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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 13, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the November WITW is October 9**
- **Classified (page 3)**
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[www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)

### 2010 Membership Renewal Drive News!



For the 2009 Membership Drive, we introduced the **Invoice System**. A **Membership Renewal Invoice** with addressed return envelope was enclosed in our December *Wind-in-the-Willows*. This program was quite successful and thus we will employ it for our 2010 Membership Drive.

The additional change for the **2010 Membership Drive** will see a refocusing of the duties of the Block-Reps; they will not longer be involved in the direct collection of membership dues but will be asked to make **reminder calls**. The **Membership Renewal Invoice will be your ONLY way to renew your membership**. All other regular news and data gather duties of the Block Reps will continue.

Your November issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* will contain your **2010 Membership Renewal Invoice** along with an addressed return envelope. Your deadline for the return of your Invoice, along with your **\$15.00 membership dues**, will be **December 31, 2009**. We have eliminated the Early Bird dues reduction to avoid a dues increase.

Your timely membership renewal will insure that the *Wind-in-the-Willows* will continue to be delivered to your home monthly and that the **2010 WRCA Directory** will be delivered to you early in the new year.

### Wind-in-the-Willows and the WRCA Directory— What's Inside?

Our monthly newsletter, the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, provides many details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and the upcoming free events for the children. There is also neighborhood news, our own free "Classified" section, and notices of special activities. These are just a few great reasons to become a member of the WRCA!

Your **WRCA Directory** includes a neighborhood listing, money savings coupons, services and businesses in our community, in addition to important phone numbers, such as listings for area schools and the Town of Amherst. You will also find a babysitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more!

### The Wind-in-the-Willows Goes Green

At the September meeting, the Board of Directors of the WRCA made the decision to offer the *Wind-in-the-Willows* as an **internet-only** option. This decision comes from comments made by members on the Membership Renewal Form. The *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be delivered to our paid membership as usual unless you make the request to suspend said delivery. If you select the **internet-only** option, our monthly publication will be sent to you via email in PDF format. The advantage is that you will receive your copy approximately two weeks prior to the mail delivery. If you included your email address on your 2009 Membership Renewal Form, you will receive said PDF file via the **E-Wind** the day the file goes to the printer. If you wish to receive your *Wind-in-the-Willows* via email, you must make your request via our web page. As of the October issue, we will discontinue posting the current issue on the web page.



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**Found:** Glasses a few doors from Willow Ridge school on Willow Green Drive. May be child's. 691-3998

### WRCA Minutes September 8, 2009

President Bob Foladare called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were President Foladare, Secretary Pat Land, Treasurer Jack Baker, Board Members Karen Tyno, John Radens, Jim Prentice and Clayton Cobb. In the Gallery were Cam Hill, Lee Baker, Neil Cuomo, Rick VonLangen, Debby VonLangen, and Connie Holovics. A motion was made by Jim Prentice to approve the minutes from the June meeting; Jack Baker seconded and board approval followed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from July and August. Expenses for this time period were \$1700.00 with an account balance of \$8,307.00. A motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Karen Tyno to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous. Jack also reported that Ben Procopio audited the financial books and that all were in order. The board thanks Ben for his considerable time and services.

**President's Report**

Bob Foladare reports that thank you letters were received from both of the WRCA scholarship winners.

Discussions were held with town Councilman Dan Ward as to the availability of funds for the Willow Ridge School Playground, unfortunately a deal could not be reached between Sweet Home Central School District and the town on funding.

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1 PTSA Meeting, 7pm @HS Library

2 Influenza Clinic, 2-6pm @ NVCC; **Emergency Evacuation Drill, Early Dismissal**

5 PTA Mtg., 7pm, MS; Alumni Mtg., 6:30pm @ HS Library

6 PTO Mtg., 7pm, WR

7 District Health & Safety Committee Mtg., 4pm @ DO

9 Athletics Hall of Fame Induction, 6pm @ Classics V Restaurant, HS

10 SAT I & II, 7:45am, HS; Homecoming/Community Day Noon—2pm, HS; Homecoming Dance, 7-10pm, HS

12 **Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL, GRADES K-12**

13 BOE/Teachers Open Forum, 5pm @ HS Library; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC

14 Dollars for Scholars Mtg, 8am, DO; Foreign Language Honor Society Inductions, 7pm @ HS Library, HS

16 Fall Festival Dance, WR

17 PSAT Test, 7:45am, HS

19 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS

20 DO BOE Mtg, 7pm @ NVCC

21 Picture Make-Up Day, HS; PTSA Staff Basket Auction, 10/21-10/22; Picture Day, WR

23 Fall Fest Activity Night, 6:30-8:30pm,MS; Variety Show, 7:30pm, HS

24 Dollars for Scholars Craft Show, 10am-4pm, DO; ACT, 7:45am; PLAN Test, 8am; PTSA Basket Raffle and Bake Sale, HS

26 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS

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### Get Well

Neighbors, friends and wife are happy that Jack Baker is doing well after partial knee replacement surgery the end of August. Also "replaced" is jogging for biking, but nothing much else has changed in the life of this active resident of Willow Green Drive. Continued good healing, Jack!



### Welcome

Willow Lane residents extend a warm welcome to Christopher Reo. He's from K-Ton and works at Isle Chem, G.I.

Neighbors on Parkhaven Drive welcome Andrew and Diane Olewnik and their sons, Braeden, 4, and Ethan, 2 to 106 Parkhaven. They moved here from the Town of Tonawanda. Diane is a Kindergarten teacher at Spruce School in North Tonawanda, and Andrew works at a research design center at the University of Buffalo. Their phone number is 308-0090.

Neighbors on Black Spruce Court welcome Maricy and Luiz Pereira, and their sons, Pedro, 13 and Paulo, 10, to their new home at 1 Black Spruce Ct. Originally from Rio De Janeiro, the family recently moved here from Chestnut Ridge Road. Maricy is a marketing specialist at Unifrax in Niagara Falls, and Luiz is a marketing professor at Daemen College. Pedro is an 8th grader at Sweet Home Middle School and he would like to be added to the babysitter list. Paulo is a 5th grader at Heritage Heights. The family enjoys outdoor activities and travel. They can be reached at 799-5574 or 799-5346.

A warm welcome is extended to the Finnerty family. Kevin, Diana, and their children, Lauren, Jacob and Ian have moved into 75 Brookpark Dr. from Florida. We wish them much happiness here in Willow Ridge.

The neighbors on Brookpark wish to welcome the Jones family, Greg, Jennifer and daughter Delaney have moved into 53 Brookpark. They are very familiar with Willow Ridge because they formerly lived on Peppertree. Delaney has recently completed the Red Cross Class, and wishes to be added to the babysitter list. She and can be reached at 564-3017. Welcome also to their dog Tugles.

### Congratulations

Ulysses and Maria Busmalis of Sweetwood Dr. N. announce the marriage of their daughter Christina Busmalis to Jean Pierre Manfredi on July 4 in Loumarin, France (at the church of St. Andre & St. Trophime). The wedding was a Greek Orthodox Church ceremony. The couple resides in Zurich, Switzerland and plan to honeymoon in Vietnam.

On April 23 Irene Busmalis and Adam Temple became proud parents of a daughter, Marin Busmalis Temple. The family, who also attended the 3 day wedding ceremony in France, reside in Turikenham, Oregon.

Happy retirement is wished to Janice DiBacco who resides at 133 Brookpark. Enjoy all the days ahead!

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Congratulations to Don Mang of 131 Willow Green Dr. on the recent publication of his new Civil War novel, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD—Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming..." His extensive study and research of this period of American history has resulted in this fast-moving historical fiction, and we are proud to announce its inception into National Military Park Museum at Gettysburg, Pa. He has had numerous book signings in WNY and has given talks before writers' groups and Civil War groups. He has been featured in several area newspapers. His next book signing will be at Borders Express/Eastern Hills Mall on Sat. Nov. 28, Noon—3pm.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Brian Mennes, who was promoted to Colonel, in a ceremony attended by over 150 close friends and supporters at the 1st Battalion Memorial which is dedicated to the Rangers who have lost their lives in support of our nation. It featured Colonel Mennes' wife Kellie and General Kearney pinning the Eagle Insignia on his shoulder boards, while their children Ashley, Haley and Jacob assisted by pinning his tan beret. He now commands 1,050 soldiers of the U.S. Army 1st Ranger Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. Colonel Mennes is a 1984 graduate of Sweet Home, and is the son of Jack and Andrea Mennes of Willow Ridge Dr. Kellie Kubiak Mennes, also a 1984 Sweet Home graduate, was recognized by General Kearney for her selfless volunteer service to over 350 Ranger Battalion Families. Colonel Mennes has participated in every major operation of the Global War on Terror and is currently overseas with his battalion for his seventh deployment.

**Willow Ridge Garden Club Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2009**  
**7:30—9:00 p.m.**

**Zion United Church of Christ**  
**15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda, NY**

Brian Sykes, arborist with the Tree Doctor Co. will give a presentation on the care and pruning of trees.

Refreshments will follow meeting.

Joan Robinson Publicity Chairman 691-8397

**To Submit Articles**

for the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, submit to [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto: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.

***(President's Report) Continued from Page 3***

Ellicott Creek Fire Company has put aside their plans to construct a gazebo on the southeast corner of their property. Instead they are exploring constructing a building adjacent to their existing garage for training and storage purposes.

There have been resident complaints about the signage at the adult store on the corner of Willow Ridge and Niagara Falls Blvd. The board will check with the town as to zoning and viability of this business.

**Membership Report**

A discussion over including WRCA dues invoice in the newsletter was held, by doing this we streamline our system and remove burden from the block reps. Jim Prentice brought forth a proposal to send the first invoice in the November *WITW* and a follow up invoice in January. Pat Land seconded and a board approval followed.

**Old Business**

National Night Out on August 4 was a huge success, and well attended, thanks to the tremendous efforts of John Miller in organizing this event.

Neil Cuomo reports that \$120.00 was expensed for the Willow Ridge summer picnic on August 29, in Bedford Park. Just under 100 Willow Ridge neighbors attended and everyone had a good time. Neil hopes that next year it will be even bigger. *(Continued Pg. 8)*

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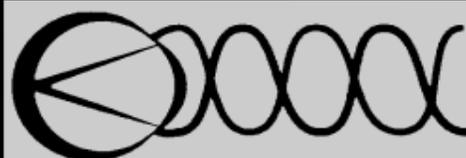


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## October 2009

### New Business

Willow Ridge resident Terry Elberson has offered the services of his accounting firm, Schunke Wilson & Co. on a “pro bono” basis

to prepare the WRCA tax returns. They will also assist in implementation of WRCA status as a 501c4 exempt organization. Jack Baker brought forth a motion to provide them with an ad in the directory as a thank you. John Radens seconded and a board approval followed.

Town Councilmen Mark Manna will be present at the October board meeting, to address and answer any questions from residents.

A discussion ensued as to a donation by the WRCA to the Willow Ridge Elementary School “new playground fund drive.” After much debate and exploration of finances a motion was put forth by Pat land and seconded by Jim Prentice to donate \$500.00. The board voted to approve said motion.

Clayton Cobb reports that Oktoberfest will be held on Friday, October 16, at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Lee Baker has tentatively reserved Classics Terrace Room on March 13 for the Snowflake Dinner Dance.

WRCA will continue with the scholarship program and the board will look at future revisions of the program.

Jim Prentice will provide the board with details at the October meeting about a new Willow Ridge event, a “Wine Tasting Night.”

### **Committee Reports:**

Webmaster Jack Baker reports the current issues of the *Wind-in-*

*the-Willows* will no longer be part of the WRCA web page; archived issues will still be accessible. Jack will also check into the option of online payment of WRCA membership dues.

### Community Open Forum

Debby VonLangen proposes adding a page to the *Wind-in-the-Willows* newsletter to better accommodate the growing information needs of our community. Debby will check with the printer as to the financial impact to do this.

### Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Jim Prentice and seconded by Karen Tyno to adjourn at 9:40 pm. The next meeting is set for October 13 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome. Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Land, Secretary

### **WNY Gala/Working Toward a Day Without Pain.**

**Saturday, October 17  
6pm—11pm**

**Hyatt Regency Downtown  
Seats: \$110 includes cocktails, dinner, live/silent auctions. Tickets/Barbara Kane @ 674-2065. Proceeds to research grants for Chiari, Syringomyelia, & Spinal Cord Injury**

**W.R. Fashion Show  
Saturday November 21  
11am @ Classics V  
Raffles & Theme Baskets  
Tickets: \$20 includes lunch. Call some friends and get a table together!  
Want tickets? Willing to supply theme basket?  
Purchase advertising?  
Want to help in any way?  
Call Mr. Lovering (WR Principle) @ 250-1575**