



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Joseph J. Goodwin

It seems that Greenway Downs is beginning to act like a new community with some place to go, rather than an old settled community ready for retirement. The interest and response of the community's residents to the activities and programs of your Association have been most gratifying to myself and the officers of the Association. It has been really inspiring and gives us the added momentum to do more.

After our last meeting, which had one of the finest panels that could possibly have been put together (thanks to Al Whitney and Fred Kramer), our Community Action Committee has now gone back into a huddle. They plan to come up with a firm policy statement on drug abuse to be presented to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and to Tom Wright, our Supervisor. This should be ready for our meeting in March for approval of the membership. Be sure to look in the next *Downs* for word about this.

We plan our meetings with YOU in mind. Coming up, of course, is our big covered dish supper—headed by entrepreneur Blankenship—followed in March with a program planned by our Institutional Representative to the Scouts, Mr. Schaffstall. This still leaves a couple of months between now and our annual pic-

nic, so if anyone has any topics that they feel would be of special interest to our community, please call me at 532-2605 or one of the officers of the Association.

### Who Is The Outstanding Citizen?

There's only one way to find out. See you at our big dinner on the 24th! There's another diet shot down!

## OLD NEWS BUT GOOD

Congratulations to the Falls Church High football team which became the Northern District League Champions and ranked 7th in the area with an 8 win, 1 loss, 1 tie record. Special congratulations to Bruce Ruddle of Greenway Downs who made the *Evening Star's All-Suburban Virginia Squad*. We're proud of all who participated from the team itself to the roaring fans.

And we're all keeping a happy eye on the basketball team which as of this writing is in contention for the 1-A Northern District Basketball crown.

**Little League News**—All mothers of Little Leaguers in the Greenway Downs area are reminded about the Mothers Club meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

**More on Lights**—Because the area east of Summerfield Road is in the George Mason Terrace area and not in Greenway Downs on the maps in Fairfax, the mercury vapor lights were not ordered for that area in the first order. However, the error has been found and rectified. The lights are to be put up within four months.

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## DANGER!! DRUGS

Our January meeting on drug abuse was probably as informative and frustrating as any program the Association has had. While it pointed out the dangers, the reasons, and the legalities of drug abuse, it also pointed out that this problem is not easily handled—legally, medically, or personally.

Our special thanks go to Mr. Friedman, Dr. John Kilfeather, and Mr. Raymond Strimling who presented drug abuse from the legal, medical and personal viewpoints. While it is hard to compress the entire discussion into a few lines, the following ideas were expressed:

Too little research has been done on drugs, especially the new synthetic drugs that can be bought by prescription, sleeping pills, pep pills, diet pills. We don't know their effects on the body or mind when they are abused as they are every day. We don't know what some of the short-term effects are much less the long-term damage.

Rehabilitation of addicts through the prisons, or even through the Lexington, Ky., hospital is not working. An addict is a sick person, not necessarily a criminal. He needs to be helped, not incarcerated.

Doctors must not prescribe pills without a thorough examination. Mr. Strimling's son, who died recently of an overdose of methadone, received sleeping pills from two separate area doctors merely by walking in and asking for them.

Drug pushers are the real criminals and should be the focus of the law. Here, however, we run into the problem that most pushers are also addicts.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday	Dinner	February 24
Wednesday		March 25
Tuesday		April 28
Wednesday		May 27
Saturday	Picnic	June 13

Addicts are often insecure people who can not function in society and, therefore, prefer to withdraw from it.

Kids and even many adults know too little about various drugs to know what they are taking and what effects various amounts will produce. Parents must be alert and not overreact if they find an addict in the family or among friends. Communication and education are still the best way to combat drug abuse. Talk with your doctor if you should discover an abuser. Try to help him for he is taking his life in his hands, legally or physically.

Many thanks to Mr. Whitney and Mr. Kramer for setting up this program.

COME TO DINNER

TUESDAY

February 24 - 7:30 p.m.



## SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scout Troop 677's annual **Blue and Gold Banquet** will be held on February 27 at Devonshire School Cafetorium at 6:30 p.m. The boys are very busy getting their table decorations and entertainment ready for this big event.

And on March 20 the boys are holding another **Pine Wood Derby** at Devonshire. Last year's event was thoroughly enjoyed not only by the boys who built their own cars and raced them, but also by the spectators. Please attend if you have the time.

It is also time for another **Paper Drive** which will be held on Saturday, March 21. Please start saving papers and magazines and mark your calendar.

**Girl Scout Troop 601** will be going to Stafford Junior High School on March 7 to see the play, "The Merry Pranks of Tyll." This delightful evening out will help them acquire their Troop Dramatics Badge. This is work?

## ABOUT OUR MEETING

As an entertainment event, Greenway Downs' affair Tuesday night, February 24, gets 4 stars:

- \*Community covered dish supper—the first of its kind for your Association.
- \*Short informative talk by Tom Wright, our representative on the Fairfax Board of County Supervisors.
- \*Recognition of all known past presidents of our Association, in a special salute by President, Joe Goodwin.
- \*Announcement of and tribute to Greenway Downs' Outstanding Citizen—your Association's first attempt to show appreciation specifically for a citizen's efforts to better our community.

A 4-star evening of enjoyment and participation—and the only admission charge is the food you bring along.

Much credit must go to the following people for their help with this event.

- Food Arrangements . . . Bernie Lucas  
Beth Stucker, JoAnn Goodwin  
John Schaffstall
- Table Arrangements . . . Jake Jackson
- Table Decorations . Girl Scout Troop 601
- Publicity . Ben and Carole Blankenship  
Elouisa Stokes
- Photography. . . . . Robert Owens
- Biography. . . . . Esther Swire
- Outstanding Citizen Selection —  
Henry Rodriquez, Joe Goodwin  
Ben Blankenship, Jake Jackson
- Award Selection . Charles Reeves, Joan  
Bealby, Fran Fisher, Marilyn  
Morrison, Danny Brew, Ken Walton

Many thanks, everyone.

Here's hoping we see many of our neighbors on the 24th.

—Ben Blankenship, Chairman