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#### President's Message

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Hard to believe it is almost November and Fall activities are here already. As with Fall, a season of change, and the leaves changing colors.... it looks like RWA's Fundraising will change and take on a new look too this year! Since we didn't have anyone volunteer to head up the Octoberfest or Snowball, we have to think of new ways to have some FUN RWA style and do some FUNDraising! So we welcome our season of change and welcome our volunteers who have some great new ideas!

As our fundraising season advances, I want to thank everyone who has stepped up and volunteered to lead some new and exciting Fundraising events for RWA this year. Big thank you to Sue Portera and her committee who are leading the RWA-Mazing Race Fundraiser and PAR-TY on Saturday, Dec. 5th. It sounds like a lot of fun! Please see her announcement as we need your help..... by inviting friends to the event, buying tickets to the event, or volunteering to help plan the event. We are also in need of donations for prizes and raffles at the event (bottles of wine or liquor, gift cards, etc.). But most of all don't forget to come and have FUN!

Another big Thank You to Lindsay Osterhout who has stepped up to lead Fundraising Venue Committee and plan some NEW and exciting Fundraising events in lieu of the Snowball. Please save the date for a fun family event.... Cartoons at the Oaks Theatre in January! Details are forthcoming. Note our goal is to sell out the Oaks theatre, so invite your friends an family to this event also. I believe Lindsay has some other great ideas for fundraising events in the future too, so please let her know if you can help with the planning.

A little birdie also told me that Gretchen Biondich has some awesome events in the works too. Stay tuned for information. Also she is working on Breakfast with Santa for December.

As the Holiday season approaches, I would just like to reflect on the generosity and hard work of our RWA Members who have selflessly donated their time, monies, and talents to make our past Fundraising events to benefit our community a success. You ladies are amazing! I am hoping we can continue with this tradition for years to come! With cold weather and Thanksgiving coming, I'd like to remind everyone that at the next meeting RWA will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens, new socks, and gloves (an any other clothing items) for the Verona Clothes Closet. With Thanksgiving coming up we will also be collecting canned goods or pantry items for the RCAC food pantry. We are told that sugar and flour and baking supplies are of great need at this time of year.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00PM (Board meeting at 6:15PM). The Activities committee has planned a fun activity for the meeting... so wear comfortable clothes.... it may require you to get up out of your seat and participate!



Jill Myers, President



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### Membership Dues

Annual membership dues will be accepted at this meeting. New Member dues are \$35. Returning member dues are \$40 and will increase to \$50, effective November 1st, for *non*-new members who have yet to pay. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, you can contact LuAnne Nelson (lulabie@aol.com) or Sue Fraizer (suebabe10@yahoo.com). Or you can mail it directly to the RWA mailbox at:

Riverside Women's Association P.O. Box 143 Oakmont, PA 15139

#### Meeting Details

Babysitting services are available:

\$3.00 for one child, \$5.00 for two or more children



### Meeting activity information

BELLY DANCING AT OUR NEXT MEETING!!!!! Enjoy a fun filled activity that will get you moving. This class is for anyone who ever wanted to belly dance! You will learn introductory moves and routines of this ancient and graceful dance. Belly dance is a non-impact aerobic exercise appropriate for all ages and levels of experience. Wear comfy cloths that are easy to move in, such as yoga pants and a t-shirt.

Our guest teacher's name is Sahra. She is a professional belly dancer in the Pittsburgh area with over 16 years of dance experience. In her classes Sahra emphasizes the positive and empowering aspects of belly dance as a dance for all women. She is a certified yoga instructor receiving her 200 hour teacher training through Schoolhouse Yoga.

### December Meeting

The Holidays are just around the corner... and our annual **Holiday Party/Meeting** will be on **Monday, December 7th**, starting at **6:00 p.m.** We'll be asking everyone to bring a wrapped gift worth \$15 for our gift exchange, which can be anything practical, pretty, or pretty funny!

We'll have a sign-up sheet for food and more details at the meeting Monday! We hope to see you there!

The Membership Committee: LuAnne Nelson & Sue Fraizer



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### Snack and Beverage donations for November

Salty Snacks: LuAnn Nelson, Kristy Bodnar, Veenay Sandhu, Krista Quinlan, Ann Buechli

Sweet Snacks: Brigette Bouchet, Susanna Frazier, Nicole Farcos, Kelly Sebastian, Tracy Safran

Red Wine: Laurie Sliben, Jen Boyer, Danielle Palochik

White Wine: Sue Portera, Jody Zettel, Cathy Daldoss



## Meal Chain Message



If anyone knows of a need to send a card or set-up a meal train for a member, please let me know. Thank you!

Laurie Sliben; Corresponding Secretary

### Riverside Women's Association

### Halloween Parade

The RWA Halloween Parade was filled with ghosts, goblins, and princesses! Thank you to everyone that supported the event! Thank you to the Oakmont Borough for organizing the street closures. Thank you to the Oakmont Police Department for donating the Halloween Bags. Thank you to the Oakmont Volunteer Fire Department for assisting with the parade. Thank you to Mr. Hughes and the Riverview Marching Band for leading the Parade. Thank you to Oakmont Dental Associates for donating toothbrushes and toothpaste for the bags. Thank you to Military Connections, Carabella, Oakmont Skin Care & Electrolysis, Hair by Jeanne, and the Riverside Women's Club members for donating candy for the bags. Thank you to the Riverview Key Club Students for handing out the bags at the park. We appreciate everyone's donations and assistance. Happy Halloween!



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# Save the date!!!!!!

Saturday Morning Cartoons at the Oaks, Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10am. We will be playing Looney Tunes for the kids and I am hopeful to get some donations of cereal and juice boxes to pass out as a snack. Tickets will be \$7. If anyone is willing to put together a basket or donate items for a basket, please let me know. Lind-say@mydisabilityattorney.com



# Snowball Update



You may have already heard that there are talks to give the Snowball a break this year. I have been in touch with the Oaks as well as a band about replacing the Snowball this year with a benefit concert. Plans are still in the works, so I don't have an exact save the date, but I am anticipating a Friday night in February or March.

The band is Corned Beef and Curry, which is a really fun Irish band and why I am trying to get as close to St. Patrick's Day as the band can book. As of now, there are no plans to have baskets.

Tickets will likely be \$35 and the Oaks will be selling food and alcohol. Start planning now for a fun night out with music and drinks. We need to sell the theater out to make it a success.



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For tickets and more information: Sue Portera (<u>sue.portera@comcast.net</u>) or Jill Myers (<u>myersttc1@hotmail.com</u>)





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#### Presidential bits, thoughts and thanks!

I'd like to thank Summer Tissue and all the RWA Members who helped make the Annual Oakmont-Verona Halloween Parade a success this weekend! My children and I were sad to miss the festivities this weekend, but we were out of town visiting family. But I LOVE seeing the photos on Facebook of all the children (and adults) dressed up in costume parading through our town.

Mark your calendar, for Dec. 7th at for our RWA Member Christmas Party (in lieu of the monthly meeting). This pot luck dinner and gift exchange are always a lot of fun. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, we ask that you wrap the gift, no tags and keep to \$15 price point.

## St. Ireneaus Preschool proudly presents

#### Holden Puppets and Millennium Marionettes

Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 P.M. - Blough Hall

\$10.00 per ticket

Includes a puppet show, sing along and guest appearance from Kristiann Menotiodes, drink and snack!

All proceeds benefit St Ireneaus Preschool

Please see Carrie DelRosso or Amanda Allis for tickets







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4:45pm

7:30pm

#### 2015 Oakmont's Hometown Christmas

#### Schedule of Events

#### Saturday November 21st, 2015



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5:10pm	St. I's Pre-School Carolers
5:20pm	Christmas Parade—Begins in Verona & Ends in Oakmont
	Don't miss Santa, marching bands, lighted floats, horses, & a fantastic cast of characters
6:15pm	Winner of Float Contest Announced
6:15pm	Musical Performances at the Clock Tower Stage featuring Redeemer Lutheran School
6:45pm	Dance Performance by Sherry's School of Dance

Musical Performance featuring Riverview Jazz Band

Christmas Tree Lighting and Announcements

Dance Performance By Kelsey's Dance & Fitness Center

#### **Don't Miss These Attractions!**

Horse and Buggy Rides on the Boulevard- Compliments of Burket-Truby Funeral Home Cremation & Alternative Services, Inc., Oakmont Bakery, and Meg L. Burkardt Law Offices. Free Oakmont Bakery Cookies- available on the Boulevard near Mae's Hallmark—Compliments of Oakmont Bakery; Pictures with Santa—Santa will be sitting outside of Citizen's Bank to hear your Christmas Wish List! Receive a free Candy Cane courtesy of the Verona Giant Eagle

Food Vendors: Lots of sandwiches, snacks, and treats up and down Allegheny River Blvd

**Chinese Auction :** Come check out beautiful prizes donated by Chamber businesses. Chinese Auction will be located at **Citizens Bank with Santa** 

**50/50 Drawing :** Stop by the Chinese Auction to purchase 50/50 tickets, Oakmont Christmas Ornaments, and More!

Children's Activities: Balloon Art, Clowns, Face Painting, Children's Games, and more!

**Store Front Holiday Window Decoration Contest:** Cast your vote for the most festive store window. Ballot Box located at Chinese Auction.



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## **Community Event:**

The Greek Orthodox Church in Oakmont is hosting a PURSE BASH Fundraiser for The Stephanie Nicholas Scholarship Program. Stephanie died at young age 16 of

I wanted to extend this invitation to RWA Members and friends. I figured who doesn't like Sangria, designer purses, and FUNdraising! So here is your invite to help

**Event:** Designer Purse Bash Fundraiser

When: Saturday, Dec. 12th from 12 noon to 3 pm

Tickets: \$25 include buffet lunch, beverages (SANGRIA, coffee, tea, iced tea,

lemonade), ticket

The purses will be raffled off every 15 minutes. Doors open at noon and the first drawing will be at 12:30.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 412-420-0370 or can be purchased at the door.

There will also be raffle baskets and 50/50, as well as people walking around selling additional raffles for chances to win wallets and smaller purses. You must be present to win, or have someone representing you.



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Welcome to Homegrown Yoga! Studio doors open on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> with a little something for everyone. Classes include a dynamic flow for those that want a challenge, vinyasa flow, fundamental classes to help explain the practice and postures and finally a slow flow class on Sunday night to hit the refresh button before the week begins again. Classes are heated as well as non-heated.

We are located on the second floor of 300 Allegheny River Blvd, next to the Oaks Theatre. Please visit our website for more information including a schedule of classes and class package options.

We are beyond excited to share our passion for yoga with the community that we love. Don't forget, the first class is always free! We hope to see you soon!!

Kelly Rezak and Katie Lascola



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## OAKMONT ELKS PRESENTS COACH PURSE BINGO SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2015 1PM-4PM TICKETS ARE \$35 IN ADVANCE \$40 AT THE DOOR







INCLUDES 20 GAMES ...SPECIALS AND LIGHT REFRESH-MENTS... CALL OAKMONT ELKS #1668 FOR TICKETS 412-828-1668 ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD