

TEAMING UP FOR
PEACE



In the wake of recent tragedies, both at home and away, the Trail Blazers are reflecting on words from Martin Luther King Jr.:

"It is no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence."

May 2013 be the year we all work toward and find peace together.


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CELEBRATION EVENTS

Sisters of the Road
March for the Dream

In celebration of the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Sisters Of The Road will host the 20th MLK Day March for the Dream, Saturday, Jan. 19. This annual event celebrates Dr. King’s work to achieve economic justice for all, as well as the rights guaranteed to all people by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Sisters Of The Road has partnered with VOZ Workers’ Rights Education Project, along with other community leaders, for this year’s MLK Day celebration.

The day will kick off at 10 am with a rally at the VOZ Worker Center (NE MLK and Everett). On this (likely) chilly day, community members will be welcomed and warmed with coffee, hot cocoa and pastries. At 11 am the march begins, heading over the Burnside Bridge.

Once on the west-side, the march will stop at the Right 2 Dream Too rest area to learn about this group’s work for “the right to rest, the right to sleep, and the right 2 dream too.” From there, the march continues to its final stop at Sisters Of The Road.

From 12-2pm, a reception in the Cafe at Sisters Of The Road will feature musician and housing activist Mic Crenshaw as Keynote Speaker. Live music, speeches by community leaders, and delicious home-

made soup and snacks as well as coffee, tea, and cocoa are also all on tap.

More information can be found on Sisters Of The Road’s website at <http://sistersoftheroad.org/> and on the Facebook event page here.

The 7th Annual Drum Major “Living the Dream” Ecumenical Service

The Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church holds its annual King service Sunday, Jan. 20, at p.m. at the church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

Performances are expected by the Pacific Northwest Youth Choir, Northwest Gospel Choir, & McMinnville High School Choir

Local faith leaders and public officials will be speaking and praying, including keynote speaker Rabbi-Emeritus Manny Rose of Temple Beth Israel Congregation

Drum Major Award Winners include Linda Hornbuckle, Kris Perrson (20+ principal of Helensview High School), SEI, Luis Palau International Ministries, Young Audiences (advocates for youth and the arts), and Candlelighters (support to youth with cancer)

Refreshments following the service.

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Sign *The Skanner News* petition to President Obama, “A Marshall Plan for Black America,” at the “We the People...” website: <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov>



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is
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We salute Dr. King
and his leadership in furthering Civil Rights.



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more. However, without investment into the least of us, we will deteriorate our tax base as we simultaneously overwhelm expenditures. We will not generate the leaders of our institutions – our corporations, our universities – that these times demand. We will no longer garner the large majority of Nobel laureates, and lead the world in research. We will no longer generate the new, cutting edge businesses that come to dominate the planet – the Apples, the Googles, of the world. Nor will we have the savings or the investment in the form of social security and Medicare taxes to support the next generation of retirees.

It is no longer a matter of simple justice, or of decency. It is not work that needs to be done. It is simply the work, our work, as a nation. And, because the ROI is long, the time to invest is now. With investment, we can form that more perfect union. Without it, there will be no union.

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