

# HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club  
Newsletter for  
October 2004



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Edited by Ollie Rieley

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## Hello from Mellon Street

Another month has passed quickly and now it is Fall. I am looking forward to seeing the leaves turn bright colors and the nice, cool weather. I love sleeping with the windows open when it is 40 to 50 degrees outside.

In October, we will be electing 5 folks to Board of Director positions. Look for their names in this issue. This is the annual election that all members of the HPCC should vote in. We should also be electing new Officers, but are lacking in volunteers for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary.

I am working on convening a meeting to discuss how to get more neighbors involved and to discuss the future of the HPCC. It should be in October, so keep your eyes and ears open.

I would like to thank the Board members who are ending their terms: Rudy Maceyko, Mary Beth Steisslinger, Ed Sullivan and Roger Laib.

See you around the neighborhood.

Bob

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! For the First Annual HPCC Harvest Party

**November 13, location TBA**  
**Bring the whole family**  
**Kids activities, Adults enjoy**

## Power

*Ollie Rieley*

You may think the president of the HPCC has the power, or the treasurer or the Board. Wrong!! The real power lies with the newsletter editor. I get to determine what information is distributed to you and how it's phrased, so in effect, I determine what you think about at least for a few minutes each month! And the newsletter goes to all members, not just the few that show up at meetings. Wouldn't you like that kind of POWER. You may apply to me to become Editor and satisfy your ego. My ego is nearly burned out with satisfaction!!!

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## Notice of Election

All Members are invited to the Thursday, October 21, 2004 meeting during which new directors will be elected.  
The following members have been nominated and have agreed to serve.

Five to be elected:

Bob Arnold  
Brenda Cole  
Kate Corrigan

Jennifer Thoma  
Mike Nadler  
Casey Capitolo

Bob Staresenic will continue as president.

Volunteers are needed for Secretary and President Elect (Vice President). Call Bob to volunteer.

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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003, AT ST. ANDREWS

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## Treasurer's Report

Year End 2003-2004

Income	\$29,317.50
Expenses	\$25,365.37

Balances, All Accounts	\$14,731.61
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## Correction — Correction Corrected Tuesday Musical Club Concert Dates

*Ollie Rieley*

I've been told I included some wrong dates for the Tuesday Musical Club Concerts that I included in the September issue. The correct dates are as follows:

Tuesday September 14 at 12:30 P.M., President's Day  
 Tuesday November 9 at 12:30 P.M., American Music Composers  
 Saturday, November 20, 2:00 P.M., Recital to be announced  
 Tuesday, February 8 at 12:30 P.M. Mid-Winter  
 Tuesday, March 8 at 12:30 P.M., Farewell to Winter  
 Sunday May 22, 2:00 P.M., Tuesday Musical Scholarship Winners  
 Recital

Two additional Saturday events are in the planning stage.  
 Receptions will follow each of the above events.

In addition, Tuesday Musical Club is hosting this year's regional meeting of the Pennsylvania Federated Music Clubs on Saturday, October 2. After the business meeting, there will be a recital featuring members of each of the four participating local groups at 1:00 P.M.

Guests are welcome to all concerts.

I showed incorrect dates for Farewell to Winter and Scholarship Winners Recital. I apologize for any inconvenience.



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Comm. Dev. V.P.: Mitch Kates (661-4995)

Treasurer: Kelly Vitti (361-7669)

Secretary:-----

Past President: Lisa Williams (665-3933)

Directors

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Rudy Macejko 441-9130(04)

Mary Beth Steissinger 661-4925 (04)

Ed Sullivan 361-1101 (04)

Roger Laib 362-5976 (04)

David Delong 303-0747 (05)

Lisa Solomon 661-0126 (05)

Peter Hughes 363-4603 (05)

Ollie Rieley 661-1205 (05)

Bruce Robison 361-4892 (05)

Brian Byers 661-2614 (06)

John Cirolì 665-0513 (06)

Marie Jackson 441-2450 (06)

Amy Macejko 441-9130 (06)

Andrea Mudd 361-4574 (06)

Commitees

Beaulification:----

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Children: Rachel Matos

Commercial Distrid: Muzz Meyers 661-2315

Day Camp: Janice Burgett 361-2195

Education: Kevin Bivins

Hospitality: ----

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Membership: Kelly Meade 362-0331

Newsletter: Ollie Rieley 661-1205

Program: Bruce Robison 361-4892

Public Safety: John Cirolì 665-0513

Recreation: Charlie Peterson 441-2766

Reservoir Covers: Dave Hance 361-4935

Restoration: Dave Hance 361-4935

Super Playground: Kate Zober 661-9312

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Zoning: Dell Ziegler 363-0742

C. O. P. 665-3644 - Zone 5 665-3605

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## HPCC Minutes September 16, 2004

Andrea Mudd

President Bob Staresenic called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Community Club at 7:35 P.M.

*Treasurer's Report:* Kelly Vitti presented the treasurer's report: the Club's fiscal year began on 9/1/04 with current reserve of over \$8,000. State reimbursement of approximately \$4,000 is anticipated to cover Reservoir of Jazz expenditures, and Day Camp ended their season \$700 ahead.

*Block Watch/Crime Report:* Jan Stayianos reported on behalf of Block Watch current crime statistics are down in the neighborhoods served by Zone 5 with the exception of prostitution which is increasing. Silent complaint forms have been embraced by the community and are being used effectively by the citizenry and police to keep pace with criminal activity. Number of reported gunshots and injuries, in addition to fatalities, was requested for inclusion in future crime stat reports.

*Highland Park Working Group:* Rudy Maceyko reported on recent activities of the Highland Park Working Group and introduced Damon Blankenship, the Highland Park Supervisor. Landscaping around the fountain is in progress, and plans to repair the fountain support structure are under way as well. HPCC will collaborate with the Parks Conservancy to remove trees threatening the stability of the reservoir embankments and causing accumulation of leaf debris in the reservoir. The damaged wall along Bunker Hill continues to be an issue of concern for many Highland Park residents. Insurance coverage is being sought by the City to pay the estimated \$11,000 repair. Damon Blankenship generously made himself available to address concerns and questions regarding the Park, park maintenance and preservation. He can be reached at 412.665.3632.

*Nominations:* Bob Staresenic conducted the nomination of new Board members. Nominees present at the meeting are Bob Arnold, Brenda Cole and Jennifer Thoma. Casey Capitolo volunteered for Board service. Kate Carrigan and Mike Nadler were nominated in

absentia. Five new Board members will be elected at the October meeting. Ollie Rieley nominated Bob Staresenic for President for the next one year term.

*Issues:* There was a brief but lively review of issues that continue to challenge HPCC including cultivating residents' participation in Club planning and activities, further refinement of the Club's strategic planning and review of the Club's mission.

*Presentations:* As a follow up to her article in last month's HPCC Newsletter, Maureen Hogan spoke about her recent activities with the Farmers' Market Alliance. She is researching various potential sites to replace the zoo and East Liberty parking lots for the Highland Park Farmers' Market. With the participation of many interested parties including the Dept of Health and Human Services, elected representatives, commercial food stores, individuals and foundations the Alliance is spearheading development of a "premier public market" in the neighborhood. If you would like to suggest a site for consideration please get in touch with her at [maureenhogan@comcast.net](mailto:maureenhogan@comcast.net).

Casey Capitolo talked about Sierra Club's current initiative to reach out to voters, to educate and galvanize awareness of environmental issues as part of their Presidential campaign activities. You can get involved in this effort by calling Kate Drexler at 412.802.6161 or emailing [kate.drexler@sierraclub.org](mailto:kate.drexler@sierraclub.org).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

### St. Andrew's Church

5801 Hampton Street \* Highland Park

#### Sunday Morning Services - October

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

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Church School, Youth Group

and Adult Forum at 9:45 a.m.

Nursery School at both Services.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion &

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## Kudos to Highland Park Resident Patent Attorney Barbara E. Johnson

Highland Park resident Barbara E. Johnson, patent attorney and partner, The Webb Law Firm, is a 2004 recipient of the prestigious Jack Kennedy Memorial Alumni Achievement Award in the field of law. The award is presented annually by the Grove City College Alumni Association, Grove City, PA, to graduates who have achieved exemplary levels of success.

Johnson was graduated from Grove City College in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology. Johnson received a J.D. in 1984 from The College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Williamsburg, VA. She is a pioneer of biotech intellectual property law and is regarded as one of the most experienced biotechnology practitioners in the United States with patent work in the field dating back to the early 1980s.

In October 2004, Johnson will participate in an awards ceremony along with two other honorees: Nancy (Byers) Eaton-Stedman, Class of '54-Music, Mt. Pleasant, SC, who will be honored in the field of music; and Richard L. Pease, Class of '67-Mechanical Engineering, Atlanta, GA, who will be recognized in the field of business. During the event, the Grove City College Alumni Association will welcome back to campus 135 alumni achievement award recipients who have been recognized since inception of the program in 1964. Initially called the Grove City Alumni Achievement Award, the honor was renamed the Jack Kennedy Alumni Achievement Award in 1980 in tribute to Jack Kennedy '37 who served Grove City College for 32 years as an accounting professor, alumni secretary and placement officer and "had an indelible effect on the life and future of thousands of 'Grover's."

Johnson is a pioneer of biotech intellectual property law. She currently serves as a director and vice president, The Webb Law Firm, which concentrates exclusively in intellectual property (patents, trademarks, copyrights). She joined the firm in 1984 and has been a shareholder since 1992. Earlier in her career, she served as a patent agent at the NASA-Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA.

Over the years, Johnson has achieved significant success in the field of intellectual property law, Focusing her practice in chemical, medical and biotechnology patents, as well as licensing and enforcement. She has helped clients worldwide to develop products, pursue technologies, make discoveries and protect their patents, trademarks and copyright interests in key areas including medical research, chemistry and health care.

Johnson has demonstrated a strong commitment to regional development through her participation in professional and community organizations. She is past president of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association; past chair of the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society; a director of Precision Staffing Services, Inc., a Pittsburgh placement agency; a founding member of Impact Pittsburgh, a long-range planning initiative sponsored in part by the United Way of Western Pennsylvania to foster regional growth; an advocate of political and foundation

initiatives offering drug-and-alcohol treatment of nonviolent female offenders; and a director of the full-service clinic Metro Family Practice, Wilkensburg, PA. She is also devoted to the arts, serving as a director for the annual piano competition sponsored by The Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania; an event host for the National Society of Arts & Letter; and past chair of the Obershenk Medallion Trust, a foundation providing professional development resources to exceptionally gifted singers.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Johnson has lived in the Pittsburgh region since 1984. She is an accomplished classical pianist and vocalist, and is now learning the cello. She also enjoys writing, figure skating and automobile repair. She resides in the Highland Park area of Pittsburgh with her husband Richard and their daughter Barbara. The Johnsons enjoy amateur radio as a family hobby.

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### Please Vote in the General Election November 2, 2004

**This is an important election for our  
country to determine the path  
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## Around St. Andrew's

Bruce Robison

Four major events of interest to the wider neighborhood and community are scheduled for October at St. Andrew's.

The highlight of the month will certainly be the **7th Annual St. Andrew's Lecture**, on **Friday, October 15, at 8 p.m.** The lecture each year brings major figures from our region to the neighborhood to address issues of interest. The speaker this year is **Dr. Robert Page**, who at the end of this season will retire after many years as director of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh and as one of the leaders of our city and region's cultural life.

Also featured at this St. Andrew's Lecture event, at the reception following the lecture, will be **culinary artist** (and Highland Park resident) **Ruth Mundundu**, owner of Afia Catering, specializing in African and Congolese cuisine. Sounds like a very exciting evening!

Earlier in October two additional activities of note for the neighborhood. On Thursday evening, October 7, at 8 p.m., the first "First Thursday" of the fall, our regular service of **Choral Evensong**, with recital by mezzo-soprano **Joanne Luchsinger**. The evening will mark the 10th anniversary of my institution as rector of St. Andrew's, and the Robison family is sponsoring a festive reception following the recital to thank the parish and the neighborhood for such a great decade of life together.

On Saturday evening, October 9, at 7 p.m., we mark the return of "**Cinema St. Andrew's**," with a showing of the 1932 Bela Legosi film classic, "White Zombie." Bring a refreshment to enjoy and share!

And finally, two events on Sunday, October 31. From 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. St. Andrew's will be open for the "**Houses of Worship**" Tour sponsored by the East End Cooperative Ministry. For more information, call the EECM Offices at (412) 361-5549.

And at 8 p.m. on Halloween Night, our traditional and much-loved **Halloween Organ Recital**, with the soaring and seasonally-appropriate music of Richard Wagner and with treats for the kids! Wear a costume!

St. Andrew's has been a part of Highland Park, at the corner of N. Euclid Ave. and Hampton St., for nearly a century, and to serve the neighborhood is essential to our life and mission. If there are ways that we can be of help to you -- if you have a baby to be baptized, if there is a wedding to celebrate, if there is a sick or shut-in friend, neighbor, or family member who could be visited, if there is a family to support at the time of a death--please feel warmly invited to give us a call. Or perhaps you simply need to borrow a few chairs, or to find a "rainy day" location for a planned family event. We'll do our best to make things happen. Our office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., and our phone number is (412) 661-1245.

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## Pittsburgh Camarata

The Pittsburgh Camarata season for the 2004 - 2005 includes the following concerts at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church:

### *The Golden Age of the Chapel Royal*

Saturday, November 13, 2004; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park; 8:00 PM

### *Ring Out, Ye Crystal Spheres*

Saturday, December 11, 2004; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park; 8:00 PM

### *A Language of Flowers*

Saturday, March 19, 2005; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park; 8:00 PM

For more information or other dates/locations, write PO Box 81456, Pittsburgh PA 15217 or call 412 421-5884.

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## East End Cooperative Ministries House of Woprsip Tour

On October 31, East End Cooperative Ministries (EECM) will sponsor a House of Worship tour. Seven congregations in the East End will participate: Rodef Shalom Congregation, Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Third Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rodman Street Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Parish, and East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Docents will conduct tours at each Congregation from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. Gourmet bag lunches will be available from noon to 2:00 P.M. in Freehof Hall at the Rodef Shalom Congregation. Proceeds of the

event help support EECM. More information may be obtained from Pam Estes at 412 361-5549, ext. 403 or by email at [specialevents@eecm.org](mailto:specialevents@eecm.org)

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## Seventh Annual St. Andrew's Lecture

The Seventh Annual St. Andrew's Lecture on Friday, October 15, 2004, at 8 p.m. will feature Dr. Robert Page presenting "*Choral Singing: The Largest Underground Cultural Movement*". At St. Andrew's, free and open to the public. Reception with Ruth Mundundu and African and Congolese cuisine.

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<b>OCTOBER CALENDAR</b>	
<b>OCTOBER 15</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S LECTURE, DR. ROBERT PAGE, 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>OCTOBER 16</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FIRST AFTERNOON CONCERT, 3:00 P.M., YEEHA CHIU AND MEMBERS OF THE PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY, ADMISSION</b>
<b>OCTOBER 21</b>	<b>HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M., ELECTION, ALL MEMBERS INVITED</b>
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	<b>EECM HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR, 1:00 - 5:00 P.M., ADMISSION</b>
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	<b>HALOWEEN ORGAN RECITAL, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M.</b>