

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
January 2000



Edited by Ollie Rieley

A Message from the President

Diane DeNardo

Greetings from Winterton Street. I encourage you to attend the January 20th HPCC Meeting. Tom Dickson, past President of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation will be the guest speaker. Tom will be discussing the current and future plans of the HPCDC. The all-volunteer neighborhood organization is hard at work in redeveloping properties, putting together plans for the improvement of our commercial district, and preparing for the restoration of the formal gardens and fountain that graced the entrance to Highland Park a century ago. The HPCDC is also committed to working with our East End neighbors, particularly East Liberty. Their work affects everyone in Pittsburgh, and I am not exaggerating.

As I drive home from work each day, I am amazed at all of the activity that is taking place within a few miles of Highland Park. I don't remember this much activity occurring at one time: the completed Spinning Plate Lofts, the foundation being dug for a new UPMC building on Baum, a new drugstore at the corner of Baum and Negley, the attractive renovation of a former eyesore by the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Pittsburgh, the handsome townhouses along Negley Avenue, the new facade work on the Dance Alloy building, and of course, the Home Depot. What do all of these projects have in common? They are large in scope and highly visible along well-traveled corridors. They will quickly become a part of the urban landscape that, on most days, we take for granted. And my point-- well I'm not exactly sure. But I do know that some of the owners deserve a big HUG for contributing an aesthetically pleasing structure to our East End community.

What rights do we as a community have to demand that

companies/corporations/individuals respect the character of a community and add, rather than detract, from it? This is a question that is being asked on a national level and it certainly affects Pittsburgh. When I pass the many vacant cinder block monstrosities that several auto parts companies plunked down and then abandoned, I am reminded of how much power distant corporations have to change the appearance of a community overnight. Why aren't these companies responsible for removing the blight that they leave behind? Is putting up a chain link fence their answer to our concerns. Do they think about the people who are left to deal with their discards? And that leads me to "irresponsible" absentee landlords but I'll leave that for another day.

When I agreed to serve as president of the HPCC for a term, several friends who understood my trepidation offered the following advice: for every issue you raise, every program you try to initiate, every cause you speak up for, a certain number of people will be angry with you. Accept that as part of the job and follow your own convictions. They are right, that is what democracy (no matter how local) is all about. We all have a right to be heard.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND CENTURY!!

The following letter was received on November 16, 1999:

HPCC ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY

The monthly meeting on January 20 will feature Tom Dickson, former president of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation. Come out and hear him!

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:15 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2000, AT ST. ANDREWS

Dear Community Club Members,

It is with great appreciation that I acknowledge your generous gift to Dilworth School for the purpose of increasing available library resources for our children. Coincidentally, revitalizing the library collection has been the focus of our recent efforts to maximize student learning opportunities. Please know that your donation will be put to valuable use and documented for your approval.

Dilworth School is a grand old building in a grand old neighborhood. Most importantly, however, those who "people" a place make it special. Your good work speaks for what your intentions are, and for where your heart is. Please know that we at Dilworth appreciate your commitment to excellence, and pledge to do our part for the betterment of Highland Park and the City of Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,
Robert F. O'Keefe
Principal

Calling All Peabody High School Graduates!

We are trying to establish a Peabody Alumni Association and we need your help to locate and gather as much information about Peabody graduates as we can. As you might imagine, we receive many requests from Peabody alumni for names and addresses of former classmates; unfortunately our information is often incomplete or inaccurate due to changes in name, address, etc. Please help this effort by sending us your name, year of graduation, current address and phone number. If you know the whereabouts of any of your classmates, please send that along as well. We are also looking for a group of people to help organize the Alumni Association, so if you would like to become involved please let us know.

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Art Show at Walnut Market

Ollie Rieley

December 18 marked the opening of "A Language Spoken in Oil" at the Walnut Market on Bryant Street. The show features paintings and carving by Yuriy Mudrenko who is a well known Moscow artist. The show is free and open to the public during normal business hours. The paintings show a wide range of landscapes and still lifes and are very interesting. Some of the scenes depicted are in Russia and some in the United States.

Yuriy Modrenko was born in Moscow in August, 1932. All the men in his family were concerned with art. His precocity in art was soon apparent and attracted the attention of noted icon painter, Ivan Shrapov, who was a guest of the family. Mr. Shrapov had come to Moscow from the ancient city of Tver which had a distinct and recognizable style of icon painting. Mr. Shrapov became Yuriy's first teacher.

Yuriy went on to finish Fine Arts School and then graduated from V. I. Surikov College of Fine Arts where he received his Master's Degree. He worked in the State Fine Arts Association for 38 years.

During his long career Yuriy performed large scale design and decorative painting for building interiors and exteriors including frescos, designed product exhibition displays, produced industrial design and advertising posters. He works in a wide range of media including oils, tempera, pen and ink, and pencil sketching. For years, he exhibited with the Moscow Society of Artists where his works were commended.

At present Yuriy lives in Pittsburgh. He has participated in exhibitions in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Israel.

I questioned the transition from icon painting to still life and landscapes. Yuriy said through his interpreter that he was not permitted to bring icon art out of Russia. He only has two icon works in Pittsburgh; in addition, the show is designed to have the items that might be popular in Pittsburgh.

The show will continue for several weeks with some rotation of the

works on display. All items are available for sale at very reasonable prices. Drop by and see them; it is an unusual experience - As the Walnut Market flyer says - "Food for stomach, Food for thoughts".

Highland Park Student Works for Peace

Anne Franks

Katie Gillespie, a resident of Highland Park and a tenth grade student at Peabody High School, successfully petitioned Pittsburgh City Council to proclaim January 1, 2000 a special day of peace in Pittsburgh. The proclamation was issued by Councilman Jim Ferlo in Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 14, 1999. Katie became involved in this effort as part of the One Day Foundation, a non profit youth educational organization that is sponsored by more than 1000 organizations in 130 countries. The message of *One Day in Peace* is that we should begin the new millennium committed to global peace; peace is more than the absence of war - it is finding peace within ourselves and learning to respect each other and the planet we share.

Katie obtained signatures from the Highland Park community, St. Andrews Episcopal Church and Peabody High School in support of the petition. She asked both Governor Ridge and Pittsburgh City Council to support this project. Governor Ridge responded with an official letter of support for *One Day in Peace*. Councilman Jim Ferlo, who kindly sponsored the proclamation, invited Katie to Council Chambers to speak with City Council members and to receive a proclamation for *One Day in Peace*.

We encourage you to participate in the *One Day in Peace* effort by joining with friends and family on January 1, 2000 to celebrate peace and share your commitment to global harmony. As Katie said in her comments to City Council, "In the spirit of the well known song: 'Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.'"

What's New at Peabody?

Noel Alston, Peabody Senior

Peabody is a part of the Highland Park community, and we would

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services - January

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

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

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like to contribute to the Highland Park Community Club Newsletter to alert the readers about all of the exciting things going on everyday at Peabody.

- The Drama club will be preparing students to audition for the spring musical *Cinderella*. Auditions will be held January 10-13, 2000. Students rehearse every day for five months in preparation for the final performance in May.
- The girls and boys basketball season started just a few weeks ago. The boys have successfully won their first four games and the girls team has a 3 and 1 record. Please come out and support both teams.
- Tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students took the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Test earlier this month. This is a multi-subject aptitude test that helps students identify their different interests and abilities. This is especially helpful at the beginning of the career-planning process as the student considers educational programs and college.
- The National Honor Society students are participating in a program called *Changes*. In this program the students work with honor students in other schools to do Community Service projects. Peabody students are partnered with students from Winchester Thurston. The most recent cooperative activity of the two schools was the collection, preparation and distribution of 1,500 gift bags of toilet articles for senior citizens in elder care facilities throughout the city.

These are just a few of the positive programs going on here at Peabody High School. Students, teachers, and staff are working hard at continuing to make Peabody a wonderful place to be. We will keep you posted as the latest news develops.

Pittsburgh Zoo Conservation 2000 Lecture

On Tuesday January 25, 2000 from 7 to 9 p.m., the Pittsburgh Zoo will present a special *Conservation 2000* lecture to educate the public about the zoo's worldwide conservation efforts and to raise new funds for these initiatives. Several members of the Pittsburgh Zoo staff will share stories of their adventures to exotic places around the globe as part of their Zoo supported work in worldwide research and conservation.

Henry Kacprzyk, curator of Kids Kingdom and Niches of the World, and Margie Marks, curator of education will discuss their three week research expedition to Australia this past summer for Koala fieldwork. Dr. Bill Langbauer, director of conservation and science, will share stories about his studies on elephants and his recent trips to Africa. Mark Browning, animal keeper, will talk about his visit to the Amazonian rainforest of Ecuador. Those attending the lecture will enjoy slide shows and a behind-the-scenes tour. Wine, cheese and refreshments will be served.

The Pittsburgh Zoo's research and conservation efforts are at the forefront of promoting worldwide field conservation. Such efforts are important, as an estimated **90 percent of the earth's species have yet to be discovered**, and an alarming **seven species are disappearing from the planet hourly**.

Advance registration is required for the lecture. Cost is \$17 for Zoo members, \$20 for non-members. Parking is free. All proceeds go to the Zoo's worldwide conservation fund. Call (412) 365-2520 for reservations.

Don Pablo's Nature Movie Series -- Heating up Pittsburgh Zoo During Winter Months

Don Pablo's Mexican Restaurant will heat things up at the Pittsburgh Zoo with free Saturday nature movie matinees and Mexican food and festivities at the Pittsburgh Zoo throughout January and February 2000. The nature movies begin at 1 p.m. in the Education Complex and will showcase wild animals and exotic locations.

Dates and movies scheduled are:

January 8: Amazing North America

January 22: What's Up Down Under

February 12: Awesome Animal Builders

February 22: Wonders of the Rain Forest

Don Pablo's will distribute free chips and salsa, grilled cheese items, Mexican decorations and piñatas for children and parents to enjoy. Those attending the movies can enter a drawing to win a free dinner for four redeemable at any one of four Don Pablo's locations. Patrons of Don Pablo's may bring their receipts to the Zoo during January and February of 2000 for a discount on a ticket.

Visitors can also see how Zoo animals like the Siberian tigers and snow leopards frolic and play in the winter weather similar to their frigid native homes. They also can warm up at indoor animal exhibits such as the Elephant Barn, featuring the popular African elephant calf; the steamy Tropical Forest, home to two orangutan babies; Niches of the World, housing the recent West African dwarf crocodile hatchlings; and the Discovery Pavilion in Kids Kingdom with interactive animal exhibits and learning stations.

Don Pablo's Saturday nature movie matinees are included with Zoo admission.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Activities

On January 19 at 11:15 a.m., the Kelso Lecture in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. will feature Carolyn Ann Knight on "A charge to keep I have ... to serve this present age!" The lecture is free and open to the public.

On January 27, at 3:00 p.m., the Pittsburgh Seminary Concert Series will present Saul Bitran, violin and Irene Schreier, piano. Admission is charged for the concerts.

Call (412) 362-5610 ext 2197 for more information.

Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh! January begins at St. Andrew's with a "12th Night" service of Choral Evensong for Epiphany on the evening of Thursday, January 6th, with a festive reception in Brooks Hall. The recital that evening will feature St. Andrew's Organist and Choirmaster, Peter J. Luley, on the renowned St. Andrew's E. M. Skinner pipe organ. Hope to see you!

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12th, our "Interest in Writing" parish and neighborhood writers' workshop will hold its first meeting of the year 2000 (bring about a dozen copies of your work to share).

Sunday services at St. Andrew's in January continue at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with Nursery, Church School, and Youth Groups meeting during the 11 a.m. service hour. Future Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's will also feature some interesting "between the services" opportunities for "Coffee and Conversation," at 10 a.m. on January 23rd with poet and artist (and Highland Park resident!) Janet J. Jai. Then, the next Sunday, January 30th, we'll hear from the Rev. Gaia Thompson, who will be speaking about her ministry as Chaplain at Canterbury Place in Lawrenceville. Those of us who deal with issues of aging -- which is to say, all of us -- will find her presentation of great interest.

St. Andrew's wonderfully repaired and restored Apostle Aisle Windows will be rededicated in a choral service on Sunday, February 6th, at 4 p.m. We'll be celebrating a great effort of our congregation and of the wider neighborhood and community, and all are warmly invited to join us. A reception will follow!

St. Andrew's has been a part of this Highland Park neighborhood since 1906. If you have a pastoral need (a baby to be baptized, a wedding to celebrate, or any concerns in times of an illness or death), or if you would like to learn more about participating in our congregational life, feel free to give us a call at 661-1245. We'll be

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This class follows a flow of traditional hatha yoga asanas (postures) that will massage every organ in the body, releasing and eliminating toxins, while providing mental concentration and control throughout the mind. It's a great way to start your week! **Beginners are welcome!**

Saeeda Hafiz is the author of **YOGA - For Daily Living** (video) and **YOGA - Personal Direction** (audio CD and cassette).



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JANUARY CALENDAR	
ONGOING	"A LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN OIL", WALNUT MARKET, NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS
JANUARY 1	Happy New Year — ONE DAY IN PEACE
JANUARY 8 & 22	"DON PABLO'S NATURE MOVIE SERIES", PITTSBURGH ZOO, 1:00 P.M., ADMISSION
JANUARY 19	THE KELSO LECTURE IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 11:15 A.M.
JANUARY 20	HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:15 P.M.
JANUARY 22	PITTSBURGH SEMINARY CONCERT SERIES, SAUL BITRAN, VIOLIN, IRENE SCHREIER, PIANO, 3:00 P.M., ADMISSION
JANUARY 25	PITTSBURGH ZOO "CONSERVATION 2000" LECTURE, 7:00 P.M., ADMISSION, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED