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The President's Message...

“The World Is Almost Always Made Better by a Creative Dedicated Minority”

I'd like to welcome all of our Neighbors and Friends to become members of the Aviation Property Owners' Association. You can take pride in knowing you will be a part of one of the oldest, most diverse, active and productive civic associations in the city. We have a long history of successes and accomplishments. I'll cite some examples for you. Last fall we once again hosted a highly acclaimed Candidates' Forum. Many participants and candidates commented that our forum was the best organized, most informative, most well attended and had better media coverage than any others. On two different occasions we had several of our beautiful, unique homes featured in the historic WADOS Home Tour. We even had the distinction of drawing record breaking crowds. Several years ago, we were the first in the city to have an association web site. Please check out our new work in progress at www.dearborn-apoa.org.

Another first for a homeowners' group was our participation in the Dearborn Memorial Day Parade marching with an enormous helium balloon overhead along with a patriotic red, white and blue theme. Several times a year, we publish and distribute up to 2500 copies of an informative, attractive APOA Newsletter. We are home to an outstanding Community Police Center. The very successful, well attended Dearborn Arab International Festival is held in our area each year. Countless numbers of

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APOA Meeting

Main Speaker: Mayor Michael A. Guido

- Installation of APOA Executive Board & Board of Directors
- Lifetime Honor Awards to Ann Basse
- Presentation on Dbn. School Bond Proposal

Date: Monday March 4, 2002
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: McDonald School Auditorium
 10151 Diversey

Refreshments will be served.

The President's Message continued...

our residents are on prestigious Commissions, Boards, and Task Forces. A neighborhood park is named after Arthur Base, who was one of our most highly esteemed and respected residents. We are also proud to say we have an excellent and cooperative relationship with Mayor Guido and his Administration and with the City Council. Over the years we have all worked effectively and cordially to improve and solve numerous issues and problems throughout our association.

We have come a long way but we still have more to do. I hope you join and work with us to maintain and to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Please join your hardworking neighborhood association to become part that creative dedicated minority.

Cordially,
Mary Beth Rieth, President
Aviation Property Owners' Association



Library Offers Many Services

The Dearborn Public libraries long been known for an outstanding collection of books, videotapes, CDs, magazines, newspapers and a staff that helps people use these materials. The Library proudly announces a new array of services:

- Specially trained librarians who can find information many different ways including the Internet
- Free use of display and exhibit areas to showcase an organization or special event
- Free bulletin boards and display racks for brochures and posters
- A convenient low cost auditorium with plenty of free parking and handicapped access
- Special collections of materials, bookmarks, suggested reading and video lists
- Book talks or library presentation for clubs or group meetings
- Cosponsoring special events with associations

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Have You Heard?

The Littlefield Presbyterian Church has copies of **The Rev. Fran Hayes'** sermons. They can be found on the rack in the church library. Please feel free to pick one up and give it to a friend.

Congratulations to **Sharon Cloney** who lives on South Morrow Circle. The Dearborn PTA Council named Sharon Educator of the Year. Dearborn students are very fortunate to have Sharon as their teacher and the APOA is fortunate to have her as a neighbor!



Grand Café of Dearborn

12922 West Warren

The APOA is looking forward to Saeb Makdad's addition to our business community. Watch for the opening!

Warren Avenue Community Policing Center

The Warren Avenue Community Policing Center began as a resource center in November of 1997. The center was created to allow residents, local businesses and schools to work with the officers on their needs and concerns. The APOA count officers **Cpl. Daniel Saab** and **Cpl. Robert Bochenek** as an unbelievable asset to our neighborhood. They are very visible in our neighborhood — talking with residents, meeting with groups such as APOA, the public school traffic safety board, and A.C.C.E.S.S. This interaction gives the officers “inside information” on what the area residents, school officials and business owners feel are important health and safety issues to them.

The Center's recent move to their new offices located in the Esper Library provides an excellent atmosphere. The APOA appreciates all that Cpls. Saab and Bochenek do for our neighborhood.

A Photo Opportunity for APOA

The Department of Public Information has contacted the APOA. They are interested in the possibility of photographing our neighborhood to be included in the 2003 City Calendar. The theme is “Dearborn — A City of Neighborhoods.”

What an exciting opportunity! Our President, Mary Beth Rieth will be talking with this group with the goal of making APOA a part of this calendar. As members of the neighborhood, we need to get an early start on Spring Clean Up and show our neighborhood as the jewel it is!

APOA News...

There were approximately 25 tickets issued last fall for violations of the firecracker ordinance. **Corporals Saab and Stortini** worked long hours during the July 4th holiday week to combat the fireworks disturbances. President Rieth spoke directly with Mayor Guido, Council President Jack O'Reilly, Jr. and President Pro Tem, Nancy Hubbard regarding the fireworks problems in APOA. As a result, the Mayor issued statements to both local papers informing residents on the Fireworks Ordinance and the penalties for the use of illegal fireworks. Because of this dedicated work, the Fourth of July week proved to be much quieter.

Ghandi Beydoun, APOA Head of Public Relations, worked for three months this summer policing the neighborhood and talking to residents about the condition of their grass and weeds. In the process, he enlisted

some 25 new APOA members. City Department Heads also patrolled the neighborhood twice a week for grass and weed violations under a program adopted by the Mayor's office. Warning tickets were issued to many residents for not complying with the 8-inch grass limit. Corporal Saab also spoke to and issued warning tickets to many residents. The charge for the city to cut grass is \$200 to \$400 plus the \$75 fine. For rental properties, the property owner was billed and if the bill was not paid the amount was added to their taxes. Because of all this effort, the neighborhood looked much better this past summer.

Dr. Ronald Stockton, APOA Board Member, was appointed the Interim Director of the Center for Arab-American Studies at the University of Michigan Dearborn Campus.

APOA Neighborhood Pride

Spring is the time for cleaning up and pruning.



Newsletter Committee

Mary Beth Rieth Editor & Writer
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Mark your calendar

- May 6 - 17 Rubbish Amnesty — don't miss this opportunity to do spring cleaning!
- May 27 Memorial Day Parade — 10:00 am
- June 1 - 2 Art on the Street Festival
- June 14 - 16 7th Annual Dearborn Arab International Festival
 Warren Avenue



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 MEMBERSHIP
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 / RENEWAL**

Yes! Pay your 2002 APOA Membership Dues TODAY!

Enclose your check for \$10.00 per family per year or \$25 per family for three years.

Mail to: APOA Treasurer/Membership Chair, Marilyn Wazney
 12726 S. Morrow Cr., Dearborn, MI 48126.

- I would like my name, address & phone in a neighborhood directory
- I would like my name & address (no phone) in a neighborhood directory

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