

CAN BUS UPDATE

February 2017

A Word from our Executive Director

by Patrick Hart, Executive Director

February is here, a month to celebrate Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Black History Month, and St. Valentine's Day in only 28 days. We also celebrate the 16 NYADI students who have received their High School Equivalency Degree.

This is also the month when winter gets serious. Prepare for snow and ice and bitter cold. Did you know that New York City students have been braving the snow for decades, even to go to kindergarten? Do you realize that road calls and accidents are more likely in bad weather and more people take public transportation then? If you can't get to

school, how will you keep your job in the industry? So plan alternative transportation if your car gets buried and don't assume that if a private school or some other town's schools are closed that NYADI will be. Check for NYC public school closings first. You will find the directions in your school email account.

Spend that time at home, when the days are dark and cold, studying and learning about new things and by the time Spring arrives you will be a new and improved version of yourself.

Oh, and don't forget that special something for a special someone on the 14th.

Do You Love Your Car?

You are not alone if you do. Check out these websites for automobiles to love.

"Car fanatic Philip Glenister and internationally renowned car designer Ant Anstead are on a mission - to scour the barns and lock ups of Britain for wrecked treasures to bring to life." <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/for-the-love-of-cars>



From *Road & Track* magazine:

"Things we love about cars. There's no end, any more than there's an end to roads or speed or the joy of movement. But 51 reasons seems like a good start."

<http://www.roadandtrack.com/car-culture/features/g3873/magazine-features-51-things-we-love-about-cars-slideshow/>



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

“The theme for 2017 focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans. ASALH’s founder Carter G. Woodson once wrote that “if you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race.” ...

Yet, African American history is rich in centuries-old efforts of resistance to this crisis: the slaves’ surreptitious endeavors to learn; the rise of black colleges and universities after the Civil War; unrelenting battles in the courts; the black history movement; the freedom schools of the 1960s; and local community-based academic and mentorship programs that inspire a love of learning and thirst for achievement.”

(<https://asalh100.files.wordpress.com/2014/11/2017-black-history-theme.pdf>)

In Queens, thanks in part to the advocacy of Mary Ann Shaw, the principal of an African-American school in Flushing, the Flushing Library became a free circulation library in 1884. She was a founder of the Flushing Woman’s Institute, a college for women, and also a free school for children of all races in Flushing. She gave her home and land and left a foundation to continue her work after her death.

At NYADI we offer a second chance, through our TASC program, to those who have not finished high school.

Your brain is the most important tool you have and it will improve through learning! Use it.



Mary Ann Shaw



*NYADI will be closed February 20
for Presidents’ Day*

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