



SALEM CITY CLUB

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“OUR DEMOGRAPHICS—WHO LIVES IN SALEM”

Salem continues to change rapidly - **in demographics as well as total population.** Not so long ago a restaurant at the corner of State and Lancaster was considered "way out in the country." In the 1970s one often heard Salem described as a dull and homogenous community. Perhaps that was never the case, but it is most certainly not true in 2008. Salem now presents a rich fabric of diverse colors and cultural backgrounds. So much to learn; so much to enjoy! Join us on Friday, March 14 for a most informative program highlighting four of our many local cultural and ethnic groups. **Our speakers** will be:

- 1) **Cynthia Richardson**, the principal of McKay High School. Cynthia will address the challenges facing black students in Salem. Ms. Richardson has made major changes at McKay and is setting high standards for the school. How is she doing this? How is it working? Principal Richardson has a wealth of experience to share with us. This is our opportunity to ask her questions. How could the community help?
- 2) **Connie Garcia**, teacher, community activist, former candidate for the state legislature. Ms. Garcia will address the challenges facing Hispanic students. She titles her remarks "The Illusion of Inclusion." Ms. Garcia has much to tell us. She has been in the area for decades and has depth perspectives over time. Some of her ideas may surprise us!
- 3) **Wilfur Lanwi**, teacher, interpreter. Mr. Lanwi has been representing our local citizens from the Marshall Islands for over 15 years. Come learn how many Salem residents are from the Marshall Islands. Why are they here? How is life going for them? Are they citizens? This is our chance to dialogue with an expert who knows this community well. Mr. Lanwi is a Salem-Keizer School's interpreter for the Marshall Island people. He is our liaison with that part of our community.
- 4) **Natalia Gritsenko**, teacher, interpreter. Another very significant segment of Salem's population is of Russian culture and origin. Our expert here is Natalia Gritsenko. She is an interpreter for the Russian people in Salem. She helps build bridges with that part of our community. What particular challenges face our Russian citizens? How are the children doing in our schools? In our city? Come, ask Natalia.

Your Program Committee is proud and delighted to present this group of excellent professionals working daily with the issues of multiculturalism in Salem and Marion County.

Please join us **Friday, March 14.** For lunch reservations email nelalind@aol.com or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, March 11, 2008. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us! There is no charge to attend the program at noon. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM.

When: Friday, March 14, 2008; 11:40 lunch | Noon Program
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