

# Washington Square Citizens' League *Update*

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*Dedicated to motivating residents of Hopkinson House to become engaged in the political and social processes of the day*

## Washington Square Citizens' League Is Ten Years Old!



Many of you will recall the political turmoil in Washington, D.C., during 1994 and 1995. Some of us here at Hopkinson House felt very frustrated and were deeply concerned about the future of our country. It was early in 1996 when a friend who lived at **The Philadelphia** Condominium invited me to a meeting at her home with some of their residents who shared the same concerns. It turned out to be a very spirited meeting, and I was deeply impressed by what I heard. So when I was asked to join the group, I invited **Nelly Childress** to accompany me. She responded, "Why do we have to join their group; why don't we form our own group

Monday, June 26  
7:00 p.m. in the Solarium  
**PROGRAM:**  
**Public Servants  
in the Public Eye**  
featuring Councilman Frank  
DiCicco and Jay McCalla

**PARTY:**  
Join us in celebrating  
Washington Square  
Citizens' League's  
Tenth Anniversary!  
Refreshments served!!!!  
All Hopkinson House residents  
are cordially invited to attend.

here?" And so, Washington Square Citizens' League was born!

From a nucleus of two members in June of 1996, we had increased our membership to 60 by December of 1996 and have since grown to a membership of 130.

Through our newsletter, **UPDATE**, we keep our members informed of critical political issues. They also are encouraged to lobby their legislators by mail or telephone with the hope of increasing citizens' influence on government at the local, state, and national levels.

Appropriately, our first guest speaker that June of 1996 was our own friend and neighbor, the late **Tom Foglietta**, who was then Congressman and later appointed United States Ambassador to Italy by President Clinton.

Among our many distinguished guest speakers over the years were

**Dr. John R. Ball**, then President of Pennsylvania Hospital;

**Governor Ed Rendell**, when he was Democratic National Committee Chair and when he was Mayor of Philadelphia;

ALL Republican and Democratic mayoral candidates;

**Chris Satullo**, editorial page editor of the **PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER**;

**Hon. Dolores K. Sloviter**, then Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals (Third Circuit);

**John F. Timoney** when he was Philadelphia Police Commissioner; and

**Paul Vallas**, CEO of the Philadelphia School District.

We are nonpartisan and welcome the perspectives of Republicans, Democrats, and all other political persuasions. We firmly believe that an exchange of viewpoints benefits all and helps us understand and learn from each other. We invite all residents to attend our meetings to enjoy informative evenings with knowledgeable guest speakers.

Now please join me in wishing Washington Square Citizens' League many more productive birthdays!  
**--Nancy Snyder**