

## Thoughts from the Chair

Our communities could be better if we could hear your voice. There are leaders who are passionate about solving issues in your community, who are wise and are full of compassion for your wellbeing as well as others, leaders who are not afraid to advocate and make changes for a better quality of life for you, your family and your community. These leaders will never become the voice for you and I if we don't vote for them. Your voice is very important and so is your vote. Through your voice your innermost thoughts and feelings about what matters to you are expressed. Your vote is a formal indication of a choice that you can make between two or more candidates expressed typically through a ballot. When you do not speak up, you are not heard. When you don't vote your ballot is not counted.

Amongst many other problems in our community, citizens are in desperate need of employment, employment that is designed to lead to a career pathway and/or entrepreneurship which will produce more than enough money for a person to afford health care and financially sustain themselves and their families, save and purchase a home if they desire. If love for our neighbor as we love ourselves is manifest in our community, prosperity and wealth would follow. Our economy will be jumpstarted and economic development in our communities will be revived. Our community can be a utopia, a place free from the lack of educational means, lawlessness, violence, poverty, blight etc. The manifestation of this idea can only take place when you speak up and let your voice be heard, and when you vote for the leader who will indeed make a difference in your community. Join us at our next community meeting on November 7, 2016, 6:15pm, at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave. There you can hear about what's going on in the Asylum Hill community as well as in the city. It's a safe place for people in the community to hear your voice.

Have a Beautiful month!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Yvonne Matthews, Chair