

always we have forgotten our former states, except in the early spring when we slightly recall being green again. Rumi

Dear HEAL friends,

This month is a month of festivals honoring several different countries and cultures. Rather than try to post all of the wonderful, family friendly events happening in the city, we have linked the websites for Memphis in May, the Memphis Greek Festival and the Memphis Italian Festival where you can find information on the events remaining in this month. You can find more events on our [online calendar](#). If there is anything we have missed, please let us know because, as always, we update our online calendar throughout the month.

[Memphis in May honors Turkey](#)

[Memphis Italian Festival](#)

[Memphis Greek Festival](#)

Cultural Awareness Circles

The schedule will be available on the HEAL website

Mankind Lodge ([map](#))

Cultural Awareness Circles are a safe place and time to focus on cultural issues and isms that exist in our lives and communities. The ultimate goal is to promote learning, healing and growth between people, communities and cultures. The last Tuesday meeting of the month will be devoted to the discussion of the book *The Gender Knot* by Dr. Alan Johnson. For more information, call 901.870.8696 or email info@healfoundation.org.

Mindful Communication Reading Group

May 8 and 22

6:30-8 pm

2754 Lombardy ([map](#))

Come join us as we Build Community while reading Parker Palmer's *The Active Life*. This seminal book engages the Spirit and Truth of the Active Life. What spiritual sources can we draw on to receive guidance for--and from-- our lives in the world of action? *The Active Life* is Parker J. Palmer's deep and graceful exploration of a spirituality for the busy, sometimes frenetic lives many of us lead. Telling evocative stories from a variety of religious traditions, including Taoist, Jewish, and Christian, Palmer shows that the spiritual life does not mean abandoning the world but engaging it more deeply through life-giving action. He celebrates both the problems and potentials of the active life, revealing how much they have to teach us about ourselves, the world, and God.

Please bring a copy of *The Active Life* which can be purchased at any local bookstore and read chapter 1 before coming. This group will meet every two weeks. For more information or to rsvp, contact Jean Handley at 901.722.8619 or jeanhandley@bellsouth.net.

Movie at Caritas

May 9

6pm

Caritas Village, 2509 Harvard Ave.

Join us at the Caritas Village on Friday to watch the movie *Rize*. RIZE reveals a

groundbreaking dance phenomenon that's exploding on the streets of South Central, Los Angeles. Taking advantage of unprecedented access, this documentary film brings to first light a revolutionary form of artistic expression borne from oppression. The aggressive and visually stunning dance modernizes moves indigenous to African tribal rituals and features mid-blowing athletic movement sped up to impossible speeds. Call for questions and directions. 901.327.5246

Race and Politics Forum

May 10

8:30am-12:30pm

University of Memphis Law School

Discussion of "The Impact of Race on Political Leadership in Memphis" featuring Randolph Meade Walker, Calvin Anderson, Eric Robinson, Steve Mulroy, and others. The featured speaker will be Rev. Ben Parkinson, "Being White in America"

Racism to Reconciliation Prayer Service

May 10

1 pm

Caritas Village, 2509 Harvard Ave.

On Saturday May 10th @ 1:00 p.m. the Racism to Reconciliation

Working group will hold a prayer service and installation of the memorial to the 164 homicides in Memphis during 2007. Call for questions and directions. 901.327.5246

Circle Meeting

May 15

7-9 pm

6563 Elmore Ridge Lane ([map](#))

Thunderbird Clan Circle Meetings are about prayer, community, songs, and teachings from Gary Adler Fourstar. For more information, contact Kay at 901.239.6724.

School of Servant Leadership Dialogue

May 16

12 pm

Caritas Village, 2509 Harvard Ave.

The School of Servant Leadership's mission group and staff will gather at Caritas Village for a meal and conversation. If you are interested in sharing a meal and participating in a dialogue about the School, its community activities and direction, please join us on the third Friday of every month that your schedule allows.

This will be an informal gathering where we can exchange ideas, ask questions and discuss School issues and opportunities. We want to involve as many of the servant leadership community as possible so we will alternate each month between a lunch or supper gathering.

3rd Annual Diversity Memphis Humanitarian Awards Dinner

May 29

7pm

Peabody Hotel

Diversity Memphis will hold its third annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner recognizing Memphians who have and continue to make Memphis a better place for everyone. This dinner recognizes individual contributions and encourages each of us to strive to promote

tolerance in our community.

Plans are underway for a special guest speaker and a first time award to an individual representing the State of Tennessee. For more information, contact Jim Foreman at 901.405.9555 or jforeman@diversitymemphis.org.