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<u>Bulletin Board</u> WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 10, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall All Welcome

- DEADLINE FOR THE April WITW is March 13
- Classified (page 2)
- Membership Info (page 4)
- Dinner Dance (page 7)

From the Presidents Desk Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we enjoy seeing the grass again, it is nice to know that we survived another long winter. Along with the March winds comes the Snowflake Dinner Dance and Spring is just around the corner.

A few announcements: first, I am pleased to say that we will again sponsor two \$500 scholarships to deserving seniors from Willow Ridge through the Dollars for Scholars program. Second, Jane Sieman has informed me that we had our best response yet to our Directory Cover Contest with eleven great entries! I have see them all and it was impossible to choose a winner.

Also, I wish to thank all the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and all their leaders for presenting us with their upcoming itineraries at our February WRCA meeting. Finally, the Block Rep Breakfast was a huge success and a big thank you to all who participated. (It's nice to have a hot breakfast once in a while, JoAnne).

Supervisor Mohan and the Town Engineer are scheduled to speak at our next membership meeting at the fire hall. As always, all are encouraged to attend. Warm wishes, **Bob Foladare**

Amherst Town Supervisor Satish Mohan will be in attendance at the March 10th meeting of the WRCA. This meeting will take place at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 pm. All are invited!



It's Time for the Annual
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To Submit Articles

for the Wind-in-the-Willows, submit to wiweditor@gmail.com and be sure to put witw in the subject box; or place signed articles in porch box at 221 North Brier Road. The deadlines for each month are located in the left margin on the front page of the newsletter.

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- 3 Spring Picture Day, MS; Faculty Art Show & Recital, 7pm @ MS Aud; PTO Meeting, 4:30pm, WR; Grades 3-5 NYS Math Assessment, 3/3-3/5
- 4 11th Grade Career & College Planning Night, HS
- 5 11th Grade Scheduling & Annual Reviews Begin; PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS AAC
- 7 Elementary All-County Music Festival @ Kleinhans
- 9 PTA Meeting, 7pm, MS
- 10 BOE/Parent Open Forum 5pm @ HS Library; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; Grades 6-8 NYS Math Assessment, 3/10-3/11
- 13 W.R. Family Swim, 7-9pm @ HS
- 14 Jr. High All-County Music Festival @ Amherst Middle
- 17 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC
- 18 College Fair, HS
- 19 Grade 3 Recruitment Concert, 9:30am @ MS
- 20 Dollars for Scholars Application Due, HS
- 21 Senior High All-County Music Festival @ UB
- 25 9th Grade Scheduling & Annual Reviews Begin
- 27 Musical, 7:30pm, HS
- 28 PTA/PTO Council Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, DO; Musical,
- 7:30pm, HS; PTSA Bake Sale @ Craft Fair, HS
- 29 Musical, 2pm, HS
- 30 PTA/PTO Council Meeting, 7pm@ HS Library Events Subject to Change/Check with School

Amherst Museum

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March 18, Noon; \$3.00 Admission: Lecture by Susannah Florencio of Bomi Jewelers. Expand your knowledge of gems & stones.

March 24—April 19: Art work by students of Williamsville School District on exhibit included in your museum admission.

March 28, Basket Auction & Women's History Month Auction: Tickets \$25/person, call Patricia Lucey at 835-8718 before March 15 for reservations: Women's History Month honors women/organizations that have made significant contributions to the community. This luncheon raises money with ticket sales and a basket auction to support the Amherst Museum through the adoption of the Sweet Home School, one of the museum's historic Amherst buildings. Basket auction begins at 11 a.m. and luncheon is at 12:30. A special program and awards will follow.

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WRCA MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED—We have many areas that do not have block reps and are not being represented for news, to be welcomed to the neighborhood and provided information about joining our WRCA, and are generally, unaccounted for. WILL YOU PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE DEDICATED 80 BLOCK REPS TO HELP THOSE NEIGHBORS WHO CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE BLOCK REPS? MOST BLOCK REPS COVER ABOUT 10 RESIDENTS EACH. CHECK THE BLOCK REP LISTING ABOVE FOR THE AREAS THAT DO NOT HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE. The duties of a block rep include: welcoming new neighbors, providing neighbors an avenue to have neighborly news, such as a new addition to the family printed in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, annually asking for any changes to be made in the Willow Ridge directory, annually collecting dues from those that haven't already mailed them in, and annually delivering the new directories to paid members.

THE HEAD REPORTER POSITION FOR EDGEWATER/DALEWOOD AREA HAS BEEN UNFILLED FOR TWO YEARS. I am desperately in need of someone to volunteer to be a head reporter for this section. Please call Kerri Jasen, Membership Coordinator at 691-2472 or email me at cabana@buffalo.edu if you'd like to know more about the duties of a head reporter.

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WRCA MINUTES

February 10, 2009

President Bob Foladare called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Members of Willow Ridge Girl Scouts troops led the pledge to the flag. In attendance were President Bob Foladare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, Treasurer Jack Baker, Board Members Jim Prentice, John Cowden, Joe Battaglia, and Karen Tyno. Excused were Board Members John Radens and Clayton Cobb. In the gallery were Cam Hill, Kerri Jasen, Tom Halter, Bob Sieman, Brian Rieman, Fran Shaw, Lisa Krue, Lisa Wawrzyniak, Laura Hammet, Heidi Lefebvre, Beth Koch, Gail Kearney, Christine Collins, and approximately 12 Girl Scouts.

The secretary's minutes from January were reviewed and a motion was made by Jim Prentice and seconded by Ed Goetz to approve said minutes. A board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from January. Jack noted that income from ad sales and membership dues continue to come in. A check for \$1000.00 will be sent to Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars, for the WRCA sponsored scholarships. A motion was made by Joe Battaglia and seconded by Jim Prentice to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous.

President's Report

Amherst Supervisor Satish Mohan and a Town of Amherst engineer will attend our next meeting, to answer residents' questions and talk about future town plans.

President Foladare also reported that it has been brought to his attention that a business was advertised in the classified section of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. The board restated the policy that this section of our monthly newsletter is provided free of charge to association members as a service to sell personal or household items and not to advertise a business. Anyone wishing to advertise a business may take a paid ad in the newsletter or the yearly directory. Bob will communicate with our editor to reemphasize this policy.

Membership Report

Membership Director Kerri Jasen stated that 610 paid renewals have been received. This number represents 75% of last year's membership, with the membership drive still ongoing.

The WRCA Block Rep breakfast will be February 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Classics and the guest speaker will be Amherst Police Officer Kathy Onions. Kathy is also the DARE coordinator.

Committee Reports

Adult Recreation (Jack and Lee Baker) Jack Baker reported for Lee that plans for the 2009 Snowflake Dinner Dance are proceeding. Thirteen tables have been spoken for with eight tables paid in full. The date is March 14 in the Terrace Room at Classics V; 6:30 p.m.—12:30 a.m. The price is \$58.00 per couple.

Youth Recreation (John Cowden) John has scheduled the Easter Party for Saturday, April 4 at Willow Ridge

Elementary School. There will be more details available next month.

Old Business

Ed Goetz and Jack Baker reported that the IRS has stated that our 501-C3 application must be changed to a 501-C4, which better fits the description of a civic association. This will still grant WRCA charitable organization status. They report that we hope to hear an approval within 60 days. Bob Foladare stated that he has been in contact with our insurance carrier and that our policy and liability limits are up-to-date.

Reports on the status of the scouting units sponsored by the WRCA were heard. Speaking for and representing the Girl Scouts were Lisa Krue, Lisa Wawrzyniak, and Fran Shaw. Speaking for the Cub Scouts was Cubmaster Brian Rieman, and speaking for the Boy Scouts was Scoutmaster Bob Sieman. Presently we have 36 Girl Scouts, 35 Cub Scouts and 12 Boy Scouts in Willow Ridge. All units have very organized and active yearly agendas. The board stated that they would like to see continued recruiting programs and efforts by all units to keep their respective units growing and stable. All units expressed a desire to do more community service projects for our neighborhood. The board decided to ask the unit leaders to our June meeting to plan community

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WRCA ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEE PERSONS

Boy Scouts Bob Sieman Cub Scouts Brian Rieman Directory Jane Sieman **Garage Sale** John Cowden **Garden Club** Virginia Winter **Girl Scouts** Karen Lambe Cam Hill Historian **Neil Cuomo Holiday Lighting Contest Junior Recreation** John Cowden

Kerri Jasen Membership **National Night Out Gary Roussie Clayton Cobb** Octoberfest **Neil Cuomo Project Leader Publicity Clayton Cobb Scholarships Bob Foladare Sunshine** Lee Baker Webmaster Jack Baker

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service projects for each unit.

New Business

A discussion ensued about creating a dues paying associate membership group for former WRCA members who have moved out of Willow Ridge, and would still like to receive a newsletter and keep some contact with the neighborhood. The board will examine the WRCA bylaws and explore this option further.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Jim Prentice to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be March 10 at the fire hall. Respectfully submitted by Patrick Land, Secretary

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Neighborhood News Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on North Brier wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Joe and Sharon Kuzara for the loss of Joe's mom and dad. Joe's mom passed away recently and his dad died last July. They were a great couple and will be missed.

Also, deepest condolences to Jim and Jean McCormick of North Brier on the passing of Jean's mother Mildred Maccubbin on December 18, 2008 at the age of 100. Many of the neighbors knew Millie and enjoyed seeing her at the McCormicks' home. She was a fine lady and will be missed by all.

Congratulations

Sweetwood Drive residents welcome a new neighbor. Brandon and Valerie Stilb, 32 Sweetwood Drive, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Zoe Riley was born on January 2nd, weighing 6 lbs 13 oz. Welcome to little Zoe, we can't wait for warm weather to greet her outside.

North Brier neighbors express congratulations to Joe and Sharon Kuzara on the birth of their first grandchild, Jack Thomas Kuzara, born January 31, 2009. The Kuzara's just returned from Virginia where they visited proud parents, Michael and Bonnie, and met the new addition.





Snowflake Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 14; 6:30 PM—12:30 AM
Classics V Terrace Room
\$58/\$65 Couple

Open Bar and Hors d'oeurves, 6:30—7:30 PM
Sit-Down Dinner 7:45 PM
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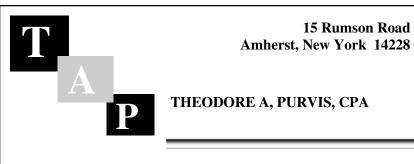
Music and Dancing to Audio Dynamic Sound Systems
And Open Bar 9:15 PM—12:15 AM
Coffee and Danish 10:30 PM

It is early February as we submit this report and there are now 13 tables reserved, with more than half paid with dinner selections noted. It looks like we shall have a full house in Classics V Terrace Room. If you are reading this and have yet to make a decision about attending the Snowflake Dinner Dance, we urge you to call and see if there is still room; it is not necessary to reserve a whole table. We noted incorrectly that the Terrace Rom held 15 tables of 10 with the dance floor but realized that 12 people had always been accommodated if necessary. So there may be space at some tables and a chance to meet other Willow Ridge neighbors and enjoy the evening.

A reminder to email Scott McKee at <u>DJ2GO@aol.com</u> if you have any special music requests for him. Also, please let us know in advance if you can provide any door prizes. Anyone willing to help with table set-up for about an hour on the afternoon of the event, please call us. Other than that, we are looking forward to another happy gathering of our Willow Ridge community and friends on Saturday, March 14.

Jack & Lee Baker

Adult Recreation, 691-5972 bakerl@buffalo.edu.



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