



The South Orange/Maplewood **Community Coalition *on Race***

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Generous Donation from Fred R. Profeta Jr. Furthers Mission of the Community Coalition on Race

Fred R. Profeta, Jr., a founding board member and first chair of the Community Coalition on Race, recently made a very generous gift to the organization he has supported with his time, talent, and financial contributions over its 23-year history. The trustees are extremely grateful for Mr. Profeta's gift of \$29,000 which will provide the seed money to make it possible for the Coalition to support the sustainability of racial integration in the South Orange and Maplewood communities.

[Read more here...](#)



Talking to Children about Race

The Schools Committee invited Dr. Diane Hughes along with a panel of parents to discuss the need and the best ways to address race with your children. The 70 participants then had the chance to talk through some issues and share questions with the larger group. [Read more here and see the committee's strategies...](#)



Integrated Playgroup Fosters Integration through Personal Relationships

Schools Committee volunteer Keli A. Tianga talks about why she was motivated to start an integrated playgroup: "All of our lives and experiences as human beings are enriched when we share space and ideas



with people who are different from us. This concept inspired the idea to host an integrated play group for children and their families."

[Read more here and find out how to join...](#)

Conversations on Race: The History of White People

Save the Date!

May 15th, 7:30 pm, Seton Hall University

This year's conversation will be led by Dr. Nell Irvin Painter, professor emerita at Princeton and author of New York Times bestseller *The History of White People* in which she discusses both the invention of race and also the frequent praise of "whiteness" for economic, scientific, and political ends. [Read more here...](#)



Need Money for External Home Repairs?

Plan now for your springtime home repairs! For SOMA residents who can't afford much-needed exterior work on their homes, the Community Coalition on Race is pleased to share that the Home Maintenance Loan Program is available and open for applicants with terms that will make you do a double-take. [Get the details here...](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Integrated Play Group Community Coalition on Race	Sat., April 13, 10:00 - Noon Le Parc Place 195 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ
Meet authors Kwame Alexander, Kadir Nelson, & Lamar Giles	Thurs., April 4th, 7 pm, [words] Bookstore 179 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ Details here
Yellow Man Progressive Theater	Sat., April 13, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm Sun., April 14, 2:00 pm Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts 10 Durand Rd., Maplewood Details here
SOMSD Diversity Recruitment Fair	Weds., April 24th, More Details to Follow
Pride Festival 2019	Sunday, June 9th, 12 pm - 6 pm Maplewood Memorial Park, Maplewood NJ
SOMA Juneteenth Celebration	Sunday, June 9th, 1-4 pm Durand Heddan House 523 Ridgewood Rd., Maplewood NJ

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