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Happy New Year

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Editor: Jackie with John's help



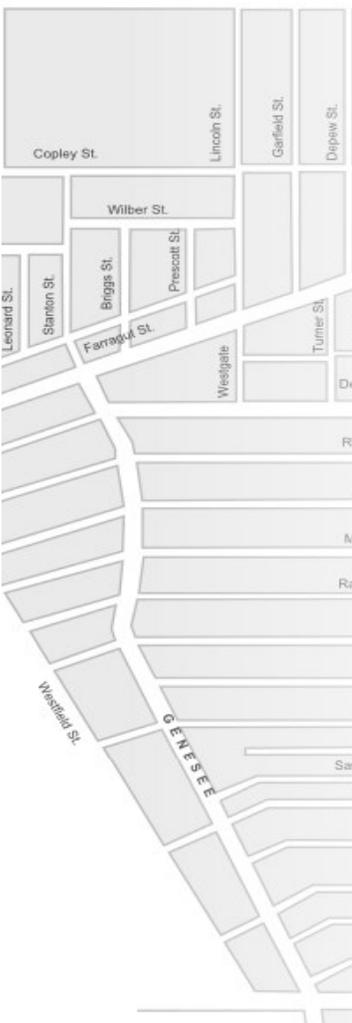
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Looking back to see ahead

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who voted for me. It is an honor and privilege to be able to serve you in the coming year as the president of the 19WCA. I am very grateful to President Diane Watkins for her service to the 19WCA, the City of Rochester and her success in leading the association through a very successful year.

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. Before we can look ahead, we need to see where we have been. This past year, as the 1st vice president, under the mentoring of President Watkins, I had the opportunity to experience many new wonderful things. I got to learn the workings of the organization while setting on the executive committee. The housing committee showed me how hard many volunteers work to improve the conditions of homes in our area. They worked with the city to demolish unsafe run down homes. They kept an eye on homes that are in question- who owns them and why they were not taken care of. I watched the demolition of the United Cleaners building on Genesee St. I worked with the square fair committee planning the square fair day. It takes a full year to plan the event. There are permits to obtain, activities to organize, food vendors to obtain, music to plan, volunteers to schedule and a host of other things. As I walked in the square fair parade I saw the joy it brought to many of our residents as we marched the parade route. Helping with the beautification of the Chili and Ravenwood Gardens was a pure joy, as I love gardening. Watching kids as I grilled hot dogs at the garden party brought smiles to my face. Seeing all the luminaries in front of homes and stopping at the hot spots for hot chocolate, cookies and of course talking to the many great people I met, made for a perfect MLK luminary night. The many jobs Jackie gave me to do like hauling boxes of books, trash to the curb after we cut down trees at the office, or fixing and painting an office wall, understanding office tasks gave me more insight for my new roll. I spent time this past year walking different districts asking people as to what their issues and concerns were. I asked if they knew what the 19WCA was and what we do. They gave me much food for thought. These are only some of the many wonderful things I got to explore. You might ask how or why this was so wonderful. It's easy, I got to know many of you, the residents of the ward.

So let's look ahead to 2017. It is the time of year when we often make New Year resolutions. It may be to lose some weight, get better organized, get healthier or a million other promises we make to ourselves. Sometimes we are able to keep it up for a day or maybe even a month before we lose interest and give up. Each year I make a couple, one for me personally and one to better someone else each day. When I started 40 years ago I made the decision I was going to change a lot about myself. I decided I was going to spend the rest of my life emulating my mentor, friend, supporter, hero—my Mom. This year I am going to add a third one. It's to work as hard as I can to make 2017 another great year for the 19WCA. I don't want to end my 40-year record of keeping my resolutions. I know we can be successful with our hard work, continuous support, stretching ourselves a bit more and our prayers. What I see for the coming year. **1.** Our continuous support for our traditional events and standing committees. **2.** Update the list of block clubs and fostering a relationship to work together to resolve many of the quality of life issues. **3.** Greatly increase our membership. **4.** Improve who we are to the community and a more workable relationship with the Neighborhood Service Center. **5.** Host various community workshops on various topics to help more of our residents. **6.** Give Delegate Council Meetings themes that would provide them with information to share with their district. **7.** Continue to support schools in our neighborhood and the efforts of the schools committee. **8.** Materialize a relationship with U of R on the 19th WCA archives. **9.** Build a continuous relationship with the Westside Farmers Market, Street managers, the Bull's Head Brownfield Area (BOA), city 2020 plan, and the Flower City Work Camp. **10.** Maintain a list of contractors residents use and like. This might seem like a lot to have on our plate, but I know we can do this. I welcome your thoughts, ideas, concerns. I will always listen and together we will have another great year. I look forward to working with and getting to know many more residents in the 19th ward. My email address is Tsoh1@Rochester.rr.com. Let me know what is on your mind.



2017 Officers

- Harlan Ost, **President**
- Chris Buitrago, **1st Vice President**
- Anthony Grissett, **2nd Vice President**
- Sheila Driscoll, **Secretary**
- Deb Wight, **Treasurer**
- Diane Watkins, **Past President**

Delegates' Council, December 8th, 2016

Library Report: Stop by the library and check out the wonderful programs for children (crafts, legos, cooking, exercise, homework help) and adults.

City of Rochester, Application for funding for Brown field clean-up program: The 19th Ward Community Association sent a letter of support.

Treasurer's report: As our fiscal year comes to a close, our net income is somewhat more than budgeted....thanks to increased membership and successful events.

District meetings have been held, and delegates have been selected. To find out who your delegate is, and what district you live in, contact the office.

Executive Committee: Zola Brown and Jeremy Coleman were elected to be District reps to the Executive Committee. They will join Harlan Ost (President); Chris Buitrago and Anthony Grissett, (Vice-presidents), Sheila Driscoll (Secretary) and Deb Wight (Treasurer) and Diane Watkins (past president). Terms are for one year.

An **outreach letter** was mailed out to the members and supporters who have not paid the voluntary dues and/or who have not participated in some way. As a result, memberships were renewed, new people volunteered, and a few hundred dollars were contributed.

The **Convention** on Fri., Nov. 18 at Wilson Foundation Academy was a great event. Thanks to Kit Miller from Gandhi Institute, our keynote speaker, and to all the volunteers.

The 19th WCA is participating on a **project advisory group that has been formed to guide Bull's Head redevelopment planning process.** 19th WCA has also entered into a contract with the City to support the community engagement work.

The 19th WCA has contracted with the City to support the **Street Manager** project. Don Hanks and John De Mott will continue to work with neighborhood businesses.

Schools Committee: Barbara Deane – Williams, RCSD Superintendent, attended a community meeting at School 44 on Dec 5. 19th Ward residents raised questions about Schools 16, 44, 10, and Wilson Magnet HS.

MLK Day: The Arnett Library will host an event on Jan. 14, in the afternoon, to include a youth choir. Luminaries will be put out from 6 to 9 pm on Jan. 16.

Save the dates for Feb. Events: Candlelight Dinners on Feb. 11. Thinking of being a host? Contact the office. Skating party will Feb 18 from 1 to 4 pm, at Genesee Valley Ice Rink.

Problems with **pot holes or parking violations?** Call 311.

DISTRICT	DELEGATE
1	Catherine Brokaw
2	OPEN
3	Sounja Edwards
4	Deb Hudnell
5	Zola Brown
6	Don Hanks
7	Jesse Knoth
8	Mary Fran Kolbuc
9	Austin Pettigrew
10	Donna Sarnacki
11	Ron Stallworth
12	Lois Metcalf
13	OPEN
14	Charlotte Giebel
15	Laura Suda
16	Lauren Caruso
17	John DeMott
18	Charles Haywood
19	Bryan Babcock
20	Angie Burch
21	Joanne DeMarle
22	T. Judith Johnson
23	Beverly Usher

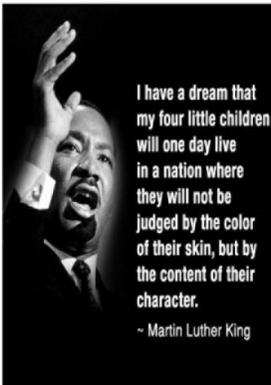
The training of new Delegates to the 19WCA will take place on Tuesday, 1/10, 6:30 PM, and Wednesday, 1/18, 6:30 PM.

Delegates are expected to participate in one of these two sessions. Both sessions will be held at 216 Thurston



19th Ward Community Association Martin Luther King, Jr, Celebrations 2017

MLK Celebration, Saturday, January 14, 2017 12pm - 1pm Arnett Library



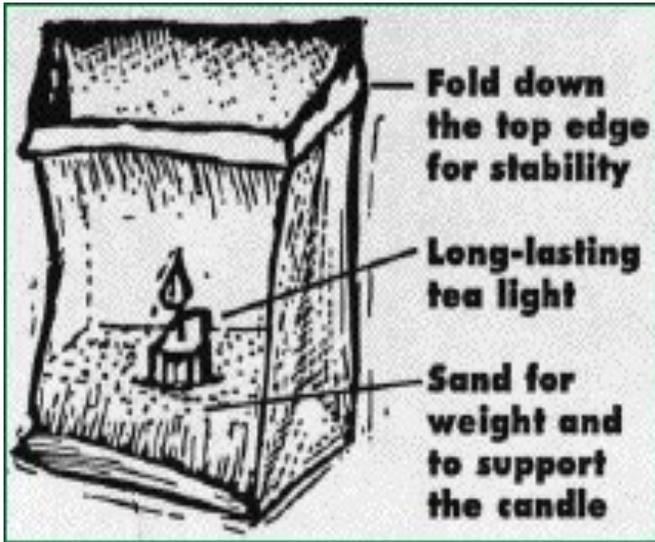
Light Up The Night , MLK Luminary Evening , Monday, January 16, 2017 6pm - 9pm



On Monday Evening, Jan 16, 6:00-9:00PM is LUMINARY NIGHT, Simply put out your Luminary kit, light your candles, check with your neighbor to be sure they are doing the same. Take a stroll around the block, see the lights. Some of your neighbors are participating in MLK hotspots you can join them and reflect about Martin Luther Kings Life . Join your neighbors over a cup of hot chocolate, a bowl of chili and maybe free coat for those in need. CHECK FOR HOT SPOT ON
If you have any question or would like to participate as a HOTSPOT please call Zola Brown 585-230-2424 or email at zolabrown@gmail.com

Some ideas for making luminaries

Canning jars with tealights or candles inside work very well



Luminaries can easily be crafted at home from white or pastel paper bags embellished with cut-outs, enough sand to keep the bag upright, and a votive candle placed inside. Most homes need at least 10 bags out front to be effective.

(Rock salt, stones, or kitty litter can be used in place of sand)

General instructions for putting together your luminary kit

The following instructions use a ½ gal plastic milk jug:

Slice a long narrow 'hole' in plastic jug just below bottom of handle, and not slicing all around.

1. Place rock salt, sand, stones, or kitty litter in bottom of jug to serve as a weight.
2. Center the votive candle (or battery-powered tea light) in the rock salt. Press down lightly to nest in place. Only a quarter-inch of the candle's base is surrounded by the rock salt. Keep candle visible, not covered.
3. Light the candle outdoors.
4. Do not cover the carton with a cap or stopper. The open top works like a chimney.
5. Hold the carton at the base. Don't use the bend-able handle to carry the lit luminary. Place the plastic carton base where you want the luminary displayed. The plastic carton permits the luminary to nestle in the snow.
6. Keep the air-entry hole away from the wind. Let a solid side face the wind.
7. Keep the luminary level. Tilted candles burn unevenly and more quickly.
8. For best results, use a votive candle or tealight.
10. To save for next year, remove candle, pour the rock salt into a plastic bag. Put the luminary instructions in the rock salt bag and seal tightly. Place the bag inside the plastic carton. Store the luminary kit upright in a dry place away from children's reach



Arnett Block Club

The Arnett Block Club held its annual caroling event on Wednesday, Dec 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the “pocket park” at the corner of Arnett and Wellington. We gathered around the Christmas tree that has been decorated with ornaments handmade by School 29 students. (The ornaments are worth a look, so take a walk, and admire them!)

The park was lit by both the lights on the tree and the bonfire. Snow crunched underfoot. Neighborhood children roasted marshmallows, made s’mores, and had hot cocoa. Santa took time out of his busy schedule to stop by and sing with us. One neighbor spoke for us all when she said, “The caroling and gathering of children and parents is what ignites the spirit in me at this time of year.”

Thanks to Susan Morehouse for organizing this event. And to the Christmas Tree farmer who grew the tree. As Susan was buying the tree, she was telling him about our neighborhood and where the tree was going to be placed. She told him she would send him a photo of the caroling event. Susan was writing her check when he stopped her, and said, “Tear that up. I want to donate the tree.”

MaryDan Cooper



Spelling Bee

The planning for the 7th Annual Spelling Bee has started. The finals will be held in April at the University of Rochester. K-8 students from five schools will be competing for \$500 scholarships for post-secondary education. Students have received their word lists and can come to the Arnett library for practice sessions. These will be held from 10-11 am every Saturday, starting January 7. If you would like to coach some children contact John Laing (jlaing1@rochester.rr.com) and we will find an opportunity for you.

Thanks everyone!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who came into the office and helped out in 2016! People cleaned, sent out mailings, moved picnic tables, broke up ice, shoveled, gardened, the list goes on and on.....

In November of 2016 we sent out a mailing to members we hadn't heard from in a while, checking on addresses and reminding them that we still need their support. Many of you responded, and we are very appreciative. Some sent in donations, and those donations helped us to close a budget gap. Thank you for your generosity in time, talent, and financial contributions.

Remember the 19th Ward Community Association when making donations to organizations. We are a grassroots organization continuing to make a difference as we build community and celebrate diversity.

We are a group of neighbors striving to preserve the residential character of the historic 19th Ward neighborhood in Rochester, New York. Our mission is to create, foster and maintain a “multi-racial community where individual and cultural differences are celebrated and where people share a sense of community.” We are a member-supported, volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization.

We want everyone to receive Update 19 each month. If you are receiving Update via postal mail, but are willing to receive it via email, please call the office 328-6571, or email 19thward@19wca.org. The cost of publishing Update 19 in hardcopy with postage is approximately \$10.00 per year per member. We are happy to do this for you, but would be even happier to send it by email. We also welcome your donations to cover the cost of your postal copy.





Kids Programs

Homework Helpers

Mondays: January 9, 23 and 30, from 3 - 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 23 and 30, from 3 - 6 p.m.
Sponsored by RTA/Dial-a-Teacher.
For any student K-12



Tail Waggin' Tutors

Wednesday, January 18 at 4 p.m.
Book-loving dogs are coming to the library to listen to kids read stories. Reading to calm, trained dogs is a great way for kids to build confidence reading out loud. Ages 12 and under



STORYTIMES:

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

LEGO Club

Thursday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Kids can make stuff and make friends with LEGOs.
Ages 5-12. Kids younger than 5 can also participate if accompanied by an adult.



ARTS AND CRAFTS:
Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12 and under



Teen Programs



Movie Screening - July '64
Tuesday, January 17 at 4 p.m.
Join us in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day to watch a documentary about Rochester's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. Snacks will be provided.



Wii Gaming Fridays-
Starting Friday, January 20
3 - 5 p.m.
Open play in the teen area.

Adult Programs

Computer Tutor

Every Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m.



Adults are welcome to come to this computer lab. A librarian will be available to work with you on your computer projects. Please bring in specific goals and a USB drive to save your work.

Registration is required, class size is very limited.
Call (585)428-8214 or stop by the library to sign up!

Free TASC Tutoring

Mondays: January 9, 23, and 30, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Do you want to prepare for the TASC (formerly known as GED) high school equivalency exam? Come in for free tutoring on Mondays (except holidays) from January 9 - May 23.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Saturday, January 14, from Noon - 1 p.m.
Join us for the 19th Ward Community Association's annual MLK celebration that is sure to be enjoyed by children, teens and adults.



Adult Coloring Club

Thursday, January 5, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Adult coloring offers a fun way to unwind and express your creativity with intricate patterns and designs. Coloring pages, pencils, and light refreshments will be provided; participants are welcome to bring their own coloring supplies.



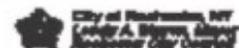
Cello Duet with Ben Krug and Ingrid Bock from the RPO!
Saturday, January 28, from Noon - 1 p.m.

Join us for a concert performed by Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Cellists Ben Krug and Ingrid Bock. This is the first of a series of four concerts (running January - April 2017) being presented by the Arnett Branch Library Friends. Refreshments will follow this family friendly concert.

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

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My Community is Your Community

AmeriCorps VISTA Fellows Collaborate with Local Barbershop on World Map Mural

December 22, 2016



On Friday, December 23, at 1 p.m., Rochester Youth Year/AmeriCorps VISTA members unveiled a 6 foot-by-12-foot world map mural they painted with community members on a wall at T & Dave's Barbershop, 1009 Genesee Street, in the 19th Ward, with finger food from El Latino and Arnett Cafe, local 19th ward restaurants.

Rochester Youth Year is an AmeriCorps VISTA-sponsored fellowship that strives to eradicate poverty for Rochester youth and families, strengthen communities, and promote community-centered leadership. Members are placed at host sites throughout Rochester where they perform indirect service to create, expand, and sustain asset-based, anti-poverty initiatives. This year, there are VISTA's at City Hall, RCSD, East High School, the M.K. Gandhi Institute, and many others.

They build and support community-centered projects that address attendance, financial literacy, reading, social and emotional competency, and holistic well-being. Since 2007, Rochester Youth Year members have engaged 7,885 local volunteers and generated \$1,721,011 in cash and in-kind resources for these projects and local organizations. By creating this mural, members hope to bring communities together through art.

T & Dave's barbershop is nestled within a group of small businesses on the corner of Terrace Park and Genesee St and is a pillar in the 19th Ward community. Patrons range from construction workers to heart surgeons, college students to senior citizens, all of whom come from diverse backgrounds and have stories to tell. T & Dave's now displays a world mural that is visible from the sidewalk, where passersby can glance in at the mural and "visit" Somalia, Ireland, or Argentina, and clientele can share their stories while getting a haircut.

"The mural originated as a source of art therapy for our members to escape the daily stressors of life, but has turned into a genuine source of community connection and sense of belonging, for both Barbershop clients and for our VISTA members," says Julie Elliot, Rochester Youth Year VISTA Leader and 2015 University of Rochester graduate.

For more information on Rochester Youth Year, visit www.youthyear.org.

On behalf of the Office of Minority Student Affairs and the Office of the President,

We invite you to Save the Date and join us for our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Address with Dr. Joy DeGruy.

Friday, January 27th at 6:00pm in the Strong Auditorium on the River Campus. [Click](#) for map.

Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact the Office of Minority Student Affairs at

585-275-0651 at least 5 business days in advance of the event.

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Please feel free to share this event.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Address was instituted in 2001 to promote issues of diversity, freedom, civil rights, and social justice.



Dr. Joy De Gruy is Assistant Professor of Social Work at Portland State University .

Among her written works is 'Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Enduring Legacy of Injury and Healing'.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 18

Family and Student

Ice Skating Party

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Genesee Valley Sports Complex

131 Elmwood Avenue



**Sponsored by the 19th
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Association
in partnership with the
University of Rochester**

**More information to
follow in the February
issue of Update 19.**



- **Everyone welcome!!!**
- **Games and Prizes**
- **Special appearances**
- **All Ages**



**Free Everything -
admission, skate rental,
parking, food, drinks**

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett Merchants at RPH	5	6	7 10:00 AM Spelling Bee prep at Arnett Library
8	9	10 6:30 PM Delegate training at 216 Thurston	11 8:00 AM Genesee Mer- chants at NSC 7:00 PM Schools Com- mittee at 216 Thurston 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	12 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Arnett Library	13	14 10:00 AM Spelling Bee prep at Arnett Library Noon – MLK event at Arnett Library with the newly formed 19 th Ward Youth Choir
15	16 6:00 PM MLK luminary evening throughout the neighborhood – put out your luminaries between the curb and the side- walk – take a stroll and see the lights	17	18 8:00 AM Chili Ave Mer- chants at Livie's 6:30 PM Delegate Train- ing at 216 Thurston	19	20	21 10:00 AM Spelling Bee Prep at Arnett Library 9:45 AM History and Archives at Brue
22	23	24	25 6:30 PM Public Safety Committee Meeting at RPH	26	27 6:00 PM Dr. Joy DeGruy at UR	28 10:00 AM Spelling Bee prep at Arnett Library
29	30	31	Planning ahead: Saturday, 2/11, Candlelight Dinners Saturday, 2/18, Skating Party			



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

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- District 3 Sounja Edwards
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- District 6 Don Hanks
- District 7 Jesse Knoth
- District 8 Mary Fran Kolbuc
- District 9 Austin Pettigrew
- District 10 Donna Sarnacki
- District 11 Ron Stallworth
- District 12 Lois Metcalf
- District 13 OPEN
- District 14 Charlotte Giebel
- District 15 Laura Suda
- District 16 Lauren Caruso
- District 17 John DeMott
- District 18 Charles Haywood
- District 19 Bryan Babcock
- District 20 Angie Burch
- District 21 Joanne DeMarle
- District 22 T. Judith Johnson
- District 23 Beverly Usher

The 19th Ward Neighborhood

Please don't toss this newsletter; pass it on to someone else who

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you? See Page 6
for information*