

# **RACIALLY VISIBLE ACTION COMMITTEE**

## **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

FOR

**Jan 01 – Mar 31, 2016**

This report covers from Jan 01 to Mar 31, 2016.

RVAC remains committed to supporting all racially visible members who come to us; we are working with members to ensure they exercise their rights and consider all options available to them during this period of uncertainty in the Federal Public Service. We continue to push for information on the impact and seek out resources that can help our members to cope. We are also committed to lending community outreach whenever we can.

RVAC normally hold its AGM and elections in January; however, due to an RVAC omission in posting it had to be postponed to February to allow for the required notification. The election resulted in a new male Co-Chair and two other new members to the Executive allowing the committee to be getting into the practice of succession planning.

In February we also celebrated Black History Month and one of our sisters put on a concert titled “Spiritual Journey with Sandra Griffith-Bonaparte” to which RVAC participated. On March 21<sup>st</sup> International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination RVAC in partnership with the Communications Committee showed the movie “Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom” at 233 Gilmour. We were happy to welcome members of the general public who really enjoyed themselves and thought it was a great idea. They were not PSAC members but saw the ad on Face Book and thought it was a great opportunity to see the movie.

The Steering Committee for the Regional Conference for Racially Visible Members met in early March to start the planning for the NCR Conference.

Members are very excited about our first conference and have really started to come out in bigger numbers to the monthly meetings.

RVAC will again be hosting the annual Health Seminar on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 233 Gilmour, starting at 10:00. This year there are some very practical organizations giving presentations on topics such as: Kidney Disease, The travel Agency Syndrome, The Frailty Paradox, Losing Your Independence and addressing the question “Are you ready”. This event is being presented by a number of community organizations and this year there will be a \$5.00 cover charge to help defray the cost of the meals.

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Racially Visible Action Committee of PSAC Co-Chairs

March 31, 2016