

Monday, January 15, 2024

39th Annual Madison & Dane County MLK DAY Observance

Overture Center, Capitol Theater Freedom Songs Singalong: 5:15pm · Program & Keynote: 6:00pm

Presented by The King Coalition of Madison & Dane County

Join the MLK Community Choir!

The Choir will perform at the City-County Observance on January 15. **Rehearsals:**

Tues., Jan. 9, 7 pm & Sat., Jan. 13, 11 am Mt. Zion Baptist Church | 2019 Fisher St.

34th Annual Free Community Dinner

Friday, January 12, 4:30 to 7:00 pm UW Gordon Commons 770 W. Dayton St.

MLK Ecumenical Service

Sunday, January 14, 4:30 to 6:00 pm Fountain of Life Church | 633 W. Badger Rd.

MLK Youth Call to Service

Monday, Jan.15, | Madison Central Library Must Pre-Register: aschilcher@ulgm.org

There is no cost for King Coalition events, and registration is not required except where noted.

Other Community Events:

I Have a Dream Scholarship Ball hosted by Women In Focus Saturday, January 13, 6:00 pm Tickets: womeninfocusmadison.org

MLK College Readiness Summit hosted by The College Station Saturday, January 13, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Info: facebook.com/mycollegestation/

Youth Recognition Breakfast *hosted by Urban League* Sunday, January 14, 7:30 am Tickets: www.ulgm.org/mlkevents

2024 MLK Day Keynote Speaker

Terrence Roberts One of the "Little Rock Nine"

Mr. Roberts made history as one of the "Little Rock Nine." He attended segregated elementary, junior, and high schools until 1957, when he volunteered to help desegregate Little Rock Central High School. His first attempt to enter the school was stopped by the Arkansas National Guard and an angry mob of 400 people. A second attempt several weeks later was met with a mob that had grown to 1,000 people. The next day, President Dwight Eisenhower federalized the Arkansas National Guard and dispatched members of the 101st Airborne Division to accompany the students to school for the remainder of the year.

Dr. Roberts went on to a successful academic career that included earning a PhD. He and the other Little Rock Nine were awarded the *Congressional Gold Medal* by President Bill Clinton. His story has been told in books and movies and he continues to tour the country urging that we learn from this ugly past and commit to working towards continued progress.

The program will also feature the *MLK Community Choir* and presentation of the **2024***MLKHumanitarian Awards* by Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway and Dane County Executive Joe Parisi.



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