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Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scheduled for January 22

Community Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.
Sunday, January 22, 2017 ▪ 6:00 pm
Port Chester Middle School Auditorium, 113 Bowman Avenue, Rye Brook

The annual Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr., community-wide commemorative event will take place on Sunday, January 22. The non-denominational celebration will be held in the Port Chester Middle School auditorium, 113 Bowman Avenue in Rye Brook, starting at 6:00 pm and is open to everyone.

The celebration will include readings from Dr. King's body of work, as well as performances by the Community Choir directed by Mr. Robert Mosely and the Port Chester Middle School Chorus directed by Mr. Mark Zizolfo. Other special guests will be presenting as well.

This year's keynote speaker is New York State Senator George Latimer, who represents Port Chester and surrounding towns in Albany.

Byron Womack, Port Chester Middle School Assistant Principal, will receive the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee Humanitarian Award. He is being recognized for his longstanding work with children and most recently his leadership with the Steer for Student Athletes program

This is the third year that this longstanding event will be organized by an interfaith committee comprised of All Souls Presbyterian Church, Bethel Sounds of Praise, Bethesda Baptist, Christ's Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel, Girtman Memorial, Holy Rosary Roman Catholic, Mount Zion Baptist, Rye Presbyterian, St. Frances AME Zion, St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Peter's Episcopal, and the Port Chester School District.

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Keynote Speaker Senator George Latimer is a third generation Westchester native and after attending Mt. Vernon public schools, graduated with a BA from Fordham University in the Bronx and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from New York University's Wagner School. He has received public recognition and awards from numerous Westchester and Hudson Valley organizations for his work in these areas, and has been cited with awards from the Sarah Neuman Center, the Washingtonville Housing Alliance, Congregation Anshe Sholom in New Rochelle, the Port Chester/Rye Brook Chamber

of Commerce, the Mamaroneck Chamber of Commerce, LMC-TV, Council of Community Services in Port Chester-Rye Town, Helping Hands and the NY State Association of School Psychologists. George Latimer's sound business experience, his record of public service and his dedication to the County community have been the driving force behind his effort for the last 25 years in both the public and private sector. In public office as a City Councilman, County Legislator and Assemblyman, George has always fought for what his Westchester residents and neighbors need. He is routinely cited as the most open and accessible of representatives. Latimer was elected to the State Senate, representing the 37th District in November of 2012. The 37th district is comprised of Bedford, Bronxville, Eastchester, Harrison, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook, Tuckahoe, White Plains and Yonkers.



Byron Womack, Assistant Principal of Port Chester Middle School, will receive this year's Humanitarian Award for his work as Executive Director of Steer for Student Athletes, a non-profit organization that provides funding and services to individual student athletes to help them graduate from high school and prepare for further education and/or entry into the workforce. He has also chaired the college scholarship committee of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity for over 14 years. Mr. Womack holds a bachelor degree in social work and Master's degrees in School Guidance and Counseling and School Administration and Supervision.