NOTES from the President

A week or so after our first General membership Meeting of the year, I have real good feelings about the meeting. We were hosted by Pennsylvania Hospital. The refreshments were super. It was interesting to meet and hear from Clifford Eldrige, the hospital's new president, who recently moved to Society Hill. A big thanks to Clifford and his staff! Thanks also to neighbors for the excellent turnout! Most attendees stayed for a full agenda that lasted until 10 pm. Incidentally, Sld Hack, SHCA treasurer, won first prize in the Wacky Name-tag Contest for a "more appropriate" Name-tag than his picture instead of George Washington's stamped on it! We'll repeat the Name-tag Contest at our next General Meeting—March 18. (See the SHCA CALENDAR, and while you do so, please note also that all neighbors are welcome to board meetings of the civic association. Come on! Get involved.)

Now, for some neighborhood news:

6th Police District Advisory Council Meeting, January 20th:

Captain John J. Collins reported that the "normal" seasonal increase in muggings and other street crime has subsided. Dr. Marilyn Apell, a SHCA member and leader in the development of city-wide police district advisory councils, reminded attendees that the proper use of 911 is simply to use it. Police assistance is dispatched ASAP according to the seriousness of the situation.

Recycling:
The glass recycling igloo at the Starr Garden site have already been emptied once—meaning that we are collecting more than ever before. Keep on the move, but let's have a few more volunteers to help out about a half hour on Saturday mornings about 9 am. (Please?)

Cleanups:
After a two-year lapha, a "Spring Cleanup Day" has been proposed for Saturday, April 25th. To make this a reality, we will need leaders and helpers. Don't be shy. Call the SHCA office at 626-1289 to join the effort (and fun).

And, speaking of cleanup: LAURELS to Joe McKeon, Lawrence Court neighbors and all who brought nearly 100 discarded Christmas trees to be mulched. A delightful scene of evergreen was produced for the Wallway.

On the other hand, DAREs to residents who forget the rules about putting out trash on legal holidays. It's a simple case of clean streets vs mean streets: if trash pickup falls on a legal holiday—such as Martin Luther King's birthday last month—WAIT A DAY to put it out.

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW CAMDEN-PHILLY FERRY, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!

With a good deal of excitement and justifiable pride, the new Camden Aquarium will be opening February 29. A month later, on March 31, a ferry service connecting Camden and Philadelphia will be inaugurated. The opening of the new ferry was designed to coincide with the opening of the Aquarium as a way to carry aquarium visitors from our side of the river back and forth. In addition, New Jersey residents will have fun access to the Penn's Landing/Philadelphia recreational area.

The Delaware River Ferry Company is a nonprofit, public/private venture between the "twin cities, comprised of five representatives from each side of the river. It helped form an independent operating company, Riverbus, Inc., which has exclusive rights to provide the ferry service between Penn's Landing and the Aquarium.

Because a portion of the funding for the Riverbus comes from the federal government, certain restrictions were necessary—such as, commuter hours to be included with tourist and recreation rider service. Also, ferry fees had to be structured so that they would not compete with the Franklin Bridge tolls.

Here are the hard facts:
The ferry will run at least 24 times a day, carrying up to 400 passengers for the six-minute trip. A one-way fare for adults is $2. $1.50 for children and senior citizens. Group rates for 20 or more will cost $1 per person.

HOURS OF OPERATIONS:
The winter operating schedule looks like this:

Monday–Friday: 7 am – 6:45 pm
Saturday: 7 am – 6:45 pm
Sunday: 9 am – 5:45 pm

The summer schedule has longer hours:
Monday–Friday: 7 am – 9:45 pm
Saturday: 7 am – 11:45 pm
Sunday: 9 am – 7:45 pm

SECURITY
According to Denise Goren from the Mayor's office of Transportation, the ferry will supply its own security—as will, the Aquarium. What about security at Penn's Landing?

PHILLY'S FIVE REPRESENTATIVES:

• Denise Goren, Director of the Mayor's Office of Transportation;
• Bill Haskowsky, from the Phila-
delphia Industrial Development Corporation
• the City's Commerce Director
• a representative from the Phila-
delphia Zoo, which operates the Aquarium
• a representative from the Cham-
er of Commerce.

Here's what our community would like to know:

When five Philadelphians were invited to participate in the planning of this new ferry, why were we not represented?

Society Hill is the most likely community to be impacted by the potential of increased numbers of people, particular during weekend summer hours. Since Camden residents have even one movie theater in their city, it is most likely they will be in our direction for weekend entertainment. On the other hand, it is more unlikely that Philadelphians will be heading to Camden for weekend or evening entertainment.

In all fairness, however, aquarium plans to schedule evening events, which justifies higher ticket fees and a positive two-way stimulation is anticipated. For example, New Jersey motorists might park their cars in the garage adjacent to the Aquarium, and then take the ferry over to Philadelphia to partake of its excellent resources—great restaurants, movies, etc.

Nevertheless, there is concern among our community that the proposed fare and its fee and its effect on this great community.

We will keep you posted on this and other developments.
**SHCA Calendar**

**(clip & save)**

**Thursday, February 5**
**RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**
NEW ROOF FOR HEAD HOUSE noon
Corner of 2nd & Pine Sts
Hosted by the Head House Conservancy

**Friday thru Sunday, February 7-9**
**ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR**
OLD PINE COMMUNITY CENTER
PREVIEW PARTY: Fri. 7:30 pm EXHIBITS: Sat & Sun; all day
For more info: See pages 1 & 4th & Lombard Sts

**Saturday, February 13**
**D.A.S. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT**
11 am - 3 pm
Old Pine Community Center

**Wednesday, February 19**
**SHCA BOARD MEETING**
7:30 pm

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Old Pine Community Center
**NOTE:** Open to all members

**Tuesday, February 25**
**MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS’ RECEPTION FOR SHCA MEMBERS**
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Huston Community Room, Nola 328 South Street
Hosted by proprietors, Bill Curry & Judy DeVicario

**Wednesday, February 26**
**COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SAFETY**
7:15 - 9 pm
Pettis Landing Square Community Room
130 Spruce Street
Hosted by: Town Watch

**Wednesday, March 18**
**SHCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Old Pine Community Center
6:30 pm - Board Meeting
7:30 pm - Refreshments/Reception
8:00 pm - General Meeting
SPECIAL GUEST: Martha B. Aiken, Superintendent, Independence

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Now, the landowner, The Redevelopment Authority, came to the teary, weeny congregation and said, “You have to build your building—Now!!!—or we’ll take the land and put up townhouses from curb to curb.”

So the teary, weeny congregation and the folks from St. Peters School, and the history buffs from the other corner held bake sales and put up the Old Pine Community Center all by themselves!

For the first time ever, there was a place for little and big kids, for old people, for volley ball people, for Watchers watching Weight, and for Yoga-ites. There was a place for civic associations and neighbor- hood groups, for politicians and dietitians, for birthdays, and weddings, and Bar Mitzvahs. There was a place for the whole neighborhood.

I wish I could say everyone lived happily ever after. (Well, almost!) Because the Center was built during an oil crisis (did I tell you that ground was broken in 1976?) no new gas line could be installed, and so the building is all-electric!

Have you ever seen a utility bill from an all-electric building?

And because Old Pine believes it is a part of the community, it gives a lot of free space to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and many, many other groups. The Center is always struggling to find new ways of raising money.

But because a lot of you helped the teary, weeny congregation build its dream so many years ago, all of us who live in Society Hill have our very own community house. We call it the Old Pine Community Center. Visit us.

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**THE SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

If you didn’t receive a 1992 membership renewal letter it means, naturally, that you were not a SHCA member last year.

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US THIS YEAR!

Your membership and your voice will make a difference in our neighborhood.

 Tear off and mail to: Society Hill Civic Association P.O. Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19101

Attention: Treasurer

☐ New Member ☐ Household $25
☐ Membership Renewal ☐ Business/Corporate $50
☐ Single $12.50 ☐ Corporate Sponsor $100

Name _____________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________

City State Zip ______________________________________

Phone (day) ______ (eve) ______

☐ I/We would be interested in working with the following committees:
☐ Membership ☐ Neighborhood Maintenance
☐ Liquor Control ☐ Recycling
☐ Town Watch ☐ Reporter/Sun newspaper
☐ Legislative ☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Zoning ☐ Preservation

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**PRESIDENT’S NOTES**

Continued from last page out the trash. Our streets looked very messy when some trash sat out on our sidewalks, in some cases, for almost 48 hours. When the SWEEP program really gets going, those household holds will be fined.

**Civic Association Membership:**

Thanks to the 120 plus SHCA members who very quickly responded to the annual membership renewal letter. We hope a lot more of you will send in your renewal when paying your monthly bills. If you were not a member, however, you naturally did not receive a renewal reminder. We therefore urge you send in the SHCA membership renewal coupon printed in this issue of the Society Hill Reporter. Meet & Greet Your Neighbors:

Please join us for the "members only" reception at Hurricane Alley/Cafe Nola on South Street. Owners of the adjacent restaurants, Bill Curry and Judy DeVicario, are hosting this purely social, cocktail party. Free refreshments, with cash bar. Tuesday night, February 25th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Jane Brown, SHCA Membership Chair, will have your names (and application blank) at the check-in table. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

We like to socialize and we like good films. Another good reason for us to get together! We contacted the management at The Asbury and The Bourne about a movie party to benefit the Association, and they responded enthusiastically. Although no date has yet been set, it will definitely be held on a week night in either March, April, or May. The Ritzy will give us two to three weeks notice as to which film it will be offering. Work is also in progress to find a local hotel to donate "munchies." The cost will be $10 for both SHCA members and non-members. We’ll provide more information once all the details have been arranged.

—Dick Ostrover
7th Annual Craft Fair at Old Pine Community Center

The annual MADE-BY-AND Craft Show at Old Pine Community Center takes place this weekend. Opening celebrations begin with a gala preview party: Friday, February 7th, from 3:30-10 pm.

Wood, fibers, glass, ceramics, leather, and metal works—in a great variety of uses and applications—will be presented by 40 talented artists who were elected to participate. Among the exhibits are works by Carolyn Zakarija of Glass Valley; plush fur offerings by Mary Schaeffer; Zabeh Soltani's silks; ceramics by Janet Lowe; and creative, imaginative 'scapes'.

The Craft Show is open on Sunday 11 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday, February 9th and 10th. Adult admission is $4; with a $1 discount if a printed ad (see page 2) is presented at the door. Supervised child care, for youngsters under six, is provided free both days.

The gala preview party costs $25 and includes unlimited admission to the show. For reservations, or any information about this fundraising event that helps keep your community center going, please call 627-2493. You may want to read the "Then and Now" article (previous page) that recalls the birth of the Center. In any case, we look forward to seeing you this weekend.

Caroline Zakarija design.

John Jeffrey Barto adding finishing touches to a Long-billed Curlew Shorebird.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

The Community Awareness and Safety Program at the Society Hill Towers on January 14 attracted a standing-room-only crowd. Possibly because neighbors were alarmed by a daytime robber who targeted women. Attendees were relieved to learn that an alert neighbor, who had witnessed a crime in progress, was able to jot down a license number that led to the suspect's apprehension.

The program began with tips from the Fire Department and included presentations on street and even elevator safety! (Stand by the control box on an elevator; it's easy to push the alarm button if some behavior causes you concern.) Officer Mike Fusco from the Sixth Police District described services and programs to make urban dwelling safer and more secure. Another meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 26 at the Penn's Landing Square Community Room, 130 Spruce Street at 7:15 pm. (Entrance at the SE corner of 2nd and Spruce.)

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