



THE HILLTONE

HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1999

MAY GENERAL MEETING

This is the last General Meeting before our Summer break. In September - the date will most likely be the 14th - we will have our annual Pot-luck Supper. Look for details in August.

DATE: MAY 11, 1997
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: Home of Andrea Lehman and Andy Rowan
119 Buckingham Avenue
SPEAKER: Connie Mercer from Home Front

Connie Mercer is the Founder and Director of HOMEFRONT and will speak to us about their ongoing efforts. This worthwhile organization has been helping homeless families who are not-so-fortunate. HOMEFRONT's offices are shortly moving to Parkway Avenue.

In December of 1998, Melinda Chance, our Worthy Projects Chairperson, received donations of non-perishable items from the Hiltonia neighborhood, amounting to eight large boxes; along with enough Avon products from Jean Harbach, to make twenty gift bags; to provide some Holiday Cheer to the group.

Please see the NOTE - WORTHY PROJECT FOR SPRING under the Annual Yard Sale section.

NEED HOSTS

We have exhausted our list of hosts and need a home for the November General Meeting. Of course if you would like to volunteer your home for meetings in the year 2000, Georgia will certainly put you on the list.

Please call Georgia Wallar at 695-8711

PICNIC

We have noticed many new neighbors at recent meetings and events. We are hoping that with this rekindled interest, we can reactivate some of the social events of the 80s. At a recent Executive Board meeting, Jean Harbach, Melinda Chance, Jackie Kutch and Lee Burgess agreed to investigate the interest of our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods about participation in a Summer Picnic. They will be contacting Glen Afton, Cadwalader Heights and Hillcrest. Please call any one listed below with your thoughts or comments about this idea - let them know if you would attend a picnic and/or what would make you want to come.

Jean Harbach 392-6380 Melinda Chance 393-2715
Jackie Kutch 392-8948 Lee Burgess 392-8304

FLOWER GARDEN CLEANUP

Spring is here and it's time to clean up Hiltonia's Flower Garden again. "Annual" planting will be done the same day. Meet us at 10 a.m. on May 15th Saturday with rakes, hoes, clippers, gloves, etc. If any of you are dividing your perennials, let Georgia know. If anyone wants to do a little cleanup before the scheduled day or time, feel free.

Georgia Wallar 695-8711

ANNUAL YARD SALE

The annual Hiltonia Yard Sale will take place the fourth Saturday in May, the 22nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Lee Burgess, our Publicity chair, will advertise in the local papers and again put up that terrific gigantic sign. All you have to do is start cleaning out your basements, attics and garages. And pray that it doesn't rain! This is a fun and possibly lucrative event - a chance to see some neighbors you haven't seen during the winter - perhaps buy some treasures!!

NOTE - WORTHY PROJECT FOR SPRING

For our Spring project, Melinda is scheduling HOMEFRONT to send a truck to the neighborhood between 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on the same day. This will give you an opportunity to donate any of those unsold items you don't want to put away. Please call Melinda so she can list your house as a stop.

Melinda Chance 393-2715

EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's annual Easter Egg Hunt was a lot of fun. There were almost 40 children all over the Kutch's property as well as their neighbor's yard; all of them collecting eggs and searching for the "Golden" prize eggs. It turned out to be a nice day and there were prizes, snacks and Easter Bunny treat bags given out to all the children who attended. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who contributed their time and effort and helped make this event such a success. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt in the year 2000.

Kim Derby

Thanks very much to Kim Derby and Regina Merz, who took on this event for the first time this year! We very much

appreciate their efforts. We hope it was as much fun for them as it was for the children and parents too.

The Executive Board

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Looking over some Hilltones of the 80s, I noticed lots of Neighborhood News. It was nice to see Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations and the like. I think it is fun for children to see their name in print. It would be very helpful to me if you would call and let me know if you would like an important date published in the Hilltone; or if you would like to share a happy memory of a vacation or let others know of an exciting destination they might want to visit.

Linda and I discussed the benefits of having one or two people per block give me a call with news - if you are interested in representing your street, please give either of us a call.

WELCOME TO NEIGHBORS MOVED IN 1998:

MILDRED MANNING at 117 Cornwall Avenue

JOYCE KERSEY at 123 Cornwall Avenue

CAROLYN DANIELS at 215 Renfrew Avenue

HERBERT SMITH at 220 Renfrew Avenue

KIM & ALI WILSON at 111 Kensington Avenue

FREDERICH & ALERIS HENRIQUEZ at 113 Buckingham Avenue

NICK DiDENKO at 202 Kensington Avenue

KIRSTEN & PASQUALE MATRANGA at 122 Buckingham Avenue

DAN & KIM DERBY at 126 Buckingham Avenue

RENEE KILLIAN at 205 Cadwalader Drive

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE HILTONIA CHILDREN:

LEENA GRACE KARDACZ, celebrated her first birthday on January 13

CHRISTINA ZEPPENFELD, turned 4 years old on March 18

OTTO WILLIAM HARBACH celebrated his 1st birthday on March 27 - Otto is the grandson of Bill and Jean Harbach. His big sister RAYLEEN turned 6 years old on March 9.

BETHANY CHANCE turned 3 years old on March 29

MATTHEW KUTCH turned 12 years old on April 6

JULIA CAVALLO will be two on May 10

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

LAUREN KUTCH made her First Holy Communion on Sunday April 11 at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lee Burgess, Ellen Stern and family on the passing of PETER STERN. Memorial donations may be made to the Ellarslie Museum or to the Hiltonia Tree Fund

Gail Child-Szenes on the passing of HAL SZENES. Memorial donations may be to the Ellarslie Museum

IN MEMORY OF HAL SZENES - ON BEHALF OF THE HILTONIA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

I had the opportunity, with many other of Hal's long-time friends, to speak at his funeral in January. His wife, Gail, asked that I publish that Eulogy. On a snowy afternoon, several hundred people came to pay their respects and to offer their condolences.

In Gail's words, "Hal did love this neighborhood and he invested more time and energy in it than in any single thing he'd ever done outside of his job." She thanks everyone for their kind thoughts and continued emotional support.

January 8, 1999, Kutch Funeral Home

Good morning. I am honored that I have been asked to say a few words on behalf of the Hiltonia Civic Association.

The first time we met Hal was in December 1992. He and Gail had not even moved into their home on Cadwalader Drive. They came to the Holiday Party to check us out and we passed the test, they moved in. Like many of us, they chose to move from the suburbs to the city.

Hal quickly became an active member of the community and an active citizen of Trenton.

His first role was that of neighborhood patrol - taking his evening stroll with the dogs, stopping along the way to pick up litter, unobtrusively tapping on windows of cars that were parked too long, and discouraging loitering in Cadwalader Park after dusk.

Living so close to the Park, Hal took a positive concern on issues relating to it - whether it be the problems with drugs and alcohol or the issue of vehicular traffic or the nicer issues of beautification and the Master Plan.

Hal attended numerous meetings including the Hiltonia Civic Association, the Trenton Council of Civic Associations, the City Master Plan, West Ward Partnerships, the Police Chief's monthly meetings. He strived to encourage the betterment of the community in which he lived.

You would see Hal and Gail at May Day, Heritage Days, the Trent House, Ellarslie, TCCA banquets, Waterfront Park, to name a few ... and, of course they frequented the local restaurants. They love the city of Trenton.

It's no wonder Hal held several positions over the years on Hiltonia's Board, most recently as 1998 President, after being both 2nd and 1st Vice President ... and yet, he always kept his position as Civic Committee Chair.

Webster's defines civic as "pertaining to the social science of dealing with the rights and duties of citizens".

Hal is certainly a fine example of this to Hiltonia and to Trenton.

We will all miss him but I am sure he will continue to watch out for us.

Mary Pappas

CALL TO ARMS! - FUND RAISING

We need your arms, hands and the rest of you to work with us at Heritage Days, Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, 1999.

As our experienced hands know, the earlier you join us, the more "choice" times and work locations.

For those of you new to Hiltonia, you should know that your very effective neighborhood association (The Hiltonia Association) is financed mostly by our working relationship with the Trenton Downtown Association. In return for us working a few hours each, during Trenton's Heritage Days, selling beer tickets and pulling the beer taps at the different entertaining locations, the TDA contributes a very significant sum to our Association each year.

If you enjoy crowds, festivals, music, exotic foods and pulling a beer tap, this is a great way to spend a few hours on Saturday or Sunday, the first weekend in June. If you don't enjoy all that, we will appreciate your time donation even more.

Incidentally, rumor has it that the Heritage Days Organizers are reshaping this year's festival to more closely resemble the original "ethnic" Heritage Days of yore. There will be three different locations : Mill Hill Park, NJ State Museum and the Old Barracks Museum. This means more great ethnic food, more ethnic entertainment and less whirly gigs and funnel cakes. With all this good news, why not plan to spend an afternoon or evening working and playing at Heritage Days?

To pick your preferred time and locations, call:

Don Wallar 695-8711

REPRODUCTION

One of our larger budget items is the reproduction of the Hilltone and flyers - about \$500 a year. The Hilltone comes out quarterly; we probably do twice as many flyers as there are 5 general meetings and some other events which we publicize. If you think your company would be willing to donate duplication services for us, please give me a call.

Mary Pappas 599-1755

A REMINDER FROM ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS

Perhaps several neighbors are unaware, but the city's solid waste division, which is responsible for trash pick up, does not pick up natural debris - leaves, branches, etc. - that are left either in the curb or on the grassy strip throughout the

winter and early spring. The only way the city will cart away this debris during this extended period is if it is contained in trash cans. Several neighbors have complained about how unsightly it is to see branches and leaves piled in the curbs for weeks on end. Neighbors who collect this yard waste in trash cans report success in getting it taken away twice a week with the regular collection. Please be considerate of those who do not want to look at this debris. Please place it in a can until the city re-starts its usual separate yard waste collection. Thanks.

1999 BOARD MEMBERS

Please feel free to contact any member of the Board or Committee Member if you have any questions, would like to report information, or need any assistance relating to the neighborhood, etc.

OFFICERS

Linda Reid		PRESIDENT
113 Renfrew Boulevard		394-2314
Gail Child Szenes	1st VICE PRESIDENT	
119 Cadwalader Drive		989-8134
Bill Graff	2nd VICE PRESIDENT	
109 Renfrew Avenue		393-4437
David Maynard	TREASURER	
226 Renfrew Avenue		392-8623
Cathe Frierman	RECORDING SEC	
14 Renfrew Avenue		394-3556
Jackie Kutch	CORRESPONDING SEC	
123 Renfrew Avenue		392-8948

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gail Child Szenes	989-8134	CIVIC
Bea Scala Fischler	599-9520	
Bill Graff	393-4437	CRIME WATCH
Jean Harbach	392-6380	
Mary Pappas	599-1755	HILLTONE
Georgia Wallar	695-8711	HOSPITALITY
Nancy Maynard	392-8623	MEMBERSHIP
Lee Burgess	392-8304	PUBLICITY
Jackie Perry	599-3430	WELCOME WAGON
Melinda Chance	393-2715	WORTHY PROJECTS

SOLID WASTE PICK-UP

City Garbage Collection

Monday and Thursday of each week.

NO recyclables!! NO cardboard!!

Large bulky items, metal, leaves or clean wood, call the Sanitation Dept. for pick up - if you question whether it is normal pick-up, it probably is not. Please call.

989-3175 or 989-3176

County Recycle

Recycle every other Thursday

April 1, 15 & 29	May 13 & 27
June 10 & 24	July 8 & 22
August 5 & 19	September 2, 16 & 30

CRIME WATCH

WATCH FOR THE NEW CRIME WATCH TREES - EXPECT A U.S. POSTAL MAILING BY MID MAY

The Crime Watch is a very important step in keeping our neighborhood safe. Please keep a watchful eye for suspicious cars, persons, etc. If you think something appears out of the ordinary but is not an emergency call the Police Radio Dispatch number 989-4170. If it is an emergency, call 911. Please do not take matters in your own hands, remember it is unsafe to approach strangers on your own.

If anyone (even if you are not on the Crime Watch Telephone Chain) experiences or hears of car thefts, burglaries, etc. be sure to call Bill or Jean to start the phone calling. If you are on the Chain and get a Crime Watch call, please do your part and pass the information along as soon as possible.

Bill Graff 393-4437 or Jean Harbach 392-6380

ELLARSLIE - CITY MUSEUM OF TRENTON

This is the time of year for Ellarslie's membership drive. You will find a form with this distribution. The museum is another one of those secret treasures - but as with all treasures it needs on-going support. If you have not taken the opportunity to view the permanent exhibit on the second floor or attend one of the art openings, be sure to treat yourself to an enjoyable visit. If you can, please support this organization.

THINGS TO DO SPRING/SUMMER 1999

Lots of things are happening in our City. Following is a list of events for Spring and Summer 1999 in Trenton. **Thanks to the Trenton website.** If you have Internet access and have not checked it out, the URL is www.trentonnj.com

Fridays and Saturdays thru June 6

Evening laser concerts in the NJ State Museum Planetarium
 7 p.m., Beatles Laser Anthology
 8:15 p.m., Laser Beastie Boys
 9:30 p.m., Laser Metallica
 10:45 p.m., Pink Floyd: Ultimate Floyd.
 Concerts are \$7 per person for one concert, less for multiples
 concerts attended in one evening
 Call LaserLine at 609/777-9444 for details

Saturdays & Sundays thru June 6

Destination Mars!
 NJ State Museum Planetarium program
 2 & 4 p.m.
 also at 1 p.m. April 1, 6, 7, 8 & 9
 and at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, June 12-27
 Admission \$1;
 tickets available 30 minutes prior to showtime

Laser Fantasia
 NJ State Museum Planetarium program
 1 & 3 p.m., thru June 6
 also at noon and 2 p.m. April 1, 6, 7, 8 and 9

Tuesday, April 20

12th Annual Litter March, a citywide Clean Communities cleanup project, needs volunteers
 Registration at City Hall at 10 a.m., includes t-shirt and hat for participants, with transportation to and from cleanup sites, awards ceremony immediately following the cleanup at 1 p.m. at DEP courtyard
 Call Sonia Wilkins at City Hall, 609/989-3015, for details

Thursday, April 22

Earth Day Plowing, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Bellevue Cottage Garden (off Calhoun Street, opposite Shiloh Baptist Church)
 raindate Tuesday, April 28
 Call Isles, at 393-5656, ext. 27, for details

Friday, April 23

Boheme Opera NJ presents Verdi's "Rigoletto"
 sung in Italian with English supertitles
 War Memorial Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Pre-Curtain Talk at 7 p.m., with Joseph Pucciatti
 Tickets \$20-50
 Call 609/581-9551

Sunday, April 25

Young Scientists Discovery Day program
 sessions at 2 & 3 p.m., NJ State Museum
 Classes are limited to 20 per session
 \$1 per child fee
 April sessions consider geology, ecology and meteorology
 Call 609/292-6310 for details

The American Boychoir performs at Blessed Sacrament Church
 716 Bellevue Avenue, 4 p.m.
 Tickets, at \$15-\$18
 available by calling 609/396-9231

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Friday, April 30

Arbor Day
 Mill Hill Park
 10 a.m.-2 p.m., celebration of 50th anniversary of observation
 in New Jersey
 For details, call Shannon Allen
 at DEP, 609/633-7597

Saturday, May 1

"Bike the D&R Canal," as part of Isles' Cadwalader Park
 Saturday Morning Family Walks
 8:30-Noon
 Meet at the Cottage, just inside the Parkside Avenue entrance
 to the park, for this leisurely 12-mile pedal to Washington
 Crossing and back
 The towpath is a flat, easy ride, but mountain bikes are
 recommended. Participants must wear helmets
 Afterwards, enjoy the May Day celebration in Cadwalader
 Park
 Call Kevin, at 609/393-5656, ext. 19, for details.

Annual May Day family celebration
 sponsored by the City of Trenton, Department of Recreation,
 Natural Resources and Culture
 Cadwalader Park, noon to 5 p.m.
 Call 609/989-3632 for details. "

Sophisticated Ellington"
 New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with narrator Mercedes
 Ellington; two vocalists and four dancers
 David Commanday conducting
 8 p.m., War Memorial
 Call 1-800-ALLEGRO for ticket availability

Wednesday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo Tea Party at NJ State Museum
 \$12 per member & one child of Friends of the State Museum
 \$15 each for a non-member and one child
 Call Friends office, 609/394-5310 for details & reservations

Thursday, May 6

Capital City Classic, a 5k road race that starts and finishes at
 KatManDu, along the waterfront at Rt. 29
 Registration: 5:30-6:15 p.m.; race starts at 6:30 p.m.
 Sponsored by the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce as
 part of the Summer 1999 Trenton Waterfront Series

Call 609/393-4143 for details

Tuesday, May 11

9th Annual Historic Preservation Awards Program
 An evening of wine, cheese, and music at Ellarslie Museum in
 Cadwalader Park, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 Sponsored by the Trenton Landmark's Commission
 Any questions, contact Jerry Harcar at 989-3582

Thursday, May 13

"Discover Trenton Tour"
 sponsored by the Princeton-Mercer Chapter of the NJ
 Symphony Orchestra League
 a guided visit by bus to Trinity Cathedral, Ellarslie, Prudence
 Kelsey Room at Edison State College, and Lenox Museum
 with lunch at KatManDu
 \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members
 For details, call 609/655-3169
 Paid reservations due by April 9th

Saturday, May 15

"Migrating Birds"
 Cadwalader Park Saturday Morning Family Walk
 8:30-10 a.m.
 Meet at the yellow Cottage, inside the Parkside Avenue
 entrance
 bring binoculars if you have them
 For details, call 609/393-5656, ext. 19

"Meet the International Space Station"
 a Star Station One program
 2 p.m., NJ State Museum Planetarium; Free

Sunday, May 16

"Professor & Prodigy"
 4 p.m. concert
 by Rutgers doctoral candidate Andrea Huang and the very
 best of her classical piano students
 Blessed Sacrament Church
 716 Bellevue Avenue
 Call 609/396-9231 for details
 Free-will offering benefits Mercer County Hospice

Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra
 John Peter Holly conducting, with violinist Emily Deans in a
 program of operatic and ballet selections from Verdi, Rossini
 and Tchaikovsky
 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 War Memorial
 tickets \$10-\$25
 To order, call 609/394-1338

Wednesday, May 19

"In Celebration of Women"

YWCA of Trenton recognition awards luncheon
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Masonic Temple
For reservations and details, call 609/396-8291, ext. 100

Trenton Jazz Festival
Mercer County Waterfront Park

Thursday, May 20

Friends of NJ State Museum trip to Washington, D.C.
to view John Singer Sargent exhibition at the National Gallery
of Art
Call Friends office at 609/394-5310 for availability

Saturday, May 22

3rd Annual Trenton Bike Tour
a 15-mile group bike ride through Trenton
sponsored by Isles, Inc., Trees for Trenton, City of Trenton
and the Whole Earth Center, to explore the urban landscape
Bike tour starts and ends at the William Trent House, 15 S.
Market St.
registration fee is \$5 per person in advance
\$7 day of event, with group rates available
Call 609/393-5656, ext. 15 for information

Saturday, May 22

"Strauss' Rosenkavalier"
New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with pianist Gerhard Oppitz,
Zdenek Macal conducting
8 p.m., War Memorial
Call 1-800-ALLEGRO for ticket availability

Thursday, June 3

First Union Classic, international pro cycling race
with Start/Finish line at NJ State Museum
starts at 4:30 p.m., ending approximately 3 hours later.
Call 609/777-1770 for help with route closings and alternate
parking questions

Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6

Heritage Days, the state's largest outdoor heritage festival,
spreads to three downtown sites:
Mill Hill Park, around the Old Barracks Museum, and in front
of the NJ State Museum
noon-8 p.m. Saturday, noon-7 p.m. Sunday

Sunday, June 6

Mercer Bucks River Run, a 5k road race that includes two
bridge crossings between Trenton and Morrisville
co-sponsored by the Mercer County and Lower Bucks
Chambers of Commerce
Registration 8-8:45 a.m.
race starts at 9 a.m., from William Trent House, 15 S. Market
St. For details
call 609/393-4143

Saturday, August 28

LOOKING BACK WITH G. KYTE

The following article - written by Gloriann Kyte for the Hilltone - July 15, 1985 - Volume 4; No.1 - is still so similar to Hiltonia here and now that it seems appropriate to reprint it. I'm sure the newer residents of today may not be familiar with some of the names but certainly the activities and issues are the same. It seems to attest to the viability of the Hiltonia Association and why we should keep it going.

It came to my mind when I was talking to our new neighbors, the Lewis' on Cadwalader that Ken and I have all of a sudden become old timers in the neighborhood. How quickly those 10 years have gone by. Dwight, Sandra and their children reminded me of Ken and I so many years ago. When we moved to Hiltonia, we had one daughter, Randi who was 18 months old and our next door neighbor's son Sean O'Connor was 4 years old. (Now I know how Joan & Stu Anderson felt. When we moved in their children were the ages that ours are today.) Two of our other children, Amy & Bobby were born here and their births were announced in the Hilltone, as were at least 10 more during 1978 & 1979. The baby triangle of 1981-82 saw the Connollys of Renfrew, the Rodeffers of Kensington, the Butterfields of Kensington, the Knobles of Kensington and the Jedunaks of Stuyvesant add to Hiltonia's numbers.

I can remember the first meeting of the reactivated Hiltonia Association, which was held in the winter of 1978 in the Blessed Sacrament gym. Over 100 people showed up to find out what was going on. Larry Welle of Buckingham was elected president and Stu Anderson of Kensington, Bob Topper of Buckingham, Joan Anderson of Kensington, Ken Kyte of Cadwalader, and Rita Carney of Renfrew were soon to join him as past presidents. Though the numbers of people at any one meeting have dwindled, we still see a lot of faces (old and new) at each meeting. From this grew many new friendships and a stronger commitment to Hiltonia. I remember meeting many people who were residents for a very long time - Dan & Irene Lyons, Edith & Norm Hartman, Karl & Kitty Hastedt, Babe & Harry Barr, Henry & Fae Schragger, Natalie & Amil Stark, and Kate & Bill Thursby. Some of these people have moved, some have passed on and still others continue to share our enthusiasm. Our first Hilltone was published in May of 1978 under the editorship of Barbara Welle of Buckingham. More than 20 issues followed with editors Ellen Wry and myself.

The next few years we sped through picnics, covered dish dinners, Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas Parties, executive board meetings, and general meetings. I can still remember sitting in Carol Gaiser's kitchen on Buckingham sewing stuffed animals to give away at the Easter Egg Hunt. How about "H.O.W." ? What fun the Hiltonia Organization for Women had during our 4th of July Parade while the men in their white shirts, black pants and red sashes played their kazoos. I still

remember the collection of Mary McCormack's hats as we sat and plotted the great day in Pat Flores' home on Renfrew and the many hours Pat Flores, Linda Reid, and myself spent making our Parade Banner which is rolled up in our attic.

One of our September picnics was rained out and at last moved from the Wegner's yard to the Walton's basement only to have the day turn hot & humid. Now history tells us that we had a pool party that was rained out and moved to the Fischlers' basement.

Who can forget Joyce Walukiewicz of Cadwalader? Every general meeting was a feast. And how we all appreciated the effort.

Several years ago when a crew of us were in the same position as the Lewis', we formed a common bond – one that was formed by our children and their dependency on us. We needed each other and our children benefited from this need and the energies of their mothers and fathers. The activities – Bike Safety Program, Games at the picnic, art contests, puppet show – took a lot of work, planning and time. All given with love to our children. There were at least a dozen mothers gathered at Elaine Martinez's home on Renfrew to package & prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt. Barbara Welle drove to Pennsylvania to pick up cotton candy and snow cone machines so that the children would never stop eating. Terry Shields (since then moved) donned a clown costume for every picnic and Carol Gaiser left her mark on Hiltonia with her bunny costume.

We also form a unique bond in this neighborhood with the problems that come along with urban living and older homes. Some of us will recall having our front yards dug up to replace old water pipes, having the neighborhood water pipes relined while we had rubbery water for quite a few weeks, having no storm windows or needing new plumbing and wiring. Each house different yet sharing common things. There were many Anderson stoves – the best that could be bought – in the neighborhood. They're fewer today. Tiles that look familiar, old bathroom fixtures and original kitchens are disappearing everyday.

We stuck out the ever rising property taxes with a lot of hope for something we've grown to love. We weathered our sidewalk crises and improved our neighborhood. We eye cautiously our neighbor, the Psychiatric Hospital. We watch with anticipation for the end of the litter and noise in the City's treasured possession Cadwalader Park for we have tried to make it better.

We donated a bullet proof vest in memory of Norm Walton, chairperson of our Security Committee for several years. We've given out food baskets. We've donated money to Anchor House, the Trenton City Museum, Womenspace, & TAWA, just to name a few. We've given of our services to the City as members of volunteer committees, boards, etc. – Bob Topper, Stu Anderson, Ken Kyte, Steve Schragger, Glenn Palmer, & the late Jock Reid. This includes such things as the Zoning Board, Planning Board, Housing Inc., Welfare Board etc.

We've said good-bye. We've said hello. We became friends and we stay friends. We've grown older. We are what

Hiltonia is about and we've made it what is - more than a place to live. Let's find some time to keep on working for and with this neighborhood. Thank you Dwight and Sandy for helping me to recall such wonderful memories.

A QUIZ

How much do you know about the Hiltonia Association. Here is a self scoring quiz for your information and amusement. It was originally printed in the Hilltone February 1982 by Peter Aluotto but seems still appropriate with some slight modifications. Answers are found at the bottom.

1. To be a member of the Hiltonia Association, you must:
 - a. be a homeowner
 - b. earn more than \$50,000 per year
 - c. drive a Cadillac
 - d. none of the above
2. The Hiltonia Association is run by:
 - a. a paid staff of professional organizers
 - b. the City of Trenton
 - c. members who volunteer their time for the benefit of their neighbors
 - d. the Democratic party
3. Which of the following is an example of the Hiltonia Associations activities?
 - a. the annual Holiday party
 - b. the children's Easter Egg Hunt
 - c. the Fall covered dish supper
 - d. all of the above
4. The Hilltone is:
 - a. published by the Trenton Times
 - b. delivered free to Hiltonia Association members
 - c. delivered free to all Hiltonia residents
 - d. a waste of Mary Pappas' time
5. The Hiltonia Crime Watch Program was started by:
 - a. the Hiltonia Association
 - b. the Mayor
 - c. somebody on Buckingham Avenue
 - d. the FBI
6. The Hiltonia Association is involved in:
 - a. the Trenton Council of Civic Associations
 - b. the Heritage Day Festival
 - c. the Hiltonia General Meetings 5 times a year
 - d. all of the above
7. The Hiltonia Association's General Meetings are:
 - a. attended by invitation only
 - b. held in secrecy when everyone is out of town
 - c. held at City Hall
 - d. open to all residents of Hiltonia

8. Which of the following is a good reason to join the Hiltonia Association:
 - a. the Hiltonia Association will help me to meet my neighbors and make new friends
 - b. the Hiltonia association needs my help to make this neighborhood a better place to live
 - c. one out of every four residents is already a member
 - d. all of the above
9. Hiltonia Association dues are:
 - a. \$0.50 per year per adult
 - b. \$7.50 per year per adult
 - c. \$50.00 per year per adult
 - d. used to send the Executive Board to Atlantic City
10. The best time to join the Hiltonia Association is:
 - a. right after you read something in the Times that makes you angry about City policy
 - b. right after you list your property for sale
 - c. right after you receive a Crime Watch message
 - d. right now

Answers: 1.d 2.c 3.d 4.c 5.a 6.d 7.d 8.d 9.b 10.d

MEMBERSHIP

Are you wondering whether you should join the Association? Perhaps if you see someone below who has joined, you might want to join too and come to a meeting with that neighbor. The listing is not alphabetical but rather by street. Our 1999 membership is now (as of 4/13/99) around 130 members. If you would like to join, dues are \$7.50 per adult (over 18) - made out to the Hiltonia Civic Association and sent to Nancy Maynard at 226 Renfrew Avenue.

Wallar, Georgia & Don	2	Buckingham
Reed, Robert & Tatiana	4	Buckingham
DeAngelis, Roberta	5	Buckingham
Gratz, Hugh	5	Buckingham
Palmer, Douglas	6	Buckingham
Kushner, Myrna & Levi	7	Buckingham
Calpin, Jerry & Val	9	Buckingham
Gansl, Scott	102	Buckingham
Vogler, Marion	107	Buckingham
Merz, Bob & Regina	108	Buckingham
Brossoie, Nicole	114	Buckingham
Lehman, Andrea	119	Buckingham
Rowan, Andrew	119	Buckingham
Wry, Brann & Ellen	121	Buckingham
Aldreidge, Fredrick & Lorraine	124	Buckingham
Derby, Daniel & Kim	126	Buckingham
Wegner, William & Maria	209	Buckingham
McLeod, Alan & Marian	210	Buckingham

Henifin, Mary Sue	2A	Buckingham
Hardy, Howard III,MD	2A	Buckingham
Goff, Herbert & Marguertie	5	Cadwalader
Chance, Ray & Melinda	7	Cadwalader
Paci, Bob & Cathy	13	Cadwalader
Spiessl, Sandra & Ronald	15	Cadwalader
Graham, Catherine	103	Cadwalader
Lamb, Grete & John	113	Cadwalader
Szenes, Gail	119	Cadwalader
Olsen, Allan & Emmajane	121	Cadwalader
Pope, Carl	123	Cadwalader
Fischler, Michael	127	Cadwalader
Scala-Fischler, Bea	127	Cadwalader
Heise, Joseph	202	Cadwalader
Kovash-Heise, Mary Edith	202	Cadwalader
Zeppenfeld, Chris & Dan	207	Cadwalader
Danu, Sandra	7	Cornwall
Steinmetz, Donna & Bob	11	Cornwall
Kerwood, Fred	15	Cornwall
Gribben, Dennis	15	Cornwall
Rabara, Anthony	104	Cornwall
Brokate, Donald	104	Cornwall
McLemore, Paul & Rosetta	105	Cornwall
Mosher, Mary	109	Cornwall
Bell, Herbert & Carolyn	120	Cornwall
Kersey, Joyce	123	Cornwall
Garfing, Carl & Pat	213	Cornwall
Self, George & Anne	10	Hilvista
Melzer, Ron & Karn	12	Hilvista
Pappas, Gary & Mary	28	Hilvista
Kamp, Susan	32	Hilvista
Tucker, Lindsey & Gwen	44	Hilvista
Hughes, Brian & Pamela	6	Kensington
Harbach, Bill & Jean	7	Kensington
Blackburn, Audrey	11	Kensington
Mole, John	15	Kensington
Filippuni, Marianne	15	Kensington
Durtschi, John	16	Kensington
McMillan, Kirk	16	Kensington
Anderson, Thure & Hean	108	Kensington
Wilson, Ali & Kimberley	111	Kensington
Woolfolk	118	Kensington
Greaves, Hubert & Ena	120	Kensington
Schuster, Bob	121	Kensington
Heath, Ellen	121	Kensington
Tyrell, Marjorie	211	Kensington
Pintella, Paul & Roxanna	212	Kensington
Williams, Vernon & Maris	213	Kensington
Dudar, Helen	214	Kensington
Daniels, Carolyn	215	Kensington

Feinselber, Ruth	216	Kensington
Keenan, Dennis & Maureen	217	Kensington
Heisey, Daniel	7	Renfrew
Mandy, Carol	7	Renfrew
Switlik, Susan	10	Renfrew
Frierman, Michael & Cathe	14	Renfrew
Calabrese, Robert	101	Renfrew
Asalone, Scott	101	Renfrew
Graff, Bill & Carol	109	Renfrew
Grey, Samuel & Beatrice	112	Renfrew
Burgess, Lee	118	Renfrew
Cody, Margaret	119	Renfrew
Rich, James	119	Renfrew
Flores, Pat	122	Renfrew
Kutch, Gene & Jackie	123	Renfrew
Rodeawald, Pat	201	Renfrew
Ambrosio, Jim	201	Renfrew
Reid, Linda	212	Renfrew
Maynard, David & Nancy	226	Renfrew
Minotti, Carole & Joseph	1445	Stuyvesant
Hamp, William	1496	Stuyvesant
Young, Sharon	1525	Stuyvesant

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED

It seems over the past several years, most of our Committees have been manned (or should it be personed?) by only one individual. Needless to say this makes for a lot of work for that one person. This year we are trying very hard to seek the interest of other neighbors to participate in these Committees. It is always a benefit to the Association to have as much neighborhood representation and input as possible.

At the January meeting, some of our new neighbors asked about the responsibilities of our various standing committees. Below are the duties of each committee as listed in the Bylaws, February 1987. The italicized items are annotations for clarification but are not a part of the 1987 By-Laws. Please check out the following and see if you would like to participate in any committee.

Civic Committee

1. It shall negotiate with governmental agencies for the maintenance and improvement of facilities and services secured through public funds.
2. It shall act for the Association in any necessary negotiations with property owners or governmental agencies whose plans may affect the welfare of the Association.

[currently Crime Watch is a sub-committee of Civic and is meant to alert the neighborhood via the Telephone Chain when crimes occur.]

Publicity Committee

1. It shall publicize in the local newspapers within one week after each meeting, that much of the business conducted at the meeting that is not considered to be confidential.
2. It shall cooperate with the officers and all committees in publicizing any social, educational, revenue raising ventures or membership drives undertaken by the Association.
3. It shall publicize the positive taken by the Association on any civic matters affecting the area.
4. It shall publicize any special events of the Association and any other matters on the direction of the Executive Committee.
5. It shall prepare and keep a record of the published terms of the activities of the Association.
6. It shall assist the corresponding secretary in mailing notices to members concerning meetings.

[currently the Hilltone is a sub-committee of Publicity and is meant to provide Association and City information to the neighborhood.]

A further sub-committee could be Street Representatives to provide Neighborhood News for the Hilltone.]

Membership Committee

1. It shall invite all eligible persons to join and participate in the Association.
2. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to assist the Treasurer in the collection of dues.
3. It shall make every reasonable effort to induce delinquent members to renew membership.
4. It shall furnish the Treasurer of Corresponding Secretary with a membership list.
5. It shall prepare and keep up to date a membership file.
6. It shall furnish the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary with a membership list.
7. It shall prepare and keep up to date a membership file, including a list of paid members as of January 1 for the calendar year.

Program Committee *[currently vacant]*

1. The Program Committee shall plan and direct all entertainment, recreational, social and educational activities, including a program for the meetings.
2. It shall be in charge of all fund raising projects, not specifically assigned to other committees.

3. It shall notify the Corresponding Secretary and the Chairperson of the Publicity Committee of all programming in sufficient time to give general notice.

[We see the main activity of Program as planning the speaker for the General Meetings.]

We would like a subcommittee for Social - to help plan social events for the neighborhood. These could include the Annual Pot Luck Supper and Holiday Party as well as expanding to Dining Out, Picnic, Alumni Reunion, etc.]

Hospitality Committee

1. It shall act as host at each meeting.

[currently Welcome Wagon is a sub-committee of Hospitality and performs the next two items]

2. Welcome new residents to the community.
3. Invite new residents to participate in the Association.

Worthy Projects Committee

1. The committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee and the membership, projects or contributions which will benefit Hiltonia, the area adjacent to Hiltonia or the City of Trenton. The Association will provide up to \$200 per year for this purpose, provided funds are available.

MINUTES

These Minutes have NOT been approved. If you have any questions, comments or corrections and cannot come to the May General Meeting, please contact the Recording Secretary, Cathe Frierman before May 11.

Hiltonia Association Special General Meeting March 9, 1999

The General Meeting for March took place at the home of Lindy Mandy and Dan Heisey. The program featured a presentation by Councilwoman Annette Horton-Lartigue of the West Ward. Ms. Horton-Lartigue discussed development of the Cadwalader Park renovation plan, and other projects in the West Ward. Other discussions included issues around education and the Trenton schools, as well as current events to include the appointment of a Chief of Police for Trenton. Our thanks to Ms. Horton-Lartigue for her time in meeting with us and her passionate interest in West Ward concerns.

Minutes: The minutes for the Special General Meeting on February 9, 1999, were read and approved without corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Maynard reviewed the Treasurer's Report distributed at the meeting. He recommended that one CD scheduled to mature 3/10/99 be converted to a 12 month CD for better interest. A second CD scheduled to mature the same day, he suggested leaving at the current term, and a third CD scheduled to mature 4/22/99 be converted to a 12 month term. This strategy would increase interest and stagger maturity dates.

Linda Reid made a correction to the Treasurer's Report. The final balance as of March 9, 1999, should read \$5,153.94 because a \$10.00 check to TCAA has not cleared.

Following a discussion based on Dave's recommendations for our Certificates of Deposit, Myrna Kushner made a motion to authorize Dave to stagger the CD's and/or consider moving some of the funds to money market accounts if more appropriate. Andrea Lehman seconded the motion. All members approved. The Hiltonia Operating Budget as proposed for 1999 was distributed.

Correspondence:

- A letter was sent to City Council to support the Oakland Civic Association's efforts to maintain an ordinance that requires all businesses within 100 feet of a residential community to close by 11 p.m.. Linda reported that Council tabled the discussion on this ordinance.
- Linda read a correspondence on the 4 Views of Trenton, an event scheduled for April 17 from 8:00 – 4:00.
- Another mailing from Annette Horton-Lartigue highlighted her idea to form a 7 member advisory committee to address safety in the West Ward.
- Information was available from the Gateway Improvement Project. The project includes a plan to design a flag to be flown at the entrances to all the different events in Trenton. There are 125 members involved.

Committee Reports

Crime Watch – No report.

Worthy Projects – Melinda Chance reported that Operation Fatherhood was closed to further donations. The original response was sufficient. Melinda asked for suggestions for new projects.

Hospitality – Georgia Wallar reported she is looking for a host for May's General Meeting. If interested contact Georgia.

Welcome Wagon – Need to focus on new neighbors and follow up on interests expressed in committees.

Publicity – No report. Linda reminded the group she still needs volunteers to deliver association notices. Contact Linda if interested.

Civic - Linda reviewed a letter sent to the Cadwalader Park consultants regarding our discussion at previous meetings. Everyone seemed to support an idea to continue a "Friend's of Cadwalader Park" proactive committee to focus on ideas for fundraising, etc. Linda suggested that through TCCA and also through Jerry's office we try to keep a handle on discussions and/or decisions about the park. Stay in touch with Gail Child Szenes or Bea Scala-Fischler if interested.

Hilltone - No report.

Meetings/Events:

Easter Egg Hunt - At Jackie and Gene Kutch's home, 123 Renfrew Avenue, Saturday, March 27, 1999.

Executive Board - Next meeting scheduled April 13, 1999, place to be announced.

General Meeting - Scheduled for May 11, 1999, place to be announced.

Old Business:

Heritage Days is scheduled for the first weekend in June. Due to the changes in the overall presentation of the festival, the beer stands will not be in the same places as usual. Of course Don Wallar will know where they will be and he is still looking for volunteers to pump beer. The theme and direction of Heritage Days is changing this year. It will be elongated from the State museum through downtown over to Mill Hill Park. Arts, history and ethnicity will be featured. The hope is to make the festival less commercial than it has become.

Linda reported she received a call from the corrections department about changes on the property of Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. These changes could enhance security in Hiltonia as they plan to add lighting, repair fencing and upgrade the facility.

New Business:

The annual Hiltonia Yard Sale is usually scheduled in June. Andrea Lehman suggested holding it earlier in May, recommending the weekend after Mother's Day. Further discussion and a final date to follow. HOMEFRONT will go around after the sale to collect items that didn't sell for their organization. Just think, you won't need to put it all away again!

A picnic in the park was suggested. It has been 7 - 9 years since the last picnic. Linda reported that there is new leadership in Glen Afton and we will explore a cooperative interest in events such as the yard sale, a picnic and/or the Halloween parade.

There will not be a membership tea this year. It was suggested we hold an alumni event to focus on the history of Hiltonia. More to follow.

Following a motion to adjourn, the meeting was closed at 10:10 p.m..

Submitted by *Cathe Frierman*, Recording Secretary

CADWALADER PARK MASTER PLAN

An attachment to this newsletter is an article written by Diane Strauss and published in the Ellarslie Muse. It gives a good summation of the proposed consultants' recommendations.

Below is a copy of the memo from the Hiltonia Association to Jerry Harcar, February 3, 1999. This memo is a synopsis of comments made during the January 1999 Hiltonia Civic Association General Meeting with regard to the Draft Master Plan for Cadwalader Park. We, as an Association, have not seen any activity since submitting the memo. It appears to still be "in review".

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Overall, we and our Hiltonia constituents find this to be an excellent plan for Cadwalader Park. It takes into account the history and landmark significance of the park while providing for the needs of the next century.

We are disappointed, however, that such a comprehensive plan includes nothing in regard to how a city already strapped for resources goes about raising the money to implement such an ambitious plan. Clearly, a "public/private partnership" is needed, but how is this initiated? What are some of the potential sources to which the partnership may turn for seed money and what strategies can be adapted from other successful park restoration projects for obtaining the funds to keep the plan on track? What portion should be borne by the city and how much can reasonably be expected to come from private sources?

The park needs its own budget. This should be a fundamental recommendation for setting up a park trust. Cadwalader Park should not be the step child of several different city agencies.

We also question the time line. 15 years is too long to take to complete the project. As administrations change, as city priorities shift, as the economy booms and wanes, the more vulnerable such a long-term project becomes. We propose that 7 years is a more appropriate time line for implementation of the major projects with an eye to the continued need for maintenance for all time.

The residents of Hiltonia appreciate the emphasis placed on security, but we would like to see the language strengthened. There is not merely a perception that the park is not safe. Drug use, drug dealing, prostitution, and alcohol consumption are very real problems that render the park unsuitable and ultimately unsafe for legitimate use. The refusal of police to patrol and the absolute lack of authority of park rangers contribute to a flagrant disregard of law. The plan refers to a "short" training program for rangers (page 57). The training should not be short. It should be comprehensive. Properly trained and empowered rangers can be effective in a city park, just as they are in state and national parks. And although they are unarmed, there is no reason they cannot tell a teenager to

get rid of a joint or a bottle of beer; tell a motorist to turn his car stereo down; or stop a child from throwing garbage into a water way. Responsible citizens take this upon themselves; it is not an unreasonable expectation of park rangers. There should be police bike patrols by day and cars by night. Police should get out of their cars and walk in the areas where there are people gathered. They must be highly visible.

There is disagreement among Hiltonia residents about the deer paddock. Some do not want it changed at all and some would just as soon see it removed if it can't be maintained properly. Most are skeptical that a smaller area will be humane and most question the double fencing as the only way to meet federal standards. This project should not be undertaken early on in the process. It should be deferred until other initiatives are well underway.

We agree that the first stage of improvements should include security, the newly formed inner loop and lighting. Immediate removal and pruning of trees would also open vistas and raise park visitors' appreciation of the beauty of the park as well as their sense of personal safety. Combined with creative programming, these improvements will be highly visible and will encourage continued support for park development. Programming is essential. Good programs will bring people into the park. Fund-raising for programs should begin immediately by a consortium of citizens committed to park improvement, appropriate city organizations, and city government.

The proposal for an expanded role of Ellarslie is a good one, but the museum should be integrated with park programming. Use of the facility as a restaurant will be extremely disruptive if museum management is not involved in the development of the rest of the facility.

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Please call either of our Civic Co-Chairs with any questions or comments you may have.

Gail Szenes 989-8134 or Bea Scala-Fischler 599-9520

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not yet joined the Association, a membership form is attached for your use. We welcome new members at any time. Return form to Nancy Maynard, Membership Chairperson, 226 Renfrew Avenue, with your membership fee of \$7.50 per adult (over 18 years). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy at 392-8623.

Last Name(s):	First Name(s)
Address:	
Committee Interests: <input type="checkbox"/> Civic <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Program <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch <input type="checkbox"/> Hilltone <input type="checkbox"/> Worthy Projects <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Wagon	
Date Moved To Hiltonia:	
Children & Birthdates:	