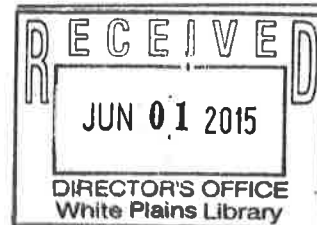
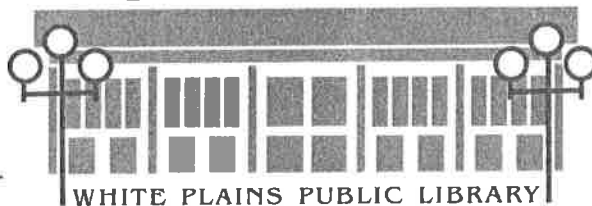


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MINUTES OF MEETING 4/9/15

ATTENDING: Charlotte Ayers, Deb Gaffey, Lee Palmer, Rhoda Phillips, Angie Poulos, Faith Robinson

Rhoda called the meeting to order at 10 AM and reported a bank balance of \$37,626.38. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted .

The newsletter is almost ready for mailing - thank you Faith.

Deb showed us a flyer seeking volunteers and membership in the Friends and another promoting the annual meeting. They will be included with the newsletter.(attached)

Rhoda distributed copies of the NYLA Friends newsletter which contained some disquieting information. An article indicated that tax is expected to be collected for books sold at a Library Bookstore. What????? The matter has been referred to Brian for clarification and we hope he will have some information for us at our next meeting.

Ben and Elaine seem to have their ducks in a row for the annual meeting and we're hoping to have a sizeable audience. The meeting is on Sunday, May 17th at 2 PM so spread the word.

Brian requested and was granted \$300 for the installation of a gallery exhibit to run from June to August. It's called "Hidden in Site" and will feature architectural details of White Plains buildings. This is the second program highlighting our city and how appropriate is that, considering that this year is the 100th anniversary of White Plains as a city.

Our next meeting will be on May 14th in the Board room at 10 AM.


Leatrice Palmer
Secretar



WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS!

The Friends of the White Plains Public Library

The Friends are the Library's unsung heroes. Since 1947 this group of dedicated volunteers has been sponsoring:

- musical programs and movies
- book discussion groups
- author appearances
- the Museum Gallery
- staff enrichment
- new equipment and furnishings
- books for the home bound
- the Friends Bookstore

WE NEED YOU!

Ready to help? Contact Assistant Library Director Kathy Degyansky at
914-422-6965 or kdegyansky@whiteplainslibrary.org.

**The Friends of White Plains Library
invite you to their annual meeting
in memory of Kay Conroy:**

**Out of the Swamps:
A History of Downtown
White Plains Told Through
100 Martine Avenue**



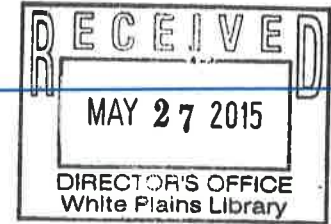
Photo: Looking East on Martine Ave
from Brookfield St, Photo from Peter
Kanze Collection

100 Martine Avenue hasn't always been 100 Martine Avenue! Before White Plains was settled by Europeans, the Weckweeskeck people occupied the area around 100 Martine and called it Quarropas ("white fog on the marsh"). It was still a swamp until well after the Revolutionary War, with maps showing the area becoming a recognizable form in the late 1800s. What happened next? Find out! Join Librarian for White Plains History Ben Himmelfarb and City Archivist Elaine Massena as they trace the history of the spot the library now occupies through photographs, maps, and stories to give listeners a vivid sense of the layers of experience we stand on.

**Sunday, May 17, 2015
2:00-4:00 PM**



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MINUTES OF MEETING 5/14/15

ATTENDING; Betty Barone, Deb Gaffey, Lee Palmer, Rhoda Phillips, Angie Poulos

Rhoda called the meeting to order and reported a bank balance of \$36,425.85.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

An acknowledgment of our donation in memory of Rita Poux was read.

Zela has retired from the Board but will continue to work in the book room on Thursdays.

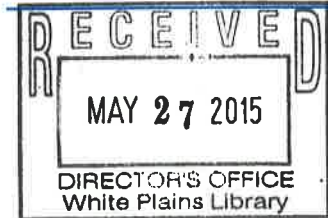
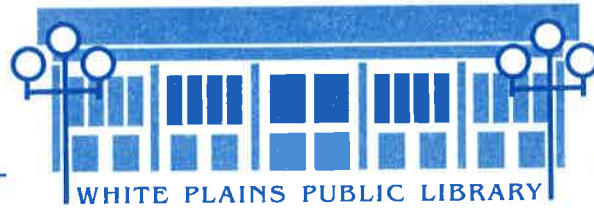
Sad to say, Mary Leslie has suffered a stroke. She is in re-hab at Burke and we send her our love and all good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Betty is all set for the hospitality chores for the annual meeting on Sunday April 17th.

Our next meeting will be on June 11th in the Board room at 11 am....please note the later time.


Leatrice Palmer
Secretary

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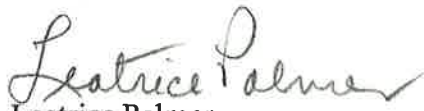
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 5/17/15

Ben Himmelfarb and Elaine Massina were our guest artists - and artists they were. Our audience numbered more than 50 and everyone agreed that this program was one of our most interesting. Titled "Out of the Swamps" Ben and Elaine traced the history of White Plains from before it was White Plains thru urban renewal. Our Library stands on ground that was home to Indians before the Revolutionary war. Streets like Quarropas and Orawampum give hints of what was here before Grove and Main.

With visuals and orals, photographs, maps and wonderful stories they made history come alive for us. Questions and comments from the audience indicated the interest this program evoked. We thank them and aren't we lucky to have them on the staff.

As usual, Betty provided the sunny decor and we appreciate the variety of refreshments, baked and bought, everything was attractive and delicious.

Although this meeting usually ends our fiscal year, we are having a Board meeting in June. Be assured we'll give you a head's up before the start of the new year in September.


Leatrice Palmer
Secretary