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. . . from the editor Where are your questionnaires? Please try to return them at the semi-annual meeting or by mail as soon as possible to either Ann Munter or Ellen Gardiner at 2504 Derbyshire Road, 44106. Due to a shortage of questionnaires; we were only able to send one with each copy of the News. Me'll appreciate couples returning a questionnaire and a "reasonable facimile" so we will have the info on both. Thanks.... Mombors may be interested in the conthly postry roadings at Coventry Books. atch for their notice or call for info.... also watch the Coventry Library's table of . local events literature, including thier own Calendar of activities.... If you received the Cloveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education Spring Adult Education Program and are interested in classes, hurry to register for classes by March 16....CWRU speakers during April (all open to the public and from) vill include Dick Gregory on April 5, Mario Pantini on the 7, Dean Rusk on the 12, and David Halberstam on the 25. All will speak in Amasa Stone Chapel at 8:00 P.H.Many of our mombers and friends may be interested. Our President, Chuck Mathews has been . elected Vice President of Heights Community Congress, a conlition of all local organizations. Yo'll try to have info on their mostings in a future issue. Some of you may want to attend...WATS New? A toll-free WATS line .is now available for citizens interested in otting the facts on legislative matters. By dialing 1-800-282-0253, you may talk with an information office employee to get information on the status of bills pending floor action or before committees and other related info. Sounds liko a real sorvico. ...A.X.

Noxt COVENTRY NEIGHBORS Meeting: Honday, March 12

Our Semi-Annual Mooting

Community Room - Coventry Stanch Library 7:30 P.N.

Coming meetings - all same time and place

CONSTITUTIONAL RATIONALE A Member Speaks
When the new amendments to the Constitution of
Coventry Neighbors were adopted (at the Feb.
meeting) a number of items were passed without discussion, under the pressure of time.
While the implicit vote of confidence in the
work of the Constitution Committee did not go
unappreciated, the membership of Coventry
Neighbors still might profit from a review of
the Committee's reasoning for these amendments.

Although the author of this article was the chairman of the Constitution Committee, this is in no way a report of that committee, but rather an individual's recollections.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS-tho old Article established "failure to pay dues or conduct unbecoming a member" as grounds for expulsion.
The first is unnecessary, as it is not possible
under current practice to become a member in a
given year unless and until one's dues are paid.
The second was regarded by the Committee as too
much of a Catch-22; its breadness and vagueness
left it open for abuse. The grounds in the new
Article are "conduct manifestly heatile to the
continued overleaf...

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

Summor is on its way, and with it comes a robirth of hope, a season of growth and of activity. So to stay in step, the Housing Committee dedicates its efforts to positive action....Jim Maltrip is the chairman of the subcommittee on discrimination prevention. If you are interested in working with him, coll,321-0034....Marilyn Maltrip is the chairman of the subcommittee on code enforcoment and will need voluntoers who are ready to do some footwork and some information gathering and compiling. You may call her y at 321-4034 also...Big nows for the summer will be the formation of a LANDLORD-TENANT COUNCIL designed to equitably deal with the problems and education of occupants and owners....THOUGHT FOR THE HONTH: Many landlords require a tenant to secure with the management a rental deposit to insure the tenant vill act responsibly during his temporary stay. Tomants do not require the landlord to secure with them a deposit to insure they are going to receive services commensurate -with their cash outlay If you are interested in MORK, call Donnis Niormann, Housing Committee Chairman at 321-2403.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Starting with this issue, the Social Committee has its own newsletter, the Coventry Kalaid-ascope, which will be enclosed in our mailing to members. See the Kalaidascope for info. on committee activities. If interested in becoming a part of this exciting committee, call Cathy Kirman, Co-chairman, at 932-7359. PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The Planning Committee recently elected its new permanent chairman, Mr. Al Rapoport. The Committee forms the research arm of Coventry Neighbors, looking into funding sources and project feasibility.

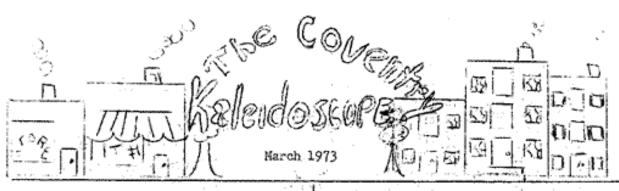
HUMAN PESOURCES:

At last, with approval of the Trustees this week, we've divided the Human Resources into two new committees. We've been aware for a long time that too many unrelated things get squeezed under one roof there, but due to a manpower shortage, we had to wait for any change. Now we have a Communications and

Public Relations Committee (home of the News!) which will be chaired by David Burwasser, and a Membership and Muman Resources Committee to handle the catalogue of resources within our mombership as well as other membership related functions. Ellon Gardiner will serve as the chairman of this committee. By next issue we hope to have happenings to report on both of these new committees. Mambership on both is vory small, and we could use a boost. If you are interested in communications or P.R., call Dave at 932-7676. If you have an interost and/or experience in data collection and would like to work on the resources file, call Ellen at 932-8729. Noveletter articles or material may be submitted to either Dave, as chairman, or Ann Muntor, editor; and should bo received at least ten (10) days before each scheduled meeting of the membership. Of course there no such thing as submitting things too early. He're glad to get input at any time. We would like a volunteer as City Ball reporter. He or she would attend Council meetings and keep abreast of the city calendar of other meetings pertinent to our area and inte. ests and report for the C.V.News, as well as keeping the Steering Committee posted on any important issues. Also, if we can secure a chairman and a few interest committee members, it is planned that the P.R. section will be established as a separate committee. If you are interested in working in either of the above capacities, call Dave Survassor at 932-7676. Communications committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for the Tuesday after the 4th Monday of the month. No time has been sot for Membership and Human Resources meetings as yet. Call chairmen of either committee for specifics.

Constitutional Rationale Continued purposes of the Corporation or to the transaction of its business." While this still leaves room for interpretation, certain abuses are impossible. For example, it is no longer possible to use a member's personal lifestyle unrelated to the organization, as a premise for expulsion, semething that can and does happen under "conduct unbecoming"-type codes. centinued on last page.

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would you like to know more about your neighborhood? The people that live here, the activities that are going on and the services that are available? Through the Kaleidoscope we hope to bring to you some of "what's happening" in the community of Coventry

Question of the month: On a Saturday morning we asked people on Coventry, "WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE ONE THING THAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS THAT YOU FEEL IT LACKS NOW??

"a laundromat"

"better street lighting on the side streets"

"more parking space"

"a needlecraft shop or a dime store"

"some kind of a community center where people can get together and talk or plan activities"

"stop signs on hampshire road at the lane"

"rest rooms at the playground"

Believe it or not:
webster's definition of Coventry:
the town was strongly a state of
banishment or exclusion from society
(send to Coventry, refuse to speak to
or deal with socially).

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL THE COVENTRY IRISH!



Did you know.....

The heights branch of the Consumer Education and Protection Association (CEPA) meets at our Coventry Library every Tuesday at 7:30 Pm. If you feel you got the bad end of a deal with a used car, a new stove, or any purchase come and tell them your problem. The group then decides what kind of action they should take. There is no fee but they do hope that everyone who is helped stays on to help other consumers.

P.O.E. (Protect Our Environment) will take your recyclable paper and glass the first Saturday of every month at the Heights Pavilion. Just be sure the paper is in bags or tied in bundles and that the glass is sorted according to color.

There is Family and Adult Swimming every Tuesday at heights high, f Family- 7:10-8:25 Pm Adults- 8:30-9:45 Pm The fee is only 50s per person.

The POISON CENTER at 231-4455 will answer your questions about poisonings. If you think your child has swallowed something harmful, call them and they will tell you what kind of action you should take.

Do you have a skill you would like to share with others or an interest you would like to learn more about? Or maybe you would like to find some Bridge partners or start up a basketball team for the Spring. If so call us and let us know at 321-2403, we already have living room sessions starting in crocheting and knitting. Call 932-7359 to join those.

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COVEATRY MEIGHBORS, INC. is a neighborhood organization that was begun almost two years ago. Since their beginnings they have had a speakers series, a fashion show, a community workshop, a beautification program for planting trees along Coventry with the financial support of many of the merchants, and a clean-up day. But more important they provide an organization where neighbors can meet neighbors and discuss common area problems. There is so much we can do with the support of the neighborhood, why not come to the next meeting at the Coventry Library on MARCH 12 at 7:30.

CLASSIFIED:

Do you need a babysitter and can never find one? Call: Phyllis Johns- 321-6040 James Waltrip- 321-4034

Mark Waltrip - 321-4034

If you would like to be listed in our column as a baby sitter than call 321-2403, we will publish your name and number, you set your own rates.

Call us if you want to advertize kittens or puppies in the Kaleidoscope or have furniture to barter or swap.

TELL TARA:

Two heads are always better than one. why not tell Tara she may have the answer you never thought of ...

Dear Tara, I have a fear of driving with a person I have never driven with before. What can I do? Signed, Terrified

Dear Terrified, Sit there and pray.

Tara

write TARA

% The Coventry Kaleidoscope P.O.Box 18473 Cleveland Hts, Ohio 44118

VITAHIN BREAD

2 cups ralled oats

t cup honey

1 yeast cake

1 Tbls. soy bean oil

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\frac{1}{2}\) cup dates, raisins mixed.

1 tsp, salt

whole wheat flour

Pour 1 pint of hot water over cats. Cover, until luke warm. Dissolve honey in 2 cup warm water, and blend this with 1 yeast cake. Stir in 1 This, soy bean oil, Add to the oatmeal. Beat well and cover. Let rise in warm place until double in bulk. Then add ½ cup dates, raisins. Add sufficient whole wheat flour to make a

soft dough, with 1 Tsp. of salt. After kneading, make into two loaves. Let rise in 2 pans, and bake for one hour

in 350 degrees.

If you would like to contribute anything to the KALEIDOSCOPE - a poem. a recipe, a letter to the editor send it:

EDITOR

> The Coventry KALKIDOSCOPE P.O.BOXX 18473 Cleveland hts.,Ohio

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Constitutional Rationale continued √t is also impossible to expel a member simp-.y for disagreement, howsoever annoying, with majority or leadership notions, as long as such disagreement is expounded in an orderly manner. A person who uses parliamentary ruses to delay a decision or action may do so safely, as this is still the "transaction of husiness" in the legal sense; but anyone who consistently disrupts meetings by disorderly behavior, howscever nobly motivated, may have this sanction applied. Thus the right of free debate and discussion is maintained, while the organization can still defend itself against behavioral saboutage. The new Article also defines an expulsion procedure; the old one had only a provision for suspension by the Trustees and appeal to the membership. Rejection of appeal is now tantamount to expulsion; refusal to exercise appeal is now tantamount to resignation, not expulsion. This bars the Trustees from unilaterally stigmetizing a erson who opts for a graceful exit rather

han a fight.

ORDER OF BUSINESS- this Article was deleted on two grounds. The order of business is generally derived from some parliamentary authority such as Robert's, or established by a by-law or other ordinary resolution of the body; it is seldon regarded as a matter for constitutional prescription. This is particularly true of an organization which, in the manner of Coventry Neighbors, can tolerate a relaxed format of meetings most of the time. Also, the old Article could, by its own terms, be overridden by a majority vote of any given meeting. One point of a constitution is to establish a structure that is more difficult to change than by an ordinary resolution. This provision made the whole Article a matter of sub-constitutional import. This change does not, of course, prevent the use of the old order of business. The Constitution Committee did not find fault with hat order, but merely doubted its propriety as an Article in the Constitution. AMENDMENTS-this Article was changed to permit a regular meeting to consider amendments if a prior meeting so mandates. This two-meeting requirement permits a regular meeting to

consider the Constitution while keeping the amendment process more difficult than passage of an ordinary resolution. Semi-annual meetings and special meetings called for the purpose are retained as occasions for amendment. Nobody was certain what the requirement of "written assent" in the old Article was intended to mean, so it was decided to drop it. Neither was anyone sure how the word "supplemented" differed from "amended" in meaning, but it was decided to play it safe and keep both.

Even as the committee was revising the old Articles, it turned to them frequently for an understanding of what the membership wanted from Coventry Neighbors. Further changes will doubtless become necessary as circumstances change, but we may hope that the next major overhaul is some distance in the future.

David R. Burwasser Editor's note: Yea, even as he speaks, we have found a few minor details which need further clarification. As the March meeting is our semi-annual meeting, amendments may be considered, and a few will be presented for action of the membership.

A.H.

COMING ATTRACTION: Natch for our Council Column coming soon. Reports on Council meetings, Council committees and who can help with your problems when you want to take them to "the Hall". Other pertinent news from Council and City Hall, too.

Please! If you're a non-member and wish to continue receiving the News, call Ann Hunter, Editor, at 932-8729. Members will receive it regularly, but non-members only on request. Thanks.

Members and non-members having any kind of questions about Coventry Neighbors or any of its committees should call any of the Committee Chairmen or one of the Trustees. Or, better still, come to the semi-annual meeting on Monday, March 12, at the Coventry Library at 7:30 P.M. or any of the meetings, held regularly on the second Monday of each month. Same time and place. See you there!