



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Saturday, March 1, 2008, at 10 a.m.
at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE

CHANCELLOR MICHELLE RHEE, DCPS - MARCH SPEAKER



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Chancellor Michelle Rhee was appointed by Mayor Adrian Fenty June 12, 2007. She leads D.C. Public Schools, a district numbering 50,000 students and 144 schools. In the Mayor's search for a change agent for schools in the District, experts in education recommended Ms. Rhee, who had already transformed many urban public school systems through her work with The New Teacher Project (TNTP). Results drive the Chancellor every day. Whether she is developing effective measurements to track student achievement and teacher quality; talking with principals and teachers in one-on-one meetings; developing new measures to hold herself and staff accountable for their roles in student achievement; traveling throughout the community to engage parents and other stakeholders in our schools; establishing partnerships with neighborhood organizations; meeting with business leaders as she transforms a broken organizational structure into one that works for students and families; or ensuring that needed repairs are completed to create physical learning environments serve students, Chancellor Rhee's vision rests on results.

She had these results in mind when she founded The New Teacher Project (TNTP) in 1997, and it is now a nationally recognized leader in understanding and developing innovative solutions to the challenges of new teacher hiring. As Chief Executive Officer and President, she partnered with school districts, state education agencies, non-profit organizations, and unions, to transform the way schools and other organizations recruit, select, and train highly qualified teachers in difficult-to-staff schools. Her work implemented widespread reform in teacher hiring, improving teacher hiring in Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Miami, New York, Oakland, and Philadelphia. Thanks to TNTP, 23,000 new, high-quality teachers were placed in these schools across the country.

Chancellor Rhee currently serves on the Advisory Boards for the National Council on Teacher Quality; the National Center for Alternative Certification; Project REACH of the University of Phoenix's School of Education. She is an Ex-Officio Member of the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees. Chancellor Rhee's expertise on education is also informed by a Bachelor's degree in Government from Cornell University, and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Comments

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com

HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

- Kimberly Morton
- Dr. S.L. Strange



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

First I would like to thank my community for all the support you have shown me during this difficult time. Losing my mother has affected me deeply, I was blessed to have her as long as I did but the loss is profound. But I'm working through it, and knowing I have the support of my friends and neighbors, really helps.

Our calls to those HCCA members who were removed from the rolls in January has resulted in about 25 renewing. We have also been able to clear our records of those who have moved or otherwise no longer at the address we have on file. We have rescheduled the Board Retreat for Saturday, March 29th. Again, I am requesting if you have an issues you would like to see on the Retreat agenda, please contact me at klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com.

We in Hillcrest have the unique opportunity to talk to our council members every month after the regular HCCA meeting. Council Chair Vincent Gray, Ward 7 Council Member Yvette Alexander and Council Member Kwami Brown, hold a Council Member Roundtable at 12:00 noon on the first Saturday of every month after the general membership meeting. Please take advantage of this opportunity to obtain information about legislation and issues being presented in the City Council and learn how these decisions shape our quality of life.

Karen Lee Williams
President, HCCA

PALISADES - HILLCREST BAND **Dear Hillcrest Musicians, Happy New Year!**



Congratulations on our ten years of partnership. Our communities have gotten together to do lots of music and art events already under the auspices of "Neighbors Through ART". It's a great tradition, and I am contacting you now to make available another way of partnering.

We have started a Palisades Community Band and will begin performing in 2008. We would like to make this a Palisades-Hillcrest

Community Band. We will be a loose knit group of musicians living in Palisades and Hillcrest who will gather periodically to rehearse and perform for free at community events. The band will perform jazz, blues, folk, soft rock, Latin, reggae, mardi gras, and seasonal music. We will create a song book ranging from simple traditional songs to jazz real book charts. We may wear costumes and march from time to time. Please join us on drums, bass, guitar, keyboard, horns, strings, vocals, or kazoos. Some chord and melody reading ability will be necessary but musicians of all ages and intermediate and above ability are welcome. Rehearsals will be here in the Palisades neighborhood about once a month for 2 hours.

We have been invited to perform at the spring opening of the Palisades Recreation Center, sometime in April, at the Farmer's Market Opening in May, and at the 4th of July Parade and picnic.

Here are some songs (style and key) we have been practicing: Blue Bossa (Bossa Nova Cm); All of Me (jazz C); Satin Doll (jazz C); Early in the Morning (blues G); God Bless the Child (R&B Ballad Eb); Brother John (mardi gras G); Summertime (swing Blues GM); One (Rock G); When the Saints Come Marching In (march F); and Route 66 (blues F).

I will have charts (lead sheet music) copied for everyone for our rehearsal. Charts will all be for C instruments so you may need to transpose for your sax, trumpet, trombones, etc.

Danny Meyer, Palisades
dannyindc@mac.com

Recycling 101

Clip & Save: *Spring Cleaning?*

Easy Ways for Hillcrest Residents to Recycle Electronics

Rather than tossing away old computers and electronics as trash – actions that waste potentially useful metals and parts, and choke and poison landfills -- why not be kind to the environment, and perhaps find new uses for valued materials, with just a little extra time and effort? Here are some recycling resources to tack to your bulletin board:

- ◆ First Time Computers, a D.C.-based nonprofit group, repairs donated computers for giveaway to students from low-income families, and groups. Picks up within the Beltway. 202-722-2822. <http://www.firsttimecomputers.org>.
- ◆ Computer Donation Management Inc., Baltimore, Md., recycles and refurbishes old computers and other electronics. 410-525-1400. <http://www.cdm4recycle.com>.
- ◆ District of Columbia City Recycling Program, ask for recycling info at 202-727-1000. www.recycle.dpw.dc.gov.
- ◆ Earth911.org, 1-800-CLEANUP, an Arizona company with a free, searchable directory of public and private drop-off recycling sites here and nationwide, sorted by zip code and any of 250 items to be recycled. www.earth911.org.
- ◆ Dell, Apple and Sony maintain their own take-back programs for computers and televisions. They recycle some used electronics for free. Check with their customer service numbers, or consult information on take-back programs at www.computertakeback.com.
- ◆ Cartridges for Kids, 1-800-420-0236, a CO-based recycling outfit that *pays* schools and nonprofit groups for recycled ink cartridges, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, and iPods.
- ◆ Locate other organizations that accept donations of used computers: <http://www.techsoup.org/mar>, or <http://www.mygreenelectronics.org>.

Contributed by Alexis Simendinger

Sources: *Washington Post*, *Washington Times* articles 2007, 2008

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NEW TREES FOR THE HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER

On Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. members of the "Friends of Hillcrest Recreation Center" will plant 12 new trees donated by Casey Trees' of Washington at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Phillip or Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3059 or via email at mphammond@msn.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our newsletter editor Michelle Phipps-Evans and her husband Antonio on the birth of their daughter Dakota on February 13, 2008. **Welcome to Hillcrest Dakota!**



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MARCH

1	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
3	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
12	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
19	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
20	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

Scout meeting every Saturday morning 9:30 a.m. - Cub Scouts;
11:00 a.m. - Boy Scouts - St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2008? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2008, please send your payment now!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP : _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

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