Kimberley was 86.

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***Critical Issues, continued from page 1***

***Tues., Sept. 27, 7 p.m.:*** Keynote speaker Dr. Haruun Ruun is executive director of the New Sudan Council of Churches. Son of a tribal chief, he lost his arm in a childhood accident and when missionaries sent him to England for a prosthesis, his family was massacred in an uprising instigated by Sudan's Islamic fundamentalist government.

***Wed., Sept. 28, 9 a.m.:*** Dr. James Waller speaks on "Never Again? Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding in a Genocidal World." He is author of "Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killings," professor of psychology at Whitworth College, and an outstanding speaker on issues of the Holocaust and genocide.

***Discussion sessions, Wednesday morning,*** include: "Twisted Cross: Were the Nazis Christians?" by Doris Bergen, Univ. of Notre Dame; "With Their Own Words," panel discussion of survivors from genocide, including Sochet Na from Cambodia and Deng Dominic from Sudan, moderated by Paulette Chaponniere, professor of nursing, Hope College; "Fifteen Ways to Respond," led by Fred Johnson, professor of history, and Amanda Barton, professor of nursing, Hope College.

Wednesday afternoon is for department-sponsored events on specific topics, but open to all interested persons. The symposium concludes with a worship service at 3:30 p.m.

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