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ERI-Youth March for Peace!

On February 13, 2006, nearly 10,000 Eritreans from the United States and Canada marched in Washington, DC for the immediate demarcation of the Eritrea-Ethiopia border. Eritrean youth traveled from near and far to add their voices and presence to this historic occasion.

The youth demonstrated their activism and pride by helping to maintain the crowd's energy and lead the colorful and peaceful march in spirited chants. They took charge in distributing informative flyers about the purpose of the peace march to on-lookers.

Also importantly, they led delegations to meet with their Congressional representatives and staff to bring the power of the march to the halls of Capitol Hill.

The youth were also instrumental in the preparations before the peace march. Eritrean youth gathered across North America to mobilize for the peace march and prepare banners and signs.

spected," and "Eritrea Wants Peace." In addition, youth



Youth contribute their voice to the call for peace



Youth marching for peace

NUEYS-DC organized Eritrean youth in the DC area to create banners for the march, bearing slogans including "Demarcation Now!," "The Rule of Law Must Be Re-

across North America helped to disseminate the paper and online petitions, calling on the U.S. government to honor its legal and moral obligation to ensure the implementation of the EEBC's final and binding border decision.

We congratulate the youth for their dynamism and exemplary leadership!

The National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students-DC is a non-profit organization with a mission to empower Eritrean youth.

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NUEYS-DC's Quarterly Newsletter

Regional ERI-Youth Workshop a Success!

Eritrean youth from across the U.S. gathered in Washington, DC on February 11, 2006 to discuss how to build and sustain Eritrean youth organizations as well as foster greater regional and national Eritrean youth cooperation.

The workshop was opened by brief introductions and a Q&A session by Ambassadors Girma Asmerom from the U.S. & Canada and Hagos

Ghebrehiwet, the Head of Economic Affairs at PFDJ.

Youth representatives from Boston, Columbus, Denver, Houston, Minnesota, Washington, DC and EAAA then presented the progress their organizations have made, the challenges they face, and their plans for the future.

The participants brainstormed numerous activities

that would help to advance the youth movement goal of empowering Eritrean youth in the Diaspora. They also adopted the "Washington Plaza Resolution," an action plan for youth organizations to execute in their respective communities, including a pledge to meet again in Washington, DC in August 2006, during festival weekend.

Merhaba from the Eritrean Language School!

January 21, 2006 marked the inaugural class of NUEYS-DC's Eritrean Language School (ELS) in Washington, DC. This school's mission is to strengthen the youth's knowledge of the major languages spoken in Eritrea. ELS right now features both beginner Tigrinya and Arabic language instruction to Eritreans of all ages, ranging from 7-48, and has plans to grow to include more languages in the future.



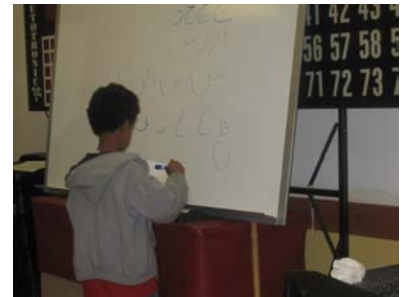
A full room participates in class

and Iman Tajedin (Arabic), who lead exciting and interactive classes every week. The over 60 bright students who attend the weekly classes have focused on learning the alphabets of both languages, as well as building basic greeting and conversation skills.

Emphasis is also placed on enhanced cultural understanding through the telling of stories and jokes. Students also learn about the traditional music and dances of the 9 Eritrean nationalities through regular video viewings.

Hats off to the volunteer instructors and members of NUEYS-DC who every week prepare the classes and the supportive network of parents, through whose donations students are

able to enjoy juice and snacks at break.



Students practice their writing at the board

Thanks must also be extended to the Eritrean Community and Civic Center (ECCC) and its staff for their hospitable service and the use of the center.

NUEYS-DC's Eritrean Language School is proud to have two exceptional volunteer instructors, Robel Tesfay (Tigrinya)

NUEYS-DC Launch Party and Happy Hours

A brand new year, a brand new focus! NUEYS-DC launched its 2006 plan of action for the youth through a fun filled evening of music, food and entertainment at Mirror's Night Club on New York Ave. in Washington, DC



"Eritrean Youth on the Rise!"

Neither snow nor a full day of activities could keep people away from this exciting event. While listening to great music and chatting with friends, people got a chance to find out what NUEYS-DC plans to bring to the youth for the year 2006 and to enjoy themselves in a fun environment at the same time.

The word is also out on one of the most happening places

to be in DC . . . NUEYS-DC's ERI Youth Mix 'n Mingle! If you've missed out, fret no more. We do it every month!



ERI-Youth mix and mingle

Next Happy Hour: Local 16, U St, Washington, DC. April 06, 2006.

Youth Participate in Women's Day Celebration

March 08th holds a place of special importance to communities worldwide. It is internationally recognized as Women's Day, a time set aside for all members of a community to sit and reflect on the vital role women play in their lives, to pay thanks for their contributions and to address any setbacks that women might be facing.

International Women's Day is equally important in Eritrea and its communities all over the world. A yearly tradition

that is celebrated with vibrancy and color, the National Union of Eritrean Women in the metropolitan Washington, DC hosted a spectacular night of music and dance.

Eritrean youth from the area



Youth performing during the opening ceremony

participated in the celebration during the opening performance in which the older generation of women symbolically passed on the torch of community building to the next generation through the giving of flowers.

The youth also paid tribute to the women through a slide-show presentation that played through out the night.

YOUTH IN FOCUS

“A Student Ambassador” - Salem Daniel

When a star rises within our midst, we should all take a step back and take a closer look at what they have been able to accomplish. Salem Daniel, a bright freshman from Hyattsville, Maryland, is one of these many rising and shining stars.

Driven by a strong interest in history and art, which are both of her favorite subjects at Northwestern High School, Salem came upon the chance to travel to another continent and experience a foreign culture in the flesh and didn't let it pass her by.

“I always wanted to learn about other cultures.”

Salem as a “Student Ambassador” with the People to People student

program will be traveling to England & France for three weeks where she will be a part of group of middle and high school aged students touring local historical and cultural sites, as well as sitting in on lectures. Students are expected to actively take part in the daily excursions and to leave the program with a deeper knowledge of a foreign country.



Freshman, Salem Daniel, from Northwestern High School

will be able to count their time in Europe as a class credit for graduation.

NUEYS-DC wishes Salem a safe trip and encourages other Eritrean youth to take advantage of similar opportunities for growth and education and to serve as Ambassadors for themselves and their community.

In order to get the full immersion experience, students will also be living with host families for 4-5 days out of the trip.

We know that Salem will represent us well!

Bon Voyage!

After completing the trip, students

NUEYS-DC Hit the Slopes!

Bright and early on Sunday, February 26th, 2006 a busload of 50 Eritrean youth and parents from the Washington, DC area headed up to the Liberty



Group shot before we hit the slopes

Mountain Ski Resort in Carroll Valley, PA for a day of fun on the slopes.

The hour long drive flew by as the youth sang songs, danced and watched a DVD of an Eritrean-American youth trip to Eritrea called “Summer Youth Camp in Eritrea.”

Upon arrival, the youth spent the day snow-tubing or sledging down steep hills in big rubber tubes!



A happy face in the snow

They were even joined by a daring handful of brave Eritrean mothers who sped down the hills with them!

Another group of adventurous youth strapped on skis many for the first time ever and spent the day zooming (a falling sometimes) down the slopes. All part of a day of fun in the snow!

The youth had a great time trying this new activity and having the chance to spend time with other Eritrean youth. A special thanks goes to the moms who brought dozens of sandwiches and snacks for us all to enjoy!

Liberty Mountain Resort
78 Country Club Trail
Carroll Valley, PA 17320
Tel: 717-642-8282



Waves and smiles after a run down the slopes



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and patriotic youth!*



Just how “belih” are you??? A few brainteasers to keep those brain waves moving! See if you can figure these out.

1 ~ What won't break if you throw it off the highest building in the world, but will break if you place it in the ocean?

2 ~ What's as big as you are yet doesn't weigh an ounce?

3 ~ What can you catch but not throw?

(Answers: a cold, your shadow, a tissue)

NUEYS-DC Personal Advancement Seminar Series Kick-off!

Do you want to learn how to invest your money and plan now for a secure financial future? If so, **NUEYS-DC** invites you to the kick-off seminar of its “Personal Advancement Seminar Series,” entitled: *“Managing Your Money, Don't Let it Manage You: Tips for Intelligent Financial Planning and Investment.”*

Our featured guest, **Kevin Konkal**, is a financial planner with AIG/ALIC, an industry leader that manages long-term investment programs for more than 28,000 private and public sector organizations.

This informative and engaging discussion will focus on areas of budgeting, financial planning and investment.

NUEYS-DC encourages all youth in the community to participate. It is never too early to plan your finances and your future!

When: March 25, 2006

Time: 3:30 - 6:00pm

Where: Andover House - The Club Room, 1200 14th St, NW, Washington, DC (Corner of 14th & N Streets.)

Please be on time. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by March 22, 2006 to nueysdc@yahoo.com.

Be sure to look out for NUEYS-DC's next installment in its new Personal Advancement Seminar Series, scheduled to take place mid-May 2006 on “Home Ownership.”



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Personal Advancement Seminar Series

Discussion #1

“Managing Your Money, Don't Let it Manage You: Tips for Intelligent Financial Planning and Investment”

GOOOAL!!! NUEYS-DC's Youth Soccer Program

NUEYS-DC is organizing an Eritrean youth soccer league, in which veteran DC-Eritrean soccer players will train and coach our younger athletes! The soccer program is open to youth ages 7-15 and will feature weekly training sessions.

Registration was on March 18, 2006, however, for more information, contact NUEYS-DC at nueysdc@yahoo.com.

