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**NEXT MVUT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TUESDAY - JANUARY 7, 2013 - 7:00 PM
MVUT OFFICE - 2 GRAMATAN AVE. - ROOM 312**

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

WE'RE HOPING THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN HAVING A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND THAT THE NEW YEAR IS GOING TO LIKewise BE A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE ONE FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBERS.

"SOURCE OF INCOME" NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

AT OUR JANUARY 7 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WE'LL HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION BY MARK FANG, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE *WESTCHESTER HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION* (SEE COPY OF FLYER ENCLOSED). WE HAD MENTIONED IN OUR LAST MAILING THAT MR. FANG HAD APPROACHED MVUT ABOUT COMING TO A MEETING. THE "SOURCE OF INCOME" ORDINANCE, PASSED EARLY IN 2013, WENT INTO FULL EFFECT AS OF DECEMBER 23, 2013 SO MR. FANG'S PRESENTATION IS ESPECIALLY TIMELY. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME SO WE CAN MAKE THE APPROPRIATE PLANS.

"PEOPLE'S" STATE OF THE STATE RALLY - TUESDAY JANUARY 7

EARLIER IN THE DAY, PRIOR TO OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MVUT WILL BE GOING UP TO ALBANY FOR THE *HUNGER ACTION NETWORK OF NEW YORK STATE'S* (HANNYS) "PEOPLE'S" STATE OF THE STATE RALLY. EVERY YEAR HANNYS ORGANIZES THIS EVENT THE DAY BEFORE THE GOVERNOR GIVES HIS "STATE OF THE STATE " ADDRESS. THE PURPOSE OF THE RALLY IS TO HIGHLIGHT THE PLIGHT OF LOW TO MODERATE INCOME NEW YORKERS AND HOW THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT THEM ARE LARGELY IGNORED BY THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS. IT PROVIDES A REALISTIC PICTURE OF THE STATE OF HUNGER, HOMELESSNESS, INCOME INEQUALITY, AND EMPLOYMENT IN NEW YORK STATE AND IT CALLS UPON THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATORS TO WORK WITH LOW-INCOME NEW YORKERS AND THEIR ADVOCATES TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WILL AMELIORATE THEIR CONDITIONS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO TRAVEL WITH US UP TO ALBANY FOR THE MIDDAY RALLY, CALL THE OFFICE AT (914) 699-1114, EXT. 303.

INCOME INEQUALITY

MUCH OF THE WORK THAT MVUT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, AND MANY OF THE CAMPAIGNS WE'VE PARTICIPATED IN HAVE HAD A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON INCOME INEQUALITY (SEE *HANNYS* ABOVE, THE *ENVISIONING WESTCHESTER COLLECTIVE* (EWC) WE REPORTED ON IN OUR LAST MAILING, ETC.). PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS RECOGNIZED THIS ISSUE AS "THE DEFINING CHALLENGE OF OUR AGE". WE'LL CONTINUE WORKING ON THESE CAMPAIGNS IN 2014. WE'RE ENCLOSED A COPY OF A 12/16/13 *NEW YORK TIMES* OP ED BY PAUL KRUGMAN "WHY INEQUALITY MATTERS" (ON THE REVERSE SIDE). THIS IS ALL OF OUR CHALLENGE!

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SUPPORT ECONOMIC JUSTICE!!
SUPPORT MVUT !!!**