

# Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association

## ECMAA

### Monthly Newsletter

#### FEATURED EVENT

##### Resume and Interviewing Workshop

**March 10, 2019, 2-5pm**

Networking at 1pm, doors open at 12  
**8 W. 126th St., 3rd Floor**

A skilled Human Resources professional from our community will be leading us through resume building exercises and tips on how to interview more effectively.

Resources for organizations that can assist on a more case by case basis will also be provided at the workshop.

##### Soccer Game

**March 30, 2019, 2-5pm**

**103rd Street, Riverside Park ,**

NYC Sign up at [Youth vs. Experience Sign-up Sheet](#)

See flyer for more info and circulate to those you know.

#### OTHER EVENTS

##### Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee (ESAC)

**March 17, 1-3, Yonkers, NY** ESAC

will be hosting International Women's Day Celebration in to support and advocate for Ethiopian Domestic Workers' of the Middle East. <http://www.esacnyc.com>

##### Rent or Buy?

There is a limited space event to compare the benefits of buying vs. renting a home. Please send an email to [ecmaany@gmail.com](mailto:ecmaany@gmail.com) if you're interested in an event on 3/7

#### Yekatit 12 : Remembrance Day of Addis Ababa Massacre

By **Berhane Tadese**

On Sunday February 17, 2019 the Ethiopian community in the metropolitan NYC area gathered to pay tribute to the Ethiopians killed during the infamous Addis Ababa Massacre of Yekatit 12, 1929, and to ensure that our brave forefathers who have fought and died valiantly to protect our country are not forgotten.

The program was organized by Ethiopian Community Mutual Assurances Association (ECMAA) in partnership with Global Alliance for Justice -The Ethiopian Cause. Speakers included Dr. Teshale Tibebu, Professor of History at Temple University, Dr. Shimelis Bonsea, Professor of History, SUNY Stony Brook, Dr. Girma Abebe, former United Nations diplomat a graduate of New York University, Dr. Zergabachew Asfaw, founding member and president of Hakim Workineh and Melaku Beyan Society of Physicians in North America, and Mr. Nicola Antonio DeMarco, JD human rights activist and a graduate of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York.

We believe that understanding our history and the sacrifice that our forefathers made for our sovereignty is fundamental to our Ethiopian identity. The program served to strengthen our connection to our motherland, to reflect deeply on the history of Ethiopia, and to pass important heroic stories to the next generation of Ethiopians. It was a day dedicated to honoring and celebrating the victory we have won against fascist Italy.

Our thanks go out to our friends who helped us through their donations of time and talent. The Remembrance Day could not have been possible without you. We especially want to thank Deneke H. Mariam from Global Alliance.

##### Getting Active

**Membership:** Become a formal members by completing [ECMAA Membership Form](#).

**Amharic Classes:** Every fourth Sunday. Next Class is on 3/31/2019. If interested register at [Amharic Class Sign Up](#).

**Interested in giving back to the community:** Please

## RESOURCES

### Internet Essential

It is an initiative by Comcast to make **internet accessible for \$9.95 + tax.** Families and individuals can qualify for this

- \* Children qualify for reduced or free meals at school
- \* Families receiving housing assistance
- \* Community College Student
- \* Veterans
- \* In addition, the **program offers a laptop or desktop for \$149.99** as part of the accessibility initiative as well as **training** on internet safety.

[internetessentials.com](http://internetessentials.com)

### Summer Internship for College Students

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is offering internship positions for undergraduate and graduate students, in the areas of Engineering, Sciences, Legal, Information Technology, Customer Service and administration. Visit [www.nyc.gov/jobs](http://www.nyc.gov/jobs) for further information. The deadline for all applications is Friday, April 5, 2019.

### Federal Direct Tax Services

- Ethiopian tax preparer, Speaks Amharic. Tel 202-455-6720 [wondmu@msn.com](mailto:wondmu@msn.com)
- NYC residents who earn less than \$66K a year are eligible for free tax assistance. Go to [nyc.gov/taxprep](http://nyc.gov/taxprep) or Text "Taxes" to 42033

### NOTE

**The Autism Awareness program scheduled for April has been postponed. We will send notification with new date and time.**

complete the [Giving Back Sign-up Form](#)

**Interested in contributing to the Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund:** Please register at [www.ethiopiustrustfund.org](http://www.ethiopiustrustfund.org)



### Thank you!

Thank you for coming together to assist a family in need. Through just this group's efforts, as of 3/3/2019, approximately \$7,500 was raised for a family that lost all their belongings. Through churches, ECMAA, and other groups the family received the support they really needed, emotionally, financially and longer term.

To help us activate our emergency response better, please let us know your areas of expertise so we can gently lean on each other in times of crisis and grow stronger as a community.

Send us an email or sign up [Giving Back Sign-up Form](#). \_\_\_\_\_