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Improving, Preserving, Celebrating College Hill



The CHA monthly board meetings typically occur in private homes on College Hill. Pictured above is the January 2019 board meeting, hosted by WSU President Kirk and First Lady Noel Schulz.

The Association – It's Good for All of Us

The College Hill Association is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that works for the common good of our neighborhood's varied interests, including short- and long-term residents, businesses, and faith communities.

If you're reading this newsletter, you likely already know something of College Hill's enduring strengths and its complex challenges. The Association was initially formed—in 1992, before most of its current residents were born!—to deal with aesthetic and environmental conditions, and we continue to focus on them regularly through ongoing efforts such as Adopt-a-Block Sunday clean-ups (a collaborative program of ASWSU GIVE and the WSU Center for Civic Engagement) and our Yard of the Semester recognition program (a collaborative program with the City of Pullman).

The Association addresses the neighborhood's long-term physical conditions by engaging fully in the city's planning processes. We provide City Council goal input each year; we review neighborhood development proposals and provide formal comments to Pullman's Planning Department and its related boards and

commissions; and we are the leading sponsor of nominations to the Pullman Register of Historic Places, a designation that contributes to the neighborhood's long-term revitalization with a mix of both incentives and controls.

But more than just an area or place, our neighborhood is a community—the relationships we foster and maintain are among the neighborhood's greatest assets. Through our participation in Pullman's civic life, our striving for a board that elevates the diverse voices of our short-term and student residents, and our regular hosting of neighborhood gatherings and events, we endeavor to build trusting relationships based on commitment to a shared purpose. Ultimately, we hope to foster an authentic community where people care and want to help each other—a community that can **Continued on next page...**

What's Happening...

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adapt to change and whose members recognize that their personal interests are intertwined with the social ecology and sustainable economic health of this unique quadrant of our city.

College Hill is a complex, heterogeneous system, and the nature of neighborhood improvement is multi-faceted and ever-evolving. Our annual newsletter can only intimate a small portion of the Association's work because long-term planning efforts often take place "behind the scenes" and rarely lend themselves to compelling photography or pithy soundbites. If you would like to learn more about our neighborhood work or to become involved, please explore our website, follow us on social media, or contact us to attend monthly board meetings.

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We Celebrate CHA's Supporting Members!



We salute all CHA members and offer a special celebration of our supporting members—those who contribute by attending CHA community events, giving their time to our various community projects, and contributing financial resources to help maintain our community work—for their continued interest in advancing CHA's mission and goals and sincere loyalty to what we do and who we are. Without you, we could never do the things that make CHA what we want it to be: thoughtful, forward-looking, and responsive to the needs of good community living.

So, with the idea of specifying what it means to be a supporting member, we asked Sheila O'Rourke—an active, and dedicated supporter—to discuss her experiences with CHA. "I am just awed in the many amazing changes that have occurred as a result of the College Hill Association," she said. "We have, by [attending] the parties, been able to meet our neighbors, not only on our own streets, but from all over the hill." Sheila clearly recognizes and applauds the pleasure of building a community and the good feelings she has for student residents and their willingness to become responsible neighbors on College Hill—a CHA goal. "The board has drawn in the students and I love to interact with them, but more importantly, it is like 'Coexisting '101,'" she said. "Hopefully it is a part of their education they won't forget and put into practice wherever they end up."

Considering both the inevitable friction and real advantages that are part and parcel of living in spaces with different kinds of neighbors, Sheila reflects, "When I say I live in College Hill, some people want to sympathize with me. But now I can say in truth it's a fine place to live; the police have seen to that in the realm of noise and, I would add, but for the students, none of us would be here. Over these many years, being able to walk to work and to many events at WSU has filled our goal of being good for the health of the planet."

Thank you, Sheila, for your support and enthusiasm, a truly great gift to us all! And thanks to all CHA supporting members for their continued contributions to our mission and goals. It's a pleasure to know you all, and hope you will be with us for many years to come!

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2019 AT A GLANCE

BOARD MEMBERS

11



36

INDIVIDUAL & ORGANIZATION DONORS



VOLUNTEER HOURS

4,250

27

CHA'S AGE IN YEARS

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

246



Virginia Crosswhite Hyde, 1938 - 2019



The College Hill Association has lost another much-valued supporter with the death of long-time College Hill resident Virginia Hyde on January 2, 2019. After finishing her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin and joining the WSU's Department of English as Assistant Professor in 1970, Virginia lived on College Hill for almost 50 years, residing initially in the well-known Potter House on B Street, subsequently in a restored Vernacular Neoclassical house on C Street, and then, after her 1987 marriage to David Barnes of the WSU's Department of Mathematics, in their home on Orchard Drive. Virginia was one of many members of the WSU English department who chose to live on College Hill, shaped its community, and, after its founding in 1992, often became CHA allies or supporters: named in rough order of residence, Murray Bundy, Emmett Avery, Alan Barnsley (Gabriel Fielding), Ruth Slonim, Bruce Anawalt, Robert and Alex Kuo, Jana Argersinger, and Alex Hammond.

Like many of her colleagues, Virginia's scholarship was recognized and honored internationally, both before and after her 2004 retirement, especially her work on D. H. Lawrence—the subject of her 1992 book *The Risen Adam*—and more broadly on 19th- and 20th-century British and Irish literature. Noting her commitment to historic preservation, we especially celebrate Virginia's spearheading of the successful five-year effort (by the North American Lawrence Society and the University of New Mexico) that placed Lawrence's Kiowa Ranch near Taos on the National Register of Historic Places. We will sorely miss her at the annual CHA BBQ, an event Virginia and Dave never failed to attend.

What's Happening...

Northern Pacific Railway Depot added to the National Register of Historic Places



Northern Pacific Depot as viewed from NE Palouse Street. Photo courtesy of Whitman County Historical Society Archive EP5-C-16, circa 1925. Used with permission.

Our congratulations to the Whitman County Historical Society on this important milestone! College Hill is home to several National Register-designated places, including Stevens and Thompson Halls on the WSU campus, United Presbyterian Church, Star Route and Palouse Street brick roads, and the College Hill Historic District. We are thrilled to support preservation efforts at the depot, and invite others to do the same. Visit <https://pullmandepot.org/>.

Neighborhood Sustainability Highlighted at Workshop



The Association hosted a sustainability-themed workshop in the spring. Entitled Branching Out, the focus of the student workshop was addressing global environmental challenges at the neighborhood level.

In collaboration with ASWSU GIVE, Citizens' Climate Lobby, City of Pullman, and Phoenix Conservancy, participants learned about the importance of creating neighborhood pollinator pathways and rotated through a series of discussion topics including biodiversity, urban forestry, reducing our carbon footprints, and planning for future neighborhood greenspaces.

We appreciate all who supported, contributed to, and attended this first workshop of its kind on College Hill and, to our knowledge, in the city of Pullman.

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