



Diversity Council

Our mission is to create an inclusive and welcoming community through education.

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Events & Opportunities

This page is updated frequently. Check back often for new event listings. Last updated May 5, 2008.

May is Asian/Pacific Heritage Month

May is National Older Peoples Month

May Day

Thursday, May 1

This ancient holiday originating in pagan England celebrates the end of winter and the first spring planting. [Learn more](#) about the history and traditions of May Day and its political significance for peasant uprisings and for the modern labor movement.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1

[Learn more](#)

International Film Festival

May 2-8

Galaxy 14 Cine

Film from China, Israel, Russia, Hungary, Spain, Sweden, and much more. For film details, go to www.rifgweb.org.

World Press Freedom Day

Saturday, May 3

Freedom of the press is one of the strongest guarantees of our other freedoms. In times of war and oppression, it is often the first freedom to be taken away. [Learn more](#) about how you can participate in World Press Freedom Day and browse an excellent collection of relevant essays, photos, cartoons, and more.

Holocaust Memorial Observance

Sunday, May 4, 1 p.m.

Soldiers Field, at the monument

B'Nai Israel synagogue invites you to join them in observing Holocaust Memorial Day with a brief ceremony including candle lighting and reading the names of those who perished.

More Events...

For more information on cultural events throughout the year, see our [2008 Multicultural Calendar](#).

For information on statewide multicultural events, check out the [Minnesota Cultural Diversity Center website](#) at www.mcdc.org.



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How are Minnesota's Girls Faring?

Tuesday, May 13, 10 - 11 a.m.

United Way of Olmsted County, Conference Room

(903 W Center St)

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota invites you to join them as they share key findings from their new research report, "Status of Girls in Minnesota," and how the Women's Foundation and its partners are moving equality forward. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Heidi Walsh: 612-337-5010 or 888-337-5010 (toll free) or heidi@wfmn.org.

International Speakers Luncheon

Wednesday, May 14, 11:30 a.m.

Rochester Family Y, Balfour Hall

Tano Teko will speak about Kenya. For reservations, call Betsy at 289-3359. Cost \$8. Catering by Fred Regal.

Tropical Zone Orchestra

Friday, May 16, 8 p.m. - midnight

Blue Moon Ballroom (2030 Hwy 14 E)

The Twin Cities' hottest salsa band is coming to Rochester! Caribbean & Latin music, salsa lessons, refreshments available. Tickets in advance: \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth. At the door: \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth.

Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 17

Honor our troops.

Sittende Mai

Saturday, May 17

Norwegian Independence Day.

Pediatric Bipolar Disorder

Monday, May 19, 7 - 9 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave SW)

NAMI invites you to this free presentation on bipolar disorder in children with Mayo Clinic child psychiatrist Dr. Solay Unal. Two nursing CEU's available. For more information, call NAMI at 287-1692.

Wesak

Tuesday, May 20

Wesak is the celebration of Buddha's birth and enlightenment, and in some traditions, also his death (combining Buddha Day, Bodhi Day, and Nirvana Day). [Visit the BBC website](#) for more information, photos, and video on Wesak.

African Liberation Day