



MONTHLY MEETING CHANGE

Just a reminder that the April meeting has been moved to April 8th, in order to accomodate Sen. Fumo's schedule. Senator Fumo will be attending our meeting to announce his support for the Washington Square West lighting project.

The meeting will be held at 1020 Locust Street, room 139, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please come and demonstrate to the Senator YOUR support for our neighborhood!

WSWCA Meeting Highlights March 9, 2004

Present: J. Applebaum, M.J. Barrett, S. Batcheler, J. Braziono, K. Cushing, M. Davidson, A. Earling, J. Jordan, D. Pesek

Absent: J. Armeth, C. Baker, I. Gold, J. Menegakis, V. Trosino

I. GREETINGS

President Judy Applebaum called tonight's meeting to order.

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes from WSWCA's February Board Meeting were unanimously adopted.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Jordan delivered highlights of the Treasurer's report which were unanimously adopted.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LIHEAP: Trish Cole from PGW contacted the Association to ask that low income residents be aware of the program for subsidized gas service. The number to contact PGW is 215-687-6667.
- There will be a meeting on March 15 of the Community on Labor and Civil Service in an effort to receive testimony on unemployment and its effect on families, commerce and the declining tax base in Philadelphia.
- John Jordan distributed election calendars which contained information about contacting all elected representatives as well as the election calendar itself.
- Senator Fumo was unable to attend the March meeting as previously announced due to being recalled to Harrisburg, and due to his April schedule can only appear before the Board on April 8. Accordingly, the April Board Meeting is moved to Thursday April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall.
- Judy Applebaum attended a meeting regarding the application for the transfer of Signature's liquor license to Philadelphia Travel and Golf Incorporated. This application is proceeding independently from the appeal of Signatures to the LCB's denial of the application to extend the liquor license to the expanded area of the strip club.

- Mardi Gras was celebrated this year without adverse impact on the community.
- South Street Mini Station. Judy met the new head who is amenable to having the meetings regarding community relations.
- Public Restrooms. A public hearing will be held on March 24 at 10:00 a.m. to address the feasibility of for-pay public restrooms in the City. While the concept is good, the Board was unable to take a position as to the desirability of this proposal. Concerned persons are invited to attend the hearing.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

• Safety and Security

- Joe Brazino indicated that the Eyes & Ears Townwatch Committee will be meeting March 31 and will be in operation on April 1, 2004.
- Trash Pickup. The new trash pick-up schedule was a subject of concern to several community members. A number of residents and business owners complained that setting trash out from between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on trash day to be burdensome and problematic. Joe indicated that changing pick-up to the morning had been addressed at a meeting with the City in the fall of 2002 regarding the quality of life issues, but that there had been no warning that it would be implemented at this time and no opportunity to weigh in on the hours. Judy will be meeting on Thursday with all civic associations to discuss this issue and relay the concerns of the business owners. The consensus seemed to be that morning pickup would remain, but that the hours need to be adjusted so that businesses that close at 6 p.m. and reopen at 9 or 10 a.m. will find it easier to set out trash.
 - Lighting. Joe and Judy meet with an engineer hired to make a proposal for lighting WashWest and the manner and blocks which are to be targeted. The proposal is expected by June 1. The cost of the project has been estimated at \$2.3 million dollars and a great deal of the money is yet to be found. There will be a pilot project of four to five blocks and a five-year plan

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The Washington Square West Civic Association Calendar of Events

Arts/Culture

Thomas Jefferson University Choir and Orchestra Perform Free Spring Concert

When: Friday, April 2 at 8pm

Where: First Baptist Church on Corner
of 17th and Sansom Streets

The program will feature a presenta-
tion of the rarely performed part two
of Handel's MESSIAH. The concert is
free and open to the public. For further
information, please call 215-790-5195 or
215-790-5194.

Pennsylvania Historic Preservation & Heritage Partnerships Spring 2004 Workshop Series

"Rehab, Revitalize & Reuse: Preservation &
Heritage Working for Pennsylvanians"

1) "History Makes Cents on Main Street"
Carbon County Courthouse, Courtroom
#1, Jim Thorpe, Saturday, April 3, 2004, 8:
00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2) "Make Your Voice Heard"
Rachel Carson State Office Building
Auditorium, Harrisburg, Tuesday May 4,
2004, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Go to www.preservationpa.org to find
out more detailed info. on each work-
shop, such as speakers, directions, cost,
etc. Workshop Contact Person: Susan
Cabot at 717-234-2310 or by email at
scabot@preservationpa.org.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

"Manet and the Sea" exhibition Feb.
15th- May 31st. Tickets now on sale, call
215-235-7469

Opera Benefit Concert

Friday, April 30 at the McCall School
Auditorium. Call Keri White at 215-
592-9633 for details and ticketing infor-
mation.

Library Events:

Independence Branch
18 S. 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone: 215-685-1633

Toddler Story Hour

Tue., March 23 at 10:30 am

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, March 30 at 10:30 am

Bilingual Story Time

Fri, April 02 at 3:00 pm
Spanish/English. Stories, songs, and a craft
for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Gardening With Kids

Sat, April 03 at 11:00 am
Presented by the Pennsylvania Horticultural
Society.

Baby Story Hour

Tue, April 06 at 10:15 am

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, April 06 at 10:45 am

Computer Basics for Beginners

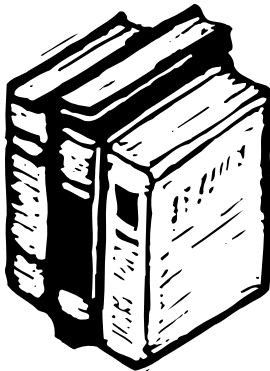
Wed, April 07 at 12:00 pm

Call to reserve a space.

Gay Men's Book Group

Wed, April 07 at 6:30 pm

Discusses Behind the Screen, by William
Mann, about gays in Hollywood.



Fiction Book Group

Mon, April 12 at 6:30 pm
Meets Monday, 4/12, to discuss Mrs. Ted
Bliss, by Stanley Elkin.

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, April 13 at 10:45 am

Baby Story Hour

Tue, April 13 at 10:15 am

Computer Basics for Beginners

Wed, April 14 at 12:00 pm

Call to reserve a space.

Baby Story Hour

Tue, April 20 at 10:15 am

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, April 20 at 10:45 am

Voices of Africa

Wed, April 21 at 4:00 pm
West African music performed by Voices
of Africa

Books Aloud!

Wed, April 21 at 6:30 pm

This month, Ready, Set, Write: Pre-Writing
Activities for Young Children. Come share
your ideas and hear other ideas about fos-
tering early literacy in preschoolers. Please
register at least 24 hours in advance by
calling 215-686-5372.

Self Support for the Hard of Hearing

Wed, April 21 at 6:30 pm

Computer Basics for Beginners

Wed, April 21 at 12:00 pm

Call to reserve a space.

Anime Film Fridays

Fri, April 23 at 2:00 pm

Feature length animated films from Japan,
for teens in middle and high school.
"Princess Mononoke" by Miyazaki. Popcorn!

Bilingual Story Hour

Sat, April 24 at 2:00 pm

Presented by Dominique Edrei-Reiff of the
Kinderlinguar Language Program. In French
and English for preschoolers.

Bilingual Story Hour

Sat, April 24 at 2:00 pm

Chinese/English

Mondays With Marilyn

Mon, April 26 at 6:00 pm.

Marilyn Monroe Film Series. Some Like It
Hot.

Baby Story Hour

Tue, April 27 at 10:15 am

Toddler Story Hour

Tue, April 27 at 10:45 am

Computer Basics for Beginners

Wed, April 28 at 12:00 pm

Call to reserve a space.

Health

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Lectures

Simon Kramer Conference Room (room
G312) of the Bodine Cancer Center at
111 South 11th St.

*New Options in Hormone Therapies for
Breast Cancer*
March 25th, 12-1:30pm

*Pennsylvania Hospital Outpatient Diabetes
Education Program*
Benefits of Good Control
Guest Speaker: Neil Kanner, D.P.M.

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PINE STREET ROBBERIES

For the last two months, there have been a number of robberies on Pine, Spruce and Lombard between 9th and 13th Streets. The robberies have taken place at both businesses and apartments in this area. According to Louis Verruni, owner of Kohan & Kohan Antiques on 11th and Pine Streets, the robbers have targeted hallways of apartment buildings and buildings with easy access windows and doors. From the businesses, they have stolen electronics, jewelry and the money from cash registers. It is believed that the culprits are local.

If you would like more information or tips on how to make your home or business more secure, call the Sixth Street Precinct at 215-686-3060.

WSWCA Meeting Highlights, con't.

- implemented. The commercial blocks of Pine Street will be the demonstration blocks and it is hoped that some additional funding from the Commerce Department will be provided because of the business purpose served.
- In response to a question from the audience, it was also stated that the Special Services District can be contacted to clean individual blocks on a pay-as-you-go basis. Such a project is currently in place on the 1200 block of Pine Street where the cost is \$130 a year from each of the seven or eight households which have agreed to participate.
 - **Governmental Affairs Committee**
Preliminary plans were presented to the Committee at the last meeting for two new townhouses being proposed by Jerry Maguire for 11th Street between Irving and Spruce Streets.
 - **Membership Committee**
Diana Pesek indicated that 205 renewals out of the 362 mailed had been returned yielding a percentage of 57%. A follow-up mailing will be made in May.
 - **Awareness Committee**
Annette Earling reported that the crime reports are going to be added to the newsletter and website.
 - Kathy Cushing indicated that the Washington Square West Open House Tour would

be held on Saturday, April 24, 2004, and that houses and apartments are needed. Participants will be invited to a post-tour reception at the Inn Philadelphia.

- **New Business**
Thomas Jefferson University will be holding a Spring Concert on April 2 at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on the corner of 17th and Sansom Streets and will feature a presentation of the rarely performed Part 2 of Handel's Messiah. The concert is free and open to the public.
- Recreation Department. Ed Peerless, who is Chair of the Seger Park Committee, expressed concern over the City's projected budget shortfall and his fear that it may result in the closing of recreation facilities. He asked that WSWCA advocate strenuously for the quality of life added by our parks.
- Washington Square. The Square has now been turned over to the National Park Service and volunteers are being requested to help with the Greening Committee there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Barrett
Secretary

Calendar of Events, con't.

Location: Pennsylvania Hospital, 8th and Spruce Street on the first floor of the Ayer Building
Tuesdays: March 30th and April 27th
Wednesdays: March 31st and April 28th
More Information: Regina N. Linehan at 215-829-5725

Free Health Screenings at Womens' Health Source

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Suite 1990 Call 1-800-JEFF-NOW

Stroke Screening: Tuesday, April 20th 10am-2pm

Osteoporosis Screening: Thursday, May 6, 10am-2pm

Planned Parenthood: March for Women's Lives

Sunday, April 25th, Washington, DC
For information on purchasing bus tickets from Philadelphia go to www.ppsp.org/phillymarchforwomen

Education

Henry George Birthplace Museum

413 South 10 Street, Ph: 215-922-4278

Saturday Programs:

March 27th, 10am: The Irish Land Question. How rack renting forced migration and launched the American labor movement
1:30pm: Land Tenure and Warfare. How our land tenure system creates strife and warfare

Economic Courses:

Fundamental Economics (\$15)
Mondays, March 8 - May 10, 7-9pm
Economic Science (\$25)
Tuesdays, April 6- June 8, 7-9pm

Mark Your Calendars!

Flea Market and Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 8th 10am-4pm, Old Pine Presbyterian Church
It is the 25th anniversary of this flea market! Proceeds benefit the Heifer Project International. Interested vendors should call Mary Hall, 215-925-8501

Hey Neighbor!

The Post is pleased to present the “Hey Neighbor!” section of the newsletter. This section will occasionally appear as a way of highlighting the diverse and talented people that call Washington Square West their home.



RANDY STELLWAG

Age, Occupation: 36, Insurance Fraud Investigator

Don't Even Try to Pull The Wool Over Randy's Eyes: Randy is a CFE - a Certified Fraud Examiner. He was trained to recognize clues into deception such as body language that indicates someone is lying. These skills help him investigate into complaints or tip-offs of possible fraud, whether they come from the SEC or clients. He is also responsible for making sure that insurance agents in his company, the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, conduct their jobs in an ethical matter.

Not Everyday is a Lifetime Movie of the Week: Contrary to what the Lifetime Cable Network would have you believe, Randy says he hasn't run into many "money for profit" cases where a person makes their spouse's murder look accidental so they can collect the insurance money. In fact, he says he has run into few insurance frauds in his career.

One of the Most Fulfilling Experiences He Has Had:

Volunteering and serving as President of Philadelphia's PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), a non-profit voluntary organization that provided food and veterinary care for the animal companions of people with AIDS. It was fulfilling for him because he really felt that he was making a difference in people's lives. And it was fulfilling for other reasons. He made life long friends and gained strong leadership skills as the organization's President. Since he was living in the 'burbs at the time, Randy credits the experience for bringing him back into the city and eventually persuading him to move

here. Even though he now commutes to the suburbs for work, he wouldn't live anywhere else.

Why He Loves Living in Washington Square West: As a happy homeowner in the neighborhood for five years, Randy loves Washington West's history, the lovely side streets, its diversity and its great proximity to everything in the city. He also values the strong sense of community in Washington West. When he first moved here, Randy was pleasantly surprised on how welcoming his neighbors were to him. The neighborhood parties are something that he always looks forward to.

Though He Loves His House Here, His Most Treasured Possession is: Taped recordings of the funny voice mails his Grandmother would leave for him. They've become even more special to him since she passed away a few years ago.

What He Considers the Most Overrated Virtue: Physical Attractiveness, otherwise known as good looks. He thinks there is too much focus on this and not enough on a person's core.

The Talent He Would Most Like To Have: Randy wishes he could play the violin like Joshua Bell.

His Idea of Perfect Happiness: Playing a significant part in a child's life. He gets much happiness from being an uncle to his seven nieces and nephews.

His Greatest Fear: Leaving this world without making a difference.

His Greatest Extravagance: Taking a trip on a whim.

His Most Marked Characteristic: His "outrageous" sense of humor and his smile - you can't deny he has a great smile!

Randy's Motto: Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery, Today is a Gift, That is Why They Call it the Present

He saw 81 movies last year: Randy loves going to see films. He treats the Oscars like the Olympics.

Another interesting side note on Randy is that he took a walking tour guide course by Walk Philadelphia, a program that highlights the city's great architecture through walking tours.



STACEY LEE GEE

Age, Occupation: 26, Painting and Sculpture Artist. Stacey is currently applying to the nation's top graduate schools for painting.

Hasn't Always Been on the Art Track: Growing up, Stacey was drawn to science. She even started college as a Physics major.

Bedroom Walls Served as Her Childhood Canvass: But she was always creative. Before she left home for college, her bedroom served as the most obvious expression of her creativity. She treated her walls like a giant collage. When she moved out, it was no easy task to remove the layers of material - magazine clippings, posters, knickknacks, whatever appealed to her - that had accumulated on her walls during her formative years.

Goodbye Science, Hello Art: Stacey decided to pursue her own creative expression full time during her freshman year at Messiah College near Harrisburg. She realized she couldn't see herself pursuing science as a career. High school art teachers had encouraged her to pursue her natural talent (she won the first art contest she entered in high school), so she decided to give it a try. Stacey dropped Physics as her major in the middle of freshman year and began taking art classes.

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THE McCALL SCHOOL

The McCall School Initiative has been very successful at generating interest in the school both in and out of the Neighborhood. As a result, there have been many inquiries about transferring to McCall from other schools. McCall is first and foremost a neighborhood school. If we give McCall an accurate count of neighborhood children, the School District will be limited on how many transfers it can approve.

In order to secure your spot for September and keep the classes small and filled with neighborhood children, please call Reah Force at (215) 351 7350 and let her know you will be enrolling in the fall. (Actual enrollment occurs in May).

How Did She Make the Science to Art Leap? This was not difficult for her since she had always expressed her creativity one way or another. But it was also an easy transition because her motivation had not changed. Stacey enjoyed science because it sought out truth, and she continued this search through art.

Doesn't Want No 'Pretty' Truth: Her abstract art is the easiest way for her to communicate truth. Painting removes the need for written or spoken words, however graceful, that will never be a direct translation from her mind. And she is not concerned with making it 'pretty.' In an essay Stacey recently wrote for a graduate school application, she explains that her art takes notes from the experience of life. In it are themes of connection, decay, secrets, truth and darkness. For Stacey, they are all intrinsically related. In the midst of decay, honesty is discovered, truth is told and secrets are dispelled.

Most Valuable Lesson She's Learned in Her 26 years: If you're not doing what you want to do, it's your own fault.

Who are Her Heroes in Real Life? Her Grandparents. She most likely learned her valuable lesson from them. Stacey says they both carved their own way in the world by working very hard to fulfill their dream of starting their own company. Her grandfather took a second

job to save money for this dream. Their persistence paid off, and they successfully started this company when they were in their 40s. Stacey also values her grandmother's support and encouragement in her art.

Stacey's Idea of Perfect Happiness: The ability to concentrate for long periods of time without a break - perfect concentration.

Her Greatest Fear: The opposite state of this.

What She Most Dislikes: Secrets

Why She Likes Living in Washington Square West: She likes that it is very central, unpretentious, safe and that she can get everything she needs within a few blocks.

Which Living Person She Most Admires: She admires her husband Paul Gee the most because she doesn't know anyone who works as hard as he does.

She lived in the middle of a jungle: Stacey lived in Belize for seven months as part of a study abroad program on an environmental campus. She also lived in Marrakech, Morocco for three months with her husband Paul.

- MOLLY SULLIVAN

Go See "My Architect!"

The documentary "My Architect" explores the life and works of Philadelphia architect Louis I. Kahn (1901-1974) through the eyes of his illegitimate son, Nathaniel Kahn. Since his father did not live with him and died when he was only 11 years old, Nathaniel Kahn is on a search for his father.

"My Architect" is about the same man for whom Louis I. Kahn Park is named after in Washington Square West. On less than one acre of land, Kahn Park is the only park-like open space between Washington Square and Broad Streets. Washington Square West even makes a cameo appearance

in the documentary since Kahn lived on Clinton Street.

Through the eyes of Kahn's only son, you come to understand that Louis I. Kahn's personal life was as fascinating as his professional life mainly because he sacrificed a lot of his family life for his work.

The documentary is not so much about Kahn's architecture but the passion, devotion and flaws of the man behind the buildings. You don't have to like his architecture to enjoy this poignant and funny documentary

2004 Membership Form

**Washington Square West Civic Association
1209 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-545-3260, Fax 215-545-9150, email info@washwestcivic.org**

Name _____	Seniors and Disabled	\$7.00
Business Name _____	Individual	\$20.00
Address _____	Household	\$30.00
_____	Individual Patron	\$100.00
_____	Small Business (1-15 emp.)	\$30.00
Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____	Medium Business (16-35 emp.)	\$60.00
Email _____ Fax _____	Large Business (36+ emp.)	\$100.00
	Other Contribution	\$ _____

TO REPORT POTHOLES...

Residents may call the Streets Department Customer Affairs Unit at (215) 686-5560 or contact their City Council office — Councilman Frank DiCicci 215-686-3458 or 3459. Residents are encouraged to provide details such as: the exact location, size, shape and whether the hole is located in traffic or parking lane, and the presence of any water.

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Columbus Property Management
Community Pet Care
ConEast Properties Ltd.
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Pine Street Pizza
Planned Parenthood of S.E. PA
Portico Row Unit Owners Assn.
Prudential Fox & Roach
Quince-Lombard Parking Corp.
Robert Anthony Interiors, LLC
Rodman Street Condo Assoc.
Russakoff Book Store
S&S Properties Cherry Hill
Show of Hands Gallery
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