



Local 2209

Hello from Holli

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Carter G. Woodson, known as the “Father of Black History,” developed Black History Month. Woodson, whose parents were enslaved, was an author, historian and the second African American to earn a Ph.D. at Harvard University.



He recognized that the American education system offered very little information about the accomplishments of African Americans and founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1926, Woodson proposed a national “Negro History Week,” which was intended to showcase everything students learned about Black history throughout the school year, King said.



It wasn't until 1976, during the height of the civil rights movement, that President Gerald Ford expanded the week into Black History Month. Woodson chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, a famed abolitionist who escaped from slavery, and President Abraham Lincoln, who formally abolished slavery.



Feb. 1 is National Freedom Day, the anniversary of the approval of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865. Richard Wright, who was enslaved and became a civil rights advocate and author, lobbied for the celebration of the day, CNN reported, citing the National Constitution Center.

Although the day is not a federal holiday, President Harry Truman recognized National Freedom Day in 1949 and urged citizens to pause to contemplate its significance.

UAW Local 2209 Civil & Human Rights Committee has presented artifacts and items of interest to honor Black History month. These items are available to see in the glass display cases located in the atriums of GA and T1 Body Shop entrances. Thank you for taking the time to appreciate these accomplishments and why we celebrate Black History month.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 160



The American Legion Post 160, 1122 N Main St., Roanoke invites you to their fish fry this Friday, February 5th. Hours are 5:00PM-7:00PM. Service is drive through only. Dinner includes:

Fish
Baked Potato
Coleslaw
Hushpuppies
Applesauce

\$9.00

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION!

Did you know The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic Veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

WHITE SHIRT DAY—FEBRUARY 11TH

Wear your white shirt next Thursday, February 11th to remember & honor the sacrifices and victories of workers during the 1936-1937 GM Sit-Down Strike. First celebrated in 1948, White Shirt Day is the annual day that shows the strength and solidarity of UAW members and embodies the idea that blue-collar workers are just as valuable as management.



If you ordered a white t-shirt online, they are available for pick up at the union hall M-F, 6:30AM-3:30PM.



In Solidarity,

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