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NATIONAL PUBLIC DIPLOMACY GROUP

## 33 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ ANNIVERSARY OF THE ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE


national holidays organizing committee asmara, eritrea May 2024


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MONTH


In Eritrea, Every Day is Bike Day!



## PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ACTIVITIES

## Makda Seyoum

Seattle, WA.

## Public-Private <br> Partnership.

"The Eritrean Community Center in Seattle, WA, is gearing up for our upcoming Independence Day event, and we are thrilled to announce the generous support we've received from 4Culture, City of Seattle Arts \& Culture, ArtsWA, and TMobile. These partnerships are instrumental in making our celebration successful as we mark 33 years of Eritrean independence. Our event will not only be a celebration but a testament to how our community will thrive with the support of these organizations. We are incredibly excited about TMobile's participation, as they will provide financial backing and bring valuable digital initiatives and connectivity to our community. Our partnership

with UW Medicine for a health fair, job opportunities from the Seattle Police Department, and financial literacy assistance from Seattle Credit Union further demonstrate our commitment to serving our community holistically. We believe that effective communication and strong relationships have played a vital role in bringing these collaborations together and creating an event that our community can enjoy while benefiting from essential resources and opportunities.

> We are incredibly excited about T-Mobile's participation, as they will provide financial backing and bring valuable digital initiatives and connectivity to our community.

## PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ACTIVITIES

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## PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ACTIVITIES

## Visible and Positive Impact.

Azmera Zerai
Dallas, Texas.
Public diplomacy has a visible and positive impact in our cities and communities, with increased active participation from our local Eritrean community in schools and neighborhoods.

Recently, two International Days were celebrated at different elementary schools in Texas, where Eritrean students and their families showcased their culture.

The first event occurred in April at a school in Murphy, Texas, organized by two Eritrean families. They set up a cultural booth, offered food tastings, and performed traditional dances. One student even demonstrated the classic Eritrean game "hondai" with rocks, introducing it to their classmates. The celebration was a vibrant display of diversity and unity, as students and families came together to share their heritage through food, music, dance, and traditional attire.

The second event occurred on May 7, 2024, at an elementary school in Garland, Texas, and it was meticulously organized. Three Eritrean families arranged a cultural booth and food-tasting station. I was particularly impressed by the Eritrean students' involvement, as they confidently explained Eritrean culture, cuisine, and the nine tribes to visitors. Their remarkable knowledge and enthusiasm reflected their deep pride in their heritage. Witnessing their passion was genuinely heartwarming. were celebrated at different elementary schools in Texas, where Eritrean students and their families showcased their culture.

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NPDG's 1st Annual
Conference, Lafitte, Louisiana.

National Public Diplomacy Group's (NPDG) 1st Annual Conference was held in Jean Lafitte, Louisiana, from April 26th through April 28th, 2024. The venue was Elsa's Place, a beautiful bed \& breakfast establishment by the Tewelde Family. About seventy people participated in the Conference, which included lectures in person and via Zoom from Sweden, a swamp tour, games, and other activities.

We want to thank Mr. Taddesse Tewelde, a member
 of our public diplomacy, and his entire family, who made us feel at home and among family and friends.

We will have a special edition magazine and videos about the Conference.

Photography by Esayas H. Tekie of Dallas, Texas.


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## EVENTS

Eden G.
DMV

On the yearly Passport DC Celebration, we introduced Eritrea to over three thousand DC, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) residents at the Eritrean Embassy.

Eritrean traditional food, pizza, drinks like Siwa, Mies, Areki, coffee, and all kinds of grain (Titiqo) and snacks were served.

Art exhibitions and cultural items were displayed, and short history/facts lessons were given.

Traditional dancing and music brochures were handed out along with a card with an Eritrean flag picture and a QR code on the back, which can be scanned to learn more about Eritrea.


Thank you.

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Baritone Ben Hur Mosazghi sang four Eritrean songs with a piano accompaniment at his senior Oberlin Conservatory of Music recital in Oberlin, Ohio.

1) Agonay (Eritrean Tigrinya Folklore) A Lament for Agonay the Baboon Chief.

2) Alemuye (Arodi Toli) Song for Lost Love (Kunama)
3)Negusse (Eritrean Tigrinya Folk): A Lament for the Self/Anointed King.
3) Y'ma (Alamin Abdulatif) Song for Dear Mother (Tigrayit/Tigre)


## ANNOUCEMENTS



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As the end of the school year approaches, we anticipate many High School graduates among us. If you know any Eritrean High School graduates, please encourage them to complete the High School graduate form linked below.

This form will assist us in our Mentorship program, which aims to support Eritrean students in their transition to college/university and connect them with Eritrean communities at their respective institutions.

Your cooperation and support are highly appreciated.


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of NPDG's goals of producing, owing, and distributing Eritrea's narratives, NPDG has established: HARMONY PUBLISHERS, HARMONY MUSIC, \& HARMONY PICTURES


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nasra Forwi is running for the Wisconsin State Assembly.


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## New books coming out



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## AN AFRICAN PEOPLE'S QUESTFOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE



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The National Public Diplomacy Group designed and printed bookmarks. On one side of the bookmark are books in Tigrinya and Tigre/Tigrayit. On the other side are books on/about Eritrea published in English.


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