



OAK LANE COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION

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OLCAA of East Oak Lane

# The East Oak Lane Paper

## OLCAA's New Board, 2018-2019

By Smiley Ferebee, Elections chair

At the May 23 annual General Membership Meeting, Board elections were held at the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church. As a result, the OLCAA Board now lists the following full fifteen-member roster.

President: Sharon Wilson (Development chair), Vice President: Andrea Mayo, Acting Secretary: Peggy Runde Weston.

Tie Bradford, Iris Brunson, Smiley Ferebee (Quality of Life chair), Vernita Hall (Webmaster), Martha Lewis, Eric Lighthead, Erin Lighthead, Earlene Mitchell, Kim Robertson, Daria Soroka, Bernadette Tanksey, Freida Williams (Housing & Zoning chair).

The following non-Board members serve in various capacities as well: Eric Brice (Crime, Safety, & Security chair; Data Administrator), Thurgood Matthews (Membership chair), Kelly McShain-Tyree (Beautification chair).

Recipients of the 2018 OLCAA East Oak Lane Spirit Award were also announced. (The seven awardees are listed on page 10.)

After the meeting, members and guests were invited to a reception next door at the **Oak Lane House** with food, fun, and live entertainment. The OLH is now available to use for a variety of private functions. See the ad on page 13 for details.

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# Message from the President: Go Small or Go Home?

By Sharon Wilson, Esq.

Each season brings new beginnings and new challenges. Ours is the challenge of focusing on what we do well and doing it even better. In the spirit of bigger is not always better, you can look forward to watching your community organization go *deeeep* instead of wide in the coming months.

The newsletter was always a vehicle for communication, but look for more articles, more info on our partner organizations, and a more engaging design.

The website is good, but watch as it becomes great, with more useful info on our organization, including past minutes, historical info, and spotlights on our local businesses and committees.

The Development committee is poised to collaborate with Councilwoman Cherelle Parker's project for improvement of the business corridors throughout the 9th District and the committee's "Grow Ten" initiative to combine a love for gardening with a passion for giving to others in our community.

The Housing and Zoning committee fundraiser has OLCAA reviving its beloved cookbook and it's coming along fantastically!

Oak Lane Day will be held on Lawnton Avenue this year. The Events committee

is planning a really uplifting and exciting event with interactive vendors, gift baskets to our housebound seniors, new sponsors, and hanging out with old friends like the Tree Tenders and Friends of the Library.

We're planning interesting workshops on subjects from "Going Solar" to "Estate Planning for the Middle Class" and maybe a wine tasting or two. (Yeah, we read the survey.)

Many of our events will be held at the Community House of Oak Lane Presbyterian Church (the "Oak Lane House"). Another old friend we are so grateful to have!

We may not look much different from the outside, but our internal structure is strengthening, as we reaffirm our commitment as a vehicle through which East Oak Lane can be educated, entertained, preserved, and energized.

As always, we need you to keep our small machine humming. Renew your membership! Volunteer at Oak Lane Day! Make a donation! Contribute a recipe! Join a committee! We'd love to have you and I guarantee you'll feel better (especially if you make the wine tasting).

See you at Oak Lane Day. :-)

Sharon



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## An East Oak Laner Makes Lutheran Church History

By Vernita Hall

On May 5, 2018 Pastor **Patricia A. Davenport** became the first African American woman to be **elected Bishop** in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

She will assume the leadership of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of ELCA on August 1, 2018 and will be formally installed on September 22, 2018. The installation will take place

at the New Covenant Church in Mount Airy, 7500 Germantown Ave., at 2 PM.

To read more about Bishop Davenport, see *Inquirer* news article "[Lutheran minister from Philly overcame misgivings.](#)"

For more information about the ELCA ministry, see <https://ministrylink.org/about/bishop-elect-patricia-a-davenport/>.



# Interview with Bishop-elect Patricia A. Davenport

By Vernita Hall and Bernadette Tanksley



Bishop-elect Davenport graciously granted an interview to OLCAA.

*I see you grew up around 8<sup>th</sup> and Cambria in North Philly. How long have you been a resident of East Oak Lane?*

About **31, 32 years**. I was born in Annapolis, MD, but I went to grade school in Philly. My mom's still there at our old home at 8th & Cambria.

*What changes have you seen in our community?* The neighborhood changing racially. Fewer Caucasians. More older established folks. On my block on 13th St. there's a housing complex for sale. The owner once lived there—that made a huge difference. But I'm starting to see young whites with children moving back. People are returning to the city. **The neighborhood is trending upward**, coming back to the diversity. We live in a community that's being sought out.

*What needs do you think OLCAA should target?* **Communications**—both challenges and joys. I received the [April] newsletter, and enjoyed learning about what was going on in the community. Keep letting us know.

*Your local synod sounds very diverse: 15% minority. Of 65 pastors and deacons: 18% minority, 17% LGBTQIA, 50% women. One of East Oak Lane's greatest strengths is its diversity. To what do you attribute the broad appeal of your church?* Their basic theology: **grace by faith**. It's not about who you are, it's about who Christ is. **We're all welcome at the table**.

In 2009 we had a big decision to make at the church-wide assembly. But we respect "bound conscience." Some churches left. Some have come back, now that same-sex marriages are legal.

*You were elected with a 77% majority vote. With such a powerful affirmation, how do you plan to use this platform?*

*What are your priorities?*

Preparing pastors to go out. We are preparing leaders for the public square. It's not just about the proclamation—it's about living it out. How do we live out our faith? Love God and love your neighbor, so all have their needs met. Our churches are in decline, the process of "holy closure." There's this narcissistic spirit of "me, me, me." We are 150 communities of faith, nearly 300 ministers. We have to move from **church** mentality to **kingdom** mentality. We're concerned about the *whole* of this. If every one of our churches was concerned about their **communities**—not just their church—**what a difference we could make**.

*When did your congregation begin accepting women as ordained ministers?* ELCA was formed in 1988 from a merger of church bodies. But women were ordained starting in **1970**—even before ELCA was formed.

*We know the Catholic Church's position on women priests. The African Methodist Episcopal Church, founded in Philly in 1816, finally accepted women ministers in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.*

*We read about the second-class status of women in some countries' Muslim cultures. What insights would you share about the benefits of including women and minorities in leadership positions?* **God created all of us for purpose**, and we as humankind don't get to define someone else's purposes. Men have been defining our roles. For us as Christians we carry the Word, and not just in a physical sense. Let us open our hearts and minds to the gifts in these earthen vessels. Lankenau Hospital is the result of a community of women who saw a need. Service was social ministry. Women were not denied the opportunity to serve here.

I met with Palestinian women. They've been meeting with Israeli women for



coffee. Peace talks are going on. **Women, we have power within us**. Begin to influence the men in your lives. Women, if given their rightful place at the table, will begin to turn this around. Our challenge is: How do we encourage and support them?

*In these challenging times do you have a message especially for our youth?*

I need for our youth to show up and be who God created them to be. **Be your authentic self**. Don't let society define you. **Seek and strive for excellence**—not mediocrity—in all you do. You can go wherever you put your heart and mind into going.



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# Get Ready for **Oak Lane Day** – Sat., September 22!

By Smiley Ferebee, Chair



We heard you! So Oak Lane Day will be back—the 45th annual event—in the **6600 block of Lawnton Avenue!** Our theme this year is “**You Make Us Better.**”

We’re lining up: live entertainment, a kids’ zone, mini health pavilion, informational and local retail vendors, mini workshops from neighborhood groups, a wine tasting. (OLCAA members will receive special pricing on vending.)

The **6400 Camac Street Block** committee will focus on Ellwood School with their **Back-to-School Drive**, looking to fill **100 backpacks.**

Through the **Hollie Project** we want to

distribute care packages and some East Oak Lane love to **50** home-bound neighbors. Contact Sandi (Quality of Life) at **1008call-center@gmail.com.**

Here’s how you can help:

- Be a private or corporate sponsor
- Volunteer time to help set up or break down for the event
- Wo/Man the OLCAA grills
- Donate school supplies and materials for the packages
- Deliver packages

But number ONE: **Come out,** listen to live music, eat great food, and

commune with your neighbors.

**Vendors:** Contact Sharon Wilson at [s.wils@att.net](mailto:s.wils@att.net).

**Volunteers:** Contact Eric Brice at [pac6500@hotmail.com](mailto:pac6500@hotmail.com).

**Desserts** will be coordinated by Judy Becker.

**Other Questions?** Call Smiley Ferebee at 267-237-5350 or email her at [smiley1010@ymail.com](mailto:smiley1010@ymail.com).

Or, as always, contact OLCAA. And check out our [Oak Lane Day webpage](#) often for breaking news!

## News from the Urban Forest

By Charlie Philips

**Plantings.** In April we planted 18 fruit trees and two crabapples. Here (at right) is one of the crabapples being planted on a lawn in the 1000 block of Oak Lane.

**Historic trees.** Did you ever marvel at the linden tree in front of the nursing home on that same block? We have a legacy of old trees to admire and protect.

**How old is a tree?** When a sugar maple on my front lawn died, I counted the rings and figured it was planted in 1905, a little after my home was built.

But how do you find the age of a living tree? Measure the circumference at chest height. Then go online to [www.tree-guide.com](http://www.tree-guide.com) or [www.oplin.org/tree](http://www.oplin.org/tree). Determine the variety of tree and find the age using the guide.

**See us at Oak Lane Day!**

**Become a member** of Oak Lane Tree Tenders by mailing a check for \$15 or more to Sharon Dennison, 6701 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19126.



### Live entertainment

### Vendors

### Face painting

### Barbecue



# Don't Be Fooled by Social Security Scammers

By Vernita Hall



In June I received a disturbing recorded phone call (from 800-467-9106) that claimed to be from the Department of Social Security Administration. They said that "legal enforcement action had been filed on my Social Security Number for fraudulent activity." They told me to call 1-347-377-8551.

I did not call them back.

Instead, the next day I called the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213, to verify whether there had been any legitimate contact from them. I provided some preliminary info to their automated phone system, including my Social Security Number and confirmation of my identity, then waited on the

line for 30 minutes. (They precisely advised me in advance of the anticipated wait time, and gave me the option to receive a callback.)

A live agent confirmed that there was no adverse action on my account, and that the call was from a scammer. He advised that any contact from their office would most likely have been done in person or via letter.

I filed a fraud report to the Social Security Administration—with their Office of the Inspector General, Allegation Management and Fugitive Enforcement Division. I used their website, [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov). The report can also be phoned in at 1-800-269-0271.

Further, I informed the Federal Trade Commission of the scam online, using their "FTC Complaint Assistant," under categories **Scams and Rip-offs — Impostor Scams**. The link is: <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1>. Phone reports can also be made at 1-877-438-4338.

**Do not become a victim.** Guard against giving personal information to any individual, business, or website of whose authenticity you are not certain and have not independently verified.

**Report fraudsters.** Together let's help put these scammers out of business.



## My Favorite Oak Lane Day Memory...

As told to Smiley Ferebee by a young man — "I like Oak Lane Day because that's the day everyone comes out of their house. That's the only time people see their neighbors."

Vernita Hall — "Line dancing led by Gloria Kincaid. Jars of knee-slapping-tasty homemade berry preserves and apple butter for sale. I stocked up every year."

## What Materials Are Being Used in Sanitary Pads?

By Karen James, Ed.D.



Holistic Health Suite & Café has always been an advocate for any health related concerns which affect our community.

This month we would like to ask the question: What materials are being used in sanitary pads by our young girls and ladies?

Recent research is showing that the conventional sanitary pad on the market contains the equivalent of about four plastic bags as well as recyclable materials. Synthetics and plastic are known to restrict the free flow of air and can trap heat and dampness, poten-

tially promoting the growth of yeast and bacteria in the feminine area. These dioxins, chemicals, and dyes can be linked to many different female health effects and diseases.

WebMD discusses these health concerns and the fact that the FDA does not require companies to identify what materials are used in their pads. So as consumers, we cannot assume that these conventional products on the market are safe.

The good news is that recently a new company has developed an all-natural, safe, and gentle sanitary pad that keeps

girls and women dry and from harm.

If you want to help a female stay healthy in this area, please view the following short videos of a safer alternative and share it with a loved one. Cherish the ones you love!

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# Connecting Residents with Their Local Communities

By the Nationwide Healthcare Services Team



As part of Laurel Square Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center's commitment to providing exemplary, caring services for Philadelphia's aging communities, we pride ourselves on connecting our residents with local communities and creating cherished memorable moments.

**Laurel Square's** Therapeutic Recreation Department recently took several residents to the Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum at the former Willow Grove Aviation Base in honor of Father's Day. With 17 restored historic aircraft on display, there was one that caught the eye of a resident, making it a very special visit.

**Earl Washington**, a Laurel Square resident for almost a year, during Army basic training in the mid-1970s, parachuted from an SH-2G "Sea Sprite"—the same aircraft that was on display at the museum. It was an all-weather Anti-Submarine Warfare helicopter with additional search and rescue and utility capabilities.

Seeing the aircraft brought back many memories for Earl and his earlier life. After basic training, he worked for Scott Paper Company and was an amateur boxer in the Philadelphia area. He was born and raised in the city and helped to take care of his 13 brothers and sisters.

"It's these types of trips that can really make memorable moments for our residents," said **Scott Carpenter**, Laurel Square Administrator. "Our Recreation Department offers many meaningful, engaging programs to meet the needs of all residents."

Just like all of the centers that are part of the Nationwide Healthcare Services network, Laurel Square makes it a priority to value its local community and enable residents to make special moments.

For more information about Laurel Square or any of the six Nationwide Healthcare Centers, please contact **Megan Judson**, Director of Business Development, at [mjudson@nationwidehealthcare.com](mailto:mjudson@nationwidehealthcare.com) or 215-479-0079.



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# PASSi Autumn Festival, Sept. 29

By Brad Baldia, PASSi, Community Relations

Vietnam, China, and Cambodia have almost the same full moon holiday as the Korean Chuseok (Autumn Festival). Even though there are similar games and food, each country has its own unique rituals.

The opening of the **Asian Chuseok Festival** is an opportunity to showcase each tradition. Attendees will enjoy the unique Autumn Festival and take pride in their own culture while, at the same time, introducing it to others.

Sharing delicious Asian food, enjoying cultural music and dance, and wearing ethnic dress are important ways to both celebrate our differences and gain greater appreciation for the many ways we are alike.

All are welcome to attend this **FREE** community event at PASSi!

## Word Puzzle

(Answers on page 11)

Not Far from the Tree Tenders

By Vernita Hall

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# Community Champion Awards Go To...

By Fred Ginyard, Community Organizer, Free Library Of Philadelphia



The North Central Community Council (NCCC) was founded in October 2016 with the mission “to develop, engage, educate, and empower our local communities” in Philadelphia neighborhoods including Nicetown, West Oak Lane, East Oak Lane, Germantown, Logan, and Ogontz.

Working in collaboration with the Free Library of Philadelphia and its network of neighborhood libraries, the NCCC encourages and promotes the good work and outstanding service of community members who are committed to improving quality of life and creating opportunities for the residents of North Central Philadelphia.

The NCCC solicited and reviewed dozens of nominations representing every neighborhood in the district to identify the recipients of the **Community Champion Award**, announced at the Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library at a ceremony on June 30.

Prominent among the deserving Community Champions are East Oak Lane residents **Harriet Atkerson** and **Charles and Shirley Philips**.

**Kudos** — and thanks — to recipients of the 2018 **OLCAA East Oak Lane Spirit Award**:

Deb Ahrens, Judy Becker, Eric Brice,  
Alvin & Earlene Mitchell, Kelly McShain-Tyree,  
and Freida Williams



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# “Survey Says...”

By Freida Williams, Chair, Housing & Zoning



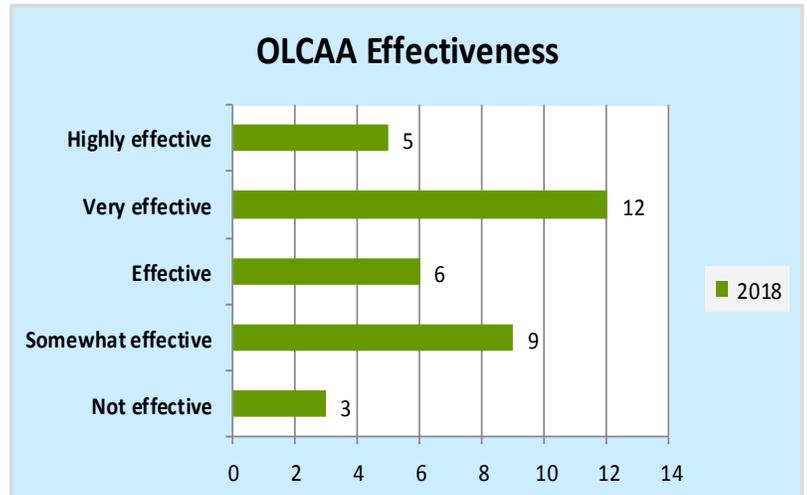
Thirty-nine neighbors responded to the OLCAA survey. 59% were residents of 25 years or more. Most respondents were over 40.

The top picks for desired workshops were: 1) gardening, 2) property maintenance, and 3) investing.

For preferred social activities, the choices were: 1) cultural events, 2) trips & tours, and in a 3-way tie, 3) food/cooking, movies, and exercise.

Folks would prefer to get community news by: 1) email, 2) the OLCAA newsletter, and 3) NextDoor. You rated OLCAA’s effectiveness as shown in the bar chart at right.

Your answers will greatly help us with future planning. Survey forms are available on our website (under [Contact Us](#)), and more responses are welcome. **Thank you for your feedback!**



Answers to Word Puzzle on page 9:

thorn ebony chestnut coffee timber sequoia aspen dogwood  
 The best of times is now — and on Oak Lane Day, September 22!

Save your coats, scarves, hats, and gloves  
 for our December 8  
**Holiday Blood and Coat Drive!**

## OLCAA Calendar 2018-2019

2018-2019	Board Meetings	Events
<b>JUN</b>	13	
<b>JUL</b>	11	
<b>RETREAT</b>	Aug 4	
<b>AUG*</b>	none	
<b>SEP</b>	12	22 - Oak Lane Day
<b>OCT</b>	10	
<b>NOV</b>	14	
<b>DEC*</b>	12	8 - Blood & Coat Drive
<b>2019</b>		
<b>JAN</b>	9	- Snow Ball
<b>FEB</b>	13	
<b>MAR</b>	13	
<b>APR*</b>	10	
<b>MAY</b>	8	
<b>GENERAL</b>	May 15	

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## New Ellwood Principal

By Bernadette Tanksley

Ms. Marilyn Quarterman, who has served as principal of Ellwood Elementary School for many years, has announced her retirement.

A new principal starts in the fall. **Ms. Zaida Alfaro** comes from A.J. Morrison, a K-8 school at 5100 N. 3rd Street, where she served as principal for five years. Prior to that posting she spent 22 years at Potter-Thomas School at 3001 N. 6th Street.

We look forward to meeting Ms. Alfaro in the near future and hearing about her vision for Ellwood School. An interview with her will be posted this summer on the [Ellwood page](#) of the OLCAA website. Stay tuned!

## What's Cooking in East Oak Lane

By Peggy Runde Weston



At the conclusion of the OLCAA General Membership Meeting and Board elections, refreshments were served next door at the **Oak Lane House** (OLH). This venue will serve as a meeting place for our neighborhood for civic activities, social events, club doings, meetings, church services, and the like. Office space can also be rented.

There is also a backyard that can be used for these types of activities. A garden club, coordinated by Sally McCabe (East Oak Lane neighbor and part of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society), has erected and planted raised gardens.

The **OLH** will also be used to host homeless families from the Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Hope to see you at the Oak Lane House!

### Save the Date

OLCAA's 9th annual **Holiday Blood and Coat Drive** will be held on **Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 10:00—3:00 PM**. Please start saving your gently-used coats and outerwear (for adults and children), including hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves.

These items will be donated to the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry for distribution to their clientele. And please consider rolling up your sleeve and giving a pint of blood during the holiday season, when blood donations are down, yet demand remains high. We are hoping that having this Drive on the weekend will allow more of our neighbors to participate.

## Meeting Space Available



**The Oak Lane House**  
6635 N. 11th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19126

If you need space for:

Worship services	Weddings
Social clubs	Book clubs
Family reunions	Retreats
Special occasions	Workshops
Community meetings	Birthdays

**Contact: Harriet Atkerson 215-888-9018**  
or **Jon Weston 215-224-4547**  
**papermanjdw@aol.com**

## The Community Cookbook

Plans for the East Oak Lane Community Cookbook are underway. Recipes have been gathered from our neighbors and we are busy with cookbook layout and editing.



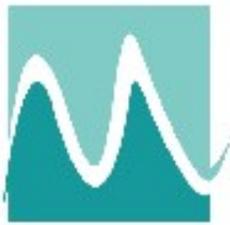
Watch the OLCAA website (the [In the News](#) page) for more details about the publication date, cost, and related activities.

You can **reserve copies** of the Cookbook (between \$10 and \$15 each) in advance by sending us an email. (See our website for a pre-order form.) Gift certificates are also available.

Get your holiday shopping done early—give our Cookbooks as gifts!

The **Oak Lane Library** is projected to be **closed from Aug. 13-17, 2018.**

Kindly contact the Regional Office at **215-685-2156** with any questions.



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## At the Library By Deb Ahrens, Branch Manager, Oak Lane Library

Check out some of the upcoming events at the *lively* Oak Lane Library!

### ASALH Explorers presents Imagine: Beautiful in All Shades

**Thurs. Aug. 2, 8, & 23 10:00 AM-noon**

This series highlights the history and culture of African Americans. Presented by the PhilaMontco Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the program is brought to us by the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church Summer Day Camp. Each program gears towards grades K-8 and has room for 10-15 attendees.

### Tai Chi for adults with Darrel Bryant

**Thu. 1:30-2:30 PM** (not in August)

### Oak Lane Bibliophiles Book Discussions

**Wed. 6:30-8:00 PM**

Refreshments from 6:00-6:30 PM

- Sep 5: *How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child* by Sandra Uwiringiyimana  
Oct. 3: *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue  
Nov 7: *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar  
Dec 5: Planning for 2019!

Branch staff will assist in obtaining copies of the books from the Free Library system.

For questions, or to sign up to lead a discussion, contact **Deb Ahrens** at 215-685-2848 or [AhrensD@freelibrary.org](mailto:AhrensD@freelibrary.org).

### Family Movie Nights at 6:00 PM

**Aug 20** — *Coco*

### Backyard Barbecue Storytime

**Fri. Aug 24 10:30 AM**

Preschool-aged children are invited for special-themed storytimes.

### It's a Mystery Book Club

**Wed. Aug 29 6:00 PM**

*A Beautiful Blue Death* by Charles Finch  
Limited copies of each book are provided free by the publisher for attendees.

### Amputee Coalition & Sepsis Alliance

**Fri. Sep 7 2-4 PM**

Webinar on the signs, symptoms, and prevention of sepsis to provide education and support for people with amputations. Sponsored by the Amputee Network of the Philadelphia Area.

## From the Friends By T. Michael Poxon

The Friends of the Oak Lane Branch of the Free Library will hold their next meeting on **Wed. August 22 2018 at 6:30 PM** to discuss fall fundraising ideas and participation in Oak Lane Day. We plan to have tables and sell used books.

We have other topics to discuss as well. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. The meeting is open to all.

The Oak Lane Library will be closed on Saturdays this summer, unfortunately. **Saturday hours resume on September 22!**

Please note: With your Library Card Number and a password, you can download ebooks, reserve books, and request books from other library systems.



### Tree Stories: An Expanded Book Discussion

**Mon. Sep 10 6:00 PM**

As part of the Free Library's *In Our Nature* programming initiative, join us to discuss *The Man Who Planted Trees* by Jim Robbins. We'll also hear from the city's Parks and Recreation's Tree Philly program.

### New Oak Lane Library Book Group.

**Wed. Sep 12 6:30 PM**

Led by Bill Holmes, Philly history buff and neighbor  
*The Philadelphia Negro* by W.E.B. Du Bois. Library will provide books and light refreshments.

### 2nd Monday Writer's Group at 6:30 PM

Led by H. Victoria Hargro Atkerson (Year round; resumes in Sept.)

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10 AM—noon**  
at Oak Lane  
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Come check us out!

**Sincerest  
condolences** to  
the family of  
OLCAA  
Board member  
**Iris Brunson**  
on the  
passing of  
her mother  
on  
June 10, 2018.

**Contact us!  
Join us!**

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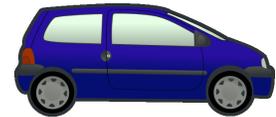
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**Disappoint a thief. Remember – lock your car doors!**

**Stymie a scammer – verify before revealing your personal information**

## Theft from Auto Prevention Tips

By P/O Robert Hoppe, Crime Prevention Officer, 35th District



Never leave your car running or keys in the ignition when you're away from it.

Always roll up the windows and **lock the car**, even if it's in front of your house.

**Never leave valuables in plain view**, even if the car is locked. (This includes laptops, PDA's, cell phones, MP3's, wallets, purses.) Put them in the trunk, or at least out of sight.

Remove portable electronic devices such as smart phones and GPS navigation systems, including their mounts. (Even the appearance of a suction cup ring on the windshield can entice a thief to break in and look for the GPS device.)

Park in busy, well-lighted areas with good visibility, close to walkways, stores, and people.

Carry the registration and insurance card with you. Don't leave personal identification documents or credit cards

in your vehicle.

When you pay to park in a lot or garage, leave just the ignition or valet key with the attendant. Make sure no personal info is attached. Do likewise when you take your car for repairs.

Do not leave the garage door opener in plain view, or keys in the vehicle.

Do not leave windows or sunroofs open.

Do not move valuable items to the trunk while in public view.

### **Add Extra Protection**

Install a mechanical locking device—commonly called clubs, collars, or J-bars—that lock to the wheel, column, or brake to prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees. Use it!

Investigate security systems if you live in a high-theft area or drive a car that's an attractive target for thieves. You may get a discount on your auto insurance.

### **What About Carjacking?**

Carjacking (stealing a car by force) has captured headlines in the last few years. Statistically, your chances of being a victim are very slim.

Etch the Vehicle ID Number (VIN) on the windows, doors, fenders, and trunk lid. This helps discourage thieves who have to either remove or replace etched parts before selling the car.

Approach your car with key in hand. Look around and inside before getting in.

While driving, **keep car doors locked** and windows rolled up at all times.

**Be especially alert** at intersections, gas stations, ATM's, shopping malls, convenience and grocery stores. All are windows of opportunity for carjackers.

If the carjacker has a weapon, give up the car with no questions asked.

**Use common sense before you leave your car.**

**Your OLCAA membership funds our efforts. Thank you for your support!**