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March Newsletter

So much is happening within PRISM these days and a lot has been accomplished since the last newsletter in October. To refresh your memory the Progressive Dinner on October 31st that was given for the City commissioners and their wives, was a delightful evening and well received by all. The candlelight Christmas tour was a huge success. Approximately 400 people came through the homes and the street looked beautiful and serene lighted by the luminaries.

Our project to establish the Douglas R. Robbins fountain in Old South Park is well on its way. Plans are being finalized for fund raising events the first of which is a wine and cheese party.

June Nelson has agreed to coordinate the proposed wine and cheese party as our community fund raising event for the restoration of the Robbins fountain.

For some of you who may not have heard of our project the fountain was originally erected in Woodside Cemetery in 1901 on the Magie plot. Years later it was moved to a location nearer the old ponds and then dismantled and stored there at the cemetery. The Cemetery Board released it to PRISM last summer and Mr. Karkadoulis, a sculptor and artist from Cincinnati, was retained for its restoration. He is presently working on the fountain with a completion date of June, 1983.

Mrs. Polly Robbins, the wife of Douglas R. Robbins, was the inspiration for this fountain. She had tried years ago to get the fountain and restore it in her husband's memory but at that time was unsuccessful. Mr. Robbins was a community leader 50 some years ago and was instrumental in establishing the present park system, the Avenue of Remembrance, and many other civic projects.

The wine and cheese party will feature meeting the artist with displays of some of his art works. The date for this party will be April 15 at the City Center Lobby from 5:30 to 7:30.

We need your help! All of you will be needed in the planning and hosting of the wine and cheese party for the expected 200-300 guests. We need your help in addressing invitations. We need your help in contacting potential donors for this project. And we need your help in pledging contributions yourself for this project.

We have heard people say that they are willing to help but haven't been asked. We are asking for your help now. Please contact June Nelson or Jane Fisher. This project will become a source of great pride to our neighborhood and to the whole community- as this beautiful fountain was part of Middletown and is part of our heritage.

Come to the meeting Sunday, March 6 at the new Library from 7 to 9 and be prepared to help.

There will be a General Meeting of PRISM March 6, 1983 at the new Library from 7 to 9 PM. Bill Sebald will be guest speaker and will show movies of South Main Street's past era. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Hope to see you all then. Don't forget March 6th at the new Library.

Joan Craft

PRISM Secretary

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS - SOUTH MAIN COUNCIL (PRISM)

Article IV, Section 1. The business and affairs of the Council shall be managed by a board of directors. Husbands and wives of the directors are included on the board to assure the communication of business conducted to all directors. The vote shall be one per family. The number of directors for each ensuing year shall be determined by the membership at the annual meetings.

The purpose of this amendment was to include the wife or husband of the directors inasmuch as there is the same interest in the affairs of Prism on the part of both and communication much better - vote remains one per family.

Article V, Section 1. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held four times each year in September, November, February and May on the date which is selected for the regular board meetings.

This eliminates "the third Thursday of the month."

Article VI, new Section 4(c) and changing remaining letters

Ad hoc or special committees may be appointed by the president as the need arises and service on such committee does not require membership on the board of directors.

The purpose of this was to expand the expertise of Prism membership to include those who are not on the board of directors.