



SEPTEMBER 2006

CARE NEWSLETTER

Come to our Annual Picnic and share a story, a song, a poem or a game!

Questions? Contact CARE: 524-2273 or [care@dejazzd.com](mailto:care@dejazzd.com)



Bucknell invites Islamicist Scholar to campus

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Seats for the kickoff celebration are limited, so please R.S.V.P. by calling 717-783-3877 or 1-800-233-1407 no later than September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Interested in religious freedom? Come to one of the ACLU events on September 7.

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## Upcoming Events

### CARE's Annual Diversity Picnic

**When:** Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 P.M.  
**Where:** St. Mary's Park, Lewisburg  
**Who:** Everyone! Bring the whole family!  
**Cost:** Free. Bring a covered dish to share

### Islamicist Scholar to Speak at Bucknell

**When:** Sept. 11, 2006 at 7pm  
**Where:** Rooke Chapel

One of the most important scholars of contemporary Islam, Prof. Akbar Ahmed, professor of Islamic studies and international relations at American University, at a convocation marking the fifth anniversary of 9/11/01. 7 p.m. in Rooke Chapel.

Prof. Ahmed is the author of "Islam Under Siege: Living Dangerously in a Post-Honor World," and a significant voice in discussions of Islam and the West after Sept. 11, 2001. He has also been involved in significant inter-religious dialogues on the post 9-11 world, including an ongoing national dialogue with Prof. Judea Pearl, father of slain Wall Street Journal reporter, Daniel Pearl. More information about Prof. Ahmed is at: <http://www.american.edu/sis/faculty/facultybiographies/ahmed.htm>

### Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff Celebration

**September 15**  
**EVENT:** Ceremony to honor Latino Leaders of PA who have contributed to the arts, business, community, education, law and sports.  
Ceremony will be followed by a luncheon and entertainment

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** House Chamber  
Pennsylvania Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA

### A C L U Event at Union County Library

American Civil Liberties Union - America's Oldest Protector of and Advocate for Religious Freedom

Learn about actual cases where the ACLU has defended individuals' right to practice their faith, including Christians right to wear a cross-shaped lapel pin on a hospital uniform and an 8th graders right to wear in school a T-shirt with the phrase, "Real Women Love Jesus."



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**Multicultural  
 Festival in the Fall  
 Don't miss it!**  
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**Annual Report and  
 new brochure are  
 available upon  
 request.**

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**Workshop on  
 Diversity at  
 Greenwood Friends**  
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**Cochran's schedule**  
 - 7 p.m. Monday at  
 Fairfield Mennonite  
 Church, Fairfield.  
**Seating is limited.**  
 - 7 p.m. Tuesday at  
 Unitarian Universalists  
 of Gettysburg,  
 Gettysburg.  
**Seating is limited.**  
 - 7 p.m. Wednesday at  
 Knott Auditorium,  
 Mount St. Mary's  
 University, Emmitsburg,  
 Md.  
 - 7 p.m. Thursday at  
 Christ Chapel,  
 Gettysburg College,  
 Gettysburg.

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See the ACLU's DVD Religious Freedom and you will know that ACLU does not stand for "Anti-Christian Liberties Union" as claimed by some misinformed critics.

Learn how the ACLU can help you if you are subject to religious discrimination.

Thursday, September 7, 2006, 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.  
 at the Union County Library's multiple purpose room  
 \*To reserve seat, call 523 – 1172 for a reservation. Walk-ins are welcome on a space available basis.

A legitimate conflict between science and religion can not exist because science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind. – Albert Einstein

**Multicultural Festival set for November 4th**

Mark your calendars now! CARE will have its second annual multicultural festival on Saturday, November 4th from 1:00-4:00 at River Woods (Marlow Hall). This event is free to the public, and is family oriented. Among other things there will be displays and food from India, Chinese dancing, and stories from around the world.

**CARE News**

**Annual Report and Brochure Available**

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, CARE's annual report is available. The report contains information about all of CARE's programs over the last year, as well as a financial report. If you are interested in seeing this report, contact the CARE office.

CARE's new brochure is now available. If you would like one (or several to share with friends and colleagues), let us know.

**Book Project and Upcoming Workshop**

Over 100 children's books have been delivered to Milton School district. Marilyn Mumford is preparing for another workshop on diversity at Greenwood Friends School on August 30. We are adding an extensive bibliography of children's literature on our CARE website to support parents and teachers.



**Floyd Cochran in Gettysburg**

The racists just don't quite get what we, at Citizens Against Hate, and others, actually do. They think that everyone who opposes them dons masks and throws things at them. They think that when they hold a rally we look for ways to injure them or commit some sort of violent act against them when in truth, we are generally the ones working behind the scenes helping to educate others and to help the community cope and heal.

On September 2, 2006, the Klan plans to desecrate yet another historical battleground with their hate and their racism. **Floyd Cochran** will be there along with a whole lot of people who have become citizens against hate in this struggle.



By **Floyd Cochran**

Often times I am asked by community activists, what they should do when a hate group/racist gang is planning on coming to their community?

My answer to the community is to turn a negative, into a positive - instead of playing into the hate group's hands, look for ways to counter their messages, use the opportunity to reach out to others in the community, find creative ways to blunt any impact the racists may have on a community.

From Project Lemonade to education, to offering community wide alternative events, take the ball out of the hands and hoods of the bigots.

Recently, I received such a call from people in the community of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania - the Ku Klux Klan has a permit to "rally" on the Gettysburg Battle field Saturday Sept. 2.

After speaking with residents and community activists in Gettysburg, offering ideas and suggestions, I later received a call back from them asking me if I would like to be part of their program. As a result, I will be in the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania area for six days, starting Aug. 28 thru Sept. 2 - speaking at local events, colleges, meeting with people, reaching out and helping the community of Gettysburg deal not just with the KKK and Hal Turner (racist from NJ ) but helping to put together long term goals that will deal with everyday bigotry and racism, not just when it comes with a hood and hateful rhetoric.

It is an honor to work and build relationships with the people from "Adams County Unity " who's creed is "Celebrate unity in our community" - the Adams county people have put together a whole week of activities and on the day of the KKK rally are offering alternative events that invite everyone who believes in unity, diversity and equality.

Declaring the following on the **Adams County Unity web site:**

"Here in Gettysburg, when others would seek to point out their reasons to spread hate, we prefer to unify in love and friendship as a gathered people living in the Adams County area. "It does not matter the color of your skin or hair, your age or beauty, gender or sexual orientation, marital status or religion...all are welcome; all are friends!"

With that I ask all my friends Pennsylvania and elsewhere to join with the people of Adams county during the week of August 28 Thru Sept. 2 to help us build Unity in the community.

For more information check out ADAMS UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY/[www.adamsunity.org/speakers.htm](http://www.adamsunity.org/speakers.htm)">

During the week of August 28 till Sept. 2,while I am in the Gettysburg area, I will keep you posted on the activities and happenings via our friends at citizens against hate web site:

Hope to see you all in Gettysburg - Floyd  
One Peoples Radio and Citizens Against Hate

## **International Dancing in Freeburg**

### **DANCE HALL**

#### **Fun, food and laughter**

Couple holds weekly event in Front St. studio

By **Marcia Moore**

*The Daily Item*

August 24, 2006

FREEBURG — Every weekend, Janessa Stauffer slips on her high-heeled dancing shoes and walks across the street to her neighbor's converted studio for an evening of fun, food and laughter.

The 17-year-old high school senior is one of about 15 or so regulars who attend the weekly dance hall held by Natasha and Jack Holt in their 1 W. Front St. studio.

The international dance enthusiasts built the space late last year, decorating it with an array of musical instruments, dolls, photographs and costumes the Holts have amassed on trips around the globe.

"It's a museum of dance," Mrs. Holt said.

Open since January, the couple operates the dance hall once a week on alternating Saturdays and Sundays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Participants need not worry about bringing a partner or expertise, the whole notion is to

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**Join the Holts for  
International  
Dancing in their  
Dance Studio in  
Freeburg!  
For more  
information, contact  
them by email:  
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assemble and enjoy the freedom dancing offers, Mrs. Holt said.

"The more the merrier," she says. "Most people who show up haven't danced before. Some come to watch and end up dancing."

Becky Wilson of Selinsgrove said the atmosphere is welcoming for all — single or paired — dancers.

"There's a convivial group of international people, from Latvia and Germany," she said. "And Jack and Natasha have such a wonderful repertoire" of dances from around the world.

The hall has been attracting between 15 and 30 people of all ages and backgrounds from across the Valley, including Bloomsburg, McClure, Williamsport and Watsonstown.

Each week, a specific country and its traditional dances are chosen by the Holts. Participants don costumes and learn dances from the particular region, followed by a potluck meal of homemade dishes from the country.

One week the focus was on Spain and the participants tackled the Paso Doble. Another week, the hall might fill with country and western music and southern foods from the United States.

On Sunday the public is invited to come out and celebrate the disco era.

Also, every week prior to the opening of the dance hall, Mrs. Holt provides formal instruction in ballroom dancing starting at 5 p.m.

The Holts don't charge participants but do accept donations to keep the dance hall in operation.

Dressed in a traditional Spanish folk dance outfit, complete with a lace mantilla, Ms. Stauffer smiles broadly as she admits the experience wasn't quite what she expected when she first walked through the studio door.

"I really wanted to learn the tango," the young girl says with a hearty laugh.

Instead, she found herself trying a variety of folk dances she'd never heard of and is now addicted to the weekly event.

"It's so much more than I thought. I love the costumes, the food, the people," Ms. Stauffer said.

"The dance, mostly," interjects Mrs. Holt. "Don't forget the dance."