

HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club
Newsletter for
November 2002



Edited by Ollie Rieley

Highlights of October 17 Meeting

Lisa Williams

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

Election

The first order of business was the election of a new president. There being no nominations from the floor, Lisa Williams was elected unanimously. Nominations/volunteers are needed for the Executive Vice President slot. Call Lisa if interested.

Committee reports

House Tour: Dana Thomas, Committee Chair, is planning on a House Tour for this coming year. Plans and ideas will be discussed in future meetings.

Newsletter: Ollie Rieley requested all articles for the December Newsletter be in by November 24th. Send any articles to Ollie at ollie5808@aol.com.

Program Committee: Bruce Robison, Chair, will be planning special speaker programs for future meetings. Any ideas on speakers or programs you would like to see presented, please call Bruce. A couple of ideas tossed out were: Local School Principals program and presentation on upcoming restorations of the Park.

Children's Committee: Tania Grubbs, Chair, reminded everyone of the Scarecrow festival on Saturday, Oct 26th. It will be held at the Highland Park Farmhouse Playground from 12 - 2 P.M.. Volunteers for the day are welcome! It will be fun - call Tania.

Finance: Kelly Vitti reminded all Committee Chairs that budgets for the year are past due. Please send your budgets to Kelly ASAP.

New Business

The CDC requested \$250 from the HPCC to help pay High School

Students to enter the Community Development Plan survey information into the database. The vote was tabled until further information and discussion with CDC.

Program

Guest Speaker, Charles Honeywell, from the East End Quarter Chamber of Commerce described the East End History Project. See separate article.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 P.M.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE
CALLED VP?
CALL LISA AND NOMINATE YOURSELF
TO BE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HPCC!**

**Attend the next HPCC meeting!
St. Andrew's, November 21, 7:30 P.M.**

THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2002, AT ST. ANDREWS

Pittsburgh Camarata Christmas Concert

Gail Luley

The Pittsburgh Camerata will present "CAROL OF THE ANIMALS" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street, on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 PM. The 26-voice chamber choir celebrates the creatures of Christmas as portrayed in folk and poetic tradition. Folk songs from England, France, Germany, Italy and the Slavic countries illustrate this peaceable kingdom of the Nativity. Tickets are \$15 and \$6 for students. SPECIAL FAMILY PRICE for this concert only! Two adults with children can bring the whole family for \$20; one adult with children can attend for \$10 - the kids are free. (Children must be junior high or elementary age - high school students may take advantage of the \$6 student ticket price.) Call 412-421-5884 and order your family package now! For more information and a concert program listing, visit the Camerata's website at www.pittsburghcamerata.org

Treasurer's Report

Balances this month:

Checking Balance	\$6,292.15
Cd's	\$3,264.80
	\$3,264.80
Postal Account	\$247.56

Budgets, Budgets

All Committee Chairs Alert!!

Budgets should be submitted to treasurer Kelly Vitti as soon as possible. It is essential that an annual budget be established for the club so that we can control expenditures. So take a couple of minutes, prepare a budget for your committee and send it to Kelly; NOW!

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Union Project Update

◦ The Union Project added its third staff member during the second week of September. Melissa Stauffer comes to The Union Project out of our partnership with neighboring Mennonite Urban Corps. Melissa is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University, with a B.A. in business. She will be working part time at The Union Project putting together a more cohesive marketing strategy as well as developing a series of 2003 promotional events. To welcome Melissa to The Union Project email Melissa@unionproject.org.

◦ We recently acquired the services of Desmone and Associates Architects to begin an architectural feasibility study, funded through a grant from the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh. The Union Project will be working in close partnership with Desmone, the CDCP, as well as Highland Park Community Development in order to put together initial design recommendations for the restoration of the former Union Baptist Church. Visit www.desmone.com for more information about their firm. See separate article for details of this effort.

◦ The Heinz School of Carnegie Mellon University has agreed to aid The Union Project in developing a comprehensive database system to be used for storing and collecting valuable information regarding artists, volunteers, contact information, donors, and many more important pieces of The Union Project organization. This project is being spearheaded by Union Project volunteer Lauren Blair.

◦ The Highland Park Community Plan is working hard to collect and compile important information for the residents of Highland Park and a comprehensive strategy for the neighborhood's future. The Union Project participated in this data collection and community planning effort by hosting an Arts, Recreation and Youth Development focus group at The Union Project on Thursday, October 17. Neighbors from Highland Park and surrounding communities attended and provided input to Community Plan strategies for arts, recreation and youth development. Please call 412-661-7744 or email Jess@unionproject.org for more details.

◦ Mildred's Daughters Urban Farm continued its partnership with The Union Project by offering fresh produce in front of The Union Project on Saturday, October 12. This produce stand was hosted in an effort to determine if a weekly market can succeed at the site next year. Call 412-478-3105 or email

Justin@unioproject.org for details or if you are interested in joining Mildred's Daughters with a booth in 2003.

◦ The Union Project has recently created a partnership with Pura Vida coffee, based in Seattle, Washington to provide fairly traded coffee at reasonable prices. The Union Project will have 12-ounce bags of regular and decaffeinated coffee available for \$10 a bag at the upcoming market day. Proceeds from your purchase go to support the Union Project as well as to support at-risk children in coffee-growing regions of the world. Visit www.puravidacoffee.com for more information about Pura Vida. Call 412-478-3105 or email Justin@unionproject.org to pick up your coffee or prepay for larger orders

◦ The Union Project will be hosting another work day on Wednesday, October 30 from Noon until 4 pm. Time will be spent doing a final fall exterior cleanup as well as continuing to clean and remove damaged plaster from the interior of the building. We are happy to be working closely with Chatham College Service Learning and Mennonite Urban Corps for that afternoon. If you are interested in volunteering on October 30, or any other day call 412-478-3105, or email Justin@unionproject.org.

SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL TOURS

Saint Raphael School is now offering tours on the first and third Tuesday of the month. November thru May, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The school is located in the small family oriented community of Morningside (one mile from the Pittsburgh Zoo) at 1154 Chislett Street. We offer small classes combining academic excellence and Christian values for children of all races and religions, preschool - 8th grades. An After-School Enrichment program is also available from dismissal to 6 p.m. Our school provides a safe nurturing environment with the foundations to live and grow. Great beginnings last a lifetime! For additional information please call 412-661-0288.

Seminary Afternoon Concert

Chris Ungerer, piano, is the scheduled artist for the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's second afternoon concert of the season. The concert will be held Saturday, November 16 at 3:00 P.M. Admission is charged. Call the Seminary Office of Continuing Education at 412 362-3260 Ext. 2196 for additional information.

UNION PROJECT BEGINS FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Union Project - an East End initiative restoring neighborhood space to connect, create, and celebrate - has acquired the services of Desmone and Associates Architects to begin a Feasibility Study on the former Union Baptist Church. The Union Project is entering this initial stage of development in partnership with the Highland Park Community Development Corporation and the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh.

Principal partner Chip Desmone, of Desmone and Associates, says "The Union Project Feasibility Study is not only the beginning of the path to revitalize this beautiful old church, but it is also the first step in a much greater process that will ultimately spur on the revitalization of the entire neighborhood surrounding the Union Project."

Desmone and Associates know first hand how the revitalization of a building improves a neighborhood. The office building that they occupy in Lawrenceville was once a vacant Bank building that they redeveloped in partnership with the Lawrenceville Development Corporation.

This feasibility study will provide the resources necessary for the Union Project to move forward with fundraising, marketing, and a comprehensive volunteer plan for the restoration. A 12-member Project Team representing Peabody High School, Stanton-Negley Drugstore, Kelly-Strayhorn Community Performing Arts Center, Highland Park CDC and neighborhood residents and stakeholders will be participating in the study. There will be two community-wide meetings for neighborhood residents to review and discuss the developing plans.

The Union Project is renovating the former Union Baptist Church to provide gathering and working space for artists, community builders, and people of faith in East Liberty, Highland Park and their adjacent neighborhoods. The Union project is located at 801 North Negley Avenue on the corner of Stanton Avenue and Negley Avenue on the border of East Liberty and Highland Park. The Union Project has spent the last year preparing the former church building for an historic renovation, utilizing the help of over 250 volunteers, contributing over 4500 hours of skilled and unskilled labor. The Union Project has hosted a wide range of events in the past year including church services, a hip hop concert, theater performances, Pittsburgh Marathon prayer tables, hymn sings, community forums, landscaping days, and coffee houses.

The Union Project is funded in part by The Community Design Center of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, and individual donors.

The East Liberty Historic Preservation Drive

A Three-year Plan for Historical Preservation, Beatification, Development and Community Engagement

The East Liberty Historical Preservation Drive was created with the belief that East Liberty deserves a dedicated history center, based on over 300 years of history, culminating at the height of the industrial revolution when it was a thriving neighborhood, home to many of the financial and manufacturing giants who forged the economic and industrial systems of the modern world. This community can celebrate its history through its diversity. Native Americans, African Americans and European Americans alike will find meaningful links to the past in the richness of this community's history.

Today, East Liberty is one of the truly integrated communities of our racially diverse region. Common pride will flourish, not just in the community's history but also in its beautification and enhanced status as a regional attraction, and this will continue to build bridges between the coexisting communities, between generations, between socio-economic groups and among community leaders. Schools from around the region will benefit from an additional resource for research, study and exploration at the East Liberty History Center, as will members of the many families with roots in East Liberty. While a score of these families have left their legacy in street names, parks and structures, there are thousands of other families who trace their roots to historic East Liberty and who can enjoy the romance and nostalgia of the past.

Time is of the essence. Currently, \$147.5 million in economic development efforts are moving forward. These efforts will bring new economic prosperity to the community. It is imperative that these efforts, while vitally important, do not ignore and thereby destroy the historical integrity of East Liberty. Countless historical homes and other sites have already been lost forever, important stained glass has been covered over, green space is quickly being confiscated, and often development has come at the price of beauty, safety and integrity.

Funding for the East Liberty Historical Preservation Drive will set in motion a three year plan that will include research and collection of historical facts, documentation and artifacts, dissemination of information, community engagement to build support and excitement for the project, historical markers, and signage and related roadside beautification projects.

Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

On Sunday morning the 24th of November our Highland Park neighborhood will ring with the bright sound of the traditional bagpipe and drum band of the Syria Highlanders as we celebrate our patronal festival in observance of St. Andrew's Day, and all are invited. The fun begins in the churchyard (weather permitting) at about 10:40 a.m. and continues with an 11 a.m. festival service in the church. A gala and gourmet reception follows in Brooks Hall. All are invited!

Other events of wider interest this month include November's "Cinema St. Andrew's," on Saturday the 9th at 7 p.m., with a free showing of "On the Waterfront," starring Marlon Brando. Bring popcorn or other snacks to share . . .

Our Adult Education programming this fall includes a series built thematically around the title, "Living Globally as People of Faith." We'll have a potluck dinner and program on Sunday evening, November 10, with discussion of how an increasingly global economy affects our lives here in Southwestern Pennsylvania. We begin with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., and program from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and all are invited.

A year-long overview of "faith in a global context" begins this month as well with the first meeting in a series of "cottage meetings" with discussion growing from Huston Smith's book, "The World's Great Religions." On Tuesday evening, November 19th, at 7:30 p.m., we begin with a discussion of Hinduism. For more information and location, please call the St. Andrew's Office.

The Thanksgiving Holiday will be observed at St. Andrew's with a "Thanksgiving Eve" service at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27th. The service includes traditional harvest hymns and an ingathering of canned and other non-perishable food items for the East End Food Pantry.

St. Andrew's has been a part of this great Highland Park neighborhood for nearly a century. We would simply say that if there is any need we can help you with, we hope you will give us a call. A child to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, a friend or neighbor who is in the hospital or shut-in at home and could use a friendly visit, a family to care for at the time of a death . . . or perhaps just the need for a space to hold a graduation party, or to borrow a few folding chairs: do give us a call. St. Andrew's services are Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Office hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. The phone is (412) 661-1245.

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Arctic National Wildlife Refuge *Walk to Washington* Stops at Zoo

On Sunday, November 3, award-winning photographer, author, and Caribou Commons Project Coordinator Ken Madsen will speak at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium about protecting the Arctic National Wildlife as part of his "Walk to Washington" for the Arctic Refuge. At 5:30 P.M., Madsen will lead a walk around the Zoo, followed by pizza and refreshments. At 7 p.m., Madsen will give his Alaska Coalition-sponsored multimedia presentation about the Refuge, proposed oil development within it and his numerous

trips to the region. Also speaking will be 2002 Goldman Prizewinner Norma Kassi. The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (412) 365-2520 by October 30.

The Walk to Washington kicked off in Seattle Washington on August 23 and will end with a rally on Capital Hill on November 16. The Walk to Washington aims to raise public awareness about the issues surrounding proposed oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and gain support for its protection. For more information about the Walk to Washington and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, visit www.cariboucommons.com

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR	
OCTOBER 30	UNION PROJECT WORK DAY, NOON TO 4:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 2	ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST, VINTAGE, 8:00 A.M TO 1:00 P.M., ADMISSION
NOVEMBER 5	ELECTION DAY - REMEMBER TO VOTE
NOVEMBER 16	SEMINARY CONCERT, CHRIS UNGERER, PIANO, 3:00 P.M., ADMISSION
NOVEMBER 21	HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 28	THANKSGIVING DAY