Solidarity via Action

“One Billion Rising to End Violence” brought warmth Rallying Near Frozen Powderhorn Lake
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Phillips West Winter Social Honored Muriel Simmons

BY MILL DUTTA AND ANKITA DEKA
The One Billion Rising to End Violence Against Women: Twin Cities was the catalyst bringing hundreds of people together near the shore of frozen Powderhorn Lake on February 14th, Valentine’s Day at Powderhorn Park, Mpls.

The event featured speeches from prominent local activists representing a cross section of social identity groups in the twin cities; including Elder Atum Azzahir [below]. Other items in the evening included a Bollywood dancers Rashi Mangalick, Divya Maitya, and Jinal Jhavari [above] from local artists from the Twin Cities; including Elder Atum Azzahir [below].

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FROM SANDY SPIELER - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, IN THE HEART OF THE BEAST PUPPET & MASK THEATRE
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BY ROBERT LILLIGREN
The Phillips West 16th Annual Winter Social was celebrated Thursday evening February 7th. The Winter Social was started by legendary Phillips West activist Muriel Simmons and her family in 1997. The first Winter Socials were held in her home on the corner of 27th Street & Park Avenue. Muriel’s intent for starting the Winter Social was to give neighbors an opportunity to “come together and enjoy each other’s company away from the daily fight” of reclaiming and improving our neighborhood. The Social grew from a few dozen people in the Simmons’ home to several hundred today. It has changed venues several times before landing at the Lutheran Social Service Center for Changing Lives, 2400 Park Avenue four years ago.

Sadly, we missed Muriel this year because she died on January 15th this year, but the Winter Social lives on in her honor. Neighbors young and old, of all colors, shapes, sizes and abilities enjoyed an array of different cultures’ foods from Qboda Mexican Grill, Children’s Hospital & the Midtown Sheraton Hotel. Speakers during the festivity included:
• Our new Minneapolis Chief of Police Jane’ Hartzun, who shared tales of her early days as a patrol officer on Franklin Avenue around Park and Chicago Avenues.

• The new 3rd Precinct Inspector Mike Sullivan, who is also very familiar with the neighborhood from his days as the Phillips Sector Lieutenant.

• I was honored to address the crowd and tell a bit of the Phillips West Winter Social history, having attended every once since the beginning.

• Our very creative neighbor Dallas Johnson shared a multimedia tribute to Muriel Simmons and her work which added much to the evening.

21 different neighborhood organizations had tables offering a wide range of resources and support to our Community.

A Special Thanks to all the 2013 Phillips West Winter Social Sponsors including Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Accountability MN, Allina Corporate Headquarters, Augsburg Fairview Academy for Health Careers, Bridging Minneapolis, Center Point Energy, Children’s Hospitals & Clinics, Community Action of Mpls., Ebenizer, Kaleidoscope Kids Place, Legal Aide of MN, Local Food Resource Phllips West

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March Programs at the Franklin Library

**Award**
Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award
Mar 1- Mar 22. Grades 3-8; vote for favorite book b/w 1st & 2nd. Read at least 3 nominated titles to vote.

**Children & Family Programs**

**ECFE: Reading Fun**
Fri March 1 & 15, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Parents, infants + toddlers: Come & enjoy Early Childhood Family Ed; fun, interactive activities to do at home with child to build literacy skills.

**Paint It Green: Frame Ups**
Sat Mar 2, 2-3 p.m. Register or call 612-543-6925.
K-grade 6. Make a picture frame; old mat board, scissors & beads provided.

**Hands-on Hoopla**
Mar 16, 2-3:30 p.m. Games & activities for kids & families; different every month!

**Teen Programs**
Fri Mar 1-May 31, 4-6 p.m.
Movie titles by teens. Big-screen fun together! Participate in a variety of activities, music, dance. Meet new friends of all ages; meet new friends of all ages; meet new friends of all ages; meet new friends of all ages; meet new friends of all ages.

**Adult Programs**
**Seniors Play-Reading Group**
Fri Mar 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Stimulating morning reading & discussing great plays.

**Reading Nonfiction for Elders**
Fri Mar 8, 1-3 p.m.
We read & discuss the works of various nonfiction writers. Info 612-543-6925.

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Heart Health Tracking Running Wolf

BY CONNIE NORMAN
Hello from Running Wolf Fitness Center. I have asked one of our partners—Indian Health Board of Minneapolis Inc. staff person—Maria Krisch—Heart Disease Prevention Specialist to share her knowledge and information with you this month. Thanks, Maria!

BRING KIRCH
Last month was Heart Health Month, which gives us this wonderful opportunity to talk about heart health and heart disease prevention. Heart disease is one of the leading causes of death for American Indians and Alaskan Natives and others. Many of the risk factors are things that we can do something about through simple lifestyle changes like eating better and being more physically active. Some of the biggest risk factors include high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

High Blood Pressure: A good way to think about blood pressure is to think about a garden hose. When you turn on the hose, water comes out slowly but surely just like blood pressure brings blood through our arteries. As you can see, when you put your finger over the end the pressure increases which can be helpful if you need to spray something else away. This same pressure increase is not helpful in our arteries, though, and can cause significant damage to our hearts, brains and kidneys in the form of heart attacks, strokes, and kidney failure. We often times can’t feel when our blood pressure is high, which is why it is so important to get it checked out at your clinic and your local fire station as often as you can.

High Cholesterol: Cholesterol is a fat like substance in our blood. Just like blood pressure, we need it to survive, and our body makes all of the cholesterol we will ever need. The problem is when cholesterol gets too high it starts to build up on the walls of our arteries making them narrowed. This limits the amount of blood that can get by to lead to heart attacks and strokes. Like our blood pressure, we cannot feel when our cholesterol is too high, which is why it is important to have it checked out once a year with your doctor.

If you need a cholesterol test, call Maria at (612)721-9803 to schedule one today. If you are uninsured or your insurance doesn’t cover, we can cover the cost of the test if done at the Indian Health Board though our Heart Health Program for our Native people.

In the Indian Health Board Heart Health program, we meet as a group and share healthy meals while talking more about the risk factors for heart disease, as well as how you can change them through healthy eating and an active lifestyle. We can give you important tools like regular blood pressure and cholesterol checks to help you know what your numbers are and what they mean. We also help you get more physically active through a free membership to Running Wolf Fitness Center and an orientation and membership to NiceRide MN, which has all of the green bikes located throughout Minneapolis and St Paul. In addition to this you will become CPR certified through the Red Cross so that you can bring the lifesaving skill of CPR home to your family and friends.

Call Maria @ (612)721-9803 to find out more information. This activity is made possible by a grant from the Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDII) of the Minnesota Department of Health’s Office of Minority & Multicultural Health, through an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature.

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They are two of the oldest markers in the cemetery—identical markers, side by side, right next to the cemetery’s only road. They mark the graves of Henry B. Sample and his sister, Lottie Sample.


Their father, Robert F. Sample, was one of the early pastors at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis.

Reverend Sample received a call from the Westminster congregation in February 1868. He was already well-known on the East Coast, most notably for a sermon that he gave in Bedford, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1865. The title of the sermon was “The Curtained Throne”; it was so popular that he was asked to repeat it the following Sunday and to give his permission for it to be printed and distributed—the 1860s’ equivalent of “going viral.”

The subject of this famous oration was the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. In it, Sample paid tribute to Lincoln’s extraordinary gifts but also acknowledged the President’s limitations: “Though by no means infallible, yet such adornment of character, and such adaptation to times and circumstances have rarely been equaled.”

Reverend Sample suffered from severe hay fever and asthma and likely hoped that a change in climate would provide him some relief. He and his family eventually packed up their belongings and water. The reporters concerns were justified: there were 114 buried in Layman’s Cemetery in 1868, 68 of them children, the majority of whom died from diseases that are now kept under control by antibiotics.

Minneapolis’ climate didn’t provide Reverend Sample with much, if any, of the relief that he sought. He was on paid leave from May until October 1873 and spent the time in Colorado trying to regain his health. He submitted his resignation to the Westminster trustees in December 1873 but they insisted on giving him another six-months’ paid leave. He submitted his resignation again in April 1874 but the congregation once again refused to accept it and asked him to return. He did and continued to serve as their pastor for another 12 years.

When he finally left Minneapolis, it was to accept a call to New York. A member of the Minnesota congregation later wrote: “Dr. Sample left here with the love and sympathy of his former parishioners; he left a vacancy which it seemed almost impossible to fill.”

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“One Billion Rising to End Violence” brought warmth Rallying Near Frozen Powderhorn Lake

One of the worldwide gatherings of “One Billion Rising to End Violence” was at Powderhorn Park where participants gathered near frozen Powderhorn Lake and beneath this remarkable tree with bonfires interspersed amongst them as they surrounded the stage to hear talks by organizer Mili Dutta (below left photo) and MC Dr. Ankita Deka, Professor from Augsburg College (pictured below at right with Signer), many performers, and speakers.

Phillips West Winter Social

Hundreds of people gathered and enjoyed the Phillips West Winter Social February 7th like these gentlemen and the scores of people in the background. The event honored its founder Muriel Simmons, acknowledged newly appointed Minneapolis Police Chief Janee’ Harteau, new 3rd Precinct Police Inspector Mike Sullivan, both of whom were introduced by 6th Ward City Council Member Robert Lilligren as he also reminisced about Muriel Simmons and recent concerns of the neighborhood.

Cheryl Morgan Spencer from CAMPLS
Lake Street Council 2013 Annual Meeting

All Lake Street stakeholders are invited to attend Lake Street Council’s Annual Meeting. Join us for a delicious lunch from Safari (included in ticket price) as we review twelve months of accomplishments and all the programs and events of the Council.

We will have an update from the Lake Street Council board of directors along with new board member elections, and our annual awards will be given to businesses and individuals that have made a big impact on Lake Street and Minneapolis in the past year.

Panel: Community Development

This year’s discussion will feature these local community and capacity building superstars as panelists:
• Melvin Tennant, CEO of Meet Minneapolis
• Ana Luisa Fajer Flores, Head Consul at St. Paul Consulate of Mexico
• Michael Sullivan, 3rd Precinct Inspector
• Anthony Diaz, 5th Precinct Inspector

When: Tuesday, March 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Safari Restaurant and Banquet Center, 3010 4th Ave S
Advance ticket price: $20 (Includes a $5 gift card to Gandhi Mahal, to be picked up at the event.)
Door price: $25 (No gift card.)

Mississippi River Water Walk 2013

Each Step is a Prayer for the Water

The Water Walk is an action being taken by Sharon Day, Ojibwe elder, peace activist and Executive Director of the Indigenous Peoples Task Force.

Starting on March 1st Sharon and her daughter Doreen will be walking the entire length of the Mississippi, from the headwaters in Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico. The walk is a prayer for the health of the water.

Make it Pop Artwork by Frank Buffalo Hyde and Jodi Webster

Make it Pop features the works of eleven Native artists whose work responds to, is influenced by, or incorporates aspects of popular culture in their practice. The artists of Make it Pop utilize their artistic abilities to express modern relationships with popular culture, especially as they relate to the unique circumstances of the Native American experience. The exhibit offers an exciting array of medium and style, from painting and printmaking to ceramics and metalsmithing. Along with a wide range of tribal and geographical representation, Make it Pop presents a fresh, exciting perspective showcasing the diversity of the contemporary Native art world.

Featured Artists: Heidi Brandow, Frank Buffalo Hyde, Lisa Holt and Harlan Reano, Jason Garcia, Cannupa Hanska Luger, Doug Miles, Paul Pratt, Rose B. Simpson, Jodi Webster and Micah Wesley

General Information:
Location: 1414 East Franklin Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55404
Hours: Monday – Friday 11am – 3pm, Saturday 11am – 3pm
Admission: All My Relations Gallery is always free and open to the public.
Stand Up Guy

MARCH 1-10

PuppetLab is a bold program that supports emerging puppet artists in their quest to push outwards at the limits of figure theater.

Under the tutelage of Alison Heimstead, four mentor-mentee director teams have been building original puppet shows since September of 2012. The development process for each piece includes critique and discussion between the PuppetLab artists, workshops with established puppeteers, and direction and guidance from accomplished Twin Cities artists.

These shows have grown from tiny sketches to full blown post-apocalyptic trashscapes, 15 person cartoon choruses, black light illuminated eight eyed rabbits and Jersey cow painted dinosaurs. It’s been a journey, and we hope you will join us in March for the end result - a series of performances guaranteed to delight, amuse, and perhaps unsettle audiences of all ages.

MARCH 1-3

Lepus Nacht: A Night in the Warren

A glimpse into a postapocalyptic landscape, in which the Lepus play and investigate with unending curiosity and vitality – and discover, that like us, they must remain reverent and obedient to a mysterious natural order.

Cartoon

Steve Ackerman

A case study of the controversial 1940s animated program "Tommy the Talking Turtle Sucks on Punk Keys" and the causality of a co-dependent relationship between a reptile and a quickly descending milieu.

MARCH 8-10

1 have filthy habits

Eben Kowler

Two siblings and an explorer cross paths in a terrarium. Weather patterns and behavior trends emerge, as three performers follow their habits into unknown and unstable territories.

Five Rules for Walking Rosie Labonky

Hildegard lives in a world made entirely out of trash. Everything she has is the detritus of generations before, and her slippery memories are now the complete history of the world.

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Saturday Morning

Puppet Shows for Kids

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FEBRUARY 16
Coyote Stories

Julie Boada and HOBT

Meet Coyote, sacred trickster to many American Indian tribes, who is learning new lessons about life, nurturing our spirit and reminding us to celebrate life.

February 23

Folktales and Strings

The Kurt Hunter Marinettes

March 2

The Wild Gardener

Public Domain Productions

March 9

The Country Bumpkin

George Meyer, Village Theatre

MARCH 26

To The Moon!

A Comedy of Tragedy in Three Episodes. Inspired by TV’s "The Honeymooneers.

Directed and Designed by Michael Sommers

Written by Josef Evans

Starring Maren Ward, Annie Enneking, Kimberly Richardson, and Emily Zimmerman.

To The Moon! explores the iconic 1950s television classic, The Honeymooneers, taking audiences on a journey through a warped and hilariously unsettling re-imagination. The show’s unforgettable characters return home after an unspoken tragedy and must navigate a radically altered vision of their world to find the humanity at its tarnished and troubling heart.

We laugh our heads off as we realize sadly how little has changed.

Starring the all-star, all-female cast of Maren Ward, Annie Enneking, Kimberly Richardson, and Emily Zimmerman. To The Moon! takes The Honeymooneers to new and unexpected heights, deconstructing, reimagining, and tossing about this icon of American Culture.

Performances

Friday, February 22 at 7:30pm;
Saturday, February 23 at 7:30pm;
Sunday, February 24 at 4:00pm;
Thursday, February 28 at 7:30pm;
Friday, March 1 at 7:30pm;
Saturday, March 2 at 7:30pm;
Sunday, March 3 at 4:00pm;
Thursday, March 7 at 7:30pm;
Friday, March 8 at 7:30pm;
Saturday, March 9 at 7:30pm;
Sunday, March 10 at 7:30pm

Closing

Recommended for ages 16 and up. Tickets: General Admission $15 | Students and Seniors $15. Tickets available for purchase on Brown Paper Tickets

There are two wheelchair accessible tickets available for every performance. A Pay As Able option is available at the door.

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Please contact us at 612-721-2535 to set up a sustaining contribution!

Thank you!

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask
Look Back Forward Beyond

BY FRANK DECKEN

It is chilling that the powers that be would use children from Sandy Hook Elementary School to promote Americanism. It is pure exploitation to wrap these students in the American flag at the Super Bowl, where they sang “America the Beautiful” with Jennifer Hudson. What is the connection between murdering their classmates and the song “America the Beautiful”? But how is their surviving a mass murder attempt connected to the song “America the Beautiful”? The parents of those children should realize and see that their children are being taken advantage of. As if these children have not been traumatized enough, now the U.S. is going to use them to promote itself.

To lead us to believe the U.S. is about peace and love, and the safety of children. To soften the appearance of the “wars”, of “enhanced interrogation techniques”, of world domination, drone killings, and the oppression of Native People. Their post-traumatic stress, their horrible experience should be off limits to anyone who wants to exploit it.

Things always have been disturbing around here. “Super sniper” Chris Kyle, a Navy SEAL, killed over 160, people in Iraq, his marksmanship got him two Silver Stars and five Bronze Stars, and a huge book deal. But when a retired corporal from the Marines, Eddie Ray Routh, shot and killed Chris Kyle at a Texas shooting range, he only got murder charges.

What is the difference between Kyle having the freedom to endlessly shoot people in Iraq, but then back in the States no one has the freedom to shoot him? It appears to be the “in war” versus “peace and justice.” And why was he keeping count, why keep count of how many people you have killed? One, two, 121, 124… wait, did it kill that guy, back to 123.

How does Kyle get all those people he killed “in war” with him where he is free to kill them as far as I can tell, from nothing more than shouting at them. But Routh does not get the freedom to kill Kyle from only shouting at him—continuing. Why is anything confusing is to give Kyle awards for his effective killing within a moral “war.” That the fighting of it can transcend the criminality of it, that you can be a hero at killing in “war” regardless of whether it is right or wrong. That doing “war” good is separate from the wrongness of starting it. This is evidence of people seeing “war” as only “armed conflict”, as its own separate entity, existing as its own separate entity, existing as only armed conflict, and having nothing to do with what the conflict is about.

Yet “war” cannot exist by itself as only “armed conflict”, as it does in the dictionary, because “war” is the freedom to kill while attacking someone, or engaging in armed conflict—and all the armed conflict in the world cannot give you the freedom to kill while doing it.

To give Kyle awards for his killing, and then say the “war” was wrong, as most have, including Obama, must be very, very confusing for people in Iraq who were attacked. “They say, the ‘war’ is wrong’, but they then make heroes out of the soldiers who killed the most of my fellow Iraqis, what an “in war” hero. The only way the “Iraq War” could last for seven years, is by people seeing “war” as its own entity as armed conflict, above and beyond the reasons for fighting it.

Procession for Peace March 24

Palm Sunday Anniversary for Assassination of Archbishop Romero & Recognition of other Fighters for Peace and Justice

Sunday, March 24 is the 33rd Anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. Romero was murdered for standing up for the poor and opposing the US-supported war during the 1970’s and 1980’s, which killed tens of thousands of Salvadorans. His life is remembered around the world on March 24, as a celebration of the continuing struggle for justice and peace. This year, the remembrance coincides with Palm Sunday, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Phillips is hosting a Palm Sunday Procession for Peace, that will remember Archbishop Romero and other fighters for peace and justice.

The procession is bilingual, and begins at 12 noon at St. Paul’s, 2742 15th Ave S. It will stop at several spots between St. Paul’s and El Mercado Central, as people remember and pray for issues that affect our community. For more information, call 612-724-3862 or e-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com. Procession for Peace March 24th, Palm Sunday Anniversary Archbishop Romero/ Assassination, Celebrate Fighters for Peace and Justice

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“America should do Justice to the Indians: It costs too much to wrong them!”

—Wendell Phillips (1870s)

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Commentary
You're Invited to a Neighborhood Energy Party

BY TIMOTHY DEHNER-THOMAS, OURPOWER/TRANSITION TOWN

On Saturday March 16th from 4-7PM, the Our Power campaign will be hosting a party for Midtown-area residents involved or looking to get involved in local energy solutions. Over the past few years, neighbors in Phillips and other surrounding neighborhoods have taken the lead on the energy challenge through:
• Home energy education programs among neighbors
• Block groups raising awareness around energy solutions by chatting, house parties, and more
• Groups buying insulation and solar panels in bulk
• Community solar projects
• Involvement in neighborhood, school, and state-wide energy planning and policy initiatives
• Local businesses leading the way towards energy solutions

Some of the highlights of the party:
• And more!
• At this party, enjoy free food and music, get to know your neighbors, learn from people across Midtown who are helping neighbors cut their energy bills, generate clean energy, create local jobs, and share your own actions and ideas. The party will include hands-on how-to activities, and information about support you can get to start your own neighborhood energy team.
• 4-6PM: Updates on neighborhood efforts, information on support and opportunities, activities, and ways to get involved.
• 6-7PM: Dinner and conversation

Location: Midtown Global Market, 920 E Lake Street, base- ment Community Meeting Room
RSVP at: http://bit.ly/1j13tjw
Contact mnourpower@gmail.com or (612) 548-1333 for details. Please invite your friends!

Spaghetti Dinner for Youth Hockey

BY LEON BOGGE, CITY OF LAKES YOUTH HOCKEY

City of the Lakes Youth Hockey Association will hold its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser Saturday, March 2nd, 5-8:00 p.m. at Gustavo’s Adolphus Lutheran Church in NE Minneapolis, 509 27th Ave. NE (27th and Johnson). Tickets cost $5 per person, $20 per family.

Trinity First School’s CommUNITY Health Fair

1115 East 19th Street – One Block North of Franklin Avenue • March 9th 10 am to 2 pm

BY CARRIE BUTCHER, TRINITY FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Looking for a way to stay healthy and start out the New Year right? Get a head start on making healthy decisions and getting to know the resources available in your community by attending Trinity First’s CommUNITY Health Fair on Saturday, March 9th from 10am-2pm! Everyone is welcome to participate; there will be booths, food, and activities for community members of all ages including lots of new information and giveaways!

Some of our vendors include:
Community University Health Care Center, American Heart Association with free blood pressure/heart rate checks, Hennepin County Health Department and the YWCA Minneapolis campus! We will also be having a vegetarian’s booth with hair care tips and a family photo booth to remember the day. But that’s not all! There will be two raffle drawings throughout the day - which you can register for when you arrive. These raffles include two health-themed gift baskets both valued at $75 and include goodies for all ages. We will also be offering healthy snacks during the health fair and will be giving away healthy and wholesome recipes to share. Please join us for a day of family fun centered around living and pursuing a healthy lifestyle!

CommUNITY Health Fair

You and your family are invited to a free CommUNITY Health Fair Saturday, March 9th from 10-2pm at Trinity First Lutheran School located at 1115 E. 19th St.

Many organizations including: American Heart Association will be available to help participants learn more about resources available in their community and to improve their overall health. We will have free health screenings, information and snacks as well as two raffle drawings throughout the day!