

October 2009

'Let Kids Play' Highlights October RWA Meeting

As September greeted us and our families with a new school year bursting with activities to fill our time, and as October approaches quickly making our days beautiful by dressing the trees so gloriously, let us gather together and celebrate the beauty of autumn.

During the social time of our meeting, we are going to design a banner to lead our children through the streets of Oakmont for the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 24th. This is a wonderful service to the children of our community and we can all be proud of what we bring to our families, friends, and neighbors in the way of providing a fun and safe activity.

Our October meeting will feature Mara Kaplan, CEO and Consultant of Let Kids Play Inc. She will be discussing the importance of play and one of the newest trends for play ~ Natural Playgrounds. She can also offer her services as a personal shopper to help you find the perfect gift for your special someone for the holidays, birthdays, and important occasions that deserve celebrating. Each year in November and

December, Let Kids Play makes daily recommendations on high quality toys and just in time for the holiday season. Please be sure to visit her site at www.letkidsplay.com where you can sign up for her e-newsletter. After Mara's conclusion, I will give a short presentation on learning styles and offer ideas to enhance your child's education ~ family style!

This month drinks will be provided by Amanda Allis, Missy Ortega, and Vernay Sandu and snacks will be supplied by Louella Gauger, Patty Anthony, and Erica Hower. Thank you all so much!

Also, please be looking for an evite from Christine for our annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 17th. This event is being graciously hosted by Camille Cecere.

One final note, Jill Myers has offered to plan an outing to a Pumpkin Patch for those who may be interested. You can contact her at 412-818-3480 or by email: myersttc1@hotmail.com

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.
~Stanley Horowitz.

With pleasure, Kimberley



President's Message

Fall is here, the children are back in school, and the learning continues for all of us. As this second newsletter is being pieced together, we are all working to determine our new role in the Annual Oakmont Halloween Parade and to ensure a safe and happy event for both our organization and the community families who look forward to it every year.

One of the areas of RWA I have most appreciated in my six years with the group has been the diversity, experience and thoughtful voices of our membership. In every committee I have worked on, I have always left planning meetings thinking that there really isn't much this group of women could not accomplish. The same feeling holds true for me now as we sort through taking on the Halloween Parade. It is your questioning and suggestions that have shaped the decision making process. And though no idea will have 100 percent support, our final course of action is one with which the majority of our members is comfortable.

As I mentioned at our September meeting, first and foremost, we are here for each other, to empower each other. There will be times when you feel you have no more energy or time to give; come and sit. There will be times when you feel eager to do; come and lead. We are a community for each other before we are a force in the community in which we live.

Happy Fall Everyone,

Catherine

A Funny Clarification....

Someone mentioned following last month's meeting that they thought I was serious when I said that texting is not permitted during meetings! (I was just trying to embarrass a member who texted me across the room!) We are all Very Important People who need to be available to our families and those who need us. You should always feel comfortable answering your phone or texts while with us, with common courtesies observed, of course.

New Member Tea



Thursday,
October 8, 2009
6:30 p.m.
at the

Home of Heather Deem
707 Delaware Avenue
Oakmont

If you are interested in becoming a member of RWA, come to the New Member Tea and learn more about our service activities, charitable endeavors and social activities

Please RSVP to
Christen Bovienzo (412) 477-1129 or
Sue Frazier (724) 640-6192

We look forward to meeting you!!

The Annual Oakmont Halloween Parade

Our first email vote is in and the tallies complete! A strong majority of members is in favor of RWA purchasing a short-term general liability insurance policy to protect the organization and its members in the event that someone is injured during the Annual Oakmont Halloween Parade and files suit.

This is the first time since I've been with the club that we've conducted an email vote so I know that some of the questions and comments that came up from members during the voting weren't heard by everyone. I tried to find answers to member's inquiries and responded to them directly. I am happy to answer any other questions or provide more insight into the process at the October meeting.

The board will request quotes on the policy from a number of different insurance agencies.

In the meanwhile, pick out your costume and mark your calendars for the parade ... Saturday, October 24th!

SEE DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE



PLEASE RECYCLE: HELP RIVERVIEW SCHOOLS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Community residents who are looking for a place to recycle their old cell phones and toner or ink cartridges can help the Jr. High PTO *and* the environment by recycling through one of the following collection locations:

- 1) Tenth Street School Office entrance
- 2) Jr/Sr High School Library (you can send them in with a student)
- 3) Oakmont Library (note: cell phone collection bin at the library does not benefit the Jr. High PTO, but I'm sure it is for another good cause!)



They also accept cell phone accessories such as chargers and ear pieces.
(Note: *If you have a GSM phone, remember to remove the SIM card for security reasons.*)

Tenth Street School also benefits from Paper Recycling at the ABITIBI Bins located in the High School parking lot behind the school, next to the park. The entrance is between the park and the school on Third Street. The bins are yellow and green, and they take all forms of paper, including newspaper, magazines, mail, school and office papers and catalogs. Abitibi does NOT take telephone books, but anyone who is interested in recycling those can take them to Construction Junction in Point Breeze.

Please support the environment and the kids. Feel free to pass this along to family and friends who may be interested.

Halloween Parade & Poster Contest

On Saturday, October 24, RWA will sponsor the Oakmont Halloween Parade. Children and parents are to begin lining up on Isabella Street (behind Kwik Fill) at 9:45am. The parade will step off at 10 am with the high school band leading the way. The Halloween poster contest will be held the same day. Posters can be painted on store front windows any time from 12 noon to 4pm (10/24). Judging begins at 4pm. Contestants can take as much or as little time as needed; although, most teams finish in about an hour. Store locations are assigned when participants sign in and pick up supplies at the clock tower. Look for additional details coming soon!

Reminder from the Membership Committee - BRING A FRIEND!!

Do you know another fabulous lady that would enjoy the RWA? Bring a friend, a neighbor or an acquaintance and share the fun and the fulfillment you get from participating in our association. Guests and new members may come to any meeting or to the New Member Tea on October 8, 2009 (See notice on Page 2). Please notify Christen Bovienzo or Suzanna Frazier if you are bringing a guest or new member to any event.

Around Town...

If you haven't been into Cafe Vita on Allegheny River Boulevard recently, you may want to stop in! What most of us have referred to as "The Coffee Shop" is now serving a full lunch menu of gourmet salads and entrees, including chicken, crab cakes and vegetarian dishes. Owner Dave is the on-site chef and mentioned that Cafe Vita will soon be open for dinner as well with a BYOB option.



House in Oakmont For Sale By Owner

2-story brick Cape Cod, 3 bedroom (with den on first floor as possible 4th bedroom), 2 1/2 baths, 1 car garage, central air, hot water heat, walk-in closets. \$350,000.00. Please call Carole DiClaudio at 412-848-4235 for more information.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, October 5 - RWA Meeting

St. Thomas Memorial Church
6:15 p.m. Board Meeting in St. Anne's Room
7 p.m. Social Time with General Meeting following

Thursday, October 8 - RWA New Member Tea

6:30 p.m. Heather Deem's home, 707 Delaware Avenue

Saturday, October 17 - Oktoberfest

E-vite with details to follow.

Saturday, October 24 - Oakmont Halloween Parade

Line up - 9:45 behind Kwik Fill of Isabella St.
10:00 Parade starts

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Saturday, December 5 - Breakfast with Santa

St. Thomas Memorial Church Parish Hall

Monday, December 7 - Christmas Banquet

St. Thomas Memorial Church
6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Watch your Inbox for details on the October pumpkin patch trip!!



Got News?



Newsletter Submissions can be made by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue. Articles may be submitted in .doc format, Arial font. Please submit photographs in .jpg format. E-mail all submissions to Catherine Hornsby at dhornsby01@earthlink.net.