

# THE MIDTOWNER

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The Official Newsletter of Historic Midtown Citizens Association

## Moving On

We recently learned that one of our neighbors is moving. Actually, we've had several houses on our block for sale recently. These particular neighbors are selling their home to a wonderful couple with Midtown roots. From an email note they sent: "Nothing, however, will ever replace our love for Midtown. We were urban pioneers in this neighborhood, moving into our house 30 years ago with our young children. So much has changed and so much remains the same -- the marvelous diversity, the sense of history, and the feeling that we are all on a mission to preserve something extraordinary. We will miss that, but we leave it in good hands as we downsize and head into the next phase of life." We wish all our neighbors well as they move on.

One thing we have noticed throughout the years is how some of us refer to some of these Midtown houses - by the name of the people who used to live there! We always refer to a large, lovely house down the street as the "Smith's" house, though the Smiths haven't lived there for 25 years.

So, this house that our neighbors are moving out of, for us, will always be, "The Jones' House."

## HMCA Annual Thank You Dinner

It was time again to thank all our volunteers, and we do that in style with a dinner and a short meeting. The dinner was again catered by La Chinita, a Midtown favorite. Midtowners bring the desserts, and they didn't disappoint. Great food!



Receiving the Jerry and Joan Cole award was WIN, Wichita Independent Neighborhoods. It was quite fitting that Joan Cole was one of the founders of WIN, and presented them with this award this year.



The Friend of Midtown was given to Mike Brady of Brady's Nursery for their support throughout many years for many HMCA functions. The Good Neighbor Award was given to Cindy Watson and Andrew Stover.



And here we have the Midtown Kids who every year help us sell drinks and cookies

## Midtowner Newsletter Information

The Midtowner is the official newsletter of the Historic Midtown Citizens Association.

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## An Old Fashioned Barn Raising

Well, not exactly. Like some other out-buildings in the Midtown area, our barn/carriage house was simply built on the ground with no foundation. During the past 100 years or so, it has sunk into the ground, and quite unevenly. It was pitched to the back. We asked several contractors to come out and look at it and give us some ideas of how to fix it. All of them said, quite emphatically, "Tear it down." Well, we weren't about to tear it down, but didn't know how to fix it up, either.



And, then along came a neighbor who assured us we could do this. He has volunteered more than 20 hours helping us straighten it out and get it ready to have a foundation poured under it. We are so grateful that our neighbor's help - thanks!

## Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society

1203 N. Main, Wichita, Ks  
316-264-3611



Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society will present, at its regularly scheduled class, Saturday, February 12, 1pm, "Kansas Room Tour & Treasure Hunt." This class is free and open to the public.

**MHGS Facts:** 570 Kansas books, assorted KS genealogical journals; cemetery listings by all KS counties; Wichita area obituaries, 1955+; Sedgwick County marriages, deaths, probate records; Wichita City Directories 1931+; other KS city directories and more. A "virtual tour" will be followed by a Treasure Hunt in the Kansas room. Librarians are always available to assist you.

Info: 316-264-3611, Tues/Sat, 9a-4p.

## Community Programs at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran church at 925 N. Waco offers low-cost English Classes in the mornings. Times are M-Th from 9:30 a.m. - noon. The classes are offered at several levels. For information on how to enroll, please call Leon Rausch at 263-0810. Volunteers are needed too, for either one day a week or all 4 days. All classes are taught in English. Classes are year round and students may join at any time.

Also St. Paul's has after-school activities for youth grades K-5 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call the church office at 263-0810 for information. The activities include home work help and a snack.

On Saturday February 26 from 5-7 p.m. St. Paul's will have a "Food from Many Lands" dinner with proceeds going to help support St. Paul's English Classes program.

## Energy and Sustainability Conference

On January 28-29, 2011, the City of Wichita and its partners will host the third annual Regional Energy and Sustainability Summit and Fair at the WSU Hughes Metroplex and Oliver and 29th St. North. For registration information, please go to [www.greenwichita.org](http://www.greenwichita.org) and look for the conference link

Friday, January 28th is primarily for business owners, operators, management; and Saturday, January 29th is primarily for area home owners and renters.



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Gang Activity Report Line .....	267-7228
HMCA Information .....	264-2988
Housing Assistance Programs .....	462-3700
(weatherization/emergency repairs/other)	
Midtown Community Resource Center .....	264-4636
Neighborhood Action Line .....	529-9999
Neighborhood Inspector .....	268-4481
(To report deteriorated properties, trash junk, tall grass/weeds, graffiti, parking in yards. ect.).	
North Police Station & Community Police .....	350-3400
Park Department .....	268-4361
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**Midtown Woman to Confront the snows of Kilimanjaro**  
Charity Climb for 5 Missions

Diane Molitor Palmer will challenge the highest mountain in Africa (19,340ft.) on January 16, 2011. Her efforts are to raise money for five missions on the continent that are making a positive impact in education, health and the environment. She is not a climber but likes to challenge herself. Her 65th birthday prompted her to do something "extreme". What is more extreme than climbing one of the tallest mountains in the world, Mt. Kilimanjaro (Mt. Kili) in Tanzania, Africa.

Diane has also taken on the daunting task of a "one woman" fund raiser. She selected five missions that are near and dear to her. Diane will visit and volunteer at each mission, traveling over 4,000 miles within Africa after her climb. She will see where each dollar goes and look into the eyes of the children who directly benefit from the donations. Missions in Africa Diane is climbing for all have roots in Kansas.

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Visit her at her "blogspot", [www.adventurediane.blogspot.com](http://www.adventurediane.blogspot.com), [twitter@adventurediane](mailto:twitter@adventurediane) or face book Diane Palmer. For more information and to make a tax-deductible donation go to [www.adventurediane.blogspot.com](http://www.adventurediane.blogspot.com) or email [adventurediane@gmail.com](mailto:adventurediane@gmail.com)  
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**Sec. 9.08.150.**

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**Food from Many Lands Dinner**

Saturday February 26  
5-7 p.m.

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
925 N. Waco

Dinner to help support St. Paul's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) School  
Call 263-0810 for information on the dinner or the classes or send an e-mail to [ESOL@stpauls-wichita.org](mailto:ESOL@stpauls-wichita.org).  
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11:00 am - 7:00 pm  
\$9.00

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Letter to the Editor

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Now you can go to the reference desk on the First Floor of the Wichita Public Library at 223 South Main Street and read a new book that reproduces the full text of the Health Care Reform Act recently passed by Congress. It has 1,224 pages.

These new laws are designed to effectuate a massive overhaul of our nation's health insurance and health care delivery systems.

*William T. Davitt - Attorney at Law, retired*

**Note:**

Mr. Davitt was responsible for donating this book to the Library who in turn supplemented his donation with an additional copy of this important information.

If you are interested in the new Health Care Reform Act, which will affect you, all the information you need is at the Wichita Public Library at 223 South Main Street, First Floor reference desk.

The Mission of the Historic Midtown Citizens Association (HMCA) is to preserve, develop and promote Wichita's Historic Midtown neighborhood as a unified, vital and diverse residential community.

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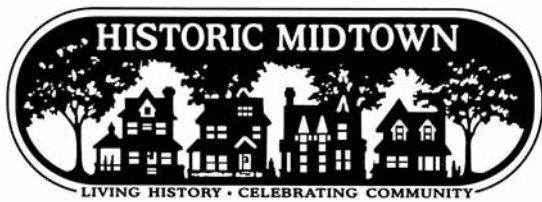
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