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# News From The Coalition, Inc.

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# **Greetings Coalition Family!**

Welcome to third installment acknowledging African Heritage Month 2012.

We are not immigrants; we did not seek entry into this country bringing the flavor and culture of our homeland with us to contribute to the 'melting pot'. We are descendents of those kidnapped and forced to assimilate into this society, and prohibited to retain any of our original culture. So when you ask "Why don't Blacks stick together like other immigrants?" The answer: is 400 years of slavery successfully eradicated the glue of commonality that all other immigrants brought with them to this land and maintained as a culture. Ed.

"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." – George Santayana

# FOR OUR CHILDREN

"It is easier to build children than it is to repair men."...Frederick Douglass

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# **Cap4Kids Hint of the Week**

Did you know that Cap4Kids at www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia was developed with mobile devices in mind? Need to find a local rec center? Emergency food resources? College scholarship info? Save the Cap4Kids website to your home page on your iPhone, Android, Blackberry and viola, easy access. Want timely texts? There are several texting programs listed on Cap4Kids including: text4baby (http://www.text4baby.org/); texts for closest family planning clinics (http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\_handouts/teen\_resources.h tml); and timely texts for smoking cessation (http://www.determinedtoquit.com/). Check it out. Save it to your home page, and surf away. ----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' web link on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

KidzPartners is interested in working with organizations and community organizers concerning upcoming community events around health topics that you may be planning.

Great opportunity to make available to families who have children who are uninsured our CHIP insurance line know as KidzPartners. Please take a few minutes to review our web site and look at the community events that we have been involved in. Website address is

www.kidzpartners.com.

We would very much be interested in setting up informational tables as well as the possibility of conducting a presentation.

Some general benefits offered through our chip plan include, sick and well care visits, hospitalization, and prescriptions. In addition to these benefits we are very committed to trying to assist some 50,000 children locally with no health coverage. Working with our weight watchers and fitness programs which are benefits for our KidzPartners members, our children will begin to eliminate the childhood obesity problems we are all encountering at this time.

Please feel free to respond to www.kidzpartners.com for more

information or Write to us at: For general inquiries: Kidz Partners 901 Market Street, Suite 500 Philadelphia, PA 19107

No one boasts of what belongs to another. African Proverb

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Email: <u>tmoore@healthpart.com</u> If you are requesting information, be sure to include your name, address and/or phone number in your email message.

> Visit our Community Outreach Office: 1829 E. Allegheny Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19134 (Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm) Local: 215-426-4372

Arlene Stewart-Mingo Community Education Program Developer Health Partners 901 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-991-4284 - Phone 215-967-4470 - Fax astewart@healthpart.com e-mail

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# THIS WEEK

#### **FREE FOOD FRIDAY**

6 pm to 11 pm This Friday Live Entertainment 7165 Lounge 7165 Germantown Ave. Philly, PA 19119 Gaille Hunter - singer Susan Evans - comic Paul Gains - poet No Cover - Open Buffet - FREE FOOD FRIDAY Tap Beer \$3 Grey Goose - \$4 ----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' web link on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

#### **The Village of Champions**

is holding their first fundraiser to support the youth sports program for disadvantaged youth. Tickets are just \$5.00 which includes the price of admission and skates at JAMZ SKATING RING ON PRESIDENTS DAY FEB 20, 2012. We would appreciate it as a member of the coalition that you spread and

or send these flyers to our affiliates.

Elijah McCoy (1844-1929) The son of escaped slaves from Kentucky, McCoy was born in Canada and educated in Scotland. Settling in Detroit, Michigan, he invented a lubricator for steam engines (patented 1872) and established his own manufacturing company. During his lifetime he acquired 57 patents.

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# **Community Improvement/Leadership Development Workshops**

## **Group Decision Making**

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 – 6 pm – 8:30 pm,-Managing your organization for effective outcomes This intense workshop will increase the participant's ability to manage and facilitate group meetings where decisions have to be made. Attendees will learn several techniques for getting groups to think and come up with effective solutions. The workshop is facilitated by veteran facilitator Ken Houston. Mr. Houston is a professional trainer and consultant.

# How to run an effective Community Meeting.

Thursday, February 23, 2012, 6-8:30 pm Provides facilitators with basic techniques for running an effective meeting that leads to outcomes. Highlights include: • How to create an effective Agenda • Icebreakers that set the tone of the meeting • The importance of Minutes • Facilitation techniques

• Handling distractions

 How to handle difficult and angry people in your meetings.
 This workshop is facilitated by Michael Rice. Mr. Rice is an expert facilitator with over 10 years experience in training individuals to run effective community meetings and get productive results.
 To register online for the Community Improvement/Leadership Development

series go to \_www.theconnectornework.com/urbanleadership\_ (http://clicks.fanbridge.com/l.php?cid=818469&sid=66948431&url=http: //www.theconnectornework.com/urbanleadership) or call 267-303-0653 or 215-387-2734

# **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORUNITIES**

**Regional Career Fairs/Events** 

Philadelphia Job Fair Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 11AM - 2PM

Five Points District, NY -Known today as Wall Street, but from the 1830s to the 1860s, this area was the site of Manhattan's <u>first free black settlement</u>. Located on the fivecornered intersection of what were then Anthony, Cross, Orange and Little Water streets. Many blacks fled the area to escape the draft riots of 1863.

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Professional Job Fair Monday, March 12, 2012, 10AM - 2PM Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia 237 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 <u>http://www.diversityjobfairs.com</u>

> King of Prussia Career Fair Monday, March 19, 2012, 11AM - 2PM Crowne Plaza Hotel Valley Forge 260 Mall Boulevard King of Prussia, PA 19406 <u>http://www.nationalcareerfairs.com</u>

Healthcare Job Fair Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 9:30AM - 2:30PM Classes 8AM - 3:30PM Expo Center at Oaks 100 Station Avenue Oaks, PA 19456 http://events.advanceweb.com

Philadelphia Career Fair Monday, April 23, 2012, 11AM - 2PM Crowne Plaza 4100 Presidential Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19131 <u>http://www.nationalcareerfairs.com</u>

# HEALTH MATTERS

#### **Energy Drinks And Alcohol: A Dangerous Combo**

BlackDoctor.org) -- According to new research mixing energy drinks with alcohol is a dangerous combination. A new study, involving more than 4,000 students, has found that drinking cocktails of alcohol and energy drinks doubles the risk of clubbers getting hurt or being taken advantage of sexually.

Nat Turner's Revolt--August, 1831--Nat Turner's rebellion was the most successful of all slave revolts. Turner, a slave preacher, inspired fellow slaves with his apocalyptic visions of white and black angels fighting in heaven. He gathered up his seven original followers and, without the organization or planning of Prosser and Vesev. launched his rebellion by entering his owner's home and killing the entire family, save for a small infant. They moved from one farm to the next, killing all slave-owning whites they found. As they progressed through Southampton county, other slaves joined in the rebellion. The next day, Turner and his eighty followers were intercepted by the state militia. In the confrontation that followed, Turner escaped and remained free for nearly two months. In those two months though, the militia and white vigilantes instituted a reign of terror over slaves in the region. Hundreds of blacks were killed. White Virginians panicked over fears of a larger slave revolt and soon instituted more restrictive laws regulating slave life. Turner was eventually captured and hung.

Energy drinks such as Red Bull, Irn-Bru 32 and Lucozade, often contain high levels of caffeine and other ingredients, and mixing them with alcohol has become a popular way of boosting energy levels in order to keep dancing all night.

The researchers at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Centre in the United States, questioned 4,271 college students about their drinking habits and the consequences.

It was found that of those who had drunk alcohol in the previous 30 days, a quarter (24 per cent) said they had consumed energy cocktails; when their behavior was compared with students who did not mix alcohol and energy drinks, the group were twice as likely to be hurt or injured after drinking, twice as likely to need medical attention and twice as likely to travel with a drunken driver.

This group also faced double the risk of either taking sexual advantage of someone else, or being taken advantage of themselves.

The cocktails also seemed to affect the amount they drank as in a typical drinking session, those on mixed drinks drank up to 36 per cent more than the other students and also reported twice as many episodes of weekly drunkenness.

Dr Mary Claire O'Brien, lead researcher for the study, says they knew anecdotally that college students mix energy drinks and alcohol in order to drink more, and to drink longer.

But Dr O'Brien says they were surprised that the risk of serious and potentially deadly consequences is so much higher for those who mix energy drinks with alcohol.

According to Dr O'Brien mixing caffeine (a stimulant) with alcohol (a depressant) equates to "getting into a car and stepping on the gas pedal and the brake at the same time".

She says students whose motor skills, visual reaction times, and judgment are impaired by alcohol may not perceive that they are intoxicated as readily when they're also ingesting a stimulant, as while the symptoms of drunkenness are reduced the drunkenness is not.

Dr O'Brien says some energy drinks contain as much as 300 milligrams of caffeine and has called for students to be informed of the risks of mixing alcohol with energy drinks.

Founded in 1836, New Philadelphia was among the first towns registered by an African American prior to the Civil War. Frank McWhorter, a former Kentucky slave, pulled together money from work and his own enterprises to purchase freedom for himself and his family and buy 42 acres in southwest Illinois. Before the Civil War. his town was a safe haven for the Underground Railroad.

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<u>the.pa.coalition@gmail.co</u> <u>m</u> Experts say there is currently very little information on the consequences of mixing alcohol with energy drinks and young people, need clear guidance on what impact different levels of drinking can have.

Energy drinks often contain a mixture of ingredients, such as caffeine, vitamins and herbs and products such as guarana, ginseng and ginkgo biloba; many also have high levels of sugar to help boost energy levels.

But caffeine remains the main energy-boosting ingredient, with an average energy-drink containing about the same amount as a small cup of coffee; about 65 per cent of energy-drink users are under the age of 35.

There has been criticism over the potential health effects of drinking large amounts of caffeine and France has banned the sale of the popular Red Bull brand following the death of an 18-year-old who played basketball shortly after consuming several cans of the drink; an inquest ruled that he died from Sudden Adult Death Syndrome.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) limits caffeine to 65 milligrams per serving of a food or beverage but as energy drinks are currently not regulated by the FDA, they can contain as much as 300 milligrams of caffeine in a single serving.

Dr O'Brien was speaking at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Washington DC.

By Candace Hall, BDO Staff Writer ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

# **GREEN PIECE**

# **5** Green Habits That Matter More Than Recycling

by Matthew McDermott, Planet Green

So, like every person trying to do their part to reduce their personal carbon emissions and make the most of the natural resources we all consume you recycle right? If you're an average Planet Green reader you probably do a bit more than the average US citizen who recycles about one third of the waste they produce, preventing about 1600 pounds of carbon being released into the atmosphere. That's a good thing, but do you want to do even more? Here are five things you can do which reduce your emissions as much or more than recycling:

Edward Alexander Bouchet (1852 – 1918) -Born in New Haven, Connecticut, Bouchet was the first African American to graduate (1874) from Yale College. In 1876, upon receiving his Ph.D. in physics from Yale, he became the first African American to earn a doctorate. Bouchet spent his career teaching college chemistry and physics.

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#### **Drink Less Bottled Water = 2.6 Tons CO2**

You've probably heard it dozens of times, you really should be <u>avoiding</u> <u>bottled water</u>. It uses figurative tons of resources to bottle and ship to you, and much of the time (at least in the developed world) is no more pure than the water coming out of your tap. Even if you regularly drink tap water there's probably some time when you've forgotten your water bottle, or the tap water isn't exactly palatable, whatever. So you reluctantly buy a bottle of water. But oh how fast those emissions add up! Even if you only do this once per month, over the year you've just emitted 2.6 tons of CO2 into the atmosphere. Twice as much as you've saved by recycling. So, really make the effort and reduce your bottled water consumption.

# Skip One Mid-Range Flight = 1 Ton CO2

I know that if you live in the United States your long range public transportation options aren't as diverse or convenient as some other places in the world, but in terms of reducing your personal carbon emissions reducing the amount you fly adds up quickly. Simply skipping one <u>mid-range flight</u> (say from New York City to St. Louis, Missouri) reduces your emissions as much as one full year of recycling, by about 1970 pounds per flight on that route. If you travel frequently for work, investigate other options such as video conferencing, and if you have family that live halfway across the country try to combine smaller trips into one longer one or simply go less frequently. You're serious about reducing your emissions, right?

## Go Vegetarian (or Vegan) = 1 to 2 Tons CO2

I know I say it all the time, but cutting meat out of your diet has a large impact on your lifestyle carbon emissions. And can lower your food bill by 20% to boot! The emissions and resources needed to raise animals for food are so much higher than for raising vegetables that by eating a <u>lactoovo vegetarian diet</u> you can save about one ton of carbon emissions each year compared to your carnivorous friends. Cut out eggs and cheese and save two tons per year.

# Wash Your Clothes in Cold Water & Air Dry Them = 1 Ton CO2

Another perennial favorite suggestion on Planet Green that really works: <u>Wash in cold water</u> and air dry. There are plenty of detergents now that work as well in cold water as they do in hot, and even in the middle of winter shirts dry in a couple of hours on an indoor drying rack (or in the

NYC Military Draft riots -On July 11, 1863, the first names of the new military draft were drawn without incident. Two days later, the response was quite different. German and Irish immigrants banded together and began to march in a protest that turned violent. Draft buildings were burned, the rolls of names destroyed, and institutions and persons associated with enforcement of the conscription law were targeted. Anger against the draft law transformed into bloody and violent confrontations between the city's clashing classes. **Blacks** in particular received the brunt of the violence. The Irish were viewed as the perpetrators of most of the death and destruction. The riots came to an end when the draft was suspended and military forces were brought in to control the mobs. The draft riots of 1863 were the largest civil insurrection in U.S. history, with the exception of the Civil War itself.

If you have a favorite relevant quote, why not share it with our readers. send to TheCoalitionNews @gmail.com We will credit you with the submission. case of my shirts, as I write this, on my shower curtain rod). How much will you save by a very slight tweak in your laundering routine? You guessed it: As much as recycling your paper, plastic and metal for an entire year.

Sign Up For Green Power = 7 Tons CO2 Again, I've said this before but here's the one thing that is probably the quickest and most effective thing you can do to reduce your carbon emissions: Enroll in a green power program with your utility. While the exact electricity mix varies from state to state, based on the average mix in the United States, by choosing green power from your utility you can reduce you carbon emission by some 7 tons per year. And at the same time send a message to your utility that they better start investing in some more wind farms, because more and more people are committed to greening the national power supply. Yes, a few minutes and one phone call can reduce your personal carbon emissions seven times as much as recycling.

Source: http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/home/green-habits-importantrecycling.htm

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Recycling Services Inc. in Pottstown takes styrofoam on Saturday and Tuesday mornings. <u>http://www.recyclingservices.org/</u>

For sustainable enterprise go to Green Jobs Philly http://www.greenjobsphilly.org/news

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#### **Get Fresh!**

Volunteer with Philabundance Fresh for All You recycle out the wazoo and consider yourself consigliore of the enviro-sack mafia. Hence, a cause you can believe in: Philabundance wants to fill those ubiquitous bags with produce through its new Fresh for All programs. And you can help by volunteering. The nonprofit hands out perishables at six sites in the Delaware Valley — where nutritious diet staples are hard to come by, especially in tough times. With a minimum three-hour commitment, you'll keep busy. Help with admin, approve clients, or do community outreach (posting mailings, making phone calls). Looking for something physical? Take food to sites, divide apples, and dole out the goods. You'll be doing a major part to help people get the fruits and veggies they need. Hereeeeeeeeees... Kathy's Korner!

A couple arrived at Town Hall just minutes before closing time. They caught a judge just as he was about to leave andasked him to marry them. He asked, "Do you have a license?" They didn't, so the judge sent them to the Town Clerk to get one. They caught the Town Clerk just as he was locking up and got the license from him. When they got back to the judge, he said, "There's something wrong with this form." Turns out, the clerk had filled the names in backwards – his where hers belonged and vice versa. They rushed back to the clerk's office, caught him again and got a revised license. This time, the judge noticed that the clerk had filled in the wrong date. Again they caught the clerk. But the judge found something else wrong and sent them back again. After five reissued licenses, the judge was finally satisfied. "I hope you understand why I made you keep going back. If there were irregularities in the license, your marriage wouldn't be legal. And you know ... any children you might have would be considered illegitimate." "That's funny," replied the groom, "that's just what the Town Clerk said he

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

considers you."

And that's a green movement to be proud of. To participate in Fresh for All, contact Tunisia Garnett (215-339-0900 ext. 238 or <u>tgarnett@philabundance.org</u>). For more information, go to <u>www.philabundance.org</u>

# **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION**

Grants for Women

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# **SpotLight On Our Efforts**

Youth Engagement Conference Introduction

The new endangered species is today's Urban Youth. According to research, between the ages of 13 to 24 Philadelphia youth are most at risk of being killed by violence. School officials report that business professionals are researching the test scores of our elementary school students to determine how many prisons to build in the future. Latino and African American youth have 50 percent chance of graduating from high school. The prognosis for dropouts is prison, drugs and unemployment. The most rapidly growing youth incarceration rate is among females.

What is now Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, N.Y., Weeksville was the second-largest community for free blacks prior to the Civil War. James Weeks, a freed slave, purchased a significant amount of land from Henry C. Thompson, another freed slave. Weeks sold property to new residents, who eventually named the community after him. It thrived over the years, becoming home to both Southern blacks fleeing slavery and Northern blacks escaping the racial violence and draft riots in New York and other cities.

If you have a favorite relevant quote, why not share it with our readers. send to TheCoalitionNews @gmail.com We will credit you with the submission. The occurrence of flash mobs in Philadelphia have become more frequent (three in the past 12 months) and more and more violent. Our youth have been categorized as those "likely to kill or be killed." The time is now to act and engage our youth. The 2012 Youth Engagement Conference is a vital initiative needed to change the tide of negative behaviors and outcomes.

#### Summary

The 2012 Youth Engagement Conference is a youth focused initiative develop to provide a vehicle for youth to plan, develop and implement a strategic plan to address youth development, youth issues and youth initiatives. Youth are identified from the Equal Partners In Change (EPIC) EPIC Community Stakeholder group (Junior Stakeholders), Support Community Outreach Program (SCOP) and the Girl Track Mentoring program and other youth groups and organizations to participate in the planning and implementation. Funding and resources will be provided by the Department of Human

Services and its community partners and sponsors. To facilitate a process that allows youth to develop, coordinate and implement an initiative focusing on youth interests, concerns, needs, issues and solutions.

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# NU-JUICE FOUNDATION JOINS 'PHILLY FOOTBALL ROCKS' FUN-RAISING PROGRAM

Looking to help Philadelphia schools and non-profits raise significant dollars to support programs.

PHILADELPHIA (September 24, 2011) – The Philadelphia Soul have partnered with the NU-JUICE Foundation to help Philadelphia schools and non-profits raise hundreds of thousands of dollars and make a significant impact supporting much needed programs, advancing education curriculums and enhancing key initiatives.

Nu-Juice is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that provides educational consulting and program development services to federal, state and local government entities as well as to community based organizations and non-profits. Through years of proven effectiveness and ongoing empirical learning, Nu-

Juice provides institutions and organizations with the most relevant and effective strategies, services and programs to make a measurable impact

#### and tangible outcomes for youth.

John Mercer Langston was the first black man to become a lawyer in Ohio when he passed the Bar in 1854. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. John Mercer Langston was also the great-uncle of Langston Hughes, famed poet of the Harlem Renaissance.

If your group or organization is planning an event, send us notice in document format, and we will share it with our readers. Send your information to: <u>News From The</u> <u>Coalition, Inc.</u>

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"Schools and non-profits are struggling to find ways to raise money in this tough economic climate," said Eric Ward, founder of the Nu-Juice Foundation. "This program is exactly what organizations that we work with need right now. This program is the perfect fit for our organization's mission. I am excited to work with the Soul and help them change the lives of Philadelphia youths."

Organizations that sign up for the program will receive: up to 55 percent of the revenue generated from ticket sales to Soul games, an autographed Fender electric guitar signed by Kamal Gray, Jimmy Rollins, Vince Papale, James Van Riemsdyk or Michael Vick (depending on the program selected); an autographed over-sized print from 1980 Super Bowl of Ron Jaworski; an autographed football and jersey signed by Jaworski and a Soul player or coach. A limited number of packages are available.

With a goal of 300 partners signed up before the start of the season and each organization expecting to raise \$5,000 on average, this equates to \$1.5 million in "FUN-RAISING" Revenue in total to be earned from this initiative for organizations spanning all throughout the Delaware Valley, Lehigh Valley and beyond.

The Nu-Juice Foundation is currently looking for more partners to join in the mission. "To purchase individual tickets to support your local school, or to purchase bulk tickets to sponsor your local school, please call the Nu-Juice foundation and speak with Jasmin Reid at 215-523-9310. A portion of all sales go directly to the participating school of your choice."

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# **ARTS FOR AWARENESS**

I see little of more importance to the future of our country and of civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him. Pauline Kael

**The Underground Poetry Café "Live" in Philadelphia** 3500 Baring Street

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams (1856-1931) - Williams was born in Pennsylvania and attended medical school in Chicago, where he received his M.D. in 1883. He founded the Provident Hospital in Chicago in 1891, and he performed the first successful open heart surgery in 1893. (inside Theater) Philadelphia, PA 19104 Tickets: \$10 Purchase tickets at: Music Box Records at 2713 Girard Ave or <u>www.gwenylove.eventbrite.com</u> Purchase tickets in advance and you will sit in the priority reserved seating area. Call (215) 387-1696 or text 267-816-7165 for more info! ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

#### Jus' Words at Dowlings Place

1310 No. Broad St. Phila Every Thurs. 9pm to 1am

- Poets
  - Rappers
  - Singers
  - Spoken Word Artists
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# COMING UP

# Community Improvement/Leadership Development Workshops Present

**Group Decision Making-** How to move your organization from talk to action. Another in the series of workshops presented by Ken Houston Tuesday Feb. 21 2012 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the School District Building 440 No. Broad St. Phila.

To register or for more information call 215.387.2734 or 267.303.0653

Running a Community Meeting – How to organize and facilitate a meeting that gets results. Presented by Michael Rice Thursday Feb. 23 2012 6:00pm – 8:30pm at the School District Building 440 No. Broad St. Phila. To register or for more information call 215.387.2734 or 267.303.0653

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Harriet Tubman, working through the underground railroad, rescued more than 300 slaves from the South. She later became a spy and a nurse for the Union Army.

# **Continuation of Black History Month**

Saturday, March 3, 2012 9:30 am -2:00 pm **Heston** 

> 5402 Lancaster Ave Philadelphia, PA 19131

On March, 3, 2012 the West Mill Creek Association will be hosting a "Continuation of Black History Month", celebration. The purpose for this event is to educate our community and bring awareness on the issues that many of our homeless, abused women and children have to face on a day to day basis. Our mission is to inform everyone about programs that are available to help everyone, no matter your situation. There will be entertainment, contests, arts and crafts, and vending opportunities for new and experienced entrepreneurs. If we do not have one another for support then we have no one. Come out and enjoy the company of neighbors in our community and make new friends. This event will be from 9am to 2pm. I hope to see you and let's start this New Year off with the right attitude. Some of the proceeds will help to benefit organizations within the community.

For more information contact 267-278-1142. ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

# Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Discover the life and art of pioneering African-American artist Henry O. Tanner

Explore more than 100 works from pioneering African-American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner during a new exhibition at the Pennsylvania

Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA) beginning April 15, 2012. *Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit* includes 12 paintings never before shown in a Tanner retrospective, his two only known sculptures and his career-making *Resurrection of Lazarus* from the collection of the Musée d'Orsay – which has never crossed the Atlantic.

The exhibition also delves into the life and career of Henry O. Tanner from his upbringing in Philadelphia in the years after the Civil War through the artist's training at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts from 1879 – 1885.

Discover how Tanner experimented with materials and methods used in various paintings, photographs, prints, sculptures, watercolors, and drawings.

Visitors can purchase the most complete scholarly publication on Henry

John Brown helped finance the publication of David Walker's Appeal and Henry Highland's "Call to Rebellion'' speech. He gave land to fugitive slaves. He also participated in the **Underground Railroad** and, in 1851, helped establish the League of Gileadites, an organization that worked to protect escaped slaves from slave catchers. John Brown was a man of action, a man who would not be deterred from his mission of abolishing slavery. On October 16, 1859, he led 21 men on a raid of the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. His plan to arm slaves with the weapons he and his men seized from the arsenal was thwarted, however, by local farmers, militiamen, and Marines led by Robert E. Lee.

O. Tanner to date as well as the first-ever children's book about Tanner, written and illustrated by renowned artist-author Faith Ringgold and published by PAFA.
After its premiere at PAFA, Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit will continue on a national tour, with stops in Cincinnati and Houston. Ticket Information
Tickets for Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit include access to the Permanent Collection. Adults: \$15
Seniors (60+) and students with I.D.: \$8
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