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THE LEGACY OF CAPT. ROBERT L. MARTIN



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

6:00pm - NAACP Religious Affairs
Committee meeting:
(all welcome to attend)

6:30pm - GATHER *

7:00pm - PRESENTATION BEGINS
*Speaker: Dean Nelson Edmonds
with Tom Lo Guidice & Kathy Sutton*

***Peter and Susan Smith Welcome Center
Auditorium, University of Dubuque***
Corner of Grace and North Algona Street**



Captain Martin was an original member of the Tuskegee Airmen, a Black segregated aviator group in the US Army Air Corps. The man known as "Fox" grew up in Dubuque. Efforts are underway to have the unnamed Dubuque Regional Airport Terminal given the title, "The Captain Robert L. Martin Memorial Terminal," to reflect the values shared by the City of Dubuque and Captain Martin - freedom, duty to one's country, service to the community, and changing the cultural history once marked with racism. Come hear more about this important project and the impact it could have for our community

* JOIN VIA ZOOM: Meeting ID: 890-9614-0543, Passcode: 367081 **For parking & accessible entry use N. Algona St.

DACU ANNUAL MEETING



"Celebrating the Dubuque Food Pantry"

Theresa Caldwell, Executive Director of the DFP, was present with two of the DFP Board Members, Sr. Margaret Wick, OSF and Angela Petsche, **as special guests** to celebrate the long-awaited acquisition of a new property on White Street. This purchase will greatly increase space, allow for "Aldi type" tables for clients to pack groceries, parking, storage and more efficient operation of serving the food insecure in our area. Theresa exuberantly shared of the **HOPE** this brings for all connected to the DFP's outreach and noted her view of God's guidance over the last ten years she has been the ED at the Pantry. **Thanks, Theresa! We appreciate you!**



THANK YOU JEAN HOLDENER

The DACU Board recognized the outstanding service of outgoing President, Jean Holdener, who held DACU together over the pandemic years of 2020 & 2021. A gift from the current DACU Board was presented in her honor.

BOARD SECRETARY ELECTED; OFFICERS INSTALLED

Each year the DACU Board Officers are installed as part of the Annual meeting. Our 2022 DACU Officers are: **Morgan Frazer - President**; **Jean Holdener - Past President**; **Sr. Barbara Hubney, O.P. - Treasurer**; and **Tom LoGuidice - Secretary**. Tom is our most recent addition, being nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting. All officers were present for the installation as they pledged to work on behalf of our community for justice.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT & 2022 BUDGET APPROVED

Jean Holdener led the delegates present through a review of the 2021 Annual Report as committees shared about their outreach and support for the Dubuque community. Special note was made regarding the effects of COVID-19. The 2022 DACU Budget, which mainly supports the three projects: DFP, DRM, and PIN, was approved. A reminder was given that at the beginning of each calendar year, if any money beyond \$1500 is remaining in the DACU account; it is distributed to our three main projects.

DACU 2022 DELEGATE MEETINGS

* Zoom options will be available for each meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM
Caring for God's Creation
 Dubuque Area Green Coalition
 Presenter: Michael Knock
Immanuel UCC Church

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM
Brain Health
Hadley Chapel

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00pm
Food Insecurity in Dubuque
Location: TBA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9, 3:30-7PM
 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR
 CAPTAIN ROBERT L. MARTIN
DUBUQUE REGIONAL AIRPORT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7-9PM
 OPENING DOORS TRIVIA BOWL
DIAMOND JO CASINO

FEBRUARY 17, 7:00PM
 IITERFAITH GREEN COALITION
 SESSION W/MAYOR
 CAVANAUGH

EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:30-7:30PM
 TEEN NIGHTS AT THE
 MULTICULTURAL FAMILY
 CENTER - *FREE MEAL*

EVERY SATURDAY 9AM-12PM
 DUBUQUE WINTER FARMERS
 MARKET @ KENNEDY MALL

DACU Financial Report

	January '22	YTD	Budget '22
Income	\$425.80	\$725.80	\$8,375.00
Expenses	\$275.49	\$275.49	\$7,550.00



Ending Balance as of 1/31/2022: \$ 8,239.06

Help support DACU projects (pg. 3)
 by sending contributions to:

"Dubuque Area Congregations United"
 c/o DACU Treasurer
 P.O. Box 811
 Dubuque IA 52004

DACU BOARD UPDATE

The DACU Board met on **Wednesday, February 2nd** via Zoom.

- Using funds donated by delegates, faith communities, and other organizations, DACU was able to **distribute a financial gift of \$ 2,246.35 each to the Dubuque Food Pantry, Dubuque Rescue Mission, and People in Need.** Thank you for your generosity in supporting the essential aid of these organizations.
- Evaluation of the Annual meeting was completed as well as coordination and planning for the upcoming delegate meeting at the end of the month.
- We welcomed our new Secretary!** Tom Lo Guidice joined us for his first official board meeting and we are excited for his insightful addition to our work.
- As always, **The DACU Board is here to serve our community.** Feel free to connect with any of the members listed on the last page of the Newsletter anytime.

DACU PROJECT UPDATES

PEOPLE IN NEED



People in Need (P.I.N) exists to offer limited and emergency assistance to those facing exceptional circumstances through direct payments to clients' creditors, for rent, utilities, medical and other basic needs. As moratoriums on evictions are lifted and other support systems are relaxed, P.I.N expects requests for assistance to rise, and appreciates any contributions in their effort to care for others. P.I.N. operates through referrals from social service agencies, churches/congregations and DACU organizations. Potential clients *cannot* call directly.

Do you know of someone in need?

Call the P.I.N. assist number: (563) 581-7995

Please leave a message since this is only a recorded line.

Please send donations to: PIN, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001. The P.I.N Board of Directors, guided by P.I.N. President Tom Stovall, will be good stewards of all that you share with us!



DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

Greetings All,

It was good to see everyone who braved the weather at our Annual DACU meeting at the University of Dubuque.

We are continuing to prepare for our move to our new location at 1310 White St., the former location of Brannon Monument. This new location will give us two times the space that we presently have. It will be so nice to be able to do some of the things that we have been thinking of doing for some time.

We are still operating at the present location at 1598 Jackson St. Distribution of our Senior deliveries will increase when we move to the new location. We will also add hours to help working families.

If you know of family or neighbors who are in need of some groceries, please have them call us and we will get them in touch with an agency to get a referral. No one has to go without food in our community.

Blessings!

Theresa M. Caldwell, Executive Director
Dubuque Food Pantry



DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION

The Dubuque Rescue Mission continues to faithfully serve dozens of men every day, giving those facing housing insecurity a place to stay warm, clean, and fed (breakfast, lunch and supper is served). We have been housing men at our 398 Main Street building and St. John's Lutheran Church. We remain at a limited capacity to provide the highest level of health and safety for our staff and residents as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Hope House and our four Transitional Houses host men who are working full-time and live there. Not only that, but we continue to creatively work with the men to re-enter the workforce and engage with stable housing through other programs like the Bicycle Repair Shop, Mission Gardens, and our partnership with the New Hope Catholic Worker farm.

Most recently, we have embarked on a remodel of our bathroom facilities which will allow us to provide hygiene opportunities for our residents in a dignified manner. The remodeling has required us to shift some of the sleeping arrangements and hold our DRM Board meetings online; but the results will be worth the wait!

The DRM could not do what we do without your support. We do not receive any government funding, and rely completely on congregations and organizations in the community to serve our clients. We are always in need of good, lightly used furniture and household items such as laundry detergent, twin bed sheets, bath towels, and washcloths. Your prayers and volunteer support are essential as well.

Peace, Rick Mihm, Director



 **Sisters of St. Francis**
Dubuque, Iowa

MOVING TOWARD RACIAL EQUITY

Sponsored by the following ministries of the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa: Canticle of Creation Center, Shalom Spirituality Center, and Social Justice Coordinator

Moving Toward Racial Equity is a 4-part series that will strive to address the injustices of racism.

Monday evenings
February 7, 21 & March 14, 28
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. (CST) via ZOOM

Each session will last approximately 1 hour 15 minutes from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Moving Toward Racial Equity

The Sisters of St. Francis and their sponsored ministries invite you to join us as we address the injustices of racism with a 4-part Zoom series titled *Moving Toward Racial Equity*. Hear from local community leaders as they respond to racial inequities and offer ways to effect change in our homes, community, and nation.

The cost is \$20 per person and includes all four sessions (single sessions are not available for purchase).

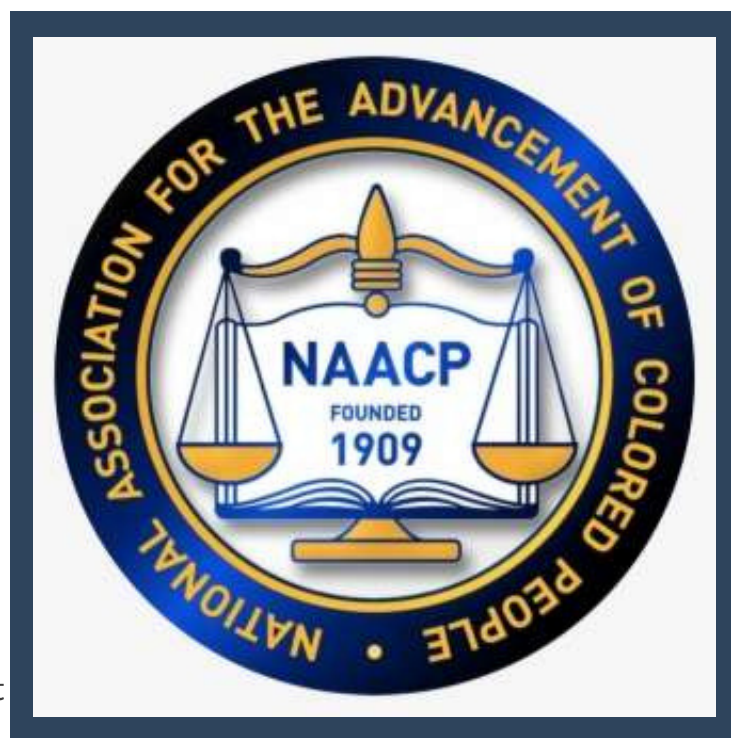
Click below to register online or call Shalom at 563.582.3592 by Friday, January 28, 2022.

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

in conjunction with NAACP and DACU

Join us for the FIRST meeting of the Dubuque Branch NAACP Religious Affairs Committee just prior to the DACU Delegate meeting on **Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 6-6:30 PM.**

The purpose of this committee is to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation between DACU and local NAACP advocates as we all work together for greater justice in Dubuque. If you have questions about joining this committee meeting, contact Sue Hattel, Tom Lo Guidice, or Kathy Sutton.



FRIENDS OF FAIR HOUSING

A sponsored *Advocacy Group* of the NAACP

GREAT NEWS! The City of Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department will open the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program on **Tuesday, Feb 8, from 12 a.m. until 11:59 p.m.** as regularly scheduled. Applications will be available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/housing. The **Housing Choice Voucher Program** provides rental assistance for income-eligible households. A link to the HUD income limits is available on the City's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/HCV. The City of Dubuque is an **equal opportunity housing provider**. For more information on housing assistance programs visit www.cityofdubuque.org/housing or call 563.589.4230. Please share this information with interested and potentially qualified persons.



ADVOCATE FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

TIP #1: REDUCE PAPER USAGE

Use less paper! Reuse scrap paper for other purposes. Print on both sides of the paper to reduce waste. Go paperless. Pay your bills online to save time and paper. Get e-tickets for movies and other events instead of paper tickets. File your taxes electronically. Take steps to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive. Use real plates, cups, napkins and towels instead of paper ones.

TIP #2: CAR MAINTENANCE

Make sure your car gets regular maintenance. This will reduce emissions, give you better gas mileage and save you money. Keep your tires inflated to the proper level. Low tire pressure causes more wear, lessened gas mileage, harms the environment and costs you money. Practice good driving habits, avoid jack rabbit starts and quick panic stops.



Green Team Tips

Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition



HEAR ABOUT DUBUQUE'S CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

Come hear an update on the City of Dubuque's progress on the city's climate change plan. Take this opportunity to ask questions and voice your concerns on climate change locally and globally. Please invite others and bring a guest!

WHEN: Thursday, February 17th, 2022 at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 2155 University Ave

WHAT: The Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition will be hosting Mayor Brad Cavanaugh in an interactive informational session

FACE MASKS are required at Westminster.

It's our 11th year of active conversation. Join us in person or watch us on Facebook.



Meet in person or
on our Facebook
page.

For your and
everyone's safety,
we encourage
getting the vaccine
and wearing a mask.



2021-2022 Children of Abraham

MISSION STATEMENT: Dubuque's Children of Abraham creates an atmosphere of civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation, and friendship. It does so through regular monthly topical conversations, service, activities, education outreach, and expressions of cross-cultural hospitality in sacred spaces.

FEBRUARY EVENT

February 17

7:00pm

"Marriage"

St. Luke's United
Methodist Church

Questions?

Email us!

John

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Alan

agarfield@dbq.edu



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 17: Tri-State Islamic Center; *Money & Interest*

April 21: Wartburg Seminary; *Being Human*

<http://www.cofabraham.org/>

February 5
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Natura Divina Wild Church: St. Brigid/Imbolc

Fire and song, ritual and community, prayer and quiet: these outdoor, ecumenical gatherings are centered on honoring sacred land and sacred time. In a time of planetary upheaval it is crucial to recover our elemental sense of connection and kinship with Creator and Creation. We are inspired by Celtic tradition and the Wild Church movement. We will meet inside the main entrance and proceed outdoors. Free will offering; no registration required.

February 11
7:00-8:00pm (via Zoom)

Native Americans in the Driftless: A 13,000 Year Story

Archeologists Danielle Benden and Ernie Boszhardt will present a 13,000 year history of Native Americans in the driftless area based on their own work in the region. They are co-owners of Driftless Pathways LLC and specialize in public archaeology and museum consulting. They have vast experience in Wisconsin archaeology with a focus on the unglaciated Driftless Area.

\$10 program fee
Register by February 7



www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter

(608) 748-4411

February 22
7:00 - 8:00 pm (via Zoom)

Standing (on) Her Ground: Meskwaki Women, Land, and Identity, 1820 – 1850

As white settlers colonized lands along the Mississippi from the lead mining region to the Des Moines rapids, Sauk and Meskwaki people struggled to maintain kin ties in the face of war, land cessions, forced removals, and the implications of a capitalist economy. This webinar will introduce the stories of several métis (mixed-race) Meskwaki women who lived in this region. Presented by Dr. Jane Simonsen, a Professor of History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Augustana College.

\$10/person
Register by February 21

February 23
6:00 - 8:00 pm (via Zoom)

The Tighter the Script, the Higher the Stakes

Has life ever challenged you to re-adjust your expectations? I know, obvious question. This offering then could be for you! We continually layer expectations upon our lives. How things must unfold according to OUR plans. "Man plans and God laughs" Yiddish Proverb. Our spiritual life is no exception. We are taught a plethora of ways (rules, commandments, paths, mandates, instructions) to assure righteousness and favor from on-high. Presented by Tom Roberts, a licensed psychotherapist and clinical hypnotherapist with more than 30 years experience.

\$10/person
Register by February 22

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER

For questions regarding programs or registrations, please **contact:** 563.582.3592 or
email: info@shalomretreats.org

FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY

Saturday, February 19, 9:30-11:00am

Facilitators: Sr. Meg Gemur and Angie Katrichis

Join us for some family fun as the Lenten season approaches. Families will create a Lenten family calendar to post in a prominent place in their home to help honor the season of Lent. With ideas for practicing the traditional pathways of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, families can take simple steps to a meaningful Lent.

Cost is \$15 per family which includes materials and light refreshments; register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592.

GPS: YOUR GUIDE TO PERSONAL STORMS

Saturday, February 26, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Facilitator: Dr. James Coyle

A Certified Grief Educator trained by world-renowned grief expert David Kessler, and author of GPS: Your Guide Through Personal Storms, Dr. James Coyle will be using tools and information that can assist those who are navigating difficult storms of life. Whether it is job loss, grief, or life transitions, walk with a caring community guided by Dr. Coyle as you learn to navigate and manage the stressors of life that bring on anxiety, worry, tension, pressure, strain, and trauma

\$50 per person, including lunch, GPS book, and workbook; please register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by February 18, 2022.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Thursday, March 3, 7:00-7:45 pm, Shalom Chapel

Facilitators: Jim Brimeyer, Carol Hemesath, OSF, and other area musicians

Held in our beautiful and historic chapel, this contemplative prayer time includes a Scripture reading, sung repetition of short refrains, shared silence, and intercessions. Taizé' prayer invites the participants to sing simple refrains repeatedly to reinforce the meditative quality of the prayer. This basic style can penetrate the marrow of our spirits and the silence of our hearts. Come and tune into the solitude of this holy place and praise of our God! Freewill offering, no registration necessary.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

2022 CONCERT SERIES

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- Jan 7 St. Luke's Artists: Sue Hattel, clarinet;
Ann Duchow, violin; Chuck Barland, organ
- Jan 14 Al Williams, lute; Sharon Jensen, piano
- Jan 21 JeeHae Ahn, piano
- Jan 28 Rebecca Christian, author
- Feb 4 Marcia Martin, bassoon; Chuck Barland, organ
- Feb 11 Marcus DeJesus, guitar
- Feb 18 Laura Southworth, soprano; Leslie Appleby, piano
- Feb 25 Clarke University String Trio
- Mar 4 Potosa Strings (Ann Duchow, director)
- Mar 11 Loras College Faculty:
Jeremiah Cawley, voice; Michael Bagby, piano
- Mar 18 University of Dubuque Choir (Kristen Eby, director)
- Mar 25 Upper Main Street Jazz/Swing Band (Ric Jones, dir)

FRIDAYS AT 12:05 P.M.

JANUARY 7 - MARCH 25, 2022

For health & safety, masks are **REQUIRED**
and there will be no luncheon afterwards.

FREE CONCERTS but donations accepted for
St. Luke's Jesus Fund & People In Need (P.I.N.)

1199 MAIN ST | STLUKESDBQ.ORG



The Presentation Lantern Center is a drop-in center offering hospitality, educational opportunities, and advocacy to immigrants as well as to others who are striving to improve their lives. The Center is sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, Iowa.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER TUTORS: We have students who are waiting for tutors! Please call us (563) 557-7134 or email info@thelanterncenter.org if you have current availability to pair with a student or to substitute.

WELCOMING OUR AFGHAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Currently, about 13,000 Afghans are living at Fort McCoy, about 125 miles north of Dubuque. To help local Afghan refugees who are starting a new life here in the U.S, you can:

- **Spend a week volunteering** at Fort McCoy. Apply at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/FortMcCoy>. Accommodations, training and meals will be provided, but you must travel there on your own.
- **Purchase needed items online** at: <https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance>
- Also, at <https://cmc-cr.org/An-Update-on-Afghanistan-Humanitarian-Parolees-and-the-Afghan-Parole-Assistance-APA-program> you can **find a link to a Google form where you can indicate interest** in helping Afghans come home to Eastern Iowa, including as a landlord, employer or English tutor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://thelanterncenter.org>



MANY FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY STRUGGLE TO PAY HIGH PREMIUMS FOR HEALTH AND DENTAL COVERAGE.

- **Hawki insurance provides health and dental coverage for children up to the age of 18** who do not financially qualify for Medicaid, but may meet other income guidelines.
- Guidelines are based on household size and income, and many working families may qualify. ***For example, a family of 4 can make up to \$80,030/year and qualify for Hawki coverage.***
- Cristee' Miner is the new Hawki Outreach Coordinator for the VNA and is ready to assist with questions or the application process.
- **Hawki premiums continue to be waived**, and disenrollments are no longer in effect while the public health emergency is in place.

**PLEASE refer families needing assistance to the VNA
at 563-556-6200
or email cristee.miner@unitypoint.org**



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LIKE us on FACEBOOK!



Interested in becoming a DACU Member? Membership in DACU is open to all who share DACU's mission. *Contact DACU President Morgan Frazer*

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Does your organization or congregation have items you would like to include in the DACU Newsletter?

We are happy to share any information that is in keeping with our DACU mission statement!

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