



# Update 19

## The 19th Ward Community Association 50 Years and still going strong



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Diane Watkins  
President, 19WCA



# President's Message

## Welcome to December!

The holiday season is upon us and like small town America, everything that is good about the holiday season are the same things that are bad about it. We have a little extra time to relax and reconnect with friends and family, but interacting so closely with our loved ones can add additional stress. I wish all a happy, stress free season.

Just in case you missed it, Convention 2015 was a blast. Many thanks to my co-chair Sharon Conheady. A new slate of candidates for executive office were elected, we danced and ate birthday cake and we surprised 19<sup>th</sup> WCA volunteers who have donated the most volunteer hours during our 50<sup>th</sup> year. Also we gave our well-wishes to our very own past president, Lashay Harris as she steps into her new role on the County Legislature.

The New Year is sure to offer many, many more opportunities for us to get to know each other better. Surely, there will also be challenges but we will just keep on doing our best to get through them. We can look forward to a couple of new events in 2016, so stay tuned!

During this last month of 2015, keep on reaching out to old friends and new neighbors and let's encourage them to be a part of the next 50 years in the 19<sup>th</sup> WCA.



### 2015 Officers

*President:* Diane Watkins

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:* Greta Mosley

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:*  
Mary Daniel Cooper

*Treasurer:* Rich Damick

*Secretary:* Sheila Driscoll

*Past President:* LaShay Harris

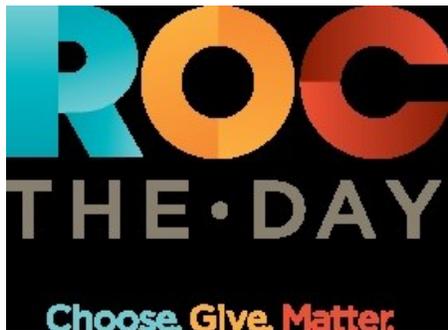
# Convention 2015

What a wonderful happy event the 2015 19WCA Convention was. We celebrated our 50 years with dinner, dancing, a slide presentation, raffle baskets, volunteer appreciation, wonderful music and entertainment, school art posters, and so much more. The winner of the original design, handcrafted 19<sup>th</sup> Ward T-shirt quilt was Landy Atkinson, who will certainly share the quilt with his wife, Deb Wight. The 2016 budget was passed. Our newly elected officers for 2016 are Diane Watkins, President; Harlan Ost, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; John Boutet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Sheila Driscoll, Secretary; Carleen Wilenius, Treasurer. Congratulations to the new team! Thanks to the Chairpersons, Sharon Conheady and Diane Watkins and their team for planning this event, and for all of the volunteers who made it a success.



## **19WCA Family Holiday Open House**

The 19WCA Family Holiday Open House on Sat, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 5pm at the Association Office is the last event of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle and join in some relaxing conversation, caroling and light refreshment. There will be children's crafts and maybe a special appearance by someone in a big red suit! We will also be collecting donations of children's hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, gently used coats and boots as well as non-perishable food items to support the students at School #44. For each item donated receive a raffle ticket to win 1 of 5 prizes, each valued from \$5 to \$30. For more information about this event or to volunteer call or email Angie Burch at 338-2621 or [acburch26@gmail.com](mailto:acburch26@gmail.com).



### **Be a part of ROC the Day**

A 24-hour dash to donate to those who need it most. Pick 1, 2 or 33 causes. Give \$5, \$55 or \$505. Kids need books. Pets need food. The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association needs you. Join your neighbors in supporting the 19WCA for a chance at winning an extra \$500 or \$1000 by donating to us through this annual day of giving. Visit [ROCtheDay.org](http://ROCtheDay.org) on Tuesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> starting at midnight to lend your support.

### **Family/Student Skating Party**

Save the date of Sat, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the annual ice skating party at the Genesee Valley Sports Complex at 131 Elmwood Ave from 1 to 4pm. This community-building event between the southwest community and UofR students has always been a crowd-pleaser with free food, free skating, great music, games and lots of fun on the ice. Bring the whole family to enjoy this free event as a kick-off to February Recess! For more information about this event or to volunteer call or email Angie Burch at 338-2621 or [acburch26@gmail.com](mailto:acburch26@gmail.com).

### **Square Fair Potluck Holiday Party Wednesday, Dec 16, 6:30 PM, location TBA**

The Square Fair Committee is seeking volunteers for the 2016 event. Join us and bring a dish or something to drink to share to

celebrate the holiday season and kick off of Square Fair Planning. The first 45 minutes will be to discuss meeting dates and preliminary duties assignments. The rest of the evening will be to celebrate the network, holidays, welcome new volunteers and current volunteers. Bring a friend and volunteer for Square Fair 2016.

Location TBA soon.. RSVP by December 10th.

### **Nov. 12 Delegate Meeting Highlights:**

--Al Smith (from...) and City Historian Christine Ridarsky talked about the old Congress Avenue Cemetery, established in about 1812. Many veterans and neighborhood residents were buried there in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Efforts are being made to place a historical marker at the site, and to recruit volunteers and restore the cemetery.

--Street Managers John DeMott and Don Hanks are continuing to support businesses on Genesee Street, Thurston Road, Chili Ave., Jefferson Ave. and West Main Street, and to facilitate links with RPD and other neighborhood assets. They are hoping their contracts will be renewed in order to continue this work.

--Nominations for officers were reviewed; more nominations can be made from the floor at the Annual Convention.

--House Tour was a success; we sold about 100 tickets. The next house tour will be held in 2017.

--Request for a variance at 537 Post Avenue: City Planning Commission did not approve the request by Open Door Mission for a variance for a Residential Care Facility.

### **Did you know?**

**SewGreen @ Rochester** is opening in the 19th Ward, at 264-268 Arnett Blvd, in December. The grand opening is Dec 5 at 11:00, and the "soft opening" is Nov 27 -- Green Friday -- for the making of Simple Gifts for family and friends as customers experience the new shop for the first time. Their website is [sewgreen-rochester.org](http://sewgreen-rochester.org)

**RNR Ice Cream Café** at 947 Genesee St has Nathan's Soups for those cold days?

**People's Choice Kitchen** will be reopening at 575 Brooks Avenue on Dec 1?

### **Caroling Around the Tree**

Arnett block association is once again hosting "Caroling in the Park". School #29 decorates the 15 foot holiday tree we put up in the Arnett Bird and Butterfly Park. On December 22nd from 6-7 pm we will be caroling around a fire, roasting marshmallows, drinking hot cocoa and admiring the tree. Please join us! All are welcome including Santa.

In the event of rain we will be in the library.

# Health Outcomes Improving in 19th Ward

Many young people in the 19th Ward are making healthier choices. According to data recently shared by the NYS Department of Health, teen pregnancy rates among young women in the 14619 zip code area declined **57%** between the years 2006-2008 and the years 2011-2013. In 2006-2008, the teen pregnancy rate in 14619 was about 16%. In other words, 16% of girls ages 15 to 19 became pregnant each year. By 2011-2013, the teen pregnancy rates for young women (age 15-19) in 14619 had declined to 7%.

The teen pregnancy rates in the other Rochester zip code areas also fell dramatically during these years. Teen pregnancy is associated with higher rates of school drop-out, child poverty and father absence. The decline in teen pregnancy is great news for our community.

Young people in Rochester are reporting other healthy choices. According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, completed by about 4,000 high school students in the Rochester City School District (2015), youth use of tobacco has declined 50% since 2005 and youth use of alcohol has declined by a third since 2005. Youth use of marijuana has remained consistent--about one quarter of youth report current use of marijuana.

Regarding youth assets, about 80% of the students who answered the survey said that their parents give them help and support and have clear rules. About two thirds of the students report that they get a lot of encouragement at school. Answers about youth assets have remained consistent over the past 10 years.

--Sheila Driscoll



## Candlelight Dinners February 6

Now that the Community Association's 50th Anniversary celebration is coming to an end, it is nice to know that many of the events we enjoyed in 2015 are events we sponsor every year. One of those events is Candlelight Dinners. We have been holding these dinners for nearly 30 years. What a great opportunity to get out of the house on a (potentially) cold February night to have dinner with old and new friends.

Candlelight Dinners are fun and easy, and free. We don't get that combination too often in our lives. This year the dinners will be held across the 19th Ward on Saturday, February 6, 2016. You can sign up to be a host - you get to decide how many guests you want, the time of the meal, and even if you want to meet a special need (for example - willing to host families, serve a vegetarian meal, etc.). Or you can sign up to be a guest at someone else's home. As a guest you can also choose if you want to attend an adult only dinner, a dinner with families, or let us know if you have a special dietary need.

Hosts usually provide the main course, the guests are asked to bring a dish to round out the meal. Hosts contact the guests to let them know what to bring and the place and time of the meal. We do our best to match people with dietary needs, but we cannot promise a perfect match.

Please call or email the Association Office by January 19, 2016 to reserve your spot. Remember to let us know if you want to host or guest, and if there are any special needs. Join your neighbors for one of the best evenings of the winter!

Call 328-6571, or email [19thward@19wca.org](mailto:19thward@19wca.org) for more information or to reserve a place at the table

Jay and Dan Ross - Britta Thomas - Fred and Susan Hagen - John Hamlin  
 - Marcia and Jonathan Parkes - Margaret Spinelli - Armin & Margaret  
 Weiss - Ken Chandler - Jessica Walker - Roosevelt Reese - Victoria Leg-  
 gitt - Shelley Malloy - Elizabeth Cowart - Anonymous - Jacob & Heather  
 Adams - Jeanne

Daniel Karin -  
 Gauldin - Vince  
 Robert Vance -

# THANK YOU

Bartlett -  
 Bob & Barbara  
 Martin -  
 Joan Hapeman

- Mary Lou Yawn - Richard Bird - Jesse Knoth - Marta Driscoll - Barbara  
 Smullen - Anne Tucker - Jim & Carleen Wilenius - Carolyn Meisenzahl -

Anthony Murphy -  
 Lynn & Jane Bra-  
 Keith Jackson -

- Leroy & Bettie  
 Paul Leech - Sam-  
 Bruce & Charlotte  
 Bob Larter -

Rutledge - Brad &  
 Donald Parry in  
 Gretchen Parry -

Kannapel - Gail &  
 & Adrienne Kluc -  
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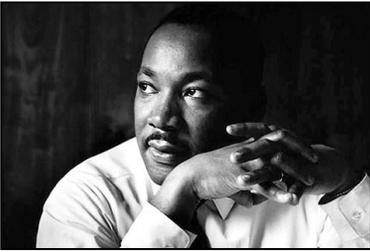
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 Marie Digiacommo - Ben & Amber Krug - Pat Gross - Dwight & Pat Stevens  
 - Paul & Joan VanNess - Margaret Reigelsperger - Penny Griffin - Jackie  
 Farrell - Rick Schaeffer - Marcella Klein - Senator Mike Ranzenhofer -

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**Your donation helped us surpass  
 our fundraising goal for the  
 50th Anniversary celebrations**

Gary  
 Helen  
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Dorothy Ramsey - Ed, Sherin & Marcella Kessler - Kathy O'Neill - Doug  
 & Doris Meadows - Maureen McDonald - Terry O'Connor - Lois Metcalf  
 - Bill & Ruth Scott - Bill Nichthausen - Gene & Joyce Clifford - Donna  
 Sarnacki - Sharon & Dennis Conheady - Laura McCree - Jeanne Sloane  
 - Don & Karen Pryor - Mary T Henry—Bill and Susan Morehouse



## ILLUMINATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY



*Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

On January 18, 2016 the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Luminary event will occur. The Nineteenth Ward Community Association has practiced many of the values of Martin Luther King's concept "The Beloved Community". Over the years 19<sup>th</sup> ward residents have continued to advocate for fair, affordable housing and home ownership, quality local schools, community/police collaborations for crime prevention and a wide range of policies and services to promote and preserve a vibrant urban community.

We ask that neighbors join us in lighting up our neighborhood with luminaries, lanterns and flashlights to express our solidarity with the values of Martin Luther King's Beloved Community and his important campaigns against racism, poverty and militarism. In these challenging times we want to focus on the importance of coming together as a neighborhood community to celebrate our resilience and to join together to participate and support each other in the on-going work of not only organizing but creating a community that recognizes the values of the Beloved Community.

We hope again in 2016 we can spread luminaries from every block, district and church, and area organizations. Residents will be encouraged to host a Hot Spot, a great way to get to know your neighbors. Invite them over for Hot Chocolate, conversation; use your imagination to celebrate this wonderful evening. We hope to see celebrations in areas throughout the ward between 6pm and 8pm on January 19, 2016.

We will have more details coming soon for the Martin Luther King Jr. program event Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the Arnett Library.

This is a block by block, district by district event. To volunteer or for further information contact Zola B Brown 585-210 -9370 ([zolabbrown@gmail.com](mailto:zolabbrown@gmail.com)) .

# Thank You

*Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2015 events celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year. Many, many people donated financially, served on committees, assisted at an event, attended a program, had fun together, met new people, and so much more. Watch for plans as we continue our spirit through 2016.*

*And join us for the Holiday Open House on December 12 as we celebrate one more time before 2015 comes to a close.*

# 19WCA Holiday Family ★ Open House

**Sat, December 12th**

**2pm to 5pm**

*19th Ward Community Assoc Office  
216 Thurston Road  
328-6571*

**Fun for the whole family!**

**Support our School #44 students by donating winter hats, scarves, or gloves/mittens, gently used coats or boots or non-perishable food. Receive a raffle ticket for each single item donated to win 1 of 5 prizes valued between \$5 and \$30 each**



**games**



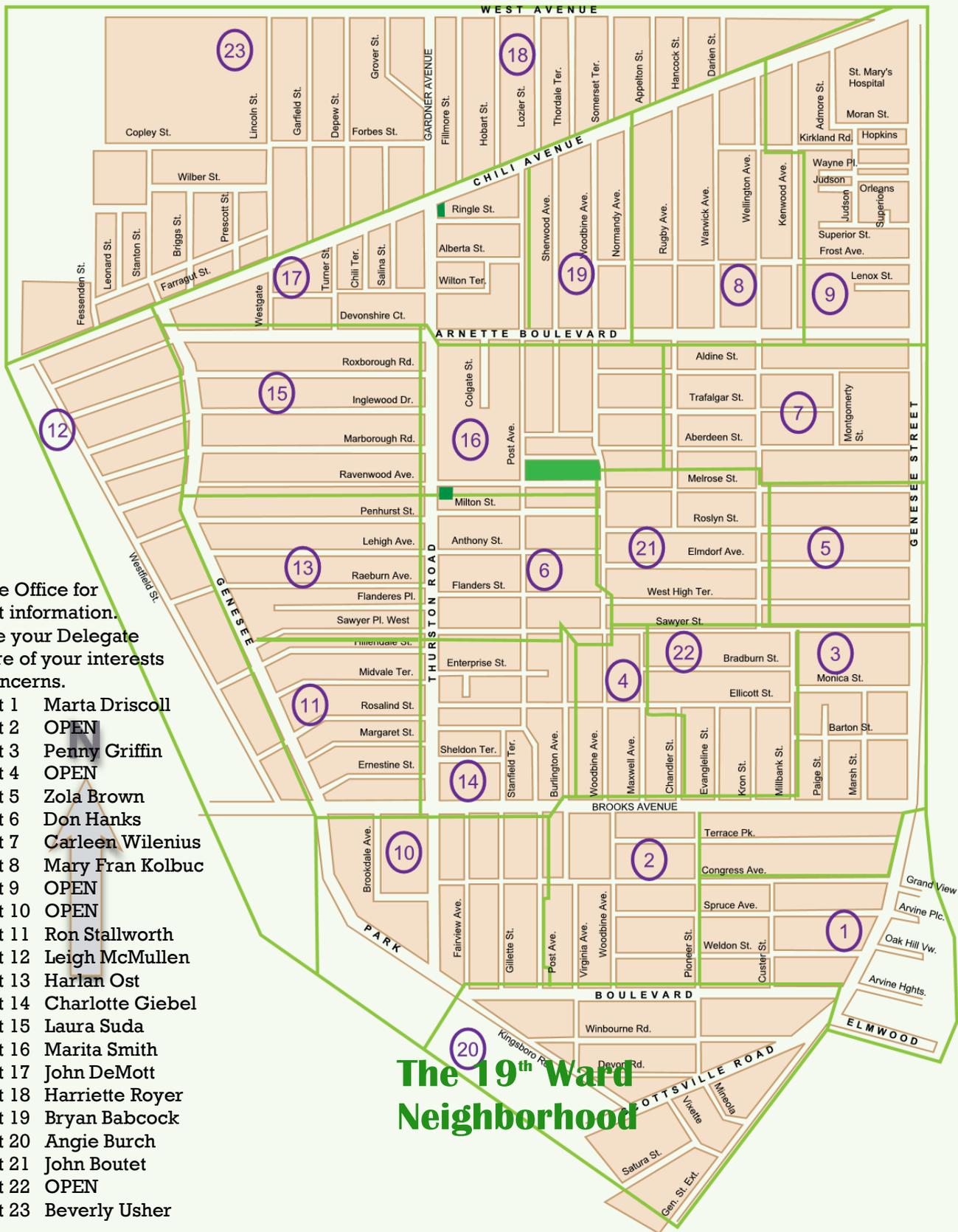
**Light refreshments provided**

*Kids can visit with Santa, receive a treat and make a craft to take home!*



# December

◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>ROctheDay</b> <b>Start at midnight,</b> <b>end at 11:59 PM-</b> <a href="http://www.roctheday.org">www.roctheday.org</a>  <b>Donate to 19WCA</b> <b>and other favorites</b>	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Thurston Merchants at "It's About Love" Diner	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 1st day of Hanukkah	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at 923 Genesee St. 7:00 PM Schools committee @216 Thurston 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	<b>10</b> 11:00 AM Housing Committee at 923 Genesee 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Arnett Library	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 2:00 – 5:00 <b>HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE</b> 216 Thurston
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Last day of Hanukkah	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's  6:30 PM Square Fair Planning, Potluck, and Party	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Arnett Block Club Christmas Caroling 6:00 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> 1st day of Kwanzaa
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> No Public Safety Meeting in Dec	<b>31</b> New Years Eve	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Save the dates:</b> <b>1/16 &amp; 18 MLK luminary</b> <b>2/6 Candlelight Dinners</b> <b>2/13 Family Skating</b>	



## The 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**ROC the Day**  
**Tuesday, December 1**  
**24 hours of giving**  
**Mark your Calendar**  
**Donate online to 19WCA**

[www.roctheday.org](http://www.roctheday.org)