



# Do Good Roseville

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It is with the heaviest of hearts that we share the sudden passing of Don Eubanks. The State of MN declared March 21 as Donald Eubanks Day for all his many contributions across the State. We have included the full proclamation below, but Don's death was personal for us. We want to tell you about him and his impact on our lives here in Roseville, where he too lived.

First and foremost, Don was our friend. When Don came to a friends' gathering of any type, it always felt like a gift because he liked to have fun and he was such a great storyteller. When he spoke, everyone would invariably turn to listen to him.



*Friendsgiving (2023)*



*Global Palate Dinner (2020)*

Etienne said "There's no social Justice movement in Roseville without Donald Eubanks" and it's true that Don had an immeasurable impact on Do Good Roseville.

Sherry first met Don when they served on the task force Imagine Roseville, which was created by the City of Roseville after the murder of Philando Castile. Sherry said "I was blown away every time he talked because he clearly and powerfully spoke truth to power."



*2nd showing of Race Series,  
moderated by Don (2017)*

At that time, Do Good Roseville had only done a couple of volunteer events, but we knew we had to do something as a reaction to Philando's killing. We learned of a film series called "Race: the Power of an Illusion" and we thought maybe, somehow, we could show it. Sherry asked Don if he would moderate a discussion on the series with us and he said "No. You can do it, but I'll be there to support you." It was so scary and yet so powerful for us to do it ourselves. It pushed us to be actively engaged, rather than being bystanders. That's the work of a great mentor, and he played that role for us from that point on.

After the Race series, our social justice work continued with Don's guidance and participation. We were honored when he shared his life experiences as part of the Ask an Indigenous Person panel, and Don was instrumental in creating our Indigenous MN series where he was the speaker on Sovereignty.



*Ask an Indigenous Person (2018)*



*Juneteenth (2019)*

We know that our Juneteenth event was very important to him. From our very first event at a park shelter with friends to joining the Juneteenth Planning Committee as the event grew. We have a hard time envisioning a future Juneteenth celebration without Don.

Don was inspiring when teaching a class or speaking on the Counter Stories podcast, ([www.counterstoriespodcast.org](http://www.counterstoriespodcast.org)). I can personally attest to how important any conversation with Don could be. I was a very naïve white girl when I met Don. I'd never had a friend of color nor met an Indigenous person. Of course, Don was used to dealing with clueless people like me, but still he patiently guided me as my eyes were opened to all the injustice around me. When I thought I had something figured out, he'd nudge me along with another story or another fact that would open my eyes a little more. He never gave up on me.

You will see in the proclamation the important positions Don has held. The number of people he knew, helped, and taught is uncountable across the State. Yet if there is one lesson that sticks out most it was Don telling me how there are things I can do just by virtue of having white skin that he could never do - especially when it comes to confronting authority like the City of Roseville. I will strive to always remember that.



*Party in the Park (2018)*



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Don's death has left a huge hole in our hearts, but as Etienne shared "what matters is not how long a life lasts but the impact a life has on others. Donald Eubanks lived a life with purpose and a life of service. Don was a great mentor with his eyes on the prize. Thank you for being a friend, mentor, and teacher. We will miss you but promise to keep your legacy alive. Rest In Power."

Kathy, with Sherry, Etienne and Jeena



**Thursday, March 21, 2024, was  
proclaimed as**

**DON EUBANKS DAY**

**in the state of Minnesota**

**WHEREAS Donald (Don) Ross Eubanks was born on November 26, 1954, in Minneapolis, attended North and Central High Schools, and earned degrees from Minneapolis Community College, Metropolitan State University, and the University of Minnesota; and**

**WHEREAS Don met his person, Mara, in the early 1980s at the Oz Disco in St. Paul, when her dance moves sparked love at first sight; and**

**WHEREAS Don worked with Ramsey Action Programs and Fathers Resource Center, where he led support groups and expanded programs to Black, Native and Asian communities, but he considered being a loving father to his children, Rafael and Gabriella, his first real job; and**

**WHEREAS Don was an avid golfer and angler, he played football at Macalester College and later joined in the joy of sports that his children loved; and**

**WHEREAS Don dedicated his career to serving and helping people – as a mentor, elder, advocate, and teacher, and through his career as a social worker, chemical health director at the Minnesota Department of Human Services and associate professor at Metropolitan State; and**

**WHEREAS Don realized his lifelong dream to serve his people in 1998 when he became commissioner of Health and Human Services for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a role he served twice for more than six years; and**

**WHEREAS Don helped create elder-assisted living facilities at Mille Lacs and the “Circle of Health” to help band members with medical insurance. He also served in the cabinet when Mille Lacs won a historic U.S. Supreme Court Case in 1999 to retain hunting and fishing rights;**

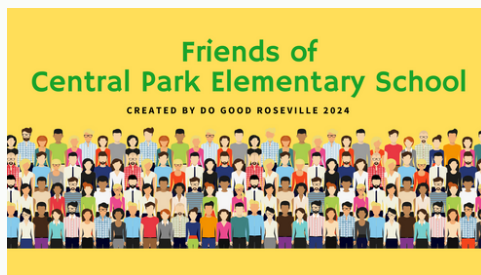
**WHEREAS Don brought his Black and Indigenous identity to Counter Stories, a program that offers challenging and necessary conversations about race and culture, where Don used his well-known penchant for storytelling to ably share his own experiences and perspectives; and**

**WHEREAS Don Eubanks was many things to many people. Most importantly, he was a beloved father, significant other, brother, friend, and advocate for change, and he will be remembered and loved forever.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 21, 2024, as:**

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# New DGR Initiative: Friends of Central Park Elementary

We are excited to announce a new initiative by DGR called Friends of Central Park Elementary (FCPE)! The purpose is to create a community of people who want to support the staff, teachers and students of Central Park Elementary. This will enable us to work closely with the school to identify new ways in which our community help the school. It will be a network that we can tap into when there is a need. It will create new volunteer opportunities to engage more community members, and it will build new relationships within the community. All good things!

To kick it off we have the following projects in the works:

- \* Writing notes of support to students prior to state testing in April (see below)
- \* Earth Day Cleanup of the grounds
- \* Helping teachers button down classrooms at the end of the school year.

We have a new webpage where you can sign-up to receive emails specific to FCPE. Sign-up here: [FCPE](#) . We also have a new FB page: [FCPE FB](#)

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## First event for Friends of CPE !!



## Create Cards for Students

**Monday, April 1**

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**Ramsey County Library - Roseville  
2nd Floor - Board Room**

Sign up to join us for our first event for DGR Friends of Central Park Elementary!

Third thru sixth grade students will be taking state tests in April and we are going to write personalized cards of encouragement and support for each of the 220 students! We'll start at 1 and hope to complete them all by 3. Come for all or part of the event. We'll bring the note cards, markers and stickers 😊. If you have your own special supplies you are welcome to bring them!

It helps if we know how many are coming, so please sign up by clicking [here](#). If you forget to sign-up, you're still welcome!





# A Busy Person's Guide to Sustainability

**Sunday, April 7  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Ramsey County Library - Roseville  
2180 Hamline Ave N.**

Join us for Part 3 of this series: The 6 R's of Recycling. Can you name the 6 ways to recycle? \* Come hear Gregory Goodwine, from the Ramsey County Environmental Committee to learn the 6 ways to recycle, and more.

Brought to you by Resilient Roseville, Ramsey County Library, Roseville and Do Good Roseville

\*The answer is: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Repair, and Repurpose



## Kite Day in the Park

**Saturday, April 27  
10 am to 12 pm**

**Rosebrook Park  
2590 Fry Street, Roseville**

What better way to celebrate Spring than by flying a kite?! Join us for our 4th annual Kite Day in the Park - we'll even provide the kite for free!!! We're already humming the "Let's go fly a kite". Don't know how to fly a kite? We'll have people there to help you.

The kites are provided by Kiwanis Malt Shop at the MN State Fair. This event is co-hosted by Do Good Roseville, Kiwanis North Suburban St. Paul and the City of Roseville.

## Kite Flying Volunteers Needed

For this event we need volunteers help kids (and adults) fly kites!! You can be on the field flying your own kite, and just be available if someone's having trouble keeping their kite in the air. It's fun!

To volunteer, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxtj3vf> or use this QR code:



## Other Community Happenings

Shortly after our Medical Professionals Day at RAHS, I was at a hospital, and it made me appreciate all the different jobs there are! Do you have a unique job, or is your job different than what people think?

Here is an opportunity to impact Roseville students by volunteering to talk about your career with students and families in our school district.

The Career Fair focuses on promoting a path for all students, whether they choose a trade, tech, 2 or 4 year college or another path.

I did this last year and it was fun!!! Everyone who signs up will have a table in the gym, and the kids walk around and stop by each of the tables to talk to you about your work for a few minutes. Super easy, and 90 minutes of your time could change a kid's life!

Please sign up today and share this with others!

Use the QR code,  
or email one of the following:  
Parkview: [tana.bogenholm@isd623.org](mailto:tana.bogenholm@isd623.org)  
RAMS: [scott.lauinger@isd623.org](mailto:scott.lauinger@isd623.org)

### Career Fair

Thursday, April 25  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Roseville Area Middle School  
15 E County Rd B

**Don't miss it!**

# 2024

## 7TH ANNUAL CAREER CAFE!

Hosted by Parkview & RAMS 7/8 AVID Elective Classes


**APRIL 25TH**

**6:00 PM- 7:30 PM**


RAMS GYM  
15 EAST CITY ROAD B, LITTLE CANADA,  
MN 55117

What part of the Career Cafe would you enjoy?

- I'd like to share my career!
- I'd like to attend!
- I'd like to volunteer!



**LINK to sign up**



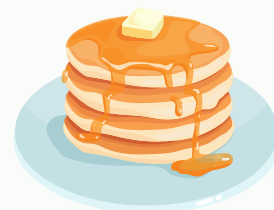
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RAMS: [SCOTT.LAUNGER@ISD623.ORG](mailto:SCOTT.LAUNGER@ISD623.ORG)



### Irish Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 27  
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
3115 Victoria St. N



A perfect Saturday - combine Kite Day and an Irish Pancake Breakfast and some Irish music! You'll be able to have pancakes before or after kite flying :)

This breakfast is a fundraiser for Emmet D. Williams Elementary School. For more information, please contact Phil Peterson at [workworkerphil@gmail.com](mailto:workworkerphil@gmail.com)



## Thanks a Million!

A Teacher Appreciation Event

### 300 Volunteers Needed

On May 4th Kids In Need Foundation's Thanks-a-Million event will give away over \$1 Million of gifts and supplies to 1000 local teachers, and they need YOUR help to make it happen. They are looking for 300 volunteers (!! ) to help make this day as amazing as possible for teachers in our community.

This [video](#) shows highlights of last year's event. It is a super fun day not only for the teachers, but for volunteers as well.

Thanks-a-Million is a great opportunity to bring a friend, family member, or coworker to experience what Kids In Need Foundation does in our community. You can register by clicking [HERE](#). For more information, please contact Jacob Olson at KINF - [jolson@kinf.org](mailto:jolson@kinf.org)

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### No Garage Garage Sale Notice

We're starting to get questions about our No Garage Garage Sale. That's the sale we do for people who don't have a garage to participate in the City-wide Garage Sale. We hope to host it again this year, but have not worked out the details yet. You can save the date for Saturday, June 1st, but don't pack your stuff up yet! We expect to confirm the event in our next newsletter and on FB.



### Coffee Shop Chats

Wednesday Mornings  
10:00 to 11:30 or 12 or so

Barnes and Noble, Har Mar

Our Wednesday morning chats are going strong at Barnes and Noble, and we're anticipating moving back to the parks in May. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime, as always, come when you want, stay as long as you'd like.



Etienne, Sherry, Kathy, Jeena

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