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. . . from the editor

We have no Program meeting this month, as the fourth Monday falls on Christmas Eve, so here are two events some of our readers might like to attend to fill the void! On Sunday, December 23, at 4:00 P.M. the Unitarian Society will have a Christmas Concert Service. It may be my imagination, but I'm sure there have been fewer Christmas concerts publicized this year than usual. This one is right on home turf for most of us, and all are welcome...On Thursday, December 27, the Coventry Branch Library will hold a Holiday Open House, with entertainment featuring "The Upstarts", refreshments, and good neighborly cheer. The festivities are from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. and all area residents and library friends are invited to attend...We have arranged the first two of our 1974 Program meetings, and are working on the following months. We still need suggestions from the "audience"...In January, the Urban League will officially open their new office in Cleveland Heights and for our January Program meeting we will have as our speaker Rose Drake, who will be the director of the new office. Following the meeting, there will be a reception for the staff of the new office and others from the League...In February, we have arranged to present the film, "Scaling the Suburban Wall" through the courtesy of the C.H. Community Relations Office. It is anticipated that an informative discussion will follow...Future plans include a fund raising party (probably a wine & cheese party or an auction, or both) tentatively set for early February, a Senior Information Fair in April, and perhaps a Coventry Village Fair in late spring or early

summer. Dates will be advised as soon as the various committees involved have made the necessary arrangements...The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 8:00 P.M. at 2504 Derbyshire Road, #1. All board members should try to attend... Speaking of meetings, the City Council meeting of Monday, January 7 should be interesting, as it is the first Council meeting after the seating of the new Council members. It might be a good idea for some of us to attend and watch the proceedings of the new Council from the beginning. We'll be better able to work with the city if we keep abreast of what the Council is doing. We've been advised that there will now be citizen advisory committees in many areas. It would be to our advantage to be represented on some or all of these committees...All our meeting dates for 1974 are listed on page 2. If you should lose the list, bear in mind that business meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month, program meetings on the 4th Monday of each month. Business meetings are in two parts, the Board meeting (which is open to all, but deals primarily with Board business) is at 7:30 P.M. and the general meeting at 8:30 P.M. If this format is adjusted, revised times will appear in the January "NEWS". The Program Meetings begin at 8:00 P.M. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Unitarian Society Building at 2728 Lancashire Road, and all are open to all community residents and interested non-residents...Yes, David, the Editor's column is too long again this month. Sorry about that, everybody.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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COVENTRY NEIGHBORS MEETINGS-1974

All meetings are at the Unitarian Society Building at 2728 Lancashire Road, unless otherwise noted in monthly announcements. The Steering Committee (Trustees and committee chairmen) meets at 7:30 on nights indicated as "business meetings", the general meeting follows at 8:30. Both are open to all. The "program meetings" begin at 8:00, unless otherwise noted. Please mark these dates on your calendar, or clip and save this notice. Additional program meeting topics and speakers to be announced at a later date.

- January 14 Business meeting
- " 28 Program meeting: Rose Drake of the C.H. Urban League office. Reception following meeting.
- February 11 Business meeting
- " 25 Program meeting: film, "Scaling the Suburban Wall".
- March 11 Business meeting
- " 25 Program meeting
- April 8 Business meeting
- " 22 Program meeting
- May 13 Business meeting
- " 27 * Program meeting: Memorial Day Picnic and Festivities. The location will be advised later.
- June 10 Business meeting
- " 24 Program meeting
- July 8 Business meeting
- " 22 Program meeting
- August 12 Business meeting
- " 26 Program meeting
- Sept. 9 Business meeting
- " 23 Program meeting
- Oct. 14 Business meeting: Annual Meeting & Election of Trustees.
- " 28 Program meeting
- Nov. 11 Business meeting
- " 25 Program meeting
- Dec. 9 Business meeting
- " 23 Program meeting: Special Christmas program.

* The Memorial Day Picnic will, of course, not begin at 8:00 P.M. Time and location will be advised as planning progresses. Any suggestions will be welcome.

COVENTRY COMMUNITY HOTLINE

On December 2 several members of the Board of Trustees attended a workshop for community leaders. The theme of the workshop was identifying problems, finding solutions and implementing these solutions. During the workshop participants were informed that there was \$200. available to the group whose positive action project was judged most worthwhile by the others participants. By the end of the session, four groups had presented projects which most everyone deemed valuable, and in the end the \$200. was divided into four grants of \$50. each. Coventry Neighbors board members originated a proposal for a community hotline, served by volunteers and some part-time work-study help, and backed-up by a resource data bank. The hotline would serve as a referral service, forwarding citizens questions, needs, and complaints to the proper service or government agency or other resource person or office. Some additional funding has been provided, and the Heights Community Congress has agreed to let us have a phone installed in their office space (at our expense) and voted at their December 4 Board meeting to endorse the 3-month pilot project. If additional funding can be obtained to carry us beyond the 3-month period, it is hoped that the project can be expanded. We are, of course, actively seeking donations. If you can contribute, or know of a company or organization which might wish to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Ellen Gardiner, treasurer, at 932-8729, or send contributions to her at 2504 Derbyshire Road, 44106. Please indicate if your gift is designated for the Hotline, as we are eager to receive donations to the general fund as well, and the Hotline will be a separate fund. We are also eager to hear your fund-raising ideas, as it is unreasonable to expect that we'll receive all the money we need from contributions. Thanks.

P.S. If you want a receipt for tax purposes, please ask, and be sure to include a return address. Contributions may also be given to Ellen at any Coventry Neighbors meeting.

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Don't forget the
 Board meeting
 at our house
 Jan. 8 at 8:00 p. Am

JOY & BEST WISHES,

COVENTRY NEIGHBORS, INC.