



RWA Needs YOU in 2011-2012

It's hard to believe that another summer has passed, a new school year has started and that it's time again to start a brand new RWA year!!! Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th at the St. Thomas Church Hall at 7:00 pm. Babysitting will be provided for the meeting and the suggested donation is \$2 per family.

We recently had our first board meeting and everyone is excited about the new year, but we can't do it without you! We really want to encourage attendance at the meetings and participation in the great events that we have planned. All of our lives are busy, but hopefully everyone can make time to come and participate in a meeting, do some fundraising for the community and have fun. Make the first Monday of every month a "GNO" at the RWA meeting. As always, we would love to see our membership grow, so invite a friend to a meeting or to the New Member Social. We also encourage members to sign up to be on a committee for the upcoming year. The committee chairs will bring sign up sheets to the first meeting and explain the responsibilities of each committee.

I am really looking forward to the upcoming year and welcome any suggestions for events, meetings, fundraisers, etc. Please remember to bring your dues to the first meeting.

Christen

Christen Bovienzo
2010-2011 RWA President

Annual Dues & Meeting Reminders

- Please turn in your annual membership dues, \$30 by the end of September (\$35 thereafter) to Kristen Lio or Camille Cecere. Dues not paid by the end of October will result in member being removed from membership lists and e-mails.
- General meeting starts at 7 pm with social time followed by business meeting.
- Babysitting services are available. A \$2 donation per family is suggested.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest. Please notify Membership Chairs of guest names before the meeting if possible.

*First Meeting:
Monday,
September 12,
7 p.m.*

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Parish Hall at Fourth and
Delaware Avenues in
Oakmont.

**BRING A FRIEND
AND JOIN THE FUN!!**

*Socializing at Hoffstot's
following the meeting!*

The 2011-2012 RWA Board

President -	Christen Bovienzo
Vice President -	Amanda Allis
Treasurer -	Judene Sykes
Corresponding Secretary-	Sue Frazier
Recording Secretary -	Paula Tomlinson
Fundraising -	Erica Hower Rachele Bertucci Miriam Amadeo
Membership -	Kristin Lio Camille Cecere
Activities -	Melissa Orbin Adrienne Hoolahan
Scholarship -	Katie Lascola Wendy Wilton
Vision Screening -	Heather Deem
Communications -	Catherine Hornsby
Directory -	Jill Myers
Halloween Parade -	Kathy Migely
Poster Contest -	Kelly Sebastian
Relay for Life -	Janet Rossi

Thank You!

Important Dates to Remember

- **September 12, 2011 - First Meeting**
7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **September 28, 2011 - New Member Social**
Camille Cecere's Home
- **October 3, 2011 - Meeting**
7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **October 15, 2011 - Oktoberfest**
Kristen Lio's home.
- **October 29, 2011 - Event**
Oakmont Halloween Parade & Poster Contest
- **November 7, 2011 - Meeting**
7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **December 5, 2011 - Christmas Banquet**
6 p.m., St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **December 2011 - Santa Breakfast**
Details - TBA
- **January 2, 2012 - Meeting**
7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **January 2, 2012 - Wine Social**
TBD
- **February 6, 2012 - Meeting**
7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **February 11, 2012 - Snow Ball**
Oakmont Country Club
- **March 5, 2012 - Meeting**
7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **April 2, 2012 - Meeting**
7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall
- **May 2012 - End of Year Banquet**
Date and time - TBA

Note: Board meetings start at 6:15 pm as scheduled.

START THINKING SNOW...BALL!

Hi Ladies! I also join everyone in welcoming you back to RWA. Your board has a lot of good and different ideas to make this another great year. Rachele, Miriam, and I are really excited to get working on the Snow Ball this year to be held February 11, 2012. Before you call us crazy, we decided to take "a little at a time" approach. This is where we need all of your help. Our first order of business is to set up a committee. The Snow Ball committee will meet once a month to work on little goals, drink a little wine, and do a little socializing too. So please, come September 12th to sign up for the Snow Ball committee and be part of this year's planning.



Having fun at the Snow Ball 2011

Going along with the "little at a time" approach, we are asking for bottles of wine for the September 12th meeting. If you are in a position to do so, please bring a bottle of red or a bottle of white wine to be used at the Snow Ball wine auction. We figured this would be the best time to get the best response. I know how the bills can add up after Christmas and you cannot bear to charge one more thing, even if it is a bottle of wine! If you can help us out that would be greatly appreciated. I know little about wine therefore, I head straight for the Chairman's select at the Wine and Spirit store. These selections are good wines at half the cost. If you do know the cost of your wine, please put a note somewhere on the bag or bottle to help us out. Thank you in advanced for your donation!

To continue the talk about prices, we wanted to run some ideas past the membership concerning the costs of the Snow Ball. The tickets will remain \$75.00 a person, \$150.00 a couple. This cost simply pays for you to sit and eat at the Oakmont Country Club. There is no charitable donation to our library, fire department, RCC, or the scholarships we offer to the women of Oakmont included in the cost of your ticket. So how can you make a charitable donation you ask?

This year we will be offering a package that 100% of the proceeds will go to the core charities and scholarship fund. The cost of the package will be \$100.00. In the cost of the package you will receive:

- 1) A yet to be set amount of raffle tickets. Whether we choose an arm's length, or 25 tickets. The cost out of the tickets outside the package will be \$50.00, in the package it will cost \$40.00. A savings of \$10.00.
- 2) A coin to play "heads or tails" with the Grand prize of a big screen TV. Out of package cost is \$30.00 and in the package the cost is \$20.00. A \$10.00 savings.
- 3) A glass of champagne and chance to win the a donated piece of jewelry.
- 4) A man's drink (or another glass of champagne) with a yet to be donated prize to entice the men!

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Snow Ball 2012 (cont'd)

We will still have silent auction items, but this year we are going to focus on raffle items. We feel we are missing a lot of people who want to donate, but not the large amounts the silent auction requires. I already have a Coach purse, Gucci purse and a men's Coach Wallet for the raffle. And we are still hoping to have the Nemocolin weekend, threesome at OCC, and Pittsburgh "Get Away" in addition to much more for our silent auction items.

I know your next question is how do I pay for my tickets plus this \$100.00, yet 100% charitable donation? This leads me to our last and final brain child.....

This year we are introducing a payment plan for the Snow Ball. Starting in September, Rachele will have payment coupons for the members. If you pay \$25.00 a month, in three months your single ticket will be paid in full. If you are buying two tickets to the Snow Ball, you will still pay \$25.00 a month. The only difference is that you will be paying this cost for six months. However, if you think of it this way, by the month of February, you and your date will only owe us \$25.00 to go to the Snow Ball. This will free up funds to hire a baby sitter and (one last plug!) buy our newly created 100% direct donation to our community charities and scholarship fund by buying our package explained above.

I know this is a lot of information and we will be there on September 12 to answer any and all questions you may have. So to summarize:

1. If you are in a position to do so, please bring us a bottle of wine to the meeting for the wine auction.
2. Bring your check book or \$25.00 to make your first payment on your Snow Ball tickets.
3. Sign up and be part of this year's Snow Ball committee.

Thanks again,

Erica Hower, Rachele Bertucci, Miriam Amodeo

New Member Social

Bring a friend and join the fun!

September 28, 2011
Camille Cecere's House

Check your e-mail for further
information!



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.



Fundraiser Rummage Sale

Will Orbin is a sweet little boy with the big brown eyes and he needs your help. Will lives in Oakmont with his parents, Beth [a school teacher at 10th Street Elementary] and Dave [self-employed small business owner], younger brother Max and he also has 3 big brothers. Last year, Will was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation, a rare congenital birth defect, characterized by abnormalities in the area where the brain and spinal cord meet. Will and his family have a long medical journey ahead, so we are asking for the community's help in supporting a Fundraiser Rummage Sale to assist the Orbin family with medical and care expenses. All proceeds generated by the sale will be donated to a fund for Will's ongoing care.

WHERE: Riverview Community Action Corporation (RCAC)
501 Second Street, Oakmont, PA 15139

WHEN: Friday Sept. 9th (1pm - 7pm)
Saturday Sept. 10th (8am - 1pm)

DONATIONS: Drop off items at RCAC on
Wednesday Sept. 7th (6pm - 8pm) &
Thursday Sept. 8th (10am - 8pm)

Bake Sale donations will be accepted, also, please individually wrap items for sale

If you'd like to volunteer your time to help sort through donations, price items, work the sale, clean up, etc., kindly e-mail us @ worbinfundraiser@gmail.com.

Kindly donate clean, gently-used, saleable items. No clothing.
Thank you for your support.

For more information, please e-mail worbinfundraiser@gmail.com.
To learn more about Chiari Malformation, log onto <http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/chiari/chiari.htm>



Oakmont/Verona Girl Scouts Need Your Help!

Were you a Girl Scout when you were little? Are you looking for a great way to give back to our community? Do you want to help influence the women of tomorrow? If so, please consider helping out our local Girl Scout troops.

The Oakmont/Verona Girl Scouts are looking for a few volunteers to help our Service Unit. We urgently need a Community Cookie Manager or two for our annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, a Service Unit Registrar (mostly computer work), and leaders for potential new troops. If you are interested in helping out or finding out more about any of these positions, please contact Catherine Hornsby or Kelly Sebastian.





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Come and experience the fun, friendship and fulfillment that is the Riverside Women's Association. What a better way to spend one Monday evening per month than with a group of other fabulous women.

As part of the RWA, you'll enjoy helping the community through various service projects, community events and philanthropic activities as well as socializing and making new friends. Join us at our next meeting to learn more about our great organization!

Find out more about RWA at www.riversidewomensassociation.org

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