

Thoughts from the Chair

The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Associations' 20th Anniversary Celebration was an amazing event. Thanks to all who supported and came out to join us as we celebrated "20 Neighbors With A Heart". The celebrants consisted of 20 individuals who live and/or work in Asylum Hill. Over the years each of them has given a tremendous amount of time to work on issues that affect our neighborhood. All of them are committed to the fight for a diverse, peaceful, loving and healthy quality of life in Asylum Hill.

The event took place at the Hartford Tower Suite on the 22nd floor and the event was planned by Leadership Greater Hartford. The view was perfect. At 5:30pm we were amazed as we watched the sun set in Asylum Hill. Over 200 people came out to celebrate with us. The room was filled with love. I believe our celebrants and guests left the event feeling hopeful that our community can be safer and more economically viable if we continue to work and stand together.

AHNA'S Strategic Plan was also introduced. AHNA is planning to increase it's public awareness, increase funding to hire more staff, work on economic development, public safety and education issues in the neighborhood. As the neighborhood focus is on social and economic issues, we must remember that every single person is important and that together our fight is to ultimately promote love for one another in our community. If love is present poverty and crime ends. Agape love, unconditional love and philo love, brotherly love should be in our homes, communities, cities, states and nations.

Love wins! Love never fails! You are invited to join us at our next AHNA Meeting on Monday March 4, 2018, at 6:15pm at 224 Farmington Ave.

Have a beautiful month! Happy Birthday to all those who are born in March!

Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself...

Yvonne Matthews, Chair