

RACIALLY VISIBLE ACTION COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES REPORT

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Apr 01 – Aug 31, 2015

This report covers from April 1 to Aug 31.

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.

The 2015 Health Seminar was held on April 11 at 233 Gilmour Street. Several community organizations participated. RVAC was very pleased to host this very special event.

RVAC members attended the 2015 PSAC Convention and were instrumental in a long standing resolution meeting concurrence. The passage of this resolution means a lot to racialize members. We participated in the CLC Event held in Ottawa in June as well as the two discussions held on the topic of “Black Votes matter”. We continue to be an advisory in regards to members exercising their right to vote. In July RVAC co-hosted the showing of the movie Selma under the stars in the Dundonald Park. There was a great turnout and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves. With this being an election year the timing was perfect for reminding people of the importance of voting rights and the sacrifices that were made to get them.

RVAC shared a tent with MDAC at the Jam Day Festival held at Mooney's Bay on August 8th. Although we had to tone things down quite a bit we still managed to give much visibility to RVAC and the PSAC.

We also had representation at Haiti en fete held at Petrie Island. We looked into participation at one other popular festival but decided against it due to rental restrictions.

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