



BERWA NEWSLETTER

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BERWA Mission Statement

The mission of BERWA is to Promote the Rwandan culture and Well being of Rwandans. This Will be accomplished through Education and social activities such As:

- ◆ Sharing the Rwandan Cultural Heritage with the American Community.
- ◆ Building a positive and rich Legacy for our children.
- ◆ Providing moral, spiritual, and Physical support to its members.
- ◆ Facilitating Rwandan – American Partnership through Cultural Exchange activities and other Projects.

BERWA Core Values

Culture
Integrity
Compassion
Peace & Hope
Social Justice
Community

BERWA ORGANIZATION

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Dear members,

I would like to thank you for giving me the privilege to lead Berwa organization since November 13th 2005. It has been an exciting and challenging experience. I'm very grateful for the executive staff; my association with them has taught me a lot. I commend them for their time, effort and initiatives to meet Berwa's goals. The commission officers have done an outstanding job through successfully planning different events such as Valentine's dinner, preparing the association's bylaws, bridal and baby showers. They have demonstrated commitment to the growth of the organization in all areas, which I sincerely appreciate.

Special thanks go to the Board of Advisors: without your continuous dedication and support Berwa wouldn't have been legally registered. God Bless You!

Marie Rose Gatete



Activities

January : " Inkingi " Intore started dance practices.

February :-The Nshimyumukiza' s Baby Shower
- Claudine's Bridal Shower.

- Celebration of Fr Mcnirney, CSC, 100-year - Birthday

March : International Women's day @ Notre Dame University.

Ongoing activities.

◆Berwa website is underconstruction . **Thanks to Gaetan Gatete.**

◆Memorial service for victims of Genocide, will be held on 04-08-2006 at Notre Dame



Social & Community Life Cio

▲ *Congratulations to*
*Claudine Munyawera & William Rugjegje - Married on 03-5-06 *Francoise & Jason : Great Baby shower for the Mom to be!! Thumb up for **Carine & Monique.**

♥Valentine's dinner was a success thanks to **Pastor Mpamira .**

Youth cio:

*Youth Social Day is being planned .

* **Job Opening** :

***An Editor-Volunteer is needed. If you are interested, please contact Mr! Nxumalo at 269-845-0815**

Administration & Mgt. Cio

*BERWA was legally registered on **02-13-2006.**

*Bylaws were finalized and approved by the Board of advisors.

*Welcome **Samuel Ntawiniga** - our new treasurer-!

Ubutumwa bwa Komisiyo y'Umuco n'iterambere :

Umuco ni uburyo abenegihugu bagaragaza ibyo batekereza, ibyo bakunda, ibyo bazirikana n'ibyo bafataho urugero. Ni ukuntu berekana uko bateye bikabonekera mu migenzo, imihango, imiziririzo, uririmi, ubuhanzi n'ibindi.

Umuco si ikintu umuntu amenya mu mutwe we cyangwa se ngo agisome mu bitabo, ahubwo ni ukwumvira umutima-nama mubyo utegeka umuntu, umubuza gukora ibidatunganye.Ni muri urwo rwego amategeko y'umuco yashyizweho n'abakurambere bacu ngo bafashe kamere-muntu, kubuza irari ry'umubiri gukoresha abantu ibyo bishakiye