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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 10

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

There's an old saying that "hope springs eternal." I truly hope that by the time you read this, the weather has improved and "spring" is in full bloom.

Walmart has a new manager, his name is Pete Illenz and he promises to improve the aesthetics to the parking lot area and garden center adjacent to the store. If anyone has any questions or comments, Pete can be reached @ 691-0195.

As some of you are probably aware, the Sweet Home School Board has approved the 2011-12 Budget, which includes a tax increase of 7.3%! Information regarding the new budget can be found on the district website; district.shs.k12.ny.us. The vote is scheduled for May 17th at the High School in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center.

This year's garage sale will be held on June 17 & 18, once again Joe Battaglia has volunteered to chair the event. The 10th annual Fall Festival (aka Octoberfest) has been scheduled for Saturday October 8th at Classics V. Additional information will be forthcoming in the June newsletter.

At April's meeting we had a discussion on recruiting and retaining new/current members using both traditional methods (i.e. newsletter) and expanding the information on our website, utilizing facebook, and having membership information available at all WRCA events; more details to follow. Board member Dawn Cwierley is working on implementing a Crime Watch Committee. It was suggested we solicit volunteers and provide information at National Night Out in August.

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz

GRADUATION APPROACHES

It is hard to believe it, but another school year inches closer to the end, and we want to be one of the first to congratulate our 2011 graduates by listing them all in the next issues of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. After all, they are our own Willow Ridgers and we are duly proud of them. In order to accomplish this we are again asking that you submit your graduate's name, address, and graduating school (college or high school). Include any accomplishments and/or goals he/she might have. To make the announcement extra special, be sure to include a signed "one-liner;" a message to your graduate. To insure the June edition, please submit by May 13. Submissions that do not make it into the June issue will appear in the July edition. Place your announcement, printed or typed on a full size sheet of paper, in the box on the porch at 221 North Brier, or better yet, email me at wiweditor@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that although there are no restrictions on length of announcement, some editing especially on very lengthy notices, may become necessary. Come on, proud moms and dads, let us all celebrate your graduate together!

Debby VonLangen, Editor



WRCA MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2011

President Ed Goetz called meeting to order at 7:35pm. In attendance in addition to President Goetz were: Vice President Karen Tyno, Secretary Patty Daddario, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, Board Members, Dawn Cwierley, John Valkwitch, Bob Foladare, Mark Hammer, and Pat Land. Community attendees included Kristen Cangialosi, Kristin Cioppa, Cam Hill.

Secretary's Minutes:

A motion was made by Karen Tyno to approve the secretary minutes from the March meeting. Bob Foladare seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Rick VonLangen reported Snowflake Dinner Dance came under budget by \$20.00, the Easter party was within budget, profits from wine tasting were close to \$2000 with donation given to Willow Ridge Playground committee. He reported a total of 657 paid members for WRCA. Directory ad income is down this year from past years. Online advertising may be an option to increase funds. Payment was made for Easter Party signs and was placed under contingency funds due to being able to use them for many years. Ed Goetz made a motion to approve, seconded by Karen Tyno; board approval was granted.

President's Report:

President Goetz presented directory cover design contest winners with their prizes and special book covers. Present were 1st place winner Kristen Armstrong age 12 (\$50 Visa gift card), and 3rd place winner Julia Cioppa age 10 (\$25 Visa gift card). The second place winner Michael Nowak age 14 was not able to attend. He will receive a \$25 Visa gift card. Jane Siemen took a picture to be put on the website.

Ed received correspondence from MJ Peterson in regards to a sign they want displayed. Further information and discussion to follow.

Old Business:

Dawn Cwierley reported more information on heading up a neighborhood watch program. It was suggested that possibly a sign up table could be used at National Night out in August with the Amherst Police available for questions.

The summer picnic is to be moved to another date due to conflict with St. Christopher's Summer Fest, possibly an end of July date. More information to follow.

New Business:

Willow Ridge Diamonds were set to be prepared on Saturday April 16th but due to rain, will be changed to April 23rd.

A new board member is needed due to George Schwab stepping down. A motion was made by Ed Goetz to install Carol Zaffram as an officer, seconded by Bob Foladare and the board approved decision. Carol is interested in putting together a Facebook page and running the web site.

Dawn Cwierley also suggested new ways to connect to the community and she was suggesting a parent mixer for young parents to socialize and get to know each other. Recommended a WRCA Facebook page as a new tool for the community to stay connected and gather information. She also mentioned there will be an old pharmaceutical items drop off at Kenmore Mercy on April 30th.

Mark Hammer reported on the latest SH budget information. Modified sports will not be cut. More information to follow. Still many cuts on the horizon.

Willow Ridge PTO members mentioned June 5th Golf tournament and possibly having a rummage sale the week after the WRCA garage sale. More information to follow.

Committee Reports:

Patty Daddario reported all was going smoothly with the WRCA children's Easter Party happening Saturday April 16. Ed Goetz reported that the Fall Festival is set to happen Saturday October 8th from 8-11pm at Classic's V with food, drinks and entertainment. Debbie Goetz will be running the event with more information to follow.

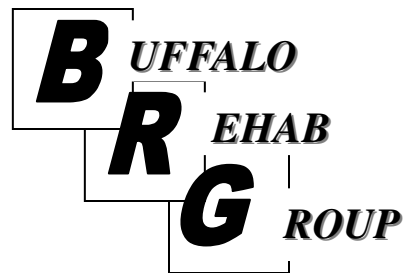
Joe Battaglia will run the WRCA community garage sale to be held June 17th and 18th. More information to follow.

Adjournment:

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Bob Foladare to adjourn at 8:40pm. The next meeting is May 10th at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Daddario, Secretary

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Neighborhood News

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Can and Bottle Drive

Swimkins Synchronized Swim Club will be collecting any returnable cans and bottles (remember water bottles are returnable). Just place them in a bag on your front porch **Saturday, May 14 starting at 9am**. The money raised will help defray the cost of our travel to the national meet in Seattle, Washington this June. Thank you!



Happy Mother's Day



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Saturday, June 25th

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Kids: K- 6th grade!

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For Sale

Appliances: Electric Dryer, \$100. Whirlpool, 909-3996.

Furniture: Dining room set, French Provincial/cream, includes round table w/2 leafs, 6 chairs & table pads, breakfront 2 piece: top w/glass doors, bottom w/draws & doors for storage; server: has 2 doors for storage and middle open shelf, top has drop sides and top pad. \$300. 691-4384

Home: 225 Rockdale Ct. Split-level tudor, 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, WBF in 12 x 24' familyrm, finished basement, new furnace, new a/c, 12 x 24' screened in porch with hot tub, 2 1/2 car garage, fenced in yard w/playhouse, cathedral ceilings with real redwood beams in living/dining rooms. \$190,000, call 691-5471 or 491-8309.

Office: 2 (or more) reams of Hammermill Copy Plus paper, 8 1/2 x 11, 20lbs., 92 brightness. \$4.00 per ream (500 pages). It seems I have exceeded the allotted storage volume for my house and must sell some to maintain peace. Please call Bob @ 691-5677.

Sports: Indoor Nike soccer shoes (mercurial) size 8.5 blue, worn once— not for a game, \$60. or b/o * US Kids golf clubs—beginner set with bag (driver, pitching wedge, sand wedge and 2 irons) like new, \$70. or b/o. 691-5225.

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| 2. Double Bed (Spring Air Mattress, Frame, Two sets of sheets) | \$250.00 |
| 3. iMac G5 17' | \$200.00 |
| 4. Chest-L (5 drawers), [36w x 16d x 52h] | \$225.00 |
| 5. Chest-S (3 drawers), [28w x 16d x 29h] | \$115.00 |
| 6. Headboard for a bed (for Queen or Double size) | \$80.00 |
| 7. Glass Computer Desk [47w x 24d x 29h] with a Chair | \$60.00 |
| 8. Small Wooden Dining Table, [47w x 29d x 29h] + 4 Chairs | \$60.00 |
| 9. TEAC Mini CD Receiver | \$30.00 |
| 10. Large Couch (beige flower pattern), [85w] | \$250.00 |
| 11. Black Wooden Screens, [55w x 72h] (a set of two) | \$200.00 |
| 12. Large desk [65w x 30d x 29h] | \$30.00 |

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The WRCA Easter Party

The WRCA children's Easter Party took place on April 16th at a new time from 12:30pm till 2:30pm at the Willow Ridge Elementary School Cafetorium. It was a great attendance with around 75 kids through the afternoon, plus adults. There were crafts, games, prizes, refreshments, a bounce house and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Photos of the event are posted online at www.wrca.info.

Special thanks to Lisa Wawrzyniak, whom organized the whole event with her Girl Scout Cadette troop #1420, and also volunteers from Brownie troop #1088. The scouts had to plan and organize the event from start to finish as part of their community service work. Beth Koch was the lead parent volunteer on the day of the event. They, along with other volunteers: residents John and Sandy Radens, Caleigh Koch, High school volunteers Faith Hodges, Sarah Shallowhorn, Maureen Bruno, Orvis Collins and Jill Daddario. Many thanks for putting together and running a fabulous event enjoyed by many Willow Ridge children!

If anyone is interested in getting more involved in Junior Recreation with the WRCA, we are looking for new, fresh ideas for children's events in our community. Please call Patty Daddario at 691-6161. Your thoughts, ideas and enthusiasm would be welcomed!

Willow Ridge Garden Club

Friendship Meeting— May 4, 2011
7:30pm Zion United Church of Christ,
15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda, NY

Friends, neighbors and members of neighboring garden clubs are invited to attend the annual friendship meeting featuring special programs and refreshments. Kay McDaniel, Amherst Senior Center instructor will talk about the fundamental of Feng Shui in the garden.

Small Standard Flower Show
May 14, 2011; 1—5pm
Zion United Church of Christ

All are invited to view some beautiful flowers and plants. Joan Robinson 691-8397



Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2011

U.S. Coast Guard Graduate

Derek Mittlefehldt is graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy on May 18, 2011. He will be receiving his BS in Operations Research and Computer Analysis and his commission as an Ensign in the Coast Guard. He will be stationed at US Coast Guard Station Gloucester, Mass. Derek is the son of Kurt and Laurie and sister of Karen and is a 2007 SH grad. *Derek, You've done some amazing things over the past 4 years and we are proud of you!*

Buffalo State College Graduate

My son, Scott G Ketch received his B.S. in Computer Information Systems from Buffalo State College in December 2010 with Distinction in his major. He will be listed in the May 2011 Buffalo State College graduation exercise. I am Scott's father Jerry Ketch .We live at 297 Rockdale Ct. I am so very proud that he was able to accomplish this. *Way to go Scott! That College ring looks great on your hand.*

Congratulations to Kelsey Stuhler from mom and dad. *You are the best daughter ever and we are so proud. May all of your hard work pay off in each and every day ahead of you.*

Willow Ridge Planning Neighborhood Watch



Calling all neighbors! Plans are underway to start a Neighborhood Watch in Willow Ridge. The goal is to involve the community in crime prevention, home/personal safety education and to look out for one's neighbors. Residents who have an interest in volunteering for their street (block) should email Dawn Cwierley at wrcawatch@gmail.com or leave a message at 525-1893. An educational meeting will be set up in the near future with the local police department.

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Cub Scout Pack 173 would like to thank the Willow Ridge Community for their generous donations of cans during their annual Cans for Cubs event. Over \$650 in refunds were collected! Proceeds will be given to the Walk of Life and Gardens of Hope program at Roswell Cancer Institute, as well as a donation to the Don Miller Park Red Jack-ets. Please save up your cans, as this annual event will take place again in January 2012!



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WRCA President Ed Goetz presents first place winner Kristen Armstrong, age 12 (right), and third place winner Julia Cippoa, age 10 (left) with their prizes for the 2011 Directory Cover Contest. Second place winner was Michael Nowak (14) who could not be present for the photograph. Kristen, Michael and Julia each were presented with a complimentary directory with their cover on the front along with a Visa gift card. Congratulations to each for their effort and creativity!

Directory Cover Contest Winners