

DAT Newsletter

January - May 2022

## **First Monday Monthly**

Diversity Action Team Board Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

## January 15, 2022

Where Do You Stand? Who Are You Standing With? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Facebook/Virtual YWCA 12:00 noon

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"" ~MLK, Jr.~

# February 17, 2022

Silence Speaks: Making Space for Critical Youth and Adult Conversations Around Racial Equity and Social Justice 6:00 – 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting

# March 17, 2022

Inside the Diversity of Asian America Presented by Professor Stacey Lee, UW-Madison 6:00 – 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting

# April 21, 2022

Housing Assistance thru COVID Relief: (Taking a Closer Look at Rock County Communities' Use of Federal Funds for Affordable Housing & Housing Services) 6:00 – 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting Mission: Striving to eliminate racism and all forms of discrimination in Rock County by embracing diversity, valuing multiculturalism and fostering justice, dignity and respect for everyone.

# Happy New Year!

The DAT Board wishes everyone a happy and healthy new year! In this new year, let's make more friends, connect with those who have not been able to mobilize during the

pandemic, and listen to the joys and concerns of our friends and neighbors. The DAT is thrilled to welcome Stephanie Aegerter to the board. Stephanie is pictured on the right and following is what she has to say about joining the board.

"I officially joined DAT and became a board member a year ago, though I'd been attending events for several years. I'm passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion. I was one of the founding members of Allies of Native Nations.



For the past 4+ years, I've been honored to represent the third and fourth wards of Janesville on the Rock County Board of Supervisors. I serve on several committees, including Human Services Board, Land Conservation, Finance and the Blue Ribbon Commission on Organizational Excellence. I'll be stepping away from County Board at the end of this term in order to spend more time with my fifteen-year-old.

My day job is Natural and Organic Department Manager at Festival Foods. I have a degree in Environmental Studies and training in local food, special diets and nutrition. I'm especially interested in the intersection of equity and diversity with issues relating to food and the environment."

Thank you, Stephanie, for your service and for lending your leadership to the board!

# White Privilege Conference: Wade in the Water, March 9-12, 2022

The WPC provides a challenging, collaborative and comprehensive experience. Be empowered and equipped individuals who work for equity and justice through self and social transformations.

This year's conference features Rev. Gregory Drumright, National political activist and organizer of Justice 4 the Next Generation, Dr. Khyati Y. Joshi, scholar and thought leader on the intersecting issues of race, religion, and immigration, and Resmaa Menakem, healer, author, trauma specialist and host of the Guerrilla Muse Podcast. See more details at: <a href="https://www.theprivilegeinstitute.com/wpc23charlotte">https://www.theprivilegeinstitute.com/wpc23charlotte</a>

May 19, 2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Rock County 6:00 – 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting

> Check <u>www.datrockco.org</u> for information on virtual/in person programs & upcoming topics for Courageous Conversations!

#### **Courageous Conversations**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month 5:30 – 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting

# **Courageous Conversations, Fourth Monday Monthly**

Courageous Conversations involves dialogue and discussion where participants expose the values and check the validity of the assumptions that underlie their actions and views. Courageous Conversations builds trust and respect where individuals can express their views openly and truthfully, rather than defensively or with the purpose of laying blame. Key to courageous conversations is an openness to learn.

# DAT Annual Meeting – May 9, 2022 Virtual 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Save the date for DAT's Annual Meeting! Your participation as a member is invaluable. Please join us to celebrate DAT activities, accomplishments, and outstanding contributions.

# **Membership** – Please renew your membership dues by March 15 for 2022! Find the membership form at <u>www.datrockco.com</u> Or... use the form below!!

Diversity Action Team 2022 Annual Membership
Name
Address
PhoneEmail
Levels of Giving: (check one)Full time student (free membership)
Friend \$10 - \$99Advocate \$100 - \$249Supporter \$250 + up
Organizations / Businesses \$100 + up (includes your name/logo on the DAT website)
Make checks payable to 😝 Diversity Action Team of Rock County
Mail to  COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN WI P.O. Box 8125 Janesville, WI 53547-8125

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