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**Thank you to  
the new  
CARE  
volunteers!**



CARE members joined the Bucknell community and local citizens on September 8th in Hufnagle Park for the 10th annual Unity Jam - Stop the Hate Rally.

### CARE's Role in the local Unity Jam - Stop the Hate Rally

The following letter to the editor by David Deibler-Gorman, CARE steering committee member, was published in the *Daily Item* on September 16.

#### **More inclusive**

In response to your September 3 article on the annual Unity Jam - Stop the Hate Rally, I would call your attention to the key role of the Community Alliance for Respect & Equality (CARE) in initiating such rallies locally in 1999.

Recent incidents at Susquehanna University underscore the need for us in the Susquehanna Valley to promote the creation of a more accepting and inclusive culture.

The first Stop the Hate Rally in 1999 in this region was co-sponsored by several groups from the community and Bucknell University as part of a nationwide project born out of the murders of James Byrd (an African American) in Texas and Mathew Shephard (a gay man) in Montana, both killed because they were "different."

Locally, CARE, Bucknell's Office of the Chaplain, and the Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church collaborated in bringing others together to organize that initial rally which has continued now for ten years in the ongoing struggle against fear, division, and hatred.

Whether by honestly facing our own biases, staying open to learn about and embrace cultures different from our own, finding the courage to directly confront racist, sexist and homophobic attitudes and behaviors, or participating in a local Stop the Hate Rally, let us continue to do our part in making Central Pa. a more inclusive place in which to live.

By allowing fear and hatred to grow in the Susquehanna Valley, we increase the likelihood that persons in our local community get emotionally hurt, physically wounded or possibly killed for being "different," "foreign" or "outsiders."



Do you have any news or suggestions for us? Please contact us at 570-524-2273 or email [care@dejazzd.com](mailto:care@dejazzd.com)

## Upcoming Events in the Community

### Albright's Block Party

October 4 in Lewisburg from 12-6. Location at 321 N. 4th St. Bring a dish to share. Donations accepted for the Blues Band. For further information contact Pam Watkins 523-1351 or Tina Stackhouse 523-6655.

### Rick Recht Concert

October 5, 8 p.m. at Bucknell Hall, Bucknell University

An extraordinary, inspirational, and moving concert experience with one of the most celebrated artists in Jewish music!

Free and open to the public. All are welcome. [www.rickrecht.com](http://www.rickrecht.com)

### Harvest Festival

October 4 at the Marina in the Shikellamy State Park.

### Cherry Alley Café – Free performances on Weekends

They also have Open Mic on some nights to expose the local talent in the area. Cherry Alley is located at 21 N. 3rd St Lewisburg, PA E-mail: [listmaster@cherryalleycafe.com](mailto:listmaster@cherryalleycafe.com) or call 524-1234.

### Fall Class Offerings

Geisinger Division of Spiritual Care

Spiritual Care Center

100 North Academy Avenue, Danville, Pa. 17822 phone: 570-271-3700

*Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at the Spiritual Care Center at Geisinger in Danville and are without charge.*

#### THE ART OF CARING CONVERSATION – LEVEL ONE

A four-session class focused on the communicative dimension of being a healing presence.

Open to lay ministers, clergy, health and spiritual caregivers, and all interested persons.

Completion of course required for those wishing to be Geisinger volunteer Chaplain Assistants.

*Rev. Dr. Karl A. Polm-Faudre, Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Geisinger Division of Spiritual Care*

Thursday evenings, 6-9, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6 and 13.

Course fee: \$10.00. Course handouts and media provided. Scholarships available.

#### GAY-LESBIAN-BISEXUAL-TRANSGENDER (GLBT) HEALTHCARE

A two-session study and discussion course for all interested persons.

*Rev. Dr. Karl A. Polm-Faudre, Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Geisinger Division of Spiritual Care and Arthur W. Breese MS, MA, Director of Diversity, Geisinger Medical Center*

Monday evenings, 7-9, Oct. 6 and 13. Materials provided.

#### GAY-LESBIAN-BISEXUAL-TRANSGENDER (GLBT) SPIRITUALITY

A three-session study and discussion course for all interested persons.

*Rev. Dr. Karl A. Polm-Faudre, Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Geisinger Division of Spiritual Care and Arthur W. Breese MS, MA, Director of Diversity, Geisinger Medical Center*

Monday evenings, 7-9, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 10.

Includes the award-winning documentary film: *For the Bible Tells Me So* by Daniel Karlslake.

Recommended text: *Homosexuality and Christian Faith* by Walter Wink (Ed), Fortress Press, 1999, Minneapolis, Minn. ISBN:0-8006-3186-2

Participants may purchase their own recommended text, new or used at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Handout materials provided. No fee.



### JUDAISM: LIVING FAITH FOR TODAY

A five-session study and discussion course for all interested persons.

Rev. Dr. Karl A. Polm-Faudre, Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Geisinger Division of Spiritual Care and Consulting Rabbi Michael Michlin, MHL, Beth Israel Temple, Hazelton, Pa.

Tuesday evenings, 7-9, October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18.

Location: St. Paul Episcopal Church, Main and Iron Streets, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Text: *A Touch of the Sacred*, Eugene B. Borowitz & Frances W. Schwartz, Jewish Lights Publishing, Woodstock, Vt., 2007. ISBN-13: 978-1-58023-337-8

Participants purchase their own text. Available new or used at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### BUDDHA NIGHTS

An on-going study of the meditative practices and teachings of Buddhism, this cycle from the Theravada Buddhist tradition, as applied to various contemporary everyday topics.

Rev. Dr. Karl A. Polm-Faudre, Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Geisinger Division of Spiritual Care

Wednesday evenings, 7-9, September 3, 10, 17, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10 and 17.

Two inexpensive paperback texts required:

(1) *Mindfulness, Bliss and Beyond: A Meditator's Handbook*, Ajahn Brahm, Wisdom Publications Boston, Mass., 2006. ISBN: 0-86171-275-7

(2) *Everything Arises, Everything Falls Away*, Ajahn Chah, Shambhala Publications, Inc., Boston, Mass., 2005. ISBN: 978-1-59030-217-0

Participants purchase their own text. Available new or used at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

An excellent Advent offering in preparation for Christmas.

A three-session study and discussion course for all interested persons on the healing power of forgiveness that often leads to personal and spiritual transformation.

Rev. Dr. Karl A. Polm-Faudre, Director of Education, Research and Outreach,

Geisinger Division of Spiritual Care

Monday evenings, 7-9, December 1, 8 and 15.

Includes the documentary film: *The Power of Forgiveness*, by Martin Doblmeier

Material provided

### REGISTRATION:

To register for any of these workshops, please call Tina Stackhouse at 570-523-6655 or leave a the voice mail at 570-271-3700. Kindly leave the workshop title you wish to register for, your name, contact phone number and email address.

## From the desk of Doug Sturm

### *The Summer of 2008*

Consider these happenings in Pa. during the summer.

In Shenandoah, a small town about 60 miles east of us in Schuylkill County, Luis Ramirez, a 25-year-old illegal immigrant from Mexico, was murdered in mid-July allegedly by three or four white teens. Why? Gang fight? Or hate crime? Over the past eight years, the Hispanic population has expanded from 2.8% to 10% of the town. Curiously the town's most prominent festival each year is Heritage Days, celebrating its several ethnic populations. The Mexican American Legal & Educational Fund conjectures the brutal killing was not unrelated to widespread inflammatory rhetoric of the immigrant debate. (*New York Times*, Aug. 5)

At Children's Hospital in Philadelphia on August 11, a white man hung a noose in a workspace he occupied with a black colleague. The victim "began fearing for his safety." The white man had previously complained about a minority training program. A case of ethnic intimidation declared a US attorney taking the noose hanger to court. (*The Daily Item*, Sept. 4)



During late August in Selinsgrove, similar in size to Shenandoah, three incidents occurred on two different days. In each case racial slurs were shouted at university students from passing vehicles. In the first case, a rock was hurled at the students. The headline in a follow-through news report declares, “Minority Students Feel Insecure Over Racial Incidents. (*The Daily Item*, Aug. 30 and Sept. 3)

What have we here? Isolated happenings by a few deviant actors? Or expressions of a deep-seated strain in white American culture? What’s the most constructive way to respond?

### *The Steady but Sure Shrinking of White America*

We have long expected that the white populace in the US would be surpassed in number by people of color during this century.

According to latest US Census studies, that development is happening more quickly than previously thought (see Sam Roberts’ articles, *New York Times*, Aug. 7 and Aug.14). The target year is now changed from 2050 to 2042 when “Americans who identify themselves as Hispanic, black, Asian, American Indian, and Pacific Islanders will together outnumber non-Hispanic whites.”

A few of the particulars: Minorities “will constitute a majority of the nation’s children under 18 by 2023 and of working-age Americans by 2039.” Moreover, “by 2050, the number of Hispanic people will nearly triple, to 133 million from 47 million, to account for 30% of Americans.” In addition, “more than three times as many people are expected to identify themselves as multiracial—16 million.”

Indeed already 25% of all American counties “have reached the tipping point where black, Hispanic and Asian children constitute the majority of the under-20 population.”

Contrasts out of the past? 1492—96% native “American”; 1790—64% white, mostly English; 1900—90% non-Hispanic white, mostly European.

Taking a long range perspective, what do these shifts signify? Recall Langston’s plaintive line, “America never was America to me....And yet I swear this oath, America will be!” Think local if you will....what’s the shape of America in, say, Union, Snyder, and Northumberland counties? What should it be?

## Community Announcements

### New Director of Multicultural Affairs at Susquehanna University

Susquehanna University is pleased to announce that Dena Salerno is the new Director of Multicultural Affairs.

Dena has considerable experience as an adjunct faculty member, trainer and consultant and served as the director of counseling and admissions/diversity coordinator for the Greenwood Friends School in Millville, Pa. Since 1995, she has also been the moderator/facilitator for the Metamorphosis Performing Company that works to foster communication and multicultural awareness through workshops and interactive performances on such topics as race, gender, sexuality, attitudes and cultural stereotypes, violence prevention, gender typing, date rape prevention, communication, and body image.

Dena feels that "that education is at its best when content learning occurs within the context of broadening cultural knowledge and experience. An excellent college education should be safe but not comfortable, requiring both social and academic challenge."



Dena has a strong commitment to diversity as shown by her academic experience and credentials and her experience as a diversity trainer, consultant, and conflict mediator. Members of the SU community look forward to having her as a colleague and to the ways she can help the university become a more diverse and inclusive place.

CARE hopes to support Dena in whatever way we can!

## Información Para Los Hispanos/Latinos En La Comunidad

Estimado Amigo,

Espero que cuando reciba esta nota usted esté en buena salud. CARE (Alianza de Respeto y Igualdad en la comunidad) quisiera formar un grupo Hispano/Latino. Quisiéramos hablar sobre las necesidades y preocupaciones en los condados Sunbury, Unión y Northumberland. Hay bastante Hispanos/Latinos en esta área que pueda trabajar hacia la formación de varios grupos de interés como educativo, social y entrenamientos para nombrar algunos. Si usted está interesado en expresar sus ideas, por favor llame a Margarita Torres a 570-524-2273/524-2100 o 374-5558.

## Information for Hispanics/Latinos in the Community

Dear Friend,

I hope that upon reading this note you are in good health. CARE (Community for Respect & Equality) would like to form a Hispanic/Latino group. We would like to address the needs and concerns in the Sunbury, Northumberland and Union counties. There are enough Hispanics/Latinos in this area that can work toward forming various groups of interest such as educational, social and trainings to name a few. If you are interested in voicing your ideas, please contact Margarita Torres at 570-524-2271/524-2100 or 374-5558 at the Lewisburg Lanes near the American Legion Phone: 570-524-9071, Friday and Saturday 3-midnight

### Other Announcements

West African Drumming with Hope Kopf. Contact her at: [hkopf@ptd.net](mailto:hkopf@ptd.net)

Interested in forming a band to play for fun? Call Margie 570-524-2273.

USAA, Inc is looking for Ombudsman Volunteers. For more information call Margie Torres @ 570-524-2100 or 374-5558.

Looking for some fun events to attend? Look in the *One Magazine* at [www.theonemag.com](http://www.theonemag.com).

"Every Turn a Treasure" Photo contest of the Susquehanna Valley. Deadline is Jan. 1, 2009. For more information log onto: [VisitCentralPA.org/PhotoContest](http://VisitCentralPA.org/PhotoContest).

You may also enter another photo contest and log onto [www@unionco.org](http://www@unionco.org) or [cultivatingcommunity.net](http://cultivatingcommunity.net) before 10/31/08.

Central Susquehanna Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union Annual Dinner Sunday, Nov. 16,, Front Street Station Restaurant, Northumberland

Dinner Reservations are best made by:

- a. Sending a check to us at our post office box.
- b. E-mailing [afluent@dejazzd.com](mailto:afluent@dejazzd.com)
- c. Calling 570-523- 9628, between 9 a. m. and noon

Dinner menus include a salad, coffee or tea, and prices include gratuity and tax. Deadline is noon, Thursday, Nov. 13)

(ordering information on next page)



Mail your check along with your dinner reservation to:  
Central Susquehanna Chapter of the ACLU  
P O Box 364  
Lewisburg PA 17837

- Stuffed chicken breast, red skin smashed potatoes, and green beans, \$14.00
  - Fresh salmon, red skin smashed potatoes, and green beans, \$17.50
  - Vegetarian pasta entree, \$12.50
- Number of meals ordered = \_\_\_\_\_, Enclosed is a check for \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PA \_\_\_\_\_.

Are you a member of the ACLU? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Thomas Paine Citizen Journalist Award recipient? \_\_\_\_\_

