

Hello,

[Here is some AHAVI information and updates on upcoming events.](#)

First of all sorry for the short notice but we would like to put together a Thanksgiving potluck for October 8 (Sunday) and would like to know if you would be interested in attending. Please let me know as soon as you if you interested as this helps with an estimate for numbers, especially when there's turkey involved. Also if you have an idea as to where you'd like to have it, please let Jasmica, Me-Kon, Evans , or myself know.

The next general meeting will on October 21 (Saturday) at Young Building Room 201, Lansdowne Campus at 6 pm. This will be a time to start planning for the New Year's Eve, dance in November, Black History month in February, Africa Night, and other AHAVI projects. If you are unable to make this meeting but have ideas or suggestions please submit to me before that day.

The various committees will begin their round of meetings once again and information will sent out regarding times and dates. The AHAVI committees are: Events, Youth, Fundraising and Finance, Media and Communications, Family, Employment, and Education and Recruiting. If you are interested in joining committees, there will be a signup sheet at the general meeting or you can let one of the executives know.

One of the purposes of AHAVI is to let people know about events that are happening in the community that relate to Africa or African heritage. These events are not always a part of AHAVI so a small disclaimer will be put on the emails that have been forwarded by AHAVI so that people are aware that the events or items are not put on by AHAVI but was sent out just to let people know about them. Also if you are involved with events or activities that you would like to let others know about, send an email with the details and I will forward them on to the community.

The Media and Communications Committee is looking at producing a newsletter that would help promote AHAVI and share information about our community to others on the Island . There will be a small section for people to promote the various causes and interests or businesses that they are involved in. The spot would be free for members who have paid their dues and for a nominal fee for others. If you are interested in either helping with the newsletter or advising in it, please contact myself.

Cheers,

Shannon Ngongo

Secretary

African Heritage Association of Vancouver Island