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60th Anniversary

The Multicultural Alliance traces its lineage to 1927 with the founding of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1951 the Fort Worth chapter was created. In 2006 the National NCCJ organization disbanded and requested that each local chapter

form its own independent status. With this separation, the local board decided to change the name and expand the mission and purpose. The

enhanced mission of the Multicultural Alliance is to promote inclusion, diversity and understanding and work toward eliminating bias, bigotry and oppression in our community.

This organization was born at the midpoint of the 20th century. The United States had overcome the Depression and won World War II. It was time to get our own house in order. We took positions that were not always popular, but viewed today—the right stand was taken.



Camp CommUNITY

Looking toward the future, the Multicultural Alliance recently hosted Focus Groups, and with the opinions expressed, we are gearing up to celebrate the past, the present and the future as we turn 60.

Besides coordinating our life-changing programs during the 60th year, we will reinstitute the Interfaith Dialogues, celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Camp COMMUNITY (formerly Anytown, Texas), and partner with local organizations to commemorate together.

The Multicultural Alliance Annual Awards Dinner will give us the occasion to reminisce and reconnect with our program participants, dinner honorees, and supporters. Details to be announced in early 2011.

For those who have heart for our mission—we offer thanks.



Cheryl Kimberling, PhD
President



Fifty-nine years of Annual Awards Dinner Honorees

Since 1952 The Multicultural Alliance Annual Awards Dinner has recognized community leaders and organizations who live and work in a manner aligned with the mission, purpose, and principles of the Multicultural Alliance. The distinguished honorees display excellence in the promotion of diversity and inclusion.

We are proud to list our past honorees:

1950s

Dr. M. E. Sadler
Sol Brachman
James R. Record
Lorin A. Boswell
Benjamin Max Mehl
Bernard J. Lunt
Dr. Law Sone
Edwin Grover Schwarz, MD

1960s

Mrs. W. J. Danforth
Mrs. Edgar Deen
Mrs. Henry Mack
Rabbi Isadore Garsek
Reverend Dr. Robert Jones
Msgr. Ernest Langenhorst
Fred Korth
Neville G. Penrose
Frank E. Crumley
Dr. M. J. Neeley
Rabbi Robert J. Schur
Robert E. Moreton, MD
Walter R. Humphrey
Edward R. Hudson
William A. Hudson

1970s

Clay J. Berry
Arthur I. Ginsburg
Jack L. Butler
Manuel Jara

Edwin W. Guinn, MD
Louis J. Levy, MD
May Owen, MD
Harry K. Werst
Dr. James M. Moudy
Nenetta Burton Carter
Mr. and Mrs. F. Howard Walsh
Frank Cohen, MD
Randall D. Nyman, MD
John M. Richardson, MD

1980s

Leon H. Brachman
Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Pate
Robert F. Snakard
Louis and Madlyn Barnett
Paul W. Mason
William C. Conner
John V. Roach
E. M. Rosenthal
Mayor Bob Bolen

1990s

William and Jean Tucker
John and Jane Justin
Walter B. Barbour
Bayard and Cornelia Friedman
Paul Ray, Sr.
Paul Ray, Jr.
Richard L. Connor
Jeffrey K. Wentworth
Bob J. Crow

Rosalyn Rosenthal
Van Cliburn

2000s

Jake B. Schrum
David M. Beckerman
Erma C. Johnson Hadley
Rosie K. Mauk
Mayor Kenneth Barr
Mayor Mike and Rosie Moncrief
Mrs. Hazel Harvey Peace
Ms. Viney Chandler
Leonard Roberts
Rep. Kay Granger
Tim Sear
Rozanne and Billy Rosenthal
Mary Alice and John Giordano

2010

North Texas
Leaders and Executives
Advocating Diversity

“I was so moved to hear the impact of the mission of the Multicultural Alliance at the annual dinner that I joined the board. This organization makes such a difference in the lives of program participants and in our community.”

– Annual awards dinner attendee

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2010 Highlights



Camp CommUNITY:

The Multicultural Alliance held our 29th Camp CommUNITY, a youth diversity leadership

program, in June. Thanks to the dedicated and experienced volunteer staff, 56 students representing 21 area high schools had a life-changing experience! With the horrific bullying in our country, Camp CommUNITY is vital. Approximately 2,250 students have been impacted by Camp CommUNITY since its inception in 1982. We routinely hear from former Delegates that Camp CommUNITY is a pivotal experience in their lives.

As an outgrowth of Camp CommUNITY, we have wonderful news to share with you. More specifically, our news story! Deborah Ferguson of Channel 5, KXAS, reported on The Multicultural Alliance High School Club at James Martin High School. This club was established during the school year as a way to bring aspects of Camp CommUNITY to the Arlington high school. More than 40 students are members.

“This camp was truly life changing and I cannot imagine anyone else touching my heart the way every single person at Camp CommUNITY did. I have a huge leadership position at my school and now know how to use it to the best of my ability.”

– 2010 Camp CommUNITY Delegate



The 59th Multicultural Alliance Annual Awards Dinner

honored North Texas Leaders and Executives Advocating Diversity. Gyna Bivens and Dick Ruddell accepted the award on behalf of North Texas LEAD. Edward McFalls served as Dinner Chair.

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Seminary Retreat:

This past January, 35 Jewish, Christian, and Muslim seminarians

and clergy representing 12 religious institutions, participated in The Multicultural Alliance Seminary Retreat. Since 1987 approximately 1,200 seminary students have participated in the annual retreat. We are affirmed that the retreat experience creates a life-long path of interfaith dialogue and civic engagement.



“It was great to be in dialogue with other seminarians of different faiths and to realize we have similar experiences. I really loved how we created a safe environment to be able to ask the questions we have always wanted to ask but felt embarrassed to. This experience was definitely an enriching one.”

– 2010 Seminarian



Workshops, Presentations & Dialogue:

The Multicultural Alliance delivered workshops and presentations related to diversity, dialogue and social justice to over 500 participants. Partnerships include: Forth Worth Country Day, Girl Scouts of Texas and Oklahoma Plains, ACCESS/Mental Health Connection, City of Fort Worth GLBT training, Tarrant County Juvenile Services, YWCA ‘Dialogue on Race’ and Daughters of Abraham.



Adena Cytron-Walker
Program Director

2010 Highlights

The Multicultural Alliance was presented the *Pillar of Strength Award* for our loyalty, diligence, and outstanding performance by the Neighborhood Conference Committee, a program of Tarrant County Juvenile Services. 2010 Camp CommUNITY Co-Director, JaCinto Ramos Jr., made the presentation.

“The critical question seems to be: what would our community lose if the Multicultural Alliance did not exist?”

-Focus Group participant



Through the efforts of The Multicultural Alliance and local clergy, 25 individuals gathered to take seriously the diversity of religious faith. Their desire is to build positive understanding and attitudes of the faith path of others. Individuals representing the three Abrahamic faiths developed an appreciation, mutual respect and cooperation among one another.

New Interfaith Trialogue sessions will begin in 2011. If you are interested in participating and having a more visible voice in our community, please contact the Multicultural Alliance.

Ways to Connect: Let us know the best way to stay connected with you!

Calling All Past Delegates:

We celebrate 30 years of Camp CommUNITY (Anytown, Texas) in 2011. Let us know if you are interested in serving on the reunion planning committee.

Sign Up for E-Newsletter:

Update your contact information online, by email or phone. Share your email to stay informed about our 60th Anniversary, our Camp CommUNITY Reunion, and other Multicultural Alliance programs.

Share Your Story:

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Multicultural Alliance we are collecting stories and reflections about Camp CommUNITY (Anytown, Texas); Seminary Retreat; Interfaith Trialogues; the Multicultural Alliance Annual Awards Dinner; workshops and/or conversations.

If you have been impacted and inspired by our organization, please share your written story or video excerpt by email or postal mail. Thank you!



Become a fan of the Multicultural Alliance