Linda and Jonathan David

HAWTHORNE HOSPITALITY

"Welcome to the neighborhood" is more than just a phrase to Linda David. Her style includes cake, punch, and hors d'oeuvres. In short Linda throws parties which provide a means for newcomers and neighbors to meet each other and a chance for neighbors just to get together.

She has given two such open-houses in the last few months. In June, Linda and son Jonathan welcomed Ned Moore and wife Tina Egge; in October, it was Wally and Cindy Jones and Steve and Mary Linda Johns.

Besides being a neighborhood welcomer, Linda is a speech pathologist specializing in working with stroke victims at Baptist Hospital, Lamar Unit. As a natural extension of her work, Linda is on the executive committee and is very active in the Memphis Stroke Club, which provides a chance for stroke victims and their families to get together. She also plays basketball for one of the city leagues as well as coaching an elementary team for Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

Busy, energetic, always smiling, Linda is one reason the Hawthorne-Mignon area is a nice place in which to live.

by Tina Egge

NAME CHANGE FOR VECA

Since receiving a State Charter in 1971, our neighborhood association has been known as Vollintine-Evergreen Community Action Association or VECAA. No longer. The name has been changed to Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association or VEGA.

Carl Holmes, President of the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association, presided over the November 16th general membership meeting held at McLean Baptist Church. Despite the rainy weather, the attendance was representative of the large V/E area.

One of the main topics of business for the evening was consideration of By-Laws changes. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the general membership of VECA voted unanimously to approve the name change and all other proposed changes in the VEGA By-Laws. Every By-Law was changed in some aspect — some minor and some major changes.

The word “Action” was deleted from the name of the organization, because a prior attempt to obtain a postal mailing permit for a tax exempt organization was thwarted by the use of that word in VECA’s name. The word was included in VECA’s name originally simply because it was a fashionable word in the early ‘70’s. VEGA will still be pronounced the same way.

Membership dues were changed from $2.50 annually per family unit (with a maximum of two votes per family) to $2.50 annually per person, and anyone at least 18 years of age living within the VECA boundaries may be a voting member.

Traditional boundaries for the VECA area were formalized as Cypress Creek on the north, Springdale-Trezvant on the east, the Interstate 40 highway right-of-way on the south, and Watkins on the west, including both sides on these streets.

A category of membership, known as associate membership, was created for non-residents, who are not entitled to vote or hold office.

The President is now empowered to set the date, time, and place of the annual meeting in January and any regular or special meeting of the membership. A majority of the Executive Committee or at least one-twentieth of the voting membership may call a meeting of the general membership.

Notice requirements of meetings is now spelled out in detail so that all dues-paying members are entitled to at least five days’ written notice of any general membership meeting.

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THE EVERGREEN NEWS, circulation 5,000, was established in 1970-71 to be VECA’s newsletter. This monthly neighborhood newspaper comes to you free. It is published by an all volunteer staff, delivered by volunteers, and is paid for by ads purchased by neighborhood businesses, churches, and schools. Regular staff meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Deadline for copy and ads is the 1st Thursday for the following month’s issue.

NEXT VECA MEETING

Monday, January 15, 1979, 7:30 P.M., McLean Baptist Church Chapel. Agenda: Election of Officers, vote on regular meeting time, planning of 1979 V/E projects.

NOT TO BE PLACED IN MAILBOXES
VECA NEWS

THE MEMBERSHIP/WELCOMING COMMITTEE has planned and put to print a brochure designed to tell our residents who VECA is, what VECA does, and what we folks residing in VECA can do for the community and the community organization. We are in need of volunteers who would walk their block, type, or file. Please call Marcia Heitzmann at 276-6084 if you'd like to help — we sure could use any bit of human power! Thank you.

THE EVERGREEN NEWS — EDITOR’S NOTE: The November and December issues of the E/News were printed and ready for delivery before the first of each month respectively. Any complaints or suggestions on distribution should be directed to Joe Houugh, 274-5551. The January issue was not completed until the second week in January for lack of volunteer assistance in December. In order to facilitate the transition for new ad rates and the organization of the E/News files, the February and March issues will be combined. Monthly publication will resume in April. Volunteers are needed for writing, typing, and editorial staff. Without new volunteer support, publication of the E/News will cease. Contact Ann D. Moore, 274-2163.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE met on November 30th. Discussed were: (1) possible fund raising projects for Vollintine Courts Fund — potluck supper, door-to-door soliciting, contacting businesses and churches, bingo games, coupon in E/News; (2) VECA-T-shirts, window and bumper stickers were suggested as a means for providing a visible display of neighborhood pride; (3) $100 was authorized to publish VECA Membership Brochures (Membership/Welcoming Committee) to assist in upcoming membership drive; (4) plans for January 15th general membership meeting and annual election of officers.

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
1971 Jackson (at University)
SUNDAY SERVICES
7:30 A.M. — Mass
9:30 A.M. — Church School
10:30 A.M. — Choral Eucharist WEDNESDAY SERVICE
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THE REVEREND FATHER
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HAPPENINGS ON STONEWALL
The newly formed Stonewall Community Block Organization had its first Christmas Party on December 23. Present were parents, children, Santa Claus, and plenty of home cooked food. Also helping out were members of the Northside High School Choir who shared beautiful Christmas songs with the group. Those who came with children brought gifts which were exchanged, and each family brought at least one item for a basket for a needy family which was given that week.

A real highlight to the occasion was the carolling that followed as rollicking families from the party paraded around the street, their voices raised in singing songs of Christmas. Afterwards, numbed and frostbitten, all returned to 893 Stonewall where Roxie Krausser and Mary Harris awaited everyone with cups of hot chocolate and marshmallows. The Krausser’s cozy living room and crackling fire did much to enhance the already warm feeling of fellowship and Christmas cheer.

On January 2, the block had its third monthly meeting at the home of Rick and Veda Robinson (924 Stonewall). Those present were Rick and Veda, Lou Turetski, (914 Stonewall) Mary Harris (923 Stonewall), Bill McKee (379 Stonewall), Lily Gilkey (918 Stonewall), Joan Bridges (974 Stonewall), and Ted Krausser (893 Stonewall).

Discussed were the upcoming VECA meetings. It was agreed that representation would vary with each meeting, that different members of the block would attend each meeting. Further discussion of money making projects took place, possibilities being an eventual Bake Sale and Rummage Sale. Names for the lock directory have been gathered and some will be published for members within the month. In brief, it looks as if growth, fellowship and caring are the watchwords for 1979 on Stonewall.

by Barb McKee

PRESCHOOL and DAYCARE
PLANNED CURRICULUM
HOT LUNCHES AND SNACKS
Daily and Weekly Rates
Before and after school rates
6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
Ages 2-6
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Please let me do your typing at home, real reasonable; also experienced in composing letters. Call 276-5331.

Dependable maid wants housecleaning jobs weekdays; experienced; recommended by E/News co-editor, Ann Moore; minimum wage; call Laura Burks, 527-0925.

BAKE SALE
February 17th, 2-4 p.m. at Little Flower School, sponsored by North Stonewall Community Block Association.

Charter Amendments
Amendments to the State Charter of VECA will be voted on at the January 15 meeting to confirm the change of name to VECA; to allow the By-Laws to provide for membership classification; to confirm that the President and Vice President shall be elected by a majority and the other Executive Committee members shall be appointed by the President; to confirm 10% as the quorum for general membership meetings; to prohibit any activity which would jeopardize federal tax exempt status; and to provide for distribution of the Association’s assets to a tax exempt organization similar to VECA if and when VECA is dissolved.

VOLLINTINE COURTS LAWSUIT
As most of us living in the VECA area have noticed, the condition of the apartment complex at Watkins and Vollintine is deplorable at best and getting worse as time progresses.

Both the general membership at the regular November meeting and the VECA Executive Committee have voted to file a lawsuit to force local, state, and federal governments to adhere to ordinances, statutes, and regulations currently not being enforced, and to either clean up or tear down this cancerous eyesore which is blighting our area.

VECA resident Attorney Thomas F. Turley has volunteered to lead the legal fight at no charge. The suit will, however, require numerous out-of-pocket costs that the VECA general treasury cannot and should not absorb. Mr. Turley has estimated that Court costs, Court Reporters’ deposition fees, photocopying, and other expenses will amount to at least $1,500.00, and possibly more, depending upon the length and complexity of the litigation.

Donations to defray these expenses are necessary. Please fill out and return the coupon below to VECA-Vollintine Courts Fund, Attention: Mrs. Emily Ratner, 925 University Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38107. If you will volunteer your time to work on the Fund committee, please call Joe Hough at 274-1555. It is in the best interest of all VECA residents that this situation be improved as soon as possible. We must all contribute our time and money to be successful in this project.

by Carl Holmes
Frank Moore

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Return to: Mrs. Emily Ratner
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Little Flower School
School Cafeteria
EVERY SUNDAY
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CLOSED MONDAYS
FINE BAKERY GOODS
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1688 Jackson 276-5431

First United Lutheran Church
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
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$2 Per Card—4 Cards $5
Jackpot
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Burton Hirsch Ladies Auxiliary
Vollintine at Evergreen
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The name of the Steering Committee was changed to the Executive Committee. The name of the Chairman of VECA was changed to President. The position of Vice President has been created and will be elected by the general membership at the annual January meeting, along with the office of President. The terms of these officers have been limited to one year each and no more than two terms consecutively.

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the Evergreen News, the Chairman of all standing committees, and anyone else designated by the President compose the Executive Committee, which functions as, and performs the duties of, a Board of Directors.

Monthly Executive Committee meetings may now be called by any two members of that body if the President fails to do so. Members of the Executive Committee may now send substitutes to attend and vote in their place at such meetings, subject to the approval of the President.

The Treasurer is now required to submit at the annual meeting, a written annual accounting of the Association’s income and expenses for the preceding year.

Copies of the new By-Laws may be obtained by either bringing 50¢ to any general membership meeting or by mailing 65¢ (for photocopying and postage), made payable to VECA, to Frank Moore, 1467 Tutwiler Ave., Memphis 38107.

by Frank Moore

NEW AD RATES

Effective with the February/March combined issue of the News, there will be an increase in the price for commercial ads. The News last increased rates in April of 1976, so this will be only the second rate change in nine years.

The new prices will be $7 for a small box ad (1 1/8 x 2 3/8 inches) and $14 for a large box ad (2 3/8 x 2 3/8 inches). The new rates are still a bargain — Center City charges $10 per column inch (1 x 2 1/2 inches). Rising material and production costs necessitate the new rates to insure regular publication of the News. Although ads for just one month will be accepted, subscriptions of at least three months will be of assistance in budgeting for the News. There is a first-time charge of $3 for typesetting an ad.

The rate for classified ads (20 words or less) will be only $1 as this section is looked upon as a neighborhood service. Deadlines for ads will appear monthly in the staff insert of the News. All inquiries regarding ads should be directed to Sue Fagan at 272-3776.

SERVICE NOTICE: BORG PHARMACY — FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING — Saturday, January 13th, 9-12 noon. Anyone over the age of 40 who has not had a recent screening should do so at this time.