

RACIALLY VISIBLE ACTION COMMITTEE
ACTIVITIES REPORT
FOR
January 2013

This report covers from September to present as an oral one was given at the September 2012 meeting.

RVAC remains committed to supporting all racially visible members who come to us; we are working with members to ensure they exercise their rights and consider all options available to them during this period of downsizing in the Federal Government. We continue to push for information on the impact of these job cuts on Equity Group members. We are also committed to lending community outreach whenever we can.

We had all our regular monthly meetings since September including our December 20th. This is really too close to Xmas for most members to come out to meetings; next time we will have to rethink what date in December to schedule for in order to have maximum participation.

As part of the Jamaica Ottawa 50 sponsorship promoting the PSAC'S WE ARE ALL AFFECTED CAMPAIGN, we attended the Grand Gala in November and observed the Banner proudly displayed for all to see. We participated in the Leadership Summit held Nov 30 – Dec 2 and the National Human Rights Committee meeting held Dec 3 – 5; we also participated in a Conference Call with the Chair for the National Human Rights Program and other racially visible chairs/representatives from the other regions to discuss emerging issues as well as plans for the upcoming National Conference in November of this year, members of the committee will be very busy working on resolutions to be submitted. We will be holding our AGM on January 17, 2013.

We are working in partnership with the Workers History Museum to produce a short video on Cal Best, the first black trade unionist in the federal Civil Service. The video should be ready before February 2014.

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Month of January 2013.