

Preservation Wayne VIP News ~ February, 2004

Welcome to the first VIP newsletter for 2004!! It's hard to believe that winter is nearly over (by the calendar, if not by the weather!!) and another tour season is rapidly upon us. A brief update this month, watch for more news next time.

VIP News this month

- **Welcome to new team members!!**
- **Calendar**
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Welcome to new team members!!

Our **first Tour Recruitment meeting of 2004 was held on January 31** at the Hannan House on Woodward. Our formal publicity efforts continue to be at the whim of the media – and we didn't have much coverage this time - but through word of mouth, our web-site, and other informal means, we had 7 ½ new recruits join us. And they are **a very enthusiastic group!! We hope you have a chance to meet them soon!!**

They are (along with their interests):

- **Sue Krause** – volunteer form not yet returned
 - **John Leon** – Auto Heritage, Downtown (Tuesday After-Work Tours) and Promotion/Marketing
 - **Michelle Nesbitt** – Eastern Market and Promotion/Marketing
 - **Jeanette Pierce** – volunteer form not yet returned
 - **Jan Thierrian** – Downtown tour
 - **Laurie Turkawski** – Office Support, Advocacy, research, undecided as yet about a tour team
 - **Roberta Urbani** – possibly Tuesday After-Work Tours, help in publicizing the tours
- And see our VIP section for the last new recruit!!

It was also heartening to see the interest in the newly formed Advocacy Committee. We look forward to sharing information from this committee in the near future.

Thank you, too, to our VIPs who helped with the meeting logistics, speaking for their tours or committees and were just **generally being the great VIP's that they always are**. We appreciate it very much.

To:

- **Rich Bone** (Eastern Market)
- **Bob Goldsmith** (Tuesday After-Work Tours, Publicity, and the new Cultural Center tour)
- **Lisa Goldstein** (Midtown)
- **Fran Higbie** (Midtown)
- **Norb Keller** (Auto Heritage and Outreach Committee)
- **Jim Mellet** (Midtown)
- **Karen Nagher** (human dynamo)
- **Tom Nicholson** (Eastern Market)
- **Lisa Rush** (Eastern Market)
- **Larry Schwartz** (Midtown)
- **Ken Siver** (Downtown)
- **Kurt Spieles** (Downtown and Advocacy Committee)
- **Matt W.** (Auto Heritage)

Next meeting is on Saturday, February 21 at 10 – Noon. Again at the Hannan House (4750 Woodward – east side, just south of Warren.) We'll break up into the tour teams, you'll meet some of your fellow team members, get more information on your tour, and plan your team's next steps (walk-throughs, training plans, etc.) **Other new-to-be Guides and Shepherds are welcome – you can easily catch up.** And if you can't make it, please contact us and we will get you the information afterwards.

See you then!!

Calendar ~ save the dates!!

- **February 21 Recruitment meeting.** At the Hannan House (4750 Woodward, just south of Warren on the east side of the street.) 10 am – Noon. Meet your tour team and make plans for the tour season!! New VIPs are welcome, so invite your friends, colleagues, and Detroit history boosters!!

VIP Spotlight ~ Future VIP Lucas!!

Lucas W. was a brand-new volunteer at our January 31 tour recruitment meeting. Although he is only 7 months old, he was a perfect guest and listened in awe as the tours were described.

He didn't fill out a volunteer application form, so we aren't exactly sure where his interests lie. But his ears perked up a bit more when Norb talked about the Auto Heritage Tour!! Like most 'almost toddlers', though, he seemed more interested in the cars and trucks rather than Albert Kahn buildings or flowers/vegetables at Eastern Market or the loft development in Midtown!!

So, Lucas will be joining the Auto Heritage tour this year, but his dad Matt, may have to help interpret the historical facts in his gurgles for just a little while yet!! Hope you all get a chance to meet Lucas and Matt soon!!

It's great to see starting our next generation of preservationists this young!!

Becky's book!!!

Many of you know Rebecca Binno Savage – a long-time PW volunteer, former long-time Board Member, and still an enthusiastic Theatre Tour Guide. Becky's passion is Art Deco buildings, and she and Greg Kowalski have just published *Art Deco in Detroit*, the latest in the series of the *Images of America* books from Arcadia Publishing (those paperbacks that contain lots of pictures of a particular historical area or theme.) The book is available at Hirt's in Eastern Market, the DIA bookstore, the Detroit Historical Museum, Little Professor Books in Dearborn, Antiques on Main in Royal Oak and Pure Detroit has it on order. It is not yet in the big stores like Barnes & Noble or Borders, but it should be there soon. It's well worth a look and a buy!!

Notes from the Editor

Due to some technical difficulties, we don't have some of the usual sections of this newsletter, but I did not want to wait any longer to get this out. As such, we will put out a March newsletter with further updates.