

Residents of Old Wilmington, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

Next Membership Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 8, 2012
- *Founded 1973* - Regular meetings held the second Wednesday of each month, except July, August and December at Tileston School, 5th & Ann St.



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NEXT MEETING

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Tracy Wilkes

Executive Director

DREAMS

Tracy will be joining us to talk about DREAMS' new facility @ North 10th and Fanning Streets.

REMINDER

Have you renewed your membership?

This year we're making a special effort to update our database. If you haven't renewed yet, please fill out the renewal form below and send it, along with your check, to ROW's Treasurer. Membership dues are payable September 1.

Did You Know That You Can Pay Your ROW Dues Online?

Go to www.rowilmington.com



Future Meetings

March 14: Tileston School @ 7 PM.

A Report on our Last Meeting!

ROW General Membership Meeting – January 11, 2012 Mayor Robert Erb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Welcome to new members and visitors: Robert Erb welcomed Tom & Pat DeBello, James Andrus, Steve Aaron, Sarah Pearson, Joyce Gerbe, Suraiya Rashid, Todd Tremaglio, Ann and Tom Pechar, Neil Anderson (city council member) and James Algee.

Guest Speaker – Robert Erb introduced John Hinnant, executive director of WDI, who reported on economic progress and improvement downtown. In 2011, WDI assisted Carolina Farmin' and Downtown Darlings and reported a net gain of 19 street level businesses. Construction on the Marriot Courtyard @ 2nd and Grace Streets has begun. WDI's ongoing strategy is to advertise in Crain's Cleveland Business Journal and similar publications to attract tech-oriented tradeshows. He urged ROW members to attend the meeting on January 24, 2012 @ 6 PM at 128 South Front Street to discuss rebranding downtown.

Approval of the Minutes – The minutes from the November 9th membership meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Kennedy reported the BB&T account balance is \$30,640.96 and 142 total memberships.

ROW 2011 holiday party - Robert Erb thanked Randy Shackelford and Gabrielle Barone for organizing an enjoyable evening at the Bellamy Mansion. New venues will be considered for the 2012 holiday party.

Presentation of "Living Landmark" – Robert Erb introduced HWF director George Edwards to present ROW member Dolly Pearson with a landmark plaque on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

BDKT 2012 – Robert Erb announced Gregg Thomas as 2012 chairperson and Trisha McGarry as vice chairperson. He also announced the formation of a steering committee for this event consisting of the chairperson, vice chairperson, immediate past chairperson, treasurer, and mayor. This committee will provide an institutional memory and more efficient process for coordinating ROW's annual fundraiser

Nominating Committee – Phoebe Bragg is the chairperson of the nominating committee for elections to be held at the March 14th meeting. Vacancies for treasurer and secretary need to be filled.

5th Avenue Reforestation – 20 trees have been planted. Michael Murchison is concerned the trees will not survive if they are not watered and he has asked ROW members to adopt one of these newly planted trees. This will be organized at the next membership

ROW Board Officers: **Directors:**

Mayor: Robert Erb
Mayor Pro-tem: Randy Shackelford
Secretary: Patricia Wilson
Treasurer: Mark Kennedy
Past Mayor: Sherry Demas

Tom Behm
Phoebe Bragg
Paul Lawler
Dale Nixon



JOIN US!!

Voting members must live between Red Cross and Queen Streets and from 8th Street to the river. All others are welcome to join as non-voting friends.

ROW welcomes you!

Email Mark Kennedy for details

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Or mail the attached membership form with your check payable to ROW to:

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meeting or by email. Robert Erb urged ROW members to attend the celebration on January 26 @ 3 PM to plant ROW's tree. Nine other organizations will also be planting trees and a reception will follow at the Bellamy Mansion.

From the members – (1) Randy Shackelford distributed information on assistance from Cape Fear Volunteers for residents who are having difficulty maintaining their homes. This organization is also accepting donations to purchase materials for the program. He also announced the WFD appreciation lunch is planned for a date in March TBD and asked for a volunteer to organize this event. (2) Suraiya Rashid, a transportation planner, requested ROW's support for a grant application she is preparing for a pedestrian refuge area and crossing @ the corner of Castle and Front Streets. (3) Visitor Steve Aaron and ROW members expressed concern over plans to eliminate the medians planned for the north 3rd Street improvement project and asked Robert Erb to follow up with Mayor Saffo on this issue. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:15 PM. Respectfully submitted by Patricia Wilson

ROW Membership Form:

Fill out this form to renew your membership or join (please fill out all the spaces as ROW is making a special effort to update its records)

Name(s) in household: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail(s): _____

Household Membership (\$20): _____ Individual Membership (\$10): _____

Business Friend (\$35): _____