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Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration events

He would have been 77 this Sunday

Today-Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Jr. blood drives. More than 40 American Red Cross community blood drives are being held throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. Visit www.givelife.org or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE for donation sites and times.

Friday, 2 p.m. Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Convocation. The Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will be the keynote speaker. Gospel music will be performed by the Detroit Mosaic Youth Choir. Free. Smith Theatre, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 942-3241.

Saturday, 12:30-3 p.m. A family program celebrating King's achievements and contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and world peace. \$5 per child, pre-registration required. Children's Museum, 6134 Second Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 873-8100.

Saturday, noon-4 p.m. A seminar titled "United Against Hate: A Symposium on Tolerance and Equality," will honor the legacy of King. Presented by the Wayne County Community College District in partnership with the Michigan Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. WCCC downtown campus, 1001 W. Fort St., Detroit. Call (313) 496-2758.

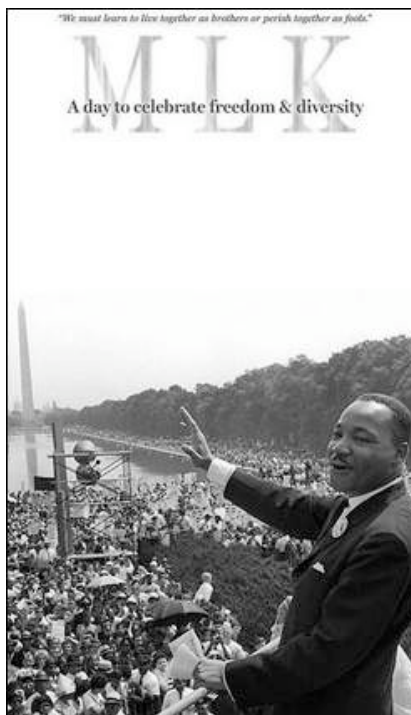
Sunday, 4 p.m. The legacy of King will be honored at a dinner. Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ, 19190 Schaefer Road and West Seven Mile, Detroit. The church's pastor, Bishop J. Drew Sheard, will be among the featured speakers. Call (313) 342-8404.

Monday, Martin Luther King "Appreciation Day" is celebrated at all 13 Metroparks. Boat launch fees will be waived if the launches are free of ice at Lake Erie and Metro Beach. Free. All parks will be open, including seven interpretive centers and two farm learning centers. If there is no snow, sledding hills and

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Martin Luther King Jr. waves from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963 during the "March on Washington" when he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. He would have been 77 this

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cross-country ski trails will also be open. Call (800) 477-2757.

Monday, 6:30-9 p.m. Crafts for the Cold: MLK Jr. Community Service Project. Oakland Center Fireside Lounge, on the campus of Oakland University, Adams Road and Walton Boulevard, Rochester Hills. Help make fabric squares and afghan's for a local community service agency to distribute to the needy this winter. This event is hosted by Center for Student Activities. Call (248) 370-2400 or e-mail csa@oakland.edu.

Monday, noon. To commemorate the life and legacy of King, Spike Lee will be the guest speaker at the opening ceremony of Oakland University's monthlong event celebrating the contributions Africans have made to this country. This event is hosted by the Center for Multi-Cultural Initiatives. Oakland Center Banquet Room, on the campus of Oakland University, Adams Road and Walton Boulevard, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 370-4404.

Monday, 4 p.m. Wayne County Community College, in partnership with the Michigan Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will present a concert featuring singer Vanessa Bell Armstrong. Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile. Call (313) 543-6000.

Monday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service event. This celebration will be hosted by Into the Streets, a community service organization at Michigan State University. Free. Business College Complex, Room N130. Call (517) 353-4400.

Monday, 10 a.m. Huron Valley's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration features a "Main Street March." Celebrate King's message of community service, tolerance, peace and equality by marching into history. Sponsored by the Huron Valley MLK Day Committee. Meet at Prospect Hill at 9:30 a.m. Other celebrations include a luncheon and community fair 11 a.m.-1 p.m., immediately followed by the main event, which features musical performances, speakers, films and more. Both will be held at Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Road, Highland. Free. Call (248) 685-7254 or (248) 978-6498.

Monday, 3 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration features Alan C. Page, a former professional football player who is Minnesota's first African-American Supreme Court justice. Pease Auditorium, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, College Place and West Cross, Ypsilanti. For tickets, call (734) 487-2282.

Monday, " Affirming the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Trisha Stein, executive director of One United Michigan, will be the keynote speaker. This event is being presented by the Race Relations & Diversity Task Force / Birmingham Bloomfield Area and the Community House. Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 students. The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832.

Monday, Martin Luther King Youth Program. Activities for grades K-5 are scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and those for students in grades 6-12 run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This event is sponsored by the School of Education and the School of Social Work. Modern Languages Building, on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-9567.

Monday, Celebrate King's birthday with free roses. Adults can visit Wesley Berry Flowers to receive a dozen roses. The roses will be given away free of charge 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wesley Berry Flowers 6677 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township, (248) 851-2881, and at 15305 Schoolcraft Road in Detroit, (313) 273-9131.

Monday, 3 p.m. 12th annual African American Composers Concert, presented by the Delta Omicron Professional Music Fraternity, will be held in celebration of King. Wayne State University's Old Main's Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock St., Detroit. Visit www.music.wayne.edu or call (313) 577-1795.

Monday, 6:30 p.m. 12th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Theme: "I Can Make a Difference." Keynote speaker: Huel Perkins, Fox 2 news anchor. Presented by PLAID (People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity) and the Livonia Human Relations Commission. Churchill High School, 8900 Joy Road, Livonia. Call (734) 744-2650.

Monday, 8 a.m. "All Peoples Breakfast," hosted by the American Jewish Committee. "You Can't Bury Their Dream: Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks." A panel discussion will feature Detroit News columnist Betty DeRamus and former Detroit News senior editor Luther Keith. Detroit Urban League, 208 Mack Ave. and John R Street, Detroit. Free admission, but

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Monday, 8 a.m. Fifth annual King Day Breakfast honoring the life and legacy of King. "Living the Dream." \$25 (members) and \$35 (non-members). A variety of activities will take place throughout the day. Museum admission is \$8 for adults (ages 13-61); \$5 for seniors; and children ages 3-12. Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800. Call (313) 494-5885 to RSVP for the breakfast.

Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. "We Unite in Unity in the Face of Our Adversities." Guests: Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ensemble and the Ferndale School District Choir. Free. Royal Oak Township Recreation Center, 21272 Mendota St., Royal Oak. Call (313) 835-4240.

Tuesday, noon-2 p.m. Martin Luther King Celebration "Are We Still Dreaming?" Free. University of Detroit Mercy, McNichols Road, Detroit. Call (313) 993-1150.

Feb. 1, Martin Luther King National Memorial Project Foundation, Michigan Campaign, hosts charity luncheon. 400 Monroe St., International Marketplace, Greektown, Detroit. Tickets are \$300 per person. Proceeds will benefit the MLK National Memorial. Call (313) 963-3357.

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