

Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association

ECMAA

Monthly Newsletter

FEATURED EVENT

College Planning Workshop

May 5, 2019 2-4pm
8 West 126th Street, NYC

Navigating the college admission process can be stressful. Come learn tips and strategies on selecting and applying for college and financial aid. at [ECMAA College Planning Workshop](#).

Amharic Classes

April 21, 2019 2pm
8 West 126th Street, NYC

Please note April's Amharic class is on the third Sunday to avoid conflict with Easter. If interested register at [Amharic Class Sign Up](#).

Spring Fair-Save the Date

June 9th, 2019, TBD
Riverbank State Park

ECMAA will partner with organizations to sponsor a Spring Fair with cultural, sports, educational and other activities.

OTHER EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Summer Youth Employment Program

Deadline April 26, 2019

[Apply](#) if you have a New York City youngster who is between the age of 14 and 26 years old.

It truly takes a village.... That was the theme for ECMAA in March. We had fun and built up our organization. The Board kicked off a busy month at its Quarterly In-Person Meeting and then leaned on many others in the Community to put together several events. At the meeting we firmed up our plans for the year and planned on ways to be available in times of need in the community.

At our next In-Person meeting we'll work with Jonathan Apikian, a strategic planning professional, to help develop long term goals for ECMAA. Additionally, Beselot Berhanu is helping us put together funding proposals for space and for other ECMAA needs. We'd like to include your voice in the planning process, become a member using the [ECMAA Membership Form](#) and also complete [ECMAA Planning Survey](#) about what you'd like to see from ECMAA in the coming years.

Youth Vs. Experience Soccer Game, March 30, 2019

Thank you, to Hibist Legesse from Bati Ethiopian Kitchen, Bogalech (Boge) Marreru from Awash Restaurant, and to Aida Meskel from the Professional Ethiopian Network (PEN) for partnering with ECMAA to host the first of a series of soccer games with those under 30 playing against those over 30. Tadias has written an [article](#).

Our virtual referee Berhane Tadese awards the trophy to Team Youth, since Experience had to recruit a 27 year old for a full game, but Team Experience took the trophy home. Needless to say, there will be a rematch! If you're interested in joining the next game, on either side, please register at [soccer sign up](#).



Thank you to all the players for a truly competitive game and fantastic team and community spirit. This was displayed when Eyoel Getachew

Housing Connect

Ongoing

To have access to affordable housing in New York City, open an account and apply for apartments at [NYC Housing Connect](#)

Exhibit - Bisrate Gabriel

April 20 & 21

1046 South Orange Ave.
Newark, NJ

“Realizing the Doctrine of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and Our Role” for more information email newyork@eotcmk.org

Fundraiser

April 6, 3-5 pm

357 W 16th St, NYC

Girmay Zahilay is running for County Council in Seattle and raising funds in New York City.

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from Team Experience scored a goal scored on a diving header from a corner. All on and off the field cheered in shock and appreciation – Experience delivered! Thanks to Bill Ashe, we have many moments captured. Please visit the ECMAA website at www.ecmaany.org – under Events to see a slide show of pictures from the day.

Resume and Interview Skills Workshop March 10, 2019

Thanks to the hard work of Rebecca Shifera, ECMAA hosted a professional resume building and interview skills session for our community. We worked

with foreign trained professionals who were facing barriers of entry to the workforce in the United States in their fields of interest or training. Yayne Gebremariam, an HR professional with years of experience in Ethiopia and in the US, led the workshop. Attendees



shared their backgrounds, provided their resumes for critique, and explained their steps for approaching the job market in their fields.

We enjoyed hearing pertinent questions, commonalities in struggles with the job search, and honest feedback about how to refine and improve our workshop. We hope to host this type of workshop again, with specific information and resources to assist different groups of the Diaspora, such as new College Grads, professionals, mothers coming back into the workforce. Yayne has provided resume and job search tips that can be found on [ECMAA's website](#).

Amharic Class, March 31, 2019

On the last Sunday of each month, Sofie Zewdu treks from New Jersey to Harlem to teach our Amharic Class, thank you! Seble Alemu joined her as a new additional teacher this month, welcome and thank you! This dedicated team will lead classes together in the coming months. Seble joining the team will help us divide into classes for younger students and another for teenagers and adults. The next class will be on 4/21 to avoid conflicting with Ethiopian Easter. May's class will be held on 5/19 to avoid conflict with Memorial Day weekend.

Thank you to Abdul Ahmed who provided access to beautiful, comfortable and technologically advanced space for ECMAA programming.