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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

We will not have a guest speaker at the May 4, 2015 meeting due to voting for the 2015-2017 LRCA Officers and Trustees. The Nominating Committee presented the 2015-2017 Slate of Officers and Trustees at the April 13, 2015 meeting. See page 2 and 3 for the bylaws. If you don't want to be an officer, please come out and sign up for a committee.

Happy Mother's Day to all the great mothers reading this newsletter! Below is a poem written by a Ward 4 resident. I hope you all enjoy it. Permission to print this poem was granted by the author 2015.

A Mother's Power

When she simply says, "I love you baby"
it seems to make all the pains go away,
those problems or ailments beyond her touch
she advises, on bended knees to pray.
beneath the Heavenly father, there's only on who'll talk
standby, and hold you when in need,
no questioning the absolute truth
of a mother's love in deed.

A priceless gem we've been given
doesn't matter how poor we live,
knowing the riches of one's personal Madonna
non-judgemental love will always forgive---
bad ways, wrongdoings, mishaps and selfishness
long distance never matters,
fingers take the walk, to feel a mother's kiss.

Value her presence every day
and each chance you get,
once she exits life's stage
the play becomes a vignette---

No curtain calls, no bow
silent applause in your darkest hour,
give her flowers while she lives
appreciating strength, only gained from A MOTHER'S
POWER!

By Cherie Ward
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Regards, Barbara Rogers, President

NOTICES & AGENDA

LRCA Meetings

General meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month from October thru June, 7:00 pm—8:45 pm at:

*LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
501 Riggs Road, NE, Washington, DC, 20011*

The next LRCA meetings will be held on:

Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm
(Summer break to October 5, 2015)

in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium.

AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Officers' Reports: Minutes and Treasurer
3. Updates from PSA and ANC
4. LRCA Development Task Force
5. Nominating Committee and Voting
6. Closing Remarks
7. Benediction

**Safety News (ALL NEW LIEUTENANTS)
(Police Service Area (PSA) Meetings)**

PSA 402 (bi-monthly)

Lt. John McDonald (202) 730-0603
John.McDonald@dc.gov
June 25, 2015
Fourth District, 6001 Georgia Ave, 7p.m.

PSA 404 (quarterly)

Lt. Raul Figueras (202) 730-0612
Raul.Figueras@dc.gov
PSA 404- May 28, 2015 (Combined with PSA 407)
Patrol Services, 801 Shepherd St, NW, 7 p.m.

PSA 405 (quarterly)

Lt. Kenneth Hargrove (202) 730-0607
Kenneth.Hargrove@dc.gov
PSA 405 May 27, 2015 (Combined with ANC 5A)
5171 South Dakota Avenue, NE 6:45 p.m.
(UDC Backus - in the multi-purpose room 129)

LRCA WALKING CLUB

Starting May 16th LRCA will meet at the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center to walk in our neighborhood. We will walk each month on the 3rd Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Please bring the kids, pets, meet a new neighbor and get some great exercise!!

LaSalle Free Food Market

Free food will be distributed at the LaSalle Backus Education Campus, 501 Riggs Road, NE, on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

All you need to bring is a bag.

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Thank you to all of the neighbors that assist with distributing our newsletter. If you are interested in helping to distribute the newsletter please contact any of the Executive Board members.

LRCA T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Please help support our fundraiser by purchasing a LRCA T-Shirt for \$10. We will have a variety of sizes at our May and June meeting.

We really appreciate your continued support.

LRCA By-laws Excerpt—

Article VI: Officers, Trustees and Delegates

Section 1. The business of the Association shall be conducted and its affairs administered by its duly elected and appointed officers and trustees, who shall comprise the Executive Board and shall meet in executive session no less than one week prior to the regularly scheduled monthly Association meeting. Each Officer and Trustee shall Chair or Co-Chair a Standing Committee with the exception of the Nominating Committee Member.

Section 2. Required Officers: The Association shall have the following officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian and Corresponding Secretary. The President must also appoint Delegates to represent the Assn. at the D.C. Federation of Civic Assns. and other events as requested by the President. The Association may create additional officers as needed. The duties of the officers are as follows:

A. President- The President shall conduct the regular, special and Executive Board meetings of the Association and shall be an Ex-Officio member of all standing and temporary committees, with the exception of the nominating committee. The President shall have such other responsibilities as may be assigned to him or her by the members. When quick decisions are needed on critical issues, the President must contact a total of 2 Executive Committee members in this order: the two Vice Presidents or if not available, the Secretary of Treasurer to get a majority vote on the action in question. The issue and resulting vote must be presented at the next Executive Board and Regular Body meetings.. (continued on page 4)

LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes April 13, 2015

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Trustee Willie J. Lynch, Jr. provided the invocation.

President's Report – 1) President Rogers informed members that there was a fire in the Johnson family home in the 5500 block of Eastern Avenue. Mr. Johnson died as a result of the fire. Please keep the Johnson family in your prayers. 2) President Rogers acknowledged new residents to the neighborhood, Mr. & Mrs. Marker. 3) There will be a free food market on April 22, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm, at the Lasalle-Backus Education Campus. Remember to bring your own bag. 4) LRCA will sell t-shirts as a fundraiser. The cost will be \$10 and the t-shirts will be available at the May 2015 LRCA membership meeting. 5) We are planning a LRCA “neighbors walk” in May with Mayor Bowser and the new Ward 4 Councilmember. 6) President Rogers is the newly elected Commissioner for ANC 4B08, replacing the recently resigned Commissioner.

President Rogers acknowledge new residents

Nominating Committee Report – LRCA Trustee Barbara Lee presented the current **slate** of officers for the LRCA program years 2015-2017: President - Barbara Rogers, 1st VP-Rodney Foxworth, 2nd VP - Tischa Cockrell, Treasurer – Tanya L. Slade, Corresponding Secretary – Juanita B. Cooper, Recording Secretary – Barbara J. Carter, Financial Secretary – Pat McCallan, Trustees – Uchenna Evans, Charon Hines, Oscar Lasso, Barbara Lee, Delvia Lewis, Willie J. Lynch, Jr., Melvin Rhodes, Juanita Waller and Yinusa Yusuff. There is one Trustee position open. Nominations for all offices will be taken from the floor at the May meeting. We will vote at the May meeting.

Officer's Reports – **Minutes** - The March 2015 minutes were accepted as presented. **Treasurer** – The bank balance at February 28, 2015 is \$6,589.66 and the bank balance at March 31, 2015 is \$6,839.66.

Guest Speakers – 1) **Josh Brown, Community Outreach Director** from **Councilmember Anita Bonds** office, informed the attendees that Ms. Bonds is focused on neighborhoods, education, small businesses, the senior population and affordable housing. Charon Hines, Director, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, provided information about the Mayor's proposed 2016 budget regarding public safety and transportation. The Mayor has proposed funding to hire additional civilian positions in the Metropolitan Police Department, thereby freeing up officers to do work that can only be done by officers. 2) **Councilmember Kenyon McDuffie's** office was represented by **Wesley Dawson, Constituent Services Coordinator**.

District Department of the Environment – **Andrew Oetman, Environmental Protection Specialist**, provided a wealth of information about the District's RiverSmart Program which provides financial incentives to help District property owners install green infrastructure such as rain barrels, green roofs, rain gardens, permeable pavement, shade trees, and more. These practices allow rainwater to stay on the property and soak into the ground, where natural processes help remove pollutants. He encouraged attendees to call or sign up to arrange an appointment for a walk-thru of their properties for an assessment of whether available methods can be implemented. Call 202-535-2252 or go to ddoe.dc.gov/riversmarthomes.

Trustee Lynch provided the benediction.

President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Barbara J. Carter
Recording Secretary

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The President shall appoint standing, special and temporary committees as the need arises and he or she shall designate which of the Officers shall be responsible for the operation of each said committee. Each Officer shall Chair or Co-Chair at least one of the following, as designated by the President and report out to the General Body at least bi-monthly: City Services/Public Safety, Seniors/Community Economic Development (including businesses, churches, non-profits, etc.), Youth Development/Recreation (incl. the Rec. Centers, After-school Programs, Youth Leagues, etc.), Education (Library, Schools, etc.), Budget/Auditing, Nominating (temporary committee), Newsletter and Membership.

B. First Vice President- The First Vice President shall preside in the absence (or at the request) of the President. In the event that the President's office becomes vacant, he or she succeeds thereto for the unexpired balance of the term.

C. Second Vice President- The Second Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice President. In the event that the President's and First Vice President's offices become vacant, he or she succeeds thereto for the balance of the unexpired term.

D. Treasurer- The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and detailed account of all monies received and expended by the Association, shall keep all the financial records of the Association in such form as the Executive Board shall prescribe, shall pay all duly authorized vouchers, obtain and give out receipts as appropriate and, shall be the recipient and custodian of all money of the Association, such monies to be deposited in such banking institution as may be designated by the Executive Board. It shall further be the duty of the Treasurer to submit a written monthly financial report and a semi-annual detailed financial report to the Association at the regular meetings of the Association. The "Books" must be closed, balanced, and submitted to the Budget/Auditing Committee as provided for in Article 7 Section 2, in July. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

E. Financial Secretary- The Financial Secretary shall receive all dues and other monies from the Association's members and transact same as provided in the fiscal policies of the Association, work with the Treasurer in the transaction of all Association financial business, determine financial roster of paid members, reconcile any budget dues, fees to the membership, and submit a quarterly report to the Association on the expenses and income of the Association officers, and Standing and Ad Hoc Committees. Copies of the reports shall be filed with the Treasurer, Auditor, and Recording Secretary.

F. Recording Secretary- The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Association at regular, special, and Executive Board meetings, perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary, and such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or the Association members. Copies of the minutes of the proceedings of any meeting shall be submitted to the President and the two Vice Presidents within one week after such meeting is held. The Recording Secretary shall take the roll at all General Body and Executive Board meetings, and inform the Executive Board of the absence of any Board member for three successive Board meetings. The Recording Secretary is the custodian of the Association's records during his or her term.

G. Corresponding Secretary- The Corresponding Secretary shall assist in the development or develops correspondence (written, phone, or electronic) and is charged with forwarding such correspondence from the LRCA as requested by the President, assist in notifying Association members of regular membership meeting, Executive Board meetings and other activities as may be necessary; and, make presentations to the Association regarding correspondence for information and action.

H. Parliamentarian- The Parliamentarian is appointed by and advises the President on the Association By-laws, Rules of Order, and any procedures, and helps to maintain the orderly procedure of business of the Association in Regular, Executive, or Special meetings, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order where appropriate.

**We need more great neighbors to join this well established organization.
Please come out and join a committee.**