# DAR Community Club Newsletter for April 2003

Edited by Ollie Rieley

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It's that time again. On Sunday June 1, 2003 from 9AM through whenever we want to quit, we will once again invite all of our Pittsburgh area neighbors to Highland Park for the 80-100 yard sales that will be going on in Highland Park. The Highland Park Yard Sale brings about *one thousand* people from throughout the area into our beautiful neighborhood to buy our used stuff, collectibles, junk and whatever. Some people sell food in addition to their yard sale items, some organizations use this as an opportunity for a fund raiser (the Union Project and the St. Andrew's Youth Group for example). The more participants the merrier.

For the low, low price of \$12, the Community Club takes care of the advertising (on light poles, in newspapers and in the Pennysaver in the East End and North), the typing of lists of items for sale and the preparation of a map of participating homes. In addition , the Community Club provides sellers with balloons, signs to show that they are part of the sale, and volunteers to hand out the maps and lists.

I hope you all enjoy it as much as I do. Please fill in the form below if you want to be a seller. Send the \$12 to Judy Wolfe - that's me (checks made out to HPCC) at 5910 Wellesley Ave, Pgh, 15206. If you need any additional information, call me at 412.441.7830.

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tems for sale:		

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#### Save the Date!

April's Highland Park Community Club Meeting Will Be:

#### Wednesday April 16th at 7:30pm

At Dilworth Traditional Academy for the Arts and Humanities

(Stanton & Heberton)

Meet Principal Bob O'Keefe and hear about the new and exciting changes that emphasize the arts and humanities within a traditional curriculum

- Hear why test scores are rising
- Tour this Historic Landmark (see the Doctors Office)
- Tour the Gallery of Student Art Work
- View the brand new Library and Computer Lab
- Light refreshments & Live Music will be provided!

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#### **Important Items**:

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Dog Grooming



Corner of Mellon & Wellesley Highland Park

Phone - (412) 361-4681

## THE PITTSBURGH CAMERATA IN CONCERT

Gail Luley

The Pittsburgh Camerata presents "Three River Dance" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street, on Saturday, April 26 at 8:00 PM. The 26 voice chamber choir finds inspiration in real rivers and the rivers of life and love in choral music from the Renaissance and by Elgar, Howells, Copland, Hindemith and Lockwood. Pittsburgh composer Nancy Galbraith introduces her new a cappella choral work Four River Songs – commissioned by the Pittsburgh Camerata –with poetry by Pablo Neruda, Langston Hughes, e.e. cummings and Psalm 137. Tickets are \$15 and \$6 for students and may be purchased at the box office or in advance calling 412-421-5884 o r on-line www.pittsburghcamerata.org. For complete concert information visit the Camerata's website.

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#### Treasurer's Report

Kelly Vitti

	Actual Year to Date	Budget <u>Fiscal Year</u>
Income	\$15,755.00	\$28,850.00
Expenses	\$5,601.78	\$26,315.00
Current Balance All Accounts	\$20,635.00	
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Don't Forget
Next meeting is Wednesday April 16 at Dillworth
Traditional Academy
If you show up at St. Andrew's Thursday, you'll be
surprised!

H. P. C. C.
Officers, Directors & Committees

President: Lisa Williams (665-3933) President Elect: Bob Staresinic (441-8972) Comm. Dev. V.P.: Mitch Kates (661-4995) Treasurer: Kelly Vitti (361-7669) Secretary: Shannon Mischler (441-4967) Past President: Brandon Weber (720-0906) Directors Kevin Bivins Debbie Hart (O3) Christina Lagnese 441-6696 (03) Bob Staresinic 441-8972 (03) Suzanne Colvin (04) Rudy Maceyko 441-9130(04) Mary Beth Steisslinger Ed Sullivan 361-1101 (04) Dana Thomas 720-0906 (04) David Delong 303-0747 (05) Amy Defoe (05) Peter Hughes 363-4603 (05) Ollie Rieley 661-1205 (05) Bruce Robison 361-4862 (05) Committees Beautification: Dell Ziegler 363-1252 Block Watch: Jan Stayianos 363-8208 Children: Stacey Gray 661-1445 Commercial District: Muzz Meyers 661-2315 Day Camp: Janice Burgett 361-2195 Education: Kevin Bivins Hospitality: Kate Zober 661-9312 House Tour: Dana Thomas 720-0906 Membership: Kelly Meade 362-0331 Newsletter: Ollie Rieley 661-1205 Program: Bruce Robison 361-4892 Public Safety:----Recreation: Charlie Peterson 441-2766 Reservoir Covers: Dave Hance 361-4935 Restoration: Dave Hance 361-4935 Super Playground: Kate Zober 661-9312 Yard Sale: Judy Wolfe 441-7830 Welcoming: Bob Staresinic 441-8972

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Zoning: Dell Ziegler 363-0742

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#### Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

The 11 a.m. service on Easter Morning, Sunday, April 20, will be a great celebration--with brass, drum, organ, and choirs--of the highest festival of the Christian year. Following the service the children are invited to participate in the fun of an Easter Egg Hunt in St. Andrew's Churchyard while the grown-ups look on during the traditional champagne reception. All are warmly invited!

Holy Week services begin on Palm Sunday, April 13, with the Procession of the Palms, beginning in the Churchyard at 11 a.m. On Maundy Thursday evening, April 17, a 6 p.m. simple service of Holy Communion "around the dinner table" will be followed immediately by a potluck supper. On Good Friday, April 18, the observance of the traditional Great Three Hours will begin with Stations of the Cross at noon, the Liturgy for Good Friday (with hymns, meditations, and the reading of the Passion Gospel of St. John) at 1 p.m., and with a Service of Music at 2 p.m. featuring the St. Andrew's Choir singing music by J.S. Bach. The observance concludes at 3 p.m. with the Tolling of the Great Bell.

Other events around the parish during April will include Choral Evensong at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, followed by a recital featuring organist David Durkop. A "Quiet Morning in Lent," with reflections on the Seven Last Words from the Cross, will take place between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday morning, April 5, and there will be a St. Andrew's Cinema Movie Night on Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

As Lent gives way to Eastertide, we are pleased to welcome the Pittsburgh Camerata in concert at St. Andrew's on Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m. (tickets by subscription or on sale at the door).

Newcomers and visitors who are interested in learning more are invited to a series of three Wednesday evening "Inquirers' Classes" from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on the 16th, 23rd, and 30th of April.

St. Andrew's has been a part of this Highland Park neighborhood for nearly a century, and it is our desire to be indeed a "good neighbor." If there is a pastoral concern we can help with--a baby to be baptized, a wedding to celebrate, a sick or shut-in neighbor to be visited, a family dealing with the loss of a loved one--we invite your call. Our Church Office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., and our phone number is 412 661-1245.

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#### **Union Project News**

Justin Rothshank

In the current troubled times in our world, we at the Union Project send our hopes and prayers for peace to all of you, and hope that the pieces of peace that we're working toward locally will in some way affect the greater whole. If you are interested in learning about alternatives to war in Iraq please visit the Sojourners organization http://www.sojo.net/action.

Are you an electrician, carpenter, or cabinetmaker? The Union Project is ready to proceed with some initial improvements on its building. Skilled volunteers with construction experience are needed for both one-time volunteer opportunities and ongoing assistance. We will provide the materials necessary for making improvements on exterior lighting, removal of old knob and tube wiring, refinishing old doors and beginning the preservation of our stained glass windows. If you are interested in giving your time and expertise email Justin@unionproject.org or call 412-478-3105.

The Union Project gratefully acknowledges the Public Enrichment Project (PEP) for their support, including a recent micro-grant. PEP is committed to encouraging and generating creative and entertaining ideas that further the enjoyment and education of the public. PEP Projects can be initiated by any member of the public, and may receive publicity, logistical or financial support and encouragement from PEP. For more information or to submit a project idea, contact Tom Glick at tom@publicenrichment.org.

We're looking for your trash to make our treasure! During your spring cleaning, please set aside those items that are most worthy of being sold on the Union Project's behalf at the June 1 Highland Park community-wide Yard Sale. We need donations of sellable items and volunteers to help staff tables - call Melissa at 412-362-1233 or email Melissa@unionproject.org by May 1st.

The Union Project will again be hosting a summer artists and farmers market - expanded to 16 weeks and building on the success of last year's four-week market. The 2003 market will be held once a week at the corner of Stanton and Negley avenues. We are happy to have Mildred's Daughters Urban Farm (from Stanton Heights) as part of the market this year. If you are interested in an affordable weekly booth at this high-traffic corner, contact Justin at 412-478-3105 or email Justin@unionproject.org. The market will start in mid-June. We'll keep you posted on the details in future newsletters!

Several members of the Pittsburgh Organ Historical Society have been helping the Union Project dismantle and preserve the A. B. Felgemaker opus 1280 pipe organ. All pipe work is in very good condition and is for sale. If you are interested in more information about the Union Project organ email Justin@unionproject.org or call 412-478-3105.

Be sure to check out the Union Project website, www.unionproject.org for updated photos, links and event listings.

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#### **Blockwatch Meeting**

Jan Stayianos

I have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Hall at St. Andrew's. Mary Jo Bradley from Morningside will speak about "Wired Blocks Network", a project she has been working on. Officer Mike Gay, Crimewatch Coordinator from the Number 5 Police Station, will be there to answer questions and address concerns.

All Blockwatch Captains are encouraged to attend. I will try to reach all of you by phone. ANYONE is welcome at this meeting. If you have issues related to crime in our neighborhood, this would be a good opportunity to bring them to our attention. After Mrs. Bradley speaks, there will be an opportunity for discussion.

Even though this meeting is not meant to deal with blockwatch captaining, I am still looking for anyone who is willing to do this important volunteer job. All of the candidates who ran in the recent special election spoke about the fact that crimewatch needs to be strengthened in the neighborhoods. So, come to the meeting and see how you can help. Call me at 412 363-8208 if you have ideas or questions.

### What <u>YOU</u> Should Know about the **Earned Income Tax Credit**

City of Pittsburgh Office of the Mayor

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) is a special federal tax benefit for low-to-moderate-income workers. You may be eligible if you worked full or part-time in 2002. If you file for this credit, you'll owe less in taxes and could even get money back. Family size and income determine how much you could receive - with two or more qualifying children and earnings of up to \$33,178 last year, you might be eligible for up to \$4,140!

You must file a federal tax return in order to take advantage of this tax benefit. Families with children should file form 1040 or 1040A and attach Schedule EIC. If there were no children living with you in 2001, file form 1040, 1010A or 1040EZ. A similar tax benefit, PA Tax Back, is available from the state of Pennsylvania. For materials on these credits. call Kristy Weiland at Just Harvest, 412-431-8960.

For questions about federal tax credits or the location of nearby Vita sites contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or visit their website at www.irs.gov. Or, contact the Just Harvest VITA site on the South Side. Call 412-431-8964 for appointment information. For questions about the PA Tax Back Program, contact the PA Department of Revenue at 1-800-362-2050.

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 P.M. Dillworth Traditional Academy

#### **Help Wanted (One)**

There is an urgent need for co-chairs for the House Tour Committee. Chair Dana Thomas is seeking two or three people to serve as co-chairs of this committee. The House Tour is an extremely important activity of the HPCC for several reasons: 1) It is an opportunity to show-off our neighborhood to people from other places in the city and county. 2) It is a money maker for the Club 3) It is another opportunity for neighbors to get out and meet one another. And, finally) It gives us the chance to see what the inside of that big beautiful home down the street is like.

But there are many preparations necessary for the house tour and Dana needs help with them. Won't you help her? This is a great place for newcomers to the neighborhood to pitch in. *It is also a good place for you old timers who are on sabbatical to get back into the swing of things.* Please sign up today. Call Lisa Williams or Dana Thomas to become involved.

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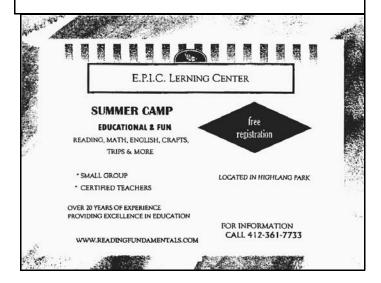
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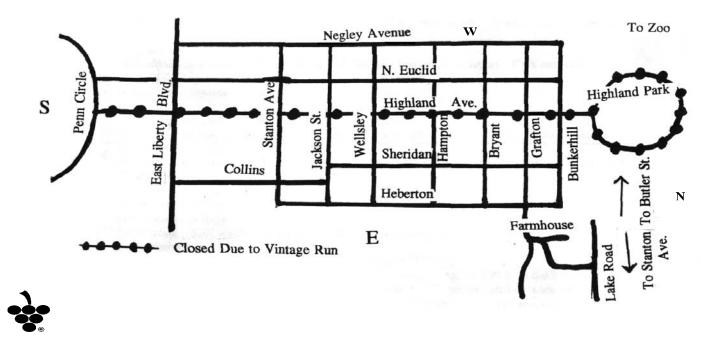
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#### Vintage 5K Race & 2 Mile Walk — Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 A.M.

The Vintage 5K Race & 2-Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. Both the Race and Walk are opened to participants of all ages. In its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the 5K Race begins at Vintage, proceeds up Highland Avenue through scenic Highland Park on Reservoir Drive, and back to Vintage. Walkers use the same course crossing over at the entrance to the Park and returning to Vintage. In addition to the individual competition, families, friends, co-workers or neighbors can enter the Wacky Team Run/Walk Event. Numerous prizes will be given to winning runners, walkers and Wacky Certificates to all Wacky Teams whose members cross the finishline. Paul Raith, local potter and resident of Highland Park, is creating the trophies for the top runners. Vintage would welcome participation from Highland Park residents in any of the above categories. For additional information or to receive a registration call Marilyn Kraitchman, Race Director, at 412-361-5003 ext. 106.

Vintage realizes and cares about the temporary inconvenience the race creates for our neighbors. The map above shows the race route and below are alternative routes around the closure of N. Highland Ave.to assist you in planning your race day travel in advance. North Highland Avenue will be closed from Penn Circle North to Highland Park along with the upper Park entrances and exits.

#### From the West:

To Butler Street/Highland Park Zoo

Take any side street to North Euclid. Turn north, follow North Euclid to end. Go left on Bunker Hill, turn right on Mellon Street. Follow zoo signs.

To the other side of North Highland Avenue:

Take any side street to Mellon Street. Turn north (toward the Park) on Mellon. At the fork in the road, bear right onto Lake Road. Follow Lake Road 1.1 miles. Make right onto Connecting Road. At top of hill turn right, then make an immediate left onto Farmhouse, and an immediate left onto Heberton.

To Penn Circle:

Go south on North Euclid to Penn Circle.

#### From the East:

To Butler Street/Highland Park Zoo

Through Highland Park, follow side streets up to Heberton at Grafton. Take road to the right (Farmhouse Drive). Turn right onto Connecting Road and make immediate left. Go left on Lake Road. Continue on Lake Road 1.1 miles to stop sign. At stop sign turn right for Butler Street and the bridge. Turn left to return to Highland Park on the west side of N. Highland Avenue.

To the other side of Highland Avenue.

Take any side street to Collins. Turn south and follow Collins (it turns briefly into Negley Run Blvd. and then back into Collins after crossing East Liberty Blvd.) to Penn Circle and turn right onto Penn Circle. Go across N. Highland Avenue and make a right onto N. Euclid.

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#### **Help Wanted (Two)**

If you study the Club directory on page two, you can't help but notice several positions are vacant. One director seat is empty, and there are no chairs for the Hospitality and Public Safety Committees.

Directors are expected to regularly attend meetings and decide issues of importance to the club. There are supposed to be 15 elected directors in three annual classes of five each. The opening is to fill a term that ends in August this year. A good chance for a short exposure to director duties!

There is no Chair for the Hospitality Committee. This job used to entail bringing light refreshment to meetings but lately has just participated in setting up special events.

The Public Safety Committee Chair also resigned recently. This position is primarily liaison with the police at Station 5. There's a monthly meeting at the station house for interfacing with the served communities and there used to be (still is?) a fair sponsored by Station 5 in the summer.

Please step forward and take one of these jobs. Call Lisa Williams to volunteer. You'll be glad you did.

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#### **Seminary Concerts**

The final Concert in the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Afternoon Concert Series is scheduled for Saturday April 26 at 3:00 P.M. The concert features Hampton Mallory, cello, Richard Page, clarinet, and Yeeha Chiu, piano, performing works by Beethoven, Brahms and Schumann. Tickets in advance through the Seminary Continuing Education Office or at the door.

The annual Spring Choral Concert by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Choir directed by George E. Tutwiler will be held Tuesday April 29 at 7:30 P.M. This concert is free and open to the public. Contact the Seminary at 412 362-5610 Ext 2196 for confirmation or details about either concert.

#### **FAMILIES INTERNATIONAL**



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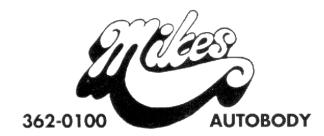
#### **Guest Editor**

Last month when I was out of action, we had a guest editor for the newsletter. Our daughter, Cathy Rieley-Goddard did the bulk of the work putting the newsletter together. Thank you, Cathy!

#### **More on Tow Trucks**

When I talked to Mike about placing the following ad, he expressed concern that members of the club are complaining about tow trucks with his name on them. He said anyone with a complaint about the trucks should call him at the number below and he will take the issue up with the driver of the truck.





6223 Meadow St.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206

#### St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street \* Highland Park

#### **Sunday Morning Services - April**

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.

Visit our Homepage: www.forministry.com/15206saec

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#### **HPCC March Meeting Minutes**

Shannon Mischler

President Lisa Williams called the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Block Watch Chair, Jan Stayianos introduced Officer Mike Gay. Officer Gay reported that the Zone 5 police are aware of the complaints made about the tow truck companies parking on Highland Park residential streets. These tow trucks have been cited, and the police have discussed these problems with the company owners. If any one sees these tow trucks illegally parked or speeding they are to report the vehicle license plate number to Officer Gay at (412) 665-3770 or phone 911. Officer Gay also reported a rash of vehicle break-ins, specifically for inspection stickers. There was one reported burglary in Highland Park, but no location was given. Vagrancy and drugs were reported on Mellon and Jackson St. Please contact Officer Gay at (412) 665-3770 with any further complaints.

David Hance, President of the Highland Park Community Development Corporation, introduced Mike Eversmeyer. Mike is the researcher and writer of the Highland Park nomination for the National Register of Historic Places. Mike gave a presentation with slides on the architectural history of the homes in Highland Park, the development of the neighborhood, city growth patterns and transportation. He explained the history dating from the 1860s, through the building boom in the 1890s and the building decline after 1930. Mike stated that of the 1,850 structures in HP, 13% were built before 1900, 78% between 1900-1930, and 9% since 1930. The purpose of the presentation was a public meeting to solicit questions and comments about Highland Park's nomination in the National Register. The historic designation for Highland Park would benefit the community with its Federal and State listing, the honorific character, and the use of Federal tax credits for improvements to income producing properties.

Lisa Williams notified the meeting that the Vintage Senior Center in East Liberty is having a 5K "Wacky Run/Walk" on April 19<sup>th</sup> on Highland Ave. Vintage encourages all the neighbors in Highland Park to join the festivities.

Lisa stated that she, along with the Summer Day Camp Director, Janice Burgett, will meet with Citiparks on Monday March 24 to discuss potential uses for the Farmhouse by the community. Right now it is used by the Community Plan for office space and the Summer Day Camp, for six weeks in the summer.

The HPCC Public Safety Committee Chair has resigned. If you are interested in this position, please contact Lisa Williams (412) 665-3933.

Dana Thomas, the HPCC House Tour Committee Chair since 2001, is looking for help in organizing this year's house tour. The last tour was in 2001 and was a great success. It takes many people to put this successful tour together, and the committee needs assistance if this is to happen again this year. If you are interested

in helping or nominating your home, please phone Lisa Williams at (412) 665-3933 or Dana Thomas at (412) 665-2992.

Rudy Maceyko reported an email received on the HPCC website, which described an incident of excessive noise on Bryant Street related to underage drinking. The police were called, but no one was apprehended.

Residents on Stanton Avenue along the stretch leading to the park entrance have reported unwanted construction activity which they believed was the installation of a new yard debris collection area for Public Works. HPCDC President David Hance and District 7 Councilman Len Bodack Jr. reported that a "berm" and tree screen are being put up in an area where plant debris from the Park will be composted. Initially workers were working at night in order to complete the project, but Len reports that there will be no further night-time work.

Kelly Vitti, relayed a message from Reservoir of Jazz Chair Tania Grubbs. Tania is very concerned because Citiparks Reservior of Jazz Coordinator, Kevin Amos, has made most arrangements for this years series with little input from the Highland Park Community Club. There is a debate as to whether the Reservoir of Jazz should have one or two musical acts on a given evening, and whether the HPCC should be allowed a concession stand. The HPCC agreed to continue with the \$1,000 donation but to ask that in the future the HPCC have more input on this great event that Highland Park helps sponsor.

The East Liberty Development Corporation will have a meeting on Tuesday March 25 from 7-8:30 PM at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

The next HPCC meeting will be on Wednesday April 16 at Dilworth Academy on Stanton Ave. Note the day and place change.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

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DEDICATED TO A GOLD STANDARD OF SERVICE

March 20, 2003

Mr. Oliver R. Rieley 5571 Hampton Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Mr. Rieley:

As you are aware, new service changes will take effect on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. I want to assure you that Port Authority staff will continue to monitor the Highland Park issues.

We received two customer complaints following our November 24<sup>th</sup> schedule changes. These issues were immediately addressed by field personnel.

There are no service changes occurring with the March 23<sup>rd</sup> pick that effect the Highland Park community.

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,

Lynda Conway

Director of Operations Analysis

CC:

B. Grover

R. Rochez

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P.O. Box 5036 Pittsburgh, PA 15206

#### **Return Service Requested**

TIME VALUE

APRIL CALENDAR		
<u>Wednesday</u> April 16	Note Day & Place Change HPCC MEETING, 7:30 P.M., DILLWORTH TRADITIONAL ACADEMY	
APRIL 19	VINTAGE 5K RACE & 2 MILE WALK, N. HIGHLAND AVE & RESERVOIR DR., 9:00 A.M. TO?	
APRIL 26	PITTSBURGH SEMINARY AFTERNOON CONCERT, 3:00 P.M., HICKS AUDITORIUM, ADMISSION	
APRIL 26	PITTSBURGH CAMERATA "THREE RIVER DANCE" ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M., ADMISSION	
APRIL 29	BLOCK WATCH MEETING, "WIRED BLOCKS NETWORK", ALL INVITED, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:00 P.M.	
APRIL 29	SPRING CHORAL CONCERT, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 7:30 P.M.	