



CARE co-sponsored a teacher in-service on June 9, 2006 in Milton.

Recent Events in the Community

Magic Wand at Milton School

"The Magic Wand of Children's Literature: Telling Stories about Diversity," an in-service program about interrupting prejudice in the elementary school classroom, was presented at Baugher Elementary School, Milton, on Friday, June 9, by three members of CARE. The program, for Milton teachers of grades K-5, was co-sponsored by CARE and the Milton Area School District.

Marilyn R. Mumford, *professor emerita* of children's literature at Bucknell, facilitated this interactive workshop and was assisted by Iris Gainer and Mimi Rice.

The workshop was designed to draw on the experience of elementary school teachers and their knowledge of "what works" as they try to "interrupt prejudice" in the classroom.

Matthew Lawrence, the "mystery guest" of the day told a story and taught a song in Spanish. Door prizes for all, lists of children's books and adult resource materials, as well as tasty snacks from various cultures highlighted the program.

The Bleu Plate Café, Elizabeth's American Bistro, Marco's Tapas, Reba and Pancho's, Mike's @ 512 and Peking Garden provided tasty snacks. Weis Market contributed supplies for those participating in the workshop.

Upcoming Events

GASPIPE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS 7TH ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE-IN-THE-PARK PRODUCTION

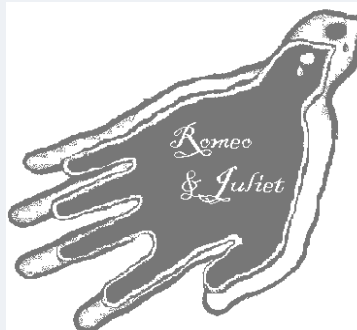
*Thursday, July 13 –
Sunbury*

*Degenstein Community Library
Park Pavilion*

*Friday, July 14 –Williamsport
Brandon Park Bandshell*

*Saturday, July 15 –Lewisburg
Hufnagle Park Gazebo*

*All Performances 7 p.m.
Free to the Public!!!*



For more information, please contact Danielle Scott at 523-4984, 444-4984, or via email at: gaspipetheatre@aol.com



Feel like dancing?
Check out these Folk
Dance Classes

Please come join us
on July 23, 2006 at
the Bleu Plate!

Gaspipetheatre Company proudly announces its Seventh Annual Shakespeare-in-the-Park, "Romeo & Juliet" (in Black and White). Building on the same idea of the play which was presented in the summer of 2001, the troupe is presenting the Capulet household (Juliet's family) as black, and the Montague household (Romeo's family) as white to put the play into a context which explains the underlying hatred between the two households, while also urging audience members to an attitude of respect and understanding regarding differences in race, creed, etc.

Performances are set for July 13, 14, and 15 in Sunbury, Williamsport and Lewisburg, respectively. The shows will begin at 7pm and is free to the public. A "passing of the hat" for donations is observed to help the Theatre Company continue in its efforts.

The Mission and Vision of Gaspipetheatre Company is to provide a forum for the Dramatic Arts by showcasing local talent in the production of classical, contemporary and original scripts.

With a distinct interest in race relations and other societal and cultural issues, Gaspipetheatre Company will pursue and take advantage of opportunities to use theatre as an education and consciousness-raising vehicle. The Company has been in existence since January of 2000.

Please visit the company website at www.gaspipetheatrecompany.com
(<http://www.gaspipetheatrecompany.com>)

Folk Dance Class Summer Series

The Susquehanna Int'l Folk Dancers present folk dance classes two Sundays each month during June, July and August with Paula Davis-Larson. Each one-hour class will focus on a different country.

Class Schedule (6:30 to 7:30):

JUNE 11 Dances of Moldavia

JUNE 25 Dances of Romania

JULY 9 Dances of Macedonia

JULY 16 Dances Bulgaria

AUGUST 13 Hungarian Dances of Transylvania

AUGUST 20 Requested Dances

And of course there will be regular DANCING EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT

THE SUMMER!, 6-9 pm, suggested donation: \$2.00, Anne Wilson and Oliver

Larmi's Red Barn, 1996 Millville Rd junction at Black Run Rd., Bloomsburg, PA,

Phone (570) 784 9339, pdavilar@bucknell.edu, www.sifd.blogspot.com.

Paula Davis-Larson

Assistant Professor

Bucknell University

Department of Theatre and Dance

Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 23rd, 2006, 3:00 at the Bleu Plate

**RACE AND CLASS
IN SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY**

A special presentation for CARE's Annual Meeting



**Friends of CARE
donated 100 books
to area schools and
library!**

**Do you have any
news you want to
share? Send it to us!**

**Email us at
care@dejazzd.com
or call us at
570-524-2273.**

CARE's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, July 23rd, 2006, 3:00 at the Bleu Plate on Market Street in Lewisburg. All CARE members are cordially invited. However, **seating is limited and you must therefore RSVP no later than July 15.**

CARE's first annual report will be available. This report presents our programs and administrative accomplishments between July, 2005 and July, 2006. It is a great way to have an in-depth view of what CARE has been doing over the last year.

A special presentation, *Race and Class in Susquehanna Valley*, will be given by Lois Passi, co-chair. Rebekah Mitchell, a Milton resident and teacher in the Milton School district will lead the discussion that follows. Rebekah was the first full time director of the Multicultural Center at Bucknell. A number of community leaders will be present to hear this presentation, and it is our hope that these leaders will be willing to form a coalition to improve our communities. The presentation is a report of two months of research by Lois utilizing census data and interviews with people from Union, Snyder and Northumberland counties.

We look forward to seeing you. Again, **you must RSVP quickly to reserve a seat.** You may RSVP by e-mail (care@dejazzd.com) or by phone (570-524-2273).

CARE News

Book Project

In conjunction with the teacher in-service held in Milton, over seventy new children's books introducing ideas of diversity have been donated to the Milton elementary schools and thirty books have been given to the Milton Public Library. Many of the books focus on Hispanic culture and Spanish language. These have been supplied through the generosity of friends of CARE including Keith McNeil, Judy Peeler, Marilyn Mumford, Janice Butler, and Manuel Delgado and Alice Poust from Bucknell's Department of Spanish. We are delighted to work with teachers and librarians at the elementary schools in the Milton school district and with Cindy Whitmoyer at the Milton Public Library to encourage reading by providing good books that will enrich and broaden our children's perspectives. Many thanks to our donors!

Newsletter

We are looking for people to help with the monthly newsletter. Even if you can't offer any help, please let us know what you think of our newsletter. Do you read it? Is it in any way helpful or useful to you? Please let us know. Email us at care@dejazzd.com

National News

Items from the Spring '06 Newsletter of UNITED FOR A FAIR ECONOMY

"Incomes of typical U.S. families slid backward from 2001-2004--Blacks and Latinos by 4%; whites by 1%."

"White U.S. families saw their median wealth grow about 6% after inflation from 2001 to 2004, to \$136,000, according to the Federal Reserve. But Black families started the Bush era with \$20,000 in median wealth, and after three years of economic growth had exactly--\$20,000!"

In a brief article, Thomas M. Shapiro, author of *The Cost of Being African American: How Wealth Perpetuates Inequality*, writes, "...whites are about four times more likely to have received money from their parents during their parents' lifetimes to pay for their college educations or for down payments on their homes. Further,



studies indicate that nearly 1 in 4 white families received an inheritance after the death of a parent, at a median of \$10,000. In stark contrast, only about 1 in 20 African American families had inherited, and their median inheritance was just \$798.”

A report on a key aspect of the racial wealth divide exposed by Katrina, *Stalling the Dream: Cars, Race and Hurricane Evacuation*, may be downloaded from the following website: <www.racialwealthdivide.org>.

“Katrina stranded mostly low-income people of color. Will the next major disaster do the same? Fewer than one in twelve white families have no vehicle, but one in five Black families and one in seven Latino families were carless in 2004.”

“The flooded areas of New Orleans were 76% Black and 18% white. The dry areas were only 43% Black and 49% white.”

“In the U.S., over three-quarters of white families owned their homes in 2004, but a slight majority of people of color still rent. At the slow rate this home-ownership gap is narrowing, it will not close for 1.664 years--about 55 generations.”

A new book with five co-authors, all leading experts on the racial wealth divide: *The Color of Wealth: The Story Behind the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide* was published in June 2006 (New Press). To order copies....and for information about racial wealth divide workshops.... see the website: <[www.racialwealth divide.org](http://www.racialwealthdivide.org)>.

CARE’s website is www.care4diversity.org