

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
December 2001



Edited by Ollie Rieley

October HPCC Meeting Highlights

Paula Flaherty

Meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. by President Brandon Weber.

Guest: Bernie Erb, Director of the Highland Park Care Center at Stanton Ave. and N. Highland Ave. introduced himself and made a few remarks describing the Highland Park Care Center. It was recently taken over by Grain Health Care Corporation, which is headquartered in RIDC. Grain operates a number of health care facilities for profit. The Highland Park Care Center was built in 1968 and has been operated for the last several years by St. Francis Hospital. Grain bought it for about \$3.5 million and expects to spend about \$0.5 million on upgrades. He noted there are about 130 employees, about half of whom live in Highland Park. The twice monthly payroll is about \$110 thousand, so they represent a significant source of income to Highland Park. The facility houses about 100 residents who need skilled care.

A request was made that there be a liaison between the Community Club and the Community Development Corporation. Rudy Maceyko volunteered for the job. Thanks, Rudy.

President Weber noted that the office of Vice President is vacant as is the chair of the Super Playground Committee. The Vice President stands in when the President is away and is a nominee for president the following year. The Super Playground committee is responsible for checking status of the playground, arranging seasonal cleanups and maintenance and repairs. A trust fund, separate from the Club funds is available to provide monetary support. Volunteers should contact Brandon.

Michael Johnson gave an update on progress on the Community planning report. Some funds have been promised and more are being solicited. They expect to start hiring the professionals who will do the nitty gritty soon.

Newsletter: The December issue may be slightly late. There will

be no January issue.

There will be no December meeting, instead a post holiday HPCC party will be planned at the Nuin Center.

State Representative Joseph Preston reported on the safety of the water supply at the reservoir, and was able to assure residents that our supply is exceptionally safe. He also warned residents to be on the alert for predatory lending scams involving home improvement which prey upon the elderly.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Help!

Help!!

Help!!!

The office of Vice President is vacant. We need someone to step forward and volunteer to serve in that office. Won't you be that person?

We also need a new chair of the Super Playground Committee. The Super Playground is a remarkable achievement of this club. We need a chair of the committee which sees to the ongoing maintenance.

**Have a Safe & Happy
Holiday Season!!**

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2002, AT ST. ANDREWS

(No December Meeting, No January Newsletter)

The News from Peabody*Anne Franks*

Students in the class of 2001 received \$252,000 in athletic scholarships to colleges this year. Peabody ranked second highest in the District for athletic scholarships. This is quite an accomplishment since Peabody is seventh in size among the high schools!

Lucy Gillespie, a tenth grade student at Peabody High School, is the first student in the District this year to pass the Microsoft Word Expert Certification test. (Last year, a Peabody student was the first and only other student in the District to pass this professional level certification test.) Having passed this certification test, Lucy has now earned four Microsoft Certifications, the highest number of Microsoft Office Certifications of any student in District.

Seventeen students in the Peabody Information Technologies Academy attended the Microsoft XP Conference at the Mellon Arena in October. This conference was held to introduce the latest Microsoft operating system to the business and technology communities in Pittsburgh. The IT students from Peabody were the only high school students in attendance. Peabody students had the opportunity to interact with the professional community, to see demonstrations of state of the art technology, and to expand their awareness of career options.

CAS student Brandon Banks, has been offered a summer internship at the Coatings Resource Corporation in Huntington Beach California. Brandon will be working as a laboratory technician in the chemistry laboratory.

Celebrate Mozart's Birthday*at the Seminary Concerts*

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Afternoon concert series continues on January 26, 2002 at 3:00 P.M. Scott Otto, Pauline Rovkah and members of the Pittsburgh Symphony will join together to celebrate Mozart's birthday. The concert features the great Viennese Master's *Trio* for clarinet, viola and piano. A musical surprise or two will round out the afternoon. Call 412 362

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Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

With all the activities of Advent and Christmas, December is very much a full month around St. Andrew's.

The season begins on Thursday evening, the 6th of December, with an Advent Service of Choral Evensong followed by a recital with the highly-regarded Urban Sky Consort, an ensemble dedicated to the performance of early music composed by or for women.

On Saturday morning, December 8, from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon members of the parish and community are invited to "A Quiet Morning in Advent," with meditations led on the words of Mary's Song, the Magnificat.

The Pittsburgh Camerata will be in concert at St. Andrew's at 8 p.m. on Saturday evening, December 15--always one of the true highlights of the holiday season. Tickets are available at the door or by subscription.

All the neighborhood is invited to what has become very much a Highland Park tradition -- Bonfire and Carols in the St. Andrew's Churchyard, on Tuesday evening, December 18th, beginning at 7 p.m. The Carol Sing is followed by cocoa and cookies in the Parish Hall.

WORLD PEACE MEDITATION

Friday evening, December 21st

6:30 drumming

7:00 peace meditation

7:45 social gathering

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Another highlight of the St. Andrew's year comes at our 11 a.m. service on Sunday morning, December 23rd, with the traditional Children's Pageant of Christmas.

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve Services at St. Andrew's will include a Family Service of Holy Communion at 4:30 p.m., with Carols and the Blessing of the Christmas Creche.

A Service of Music at 10:30 p.m. includes J.S. Bach's Christmas Cantata, "Uns ist ein Kind geboren". The traditional candlelight, midnight Choral Service of Holy Communion follows, with Brass Choir.

On Tuesday morning, December 25th, Christmas Morning, a 10 a.m. service of Holy Communion is held in St. Andrew's Chapel, especially for those who prefer a quieter service, or who find it difficult to go out in the later evening.

And, finally, on Tuesday evening, December 31st, New Year's Eve, at 11 p.m., all are invited to St. Andrew's for a musical recital, to be followed by a simple service of Holy Communion, Bellringing at Midnight, and a New Year's Eve Champagne Reception in the St. Andrew's Rectory.

From all of us at St. Andrew's to all in our lovely Highland Park neighborhood, may this season be a time of blessing and peace for you and for those you love. If you have any questions or pastoral concerns, please give us a call at (412) 661-1245.

Pittsburgh Camerata Concert at St. Andrew's

Gail Luley

The Pittsburgh Camerata performs at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street, on Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 PM. The Pittsburgh Camerata will open its season with "A Renaissance Christmas Celebration," a concert of a cappella choral music from the Renaissance period--about 1430-1599--that tells the Christmas story. Artistic Director Rebecca Rollett has divided the story into sections and chosen music to fit each part. The sections are The Prophecies, The Annunciation (an angel appears to Mary, telling her that she is pregnant), The Incarnation (God becomes man), The Star, The Angels and the Shepherds and The Epiphany to the Gentiles (the appearance of God to all people). Movements from the great Renaissance composer William Byrd's (1543-1623) In Nativitate Domini (The Nativity of our Lord) will musically connect each part of the story. Tickets are \$15 and \$6 for students. Tickets for children in middle and elementary school, accompanied by an adult, are \$1. For more information, call the Camerata at 412.424.5884 or visit their website at www.pittsburghcamerata.org

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Women Peacemakers from Around the Globe Become Part of World Peace Book by Local Author

janet jai

Rose Kabuye is from Rwanda. As she tells of how she learned about the 9-11 attacks on the U.S., her shapely long black fingers talk with her: "I walked into a room where everyone was watching television. A man turned to me and said, 'We have been attacked.'"

Swanee Hunt, founder of the Women Waging Peace Program at Harvard, questions Kabuye, "This man was Rwandan and he said 'WE have been attacked.'" Kabuye says, "Yes."

Those of us in the room who are Americans are profoundly touched by how much the U.S. means to the rest of the world.

"That's my first significant memory from my week at the Women Waging Peace Colloquium," says janet jai, a Pittsburgher who is writing a book entitled *World Peace: A Beginner's Guide*.

Recently jai received funding from the Pittsburgh offices of the Sisters of Mercy (\$1,000) and the Sisters of Divine Providence (\$500) to support research for her book. Some of this funding enabled jai to attend the Women Waging Peace Colloquium at Harvard last week, where she interacted with women peacemakers from around the globe.

Says jai, "The opportunity to meet these 'women of light' was wonderful. The conference itself was heavy. So many countries are dealing with war or the aftermath of war."

jai began writing her *World Peace* guide last June. It includes chapters on:

- major conflict areas and issues ● who's who in peace today
- peace events/conferences ● peace groups and organizations
- today's peacemaking tools ● places of peace (museums, gardens...)

- best peace Web sites ● top 10 books about peacemaking
- women and peace ● religion and peace
- children's ideas about peace ● the arts and peace, etc.

Says jai, "I want this book to inspire as well as inform. It will include quotes from peacemakers and tips on what individuals can do. I'm writing it in a short, easy-to-comprehend style so that it can be readily understood by the general public and students, its two audiences." More information about the book is at jai's Web site: www.poem-of-the-month.com.

jai, who lives in the Highland Park section of Pittsburgh, has been a professional writer for 20 years. She has her own firm: Vision and Values.

jai is also a poet-artist and leads groups in creating Peace Room-Poems (original poetry plus abstract art about peace all over the walls of a room). At the Women Waging Peace conference, jai asked delegates to write the word peace in their native languages. Their writings will become part of a World Peace collage that jai creates every time she exhibits her work.

For more information, contact janet jai 412-362-7607 or jai@vision-and-values.com.

St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street * Highland Park

Sunday Morning Services - December/January

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.

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Stash the Trash

Alea C. Melacrinis

Fulton fifth graders participated in a citywide neighborhood refuse program titled, Stash the Trash. It took place on Friday, September 28th. The fifth graders were divided into teams and picked up garbage on Mellon, Bryant, North St. Clair and Hampton Streets. A student recorder in each group tallied the different types of garbage collected and students later graphed the results. Four student representatives were also chosen to personally receive a Stash the Trash Service Award from Mayor Tom Murphy while attending a reception held at the City/County Building on October 2nd. This program was an excellent way for Fulton students to beautify the school's neighborhood, become aware of their environment and take pride in their community.

Fulton Academy would also like to thank and acknowledge neighbor Home Depot for generously donating disposable gloves and brooms toward this worthy project.

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Students Explore Traditional Dance of Southern India

Students at Dilworth Traditional Academy and Morningside Elementary School in the East End of Pittsburgh became immersed in Traditional dance from southern India last month as a way to explore their world by experiencing a new art form through hands-on activities. The students learned some of the traditional gestures used in the Indian dance and what they symbolize; explored the rhythmic patterns that are pounded out with bell wrapped feet; and attended a performance of Indian Kuchipudi dance by professional artist Vijay Palaparty. The performance took place in the Dilworth Auditorium on Wednesday, November 14, 2001.

Gateway to the Arts conducted the workshops as part of the Gateway Arts in Education Institute that focuses on aesthetic education. After attending a seven-day teacher in-service course in the summer (and doing many of the same activities their students will later do), teachers and teaching artists plan workshops that will make the art form meaningful to their students' lives and relevant to what they are learning in school. When the students attend the performance, not only are they mesmerized by a dance style they have not seen before, but they recognize the gestures, musical rhythms, storytelling, choreography and costuming that they had explored. They were well prepared to experience an eastern art form beyond their western knowledge and experience.

Gateway to the Arts' teaching artists Michele de la Reza and Hilda Ettegui conducted the pre-performance workshops. The participating Morningside Elementary School teachers were Tony Woods (Kindergarten) and Pat Seligman (2nd Grade). The teachers at Dilworth Traditional Academy were Claudia Caruso (2nd grade), Terry Magnotta (2nd grade) and Jim Beyrl (Math and Science). Both school principals, Ms Armstrong and Mr. O'Keefe, are strong advocates of their staffs' participation in this program.

About Gateway to the Arts: Gateway to the Arts (GTA), a non-profit organization, has been providing professional arts-in-education programs and services to students and teachers throughout western Pennsylvania since 1957. Working with professional performing and visual artists GTA's curriculum-based auditorium programs, residencies, teacher- training institutes and workshops aim to strengthen the learning climate in Pennsylvania schools while encouraging student interest and participation in the Arts. In FY 2000, GTA artists reached 150,000 students through over 460 programs

For further information about Gateway to the Arts, call (412) 261-9221 or visit their website at www.gatewaytothearts.org

Living With A Hog On My Back

Shannon Mischler

"WHICH ONE OF YOU ANCIENT, DECREPIT, DECEASED CULPRITS GAVE ME THESE ROTTEN GENES ?" screams Michele Hayes from her book, *Living With A Hog On My Back*. Michele, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in the summer of 1989 and the first of two breast cancer diagnoses at age 39, answers this rant with an examination of the good and the bad that she is a product in her autobiography. In the midst of all this physical calamity, Michele embarked upon her family genealogy to unearth the reason for her physical frailty and strength of spirit.

Michele, a long time resident of Highland Park, was able to discuss her autobiography with me on a sunny Saturday morning in October. As we got acquainted, Michele apologized for not getting in contact with me sooner due to a recent hysterectomy because of uterine cancer. I sat in amazement at her casual approach to all the ailments that had plagued her. The casual approach did not strike me as a denial but a resolve to tackle these ailments and survive. I entered her world knowing she had an important story of self-preservation that could give others inspiration.

Michele writes a witty, smooth story that juxtaposes her journey through life with tales of her ancestors. Her life might resemble yours as she depicts her love of archaeology, her ups and downs as an office worker and graduate student, and the enduring support of Tom, her husband. But reality hits when she precisely defines her MS and BC diagnoses and treatments, the death of her brother-in-law from diabetes, and the spiritual and emotional anguish that chronic illnesses carry. Her survival with dignity, humor, and determination are attributed to the genetics of ancestors who had strong minds "Using the fine example of Mother raising me and seeing her struggles after my father's death, coupled with observation of others emotionally strong female family members, gives credence to my fight."

Living With A Hog On My Back is authored by Quincy Quay. Michele explained this is her pen name, as a tribute to her father, Quincy Quay, who died of a cerebral hemorrhage when she was a young girl. In an excerpt from her book Michele writes,

"My father dies, in my 14th year, a ray of sun in a dark room, a Grandfather not dead, not buried, and Harlem's (town character) bent, dark, shadowy frame in the night. This was some of my childhood. And, it was all welling to a certain, imminent fate.

"For over the last twelve years, it's as if I've been thrown over an apex by some scathing, murderous mob, left only to hobble down a dimly lit, nightmarish road, With no way station or solace in sight, I'm forced to lay out the playing cards I carry in my hands. Is it God who controls the 'laying of the hands'?"

Living With A Hog On My Back is a book of the endurance and adaptability of the human spirit. Michele Hayes' ability to reach out to others is appropriate for all readers seeking inspiration in humanity. She believes, "Accepting new and different concepts in life can be a challenge, because its process exposes the vulnerability in us all." Michele's autobiography was a vulnerable challenge achieved that can inspire another's challenge.

Michele's book is sold at the local Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. For the best availability, email Michele at MOHayes@aol.com or phone 412-361-6194. A portion of royalties from sales of the book will be donated to organizations providing services to BC and MS patients.

Letter From Port Authority

Mr Oliver R Rieley
5571 Hampton Street
Pittsburgh. PA 15206

November 8, 2001

Dear Mr Rieley:

As you are probably aware, new service changes will take effect on November 18th. I want to assure you that Port Authority staff will continue to monitor the Highland Park issues

We did not receive any complaints following our September 26th schedule changes

The following changes have occurred with the November 18th service changes:

- 73B Highland Park Express will operate on Highland Avenue directly to Penn Avenue in East Liberty. Inbound stops on Whitfield Street have been discontinued.
- 64A in the Waterfront has been changed to benefit passengers and operators

I sincerely appreciate and thank the community for their continued support and assistance

If you have any questions. please contact me at 412-566-5323

Sincerely,

S/ Lynda L Conway

Director of Operations Analysis

Seminary Christmas Concert

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The Next HPCC meeting is 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2001, at St. Andrew's

<i>DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR</i>	
<i>DECEMBER 10</i>	<i>HANUKKAH BEGINS - HAPPY HANUKKAH</i>
<i>DECEMBER 11</i>	<i>CHRISTMAS CONCERT, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 7:30 P.M.</i>
<i>DECEMBER 15</i>	<i>PITTSBURGH CAMERATA CONCERT, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M., ADMISSION</i>
<i>DECEMBER 18</i>	<i>BON FIRE AND CAROLS, ST. ANDREW'S YARD, 7:00 P.M.</i>
<i>DECEMBER 25</i>	<i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>
<i>DECEMBER 31</i>	<i>RECITAL, SERVICE, BELL RINGING, CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION, ST. ANDREW'S, 11:00 P.M.</i>
<i>JANUARY 1</i>	<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>
<i>JANUARY 21</i>	<i>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED</i>
<i>JANUARY 26</i>	<i>PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AFTERNOON CONCERT, HICKS CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, 3:00 P.M., ADMISSION</i>