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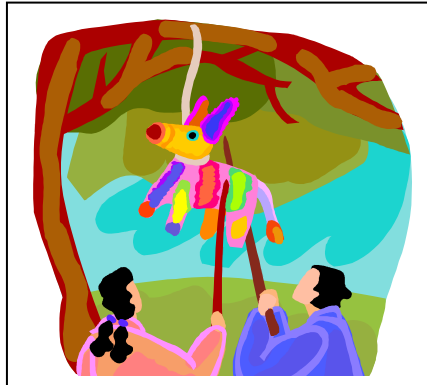
Dedicated to promoting unity, justice, equal opportunity, ethnic awareness, cross-cultural understanding and appreciation for diversity.

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Don't Miss It! Come Share the Fun Aug. 13 at the 8th Annual ACEH Potluck in the Park

It's time to party! The 8th annual ACEH Potluck in the Park will kick off at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, at Ransom Park on Holland's north side, and continue until 4 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share, one from your own ethnic background if you can. The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony provides beverages and the tableware.

Besides fabulous food, there will be a piñata for the kids, music, games, and other activities. You'll meet new people and greet old friends--bring your family, your neighbors, your co-workers.

Ransom Park is at 16500 Ransom Street, north of Quincy Ave., between 160th and 168th streets.

Questions? Need more directions? Call 786-0829 or 396-2201.



ACEH Thanks Renewing Members, Invites YOU to Join

Thanks to renewing members **Sandra and Joe Winger!**

Please consider joining with Sandra, Joe and the other members of the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony as we work together for social justice and appreciation for diversity, and to make West Michigan a place where all are welcomed and respected. The ACEH dues structure is as follows:

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

The ACEH fiscal year runs October 1 – September 30. 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 Liz Barveld at Box 3007, Holland, MI 49423-3007.

ACEH Sets Plans for Fall Programs

The ACEH board is planning the following programs for the fall. Unless otherwise announced, the events will be held on the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Center for Women in Transition, 411 Butternut, Holland. You can always check at the Alliance website, www.harmonyalliance.org for the latest information.

Friday, September 8: Hispanic Heritage

Friday, October 13: Disability Awareness

Friday, November 19: Eastern Religions

Saturday, December 2, the annual ACEH holiday potluck and party will be at the First United Methodist Church, 57 West 10th Street (a block west of River Avenue), Holland.

The public is always welcome at any ACEH meeting or social event.

For more information, call Jill Cooper, president, at 786-0829 or email jcooper@charter.net

Do You Want to Speak English or Learn Spanish? ¿Quiere usted hablar ingles o aprender espanol?

Would you like to speak Spanish? Do you want to learn English? Do you know some English or Spanish, but want to improve your skills?

The Reciprocal Language Partnership (RLP) in Holland has announced its fall class schedule. The RLP pairs native speakers of Spanish, who want to learn English, with native speakers of English who want to learn Spanish.

If you're interested in a class, you must first attend an informational meeting before enrolling. These meetings are either Tuesday, September 5, or Thursday, September 7 (attend one night or the other), from 6:30 to 7:30 pm for English speakers and 7:30 to 8:30 pm for people who speak Spanish.

The information meetings and the classes will be at First Presbyterian Church, 659 State Street, Holland. Class fees are based on a sliding scale, and will be explained at the information meetings.

Classes for beginners start Thursday, September 21 and run for 12 weeks, to December 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. An intermediate class will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm., beginning September 19 through December 5. Another set of classes will begin in January, for 11 weeks.

Questions? Please call Laura Zondervan, Building Site Coordinator, at 772-2887.

Holland Public Schools Offers ESL Classes, GED Testing

Holland Public Schools announces that registration for its adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be Friday, Sept. 1, and Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Washington Education Center, 156 West 11th Street at Maple Avenue (the former Washington Elementary School). GED testing will be offered at the same site.

Michigan Works! Hosts Spanish-Language Resume Writing & Interviewing Workshops

A Spanish-language workshop on writing a resume and techniques for a successful employment interview will be held on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, and Dec. 27. Megan Boos, an experienced instructor and career counselor, will present the workshops. There is no charge to attend but people should pre-register by calling Michigan Works! Service Center, (616) 396-2154.

Peace Pole Finds a Home at Smallenburg Park Sept. 21

After months of presentations, negotiations, committee meetings, and city council voting, a new Peace Pole will be installed at Smallenburg Park in Holland on Thursday, September 21, at 7 p.m., and the public is warmly invited to take part. The park is just north of 16th St. and Fairbanks Ave. in Holland.

The pole, like thousands of others across the globe, has the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth,” in a number of languages.

At the local ceremony, Holland Peacemakers are looking for people who can offer that message in a variety of languages: Dutch, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Laotian, Chinese, Korean, Hebrew, Russian, German, French, and Objiwa. (English and Spanish are already covered.)

If you, or someone you know, speaks one of these languages, please contact Pam Nordhoff at (269) 751-8291.

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