

The West End

By and for the West End Neighborhood

WORDS OF THANKS . . . HISTORIC WEST END . . . ANNUAL MEETING . . .

ELECTIONS . . . and, what you've all been waiting for: MISCELLANEOUS!

WAVES OF GRATITUDE FLOW ACROSS WEST END . . . The ungrateful will no doubt seek shelter.

The tree trimming, House Tour and Christmas Party proved to be most successful again in 1982. Special thanks go to Mrs. Freeman's little folks for the tree and to Brenda Penney and the Wilsons (Julia, Ben and family) for the party.

Most of the thank-yous are for all the people --over 200 of you-- who helped make the House Tour a success. In spite of threatening weather, over 800 tickets were sold, and it appears that after all the bills are paid, the treasury will be enhanced by some \$2,500.00.

Special gratitude is due to the homeowners who generously sacrificed time and privacy to share their homes. So, thanks to the Voiers, Fly, Harper, Teague, Craven and Friendship House...Continued to page 3

IS THE WEST END A SPECIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT?

Picking up where they left off several months ago, your Board and Officers have been since the holidays working to develop a plan which would put the Greater West End (i.e., West End and Crystall Towers) on the map as a historic preservation district.

As you recall from your newsletter last February, the National Register of Historic Places is a list of distinction indentifying for the people those properties worthy of preservation for their historic value to local, state or national interest. Nominations can include buildings, structures, objects, sites, or, as is our concern, districts. Listing on the Register is generally considered to be an honor. It can lead to protection against undesirable redevelopment projects, while encouraging through tax incentives development of income-producing properties by certified rehabilitation of existing structures. It probably helps increase clout in City Hall.....Continued to page 2

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There is much to be done to make this distinction a reality in the West End. And it will cost some money. Members of the committee formed by your Board to develop this idea are seeking ways to augment neighborhood funds with grants from foundations and other sources, on the belief that not only will residents of the neighborhood profit by such a step, but also will any other person in this area who has interest in preserving a sense of what made up the world in which he or she lives. We all stand to benefit from an Old Salem, a Bethabara, an Oakwood in Raleigh, or a Salisbury Historic Preservation District, or even a West End Historic Preservation District.

If you have any insights or concerns about this effort, please attend the annual meeting and/or contact a Board member or officer, or at least drop us a line at Box 161.

ANNUAL MEETING --"Campaign '83" It Ain't

The annual meeting of the West End Association will be held on Wednesday, February 9th at the Public Library on Fifth Street. The main item on the agenda is the election of four new officers for their one-year terms and six of the twelve board members for their two-year terms. Time: 7:00 p.m.

Immediately following the meeting there will be a short meeting of the new West End Board.

Here is a complete list of persons offered by the nominating committee. Of course, additional nominations for any office or board position are encouraged and can be made from the floor.

President: (one nominee)--Glenn Gravlee: resident of 1205 Clover Street since 1979, Glenn has been a board member in 1981 and Vice-President in 1982. He is an anesthesiologist at Bowman Gray School of Medicine; his wife Joyce was the main man behind the 1982 House Tour.

Vice President: (one nominee)--Bill Gibson: lives at 1315 Brookstown since 1978, Bill has been a board member for the past year; he's another lawyer.

Secretary: (one nominee)--Sam Matthews: Sam lives at 1220 Forsyth Street, and has been a West Ender since 1973. An employee at Wachovia Bank, Sam is currently the Secretary of the Association.

Treasurer: (one nominee)--Cort Meador: Cort has lived at 1149 West 4th St. since 1977. He's employed at Wachovia and is presently the Association's Treasurer.

Board Members (14 nominees for two-year terms; N.B. spouses may share Board duties per Association by-laws.)

Patsy Law has been a member of the West End Association since the beginning. She is a former treasurer, and has served as a board member for the past two years. She works for Pony Express and is a long time resident at 713 Manly. Kathy and John Welch have resided at 621 Jersey since 1979. John is with the Pilot Life Insurance Agency, and Kathy takes care of their four children. Robert "Hoppy" Elliott and Suzanne Reynolds, West End Members since July of 1981, Hoppy and Suzanne reside at 608 West End. He is an attorney with Pfeifferkorn and Cooley, and Suzanne teaches law at Wake Forest Law School.

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families and to Ken Land's new hostelry. Also, we greatly appreciate the cooperation and participation given by St. Paul's Episcopal Church for not only providing architectural delights but also a warm gathering place for the slide show and refreshments.

There's more. The head hostesses and their auxilliary hosts and hostesses came through, as did Bob Fly, Chuck Hotchkiss and the professional chauffer (who was that masked man?) who ferried people all over the neighborhood throughout the afternoon. Numerous businesses and several individuals served as patrons of the tour by donating money or professional services. They include Ad-Type, Coy Carpenter, Frank Frye & Associates, Helms-Parrish Properties, Hine-Bagby, Jewell Interiors, J.M. Long Contractors, Napp & Warlick, One Way Architectural Antiques, Petree Stockton et seq., Pilot Life, L.A. Reynolds Landscaping, Rose 'N' Thistle, Smothers Auto Leasing, Southern Photo, Stratford Garden Shop, Wachovia Bank, West End Paints, West End Printing, Zevely House, YWCA and the Snob Shop. Other contributions were made by Food Fair, Bob's Gulf and Stitchery Box.

There were the musicians-- Spectrum Singers, Judy Winton, Art & Paulette Wise. Perhaps the loudest praises should be sung for Joyce Gravlee, who more than anyone else was the person on the spot. She, participating board members and officers, as well as Gwen England, Ruthie Kirk, Stephanie Mitchell, Janice Siler and Kathy Welch all made special contributions.

The success of the three hour tours gives us every reason to be optimistic about the future of our neighborhood. Our ability to reach our goals as a community is dependent on the kind of intelligent efforts that lots of people have displayed in connection with these tours. There was pleasure in it, too.

NOMINATIONS, continued:

Patsy Brown has lived in the West End for six years at 631 Summit Street. Patsy is studying to become a nurse.

Katie Fenning lives at 625 Jersey. She has been a West End resident since 1980. She works at the YMCA and has her own business as a fitness consultant.

Keith & Felice Avery are new to the West End having moved to 1120 West 4th in March of 1982. Both have lived in Winston previously and are in data processing with R.J. Reynolds.

Betty Wade has lived at 821 West End Blvd. since 1979. Betty is owner and president of POPI (Professional Office Personnel, Inc.).

Chuck Hotchkiss lives at 1029 West End Blvd., a resident 6 yrs. He's a stock broker with Wheat First Securities, and has been a Board Member (78-80) and Vice-President (81).

Martha & Bill Harper They have lived at 909 West End Blvd. for 6 years. He's an attorney with Mountcastle & Harper PA and has been a Board Member (77-79), Vice-President (80), and President (81). Martha raises their three sons.

Ben & Julia Wilson live at 817 West End Blvd. and have resided in the neighborhood for 20 years. Ben is an engineer with Reynolds Tobacco Co., and has been Board Member (80-82 & 70-74), Vice-President (74) and President (75).

Thorns Craven has lived at 1232 Glade St. for 10 years. He's director of Legal Aid Society and has been a Board Member (79-80 & 74-75) and President (76-78).

Gwyn & Phil England live at 1109 Glade St. They have lived there for 1½ years. Phil is a tax attorney with R.J.R. Industries; Gwyn was active in the 1982 House Tour.

Dewey & Ellen Yarborough have lived at 1405 Brookstown for 20 yrs. He's a salesman at Hine-Bagby. Ellen is a PH.D. student at U.N.C.G. Board Members (76-78,80-82)

Betsy Gregg has lived at 1219 W. 4th for 3 yrs. She was a 1980 House Tour Homeowner, and a staff member at Battered Women's, as well as volunteer in other organizations.

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A MISCELLANEOUS

The West End Board met at Bill Wise's house on January 11th. Among the topics for discussion were the House Tour wrap-up and the Historic Preservation District, as reported elsewhere in this newsletter. Other matters included the YWCA's recent grand opening of its new fitness center, which several neighbors helped staff; recent developments with Neighborhood Watch --nothing formal, tho' some helpful vigilance by Tommy in the Vestal Apartments which is most appreciated by near-by residents; and the desirability of establishing a special Commercial Membership for businesses in the West End. Such a membership would include small display advertisements in the monthly newsletter to help pay for this thing as well as full membership privileges, similar to those of residents.

It is hoped that we can get something like 12 memberships at \$50.00 each. While it is not the desire of the Board to turn the newsletter into a shopping guide, the evidence indicates that some advertising is appreciated and responded to by members of this neighborhood, and the financial impact on our treasury is significant. If you have any feelings about this or any other topic of interest to the neighborhood, again, bring them up at the annual meeting, or contact a member of the Board.

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