



NEWS REVIEW TESTIMONIAL DINNER — Charles F. Schwan, co-chairman of the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee, presenting *News Review* president Al Skolnik, a leather-bound, gold-inscribed copy of the U.S. Supreme Court decision of May 18, 1970 and related documents upholding the principle of freedom of the press. The dinner, held on Saturday night, honored the

newspaper's attorney, Roger A. Clark, who is to the immediate left of Skolnik. Seated at the far left is Mrs. Kate Clark, with Mrs. Elaine Skolnik next to her. To the right of Mr. Schwan is Mrs. Virginia Beauchamp, *News Review* Associate Editor, and at the far right is master of ceremonies Harry Zubkoff. (Additional photographs on page 8).

Photo by Earl Zubkoff

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## Proposal to Expand Western Branch May Solve Greenbriar Sewer Needs

WSSC Seeks New Process County Approves

## GHI MEMBERSHIP TO GET COPIES OF STRUCTURAL SURVEY REPORT

by Sid Kastner

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, April 27, discussed several matters involving communicating information to the membership - the recently concluded engineering survey by The Architectural Associates (TAA); an additional financing item for townhouse owners to consider; and a by-law petition, to be taken up at the annual meeting, that some board members viewed as having possible serious consequences for the future of the corporation. Some attention was also given to what the board could accomplish in the short time left before the May 24 annual meeting, without interfering with the next board's freedom of action.

A very weighty final report has just been completed by TAA, according to chairman Nat Shinderman, who then posed the question of how best to pass this report on to the membership. Alternatives suggested by board members

### Annual Meeting

In discussing what items should be included on the agenda for the annual meeting, chairman Shinderman noted that a petition for by-law change has been submitted by some members, and asked the board

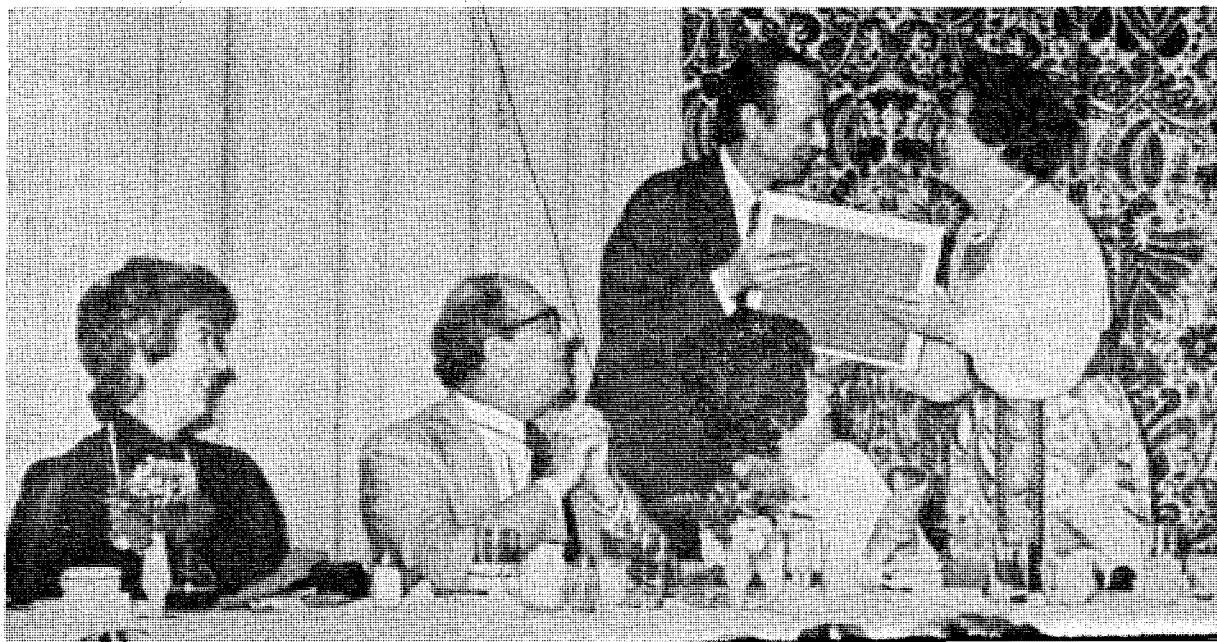
# Testimonial Dinner Honoring Roger Clark



Shown above are some of the 175 persons who attended the testimonial dinner listening attentively as the newspaper's attorney, Roger A. Clark, is praised for his efforts on behalf of the First Amendment.



Roger A. Clark, guest of honor at the News Review testimonial dinner held at the University of Maryland Center of Adult Education on April 29, makes a point to an appreciative audience.



Charles F. Schwan, in his role as city councilman, presenting *New Review* Editor, Mary Granofsky with a Proclamation of Council extending to the *News Review* staff, on behalf of the community, deep appreciation for their dedication to "the principle that the people must have an opportunity to be informed." Shown seated from right to left are Mrs. Jeanette Zubkoff, David Reich, co-counsel for the *News Review* in the lower courts, and Mrs. Tina Reich.



Albert K. Herling, co-chairman of the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee, receiving from *News Review* President, Al Skolnik, a leather-bound, gold-inscribed copy of the legal documents in the libel suit that was fought successfully to the Supreme Court.

Photos by Earl Zubkoff

## Long, Long Thoughts After The Commemorative Dinner

by Gordon Allen

As Mr. Clark said at the end of it, the *News Review* staff's commemorative dinner (for his Supreme Court victory in their libel defense) was indeed a "wonderful evening".

I could not help noting, as each speaker expressed due gratitude or praise for "community", the unquestioning facility with which the term was put aside and our attention turned to subjects more easily manipulated. Yet our sense of community is unusual, as our community itself is unusual. Not, as Harry Zubkoff would have had us believe equal with Paris, and Kalamazoo.

The one speaker who came closest to grasping the essential quality of our town was the guest of honor. Interesting, but understandable (and perhaps a little saddening), in that he is the only one whose experience of it is completely as an outsider.

That quality is worthy of comment, as I mentioned to him after the presentations were over. Worth comment because our community, which has borne and nurtured it is, at bottom, mass housing.

Mass housing, yes. Ordinary, no. Our mass housing is integrated with the environment in a way that is only today beginning to gain the broad recognition it has long deserved for the validity of its basic ideas. As an American example of the "New Towns", we share the same artistic/intellectual heritage that saw flower, in Europe between the two World Wars, in the Bauhaus movement.

And that movement, under the influence of such leaders and teachers in design as Walter Gropius and Marcel Breuer, found expression in the justly famed International style of artifacts and architecture. Its proponent artist/artisans and architects saw industrial design as

The newspaper's attorney, Roger A. Clark, displaying the plaques (with the help of Elaine Skolnik) that were presented to him by the Greenbelt *News Review* and the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee for his successful defense of the principle of freedom of the press before the Supreme Court. At far left is his wife, Kate Clark, and at the far right is *News Review* President Al Skolnik.

means for producing durable, functional and esthetically satisfying goods. And the goods that they saw as means, not to exploit a market but rather, to enhance the innate humanity of mankind.

The movement influenced the construction of housing projects in Europe, also. One, the workers' housing at Hook of Holland, serves as a model in courses on art, history and architecture.

So in Greenbelt, traditional and industrial methods were combined to produce a community designed to fill the needs of a frugal, yet mobile and intellectually restless populace.

Was it functional: did it work? Did it provide shelter, and has it endured? Just how is success measured, for an environment engineered for social cohesion? By neatly trimmed lawns? By the "Washingtonian's" "paint and shutters"?

Try its own products: try the cooperative enterprises, for further enrichment of its society. In a brief span of thirty-odd years, try a range from babysitting, and nursery and kindergarten education, to medical insurance; from food retailing and news publishing to camping/recreation; include housing and credit. From some of these, the enrichment to society has extended far beyond our narrow borders.

Or try the determination of a people to protect their own liberties. Although denied the rich variety of a fully representative racial balance (at first by a timid supervisory administration) Greenbelt has nonetheless furnished two chapters to the literature of civil rights. One of these was celebrated this night.

How can it be so easy for each speaker to forget that our community, which has produced so remarkably, was itself a product of a unique incubator?

Roger Clark reminded us that a

liberty not exercised is eroded; only by continual re-establishment are its outlines clarified and extended, and its essential quality preserved. The concept of an effective community design is even more elusive. Its grounds, once eroded, may not be renewed, like capital or a once-established right of law. Woodland Way, Lakeside, Lakewood, Boxwood or Charlestowne Village, what have these to do with a Green Belt, or with housing as a social catalyst? From before the land sale and onward, little and progressively less.

Without the Greenbelt concept, there would have been no such community, no *News Review*, no land controversy, no confrontation, no successful test of liberty. We have traced the concept's sources, and its successes. Is this how it ends, committed by ignorance or ingratitude to fall victim to an emphysema of suburban conformity?

It is true that nothing can detract from the accomplishment of Roger Clark. Especially in this community's eyes will this be so. Yet the accomplishment must stand, as well, in the line of continuing vindication for the vision held by Franklin Roosevelt, and held particularly by Rexford Guy Tugwell and Clarence Stein, who gave our Greenbelt concept form.

It has been a privilege to spend eleven years of my life living in this community, and taking active part in its concerns.

## Recreation Review Gallery

Oil paintings and ceramics by students at the Recreation Department will be featured at the Ridge Road Recreation Center's Gallery Series this weekend. Hours of the exhibit are: Friday, May 5, 7-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, 1-5 p.m.

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