

THE CRC NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

Promoting harmony & respect among a diverse citizenry of our state



South Carolina Human Affairs Commission
www.schac.sc.gov

Volume II, Issue 3 * March 2017

Women's History Month - Famous Firsts

1925- Nellie Tayloe Ross becomes the first woman to serve as governor of a state, in Wyoming. In the fall of 1924 she was elected to succeed her deceased husband, William Bradford Ross. (Miriam Amanda "Ma" Ferguson is inaugurated governor of Texas days later.)

1934- Lettie Pate Whitehead becomes the first American woman to serve as a director of a major corporation, The Coca-Cola Company.

1965- Patsy Takemoto Mink, of Hawaii, is the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress. She served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 24 years.

1969- Shirley Chisholm, of New York, becomes the first African-American woman in Congress. Her motto is, "Unbought and unbossed." She served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 14 years.

1989- Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, of Florida, becomes the first Hispanic woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

2007- Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) becomes the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives. In the same year, Harvard University names Drew Gilpin Faust its first woman President in the school's 371-year history.

End Racism Day - March 21st

Standing Together in a Divided World

Exploring Racism, Anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia

When: March 21, 2017 from 8:30am - 1pm

Where: Reformation Lutheran Church, 1118 Union St., Columbia

Cost: Free, but accepting donations to cover costs

We all see it every day - the polarization of our culture and the division among our friends & family along ideological lines. How do we begin to BRIDGE this divide?

Justice for All - South Carolina is hosting **Standing Together in a Divided World** to provide space for dialogue about three of the most important issues facing us today: Racism, Anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia. Only by increasing our understanding of each other and our neighbors can we break down the walls of suspicion and begin weaving a fabric of justice for the healing of our state and our nation.



Promoting harmony & respect among a diverse citizenry of our state Community Relations Councils

1026 Sumter Street, Suite 101
Columbia, SC 29201
T: (803)737-7800
F: (803)253-4191
W: www.schac.sc.gov

Current CRCs:

Columbia, West Columbia, Lee, Allendale, Hampton, Beaufort, Jasper, Berkeley, Myrtle Beach, Georgetown, Lancaster, Rock Hill, Greenwood, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, McCormick, Aiken

6 Ways Beat Officers Can Make a Difference Through Community Policing

1. It is not a line item program

When at its best, community policing is not a program. It is a philosophy, which when embraced, pays dividends to officers who apply it on the street. It needs no funding, because it doesn't cost a penny to implement it.

2. It is not "Officer Friendly"

Some people believe community policing is a glorified "Officer Friendly Program" and is soft on crime. Community policing is most effective when it is embraced as a philosophy of active beat officers rather than as specialized duty assignment. It occurs naturally when a beat cop gets to empathetically know the people on the beat. This officer protects them as if they were an extended family. These officers watch over the people, their homes and businesses on the beat like they were their very own. A beat officer committed to protecting and serving the community is what community policing is about.

3. It is being available for a call

This career can make an officer quite negative and cynical if he or she lets it. Cynicism can make a caring officer appear uncaring during contacts. But, when practicing the community policing philosophy, officers are no longer just a call taker and report writer. A call for service will be answered with as much empathy as the officer can muster.

4. It is about protecting and serving

It says "protect and serve" on every squad car in most jurisdictions around the country and every officer must be fully prepared to protect themselves and others. Officers need to be trained to prevail on the street, while demonstrating they are model citizens.

5. It is a two-way street

Police can't be truly effective unless the vast majority of the members of the community do their part. When a partnership exists between police and the community, criminals will find it necessary to retreat into the shadows.

6. It must be observable at street level

The community hearing about community policing from the chief or sheriff will not have the impact of seeing it in practice on a daily basis by beat officers.

Community policing is really American policing. It is the protecting and serving of the people, by the people and for the people. It behooves police officers to recognize the need to both protect and serve, while always having the community welfare in mind.

Always remember that ultimately your community will judge by how officers protect and they will appreciate them for how they serve.

About the author: Lt. Dan Marcou is an internationally-recognized, police trainer, who was a highly-decorated police officer with 33 years of full time law enforcement experience. Read the entire article at- <https://www.policione.com/community-policing/articles/290874006-6-ways-beat-officers-can-make-a-difference-through-community-policing/>

Annual Event Calendar for COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

January

MLK/Interfaith Awareness

February

African American History

March

Women's History/End Racism Day

April

Fair Housing

May

Law Enforcement/
Community Relations

June

Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9
Remembrance, Peace & Reconciliation

July

Employment Discrimination/
Economic Opportunity

August

Youth Project/Back to School

September

Hispanic Heritage/
Cultural Diversity

October

Disability Employment Awareness

November

American Indian Heritage/
Veterans' Appreciation

December

Aging & Poverty Issues

THE CRC NEWSLETTER

Black History Month Review

The following counties sponsored or co-sponsored very exciting and well attended Black History Month events across the state that our Senior Consultant, Saundra Ligon attended. This list may not be complete; if your council held an event that is not listed, please let us know.

February 3	Laurens County
February 18	McCormick County
February 21	Anderson County
February 23	Allendale County
February 28	City of Rock Hill

Audience Applauds Lee Weaver's One-Man Play

A full house was captivated by Lee Weaver's one-man play, "The Witness," at the Talmadge Center this past Saturday evening.

State Senator Floyd Nicholson, McCormick County Council Chair Charles Jennings, McCormick Mayor Roy Smith and McCormick Sheriff Clarke Stearns were in the dinner theater audience. "I estimate the crowd at 200 people," said booking agent Susan Sessler.

For Weaver, from St. Augustine, FL, this was his third play presentation in a series he has written and performed in the area the past few years. He did one at the Savannah Lakes Village Recreation Center and another in Greenwood prior to this most recent performance, which drew a standing ovation.

"The Witness" is a retrospective of the life of a Florida man raised in a racist environment in the 1950s and 60s and his acceptance of racial equality during and after civil rights disobedience and passage of racial equality legislation.

Sponsors were the McCormick County Community Relations Council, The Mims Community Center and the Willington African American Cultural Center. The three sponsors were represented by Rev. Jim Kinsler, Dorothy Rivers (Mims) and Donald Moss (Willington).

"It is our hope and prayer that this evening will be one more positive step in the direction of racial reconciliation for the people of McCormick County," said Kinsler, of The Lutheran Church By The Lake, which also helped to underwrite the program. "As we build meaningful, respectful and affirming relationships with our neighbors, we all benefit," said Kinsler, who chaired the event.

The performance was scheduled as part of Black History Month. More information about Weaver and his plays is available at www.leeweaverministries.com contact via email at tofusessler@hotmail.com

The meal was catered by Dianne and Larnell Leverette of Visions & Dreams Special Events in Grovetown, GA.