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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, May 8**

**7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome**

- **DEADLINE FOR THE July WITW is June 15**
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### From the Presidents Desk

#### Hello Neighbors:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! ...to all of those who helped with renovation of the ball diamonds at Willow Ridge School. They look great and have been getting a lot of use. Special thanks to Ron Coniglio who oversaw the project and provided the know how to get the job done. Also, Bill Dunker, who hauled the dirt in his truck. The Boy Scouts helped and there were numerous other volunteers. When you are out for a walk, check them out.

Thank you to Jen Hubert for her time spent as Junior Recreation Chairperson; a job well done! John Cowden has stepped in as her replacement and did a great job with the Easter party this year. We are looking forward to his next event.

Thanks to all those who get involved. That's what makes this neighborhood so great, people care and are willing to make a difference!

Thank you again,

Jim Prentice



### *Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduating Class of 2007*

Kaitlin Armstrong, daughter of Tim and Jean Armstrong, 221 Willow Green Dr. has graduated cum laude from St. Bonaventure University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. During her college career, Kaitlin participated in the "Bona Responds" Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort in Mississippi and a service teaching project in the Bahamas. She was inducted into Kappa Delta PI, a National Honor Society for education majors. Kaitlin has accepted a position as a special education teacher at Kingswood Elementary School in Cary, North Carolina. *Kaitlin: We are so proud of you and the hard work and dedication you showed during your college years. Love, Mom, Dad, Scott and Brian*

*Do you have a 2007 Graduate? Why not spread your joy to your Willow Ridge neighbors! Submit your announcement for the summer issues of the*

*WITW. Include name and address of graduate, name of school or college, and if desired, accomplishments and goals for the future. Then, don't forget to write a personal*

*message from yourself and the family to your graduate. Submit by June 15 for guaranteed publication in the July issue, to [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto:wiweditor@gmail.com) or 221 North Brier (porch box).*



# WRCA Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. In attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice President Bob Foadare, Clayton Cobb, Ed Goetz, Joe Battaglia, Pat Land, Cam Hill Jill Hagan, John Radens and Neil Cuomo. Ben Procopio was in attendance to discuss the yearly audit he performed for WRCA. Gary Roussie attended to update the board on the "National Night Out" planning. In the audience were Lee Baker, Jack Baker, Dan Lippold and Tina Telesco.

## SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the April 10th meeting were reviewed and discussed. Cam Hill made a motion to accept the minutes. A second was made by Joe Battaglia and the board approved the minutes.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ed Goetz reported that Ben Procopio had completed his audit of the WRCA financial records. Ben submitted his report finding that the records were satisfactory and all minor exceptions were deemed appropriate. Ed reported that the income from membership will be up over last year's revenue. He also presented that directory ad income will most likely fall right at budget and a partial payment has been made toward the commissions owed. Expected expenses for the ball field renovation were paid this month as well as all newsletter costs. Ed shared with the board and visitors that the WRCA remains in the black. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Bob Foadare and second was made by Pat Land. The board approved the report.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

President Jim Prentice brought forth information from the PTO meeting he attended in regards to the matter of renovating the playground at the Willow Ridge school. Jim reported that the PTO is looking for fundraising ideas as well as possible financial help from the WRCA. A brief discussion ensued that led to tabling the matter until next meeting with board members examining ideas. The overall feeling from the board is that it will find a way to help with the project.

President Prentice raised the topic of the WRCA "wish list" that the Town of Amherst had asked for. Last meeting the decision was made to offer to the Town a Top 10 list of possible projects that would enhance the Willow Ridge community. The number one suggestion that seemed to rise to the top was the upgrading of the Bedford Park facilities so that it may be utilized by more residents. The list was left to be refined and sent to the Town.

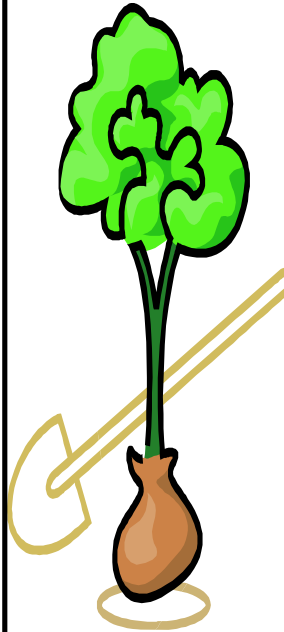
Jim also communicated that there might be a fundraising event planned for the winter months. The format would follow that of a wine tasting. This matter was left to the board for future consideration

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Membership (Kerri Jasen)

Kerri enthusiastically submitted her report to the board, ex-

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JUNE 2007



- 1 Art Show, 4-7pm; MS
- 2 SAT I & II, 7:45 HS
- 4 Boys Spring Sports Banquet, HS; Alumni Meeting, 7:30pm @ NVCC; PTO Meeting, 7pm, MS
- 5 Field Day, WR; PTO Meeting, 7pm, WR ;
- NYS Grade 8 Social Studies Assessment 6/5—6/6
- 6 District Health & Safety Committee Meeting, 6pm @ DO; 7th Grade Awards, 3:30pm, MS
- 7 GAA Banquet @ Samuel's Grande Manor, 6pm, HS
- 8 Senior Prom, 6-11 pm @ Holiday Inn Grand Island; 8th Grade Party, 7-10pm, MS; 5th Grade Swim Party
- 9 ACT, 7:45am, HS
- 12 BOE Study Session, 7pm @NVCC; Senior Scholars Breakfast, 7:45am, HS; Graduation Rehearsal
- 13 Regents Exams 6/13—6/15
- 14 Flag Day, WR
- 18 Regents Exams 6/18—6/21
- 19 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC; PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library
- 20 Awards Ceremony, 9am, WR; Final Attendance Day K-5
- 21 Senior Awards Night 7pm @ Classics V Restaurant, HS
- 22 Commencement Ceremonies, 6pm @ UB Center for the Arts. Superintendent's Conference Day; Staff Development Day
- 25 Superintendent's Conference Day; Staff Development Day
- 26 Superintendent's Conference Day; Staff Development Day; Teacher's Last Day



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Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

**June 13 (7pm)- 19th Century Veterinary Medicine Lecture:** Lecturer Adam Dobbins of Alfred State College will explore veterinary practices of the 19th century including techniques of diet and surgery. For those with an interest in the agricultural heritage of the Niagara Frontier and animal care in general, this installment will be fascinating. Admission is \$3; Free for Museum Members.

**June 16- 17 - Civil War Living History Weekend:** Great family event for Father's Day. Three hundred soldier re-enactors will be en-camped in the Museum's park. Meet and talk to the soldiers, watch a battle reenactment, visit with the sutlers or itinerant peddlers who followed the soldiers. Children will interact with soldiers in a "mustering in" and kid's drill. Also, a performance by the Hutchinson Family Revival, camp dances, dress parade, historic buildings, period music and artillery demonstrations. Presented by the 33rd Virginia and 49th NY regiments in co-operation with the Amherst Museum. Opens Saturday, June 16 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Sunday, June 17, opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. Admission is \$6/Adults; \$3/Children; Museum Members receive \$1 off. Admission includes all current Museum exhibits.

**July 14 (2pm) — "The Sari" Lecture:** Exploring traditional women's dress of India reflecting centuries of cultural influences, climatic conditions, geographical locations, trade and local folklore. Also an exploration of Indian traditions, crafts, and the art of henna painting. Admission is \$3; Free for Museum Members.

**July 23—July 27—Discovery School Day Camp:** Children ages 8-12 will delve into the fascinating fun world of Geology: Rocks and Soil and explore stone fences, slate roofs, jewelry, salt, limestone, flint knapping, glass, metals, minerals and more. Kids also enjoy crafts, cooking, creative writing, speakers and a field trip, all exploring the topic of Geology. Day Camp activities run from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. each day. Tuition is \$125; members and multiple children from the same family receive a discount.

Calling for Arts & Cultural Organizations to Participate in....

### Amherst Celebrates the Arts 2007, A Family Festival

This is an annual event for all ages showcasing Amherst's varied and outstanding artisans and performers. This year's event will be held on June 30 from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Admission and parking are free! If you are an Amherst arts or cultural organization interested in participating, please join us for an exciting day. This event is an opportunity for you to showcase your organization's talent to the community. We are planning on-going programs throughout the day for the whole family offering free performances, concerts, art demonstrations, theatre, dance, special events and hands-on art activities! The program includes performances by the Amherst Players, American Academy of Ballet, Victorian Dance Society, Academy of Theatre Arts, Amherst Chamber Ensembles, The Ring Master Handbell Ensemble, Glen Colton, Learn to Dance with Mike, demonstrations by the Williamsville Art Society, Amherst's longest sidewalk chalk art creation, fabulous food and much more! Call 689-1440 for more information.

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Join us Tuesday, May 29, 7 p.m., at Marinaccio's, 5877 Main Street, Williamsville. Please call 829-3099 if you plan to attend. We also welcome your insights at [www.buffalo.edu/yourUB](http://www.buffalo.edu/yourUB).

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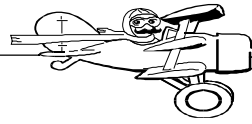
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*Willow Ridge Garden Club*

**Sympathy**

Friends and neighbors on Sweetwood North offer their sincere sympathy to Mary and her son Louis on the passing of husband and fatehr Louis M. Milazzo. He was a long time Willow Ridge resident and will be missed by all.

Sweetwood North neighbors would like to offer their condolences to Don and Barbara Sykes on the passing of Don's father.

**Farewell**

In March, long-time residents of Willow Ridge Drive, Bev and Jack Kiefer moved to Williamsville. They will be missed by their friends and neighbors. We all wish them many years of happiness in their new home.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jack and Lee Baker who met their fourth grandchild, Lena Elizabeth Baker, when they traveled to Philadelphia for a long Mother's Day weekend. Born on April 22, Earth Day, and weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz., Lena (LAY-na) is the daughter of their son, Erik and wife, Amy. Their other 3 grandchildren and daughter, Amy, will be crossing the pond in July to meet their new cousin who has evened the count—2 boys and 2 girls, in that order!

Jerry and Carolyn Armstrong of Willow Green Dr. became first time grandparents when daughter Kara Gallagher of Clarence gave birth to a baby girl, Riley Mae, 6 lbs. 14 oz. On April 21. Kara, George and Riley are doing fine. Best wishes to all!

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, June 6 at 7:15 p.m. in Zion United Church of Christ, 15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda, and the meeting will be followed by a plant exchange. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. For information call 693-8666 or 691-8397.

On July 11, the Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet at the home of Virginia Winter, 58 Willow Lane, Amherst at 6:00 p.m. to tour area gardens. Members will return to Mrs. Winter's home for refreshments. For information please call Joan at 691-8397 or Mira at 693-8666.

-Mira Knoble  
Publicity Chairman, 693-8666

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**Saturday, March 1, 2008  
Classics V**

Watch for the date reminders every month in our *Wind-in-the-Willows*. Come December, January and February look for all the details so you can start talking to your friends and neighbors and get your tables ready.

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## June 2007

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pressing that the experience of working with the head reporters and block reps was uplifting. She also stated that they had all done an outstanding job. Further comments from Kerri reinforced the overall sense of community she felt meeting the residents of Willow Ridge. Kerri also brought forth the membership statistics.

members are signed up with a few left to be recorded. This will bring us to a stronger membership than last year. Kerri shared the next steps to increasing membership. Solicit non-members by distributing flyers with membership advantages. Recruit vacant head reporter and block rep positions and work to streamline directory update process. The board whole heartedly expressed their gratitude to Kerri for a job well done.

### ***National Night Out (Gary Roussie)***

Gary gave information on the upcoming National Night Out scheduled for August 7. He reported that the preliminary steps have been made to secure entertainment and exhibits. Board members offered suggestions and contacts and a final report will be given at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice President Bob Folandare reported that all paperwork has been sent to the attorney dealing with American Campus. The promised funds should be sent to the WRCA shortly.

Board member Pat Land presented his report to the board in regards to the ball field renovations that took place at Willow Ridge School on April 21. He expressed thanks to the board for financial support and manpower. The scouts also helped

with fence painting, sod removal and general labor. Pat wanted everyone to know that Home Depot was helpful in donating supplies. A special thank you to Bill Dunker and Ron Coniglio for their machinery and expertise.

Pat stated that the ball fields are in the best shape they have been in 20 years and he hopes that all in Willow Ridge will get to take advantage of the upgrade. The weather could not have been better for the project. You can tell who painted the backstops. If you look closely, most of them still have silver paint in their hair.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Neil Cuomo presented the idea of the second annual summer picnic. A date was not finalized but look for more information in the next newsletter. The first annual picnic had a turnout of about 25 people last year and we hope to grow the number this year.

Jack Baker suggested that anyone who receives an email via the website from him should offer a short reply to say they've received it.

### **COMMUNITY FORUM**

The topic of the Willow Ridge paving was brought up and Bob Folandare gave information that it will happen this summer.

### **ADJOURN**

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Joe Battaglia to adjourn and a second was brought forth by Ed Goetz. The board adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clayton Cobb  
Secretary