

ECMAA Newsletter

JULY 2020



Remembering the Summer and last year's Ethiopia Day

FEATURED EVENTS

ECMAA OFFICE HOURS Thursdays, 8-8:30pm

ECMAA has Zoom office hours on Thursdays from 8-8:30 to answer COVID 19 related questions, help complete benefit forms and discuss any topics of interest. Thanks to Muna Said for hosting these.

[Zoom call ID 409-087-377](#)

or call at (201) 870-0335

Virtual Amharic Classes Launched

After an informal class for young children in the past, ECMAA has started a formal Amharic class for young adults. Classes are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6-7:30 though August. Though this cycle is full, we anticipate continuing in the Fall. We will keep you posted!

Thanks to ECMAA Board Member, Betty Tesfaye for her efforts.

Real Estate Seminar, August 8, 2pm

Are you wondering if this is the right time for investing in Real Estate, are you planning for the future? Come find out more from our very own Tez Roro, Your Real Estate Professional for guidance on the field.

[Zoom call ID 834-102-31941](#)

From the Board

We've come through serious challenges this Spring. We held on and did it together, standing up with and for each other. Those who were ok, made sure others were too. Let's keep that going, as Ethiopia faces the greatest challenge - find out more below about Wegen Le Wegen.

We're discussing that Black Lives Matter and how we help our youngsters navigate living here. We're committed to continue the conversations and share with you the ways in which we can be active in making things better. We're inspired to do more because of the outrage and commitment we've heard from the Community. We'll keep you posted. Join a [townhall](#) hosted by young Ethiopians in Dallas on Saturday.

Do you have 10 to 25 year olds? Save 8/8 and 8/15 for workshops to create a space for them to bond together.

We honor and think of the families who've lost their lives and livelihoods in Ethiopia as a result of ethnic and religious persecution. As a non-political, non-religious and multi-ethnic organization that celebrates the diversity and beauty of all of Ethiopia we continue to state the common saying, we are better together. Between the GERD and COVID 19, we have so much to fight, we must find a way to do it together.



From last year's Ethiopia Day Plcnic

The Teen Experience, 4pm August 8, (15 to 20 year olds)

August 15 (10 to 15 year olds)

Come join us for a time with your fellow teens filled with excitement, empowerment and togetherness. To RSVP please fill out the form and [survey](#). Meseret Gebru and Yishak Desta are looking for your feedback to create the best experience for your teens.

Zoom ID: 854 0595 3627 PW: 919016

Virtual Book Review, TBD

ECMAA is holding a virtual book review with the author of [Barara \(Former Addis Ababa\)](#). Start reading and join us for a great discussion. You can purchase the book on Amazon. Thanks to Ato Berhane Tadese for getting this kicked off and arranging for thoughtful speakers for the review.

OTHER EVENTS

New Voices Media Training Program

In an effort to develop a cohort of Black Media Executives, Bloomberg is offering a training opportunity for Black men and women in finance and business. It's a four hour intensive individualized training, one on one training session. The training's goal is to increase visibility of under-represented executives. Please apply or nominate someone [here](#).

Wegen Le Wegen Campaign Launch, Monday July 27th, 5PM.

COVID-19 infection in Ethiopia is growing at an alarming rate. The National COVID-19 Taskforce in Ethiopia is working hard to slow and prevent the spread of the disease, expanding testing, and provide medical treatment to those that are positive. In developing countries like Ethiopia, there are structural challenges to overcome. The recent unrest has not helped. Following a worldwide call for action and the call by The Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations, the NY Tri-State Ethiopia COVID-19 Relief Fund Taskforce was formed and will launch [Wegen Le Wegen on Monday, July 27 at 5pm](#) on facebook live.

ECMAA is working closely with representatives of the tri-state Ethiopian community on the taskforce to mobilize financial relief for Ethiopia. All funds will be used for COVID-19 related expenses. Please join us for the [launch](#), we will share the information that we will ask that you spread among your friends, family, and on social media to to get maximum participation.

Supporting Ethiopia's Campaign for The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

Ethiopia has completed the 1st filling of the dam. This is a major victory not only for Ethiopia but also for all Nile Basin countries that contribute to the Nile but have been prevented from benefiting from the river due to a colonial agreement that gave Egypt a hegemonic power over the Nile.

Tayitu Cultural & Educational Center 20th Anniversary, Saturday July 25th , 3pm

The Tayitu Cultural & Educational Center, which serves as a platform for Ethiopian theatrical productions in the U.S. It is celebrating its 20th anniversary this Saturday.

Please join us to mark this important milestone and thank them for their dedication to preserving and promoting Ethiopian art in the US. Zoom ID: 868-550-28266

The Yoftahe Facebook Show
[Facebook.com/yoftahe](https://www.facebook.com/yoftahe)

Our Massachusetts partner from MESA is hosting an event on **July 25th 1-2pm**. It is on the Role of Your Pediatrician with one of our ECMAA members, Dr. Meseret Tena, Medical Director, SUNY Downstate Medical Center

GET INVOLVED

Visit our website

www.ecmaany.org for ongoing updates, to [become a member](#).

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [instagram](#) for the most up to date information on what's going on.

Finally, if you or those you know need immediate food and other assistance click on the links based on where you live [New York](#), [New Jersey](#). For more general COVID related assistance, go to [ACCESS NYC](#).

Census 2020

Make sure our community is counted and [complete the census!](#)

It is a manifestation of our collective effort and resolve as a country to utilize Abbay to uplift our people out of poverty. However, there is more work to be done before GERD can be fully functional. In the coming year, Sudan, Egypt, and Ethiopia have to iron out their differences and sign a comprehensive agreement.

For those that are interested and want to participate in making the case for Ethiopia to get her equitable share on social media, fund-raise or just have a question to ask, The Mission is having a zoom meeting on Saturday July 25th at 2pm to discuss GERD Zoom Meeting link. Password: 790471. Your experience and time will be valuable, please sign up [here](#) if you'd like to work on this as well.

ECMAA's Ethiopian Day Picnic, Sunday , September 20, 2020

We are holding our annual Ethiopian Day Picnic on Sunday, September 20 from 2-6. Safety is paramount. We will follow all the recommended guidelines. Masks and sanitizers will be available, will have bagged lunches instead of open serving for these reasons.

We look forward to seeing you all. And in order to maintain adequate social distancing, we will be at half capacity of the park. It is going to be a ticketed event, so make sure you get a ticket ahead of time. We will also keep you in case of changes.

Ethiopian Killed in NJ-Possible Hate Crime

We are sad to share with you that an Ethiopian young man, Amanuel Tamirat Kildea — a 20-year-old adopted son of a pastor and his wife was found dead in Morris County, New Jersey. Hate crime is suspected and the police are investigating. ECMAA sends its condolences to his family.

Fetene Hailu Covid 19 Relief Fund Update

Thank you for your generous contributions. There are still funds available, if you know someone who does not qualify for any government assistance please ask them to [apply here](#).