



January 18th, 2016

Brookline Celebrates
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

KEEPING THE PROMISE

PROGRAM

Bernard Greene

Welcome

Bobbie Knable

Tribute to Julian Bond

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lloyd Gellineau

Opening Remarks

Note-A-Fy

Ella's Song by Bernice Johnson Reagon
The Wind by Cat Stevens

Jan Schreiber

"Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes
passages from *Dark Symphony* by Melvin B. Tolson

Regie Gibson

*"When They Speak of Our Time
They Will Say..."* by Regie Gibson

Hannah Timmermann

*"How to Tell Your Racist Family that You Held
the Hand of a Black Boy"* by Hannah Timmermann

Susan Maze-Rothstein

Keynote Address

Bobbie Knable

"Revolutionary Dreams" by Nikki Giovanni

Perfect Pitch

Wayfaring Stranger - unknown

Testostotones

Where is the Love? - by the Black Eyed Peas

All

Lift Every Voice and Sing
(Lyrics on back cover)

Lloyd Gellineau

Closing remarks



SPEAKERS

Susan A. Maze-Rothstein, our keynote speaker, is a product of the Brookline public schools and, for most of her life, has been a resident of Brookline. She is a professor and director of the Legal Skills in Social Context (LSSC) Social Justice Program at Northeastern University School of Law. The LSSC program provides approximately 20,000 hours of pro bono work annually to community based organizations and state or federal agencies while promoting students' understanding of problem solving to address social justice issues.

Previously, she served for a decade as the first African American administrative law judge at the Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) where, as a member of the reviewing board, she adjudicated appeals taken from hearing decisions at the trial level within the department. She interpreted many of the controversial provisions of the 1991 legislative overhaul of the workers' compensation act and, where tested, her decisions were upheld by the courts. Before being appointed to the reviewing board, she sat as an administrative judge at the DIA for an additional two years, where she conducted hearings, wrote decisions and managed hundreds of new cases annually.

Professor Maze-Rothstein received her B.S. from Cornell University and her J.D. from Boston College Law School. After law school, she clerked at the Massachusetts Appeals Court. She then worked in civil litigation, first at Burns & Levinson and later at Warner & Stackpole. She has lectured and authored materials for numerous educational programs.

While a resident of Brookline Susan and her husband Steven Rothstein sent both of their sons, Galen and Isaac, through the Brookline Public Schools and were active in town politics. Professor Maze-Rothstein, currently sits on the Boston Public Schools Code of Conduct Advisory Council and is board president of Our Restorative Justice, a 501(c)(3), juvenile court diversion program.

Bernard Greene is the chair of the MLK Celebration Committee. He is a Brookline Selectman and the legal counsel to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, a state environmental finance agency in the Department of the State Treasurer. He has lived in Brookline since 2003 and is married with two adult children. Bernard graduated from Swarthmore College and Boston College Law School.

Lloyd Gellineau is the Director of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations for the Town of Brookline. Gellineau has 30 years of experience in human service/public health delivery and management- with emphasis on working with diverse and disadvantaged populations. Lloyd has extensive experience working with agencies that received state contracts from the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, and the former Department of Mental Retardation. His office also staffs the Town's Women's Commission and the Commission of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations. He is the former treasurer for the Salvation Army-Brookline which supplied food vouchers and other funds to Brookline residents in need. Gellineau is a Brookline resident of 22 years.

Bobbie Knable, a Brookline resident since 1965, is a member of Town Meeting and its Advisory Committee. She attended the 1963 March on Washington and, in 1964-5, was a staff member in the National Office of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality). She retired from Tufts University, where she was a teacher and administrator for 30 years, 20 of them as Dean of Students. She is currently a trustee of Bennington College.

Jan Schrieber was appointed Poet Laureate for the Town of Brookline in March 2015. The Brookline Poet Laureate Program, established by the Board of Selectmen in 2012, seeks to enhance Brookline's cultural life, promote awareness and appreciation of poetry and the literary arts, and connect members of the community through poetry. Schrieber, who earned his PhD in English literature from Brandeis, has published four books of poetry and has been active in the Boston literary scene for four decades. Selections of Schrieber's work can be found on his website, www.janschreiber.org.

Regie Gibson, a former National Poetry Slam Champion, has lectured and performed in the U.S., Cuba and Europe. Representing the U.S., Regie competed for and received the Absolute Poetry Award in Monfalcone, Italy. He's been featured on HBO's Def Poetry Jam, WBUR's On Point and Radio Boston, TED X Boston and has been nominated for a Boston Emmy. He's received both the Walker Scholarship for Poetry from the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center and a YMCA Writer's Fellowship. In February, he and his poetry partner, Marlon Carey, will conduct a series of poetry workshops at Brookline High School.

Hannah Timmermann is an eighteen-year-old poet who was tricked into reading onstage the first time and hasn't been able to put the mic down since. If she isn't at a slam, you can find her with her nose in a book while her pet hamster snuggles in her scarf. She loves to play catch with her heart with anyone who has hands. She has been around New England, Italy, and Spain and will be headed to Nicaragua in the spring. Yet no matter what she learns and sees, she is always writing love poems to all that is holy. This means You. This means all of you. Catch.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Dr. King (b. 1929 – d. 1968), a Baptist minister, was for many Americans the face of the Civil Rights Movement, working to end racial segregation and discrimination through civil disobedience and other nonviolent means, in accordance with the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. He led the successful 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, during which he was arrested and his home bombed. In 1957 he helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, serving as its first president. From 1960-1962 he travelled widely, giving speeches and leading direct action against segregation in schools, at lunch counters, and in voting. In the spring of 1963, after a march to protest segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, he was imprisoned. There King wrote his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." Upon release, he rejoined the protests during which 3,000 marchers were arrested. The violence directed at the unarmed protestors, including children, outraged the nation and caused white extremists to bomb King's hotel and his brother's home. In the 1963, 250,000 blacks and whites gathered for the March on Washington where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech and established his reputation as one of the greatest orators in American history. King went on to lead efforts for the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, spoke out against the Vietnam War and worked for increased economic rights for the poor. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, where he had come to speak on behalf of striking sanitation workers. In recognition of his work, King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize (1964). He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1977) and the Congressional Gold Medal (2004) posthumously. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a national holiday in 1986.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee Mission Statement

Each year MLK Day provides an opportunity for Brookline residents to remember a hero martyred in the effort to achieve equality in America. Despite his sacrifice and that of many others who participated in the Civil Rights Movement, and, despite the progress made in the nearly 50 years since his death, full equality has not been achieved.

Brookline's MLK Day Celebration is an expression of the Town's commitment to racial equality. During the year, the Committee will sponsor and plan events that bring us together to celebrate our diversity, to learn from one another, to better understand how racial inequality divides us, and, most importantly, how we may work together to achieve the goal of equality.

Members:

Bernard Greene, Chair, Joanna Baker, Malcolm Cawthorne, Rob Daves, Lynette Glover, Ann Kamensky, Bobbie Knable

The MLK Committee has posted information about the people and the organizations that participated in the Civil Rights Movement on the MLK Committee webpage. Suggestions to include additional educational information are welcome.

Brookline's Commitment to Workforce Inclusion and Diversity

In keeping with its commitment to increased diversity, the Town of Brookline has pledged to make available to the public its annual report on the racial and gender composition of its workforce. The Annual Workforce and Inclusion and Diversity Report can be found on the Human Resources Department webpage on the Town's website.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee would like to thank the following businesses, organizations, and individuals for their commitment to making this event a success.

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Hidden Brookline/Roland Hayes Committee	Stephanie Orsini
Sojourn to the Past Program	Patty Parks
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Laura Baber	Tim Sullivan
Kathy Bisbee	Ben Vivante
Ben Brown	

And all the Brookline businesses that graciously allowed us to post a MLK event poster.

Additional thanks to the volunteers who set up and staffed our the MLK Day of Service Food Drive and Book Drive

Brookline Booksmith	Brookline PAX	More Than Words
Brookline Food Pantry	Chobee Hoy	Puja Mehta
Brookline Housing Authority	Carol Oldham	Frank Farlow
	Fire Opal	Kea van der Ziel

Testostotones

Nathaniel Bohrs
Arthur Chen
Emmet Dunn-McMartin
Elijah Elmore
Micah Greenberg
Will Guzman
Colin McCarthy
Sam Russo
Mitchell Schroeder
Andrew Toksoz-Exley
Sebastian Wood
Afik Zaarur

Perfect Pitch

Heidi Birch
Nel Decker-Gavin
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Maddie Haswell
Emily Jack
Becky Mason
Katherine McElroy
Mellissa Picker
Talia Roland-Kalb
Denise Rogozin
Lily Schwartz
Katie Suh
Sarah Simon
Rachel Selvin

Note-A-Fy

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Nina Cummins
Sarah Dreyfus
Billie Dunn-McMartin
Lyra Johnson
Jerilyn McLean
Maya Mokady
Sofi Morera
Sophia Moreno
Olivia Mosquera
Danya Potter
Elena Usui
Camille Whyte
Izzy Zutrau-Pell

Sojourn to the Past Program at Brookline High

This February, twenty students from Brookline High School are travelling to the South to visit the sites of the Civil Rights Movement and to meet some of the most influential activists from the 1960's and 1970s. This is the largest Sojourn group in Brookline High's five years of involvement! The trip promises to be life changing for all those involved. Students get to meet members of the Little Rock Nine, talk to Congressman John Lewis about his involvement in the Movement, and see historic sites in Selma, Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama. Sojourn to the Past has been recognized for its excellence by the Obama Administration.

There will be a fundraiser at the Brookline Teen Center on January 20 called "Take a Bite For Civil Rights" with dinner, speakers and a silent auction. Also, people can donate to help fund the students' trip, please go to the websites below. Special thanks to Lizzy Buhl, Ann Collins and Nick Rothstein for their tireless work to provide the youth of Brookline this wonderful opportunity.

To Donate - <https://www.sojournproject.com/tripcenter/donate.php>
and be sure to specify that your donation is for the BHS trip.

"From the red hills of Gordon County Georgia, in the arms of a mother that could neither read nor write, Roland Hayes rose up to be one of the world's great singers and carried his melodious voice into the palaces and mansions of kings and queens."

– from MLK, Jr.'s "What Is Your Life's Blueprint?" speech at Barratt Junior High School in South Philadelphia, October 26, 1967

A Plaque for Roland Hayes

Roland Hayes, who lived in Brookline for almost 50 years, was one of the greatest tenors who ever lived. He broke the color barrier by singing at Boston Symphony Hall in 1917 and went on to become the highest paid classical singer in the world. He introduced African American Spirituals into the classical repertoire and was a mentor to Marian Anderson and many others.

This June, the Hidden Brookline Committee, working under the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations, is planning to install and dedicate a bronze plaque in front of his home on Pill Hill. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months.

A video of last year's historic Hidden Brookline concert, "A Tribute to Roland Hayes," is available for viewing on the Brookline Interactive Group website:

<http://brooklineinteractive.org/rolandhayes>.

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson

Music by John Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
let our rejoicing rise,
high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea
sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the day that hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet,
come to the place on which our fathers sighed?
we have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
thou who has by thy might,
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray
lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
shadowed beneath the hand,
may we forever stand,
tru to our God,
Tru to our native land.

*Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable.
Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice,
suffering and struggle: the tireless exertions and
passionate concern of dedicated individuals.*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.