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Eat Your Heart Out!

Eat Your Heart Out! Co-chair Annette McDaniel-Turner, sponsor Bob Elfant of Elfant Wissahickon Realtors, and Laura Morris Siena, WMAN's Executive Director, share a light moment at *Eat Your Heart Out!* This event is WMAN's signature annual fundraiser, bringing in \$26,000 for the organization this year. A modified progressive dinner, *Eat Your Heart Out!* guests begin the evening together for cocktails at one West Mt. Airy home, and then spread out to 17 houses for delicious meals created by some of our regions' most talented caterers, restaurateurs and home chefs. More photos of *Eat Your Heart Out!* can be found on pages 4 and 5.



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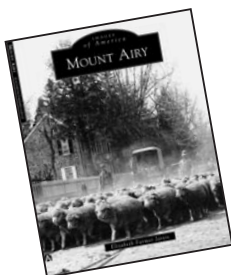
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WMAN MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF!

Join WMAN Today and Celebrate Our Community's Fascinating Past and Exciting Future

Join WMAN or Renew Your Membership and Receive Gifts!



The first 100 new members receive Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis' Images of America book, Mount Airy, filled with never-before-published images capturing our community's storied history.

ON THE COVER

In 1887, artist and photographer George Bacon Wood photographed sheep going to market, with his house at 6708 Germantown Avenue in the background. The house, which was on the grounds of his uncle, George Carpenter's, estate, Phil-Ellena, no longer exists. Until seven years before this photograph was taken, tolls were charged on this part of Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike. In 1801, it cost six cents for 20 sheep to be driven on the road. The trolley tracks curving off to the right as they enter the Passenger Railway depot are still there today as well as the depot, now owned by SEPTA. (Library Company of Philadelphia)



GERMANTOWN HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

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All WMAN members will receive a one-year membership in the Germantown Historical Society, which includes access to the collections of the Pat Henning Library, subscription to newsletter "Now & Then," subscription to the journal "Germantown Crier," and members' appreciation events.

WHY JOIN? See page 7

CELEBRATING OUR PAST... AND CREATING OUR FUTURE



As you read this, we are about halfway through our strategic planning process, setting the direction for WMAN for the next several years. The Philadelphia Foundation provided a generous grant in support of the plan. The process has included opportunities for neighbors to contribute their ideas and insights on life here in West Mt. Airy and on how they want WMAN to serve our community. A special meeting of our Quality of Life Committee on March 20th kicked off the effort, with several neighbors gathering to share their answers to these questions:

- 1) What is your vision for the future of West Mt. Airy?
- 2) What are the major challenges or problems in West Mt. Airy today?
- 3) What role should WMAN play in helping to build this vision for the future and overcome these challenges and problems?

Many of you have also participated in an on-line survey which followed.

We have learned so much from you and honor the care with which you have thought about the future of West Mt. Airy. *Thank you!*

At the same time that we are looking forward, we are also looking back – back a half century ago to when community leaders joined together to create the first intentionally integrated community in the United States with WMAN as the organization to focus that work, and back even further, to the whole sweep of Mt. Airy's history as delightfully illustrated in Liz Farmer Jarvis' new *Images of America* book on our neighborhood. We are very pleased, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, to be able to offer this book to the first 100 neighbors who join WMAN for the first time during our membership campaign.

West Mt. Airy Neighbors was founded in 1959, and we are already planning a series of celebrations to mark this milestone and honor the great people who have worked so hard to create and sustain this extraordinary community. We are getting a jump start on that effort by partnering with the Germantown Historical Society, which is offering a one-year membership to Mt. Airy residents. We hope you will use this offer to avail yourself of the resources in the Society's Pat Henning Library; you can research your house, your family background, or a favorite block.

Looking forward or back, know that WMAN is here to serve you and to make our shared community even better for all of us!

Jarma J. Frisby
President

P.S. You can help us help you by joining West Mt. Airy Neighbors or renewing your membership today! Thanks in advance for your support.



Pat Henning

Pat Henning, a longtime community activist and historian of Mt. Airy, was WMAN's longest-serving Board member. When she died in 2005, Pat left her treasure-trove of papers on the history of our community to the Germantown Historical Society, along with a generous bequest. She asked that the funds be used in part to promote the resources of the Germantown Historical Society among Mt. Airy residents, since the Historical Society's collections include materials from the whole of the old "German Township," which includes Mt. Airy. Last year, the Historical Society renamed their library in Pat's honor, and it is thanks to her bequest that GHS and WMAN can offer free Historical Society memberships this year to residents of the 19119 zip code.

Pat's comprehensive bibliography of Mt. Airy can be found at WMAN's website www.wman.net.

WMAN is dedicating its 50th Anniversary celebration to Pat Henning in recognition of her leadership in collecting and sharing the history of our organization during her lifetime.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

THE PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS WMAN'S STRATEGIC PLAN

The Philadelphia Foundation has made a grant of \$17,500 to WMAN to develop a strategic plan for its work over the next three years. Announcement of the grant was made by R. Andrew Swinney, President of the Foundation. The grant was provided from the William J. McCahan, 3rd Fund in memory of Thomas C. McCahan and Florence M. McCahan, the Walter E. Hering Fund #2, the Anne Gerhard Maris Fund, the Elizabeth Phile Stott Fund, the Ruth Dene Neufeld Fund and the National Temple Recycling for the Homeless Fund. The Philadelphia Fund is comprised of funds donated by generous individuals concerned about the future of the Delaware Valley.

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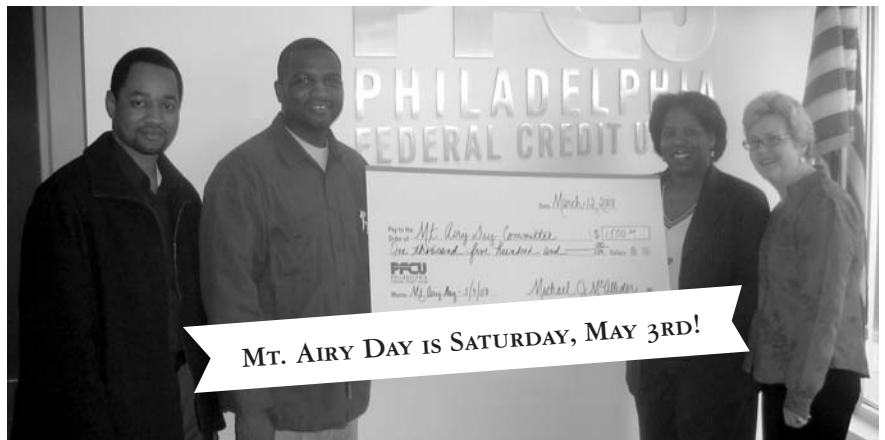
Stephanie Krueel of PhillyCarShare and Ronda Throne-Murray, coordinator of the Ned Wolf Park Project, meet at the Park to celebrate PhillyCarShare's grant of \$250. West Mt. Airy Neighbors serves as fiscal agent for this project, which has renovated the park at the corner of McCallum and West Ellet Streets. Ned Wolf Park is named for a former president of WMAN.




MT. AIRY DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 3RD!

Visit the Mt. Airy Day website at www.mtairyday.org to catch up with headliner entertainment schedule and all the new and exciting programming this year.

Isaac Mlay, Philadelphia Federal Credit Union's Germantown/Mt. Airy Branch Manager, poses with Mt. Airy Day 2008 Co-chairs Todd Perry and Kathryn McKenzie and WMAN Executive Director Laura Morris Siena. PFCU is the lead sponsor of Mt. Airy Day.



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EAT YOUR HEART OUT!

Eat Your Heart Out!, WMAN's signature fund raising event, took place March 8th. Not only is *Eat Your Heart Out!* a successful fund raising event for WMAN, but it serves a community—building purpose, as guests get to know each other at dinner parties at homes across the neighborhood. These photos were taken by Jonna Naylor at the cocktail party at the home of Sharon and Irv Shapiro.

Eat Your Heart Out! COMMITTEE

Annette McDaniel-Turner & Michael Turner, *Co-Chairs*

Chelsea Badeau	Lynn Davis	Diane Shropshire
Rhonda Ball	Jarma J. Frisby	Laura Morris Siena
Howard Bilofsky	Alycia Horn	Liz Werthan
Allyson & Mitch Bormack	Lauren Kahn	Leslie Winder
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	Christopher Plant	



Eat Your Heart Out! Co-chairs Annette McDaniel-Turner and Michael Turner with cocktail party hosts Sharon and Irv Shapiro.

CHEFS

Eat Your Heart Out! benefits from the talents of skilled home cooks, restaurateurs, and caterers. Professional affiliations are noted where applicable.

Brian Ames	Anna Herman
Peg Botto, Cosmic Catering	Blake Joffe, Bar Ferdinand
Miguel Castaneda, ¡Cuba!	Jordan Liker, Aimee Patel & Maria Schmidt, PS Gourmet
Koko Darling, Crimson Moon Bohemian Bistro	Monica Mejia, Perfect Setting Catering
Carl Drake, Drake's Gourmet Foods & Catering	Francesca Prieto
Marshall Green, Café Estelle	Mira Rabin
Marva Haye, Negril Caribbean Cuisine	Sadie Torrence, Sadie's Country & Gourmet
Grey Hecht, Cake	Sue Wasserkrug & David Casarett
Mark Heller, Cuisine Voila!	



HOSTS

Sarah & Frank Aloise	Alycia Horn & Joe Tucker
Sue & Hector Badeau	Peggy & Rob MacGregor
Denise Brough & Bruce Snyder	Tina Diaz & Caleb Meyer
Joan & Rich Cantor	Ann & Martin Schmieg
Julie & Craig Corelli	Gina & Gary Smith
Susan & David Dannenberg	Robin & Carlton Tolbert
Debra & Jay Goldstein	Aaron & Denise Warkov
Daniel Guilfoil & Jesse Carpenter	Lindsay Weightman & Hani Zaki

left: Elfant Wissabickon Realtors partners Bob Elfant, Louise D'Allessandro, Paul Walsh and Larry DiFranco pause before the festivities begin. Elfant Wissabickon is the lead sponsor for Eat Your Heart Out!

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above: Fashion forward for WMAN: Co-Chair Annette McDaniel-Turner and Committee member Melanie Wright

below: Anna-Claire Siena and Mariah Burke take a break from checking guests in.



above: Dinner host Peggy MacGregor visits the cocktail party before heading home to welcome her guests.

below: WMAN President Jarma J. Frisby and Executive Director Laura Morris Siena



above: WMAN Board members Leslie Winder and Kevin Peter.

right: Cocktail party hosts Sharon and Irv Shapiro with Eat Your Heart Out! Committee member Allyson Katzman Bormack.



above: Alice Berman and former WMAN President and Executive Director Laurie Beck Peterson

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At the same time, we celebrate our vibrant neighborhood today and are committed to making it a better place for you to live — now and in the future.

WMAN provides a community forum for:

COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING through our Quality of Life Committee and ad hoc community meetings;

COMMUNICATIONS through our website, email newsletters, and Safety Alerts;

VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANIZE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT such as through our Streetscapes Committee;

NEIGHBOR INPUT INTO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT through our Zoning Committee.

We are here to serve you. As a small community organization with a modest budget, we count on volunteers and our one thousand members to carry out our mission. Your membership makes a big difference!

YOU MAY ALSO JOIN ON-LINE AT OUR WEBSITE WWW.WMAN.NET

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If I am one of the first 100 new members during this campaign, send me the new book *Mount Airy* as soon as it is published.

I do not wish to take WMAN up on its offer of a one-year subscription to Germantown Historical Society.

I prefer to contribute through the United Way Donor Option program at work. (WMAN's United Way number: 00707)

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WMAN BECOMES A FAIRMOUNT PARK PARTNER

West Mt. Airy Neighbors has recently joined Fairmount Park as a partner organization. This will enable WMAN's Streetscapes Committee and its subcommittees, such as the Emlen Circle Beautification Project, to receive priority treatment from Park staff in a number of areas and be integrated into the other "Friends" groups throughout Philadelphia.

Streetscapes Committee members and others, and Emlen Circle Beautification volunteers, have been hard at work over the past several months, clearing the intersection at Allens Lane and Lincoln Drive for new plantings and a new fence, restoring Emlen Circle, and planting 45 trees around the community.



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