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The Southern Dutchess Branch NAACP will hold its 50th Anniversary Freedom Fund Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. Festivities will take place at Villa Borghese, at 70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls. This year's theme is 'Making Life Matter.' Live music includes acclaimed women's grass-roots a cappella group, The EarthTones. MC is Carmen McGill.

Keynote Speaker is Dr. Weldon McWilliams, noted professor of African Studies at Dutchess Community College's Department of History,

Government and Economics. A husband and father of faith, he is associate minister of the First Baptist Church of Spring Valley, where his father, Rev. Weldon McWilliams, Jr., is pastor.

One of several honorees is Dr. Kenneth Desa, MD, of Hudson River Community Health, located on Main Street. Also, Wayne Griffin of Beacon Youth Basketball League, Peter McGivney of Howland Public Library, Beacon City School District social worker Phillistine Oliver and Leman Anderson.

"The NAACP, founded in 1909, granted a Charter to the Beacon-Fishkill, New York Branch on July 6, 1966," said presi-

dent Anesta Kwame vanDyke. We are now known as the Southern Dutchess Branch, and our goal is justice for all people.

"Over the past 50 years the volunteers serving as officers and members of the Southern Dutchess Branch of the NAACP has worked to address challenges in our education, health care, and economic systems. To reform the criminal justice system and to educate, register and mobilize voters in Dutchess County."

Admission: \$60; membership \$30; \$50 youth/includes membership. For reservations call 845-234-9038; 845-287-9853; sdnaacp@gmail.com; also seen on Facebook.

## Stop & Shop partners with Cancer Society

Stop & Shop grocery stores are taking part in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk to raise awareness and funds in an effort to help create a world free from the pain and suffering caused by breast cancer. Stop & Shop is committed to helping the Society fund groundbreaking breast

cancer research, provide free, comprehensive information and support, and help people take steps to reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it's most treatable.

"Together, Stop & Shop and the American Cancer Society are committed to finishing the fight against breast can-

cer," said Cindy Carrasquilla, Community Relations Manager for Stop & Shop. "By joining with the Society, Stop & Shop is supporting those in our community who are battling the disease, remembering those we've lost, and investing in the most effective cancer-fighting organization in the nation. Our employees are proud to help the American Cancer Society achieve their vision of a world without breast cancer."

This year through Oct. 16, Stop & Shop will collect donations from customers as they check out. In addition, Stop & Shop supports 15 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks in NY & NJ, attended by over 415,000 people, with an in-kind donation of over 200,000 bottles of water.

This commitment to fight back against breast cancer is driven by hundreds of passionate employees that voluntarily choose to participate in a Making Strides walk near them, arm-in-arm with their customers and neighbors.

The Making Strides program is the largest network of breast cancer awareness events in the nation, uniting nearly 300 communities to celebrate breast cancer survivors, pay tribute to loved ones lost, and raise funds to end breast cancer.

To find out how you can join Stop & Shop's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer team and support their efforts to end breast cancer forever, inquire at the customer service desk of your local Stop & Shop store.

## Rain barrel workshop scheduled

Rain barrels capture runoff from rooftops during storms to use later to water lawns and gardens. Using a rain barrel can help save money on water bills, conserve water, and manage stormwater runoff. Learn how to make your very own rain barrel at one of four free, hands-on workshops on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Poughkeepsie Water Treatment Facility (3431 North Road, Poughkeepsie). There will be four different hour-long workshops offered throughout the day at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Rain barrels help households save money on water bills by conserving water. By storing water for later use, a rain barrel can save homeowners up to 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months (EPA, 2009). Rain barrels are placed below gutter downspouts and capture runoff from rooftops during storms. The water is stored within the barrel and can be used when the weather is drier to water your garden or lawn. The water is captured before it picks up most nonpoint source pollutants, and it is safe to use for watering plants, washing your car, and more.

This workshop is free and open to the public. A 55-gallon food-grade plastic barrel and all the materials you need to build your own will be provided. Please register by contacting Angela Sullivan at (845) 677-8223 ext.114 or acs26@cor-

nell.edu. This workshop is provided by the Poughkeepsie Water Treatment Facility in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County.



Learn about capturing runoff for use on lawns and in gardens at a session Oct. 15.

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## CAPE to host youth rally in Dutchess

CAPE (The Council on Addiction, Prevention and Education) of Dutchess County announces their first annual Youth Rally at Dutchess Stadium on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More than 1,500 9th grade students

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