

Bahá'í Newsletter

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Devotions every Sunday beginning at 9:45AM at the Rockford Bahá'í Center, 1650 Alpine Rd., Rockford

Dates to Remember

August 2

Cluster Reflection Gathering

Please join us as we begin to plan for our first IPG (Intensive Program of Growth). We are eager to hear from everyone, so please attend or send your ideas with a friend. It will be held Sunday, August 2 from 1-4PM at the Rockford Bahá'í Center, 1650 Alpine Rd., Rockford. Contact Anna Feria at 815-543-6390 or Keith Hays at 217-840-3978 with any questions or to tell us about the services you are planning to offer for the months of August, September, and October. We are excited to see you all there!

Events

Prayer Group

Every Monday morning from 10:30-11:30AM at the Rockford Bahá'í Center, 1650 Alpine Rd., Rockford is a Prayer Group Devotional. Prayer requests can be given to Esther Cavataio at 815-282-4769 or Joy Rowe at 815-968-5306.

The Sacred Path

Every Wednesday evening at the Rundall's home, 413 Stiles Parkway, Rockford is The Sacred Path Potluck, Devotions and Discussion beginning at 6PM. Any questions, please call 815-968-7725.

Service to Promote Racial Harmony Devotions

Saturday, July 4, Noon at West Lake in Rock Cut will be Devotions dedicated to Service to Promote Racial Harmony. There will also be a Potluck at this time.

Martyrdom of the Báb

The observance of the Martyrdom of the Báb will be Thursday, July 9

at Noon at the Rockford Bahá'í Center, 1650 Alpine Rd., Rockford. This will be hosted by Ma-chesney Park.

Interfaith Devotional

The second Friday of every month is an Interfaith Devotional at the home of Tricia Sheridan, 432 Bancroft Ct., #9, Rockford. This month it will be Friday, July 10, 7PM. Please come join us!

Refresh and Gladden Your Spirit Gathering

Friday, July 17 beginning at 6:30PM with a Potluck will be a Refresh and Gladden Your Spirit Gathering at the home of the Davis', 25 Briar Lane, Rockford. This will be a night of stories, music, prayers, games, dancing! Anything that refreshes and gladdens your spirit! Please bring food and a joyous and gladsome spirit!

Women's Spirit Night

Monday, July 20, 7PM will be Women's Spirit Night at the home of

Sharon Davis, 25 Briar Lane, Rockford. This is women supporting each other's spiritual growth through friendship, laughter, and prayer. Please bring snacks to share.

Junior Youth Animator Training

Jr. Youth Animator Training (Ruhi Book 5) will be held intensively this summer in the Youth Room of the Rockford Bahá'í Center, 1650 Alpine Rd., Rockford. It will span 4 Sundays from 8:30AM-6PM each of those Sundays. The dates will be July 12 & 19, two weeks off, then Aug. 9 & 16. Please contact Anna Feria at 815-543-6390 for any questions or registration. She will need to know how many books to make/buy for the program. Also, we currently have a neighborhood Jr. Youth group that you can help out with before or during the training to see if this is a service you want to provide. Please let Anna know if you are interested in this opportunity as well.

The divine Manifestations since the day of Adam have striven to unite humanity so that all may be accounted as one soul. The function and purpose of a shepherd is to gather and not disperse his flock. The prophets of God have been divine shepherds of humanity. They have established a bond of love and unity among mankind, made scattered peoples one nation and wandering tribes a mighty kingdom.

(Abdu'l-Baha, Foundations of World Unity, p. 14)

Firesides

On July 4 there will be a Fireside at the Martell-Camargo home, 537 E. Riverside Dr., Loves Park at 7PM. There will be food and refreshments. If you have any questions please call 815-540-5321.

Greenlake Bahá'í Conference

Can you believe that this is Greenlake Bahá'í Conference's 50th year? This year's conference is going to be special and we urge you not to miss it!

This year's theme is "A Time of Bright Prospects". This theme is reassuring in troubled times!

The main presenters this year will be: former House of Justice mem-

ber, Douglas Martin; current National Spiritual Assembly member, Erica Toussant; and Suheil Bushrui, who was the first Bahá'í Chair for World Peace, and is the foremost authority on the works of Kahlil Gibran.

The Rockford Bahá'í Community has reserved one cabin this year.

The charge for room for both nights

is \$30 (this is for room only. Conference fees, food, & transportation are extra). To reserve a space please contact Randy Ballard at 815-229-2358 or randyballard@msn.com. Scholarships and rides are available so don't let the cost keep you from coming! Conference fees are lower if you register before Aug. 1st.

Deepenings

Every Monday

Every Monday beginning at Noon at the home of Joy and Earle Rowe, 1411 Vernon St., Rockford is a Deepening on the Kitáb-í-Iqán. Please come join us!

Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday evening, 7PM at the Borders Bookstore, DeKalb is a Deepening on Without Syllable or Sound by Michael Sours.

Every Other Friday

Every other Friday in Sycamore is a Deepening on the Kitáb-í-Aqdás. Please call Diane at 815-895-3756 if you have any questions concerning any of these Deepenings.

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