

# Dubuque Area Congregations United Monthly Newsletter

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We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents, and resources. Mission Statement adopted 10/22/1996.

www.DACUonline.org/

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT		
Wow! So many events we couldn't put them all on the front pagelook inside to find much more!				
January 12	St. Luke Methodist Church	First of "Fabulous Friday" series, 12:05 PM (see more page 3)		
_ January 18	Coalition Against Trafficking   Film "I AM Still Here", River Museum, 6 PM, (more page 7			
January 25	Children of Abraham	Tri State Islamic Center, 4980 Radford Court 7:00-8:30 PM		
February 3,5,6	Sinsinawa Mound, Sisters of	Kate Hennesy, Dorothy Day's granddaughter & author of <i>The World</i>		
	Charity, Loras College	Will Be Saved By Beauty, lectures & book signings (SEE Pages 3&4)		
February 10	Sinsinawa Mound	Tri-State Local Food Summit, 9AM-3PM (See page 3)		
February 18	Iowa Interfaith Power &	The Good Life Redefined, 2-4 PM at Sisters of the Presentation, 2360		
	Light	Carter Road. Free but registration required (see page 4)		
March 2	Church Women United	World Day of Prayer—more info next month! (see page 5)		
March 16	Temple Beth El	Visitor's Service, 6:00 PM lecture, 7:30 PM worship (see page 6)		



### **DACU Annual Meeting & Dinner**

Tuesday, January 23
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Ave.

Gather 5:45 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM
Music by pianist Marcia Holthaus, OP
Dinner Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Herb Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley, Fruit Salad, Fresh Bread, Dessert Selection

Please send reservations (including list of names attending) and checks payable to DACU, and mail to DACU, P.O. Box 811, Dubuque, IA 52004-0811 or call Bob Krayer at 582-5117 (answering machine available) or <a href="mailto:bdkrayer@aol.com">bdkrayer@aol.com</a>.

Please place your reservations by Friday January 19, 2018. In an effort not to penalize the host congregation for "no show" reservations, it is requested that all reservations be paid in advance. If you need to cancel a reservation, please call Bob Krayer at 582-5117.

If you have special dietary needs or requests please contact Phyllis Garfield at <a href="mailto:phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com">phyllisgarfield@hotmail.com</a>.

# WHY should you attend the DACU Annual Meeting???

Because it just won't be the same without you!

Agenda: Interfaith Meditation, Introductions of Officers and Delegates, Business Meeting, Election and Installation of 2018 Officers, Benediction

- Learn what DACU is planning this year...and get involved!
- Enjoy a delicious meal, seasoned as always with the fragrant spice of community and fellowship
  - Receive your personal copy of the DACU Annual Report!
    - Welcome our new officers!
  - Say THANK YOU to outgoing President Betty Kugi, OP for a wonderful year of service

DON'T Forget!
You are also encouraged to bring nonperishable food and paper goods for the
Dubuque Food Pantry!

#### **DACU Board Report**

As of December 31, five congregations and one associate member contributed to DACU for the month. Thanks to Sisters of the Presentation, Sisters of Charity BVM, Immanuel Congregational UCC, St. John's Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, and Church Women United for their generous contributions! (DACU Bylaws: "Dubuque Area Congregations United will be supported financially by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institution, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization").

FY 2017 Monthly Balance Sheet Report 12/31/2017					
	December		2017 YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2017	
Income	\$	1500.00	\$ 16,129.11	\$7500.00	
Expenses	\$	500.00*	\$ 12,994.00	\$7500.00	
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2017: \$3,135.11					

\*DACU Board voted to donate \$500 to the Loras Peace Institute. Please help us to support our DACU projects!

Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:

DACU Treasurer,

The DACU Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Board meetings are always open to the members of DACU.

P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004

## **DACU Projects**

#### People In Need (P.I.N.)

Do you know of someone in need?
Here is the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995
Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line.
Remember, P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations only. Potential clients cannot call directly.

PIN had a strong and positive impact on meeting the emergency needs of people in our community during 2017.

Assists for the year were 131, up 38% from 2016.

Donations for the year were up 29%.

You can find all of our numbers in the Annual Report!

Thanks to all for your caring service.

Please send donations to: Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer, 3345 Tibey Court, Dubuque, IA 52002-2849



#### **Dubuque Rescue Mission**

Thanks to a wonderful front-page article in the Telegraph Herald about the Dubuque Rescue Mission and the challenges of serving the homeless in the winter, there has been a wonderful response in contributions. You may have heard on Iowa or Wisconsin Public Radio the article in summary picked up by National Public Radio (NPR).

At the mission we are full with men in the hallway, in the chapel, and laundry room. We are thinking we may need to put men in the lunch room area as well. The wonderful folks at St. John's Lutheran are also full.

The financial contribution by DACU to the Mission is so appreciated. If individuals wish to make additional contributions checks may be sent to the Dubuque Rescue Mission, 900 Central Ave. Dubuque, IA, 52001.

Sunday evening worship at the Mission is at 6:00 p.m. In addition, support is provided by A.A. by taking men to meetings in participate in the 12 step program.

DACU Rescue Mission Representative Maryann Caudill LoGuidice 608.642.1270 https://www.facebook.com/DBQRescue/

#### **Dubuque Food Pantry**

Greetings! Happy New Year! The Pantry distributed over 500 Christmas food baskets and we sincerely thank all who donated or helped to sort and pack!

The needs continue during these cold months and we are grateful for all donations, cash as well as non-perishable items. How about organizing a canned soup drive at your next event? We can always use soup, peanut butter, and jelly! And don't forget toiletries, cleaning items, and paper goods. We will share anything you can bring us.

Theresa Caldwell, Manager 583-4440

P.S. Like us on Facebook! ("Dubuque Food Pantry") Drop off hours are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. and Tues. 8:00 am to Noon

## **DACU** Community

#### **DACU 2018 Delegates Meetings**

#### Join Us! Bring A Friend! All locations are Accessible

February 27: Dubuque Rescue Mission, 7:00 PM. Poverty, Urban Farming & Food Justice. Lynn Sutton & Ashley Neisses

March 27: Mount Carmel, 7:00 PM. Immigration /

Refugees: Crossing Borders Speaker: Mary McCauley, BVM

April 24: Mt. St. Francis, 7:00 PM. Climate Change and Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, Dubuque Chapter

May 22: DACU Spring Worship, 7:00 PM. University of Dubuque Blades Hall, Speaker TBA, 7:00 PM

August 28: Arboretum, 6:00 PM, Annual Picnic

Sept. 25: Steeple Square, 7:00 PM.: Housing, Opening

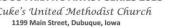
Doors, Poverty. Speaker: Kathy Flynn

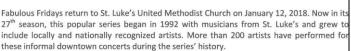
October 23: Immanuel Congregational UCC, 7:00 PM.: Welcoming the Other

**November 21: DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** 

#### St. Luke United Methodist Church







St. Luke's UMC is located at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Main in Dubuque. Performances begin at 12:05 p.m. and are 30 minutes in length. Many in the audience bring their lunch and enjoy time together after the concert in the church Fellowship Hall, where coffee and desserts are available. The concert, coffee and desserts are free, but baskets are available for contributions. Metered street parking is available. Accessible entry is in back of church.

Our winter weather policy is that if the artist can get there, the show is on.

#### **SCHEDULE**

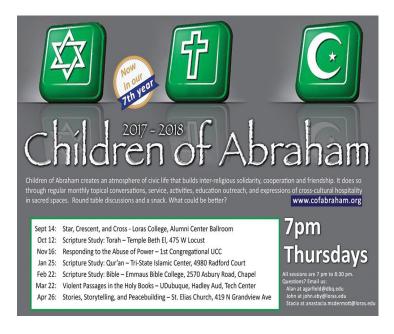
Jan 12	St. Luke's Artists – Sue Hattel, clarinet; Caprice Jones, spoken word; Dr. Charles Barland, organ			
Jan 19	Dr. Luke Tyler, piano; Laura Southworth, soprano			
Jan 26	Rebecca Christian, author			
Feb 2	Dubuque Fiddlers – Ann Duchow, director			
Feb 9	Dr. Peter Szeibel, organ			
Feb 16	Senior High School Jazz Band – Bill Rowley, director			
Feb 23	Marcia Martin, bassoon; C. J. Greer, soprano			
March 2	University of Dubuque Chamber Singers – Kristen Eby, director			
March 9	Hempstead High School Musical Cast – Terry Slade, director			
March 16	St. Luke's Artists – Sylvia Ward, piano; Ann Duchow, violin;			
	Andrea Beacham, soprano; David Patterson, cello			

For more information, contact: Ann Duchow at alduchow@aol.com David Patterson at dpatterson2000@gmail.com

March 23 Upper Main Street Jazz Band - Ric Jones, leader

#### Children of Abraham

2017 2018 Schedule!



**ALSO....**Qur'an Conversations – every Wednesday 5:30-6:30. Loras College Interfaith Prayer Space (Alumni Campus Center 580) - you do not have to prepare or know anything to come to this; you don't even need your own copy of the Qur'an, though if you have one you can certainly bring it.

> www.cofabraham.org For more information contact John Eby John.Eby@loras.edu or Alan Garfield AGarfield@dbq.edu

#### **CROP Hunger Walk**

#### **Crop Hunger Walk 2017 Final Numbers!**

CROP Hunger Walk 2017 was a great success. \$13,700 was donated through online and direct donations. Sincere thanks to all who walked, donated, or assisted in planning this event! If you have any questions or need information contact CROP Co-Chairs Sara McCaw and Fr. Dustin Lyon

(sara.mccaw@gmail.com or dustin.lyon@gmail.com)



#### Sinsinawa Mound Center

Kate Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day and author of <u>The World Will Be Saved By Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother</u>, will give a lecture at Sinsinawa at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018, followed by a book signing and reception. This event will be open to the public, and we encourage you to save the date. More details will be available in the near future.

4th annual Tri-State Local Food Summit: Celebrating Social and Ecological Justice in the Heartland Saturday, February 10th - 9am-3pm (Registration ends February 2<sup>nd</sup>) Cost: \$25 (scholarships available) From healthy soil to racial justice, native food sovereignty to edible landscaping, the 2018 Tri-State Local Food Summit is about educating, inspiring, challenging, and connecting — with people, with the land, and with a more just food system. The day includes talks, a break-out session, networking opportunities with exhibitors, and a delicious, locally-sourced lunch! Register here - or call 608.748.4411 ex. 811 Speakers include representatives from: Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, Anti-OppressionTraining and Resource Collective, Grow: Johnson County, Red Earth Gardens - Meskwaki Nation, Culinary Creations Catering, Dubuque Rescue Mission Gardens, Convivium Urban Farmstead, and St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm

Special thanks to our co-sponsors for helping make this wonderful event happen: Clarke University; Dubuque Franciscans/Canticle of Creation Center; Sisters of Charity – BVM; Weston A. Price Foundation; FarmTek; Food, Faith, and Farming Network; Driftless Market; and Southwest Badger.

Eric Anglada – Ecological Programming Coordiantor Sinsinawa Mound <u>Eric.Anglada@gmail.com</u> or <u>608.748.4411</u> ex. 862 585 County Rd. Z – Sinsinawa, WI 53824 <u>www.sinsinawa.org</u>

For more information on events at Sinsinawa, call or visit the Mound: 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824, (608) 748-4411. OR visit their website: https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/events\_retreats.cfm

# CELEBRATING SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE IN THE HEARTLAND



Clarke







From healthy soil to racial justice, native food sovereignty to edible landscaping, the day is about educating, inspiring, challenging, and connecting—with people, the land, and a more just food system. The summit includes talks, break-out sessions, networking opportunities with exhibitors, and a locally sourced lunch.

REGISTER TODAY: \$25 at sinsinawa.org/moundcenter Registration deadline is Feb. 2



S85 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin center@sinsinawa.org >> sinsinawa.org/moundcenter 608.748.4411

#### **Westminster Dresbyterian Church**







3rd Annual Lunar New Year Celebration &

Lantern Decorating Contest

Everyone Invited!

#### February 17, 2018 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall), 2155 University Ave Play some games, try new foods, celebrate the Year of the Dog. No reservations required!

To enter the Lantern Decorating Contest, bring your own art supplies and purchase a plain white lantern for just \$1. Prizes awarded in 2 age categories: 12 and under, 13 and up Note: The finished Lanterns will be displayed for three weeks at Westminster Church. Please pick yours up after March 11.

1001 New Worshipping Community in Dubuque University of Dubuque International Studies

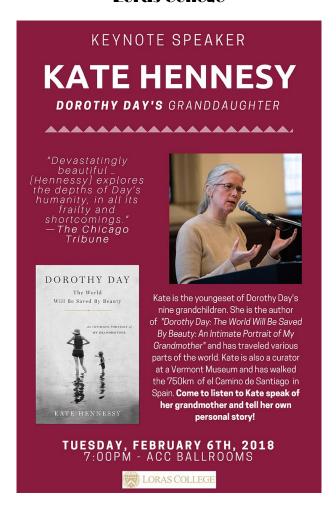
Questions? Call Tina 563-495-1606 wumoses@hotmail.com

#### Mt. Carmel

Kate Hennessey, granddaughter of Dorothy Day (Catholic Worker Movement), will speak at Mount Carmel on Monday, February 5 in St. Joseph's Hall at 3:30 pm. She is the author of the recent book, <u>Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of my Grandmother.</u>

Mount Carmel is at the end of South Grandview; parking directions will be posted. For more information, contact Sara McAlpin BVM (<u>Sara.McAlpin@clarke.edu</u>)

#### Loras College



# **Church Women United**2018 World Day of Prayer: Save the Date!

March 2: 2018 World Day Of Prayer- Suriname
"All God's Creation is Very Good"

Dr. Franklin Jabini and his wife from Suriname will be sharing the Program. Frank is Professor of Intercultural Studies at Emmaus Bible College. Look for more information in the DACU February news letter!

#### Iowa Interfaith Power & Light

Mark Your Calendars Now! SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18
A Great Event Coming This Spring from Iowa
Interfaith Power & Light

There is no cost BUT...You MUST Register!
Go to www.lowalPL.org
and click on "Upcoming Events"



Less Stuff. Live More. Find Joy! Let's Redefine the Good Life together!

At The Good Life Redefined workshop:

- Learn how our STUFF contributes to climate change
- Reflect on what our faith traditions say
- Make a plan to create a more joyful life that is easier on the planet!

As we make choices that give meaning and joy to the human heart, we will create stronger communities, a more stable climate, and a more just world.

Where: Srs of the Presentation, 2360 Carter Rd., Dubuque, IA 52001 When: Sunday, February 18, 2018, 2-4pm Cost: Free, thanks to the generous sponsors'

Cost: Free, thanks to the generous sponsors! Registration required. Register: iowaipl.org click Upcoming Events

Sponsored by the Covenant Congregations of the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, Dubuque Area Congregations United, and Srs. of the Presentation

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Download our covenant congregations form here: http://iowaipl.org/donate/covenantcongregations

Please contact Sarah Paulos at <a href="mailto:programs@iowaipl.org">programs@iowaipl.org</a>
for more information

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

#### Meals Are Still Needed!!

Habitat Dubuque continues to need volunteers to supply meals for local build volunteer crews. Please contact Elaine Mitchell diettou@gmail.com for more information.

Cash donations are also always welcome! For more information on what is happening at Habitat this season, contact our office at Dubuque/Jackson Counties Habitat for Humanity, 900 Jackson St., Suite LL5-2E, Dubuque, IA 52001. Phone 563.556.2195.

Director@habitatdubuque.org

#### Dubuque Branch NAACP



#### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TRIBUTE

ESSAY AND MULTI-MEDIA AWARDS 14 JANUARY 2018

#### Theme: Hidden Figures

What: The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Honoree Awards. Ever year since 1990, Dubuque Branch NAACP has sponsored a tribute to Martin Luther King, Junior, for students in the Dubuque public and parochial schools to enter essays, art work, poems, books, songs (and now) powerpoints for recognition.

When and Where: Sunday 14 January 2018

March - meet at Jackson Park at 12:30,
start marching to Steeple Square at 12:45.

The awards ceremony for area youth will begin at 1pm in the main hall of Steeple Square, 105 E 15th St, Dubuque, IA 52001

Who: Area students, parents/guardians, teachers and the public are invited

Why: Celebrate the work of students honoring Dr. King's call for Justice Join friends and neighbors and the students for refreshments following the awards ceremony

This Event is sponsored by Dubuque Branch NAACP
Appreciation is extended to Clarke University, Dubuque Community School
District, 4 The People inc., First Baptist Church,
Holy Family Schools, Multicultural Family Center,
St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Steeple Square.

DBQNAACP4025@GMAIL.COM

# **Temple Beth El**Visitor's Service: Save the Date!



#### Temple Beth El

The Annual Temple Beth El Visitors' Service will be Friday, March 16. There will be an informational lecture by Rabbi Jim Sagarin at 6:30 PM followed by Sabbath Worship at 7:30 PM. Refreshments and a social hour will follow. Everyone is warmly invited.

(If you plan to bring a group please let us know in advance so we can bake enough cookies!)
(Contact Cindy Pearce, 563.583.1254 or

Phyllis Garfield, 563.599.4898)
Location: 475 West Locust St.
(With our apologies, Temple Beth El has no off-street parking. Please consider ride-sharing!)

#### **Shalom Spirituality Center**

January & February Programs and Retreats

Advanced registration is required to attend.

Saturday, January 13 — 8AM-1PM: Yoga Mini-Retreat — Finding Courage: Right Relationship With Self & Others. Join two certified yoga instructors for this yoga

experience open to everyone that will explore physical postures as well as philosophical teachings. \$30, includes lunch

Thursday, January 18 — 6PM-7:30PM: **Franciscan Way Of Life**. Join us the 3rd Thursday of every month deepen your spirituality by learning about the lives and values of St. Francis & St. Clare of Asissi. Free program open to all.

Tuesday, January 30 --7PM-8:30PM: **Book Discussion:** "Broken Brain, Fortified Faith" by Virginia Pillars. All are welcome to join in discussion of this book detailing a mother's experiences with her daughter's schizophrenia. \$6.

Saturday, February 10 — 8:30AM-11:30AM **Lenten Journey Reflection**. Blending Lenten Scriptures with the experience of mindfulness meditation and walking the labyrinth. \$10, includes snacks.

Sunday, February 11 — 6PM-8PM: Seasons Of Love: Valentine Evening For Married Couples. Bring your Valentine to our annual event planned just for you! Enjoy a delicious candlelit dinner in our cozy dining room. \$48/Couple.

Wednesday, February 14 — 9:30AM-3PM. **Days Of Quiet & Prayer: A 4-Session Series**. Join us for four sessions discussing and reflecting on the book "Giving Up god . . . to Find God: Breaking Free of Idolatry" by Kerry Walters, which explores the ways in which we worship false gods. \$90 for the series, includes the book, morning coffee & rolls, lunch, and a private reading room.

Friday, February 16 — 7PM-8:30PM: **Concert With David Haas**. Enjoy a concert with David Haas in Shalom's beautiful, historic chapel. Haas is highly regarded as one of the most prolific composers in liturgical music today. \$20 per person in advance. \$25 at the door. Family of up to four: \$40 in advance. \$45 at the door.

Saturday, February 17 — 9AM-3PM. Lenten Retreat Day — That You Might Have Life: Spiritual Practices For The Call To Holiness. David Haas will present a day-long retreat based on his newly released book. "There is a stereotype that we must be depressed at Lent," says Haas, "But we must embrace joy." \$50, includes lunch.

Monday, February 19 — 6:30PM-8PM: Intentionally Social: Finding Our Way In The Digital Age University of Dubuque Assistant Professor of Ethics Christine Darr will help us understand more fully the serious challenges social media presents to our lives. \$10.

Tuesday, February 27 — 6PM-8:30PM: God Doesn't Give Up On Us! Lenten Mini-Retreat for Men In this mini-retreat, Fr. Alan Dietzenbach will reflect on how men today can live faithful and faith-filled lives — if

they are open to hearing God's voice. Evening begins with supper. \$25.

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Shalom Spirituality Center 1001 Davis Street Dubuque, IA 52001

Open to everyone regardless of religious affiliation, belief system, or faith background!

Most of our retreats and programs require a specific offering and advanced registration in order to attend. Phone: 563-582-3592

Web: www.ShalomRetreats.org Email: info@shalomretreats.org

#### **Hope House**

## Hope for the Homeless



Hope House Catholic Worker in Dubuque is purchasing and renovating the other half of the building they occupy at 1592 Locust St. to expand their current hospitality to poor and homeless people.

Approximately \$90,000. will be needed to repair and renovate the structure to suit the needs of the men, women, and children that come as guests.

We invite you to join us. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:dbqcatholicworker@gmail.com">dbqcatholicworker@gmail.com</a> or 563-582-9079 if you are able to assist with financial donations and/or volunteer labor.

Please send financial donations to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque 700 Locust Street, Suite 195, Dubuque, IA 52001 and designate the "Hope House Expansion Fund."

#### **University of Dubuque**

Save the Date: The Wendt Center is hosting an interdisciplinary conference to explore the interplay between home and the development of character, especially as it relates to justice, integrity, and compassion. Go to our website to learn more! <a href="http://www.dbq.edu/Wendt/2018CharacterConference/">http://www.dbq.edu/Wendt/2018CharacterConference/</a>



# **Dubuque Community**

#### Coalition Against Human Trafficking

"I Am Still Here" Returns for a Special Screening

On January 18, the award-winning film, I AM STILL HERE, will be screened at the National River Museums and Aquarium's 4D Theater. The film focuses on a deception that leads to abduction and descent into sex

slavery, all hidden in an ordinary neighborhood. The film won the Audience Choice Award at the 2017 Julien Dubuque International Film Festival. The public is welcome; please note given the subject matter, this film is not appropriate for all ages.

This movie is being brought back to Dubuque for a special screening through a partnership between the Julien Dubuque international Film Festival, the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and Set Free Dubuque in observance of January's National Human Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Following the screening, a Q&A will feature the film's director Mischa Marcus and Celine Villongco, the Human Trafficking Statewide Coordinator at the Iowa Attorney General's Office. Police Chief Mark Dalsing and local human trafficking experts will also participate on the panel. The event will begin with lite appetizers at 6:00 PM. The screening will begin at 6:30 PM with a Q&A to follow.

I AM STILL HERE shows some of the difficulties in combating the fastest-growing illegal enterprise in the world: the child sex-slave industry. Starring Johnny Rey Diaz (Hawaii Five-O), Erika Ringor (Love and Basketball), and Ciara Jiana (Sharknado), this movie is based on exhaustive research into real cases, and is dedicated to all the missing children who are still out there.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and can be purchased through the julienfilmfest.com website or at the door.

#### For more information contact:

Susan Gorrell, Julien Dubuque International Film Festival 319.670.8001 susie.gorrell@gmail.com http://julienfilmfest.com

Suzie Wright, Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Set Free Dubuque 563.451.7914 setfreedubuque@gmail.com https://setfreedubuque.wordpress.com

#### **Inclusive Dubuque**

The Inclusive Dubuque Network has been working with Suzie Stroud, master's degree social work student from Clarke, on the Facing Project. *The Facing Project* is a national organization that works to bring storytellers and storywriters together to build relationships across difference and to lift up voices and stories that aren't traditionally heard by the majority in a community. The project thus works on two different levels: individuals meeting and interacting with folks they might not have a chance to interact with otherwise, and community members reading personal stories that challenge national and local misconceptions.

Last year, in partnership with the Telegraph Herald, the Facing Project brought Marshallese stories to the community. We paired Marshallese storytellers with local storywriters. The storywriters then wrote the stories as told to them, which were published in a small booklet by the TH. We have heard from many people in Dubuque

that this was the first time they had learned about our Marshallese community and their history, including the American bombing of their islands and their legal status in the US.

For the second installment of the Facing Project, we'd like to highlight the stories of immigrants and refugees who have settled in the US. There are so many current misconceptions in our community about immigrants and refugees, and we want our community to hear stories that will open up closed hearts and build empathy. We welcome a wide and varied range of stories, from DACA participants to long-time residents and citizens and all those in between.

We are also looking for an immigrant/refugee artist to be featured on the front cover of the booklet. There is a small stipend available: \$200. I know it's not as much as it should be, but it is what the budget allows.

If any of you are interested in becoming involved in this project, either as storytellers or storywriters, we'd love to hear from you. Once we have our storytellers, we will begin to connect the storytellers to the writers. We'd like to start this process by the end of January. Please feel free to pass this along to anyone that might be interested.

Thanks for what all of you are doing to make Dubuque the kind of place where everyone feels welcome!

#### Dr. Katrina Neely Farren-Eller

Inclusive Dubuque Coordinator Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque 563.588.2700 | 700 Locust Street, Suite 195, Dubuque, IA 52001

Inclusive Dubuque | Facebook

Committed to building strong nonprofits, thriving families and vibrant culture

#### AARD



aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork

#### **AARP Fraud Watch Network Workshops Available in** the Dubuque Area

Every year Americans lose millions of dollars as victims of identity theft and fraud. These crimes can wreak havoc on the lives and finances of individuals and families. That's why AARP has created the Fraud Watch Network, a free community resource for people of ages to protect themselves against identity theft, fraud, scams and financial abuse.

AARP Iowa Fraud Watch Network volunteer leaders are available in the Dubuque area to conduct workshops and present tips, resources and information on the Fraud Watch Network to community groups and organizations. The workshop programs are available free of charge and include informational handouts as well as discussion about how to spot and avoid identity theft and fraud. Community organizations interested in learning more or scheduling a workshop can contact Tom and Linda Stovall, Fraud Watch Network Volunteers, at tomstov@aol.com or by phone at 563-581-7220.

Workshop participants can become Fraud Watch Network members and get regular real time information on scams, access local fraud warnings, report possible scams and get more information on what to do if they believe they or someone they know or love has been involved in a scam.

CONTACT:

Tom Stovall or Linda Stovall AARP Iowa Fraud Watch Network Volunteers (563) 581-7220 or (563) 581-7582 tomstov@aol.com or linstov@aol.com



#### Support for Alzheimers/Dementia

We want you to know that there is Dubuque area programming for memory families.

- The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, last Wednesday of each month, 3-4 PM at Asbury County Library, 5290 Grand Meadow Drive. (Please note that we do not meet in December)
- In the Mind's Eye, museum-based experiences for early- and mid-stage people with dementia and their caregivers, meets the 4th Friday of each month, 10-11:30 AM at the Dubuque Museum of Art, 701 Locust St. (Please note that we do not meet in December) Registration is required!
- A Place For Friendship Memory Café meets the second Thursday of each month, 10 AM to Noon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi (Registration is not required.)

For more information, please contact:

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