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Progressive Dinner Fun for All

On March 28th, neighbors spent a fun evening throughout North Wayne enjoying the 2009 North Wayne Progressive Dinner!

There are so many people to thank for making it such a successful evening, beginning with our generous hosts. The evening began with ap-



petizers at the home of **Gary Rathsmill** and **Barbara Bright**.

Diners were spread among 15 homes for the main course hosted by **Dave and Margaret Lauhoff**,

Sue and Joe Hilger, Bibbi and Bruce Hotaling, Irene and Jay Junior, Katherine and John Ryan, Richard and Anne Segermark, Kat and Jeff Springer, Ginny Brookins, Ed and Marge Kennedy, Jeff and Kathy McCarron, Larry and Mary Anne Cirk, Sandy and Gail Middendorf, James and Ida Marie Higgins, June Gilson and Art Donato, and Heidi and Tom Guy.

The evening ended at the dessert house hosted by **Colleen and Brian Price**.

Thank you to all who helped in the planning and the implementation of this year's dinner, without volunteers this evening would not be possible!

In all we had 136 attendees this year. Our 50/50 raffle was split between The Radnor Memorial Library and Barbara Meriwether. Congratulations!

Finally, Jill Stavrakos and Barbara Bright will be chairing again next year. Anyone interested in co-chairing can contact either Jill or Barbara.

We hope everyone had a fun evening and hope to see you again next year!



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A Letter From Our President

Greetings!

Buster and I are fresh from a walk through North Wayne. We are good walking companions because neither of us ever seems to tire of strolling the same routes. In fact, I think it is the sense of sameness and familiarity that matter so much to the two of us. The world at large seems to be spinning a little off its axis but it is very comforting to feel that life in the neighborhood rests on more stable ground.

It was great to see so many neighbors at the Progressive Dinner. It is for me one of the highlights of the North Wayne social circuit. There are a few final events before our fiscal year ends – the bi-annual yard sale, the

Soap Box Derby and the Annual Picnic – so we look forward to seeing many of you.

On a separate matter, a number of you reached out to the Board in reaction to an article that appeared in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reporting on proposed expansion activity at Valley Forge Military Academy and College. The Board has been committed to staying current with this issue and sharing information with the neighborhood as we receive it. We will continue to monitor this situation and keep you informed.



Finally, let me sign off with my annual remarks. Thank you to the Board and Committee Heads for their dedication and selflessness. They make the role of President the easiest position on the Board. Let me also get in one last appeal to get involved. The legacy and richness of the NWPA is due entirely to the efforts of each neighbor. And that legacy and richness is enhanced by new people and new ideas. Please come join us the first Wednesday of each month from September through May at The Gryphon Café.

Have a great summer.

Jay Junior

President, NWPA

Projects Abound to Promote and Preserve Wayne's History by Greg Prichard

Many exciting things are happening at the Radnor Historical Society. Digitization of the Society's archives (including many historic photographs of North Wayne) is ongoing. The Society is working hard to put this important archive on their website for researchers and community members alike. In addition to this forthcoming archive, the Society's website (www.radnorhistory.org) has many great historic resources available now, including audio and video of past lectures and events.

The Historical Society is also working to preserve one of the most important historical records in the Township: the archive of the *Suburban and Wayne Times*. The *Suburban*,

which has been published since 1885, merged recently with *Main Line Life*, moving its primary operations from the Maguire Building on North Wayne Avenue to the *Main Line Times/Main Line Life* office in Wynnewood. The archive includes bound volumes of the *Suburban* from 1906 to 1996, and is perhaps the most complete source of Radnor's historical events and photographs found anywhere. These volumes have been stored in the basement of the Maguire Building, formerly the Radnor Township jail, for many decades. The Society hopes to move the huge archive (and a significant amount of shelving) to a new home. If you would like to help us with the move (which will hopefully take place in the near future),

please write to webmaster@radnorhistory.org.

The Historical Society (located at 113 West Beechtree Lane in North Wayne) is always looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested in helping with our digital projects or any other efforts, please visit the Society during open hours (Tuesday and Saturday, 2-4) or write to webmaster@radnorhistory.org



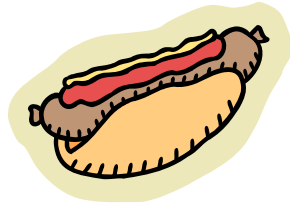
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Activities

Unfortunately, due to the cold persistent rain this year's Easter Egg Hunt was not held. Let's hope for a warm sunny day for next year!

On the bright side, the NWPA has several more activities planned for the upcoming summer season.



This year's NWPA Annual Picnic is scheduled for Friday June 5th at Fenimore Woods. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for additional details about this fun summer BBQ!

Also, don't forget the Annual Fourth of July Parade and activities. The Parade will meet at the Walnut Triangle and proceed to Fenimore Woods for games and water ice. More details to come.

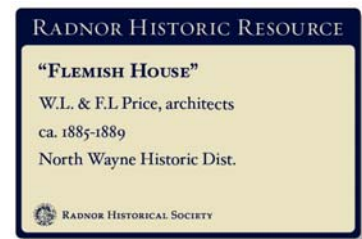


Historic Building Plaque Program by Greg Prichard

The Radnor Historical Society will be launching a program this fall to award historic buildings throughout the Wayne Business District with plaques. These small, enameled plaques will tell the stories of Wayne's important buildings to increase awareness of our area's historic assets. The plan is to create pedestrian-level information that will emphasize the historic character of Wayne's central business district and pro-

mote the preservation of Wayne's great buildings.

An expansion of this plaque program will bring it into Radnor's historic residential neighborhoods, such as North Wayne. If you are interested in receiving an historic designation plaque for your house (see the mockup design accompanying this article), or if you would like more information, please write to webmaster@radnorhistory.org



A mock-up design of a residential historic plaque

One Family's Junk...

The biennial NWPA Community Yard Sale is on Saturday May 16th, 2009 9am – 1pm

This is a popular and effective way to get rid of clutter and make extra cashor to find a treasure!

Neighborhood maps with participating addresses will be placed

at Walnut Tree Triangle.

Our event will be advertised in a tri-county ad in the local papers, CraigsList.com, and elsewhere (suggestions welcome).

Encourage your neighbors to participate – more homes on a street increases shopper traffic. A \$5 fee will go towards adver-

tising. Please send the check made out to NWPA to 227 Popular Ave. (Apologies - this was inadvertently omitted from the flyer).

To sign up, please email Sandhya.Taghavi@att.net or call 610-299-2570.

Soap Box Derby

Get out the toolbox, it's time to start building! The NWPA Annual Soap Box Derby is scheduled for Sunday June 21st, Father's Day. The race begins at 1pm on Chestnut Lane.

A registration form and rules for construction and entry are included

with this newsletter. Entries must be received by June 15th.

For additional information on Soap Box Derby racing as well as sources for go cart kits, go to www.waynepa.com/nwpa and click on Soap Box Derby information. Build your own design or try these

resources to for a kit:
<http://www.mts.net/~derby/>
<http://www.waycoolkits.com>

Happy racing!



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NWPA Board meetings are held September through May on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm at the Gryphon Café on Lancaster Avenue in downtown Wayne. Meetings are open to any who would like to attend.



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If you have any interesting history about, or old pictures of, the neighborhood please tell us. We are interested in informative or anecdotal tales for our newsletter. Any adventures or interesting finds you have had while living in your home, maybe while you were renovating, are welcome. If there is something you would like to know more about in our neighborhood, let us know and we will try to find out about it. Please email Theji Brennan at thejomanirb@verizon.net