

Senior Brunch 2016

The Edgewood Foundation is looking for all of Edgewood's graduating seniors. We are holding our annual Senior Brunch on Sunday, May 22 at the Edgewood Club/Community House. This event is for all resident seniors, no matter what school they've attended and we need your help! Please email any names of seniors and their contact information to seniorbrunch@edgewoodfoundation.org.

If you have neighborhood friends that are graduating, please include their names with yours! None of the high schools release personal information, so we rely on local residents to let us know about the graduates. Invitations and scholarship applications will be sent to every Edgewood senior that we know is graduating. The Mel Douglass scholarships are given out at this lovely event, which is a great opportunity for college funds!

EDGEWOOD HISTORICAL NEWS

On December 14, 2015 approximately 25 local residents and historical society members gathered and celebrated the 200th Birthday of Jane Grey Swisshelm at the Edgewood Club Family Room. Several interesting speakers provided information about her life and accomplishments. Allegheny County Councilman, The Honorable Dr. Charles Martoni, presented the society with a proclamation from Allegheny County Council honoring her memory and achievements. Pittsburgh Councilman, The Honorable Corey O'Connor also honored her memory. The Women's Press Club of Pittsburgh sent a letter from their president Stacy Federoff, and a representative from the press club spoke about her accomplishments as a pioneer of women and leading the way for future women journalists. We were also honored to have long time resident Sherman McLaughlin bring a copy of a 1948 essay that he wrote on Jane Grey Swisshelm. The night ended with those in attendance singing happy birthday and giving her a round of applause. A wonderful cake with Jane's picture was donated for the evening by our secretary Janice Leckey. The cake was specially created with Jane's picture on it by The Pastry Chef at the Twentieth Century Club. A good time was had by all!

We had two wonderful archival donations to our society so far this year from residents. Suzan Lami donated a 1926 "COT CLUB COOKBOOK" The cot club was designed to raise money and sponsor a bed at the local hospital. (Good old recipes if anyone is interested.) The second donation came from Mary Shields who donated an old picture and caption of the 1914 Edgewood Tennis Team. They were the 1914 Western Pennsylvania Champions. Two team members had the last name of Garland, which we assume may have been the family that Garland Street was named after.

Look for a presentation in 2016 on The Rockwell family of Edgewood.

For donation and membership information, contact the society at price406@yahoo.com.



Edgewood Symphony Orchestra

Learn about Beethoven with the ESO!



The ESO is embarking on a five year journey to play all of Beethoven's nine symphonies. To prepare for that amazing musical experience, let's learn more about the man himself.

At the end of the 18th Century, Haydn and Mozart were the most influential composers of the symphony to date, and Beethoven was a young man who was just beginning his career. In 1792, just after Mozart's death, Beethoven, a former student of Haydn, moved to Vienna to pursue his own career in composition. Count Waldstein, an early patron of Beethoven, said that the young composer was to "receive Mozart's spirit from Haydn's hands." In 1795, in an effort to make a name for himself, Beethoven began to write a symphony of his own, but changed

course and began to work on his first piano sonata instead. After four years of focusing on sonatas (he finished eight of his 32 piano sonatas in those years), he went back to work on his symphony. He finished it in early 1800. Reflecting the traditional patterns of Mozart and Haydn, this symphony was youthful and conservative, but it was Beethoven's first big step on a path that would eventually revolutionize classical music.

Hear the ESO perform Beethoven's First Symphony, along with Bach's Second Brandenburg Concerto and Respighi's magnificent Pines of Rome on Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pittsburgh JCC. Visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for tickets and more information.

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association

This year, the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA), established in

2001, is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Join the celebration by attending one of their upcoming spring event.

Spring Sweep

Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to Noon, Lower Frick Park parking lot, off Lancaster Ave.

Every time it rains, trash & debris from the upper watershed communities of Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Wilksburg, & Swissvale wash into Nine Mile Run. Come out and help us keep the stream clean & beautiful! We will provide gloves, safety vests, trash bags, & coffee. Please wear long pants & sturdy boots or closed-toe shoes. If you have tall rain boots, hip boots, or waders, please bring them.

Register for Nine Mile Run events at www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/events. Questions? Contact Maranda 412-371-8779 ext. 123, or maranda@ninemilerun.org.

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