



Update 19

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*Can anyone tell us
where and when this
photo was taken?*

*Jackie not you, you are
in the photo.*



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Editor: John Burch and Jackie Farrell



Presidents Message

Winter is winding down and spring is around the corner. The month of March is waking up with many activities during the month. First day of the month is Ash Wednesday. It is also zero discrimination day. A day to celebrate individuality, inclusion and human rights while promoting tolerance, peace and compassion. March 3rd is wildlife day. The eighth is international women's day celebrating women's achievements around the world. The next day is world kidney awareness day, making people aware of the importance of kidney donations. March 12th light savings time begins. This was started in 1918 to give workers more daylight time in the summer evenings. It is also the start of Purim, a Jewish holiday. The 13th is India's festival of color. You math lovers, the next day is Pi day. Celebrates the mathematical constant pi or 3.141582653. Time to get your green on because the 17th is St. Patrick's Day where Irish celebrate their pride and heritage. Catholics on the 19th worship the Feast of St Joseph, stepfather of Jesus. March 20th is the international day of happiness promoting happiness as a fundamental human goal. It is also the first day of spring marking winter is over. It signifies warmer nights and longer days. The 21st of the month is International day of forest to raise awareness of the importance of trees. It is also World Poetry Day. This day nurtures linguistic diversity through poetry. The oldest love poem in the world was written on a clay tablet during the Sumerian times, which was 3500 BC. World Water Day on the 22nd of the month raises awareness regarding sanitation and water shortages around the world. March 23 is National Puppy Day fostering the unconditional love that puppies bring to our lives. The next day is World Tuberculosis Day. It's still a big problem in the world. According to Mother Theresa, "the biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted." President Bush declared October 30th of each year National Doctor's Day to celebrate the sacrifices and contributions that our doctors have made. The last day of the month is Caesar Chavez Day. This day observes the life and achievements of Chavez, a Mexican-American farm worker who was a Civil Rights and Labor Movement activist.



There are a lot of different activities and diversity with the people who partake in these activities. We, the 19th Ward Community Association have a lot of diversity in our thoughts and ideals. It is this diversity that will bring new ideas and change that will grow and strengthen our community. March is a month that things begins to wake up with the spring flowers making their appearance. We to need to wake ourselves up. It's a time when we need to ask ourselves what more can I do to grow my neighborhood and make us stronger as a community. I appreciate every minute you have thus far volunteered in making us better, but we have more to do. I know that we can make changes that will greatly effect our community in a positive way. Changes that will not cost us money nor going way out of our way yet produce wonderful results. So we need to think out of the box so no idea is a bad one and we need to consider any idea has merit. I would love you to send me one word, a sentence, a thought of what you feel we can do to grow our neighborhood. Here are a couple of mine. First, we need to grow our membership. How do we do that? I think if each member of the association just brings in 3 new members each, just 3, we can triple out membership which will make us stronger in many ways. So you don't have to go far. You can ask neighbors on your street and people you meet on your walk. This is 3 people in a year, so I believe it very doable. I have brought in 7 new members since January so I know we all can do this. I have trust that we will make it happen. The second idea is what I call my 5 and 1 plan. I will roll this out at the delegates' meeting this month. It is another thing we can do from our own home that will also produce great noticeable results in a very short time. I will share this with all members in the April update. So I need your help, your thoughts, ideas and prayers. I KNOW with all the wonderful people in the 19th WARD we will succeed. HarLan tsoh1@rochester.rr.com

2017 Officers

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Candle Light Dinners

Here is what people are saying about the Candlelight dinners last week. (If you missed it, plan ahead for next year)

As usual, the food was outstanding, and the company was great! I'm sure I talked too much, but the audience was welcoming. Great hosts, too.

The dinner we shared with neighbors at Karen Emerson's house was delightful. The food was delicious and the company was great. We talked and shared stories for several hours. We look forward to next year's experience! Thank you for organizing this most enjoyable occasion. Margaret and Armin Weiss

We laughed a lot...and spent a long time at the dinner table. Though I knew all the people there...we had never gathered in quite that combination...so we had many local stories to share. I was surprised to find that though I wasn't a native Rochesterian...I had lived in the 19th Ward longer than anybody else at our gathering. Angie and John Burch were our hosts. Candlelight Dinners are a great tradition.....Mitzie Collins

We met one of our guests first when they came to our hot spot on MLK luminary night, and then got to know them over dinner. We are happy to build on these connections through our neighborhood.

We had the privilege of sharing a special Shabbat meal with delicious and unique food at the Ressel's home. It was a really wonderful and educational evening. We met three neighbors for the first time and reconnected with two others. Bill and Susan Morehouse

We had a wonderful evening with our guests. Met new friends and discovered all sorts of connections

The meal, the company and the conversation were great! We managed to get through the evening without talking about 'you-know-who'. Instead we discussed other interesting topics from new jobs and travel plans to bed bug infestations which was very enlightening.

Meeting with people from my neighborhood reminds me why I have chosen to live in this community. I hear their hearts and passions for justice, education, community, and the city of Rochester. Every time I tell people I live in the 19th Ward people comment, "I've heard about the cool older generation that lives in your neighborhood." It is true I tell them. They care about our residents. I am proud to live among such caring, honest, and genuine people. I am glad to call this place home. Austin Pettigrew, Delegate-9th District-19WCA

We had a wonderful time at Karen Emerson's house getting to know her better along with our new president Harlan and catching up with our friends the Weiss's. We had such a good time eating and talking that we could not believe how late we left :) We cannot wait to do it again -Jacob and Heather

Hubert and I had a lovely time at the home of Charlotte and Doug Giebel. The food was delicious and the company was excellent. We met 5 neighbors, all of them long-term residents of the 19th Ward, and learned about their very interesting lives. I wish we could have dinner with the group every month!

Lois

Nice, relaxing evening. Interesting conversations, none involved politics!

We truly look forward to this evening each year, meeting neighbors and enjoying a great meal! And all of that was only a quick walk from our front step. Looking forward to next year!

We had 7 people for dinner which happened to coincide with the minor Jewish holiday of Tu B'shevat. This holiday, is known as the birthday of the trees, not unlike Arbor day. We treated our guests to special foods which included 7 species that are mentioned in the bible. For example, we served barley soup and a pomegranate shrub two of the 7.

We had a wonderful meal and truly enjoyed the conversation – making new friends and learning more about those we have known for years.

We had a lovely evening, meeting one new couple, and getting to know others better. We even played a new game, "Tsuru."

Having a professional cook host was quite a plus. Steve's vegetarian lasagna and the spinach and beet salad were delicious. It was nice to have a mix of new and old friends around the table.

The hosts were amazing, food was splendid and we made new friends! It was delightful to learn all about "Tu BiShvat" from our hosts and eat a traditional Tu Bishvat meal. A true picture of multi-race multi-religion sharing with no ulterior motives. Thank you!

Join us April 9, 2017 for the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast

Held at the Rochester Presbyterian Home, and co-sponsored for 19 consecutive years

For the 19th year the Rochester Presbyterian Home is hosting the Palm Sunday breakfast. The Palm Sunday breakfast was inaugurated by the Westminster Presbyterian Church which was located at Arnett and Wellington. The church building was sold to the New Life Fellowship a number of years ago. Westminster Presbyterian had hosted the Palm Sunday breakfast for almost fifty years, but discontinued it after the sale of the church building. The church had many speakers over the course of the years, including Christopher Lindley. When the Southwest YMCA was looking for a fundraiser, the Y Board decided to resurrect the Palm Sunday breakfast. Y Board members Chris and Bettie Lindley took on the task in 1999 and subsequently turned it over to Jeanette Mewborn and Emma Joyner. Currently the breakfast is sponsored by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Monica Roman Catholic Church and the Westminster Presbyterian Mission, in partnership with the 19th Ward Community Association and the Southwest YMCA.

The keynote speaker this year is Tabita Torres, a young woman and longtime resident of the 19th Ward. Tabita works in the Office for Diversity & Inclusion as a Marketing Specialist and Program Associate in the MOSAIC Center at RIT. Tabita previously worked with the United Way of Greater Rochester, Time Warner Cable/YNN, Coordinated Care Services Inc., and the YMCA of Greater Rochester, Inc. She has a passion for making her community a better place to live for everyone and enjoys volunteering. Tabita has been recognized with the Latinas Unidas 2016 Volunteer Reconocimiento Award and as a Woman to Watch in Rochester's Democrat and Chronicle. She is a lifelong learner and believes "education is life changing". Tabita will engage us in an empowering conversation about what we each bring to our community table.

The breakfast is a community-building event and a way to raise money for area charities. Past speakers have included University of Rochester President Joel Seligman, Police Chief Michael Ciminelli and Mayor Lovely Warren. Past beneficiaries have included the Southwest YMCA, Sojourner House, SWEM, Teen Empowerment and Genesee Valley Little League.

This year's recipient of the proceeds is R Community Bikes. R Community Bikes is an organization of volunteers who travel to many sites throughout the City of Rochester, repairing bikes at no cost. They have given away 2000 bikes annually to people in need of a bike for transportation. R Community Bikes relies on financial donations, and donations of bikes and spare parts in order to keep their program in operation. You can find them every Tuesday during the summer months at the Westside Farmers Market on Genesee Street. Their home base is located on Hudson Avenue.

The breakfast will be hosted by the Rochester Presbyterian Home, 256 Thurston Rd. the morning of Sunday, April 9 beginning at 8:00 AM and ending promptly at 9:30AM (for those who are going to a Church service) Ticket prices are \$7 for an individual , \$11 a couple and \$15 a household. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning March 1 at the 19th Ward Community Association Office, 216 Thurston Rd., the Southwest YMCA, or through one of the sponsoring churches. 328-6571 or 19thward@19wca.org for more information.



Eileen Graham, Founder
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a parent of a fourth grader and a Rochester City School District Parent. As the founder of Black Student Leadership and community leader this is a group of parents seeking to partner with other parents and the Rochester community to build strong learning communities around all children. I am hosting a 2-day Parent Empowerment forum on March 3rd and 4th, 2017. It is designed to educate and celebrate parents to build connections with others in our community that will assist us through this journey as I still believe “it takes a village”.

This endeavor will spark the change we need and allow the parents that need us the most to see past their barriers and find hope in education and the power in communities coming together.

The cost of the event is free to parents but we have estimated the overall cost to be around \$7,077 and we need your help to make sure this is a quality experience. We are looking to provide gift cards, items to fill gift baskets and other take-home gifts that will help parents. The estimated cost includes expenses for the guest speaker honorarium, travel and lodging accommodations. NYSUT has agreed to donate \$500.00 but your help is needed to make this a spectacular community event.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (585)-967-4089 or rocblackparents@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing more with you about the difference that this free event will make in the lives of our dear children.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empowering-and-celebrating-parents-tickets-29758286837?aff=es2>

Sincerely,

Eileen Graham, Founder

Please see flyer on page 19



There is an exciting new program that began last year called Blocks in Bloom. It is run through the Monroe County Cooperative Extension of Cornell University.

Basically, it is a program which purchases flowers, provides garden planning ideas and assistance for those who would like a front yard garden but cannot afford to purchase plants and flowers.

Master Gardeners meet with residents and provide advice. The City of Rochester will provide assistance by donating compost and mulch.

In order to apply you need to commit 6 residents on a block to meeting, being trained, and to plant the flower garden.

If you are interested, contact Kathy Lewis, 755-2953 or klewis50@frontier.com for application guidelines BEFORE looking for neighbor commitment. The applications are available at the 19th Ward office, or by calling Kathy.



Collection Box

We will have a collection box for clothing, toiletries etc at the office until March 13. See the list of items needed on page 7 of this edition. Drop by the office during open hours, or call to make other arrangements to drop items off. Donations will be given to St. Joe's, Open Door Mission, and Sojourner House.

Summer of Opportunity

Rochester, N.Y. (WROC-TV) - Students in Monroe County are invited to apply for the city's Summer of Opportunity Program and the RochesterWorks! Summer Youth Employment Program.

Both programs give young people between the ages of 14 and 20 the chance to get summer-long job readiness training, career exploration and paid employment. Applicants must be currently enrolled in middle school, high school or actively pursuing their high school equivalency diploma.

Those interested may apply online for both programs beginning on Monday, February 20 through Friday, March 24.

Students who complete the program will have an opportunity to interview for paid summer jobs lasting 6 weeks. Past employers have included the City of Rochester, community based organizations, colleges and local businesses.

For more information or to apply for the programs http://www.rochesterworks.org/youth_services.aspx

Items Needed



An M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence
Donation Drive

Clothing

Underwear (New)
Bras (New or gently used)
Socks
Pajamas
Jeans
Coats
Hoodies
Gloves
Hats
Boots
Sneakers
Flip Flops
All other clothing and shoes



Cleaning Supplies

Laundry detergent
Bleach
Paper Towels
Dish Soap

Medication



Tylenol
Cough drops
Cold medication
Non-alcoholic cough medicine
Decongestant

Toiletries

Deodorant
Disposable razors
Shaving cream
Floss
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Bath soap
Lotion
Tissues
Toilet paper
Mouthwash



Nonperishables



Sugar
Coffee
Jam
Bottled water
Juice
Pasta
Salad Dressing
Other nonperishables

Other

Bath towels
Twin size bed sheets

Dinner Out

If you missed the fun we had at the Wok for Lunar New Year – don't miss the next gathering.

We enjoyed the evening so much that we decided to continue to have fun, and we plan to do it again on March 25, this time at Unkl Moe's – see the flyer on page 16



On Remarkable Rochester

Retired Senior Editor Jim Memmott reflects on what makes Rochester distinctively Rochester, its history, its habits, its people. Contact him at: (585) 278-8012 or jmemmott@DemocratandChronicle.com or Remarkable Rochester, Box 274, Geneseo, NY, 14454.

Remarkable Rochesterians

Sue Hengelsberg of Perry, Wyoming County, suggested that the name of this force in folk music be added to the list of [Remarkable Rochesterians](#) found at [RocRoots.com](#).



Mitzie Collins (Photo: Staff file photo)

Mitzie Collins (1941 –): One of the founders, in 1971, of the Golden Link Folk Singing Society of Rochester, this Texas native is known throughout the area and beyond for her playing of the hammered dulcimer and other instruments. A 1963 graduate of the Eastman School of Music majoring in piano, she and husband Tom Bohrer founded Sampler Records in 1975, specializing in traditional folk music. She received a master's degree in 2005 from the Eastman School, where she now teaches. She is the founder and director of the Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble, and she's the former host of a WXXI-FM program featuring music for children.

Flowers are coming!

"It's never too early to think spring in Rochester. When you are watching the snow fall and dreaming of your lovely yard and gardens, remember the Southwest YMCA Flower Sale. Order forms will be available in April. All proceeds go to the YMCA Annual Fund which provides financial support to members who cannot afford the monthly membership fee. How nice it is to dream about beautiful flowers and support the Y at the same time!"

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- Feb. 16: Rochester City Council Chambers, 30 Church St.
- Mar. 2: Flint Street R-Center, 271 Flint St.
- Mar. 16: Frederick Douglass R-Center, 999 South Ave.
- Mar. 30: Edgerton R-Center, 41 Backus St.
- Apr. 13: Carter St. R-Center, 500 Carter St.
- Apr. 27: Port of Rochester Harbor Center, 1000 N. River St.



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or visit www.cityofrochester.gov/businessresources

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Nineteenth Ward Community Association Papers, 1965 - 1999

Our Agreement with the University of Rochester

In early 2001, our Association signed an agreement with the University of Rochester: "The Board of the Nineteenth Ward Community Association gives to the University of Rochester Library selected historical records of the Association. All items in the collection will be housed in the Library's Department of Rare Books, Special Collections and Preservation, or in comparable areas under Departmental control."

The collection consists of 55 boxes of records from the Association's origin in 1965 through the 1990s.

Though donated in 2001, this valuable collection has never been available to researchers because some processing had to be done. This January, a group of 19WCA volunteers, under the direction of the History & Archives Committee, finally undertook the task. It has turned out to be a fascinating endeavor.

As we go along, we are redacting personally-identifiable information, and we are retitling many of the folders to make the collection more accessible. We add key words, and dates. The title changes we make will be reflected on the Finding List, which will be available online. Once online, "It will be used by researchers," Phyllis Andrews, Special Collections Librarian, assures us.

Just to clarify: The documents themselves are not going to be digitized any time in the foreseeable future. After finding a Key Word that looks promising in the Finding List, one would need to visit Rare Books at the UofR to view the actual documents.

Memo to 19WCA members: How you can help:

We have come to realize that we need certain artifacts to complete the collection, and if you can supply any of the following (or if you know of other items you would like to contribute), we would like to hear from you:

a Cuisine 19 cookbook

a photo of the Urban by Choice banners (with residents' photographs) that hung for a time on Thurston Road

an actual "I'm staying" sign (from the days when realtors were trying to convince whites to sell at a low price and then resell to blacks at higher prices)

Can you tell us what the acronym "PACE" stood for?

On Steroids

What becomes abundantly clear as one works through the boxes is that, by Year 2 or 3, our Association was involved on so many fronts: Housing Task Force, Seniors, Schools, Crime Prevention, Court Watch, Airport, to name a few. One of our volunteers said, impressed: "This organization was on steroids

from Day One!"

There's a personal connection which makes this deep dive into the collection especially satisfying: It's a history of our neighbors. We see a name on a Human Services Committee and then, in another box, we see that name again, now involved 10 years later working with the Urban League. Those of us who weren't around in the early years may know someone in his or her 70s or 80s today, and now we see what a firebrand he or she was 50 years ago! And what's even more impressive: That person is *still* involved. Living history. Once someone asked me what year I moved to the neighborhood. When I said 1986, she said, laughing, "Oh, we had already done so much by then!" Boy, is that ever true!

Neighborhood Activism

We are working with the marvelous staff at the Rare Books and Special Collections Department, most notably the above-mentioned Phyllis Andrews, who says, "We are *really happy* to have these papers. Frankly, this collection might be one undergraduate would be interested in. You can look at it from many different angles." We agree. One of our volunteers, two weeks into the project, spoke for all of us when he said, "I've learned more about practical and useful community activism in the past two weeks than I did in a year as a Sociology major in college." He's right. These 19WCA papers amount to a 35-year study in neighborhood activism.

Key Words

When we complete this work (and we are currently on Box 46 out of 55!), the Finding List will be available online, which means researchers will be able to use key words to locate topics of interest. Here is the first installment (more to follow next month) of Interesting Key Words to whet your appetite, and to take longtime residents down memory lane:

Airport Radio Tower Petitions

Update 19, 1st issue, March 1966

Genesee River Pedestrian Bridge, 1970 - 1971

South River Corridor Project, 1968 - 1975

Norstar Bank Closing

Coalition to Upgrade Properties, 1981 - 1986

Post Office Closing Petitions, Bull's Head, Thurston Road, 1990

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Community Association Papers

(Continued from page 11)

Preservation Program, began 1979 - ended 1986

Cephas Attica (prison ministry)

Public Relations, 1970 - 1984; includes newspaper articles

Realtor's Non-Discrimination Form, 1979 - 1984

Focus-on-Rehab, Inc (FOR-19), Goals and Objectives

Community Reinvestment Act: "What Must Lenders Do?," 1977

NYS Tenant & Neighborhood Coalition, Insurance redlining plenary session

Insurance Redlining Group, 1978

Urban Homesteading

Fair Housing

Judicial Volunteer

NCO (Neighborhood Conservation Officer): Courtesy Inspections, 1979 - 1982

Monitoring of vacant properties ("lived-in look") vs boarding up: Correspondence with banks

Facade grants, 1970 - 1980

Megiddo Mission (clippings)

Genesee Memories Booklet

19th Ward Real Estate Service, early 1980s

A History of the 19th Ward Community Association, 1965 - 1979 (authors, Margaret Weiss & Mim Bush)

Finding Surprises

Something Phyllis said resonated with me: "Finding surprises is the story of a researcher's life." That has certainly been true for us as we have had the privilege of researching this wonderful collection. If you have further thoughts on this subject, we would love to hear them. Please contact me, or call the office.

To be continued next month.

MaryDan Cooper, Chair, History and Archives Committee

24 February 2017

Skating Party

The Family/Student Skating Party was a successful event again this year! As always but especially this year it could not have happened without the UR student volunteers. They really pitched in where needed and were committed to attendees having an enjoyable time. The Reptile Guy was also a big hit. Many people posted pictures of themselves holding various creatures to display their bravery on social media. The attendance was lighter than in past years (approx. 125 from the community and 80 UR students) since we had to compete with the unseasonably warm and sunny weather and the nasty norovirus epidemic at the UR. Those who attended had a great time and expressed gratitude for our hard work in organizing the event. There were many first-time attendees, both students and from the community, that we can build on for the coming years.

I want to thank fellow 19th Warders John and JoAnn DeMott, Harlan Ost, Dana Miller, John Borek, John Burch, Jeremy Coleman, Ron Stallworth and our unflappable Jackie Farrell for volunteering their time to help make this a successful event!





Music Series 2017 at the Arnett Library

Select Saturdays, from noon to 1 p.m.

A wonderful program for music lovers of all ages followed by refreshments and a chance to meet the musicians.



March 25
Eastman
Community Music
School Youth -
Soloists
and Ensembles

Mark your calendars for this upcoming performance:

April 22: Salaff String Quartet

These are some of the best musicians in the country, and they will be at our very own Arnett library! We hope to see you and your families there!

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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GENESEE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE 2017 Registration

Helping to Build a Brighter Future!

Spring/Summer Leagues are now being formed for
Girls & Boys ages 5 to 12 years old

Genesee Valley Little League (GVLL) is offering a great opportunity for youth ages 4 - 12 to participate in Little League baseball. In order to make Genesee Valley Little League (GVLL) a success, **parent participation is a must**. It's the **only** way we can insure a quality program to the kids in the league. We need coaches and other volunteers. We want your child and we will be glad to discuss whatever you can do to help.

Program	Division	Ages	Who Plays	Cost
T-Ball	T-Ball	4-6	Boys & Girls	\$57
Baseball	Minors	8-10	Boys & Girls	\$57
Baseball	Majors	11-12	Boys & Girls	\$60
Girls Softball	Softball (Minors)	8-11	Girls Only	\$57
Rookies	Rookies	7-8	Girls & Boys	\$57

**** Discounts of \$5.00 per child are provided for parents registering more than one child.**

2017 REGISTRATION DATES & TIMES

Online: January 1 to March 25

<http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=11046>

Walkup: March 5, 12, 19 (Saturdays, 9-1PM)

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: Saturday March 25, 2017

WALKUP LOCATIONS

Arnett Public Library

310 Arnett Blvd, Rochester, NY

(585) 428-8214

Genesee Valley Territory:

To be eligible to register for GVLL program, kids must be ages 4 to 12 as of **April 30, 2017** and reside within the city's Southwest Quadrant league boundaries which are: *southwest side of the city, south of West Avenue, east along Main St. to downtown south along the river to Genesee Valley Park.*

1st Time Registrants MUST complete a registration form and bring the following:

- ORIGINAL or STATE CERTIFIED copy of child's birth certificate (verified and returned at registration)
 - *If you do not have a copy of your child's birth certificate, GVLL can help you get one.*
- Insurance policy
- Parent or guardian have a current driver license or recognized form of ID.
- *When you volunteer to help you must have either a valid driver license or government issued photo identification. You must also fill out a volunteer application form.*

Returning Players MUST complete a standard registration form in order to participate.

Genesee Valley Little League is an instructional league for children. No child shall be denied the chance to play ball. All residents in our designated territory are eligible to play on Genesee Valley Little League teams. Our home fields are located at Genesee Valley Park.

Follow us on our web site at: www.gvlittleleague.org and on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/gvlittleleague) www.facebook.com/gvlittleleague

January 2017



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For more information or with questions, contact:
Larry Floyd, President GVLL
(585) 328-3768

For more information please go to our web site at www.gvlittleleague.org. There you will find general information about GVLL. You will also find downloadable files for registration and other documents necessary for registration and parent participation. Schedules and important dates will also be posted here.



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January 2017

**Never been to Unkl Moe's ?
Let's meet Saturday, March 25, at 6:00 PM**



Unkl Moe's BBQ & Catering

A 19th Ward neighborhood restaurant at 495 West Ave, across from Tops



Started by Moses & Bernice Smith 16 years ago Unkl Moe's is all about food, family and friendliness. Nothing fancy. No kitsch on the walls, just images of famous Black Americans. No "hip" servers, just courteous wait staff. No loud music, maybe some soft Jazz or Gospel. And good food!

MENU

DINNERS with 2 SIDE DISHES

BBQ Pork Ribs*	11.00	Fried Chicken (half)	9.75
BBQ Chicken*	10.00	Cajun Chicken	10.50
BBQ Turkey*	10.50	Fried Haddock, 9.50, grilled	10.25
BBQ Pork*	10.50	Fried Catfish, 10.50, grilled	11.25
BBQ Beef Brisket*	11.50	Fried Whiting	9.00
Cajun Pork Ribs*	11.50	Chicken Wings	9.00
Pork Chops (1)	9.00		
Pork Chops (2)	11.00		

* BBQ is a little spicy

DINNER COMBO's with 2 SIDE DISHES

BBQ Ribs & Wings	14.00	Haddock & Chicken	14.00
BBQ Chicken & Wings	14.00	BBQ Ribs & Haddock	14.00
BBQ Ribs & Turkey	14.00	BBQ Ribs & Whiting	14.00
Catfish & Chicken	15.00	Wings & Haddock	14.00
Whiting & Chicken	14.00	Wings & Whiting	14.00

Choice of 10 Side Dishes. Choice of beverages and amazing desserts a la cart.

Great Food, Hospitality, and a good excuse for a neighborhood gathering!!!

Participation is simple - no organizing, no committee meetings. Simply call the 19th Ward office at 328-6751 and reserve your seat(s) and dinner choice.

Free

PARENT AND COMMUNITY EVENT
You Do Not Want to Miss this event!

How Can We Strengthen Our Public Schools



Jamaal Bowman will be in Rochester New York on **March 3rd and 4th, 2017** to share his expertise and experiences with parents, teachers, administrators and residents; Mr. Bowman's school CASA Middle School, exhibits exponential academic growth throughout the years; his school also has displayed consistently low suspension rates, high attendance rates, and incredibly high levels of **parent involvement**. Mr. Bowman will engage the Rochester community around ideas on how to leverage the strengths of Rochester public schools while supporting the areas of continued growth and development.

GO ONLINE AND REGISTER

TODAY!<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empowering-and-celebrating-parents-tickets-297582868377aff=es2#>

Family Night

Friday March 3rd -5:30-9:00PM

School Without Walls, 480 Broadway St

Dinner and a Movie (Race to Nowhere)

Pizza and Popcorn bring the family- We cannot wait to see you!

Empowerment Session

Saturday- March 4, 2017 -9:00AM - 1:00PM

School Without Walls, 480 Broadway St

Enter to win a gift basket especially made for Parents in mind

We are going to have a blast! Comedian Joel James will be in the house

Breakfast, Lunch and child care will be provided!

We are going to have fun and learn together! Do everything you can to join us!

If you need special accommodations

Please contact 585-967-4089 or email rocblackparents@gmail.com

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March

February	March 2017						April
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett Merchants at RPH	2	3 5:30 -9 PM Strengthening our Public Schools	4 10AM – 1PM GVLL registration at Arnett Library 10-11 AM Spelling Bee Tutoring at Arnett Library 9AM-1:00PM Strengthening our Public Schools	
5 3:00 PM meet at 1872 Café, 431 W. Main, for 5th Annual Voters' Walk through Susan B Anthony neighborhood	6	7	8 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at NSC 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	9 7:00 PM Delegates Council Meeting at Arnett Library	10	11 10AM – 1PM GVLL registration at Arnett Library 10-11AM Spelling Bee tutoring at Arnett Library 3-6PM Youth Sports in Rochester Showcase at East High	
12	13	14	15 8:00 AM Chili Merchants at Livie's	16 1:00 PM Housing Committee at NSC	17 	18 10AM-11AM GVLL registration at Arnett Library 9:45 AM History & Archives at Brue 10-11 AM Spelling Bee Tutoring at Arnett Library	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 10AM -1PM GVLL registration at Arnett Library 10-11 AM Spelling Bee Tutoring at Arnett Library 6:00 PM 19th Ward to dinner at Unkl Moe's	
26	27	28	29 6:30 PM 19WCA Public Safety Meeting at RPH	30	31	Notes:	



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

- District 1 Catherine Brokaw
- District 2 OPEN
- District 3 OPEN
- District 4 Deb Hudnell
- District 5 Zola Brown
- 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 Amy Ressel
- District 14 Charlotte Giebel
- District 15 Laura Suda
- District 16 Lauren Caruso
- District 17 John DeMott
- District 18 OPEN
- District 19 Bryan Babcock
- District 20 Angie Burch
- District 21 Joanne DeMarle
- District 22 T. Judith Johnson
- District 23 Beverly Usher

The 9th Ward Neighborhood

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19th Ward Community Association

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