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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new Board Members, Connie Holovics, Jim Cwierly, Debbie Goetz, and Bill VanSplunder; thank you for your support! A special thanks also goes out to Neil Cuomo and Cam Hill for their efforts as the WRCA Election Committee.

For the past year the Board has been looking for a Junior Recreation Coordinator for our children's programs and I'm happy to announce that Board Members Dawn Cwierly and Connie Holovics have agreed to co-chair these important and popular events, but I would be remiss in not acknowledging the work of Patty Daddario as interim Coordinator.

At our December meeting a concern was raised regarding graffiti on the bicycle/walking path. I contacted Bob Anderson Highway Superintendent for the Town of Amherst and he informed me that the graffiti was removed last Spring, but has unfortunately returned. The Town is planning on removing it again this Spring, but I'm concerned that if it continues they won't be as agreeable.

As of this writing, the Third Annual Wine Tasting was held at Classics V on January 28th. All proceeds will be donated to the Willow Ridge Playground Committee and for WRCA Scholarships. I would like to thank those who supported this event, especially Mark Butler of Sheridan Plaza Liquors for his time and efforts.

In closing, now that winter has arrived, please make every effort to keep your sidewalks clean and fire hydrants clear of snow.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 14 @ 7:30 pm at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.***

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz

*****Editor's Note: See page 7 for a special announcement, arranged after this writing, regarding next month's meeting .**

Neighborhood News Sympathy



Friends and neighbors on Kaymar Drive offer their deepest sympathy to Debbie and Michael Hope and their sons, Ryan and Devin, on the passing of Debbie's father, Joseph Tramuta on January 4, 2012. Family and friends will surely miss his daily visits to the neighborhood.

Neighbors on Kaymar Drive extend deepest sympathy to the Wherry family on the passing of Mary's father on December 14, 2011. Ambrogio "Ross" Musso of Kenmore retired from the Canterbury Restaurant where he was the chef. He is survived by his wife, Sophie. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Bryan, and their children, Bryan, Stephanie and Brianna.

Willow Ridge residents offer their condolences to Cindy and Tony Vizzi and their sons, Brandon and Michael, of 534 Kaymar Drive and to Cori Starr and her children, Christopher and Julie, of 260 Denrose Drive, on the loss of their parents. Cindy and Cori's father passed away on Christmas Eve and their mother subsequently, on January 2, 2012. John and Judy Starr founded S&E Jewelers in 1948 and operated the business together until 2006 They were married for 61 years. In addition to Cindy and Cori, the Starrs' have a son, John, and two other daughters, Cheryl and Claudine, as well as fifteen grandchildren. We know you will find comfort in all the happy memories!

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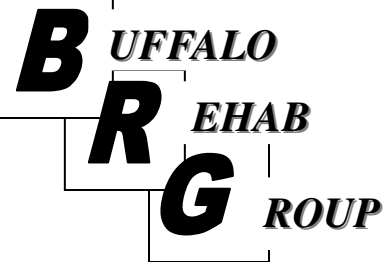


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WRCA Minutes January 10, 2012

President Ed Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Also present were Vice President Karen Tyno, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, Board members Debbie Goetz, Dawn Cwierley, Carol Zaffram, Connie Holovics and James VanSplunder. Community attendees included Jim Neubut, Sue Vansplunder, Bill VanSplunder, and John Radens.

President's Report: Ed Goetz announced the names of four new board members: James Cwierley, Connie Holovics, James VanSplunder, and Debbie Goetz. Ed reported that he has contacted the Town of Amherst regarding the graffiti on the foot bridge. Once more details are available, he will share them with us. A question was raised concerning the signage outside of the Adult Galaxy on Niagara Falls Boulevard and if the proprietors are meeting local zoning regulations. Ed will follow up and report back to the committee. Ed also stated that he spoke with management at Benchmark regarding the property along Chestnut Ridge. Wal-Mart remains responsible for the maintenance of their half of that property. A postcard is to be mailed to all residents, both members and non-members, to ensure directory information is up to date. The committee discussed what information will be requested. Ed will show us a copy of the postcard before it is mailed.

Secretary Minutes: A motion was made by Karen Tyno to approve the secretary minutes from the December meeting. Dawn Cwierley seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report: Rick VonLangen reported no new income for December and expenses to be \$3,989. The account balance is \$11,554. Karen Tyno made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Zaffram and board approval was granted.

Old Business: Ed noted that with the ending of Patty Daddario's term on the board, the position of Junior Recreation Chair remains open. Dawn Cwierley and Connie Holovics volunteered to take over this committee which oversees the Easter and Halloween parties.



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Additional committee members are needed. Please contact Dawn at 525-1893 or Connie at 743-7433 to volunteer. There is hope to also work with the school and other community groups to further develop these projects. On behalf of Jim Cwierley, Dawn shared details to the group regarding plans for Community Emergency Response Team training. Training begins on Monday, February 6 from 6 - 9:30 p.m. It is a seven week course which will take place at the 1901 Sweet Home Road, the Sweet Home High School complex. To sign up training or more information, call Jim at 525-1893 or email willow.ridge.cert@gmail.com.

New Business: On behalf of Cam Hill, Advertising Sales Chair, Ed opened a discussion regarding how to approach advertising and distribution of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. Members have stressed that they are looking for more content in the publication and sponsorships have decreased. There was discussion to move to an electronic newsletter which would reduce our carbon footprint and also reduce costs.

We are seeking feedback from members on how to proceed. Look for a survey in a future mailing.

Committee Reports: Reminder, the annual Wine Tasting event will take place at Classics 5 on January 28. The Snowflake Dinner Dance will take place at Classics V on March 3.

Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Rick VonLangen and seconded by Connie Holovics to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. The next meeting is February 14 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn M. Cwierley.



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7:30 pm

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MARCH 3rdTH 7pm-12pm

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See Page 5 for details

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