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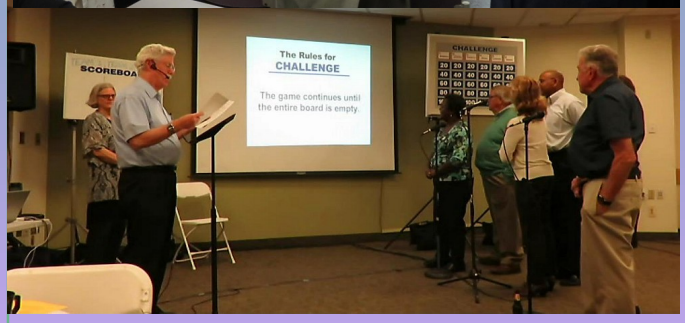

Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner—September 2015

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Diane Watkins
President, 19WCA

President's Message

Welcome to October

Uninspired

Some days it gets extremely hard to get inspired to get things done. I have had a few of those days in recent weeks. This week though, I had the opportunity to celebrate the Rochester Presbyterian Home's 90th birthday with them at their open house. That inspired me. Two women, Ms. Mary Dunn and Ms. Helen Niven, were able to organize a facility during the late 1920's, just before the Great Depression, that would last through some of Rochester's most tumultuous times. During the closing prayer at the birthday celebration, the Father prayed for us to have the strength to bring "order out of disorder". This simple phrase struck me in profound ways as it concerns the 19th WCA.

During any given month of the year, there are over a hundred people who participate in the work of the Association and the neighborhood. Some of this work includes: serving on the Executive Committee, representing neighbors at Delegate's Council, organizing annual events, working in community gardens, advocating for schools, housing, zoning laws, sitting on the safety or Police Citizen Interaction Committee, meeting with business owners, working and supporting the Farmer's Market, organizing block clubs, submitting information for the Update magazine, being a Friend of the Arnett Library, speaking out at public meetings, and even loving feral cats. These volunteers show up and do whatever needs to be done. Our Office Manager, Jackie Farrell does an amazing job of organizing the volunteers and leading this work. We owe her a huge "Thank You"!

A few of our past volunteers and merchants were celebrated for the work that they have done for the neighborhood at the Citizen/Merchant of the Year awards dinner recently. Mary Fran Kolbuc makes this dinner happen every year in collaboration with Unity Health without a hitch. Her work in helping to thank people for giving of themselves and trying to bring order to our neighborhood is immensely appreciated.

We will continue to celebrate our own 50th Birthday at this year's Annual Convention. Let's recommit ourselves to continue to inspire ourselves and each other even when things look and feel as if they are not worth fighting for. Just like the RPH, the 19th WCA has survived some tough times in our ethnically, economically and politically diverse urban neighborhood. It is the people who volunteer to step up and show up that bring "order out of disorder" in the 19th. Keep up the good work!

BTW- If you would like to volunteer to work on the Convention celebration, send me an email.

Diane Watkins
President

2015 Officers

President: Diane Watkins

1st Vice President: Greta Mosley

2nd Vice President: Mary Daniel Cooper

Treasurer: Rich Damick

Secretary: Sheila Driscoll

Past President: LaShay Harris

Continuing to Celebrate our 50th

One of the nicest events all year is our annual Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner. This year was especially wonderful as we awarded Sarah Yaworsky our 2015 Citizen of the Year and Scott Beck from Rochester Student Housing our 2015 Merchant of the Year. Sarah has given countless hours of time to the 19th Ward Community Association, to our Schools Committee and to organizing music and writing circles at the Rochester Presbyterian Home with her daughter Sasha. Scott Beck has proven to be one of the wonderful property owners and landlords in the 19th Ward, and has donated time and finances to the GVLL, the Westside Farmers Market, and neighborhood events. Also recognized were all of the Citizens who have received this distinction in our 50 years as an association. Merchants, Non-Profits, and Churches in this neighborhood for 50 years or more were also honored. In recognition of our 50th Anniversary, Mary Fran Kolbuc presented the Association with a Peace Art Pole, naming each of the awardees, past and present. The pole is beautiful and symbolic. It was designed and created by Mary Fran, and will be installed at a future date in a prominent place in the 19th Ward. Thanks to all the participants, the volunteers, and especially to Unity who was a wonderful host, and prepared a delicious meal for all of us.

Mark your Calendar
Saturday, October 17 -House Tour

More information on page 5

Annual Convention
Friday, November 20

Imagine yourself singing 'Time of Your Life"
Not just about business, this year's convention promises to be a great time looking back and looking ahead.

Howdy Neighbor! We Need your Help.

We are planning to put a twist on our normal silent auction in honor of our 50th Anniversary. We would like to build baskets to raffle off and offer a few big ticket items to raffle/auction off. We need new or never used desirable items that could be compiled into gift baskets, examples include but are not limited to wine, toiletries, gift cards, tickets to performances, foodstuff and services or big ticket items like a weekend getaway, a television, computer/tablets, other new electronics or new car that you would like to donate . The 19th WCA is a charitable organization (501c3), therefore your donation is eligible for a tax-deduction. Please call the office if you would like to donate.
Diane Watkins

FOOD DRIVE

To support 19th Ward Community Cats

Please bring unopened bags or cans of cat food to:

The 19th Ward Community Association Office
216 Thurston Road

October 16, 2015
4:00pm-7:00pm

Donors will be entered in a raffle!

Save lives! Always spay or neuter your cats!

19th WCA House Tour

Saturday, October 17, 2015

2015 House Tour will feature this 1900 Queen Anne Victorian Single Family Home. The original family occupied this home for over 90 years.

2015 is a big year for the 19th Ward Community Associations House Tour! Our fiftieth Anniversary year-long celebration continues with the headquarters for the tour at our birthplace, Aenon Baptist Church, 175 Genesee St. That's where we began. Fifty years ago the association's first organizational meetings were held in this church building.
Join us at Aenon Baptist Church, 175 Genesee St. at 11:00 A.M. for two free lectures. Following the lectures, tickets holders can begin a self-guided tour of seven private homes scattered throughout the ward. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 on the day of the tour. Tickets may be purchased at The Creator's Hands, Menezes Pizza, Brue Coffee, Mayer Hardware, and the 19th Ward community Association's office.

This year's tour showcases homes in three of the four brand new National Register Districts in the neighborhood. The homes on tour showcase diverse architectural styles, spanning three decades and plot the development of the neighborhood.
For more information 19WCA.org or 328-6571

50th Anniversary Merchandise

YES! We still have merchandise proclaiming our 50th year as an organization.

Glasses, wine glasses and mugs are $6.50
Shirts range from $12.00 to $22.00
(quantity discounts apply to all of the above)

Raffle tickets for our 50th Anniversary Handcrafted Quilt are only $1.00 each/6 for $5.00

Stop by the office to purchase. They make great gifts. And we can now accept credit cards.

October at the Arnett Branch Library

Storytimes: Every Saturday at 1 pm & Every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

Arts and Crafts
Every Tuesday at 4:30 pm
Ages 12 and under.

Homework Helpers
Mondays: October 5, 19, 26 3 - 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: October 7, 14, 21 and 28, 3 - 6
Sponsored by RTA/Dial-a-Teacher
For any student K-12

Literacy Navigator
Every Monday, 12 - 3 pm
Having trouble with paper and computer forms? A member of Literacy Volunteers of Rochester will be here to provide assistance!

Computer Tutor
Every Tuesday, 4 - 5 pm
Adults are welcome to come to this open computer lab. A librarian will be available to help. Please bring in specific goals and a USB drive to save your work. Ages: 18-up

StoryCorps - New American Journeys
@ Rochester Public Library
Every Saturday in October
StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide people of all backgrounds with the opportunity to record, share and preserve the stories of our lives. The City of Rochester is one that is incredibly diverse, including the many immigrants, or new Americans, who have moved here from outside the United States and made Rochester their new home. While every story is important, and none will be turned away, we are specifically focusing on recording the stories from this section of our community. To schedule an interview, please call the library at (585) 428-8214 or stop in. If you have any general inquiries, please contact Sarah Lydon at 428-8397 or sarah.lydon@libraryweb.org.

Arnett Branch Library
310 Arnett Blvd 585-428-8214

Career Start
Tuesday, October 6, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Career Start is a private, full-service employment firm that offers a full range of employment services. A Career Start representative will be here to meet with adults and older youth. Bring your resume (optional).

LEGO Club
Thursday, October 15, 4:30-5:30 pm
Ages 12 and under.

Conversation on Race with Poverty
Tuesday October 20, 5 - 7 p.m.
Conversations on Race are intended to raise awareness of how race affects all of us. It is not a program with a speaker, but rather a two hour conversation led by facilitators in which everyone participates. Each conversation is stand alone and different. Each conversation moves at a pace that is sensitive to the experiences and knowledge base of the individual participants. Conversation on Race with Poverty is an outgrowth of the traditional Conversations on Race, which further explores the connection of race to poverty.

Tail Waggin Tutors
Wednesday, October 21, 4-5 pm
Kids read books to dogs!
Ages 12 and under.

Monstrous Books
Wednesday, October 21, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Arnett Library Halloween Poetry Project

Monster Drinks
Thursday, October 29
4 – 5 p.m.
Make kooky concoctions out of your favorite beverages!

This library is accessible to people with disabilities. To request specific accommodations call 585-428-8304 ten days prior to the program.

Hats @ Arnett!

Presented by

HatHorizons.com

12:00 pm, October 17, 2015

Arnett Branch Library

310 Arnett Blvd.

Rochester NY

585-428-8214

Where in the World Did that Hat Come From?

These hats will make you think differently about what people put on their heads. They come in a variety of shapes and styles and can be made of feathers and fur, straw, shells, stones and bones. Each hat tells something unique about the person wearing it. It can reveal the kind of environment he lives in, her wealth and power, one's social and marital status and a person's religious values and beliefs. This international collection of hats and headdresses is a tribute to the diversity of the world's cultures and enhances understanding of the differences and similarities of people across many societies.

This program is sure to delight kids and their grownups!

Our Neighborhood Elementary Schools

Did you know School 16 on Post Avenue will be reopened as a fully renovated neighborhood/community school?

Do you want to have input on the renovations?

Do you know the renovated school will reopen as early as 2018?

Take this opportunity to find out what this could mean for your child!

The 19th Ward Schools Committee is working to restore our schools to the neighborhood anchors they once were. They need to be educational beacons that attract parents to the neighborhood and make them want to stay here! Your participation is key. We want to contact all parents in the neighborhood to invite them to participate in the planning and revitalization of our schools.

The 19th Ward Schools Committee has put together a display showing part of the School 16 facility studies that have been done in preparation for renovation planning. When you visit the Westside Farmers Market Tuesday evenings, look for the 19th Ward Schools Committee table for information. Come see what our local schools can mean for you and your child. The Westside Farmers Market is held in the St. Monica Parking lot every Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:30pm throughout the summer and we hope to be there.

Also, if you have questions or comments contact John Laing <jlaing1@rochester.rr.com> You can also review the work the community has been doing to champion our schools by looking at: http://www.location19.org/group/sw-education-forum.

Tips from Your Housing Committee

One of the responsibilities of living in a community is to participate in keeping it a great place to live. That means ME and YOU! We each need to keep our own property looking good and in compliance with City Codes, and help our neighbors to do the same.

However, once in a while you have a neighbor who isn't participating. Their grass is long, there is trash in the yard, the house or garage is deteriorating, or they are operating a business out of their property that is offensive or detrimental to the neighborhood. Neighbors have checked and the owner is not in need of help. They just don't care. When that happens, you can be a neighborhood hero by reporting issues to our Southwest Neighborhood Service Center - 923 Genesee Street, (585) **428-7630.** The staff there is friendly and helpful. They are our first line of defense against neighborhood blight. Don't hesitate to call them!

If you see construction going on at a house on your block, you should see a permit notice from the City displayed. If you don't see that notice, chances are that they are doing something that they shouldn't be. I stopped to talk to a construction crew one day this summer that was busy enclosing a front porch. Although they said that they had a permit, it wasn't posted. I called the Neighborhood Service Center when I got home, and was told that they did not have a permit and that an inspector would be dispatched. The next day, it was all taken down and the owner has now applied for a zoning variance to enclose the porch. That has now gone to our 19th Ward Zoning Committee for a community response.

You can be even more involved by joining the Housing Committee or the Zoning Committee. It's a great way to learn more about what is allowed by City Code and what is not, and we are all working to make the 19th Ward an even greater place to live.

Deb Leary, Chair
19th Ward Housing Committee

District meetings

According to our By-Laws, each District of the 19th Ward (there are 23 districts) is required to hold a meeting in the month of October in order to elect a Delegate before the November convention. It is about to be October, and we all want to have a say in what projects the community association is working on, and who we want at the table to carry our concerns. Be sure to come out for your meeting. The meetings are usually small and quaint, with great hospitality. It is an opportunity to bring your concerns to the group, and have them discussed. Don't miss out on your chance to vote for representation in your neighborhood community. For more information on District meetings, contact your Delegate, or the office, 328-6571

Nominations soon

Fall is coming. And so are delegate elections, and nominations for Officers. Be thinking of who would make a good officer (maybe you?) for the 19th Ward Community Association. Call the Office with names.

Need Your Perennials

As you work in your garden, please think about dividing some of your low growing hardy perennials and dropping them at the office. Or call the office, and someone will stop by your house to pick them up. We are redesigning and re-working the garden at Chili and Thurston. We need your plants and your help.

Highlights from September Delegates' Council meeting

Announcements:

- Baden St. Community Forum will be hosting Mindy Thompson Fullilove giving a presentation on 'the joyful way to sustain urban life'. A number of people will plan to attend
- Mary Fran Kolbuc announced that she is willing to organize a Casino Night in the Spring of 2016.
- Rochester Presbyterian Home is celebrating 80 years on Sept 24. They are planning a reception that day from 6-8 PM
- Black and White Gala for Baden St. October 9, 7:00 PM at Holiday Inn, State St.
- Open House- Gandhi Institute with games, music, Seedfolk garden tours, October 4, 1-4 PM

Whitney spoke on September schedule for Arnett Library

Rich presented our budget to date. Due to income from 50th Anniversary celebrations, our finances are looking better than expected as we approach the end of the fiscal year.

Jackie reminded everyone that we now have a recycling program for ink cartridges, cell phones, cameras, gaming devices, etc. This is a fundraising program for the 19th Ward Community Association. She reminded Delegates to distribute door hangers to their neighbors.

Diane gave everyone an update on the community gardens, especially the garden at Chili and Thurston. A new crew of workers has been working with the City trying to once again revive the garden. Cleaning, trimming, weeding, planting, mulching are in process. Help is needed.

2016 budget projections were presented by Rich Damick. Rich will send this out to all Delegates via email for review before October Delegates Council meeting.

Mary Fran Kolbuc reported on Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner. Dinner is close to selling out at this point, and people are traveling in order to attend. Susan Morehouse will play harp during the reception. History and Archives Committee has planned a trivia game for after dinner. The event will be held at Unity-St. Mary's Campus on Sat, Sept 26

Diane reported that the Executive Committee met with the Zoning Committee and the Housing Committee. After much discussion, it was unanimously decided that the official position of the 19th Ward Community Association will be to oppose the present plan by Open Door Mission to move into the building at 531 Post Avenue. For more information on this decision, call the office to have your questions directed to the right people.

Diane and Jackie reported on activities for the 50th Anniversary. The committee will be meeting on Monday, 9/14, to work on plans for the Convention, House Tour, Citizen Merchant of the Year, a School Art Project, a 50th commemoration plan, and a Holiday Open House.

House Tour – Joanne DeMarle reported that Aenon will be the host site. A presentation by Edith Lank, and a talk by Doris Meadows will be held at Aenon from 11-12. Tour of 7 houses begins at Noon.

Jackie reported on the Urban Fellow program, and the summer learning loss program, run by our Urban Fellow, Alana Friedman, that took place at the Arnett Library. This may not be funded in future budgets.

Committee reports followed.

All meetings of the Delegates Council are open to members. Only Delegates vote on issues.

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Some outdoor work desperately needs to be done before the weather changes

The 19th Ward Community Association has some very wonderful picnic tables, made by Peter Evans a number of years ago. They are starting to show their age and need a few new nails, some sanding, and a protective coat for the winter. If you tell me in advance, I can purchase whatever you need to get the job done. We don't want to lose these beautiful tables, and there is no storage place for them to winter in. The wheelchair ramp in the back has the same needs as the picnic table. Please call the office if you can help with this project, or just show up with your tools and supplies.

IMAGINE IT RECYCLING- fundraising for 19WCA

Bring in any of the following. Items will be collected, and we will actually receive money for them.

Cell Phones & PDAs

Including all cords, batteries, accessories, and anything else that goes with your device.

- Cell phones
- Smart phones
- PDA's
- Charging ports
- Batteries
- Cords

Electronics

Including all cords, batteries, cases, headphones, charging ports, and anything else that goes with your device.

- Cameras & Camcorders
- I Pads & Tablets
- Satellite Radios
- E Books
- GPS Decvices
- USB Devices
- Mp3 Players
- Gaming Devices
- 3D Glasses

Printer Cartridges

Everything that goes into or is taken out of a printer, copier or fax machine.

- Ink cartridges
- Toner laser cartridges
- Drums and imaging units
- Fusers and maintanence kits
- Transfer units and transfer belts

So bring in your ink cartridges, cameras, cell phones, and other items listed above. Please DO NOT bring in your monitors or computers or other large equipment. They won't fit into the collection box, and the office does not want the responsibility for disposing of them. Thanks.

VOICE YOUR VISION ROCHESTER:

"WHAT'S GOING ON?"

A *Community* Conversation

Organized by the New York State Minority Health Council

Saturday, October 3, 2015
8am - 2pm
Integrated Arts & Technology School
Franklin Campus
(ENTER THROUGH THE BACK PARKING LOT)
950 Norton Street, Rochester NY

SHOW UP Actively participate in roundtable discussions affecting Rochester neighborhoods. These conversations will be led by your neighbors.

SPEAK UP Your voice is important in making decisions for better health and quality of life.

SET UP Join us as a community health vendor to provide wellness and health-related community resources that will benefit Rochester residents.

WARM BREAKFAST, TRANSPORTATION & CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED
Find the Registration Link at: www.CCSI.org

For more information on how to register, please contact Nancy Sung Shelton at nshelton@ccsi.org or (585) 341-2203

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JOIN THE COMMUNITY ASSET PARTNER NETWORK FOR A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

October 15, 2015 6:00-8:00 pm
St Mary's Dugan Center, 15 St Mary's Place

COME TOGETHER!
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
HOW CAN WE HELP ONE ANOTHER?
Working together to build healthy communities
Open to all youth, individuals, interested folks and groups working toward solutions for a safer and healthier Rochester
Light refreshments and networking 6:00-6:30 pm
Parking is available on local streets, in our adjacent lot,
as well as in nearby parking garages.
RESPITE CARE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE.
For more info:
The Community Asset Partner Network
Co-Chair, Brandi Remington 428-9342 capnmonroecounty@gmail.com

2nd Annual UNITE Rochester Court Academy

October 8, 2015 6:30-9:00 PM
Asbury First United Methodist Church, Gathering Center
1040 East Avenue
The UNITE Rochester Court Academy is a project of the UNITE Rochester Justice Engagement Committee. UNITE Rochester Justice Engagement focuses on identifying and removing barriers to inclusion, fairness and impartiality in the criminal justice system, regardless of race or nationality. UNITE Rochester's Court Academy seeks to address misconceptions about the criminal justice system that often lead to community discord. The Court Academy will provide attendees with a better understanding of the criminal justice system as the speakers discuss the roles and responsibilities of the district attorney's office, defense counsel and judges, as well as address issues that often arise during the different stages of a criminal proceeding.
Speakers include: Hon. Craig Doran, Hon. Stephen Miller, Hon. Caroline Morrison, Hon. Sandra Doorley, Charles Perreaud, Tim Donaher
Light refreshments provided, free to attend, seating limited to 85 attendees
RSVP by Monday, 10/5 tdonaher@monroecounty.gov, or call 585-753-4531

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Notification System Information

Information regarding an emergency situation can now be sent to our home phone, our cell phone, or our email. Notifications may include situations like crime prevention, emergency evacuations, missing person alerts, natural disaster alerts, neighborhood emergency incidents, and more. If you would like to register your email or cell phone (texting and TTY/TDD available also) visit www.monroecounty.gov and click the 911 cell phone registration link under the on-line services section

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Westside Farmers Market 4-7, 831 Genesee St	7 8:30a Thurston-Brooks-Arnett Merchants @ 167 Flanders	8l 11:00a Housing Committee @ NSC 7:00p Delegates Council @ Library	9	10
11	12	13 4:00-7:00 Westside Farmers Market 831 Genesee Last night of the season	14 8:00a Genesee Merchants @ NSC 7:00p Schools Committee 7:00p PCIC @ Staybridge	15	16 4-7 Food drive for cats , 216 Thurston	17 House Tour 11:00 AM pre-tour talk at Aenon Noon-4—tour
18	19 7:00 50th Anniv Mtg 470 Rugby	20	21 8:00a Chili Avenue Merchants @ Livie's	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 6:30 P Public Safety at RPH	29	30	31

The 19th Ward Neighborhood

Call the Office for contact information.
Be sure your Delegate is aware of your interests and concerns.

District 1	Marta Driscoll
District 2	OPEN
District 3	Penny Griffin
District 4	OPEN
District 5	Zola Brown
District 6	Don Hanks
District 7	Carleen Wilenius
District 8	Mary Fran Kolbuc
District 9	OPEN
District 10	OPEN
District 11	Ron Stallworth
District 12	Leigh McMullen
District 13	Harlan Ost
District 14	Charlotte Giebel
District 15	Laura Suda
District 16	Marita Smith
District 17	John DeMott
District 18	Harriette Royer
District 19	Bryan Babcock
District 20	Angie Burch
District 21	John Boutet
District 22	OPEN
District 23	Beverly Usher

Please don't toss this newsletter; pass it on to someone else who might be interested in the information.