

May 2026 News and notes

On Tuesday May 17th, the Mobile Museum of Tolerance will visit us here at the Harper Center, 118 Church Street in Williamstown. The Witness to History program of the Museum of Tolerance is a learning experience offered in classrooms and through the Mobile Museums of Tolerance. Typically delivered as a 50-minute experience, explores historical testimony as a tool for deepening understanding of the Holocaust and the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The workshop develops social awareness, critical dialogue, and ethical storytelling. Through engagement with testimony and historical primary sources, visitors of the museum examine how individual contributions shape our understanding of these historical atrocities.

Through this immersive experience participants become active witnesses to history through firsthand survivor accounts, reflecting on the profound impact of survivor testimony while emphasizing the uniqueness of each historical experience. This engagement illuminates the importance of preserving collective memory and understanding human-centered history, recognizing historical memory as a civic responsibility. Through a facilitator-led story-sharing activity, visitors engage in ethical storytelling by sharing personal narratives and listening to peers, recognizing their own voices as meaningful contributions to the ongoing human story.

There will be two sessions available for viewing, 10:00 to 10:45 and 12:15 to 1:00. This is certainly a unique opportunity, and we strongly urge you to come by and check it out. While reservations are not required, we strongly suggest that you let us know that you're coming.

Here's a correction from the narrative on the back of the calendar- Karen Fortuna, whom you met last month when she came down from Dartmouth to introduce a new APP which can allow an early warning for Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias, will be back at Harper with something new on the 26th of May at noon. This is the correct time. The note on the calendar is a confusing mashup of two different events. No clue as to how that happened. Anyway, a more detailed note on this program will follow next week.

Housekeeping notes; There is no indoor yoga this Wednesday.

The Hearthway meeting with Proprietors Field has been cancelled and Hearthway personnel have indicated that they will reschedule in the future.

Tai Chi class will be temporarily on hold as Youlin will be away until the middle of June.

Finally, the McCann post graduate program LPN students will be here on the 14th to present on Bone and Joint health. We'll be offering a yogurt bar, good stuff, preceding the event.