



Paul Robeson House Newsletter

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PROGRAMS

Paul Robeson Exhibit: Up Close and Personal. Visit newly curated exhibit, including a dedicated photo display of Eslanda Goode Robeson. **Tours Thurs-Sat. 10-4.** Call for an appointment 215-747-4675.

Mission Statement Poetry Group meets last Sunday of each month, 5 pm – 7 pm.

The PRH Chess Club welcomes new members. Please join us for an exciting experience of strategy and fun. 215-747-4675 or wphlca@gmail.com.

Black Women Writing Now©
“Telling Our Stories”
Intergenerational Writing Group
1st/3rd Mondays 4pm – 6pm.

**Eslanda Goode Robeson
Research & Study Group**
3rd Saturdays, 4 pm - 6 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Let us know what’s happening in the community. Share your events and activities. Contact us at dvcam137@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

**West Philly Annual Porchfest Sat.,
June 8, 12 – 6pm**



Photos by [New Castro Photography](http://NewCastroPhotography)

Make the Paul Robeson House one of your stops for an express-yourself music festival. Featuring free shows on porches all over the neighborhood.

DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Dear Friends and Supporters:
We received the Edyth Ingraham Award from the AKAs, our yard is being prettied up by University City Green, and we’re making plans for Arts in the Parlor in the fall. We could not do all that we do without wonderful people like you. Please continue to donate to our campaign to help pay off the mortgage and make needed repairs. Our efforts are in honor of Frances Aulston, heart and soul of WPCA and the house, and its namesake Paul Robeson. You can give from \$10 to \$10,000 at <https://www.plumfund.com/charity-fundraising/paulrobesonhouse>.
Thank you,
Vernoca Michael

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Robeson Readers Book Group Discussion: *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi on **Sun., June 2 from 2-4** at the Lucien E. Blackwell Library, 125 S. 52 Street. For further info, contact Aura Townsend at townsend.aura@gmail.com.

Celebrate Juneteenth Sat., June 22. Starting at 10 am watch the two-mile long cultural parade along 52 Street. Enjoy a festival at Malcolm X Park where Kindred The Family Soul will not only perform, but serve as the Grand Marshal of this year’s parade.

Looking Ahead

Arts in the Parlor



Singers, musicians, spoken-word performers, and doll and art exhibits are among the events scheduled for our “**Arts in the Parlor**” series. The series, which starts in the fall, was inspired by Paul Robeson’s singalongs in the parlor at 4951 Walnut Street when he lived here in the 1960s.

We’d like to replicate the joy that Robeson spread through the house by presenting all kinds of arts – from jewelry-making to cake-decorating to dancing to poetry to other talents.

If you are interested in participating, please call 215-747-4675 or email wphlca@gmail.com.

Calendar (cont’d)



WPCA/Paul Robeson House and CineSPEAK will screen the film “Amazing Grace” with Aretha Franklin. **Location and date TBA.**

Join WPCA/PRH for a bus trip to see **Ain’t Too Proud to Beg: The Temptations Story, Sat. Oct. 26.** Deposit of \$119 required by June 14. Please call 215-747-4675.



Stop by and see US Women’s Soccer mural by PRH Artist-in-Residence Nile Livingston, at Front & Girard.

Updates

Vernoca, along with PRH volunteers Sherry Howard and Joyce Mosley, attended **unveiling of the Paul Robeson Plaza** honoring Rutgers’ most acclaimed alumnus. The dedication ceremony celebrated Robeson’s achievements and contributions to the world.



Paul Robeson Plaza at Rutgers

The Soul on Demand band gave us a “Taste of Jazz” on May 18 during the **Annual Benefit Concert** sponsored by the Roundtable ministry at the Church of the Holy Apostles & the Mediator in West Philadelphia. A portion of the proceeds was donated to the Paul Robeson House & Museum.

New T-shirt, buttons, cups on sale. Designed by Pat Gunter. Call 215-747-4675.

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Paulrobesonhouse.org

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Hours: Thurs-Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tours: Guided tours by appointment. Call for fees.

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