

# The Alliance



*The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony is dedicated to promoting unity, justice, equal opportunity, ethnic awareness, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity.*

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***Diversity, Unity, and Justice Are at the Heart of ACEH***

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## 14th PRIDE Festival Set for June 23 at Centennial Park and Park Theatre

Live entertainment, food vendors, booths staffed by area businesses and organizations – **including ACEH** – a silent auction, and LGBTQ and allies fellowship will all be present when **Out On The Lakeshore (OOTL)** presents its **2018 Holland PRIDE Festival on Saturday, June 23**. **All entertainment and gatherings are free of charge.** Saturday afternoon is designed to be family-friendly.

- **Saturday noon to 5 pm at Centennial Park** (downtown Holland on River Ave between 10th and 12th Sts): Persisterhood Choir, 12:15-12:45 pm; Maciek the Magician, 1-2 pm; Groove Party Band, 2:15-5 pm. During the afternoon, free gifts and information will be offered at business and organization booths; a caricature artist and face painter will be on site, and people can bid on donated items at a silent auction in support of Out On The Lakeshore.
- **Saturday evening, 7 to 11 pm at the Park Theatre** (across the street from Centennial Park on River Ave): Grand Rapids-based Funny Girl (comedians, writers, musicians), 7-8 pm; Exit Left Theater (founded and led by Holland's Jamie Colburn), 8:30-10 pm; dancing, 10-11 pm. The evening is for ages 17 and up, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

All proceeds from the Festival will go toward Out On The Lakeshore's programming and events held at its Community Center, located at 451 Columbia Ave, Holland. Donations to OOTL are welcomed, and PRIDE 2018 T-shirts will be sold. For more information, please see the website [www.outonthelakeshore.org](http://www.outonthelakeshore.org) or contact [outonthelakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:outonthelakeshore@gmail.com)

**NOTE: ACEH will not hold a general public meeting in June, because we are participating in PRIDE and Herrick Fest (see Page 4). Please see Page 2 for information on volunteering at the ACEH Herrick Fest table on June 23.**

## A Warm Welcome to These New Members of the Alliance!



**Sharon Arendshorst, David Angus Brower, Leona (Lee) Huston, and Nettie Van Duinen** have joined the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony.

Please consider joining with Sharon, David, Lee, Nettie, and other individuals and organizations committed to social justice, appreciation for diversity, and making West Michigan a place where all are welcomed and respected. The dues structure is:

**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 or service pledges should be made out to ACEH and sent to Treasurer Al Minert, c/o ACEH, at P. O. Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007. The ACEH membership year runs **Oct. 1 to Sept. 30**. You may also join at any ACEH event. If you are not sure if your membership is current, please contact database manager Herb Weller at [hpweller@comcast.net](mailto:hpweller@comcast.net) or 396-2201.

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### **News of Members**

**Lucia Rios**, a former ACEH board member, is now a resource navigator at The Source, a nonprofit organization in greater Grand Rapids that assists employees with resources and partnerships to build a strong workforce; she had been on staff at DisabilityNetwork/Lakeshore in Holland for 15 years. Congratulations, Lucia!

**Mark Ludwig** is a candidate for the 80th District seat (Allegan County) in the Michigan House of Representatives. Mark is a full-time maintenance manager for a local company and also finishes cattle on pasture; he and his wife, ACEH board member **Kim Lillibridge Ludwig**, founded Sand Lily Farms in Fennville in 2005. He has managed dairy and blueberry farms and has served with the Fennville Public School Board, Allegan Conservation District, and Clyde Township Planning Commission.

**ACEH members Bob and Joan Williams, Karen and David Zwart, Sally Farabee, Eugene Biegelman, and Herb Weller** were part of a group that went to Holland's sister city Querétaro, Mexico, and environs in April, on a trip organized by the city and Pathfinders Travel. **Esther Fifelski**, coordinator for the Holland International Relations Commission and Human Relations Commission, also traveled with the group.

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We send our sincere sympathy to former ACEH board member **Jauanna Jackson**, whose sister, **Sylvia Jones**, died in Holland April 11 at age 73. An informal picnic party (wear something sparkly if you can) to celebrate Sylvia's life will be held Friday, June 15, from 4 to 7:30 pm at Dunton Park; for information, please email [jauannaj@yahoo.com](mailto:jauannaj@yahoo.com)



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### **Will You Lend a Hand for an Hour or So, on June 23?**

Helping hands are needed to staff the ACEH table at Herrick Fest and on **Saturday, June 23** (see Page 4). Shifts are one hour to an hour-and-a-half during the festivas, or to set up and close down the table. To sign up, or for more information, please email [aceh@harmonyalliance.org](mailto:aceh@harmonyalliance.org) or call (616) 396-2201.

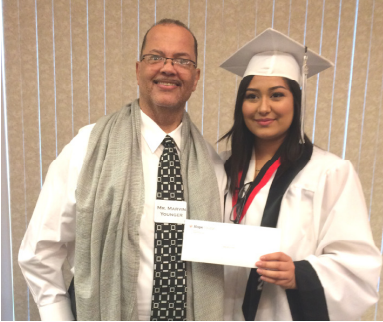
**Herrick Fest** will be in Kollen Park from 10 am to 2 pm.

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**Save the Date: Sunday, August 12, 1:30-4:30 pm**  
**20th annual ACEH Potluck in the Park at Kollen Park**  
**Everyone's Welcome: Come for Fun, Food, and Fellowship!**

## *ACEH 2018 Arenas Scholarship is Awarded to Katia De La Cruz*

Congratulations to Upward Bound senior Katia De La Cruz, winner of the 2018 Rebecca Arenas Scholarship funded by ACEH! The presentation was made on May 25 by ACEH president emeritus **Marvin Younger** at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Hope College Upward Bound program.



The daughter of Catalina and Jose De La Cruz of Holland, Katia is graduating from West Ottawa High School and will attend Central Michigan University with the goal of becoming a teacher. Her brother, Christian, will join Upward Bound next year.

The citation for her award says: "She has a 'can-do' attitude and a special talent for including those students who might otherwise be left out. Her positivity, openness to learning, and willingness to accept suggestions for improvement have contributed to her personal and academic growth. She has a passion for working with children and looks forward to pursuing a degree in education. These are all traits that characterized Becky Arenas' life."



Becky Arenas, who died in October 2011 at age 76, was a past board member of ACEH and an ardent advocate for education, social justice, and civic leadership in the Holland community. ACEH established the Upward Bound scholarship in her honor in 2013. The TRIO Upward Bound program at Hope College works with high school students from first-generation college and low-income families, helping them develop the motivation and academic skills necessary to successfully complete high school, enroll in college or university, and explore careers.



### **LAUP Scholarship Winners Announced at Fiesta May 5**

College scholarship winners Graciela Montoya, Eliseo Bustillos, Yasmine Duenas, Jesus Betancourt, and Cassandra Solano were announced during the Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP) Fiesta May 5. Also pictured are ACEH member **Kathy Beal**, who presents the Beal Family LAUP scholarship, and Ernesto Villarreal, who was recently named executive director of LAUP.

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**Come on over to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Herrick Fest!**

**Hosted by Herrick District Library**

**Free Entertainment . Free Food . Free Fun for Everyone**  
**Book Bike | Face Painting | Henna Tattoos | Photo Booth**  
**Drones | Critter Barn | Barrel Rides | Rock Out Story Time**  
**Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club | StoryCorps DIY |**  
**Macatawa Bank Snack Shack | Exotic Animals | Dunk Tank**  
**Cosplay Characters | Therapy Dogs | Princesses |**  
**Holland Trivia | Big Read Book Give Away | Hot Dogs,**  
**Walking Tacos, Popcorn, Ice Cream, Popsicles |**  
**(food available while supplies last)**

**Activity tables by ACEH and eight other organizations**

*Some activities offered for a limited time during the event;  
others offered while supplies last.*

**Rain venue: Boys & Girls Club, 435 Van Raalte Ave.  
(Check [herrickdl.org](http://herrickdl.org) for updates)**