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February is National African American History Month

National African American History Month in February celebrates the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality and deepens our understanding of our Nation's history.

National African American History Month had its origins in 1915 when historian and author Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. This organization is now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History ("ASALH"). Through this organization Dr. Woodson initiated the first Negro History Week in February 1926. Dr. Woodson selected the week in February that included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two key figures in the history of African Americans.

In 1975, President Ford issued a Message on the Observance of Black History Week urging all Americans to "recognize the important contribution made to our nation's life and culture by black citizens." In 1976 this commemoration of black history in the United States was expanded by ASALH to Black History Month, also known as African American History Month, and President Ford issued the first Message on the Observance of Black History Week that year. In subsequent years, Presidents Carter and Reagan continued to issue messages honoring African American History Month.

In 1986 Congress passed Public Law 99-244 which designated February 1986 as "National Black (Afro-American) History Month." This law noted that February 1, 1986 would "mark the beginning of the sixtieth annual public and private salute to Black History." The law further called upon the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe February 1986 as Black History Month with the appropriate ceremonies and activities. President Reagan issued Presidential Proclamation 5443 which proclaimed that "the foremost purpose of Black History Month is to make all Americans aware of this struggle for freedom and equal opportunity." This proclamation stated further that this month was a time "to celebrate the many achievements of African Americans in every field from science and the arts to politics and religion."

In January 1996, President Clinton issued Presidential Proclamation 6863 for "National African American History Month." The proclamation emphasized the theme for that year, the achievements of black women from Sojourner Truth to Mary McLeod Bethune and Toni Morrison. In February 1996 the Senate passed Senate Resolution 229 commemorating Black History Month and the contributions of African American U.S. Senators.

To read more go to: <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/african-american.php>

Upcoming Events

- The Irish Ball: St Patrick's Day; Saturday, 17th March. Tickets will be on sale at the Lime Tree on Bole on Feb. 18, 19, 25, 26 and March 3, 4 from 2 – 4pm each day, at a cost of 900 birr.
- Egyptian Easter Yoga Holiday: April 9th -15th in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt. Standard sharing rate is \$600 and single rate is \$700. Visit www.emilyoga.com or contact Emily_gilchrist@hotmail.com / 0921-787-7115.
- Brazilian Cultural Festival: Kuriftu Diplomat Restaurant through Feb. 29th featuring delicious Brazilian food and caipirinha by Chef Mara Salles.
- Zumba: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:45 pm. Classes held at Ker Fitness & Day Spa, Bole Yoly Building 2nd & 3rd floor, near Atlas Hotel: 0116634111 (Ker Fitness). Cost is 100 birr per class or 800 birr for 10 classes. Contact Kim Leng at 0924-780-113 or kimbo76@hotmail.com.
- LeLa Art Gallery: show through February 19th, Tuesday - Sunday from 10am –6pm. Show features three artists: Addis Gezehagn - acrylic and mixed media on canvas and paper works; Samson Meressa - pastels and charcoal on paper; Zelalem Gizaw - acrylic on canvas and paper. Direction: From ring road direction Jimma, take the first right after the Armed Forces Hospital (old Airport) on China Embassy/ Ghana Embassy/ Swedish Clinic road – go down, pass Ghana Embassy approx. 200 meters make a right and follow the LeLa sign.
- Cardio Tennis: Saturday mornings at 9am at the International Tennis Courts, next to Laphto Shopping Center. Contact solomondemeke@bellsouth.net for more details; cost 150 ETB.

2012 CHOICE Women First 5km, Sunday 11th March 2012

2012 CHOICE Women First 5km takes place on Sunday, 11th March 2012. The race celebrates its 9th edition this year and is expected to attract 9,000 women and girls from all walks of life. It's the biggest women's only event happening in Ethiopia and a good platform to promote social messages focusing on women. Some of the messages this year include:

"Family Planning with Choice" - Dkt Ethiopia

"Narrow the Gap Meet the Goals: Empower Women to Make a Difference" – UN

"You have a Key Roll to Stop Gender Based Violence" – Concern Worldwide

The race starts and finishes near Atlas Hotel, Addis Ababa.

Registration fee is 50birr and participants who register as a group from different organizations can register at Great Ethiopian Run office and individual participants can register at one of the following registration centers:

- Demebel City Center
- Wabeshebel Hotel
- Hilton Hotel
- Edna Mall

For more information email to info@ethiopianrun.org This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it or call 011 663 3646/ 011 663 5757.

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Domestic Help

GM Cleaning Service and Employment Agency:
For all your domestic employment needs. Contact Ejigayehu Etsub at 0911-622-647 or gigietsub@yahoo.com.

Recommendations

If you are looking for a place to stay in Italy, please contact Giampiero Faga, giampierofaga@hotmail.com. He has an apartment in Rome for rent. He also has and a farm house available in Lazio town, about an hour/ + outside of Rome. Links to the properties are below. Giampiero is a professional guide, if you need one, and all around nice guy.

Rome: <http://www.rentalinrome.com/colosseumapartments/panispernaterraceapartment>
Lazio: [http://www1.iha.it/Affitto-per-le-vacanze/Italia/Lazio/Provincia-viterbo/Orte/Casa-in-pietra/Il-Fico-Pazzo_67015_1.htm&x=:erlkswinim0531sktoev\\$rk6o@oqsxzcgh67_vdrh:ur@0331skteoq@itmpt1B@ymnnpd=s4943.:erzggjwn4BB9AG@ymnt@xerwe=71p4tkswqnm7egl1cns0xJ8p5u](http://www1.iha.it/Affitto-per-le-vacanze/Italia/Lazio/Provincia-viterbo/Orte/Casa-in-pietra/Il-Fico-Pazzo_67015_1.htm&x=:erlkswinim0531sktoev$rk6o@oqsxzcgh67_vdrh:ur@0331skteoq@itmpt1B@ymnnpd=s4943.:erzggjwn4BB9AG@ymnt@xerwe=71p4tkswqnm7egl1cns0xJ8p5u)

Online Resources:

- oddsinaddis@googlemail.com:

Odds and Sods in Addis Ababa - An email listserv that gives updated listings of **classifieds, inquiries, etc...** for the ex-pat community. Email them to be placed on the list.

- <http://groups.google.com/group/addis-diplo-list?hl=en> :

Addis Ababa Diplomat Google Group similar to Craigslist for diplomats here in Addis Ababa. Join the group by using a Google account.

- <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Abyssinia-Eventoch/181024277444>
- <http://addisrumble.com/>
- <http://www.expatsblog.com/en/classifieds/africa/ethiopia/addis-ababa/>

