

## From the Chair

During the month of February we celebrate Black History and on February 14th we will celebrate St. Valentine's Day, a day when we express our love for one another. Both celebrations lead us to events where we can come together for a common good. That common good is love. Love is the principal thing and it's the key to all things. When we over look love and we forget that we can abide in love, our emotions can overtake our passion. Our hearts then become fearful, filled with hate and jealousy. Love is patient and love is kind.

20 years ago Bernie Michel and a small group of Asylum Hill residents decided to form a problem solving committee for the neighborhood. Due to the great love that these individuals had for the Asylum Hill Neighborhood, they worked hard and fought and won many battles through the years, which made the Asylum Hill Neighborhood what it is today. AHNA is now a NRZ and a 501C3, with a Board of 16 members. AHNA's mission is to serve as the umbrella organization that empowers residents and supports connections and collaborations amongst all stakeholders, to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. The mission of AHNA is exercised daily through a group of residents and stakeholders who love the Asylum Hill Neighborhood. Love is the principal thing in Asylum Hill. Please meet us at the 224 EcoSpace on Monday February 6, 2017 at 6:15pm. Happy Birthday to those who were born in the month of February and Happy Valentine's Day!

Have a Beautiful Month!

Blessings...

Yvonne Matthews, Chair