



Branch Newsletter

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By the Communication, Press & Publicity Committee

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: PLEASE NOTE: We are continuing to hold meetings via Zoom because of the pandemic and the omicron variant. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. Here's the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7913393153?pwd=VEZWc1FKRU12UiswWjc0Rmw3Z2hEQT09>

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECRETARY

On Jan. 31, Olivia Coleman will take over as the branch's new Secretary. It's a hugely important job, so we thank you, Olivia! As an officer, she's also on the Executive Committee. And thank you, also, to Emanuel Wilkerson, our outgoing Secretary, for a job well done. Emanuel will remain on the Executive Committee and will temporarily chair the Membership Committee. Our Assistant Secretary remains Alana Hook.

WIN COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER:



They're at it again! The WIN committee is partnering with Applebee's to hold a fundraiser on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Order take-out either online at Applebees.com or via the Applebee's app, and 15 percent of your check (excluding tax and tip) will go to WIN. The money raised will go toward WIN's work with local shelters and nonprofits assisting with food, clothing and shelter.

Here's more on how to do it:

- 1) login or create an account for free,
- 2) select location: 833 N. State St., Pottstown.
- 3) choose your menu items,
- 4) **at checkout, enter code DOINGOOD**. You'll notice a penny is

subtracted from your total, this allows Applebee's to mark your check for 15% back to the WIN committee

5) checkout & pick-up your meal at your designated time.

PLAYGROUND AT BRIGHT HOPE

Our president, Johnny Corson, and others he is working with to replace the aged and unsafe playground equipment at the Bright Hope housing community keep running into obstacles. But they are definitely still at it! We hope to have good news in time for the warm weather this spring.

ISSUES:

VOTER RIGHTS: The Political Action Committee is still concerned about whether people incarcerated at the Montgomery County Jail are being properly informed about their right to vote and given access to voting materials. We wrote a letter to Ken Lawrence, Montgomery County Commissioner and chair of the county Board of Elections, and recently received a lengthy reply outlining what the prison's policies are relative to voting. We'll evaluate further.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE MAKING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS....

... how about resolving to join one of the branch's committees? It should be noted that while we're all social and we DO enjoy a good time, we also pride ourselves on being a WORKING organization. Joining a committee is a great way to rev up your involvement. The committees include: Communications, Membership, Political Action, Religious Affairs and WIN. (Communications has an urgent need for someone familiar with WIX, which is the platform for

our website.) Have something else in mind? Form a new committee! For info, contact our temporary Membership Committee chair, Emanuel Wilkerson, at emanuelawilkerson@gmail.com

CALL TO ACTION: (THINGS WE WANT YOU TO DO)

- 1) Take part in the WIN fundraiser at Applebee's on Jan. 26.
- 2) Pick a committee and join it!