

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
December 1998



Edited by Ollie Rieley

Oh No! Not Another "Year in Review" Piece!?!

Mitch Kates

Have you taken a look at your calendar lately? Have you noticed that yet another year is ready to pass? As I thought about what to put in my monthly column, it dawned on me, "hey, why not a piece about the year in review. That would be different." All right, so it's not the most original thought I ever had, but it's the only one I could come up with on short notice! (OK, so I procrastinated until the day the article was due.) As I thought about an angle that might make the topic more interesting, I remembered an observation I made recently while listening to some talk radio program in my car. There seem to be an abundance of conservative radio personalities and their followers who use the expression "Pittsburgh is dying" quite often. Most of the callers that share this point of view don't actually live in the city but rather in one of the outlying suburbs and, I have to ask, do they take the time to look around?

As I personally reflect upon 1998, I can't help but think of the upcoming couple of years and what this will mean for the future of the City of Pittsburgh. Don't let all those trees, parks and land fool you; we do live in the city! It appears to me that this is about the best time possible to be a resident here. Development is happening all around us, from major downtown retail ventures and hotel expansions to stadiums on the North Side. In Homestead (close enough to be considered part of the city) an old, abandoned mill site will be replaced with shopping centers and cinema multiplexes.

Here in the East End some of the most exciting changes in the city are taking place. East Liberty, which for many years has had the unfortunate distinction of being a poster child for poor city planning, has some incredible projects underway. In virtually every corner of that neighborhood there is a major project taking place. To the North we find the largest and most successful retail operation in the country thinking "out of the box." Instead of being a suburban-only retailer, Home Depot has now made a commitment to the inner-city. To the West there is a huge

residential project at the old Pennley Park apartment complex. In place of outdated high-rise apartments, residential units will be built for both people looking to rent and those wishing to purchase a home. What better way to rebuild a community than to help give its residents the opportunity to share in the pride of ownership. Also in the Western quadrant, we find the "Artists in the City" lofts nearing completion. If there is anyone who has any question about the economic impact of this movement they should look to the Southern portion of the "circle." There you will find a new art supply business going into a building that has been vacant for at least two years. Other spaces are also being renovated to serve as artisan retail space. To the East there is a movement afoot to tear down and rebuild residential facilities in that area, again with the intention of building affordable housing for single family home ownership.

Here in Highland Park there is a continued effort to recapture our own commercial district. Hopefully the new year will bring us new ventures, and according to the sign on a certain building, we will see the return of an old friend and highly successful business on Bryant Street!! (I'm intentionally being vague here ... hopefully I'll be able to tell you more soon.) We are also closing in on the return to yesteryear with the renovation of the park entrance to its original glory. Seemingly every month here in Highland Park we continue to welcome new residents to our neighborhood, and I'm happy to report, to our little club.

We have learned to come together as a community to help preserve our heritage and neighborhood by fighting and winning battles such as the one waged over the intended covering of the reservoir. We have been called upon once again to fight the big guys by supporting the battle against Nabisco. Once again I'm proud to report that we are making an impact on that struggle. Movements like these are not just self serving, but help better the entire city.

Look around you: Lofts in The Strip, new department stores Downtown, the public school system competing at a National level, a reborn East Liberty - why would anyone want to leave the city or live anywhere else? The better question to ask is how can anyone who truly assesses the situation honestly believe "Pittsburgh is dying." Wake up and smell the Coffee!!!

Until next month, Shalom!

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:15 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT ST. ANDREWS

Highland Park is

East End's #1 Real Estate Value

Tom Dickson, President of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation

As reported in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, for the second consecutive reporting period the median sales price of Highland Park homes rose significantly more than other prominent east end neighborhoods. This means that the value of Highland Park homes increased, as measured in percentage gain, more than homes in Shadyside, Oakland and Squirrel Hill. In fact, the average percentage increase in median sales prices for Highland Park homes of 20% was significantly more than Shadyside's 0% gain over the same period.

As someone that works closely with investment professionals, I have always made the analogy that Highland Park real estate is like an undervalued stock. The statistics noted above quantify this belief, something most of us have intuitively felt for years.

Please use these statistics, along with the other, selling points when promoting Highland Park. I would be happy to provide copies of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. My phone number is 661-0879 and email is perform@pgh.net.

Source: The data was provided by RealSTATS.

Thanks Friends and Neighbors

Pat Lovorn

As many of you know, Ken and I and our two children, Amanda (14) and Ken, Jr. (12), adopted five children from Russia this summer. For those of you who haven't heard, the children are: Stasia (12), Kristina (8), Katia (7), Elena (7) and Valeriy (5). The kindness and generosity of our friends and neighbors has been overwhelming and it would be impossible to thank every individual who has contributed in some way to our expanded family. Therefore, we are hoping that this article will reach most, if not all, of you and let you know how grateful we are that we live in a community filled with so many wonderful people. We have received many donations of food, toys, linens, and clothing, which have greatly eased the stress on the checkbook and allowed us to keep Giant Eagle in business!

There is, however, one particular family in Highland Park who we must mention — the Condee-Padunov's. Volodja Padunov graciously spent time at least once or twice a week for about seven months to tutor us in Russian. His wife, Nancy Condee and their children, Kira and Kolya, graciously gave up time with Volodja so that he could do this for us. We will always be extremely grateful to them. At times, the language barrier has been difficult, but not nearly as difficult as it would have been without the tutoring.

Thank you again to everyone for your love and support. It has meant so much to our entire family. We are truly blessed.

H. P. C. C.

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Announcing the First Annual St. Andrew's Lecture

Bruce Robison

Dr. John E. Murray, Jr., is to present the first annual St. Andrew's Lecture, "Pittsburgh in the New Century," on Friday evening, December 11, 1998, at 8:00 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh (Highland Park). Dr. Murray has been President of Duquesne University since May, 1988, and is the first lay President of that institution.

Recognized as a dynamic leader in a decade of spectacular growth at Duquesne, Dr. Murray has also taken his place as a key figure in the wider Pittsburgh community, most notably as chair of the Committee to Prepare Allegheny County for the 21st Century (ComPAC21).

Dr. Murray also serves on the boards of the Hill House Association, the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation, a committee to review Allegheny County Children and Youth Services, and the Resource Equity/Adequacy Panel (REAP) of the Allegheny Policy Council. He was general chair in 1996 of the United Way of Allegheny County Campaign, and he serves on advisory boards for numerous civic, philanthropic, and arts-related organizations.

Dr. Murray is the recipient of many academic and community service awards, including the NCCJ Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award, the Catholic Youth Association Art Rooney Sr. Award, and the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania History Makers Award. In 1993 Dr. Murray was recognized with the Catholic Charities Distinguished Service Award, and he was selected Man of the Year by Vectors/Pittsburgh.

We look forward to hearing from Dr. Murray as he explores and shares his vision for Pittsburgh and Southwestern Pennsylvania in the years ahead.

The St. Andrew's Lecture has been established and endowed at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh (Highland Park) to feature annually a distinguished speaker to address issues of interest and concern both in the church and in the wider community. The Lecture is free and open to the public. A reception to honor Dr. Murray will follow in Brooks Hall of St. Andrew's Church.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 5801 Hampton Street, at the corner of North Euclid Avenue, between North Highland and North Negley Avenues, one block south of Bryant Street and four blocks south of the park, in the East End Pittsburgh neighborhood of Highland Park. For more information please call the church office at (412) 661-1245.

Volunteers Needed at Vintage

Tom Sturgill

Home delivered meals

Vintage is seeking weekday morning volunteer drivers and visitors from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to help with home delivered meals for East-End home bound elderly. Temporary help is especially needed during the winter months. Your gift of time will be truly appreciated by those who depend on this important service.

Computer Instructors

Vintage is seeking volunteers to teach older adults computer skills or to assist in a computer lab.

For more information or to volunteer, call Tom Sturgill at (412) 361-5003, Ext. 116.

Port Authority or Traffic Questions?

Bob O'Connor

Concerned about traffic and Port Authority buses in our neighborhood?

The January HPCC meeting will have representatives from the city and the Port Authority so you can voice your concerns and ask your questions. January 21, 1999, 7:15 P. M. at St. Andrew's. Come out and be heard!!

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Holiday Tour of Homes and Craft Show

Paula Flaherty

It's that time again--time to usher in your holiday season with the fourth annual Highland Park Holiday Tour of Homes and Craft Show, featuring eight of historic Highland Park's most beautiful homes. This year's event will take place, starting at St. Andrew's, on Saturday, December 12 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Some of the highlights include a unique condominium on the first floor of what is known as Stanton Castle, an eclectic home filled with collections of all kinds plus a stunning and unusually decorated outdoor garden, and a home which houses a collection of over 300 glass goblets from the 1800's. This year's Craft Show will offer handmade items plus Santa's Sweet Shop and a Chinese Auction. The Craft Show begins at 10:00 at St. Andrew's Church.

With advanced reservations, tour goers may enjoy a special Tea to be served from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in several additional homes. An evening Wine Reception and Guided Tour with city historian Mike Eversmeyer from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. is also available with advance reservation only.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 on tour day. Tour and Tea tickets are \$25 and Wine Reception & Guided Tour tickets are \$35.00 each. Tickets are available at Mahla & Company Antiques in the Strip District, Mystery Lovers Book Shop in Oakmont, Portobello Gallery in Mt. Lebanon, and right here in Highland Park at the Walnut Market.

You can come with your friends and neighbors to one of Highland Park's most special events and feel great about it, because all proceeds benefit the ongoing operations of the non-profit Highland Park Community Development Corporation! You can also help by volunteering on tour day to help with the numerous tasks it takes to make this event a success. House captains, docents, ticket sales, set up and clean up, and many other positions are still to be filled. Please call Maureen Emerling at 441-5244 if you can spare even 2 hours of your time. Many Highland Parkers make little work! Finally, if you can't make the Tour, put your decorations up and your lights on to show visitors to our neighborhood what a charming place Highland Park is.

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5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services -December

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Nursery and Church School at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.: Family Service;

10:30 p.m.: "A Christmas Cantata," by David Pinkham

11:00 p.m.: Traditional Midnight Service

Christmas Morning Service 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)

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Dear HPCC:

Over a year ago we made an investment in property along Bryant Street for the specific purpose of developing a new restaurant. It was met with great interest and support from Highland Park residents, the HPCC and the CDC; many of whom knew about us as Pino's Pizzeria in nearby Point Breeze. We hired an architect and a contractor, prepared construction plans, submitted our application to the Allegheny County Health Department, began interior demolition activities and made equipment purchases. Earlier this year, we changed our plans literally overnight--we made a business decision to postpone our move into Highland Park because of an unexpected but very exciting opportunity on Murray Avenue in Squirrel Hill.

During this time, we were also encountering concerns of adjacent property owners regarding very specific issues on how we would conduct our business (e.g., zoning, sewer lines, previous owners, tenants, parking, etc.). In addition, complaints were filed with the City of Pittsburgh-Building Inspection. Apparently there was a perception that we were already under construction without a building permit because the windows were covered and trucks were seen in the rear of the building--the trucks were hauling away drywall and debris from the demolition (which does not require a permit).

We still have an investment in Highland Park and we still intend to open a restaurant there once we are satisfied with the operation in Squirrel Hill; we just can't put a definite time on it right now. We are grateful for all of the past and continued support of Highland Park residents, the HPCC and the CDC. We know many are disappointed and some are upset with us, but the postponement was strictly a business decision.

Sincerely,

Joseph (Pino) and Jennifer Mico

Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison, Rector

Highlighting the month of December at St. Andrew's Church are the many activities of Advent and Christmas.

On Thursday evening, December 3rd, beginning at 8 p.m. our

regular "First Thursday" choral service of Evensong will be followed by a "community sing-along" of the Advent and Christmas portions of G. F. Handel's much-loved cantata, "Messiah". All are invited - and musical scores will be provided for those of us who don't bring our own.

On Saturday morning, December 5th, beginning at 9 a.m., an Advent Quiet Morning, entitled "Kiss the Moment as it Flies," will be led by the Rev. Ken Kocharhook, with the hope that this time of reflection will make for a more meaningful observance of the whole season of the holidays. Again, all are welcome.

Our Adult Education Committee is also very pleased to invite the wider community to the first annual St. Andrew's Lecture on Friday evening, December 11th, at 8 p.m., when Dr. John E. Murray, Jr., President of Duquesne University, will speak on "Pittsburgh in the New Century." This free lecture is open to the public.

We're also pleased to welcome our friends of the Pittsburgh Camerata on Saturday evening, December 19th, at 8 p.m., for their seasonal program, "A Christmas Mosaic." Tickets will be for sale at the door.

The traditional Children's Pageant of Christmas will take place at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday morning, December 20th. And on Tuesday evening, December 22nd, beginning at 7:30 p.m., friends from the congregation and the neighborhood are invited to gather in the St. Andrew's Churchyard "around the bonfire" for the singing of carols (and with cookies and cocoa to follow inside). Dress warm for this always-wonderful evening - and bring a flashlight!

Christmas services at St. Andrew's will include a Family/Children's Service at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve afternoon, and a traditional "Midnight Service," beginning with a service of music at 10:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Choir and Brass will present David Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata." For those who prefer a quieter service, or who can't venture out at night, a service of Holy Communion will be offered in the chapel at 10 a.m. on Christmas morning.

For information about any services or events at St. Andrew's, please feel free to call our Church Office at 661-1245. And please know our prayers and best wishes for you, your loved ones, and all in our neighborhood and community, in this holy season and in the New Year ahead.

HPCC Meeting - November 19, 1998

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Paula Flaherty

Opening Announcements: Welcome to new and old members. Please support the Nabisco boycott, it has been effective with a regional reduction in sales of about 32%. Contact local officials to keep pressure on not to strip the factory of its machinery. - There is a fund raising party tomorrow at Three Rivers Stadium to help victims of hurricane Mitch, \$5.00 at the door. - Tomorrow night at the Greek Orthodox Church there will be a gathering of all East End Community groups. We are buying a table. Please see Mitch Kates if you would like to go.

Holiday Party: The Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 13th at the Nuin Center on Bryant St. between 3-6:00 pm. There is no admission but you may bring an hors d'ouvres or dessert if you would like. (New members are exempt - just come and enjoy!) Drinks and music will be provided.

Committee Reports: *Beautification:* The city is promising an ornamental fence around Reservoir 2, plus a perennial garden and perhaps some animal topiaries across from the animal wall on One Wild Place. *Block Watch:* C.O.P. report: Bike Officer Christine Scalise reported burglaries are on the rise due to welfare reform and increased drug addiction. She passed out flyers regarding burglar proofing your home. She encouraged citizens to report EVERY incident, no matter how small. Graffiti was brought up as an ongoing issue with little or no government response. Contact Jim Ferlo's office for help. A new program should address this problem. *Education:* Peabody High School was chosen by Microsoft Corp. to participate in a 4 semester programming course. It was reported Peabody may also become an international studies magnet. *Public Safety:* One of our programs will feature a representative from PAT who will discuss problems we have been experiencing with buses. *State Rep. Joseph Preston* gave a report about growth in our city and region. *Restoration:* Money is still being acquired to restore the park entrance. *Super Playground:* Looks better but still needs more work. The city public works dept.

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has no obligation to pick up trash but will help if we want; there is money in an escrow account for weekly maintenance also. Mitch will speak to Steve Pettler about this. The problem of YMCA Camps using the Super Playground during the summer was mentioned. It is an ongoing issue that will be looked at over the winter by the playground committee.

New Business/Old Business: Questions were asked about the potential coffee shop on N. Highland Ave. and its status with the zoning board. Amy Enrico reported that she has responded to requests for additional information and is awaiting a decision. Questions were raised about the Club's taking a position in favor of the coffee shop. A board member expressed displeasure at not being contacted for the vote. It was decided that in the future all efforts will be made within reason to reach each member if a vote on any issue should be required.

Program: Lorrie Rue from United Way Good Neighbors presented a program outlining numerous volunteer projects her agency coordinates. Anyone interested in being trained as a volunteer or is involved with a non-profit which needs volunteer services should

contact the agency.

Community portraits: Debbie DeAngelis - Public Arts Advocate

Diane DeNardo

I never cease to be amazed at what one person can accomplish. Not that Debbie has worked alone, but she has been the visionary, the task master, and the public arts advocate that has focused our attention on something we took for granted. Why should the *Welcome* statues beckoning us inside Highland Park be corroded? Why shouldn't a majestic fountain be spurting water? Why isn't the main roadway leading into the park paved with brick instead of asphalt? Debbie DeAngelis asked these questions for all of us. More importantly, she acted on our behalf.

Debbie has lived on Greystone Drive across from the park entrance for 20 years. She was increasingly bothered by the beautiful forms of the statues "that could not be appreciated because of the surface corrosion". While some of us looked at the statues and saw dull green, Debbie saw damage that had to be corrected. In 1994, she found the sculptor's signature, Guiseppe Moretti, and the year 1896 inscribed in the base of the statues. She explains, "I was compelled to save the *Welcome* Statues by their 100th birthday".

Fortunately for Highland Park, Debbie is an arts conservator by trade. Her art and antique conservation and restoration business, A.R.T.S., is located on Bryant Street. While the bronze statues are not the type of work Debbie's business handles, her background and expertise in the field allowed her to determine course of action. To educate herself, she traveled to Washington D. C., at her own expense, to attend the national convention, "Save Outdoor Sculpture."

A project to conserve Public art works of such a grand scale costs a lot of money. As a member of the HPCC board and chairperson of the newly formed Statue Restoration Committee, Debbie had the support of both the HPCC and the Highland Park Community Development Corporation. One of her first battles was to collect enough petition signatures to channel proceeds from the sale of the King estate to the restoration of the statues. According to Linda Eberhardt, "When Debbie was told that the money had been put into the city's general fund and was 'already spent' she worked with Councilman Jim Ferlo to help persuade the Mayor that the Highland Park community would not sit still for this solution. Ultimately, through her efforts and at the request of Mayor Murphy, the funding for the restoration came from the RAD board."

Now that the money was in place, Debbie persuaded the city of Pittsburgh that their current method of statue conservation was invasive and she would not allow the *Welcome* statues to be further deteriorated with an outdated and non-professional system. Through perseverance and with the help of advisors from the

Carnegie Museum of Art, the Western PA Historical Society and new connections to conservators on a national level, Debbie moved City Hall! The *Welcome* statues were cleaned and preserved using modern techniques. And, those techniques, the American Institute of Conservation standards, were adapted by the city for all future public art conservation projects.

As with most volunteer projects, one success leads to another project. Debbie is now committing her time and energy to the restoration of the park entrance. Again partnering with City Council and the Mayor's office, Debbie's work on behalf of the HPCC is now strengthened by the partnership of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation on whose Board of Directors she now also serves. The park entrance restoration

**If You Had Written That Article You Thought
About, It Could Be Right Here!!!**

Any subject of community interest and of "G" rating will be considered, subject to space limitations. If you don't fill the Newsletter, I'll be forced to start printing "G" rated internet jokes. (You'll even get more space than this little box, if needed)

project will involve restoring the formal gardens and fountain, paving the walkways with brick, and incorporating antique lighting fixtures. The beauty and elegance of the park's original design of 100 years ago will be restored for today's families who come in cars instead of horse-drawn carriages.

Which brings us to Bryant Street, of course! Debbie began her HPCC volunteer activities as a long-standing member of the Bryant Street Committee and is committed to improving the quality, quantity and appearance of the businesses serving our community. In 1994, she resigned from the Bryant Street Committee in order to focus her energy (and talents!) on the statue restoration project. It is her intention that the antique lighting fixtures that are chosen for the park will also line Bryant Street, and dependent on fund-raising, Highland Avenue.

To date, Debbie has secured a \$75,000 Keystone Grant from the PA Historical and Museum Commission which was matched by the City of Pittsburgh through the priority placed on this project by both the Mayor's office and City Council. The project's budget is \$400,000 and fund-raising is the current priority. Debbie is also looking for volunteers with graphic design expertise to join the committee.

After all of the work that has gone into both of the park

restoration projects, it was inevitable that Debbie would also lend her time and energy to the reservoir crisis. While I will be writing about how Dave Hance saved our reservoir in a later issue, we must also thank Debbie for her volunteer work with that project as well.

A dedicated mother to two wonderful teenagers, a business owner, a former classroom teacher, an urbanite, Debbie shares her political savvy, energy, talents, sense of humor, and dedication for a cause with all of us who are blessed to know her. When asked why she has committed so much of her time, money and energy on these projects, she replied, "It's my way of giving something back the community for their support of my Bryant Street business." These efforts have not gone unnoticed and Debbie has been nominated for and received several awards for her public arts advocacy work. Thanks Debbie for making us see Guiseppe Moretti's art in a whole new light.

Party, Party

The HPCC Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 13th at the Nuin Center on Bryant St. between 3-6:00 pm. There is no admission charge but you may bring an hors d'oeuvres or dessert if you would like. (New members are exempt - just come and enjoy!) Drinks and music will be provided. We hope you will come and greet your neighbors during this Holiday Season.

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Thank You, Highland Park

I wish to "espresso" my thanks to all the neighbors in Highland Park for your overwhelming support and commitment in helping me with my plan to open a coffee café. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to experience the true meaning of "community" and to be associated with such dedicated enthusiasm for the betterment of our neighborhood. I truly appreciate your phone calls, e-mail's, letters and time. It is clear that we all need a place to come together to socialize and continue to discuss the positive direction of our neighborhood.

We have faced the challenge of change and embraced it. You all deserve to be commended for your brave efforts to make "it" happen. Regardless of the outcome, I will continue to work toward positive development occurring in Highland Park. I hope that you will continue to join me in this effort.

Thank you again. You guys are very cool !!!!!

PS: I expect to hear from the Zoning Board in the next few weeks. If you attended the zoning hearing on October 22, 1998 and signed in, you will be notified at the same time. Please feel free to contact me if you would like an update or have questions. My e-mail address is aenrico@novumcrc.com and my phone is 362-2970.

Sincerely, Amy Enrico



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<i>HIGHLAND PARK HOLI-DATES</i>	
DEC. 5	<i>Grandkids Breakfast with Santa - Vintage - 9:00 am. (Admission charge)</i>
DEC. 11	<i>The First St. Andrew's Lecture — Dr. John Murray — 8:00 P.M.</i>
DEC. 12	<i>CDC Holiday Tour of Homes & Craft Show - Starts at St. Andrew's - 10:00 am Show, 2:00 pm Tour (Admission charge)</i>
DEC. 13	<i>HPCC Holiday Party - Nuin Center, 3:00 pm</i>
DEC. 13	Happy Hanukkah (Begins at Sundown)
DEC. 17	<i>HPCC Meeting - St. Andrew's - 7:15</i>
DEC. 17	<i>Jan. '99 HPCC Newsletter Deadline</i>
DEC. 19	<i>Pittsburgh Camarata- St. Andrew's - 8:00 pm (Admission charge)</i>
DEC. 22	<i>St. Andrew's Churchyard Bonfire & Carol Sing - 7:30 pm</i>
DEC. 25	Merry Christmas
JAN. 1	Happy New Year