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To: All LATTICE members and friends

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1. LATTICE session on Sept. 28th.

WELCOME BACK to our first LATTICE session for 2006–2007. I am sure everyone is looking forward to meet again after a long Summer Break. And some of you just can wait to touch base and share summer experiences with other LATTICE friends. So, you are most welcome to be at Haslett High School by 12 NOON.

Here's a glimpse of the schedule for the day:

8:30–12:00 NOON Welcoming Session for new members.

12:30 –4:30 pm LATTICE Session for 2006–2007.

Location: Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, Michigan

As usual, some people need ride and others can offer ride to HHS. Those who need or can offer ride normally meet at Erickson Lobby. The meeting times for riders at Erickson on September 28th are:

8:00 am for the New Members Welcoming Session.

12.00 NOON for the Regular afternoon session.

Pls e-mail me if you need or can offer ride for the morning or afternoon session. I will try to match riders with our ever helpful LATTICE members.

2. MSU HOMECOMING 2006 – Forever Green!

Michigan State University is gearing up for Homecoming 2006 with a variety of fun-filled activities celebrating the pride of Spartans everywhere.

Michigan State University's Homecoming weekend will be held on Sept. 30 through Oct. 1, though many activities will celebrate Homecoming the week leading up to that weekend.

The traditional Homecoming Parade will return to East Lansing on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. The highlight of the weekend will be on Saturday, Sept. 30 when the Spartans take on the Fighting Illini at Spartan Stadium.

More details available at <http://homecoming.msu.edu/>

3. NEED: Bilingual mentor volunteers for Everett students.
(from – "Carol Baker" <Carol.Baker@lansingschools.net>)

Hello to all LATTICE Members –

I am a school social worker at Everett High School and have been a LATTICE member in the past.

Do you have any members who would be willing to work as volunteer bilingual mentors for international students?

We currently have 2 students from Burma who could really use a bilingual mentor to work with them. This could include anything from regular

homework assistance to someone who could is bilingual and could spend a few hours talking and answering questions.

Could you please mention this in your next newsletter and give me name and e-mail contact information to anyone interested?

Thanks for your help.

Carol Baker

NOTE for LATTICE members, pls let us know if you are interested to volunteer. THANKS :)

- 4. South African Eddie Daniels will be at MSU.
(from Sally McClintock)

Weekly News from the AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER
 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY 100 INTERNATIONAL CENTER
 EAST LANSING MI 48824-1035
 For back issues, see archive <<http://africa.msu.edu>>

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 Eddie Daniels, ANC member to visit MSU in October  
 Possible Speaker at Area High Schools  
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South African Eddie Daniels will be at MSU on two weekends in October and on weekdays, Friday, October 13th, Monday morning, October 16th, Thursday afternoon, October 19th, and Friday, October 20th all day.

Eddie Daniel's was a member of the African Nationalist Congress (ANC). He has written an autobiography entitled, There and Back: Robben Island 1964 to 1979 (Third edition, 1998). He is a popular lecturer among young people and is being requested to speak in Haslett, Okemos, and other area high schools.

If you would like to set up individual meetings with Mr. Daniels over the two weekends, please consult John Metzler, African Studies Center Outreach Coordinator at (517) 353-1700; or e-mail: metzler@msu.edu.

5. The CVIP Lending Center at 802 Cherry Lane –Opens Tues. & Thurs.

The Lending Center at MSU is continuing to attempt to meet some of the immediate needs of our newly arriving international students, faculty and visitors. In addition to linens for the bedroom and bath, the center provides household items such as pots and pans, dishes, and other kitchen provisions.

New arrivals at MSU need knives, can openers, water kettles, and especially lamps, since the lighting in the MSU apartments is next to nonexistent. They specially appreciate the floor lamps, but the center just can't keep up with the demand.

Open only to MSU's international students and scholars, on Tuesdays (1–2 pm) and Thursdays (3:30–4:30 pm), the Lending Center is located in the basement of 802 Cherry Lane (phone 353–6778).

Thanks to all of you who have told your friends about the CVIP (Community Volunteers for International Programs) Lending Center. To donate household items, please contact Erika Nwankwo Larson (351–4548 or enwank@yahoo.com).

6. LATTICE Book Club session on Sept. 21.
(from Mary Hennessey)

Dear fellow book lovers,

It was great meeting everyone at our first LATTICE book club yesterday! Here are some notes – names of books we mentioned, and other things relevant to our discussion. I'll send out emails occasionally when I see something of interest to our group. If you don't want to get these, just let me know and I'll take you off the list.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND TITLES

We will next meet on Thursday October 19 at the East Lansing Library, 4–6 pm. We will be discussing *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

Our November meeting will be on Thursday November 16, at the EL Library, 4–6 pm. We will be talking about *The Language of Baklava* by Diane Abu-Jaber.

We will skip the busy month of December, and then meet on January 18, same time and location, to discuss the graphic novel *Palestine* by Joe Sacco and Edward Said.

We have not chosen books for the rest of the year yet, in case we want to read about something in the news, or by an author who is visiting, etc.

Kurnia recommended the new store Everybody Reads. I found their web site and it looks neat: <http://www.becauseeverybodyreads.com/> I called them and they were super nice and said they would order the books we are going to read. And if you tell them when you go to buy it that it's for a book group, they will give you 20% off! They should be in in a couple of weeks.

While you're reading these books, jot down questions or thoughts about the book and email those to me. Amy and I will use them in preparing our discussion!

SBCEUs

If you have any questions about CEUs, direct them to Carmela at cdalessa@inghamisd.org

BOOKS MENTIONED

Here are the authors and titles of books mentioned. I will include the url for reviews for some of them. You probably all know you can check on Amazon.com for professional reviews from sources such as Library Journal, School Library Journal and Booklist. They are usually right under the title, under Editorial Reviews.

One Day We Had to Run by Sybella Wilkes, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Staff United Nations, and Save the Children Fund Staff. (looks like it may still be in print, but scarce)

Spirit of Survival by Gail Sheehy. (resilience in children)

Slave: My True Story by Mende Nazer and Damien Lewis.

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, Written by Herself by Harriet Jacobs.

Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs by Mary E. Lyons

They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky: The True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan by Alphonsion Deng, Benson Deng, Benjamin Ajak, and Judy A. Bernstein.

Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard by Mawi Asgedom

Year of No Rain by Alice Mead.

Dream Freedom by Sonia Levitin

Nuer Journey Nuer Lives: Sudanese Refugees in Minnesota.by Jon D. Holtzman.

My Great-Grandmother's Gourd. by Cristina Kessler.

And here is some information about the newly published book about a girl from Nepal who is sold into prostitution by her family.

Sold by Patricia McCormick. I just got Teenreads newsletter today and it included lots of information about this book including a review of the book:

<http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0786851716.asp>

Q & A with the author:

<http://www.teenreads.com/authors/au-mccormick-patricia.asp#talk0609>

and audio excerpt and more.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Kurnia brought some things she found on the internet which we didn't get time to talk about. One is put out by the Sudanese Embassy, and is called "Making Money our of Conflict: Francis Bok and 'Slavery' in Sudan. "

<http://www.sudan.net/news/press/postedr/245.shtml>

Another is an essay called " Francis Bok's Escape from Slavery and Contemporary Slave Narratives"

<http://bad.eserver.org/issues/2004/69/lockard.html>

PREVIOUS LATTICE BOOK CLUB BOOKS

Someone asked about what books the book club has read in the past. You can find these on the LATTICE web site:

<http://www.latticeworld.org/>

Look on the left hand side under book club. The list may not be complete because I think I was supposed to send some more info to our webmistress – sorry Cathleen – can you add this info? :)

I think that's it. If I forgot anything, let me know.

See you in October.

Happy reading!

Mary Hennessey

7. MSU Global Festival: TRAVEL THE WORLD IN A DAY – November 19, 2006

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT!!!

Come and join us! Travel around the world at the Annual GLOBAL FESTIVAL on Sunday, November 19 from 12–5 p.m. in the Michigan State University Union at the corner of Grand River and Abbott Road in East Lansing.

MSU students, representing dozens of countries around the world, will share their culture and talents with exhibits and demonstrations, exciting and colorful performances, and an entire floor of children's activities. Have your "passport" signed as you wander through the different country exhibits.

Enjoy delicious foods found at the international cafe from 12 –3 p.m. or ala carte available all afternoon. Purchase gifts at the Global Gift Shop –ALL proceeds are used for scholarships for spouses of international students. The cafe is open from 12–3:00 and ala carte foods are available all afternoon. There is something for everyone so bring your family and friends. ADMISSION IS FREE!

For more information, call the Festival coordinators, Terry Walsh 358–1720 or Peggy Arbanas, 669–1239. The Global Festival is co-sponsored by CVIP (Community Volunteers for International Programs), the MSU Union, and several MSU departments.

Wanted: Items from your world travels which you no longer want. ...For the GLOBAL FESTIVAL GIFT SHOP. Proceeds provide scholarship for spouses of MSU international students. To donate, call Lillian Kumata, 351–6046 – Lois Sollenberger, 349–1862 – or contact the CVIP office at 353–1735.

Please check out the Global Fest website <http://www.oiss.msu.edu/globalfest/>

8. Rosh Hashanah began on Friday, 9/22 at sunset.

Rosh Hashanah was on Friday, September 22nd which began at sunset and through nightfall of Sunday, September 24th. It is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. It is one of the holiest days of the year – a time to begin introspection, looking back at the mistakes of the past year and planning the changes to make in the New Year. One popular observance during this holiday is eating apples dipped in honey, a symbol of wish for a sweet new year.

Another popular practice of the holiday is Tashlikh ("casting off"). This a long-standing custom that involves a walk to flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day and emptying pockets into the river, symbolically casting off our sins. Small pieces of bread are commonly put in the pocket to cast off. Tashlikh is normally observed on the afternoon of the first day, before afternoon services.

Source – <http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm>

9. Ramadan in East Lansing

The first day of the fasting month of Ramadan for Muslims began on Saturday, September 23rd. The entire month is spent fasting when eating, drinking and smoking are not allowed between sunrise and sunset.

The month of Ramadan brings multiplied and manifold of blessings for those who do good deeds. Purity of both thought and action is important. The fast is an exacting act of deep personal worship in which Muslims seek a raised level of closeness to God. The act of fasting is to cleanse the inner soul and free it from harm. Properly observing the fast brings on a comfortable feeling of peace and calm.

Many people go to the mosque in the neighborhood for fast breaking and meals. People in the neighborhood send fruit, food and drinks to the mosque – the atmosphere is that of a friendly pot luck dinner every evening of the month.

In East Lansing, Community Dinners are held Every FRIDAY after Maghrib prayers (Sunset ~ 7:30pm). All members (including Non-Muslims) of our community are invited. The dinners are free.

Islamic Center of East Lansing
920 S Harrison Rd,
East Lansing, MI 48823, USA

517-351-4309

To learn more about Ramadan, visit:

<http://www.islamicfinder.org/surf.php?ht=http://www.lansingislam.com>

NOTE:

For LATTICE members who would like to experience breaking of fast & meals at the Islamic Center of East Lansing, pls feel free to go with me on any Friday of your choice :)

End of LATTICE NewsLetter #412

LATTICE Monthly Session Dates for 2006-2007:

September 28
October 26
November 30
January 11
February 8
March 22
April 19
May 10

Day & Time: Thursdays, 12:30 – 4:30pm

Location: Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, Michigan

LATTICE Book Club Meeting Dates for 2006-2007:

September 21: Escape from Slavery: The True Story of My Ten Years in Captivity and My Journey to Freedom in America by Francis Bok
October 19: TBA
November 16: TBA
January 18: TBA
February 15: TBA
March 15: TBA
April 12: TBA
May 3: TBA

Day & Time: Thursdays, 4:15 to 6:00 pm

Location: East Lansing Public Library

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