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Left to right: Dick Ostender, Myrna Field (holding), Joy Lindy, Mel Buchman, Sid Hack, Jim Palmer, Herb Cohen, Anita Hack

Theater & Dinner Party

Last month's theater & dinner party benefiting SHCA was a resounding success! Partygoers had an enjoyable dinner at Montserrat, followed by a lively performance of "Beau Jest" at the Society Hill Playhouse. The civic association profited—more in ways than one—by depositing $277.50 into its bank account, as well as socializing with old and new friends and neighbors. It was an evening well spent!

SOME GIFT-GIVING IDEAS FROM SHCA

FLUFFY'S STOCKING STUFFERS

Fluffy Palmer, administrator of the SHCA, has two ideas for stocking stuffers that will benefit the association, as well as simplify your shopping list for the holiday season.

The first idea: Purchase a packet of ten-note cards, with the Society Hill Civic Association logo design imprinted as recycled, heavy-weight paper. The art work was done by Pamela Stinaker Todd, a well-known and respected local painter. A gift packet of ten cards costs only $7 each. (See SHCA logo top left on page.)

The second idea: Join the discount club, "Entertainment '93," as the SHCA group cost of $35 and save half the cost on almost everything you like to do. Membership in "Entertainment '93" provides substantial discounts at restaurants, hotels, plus big savings on vacations, ski trips, and auto rentals.

Benefits include choosing from hundreds of two-for-one or 50% off coupons for dining at restaurants. Membership provides a restaurant directory, with current menus to help you choose, and a big family coupon book for discounts to a variety of places that range from the Philadelphia Zoo, the Walnut Street Theatre, the Phila-

memorial farewell to Milton Stoloff

On the night of October 28, or the early morning hours of October 29, our neighbor Milton Stoloff died suddenly.

Milton was a man full of passion for life, and so his untimely passing left bereft not only his wife, Becky, son, Andrew, and daughter-in-law, Leslie, but a great number of relatives, friends and hundreds of people in our town, Society Hill.

Whether he was a close personal friend, a third cousin once removed, a business associate, or customer in the corner store, all who ever knew or dealt with him agreed that he was one of the most generous and most unforgettable people any of us are ever likely to know. Warm and funny, interested in you, interested in what interests you, he always elicited a smile.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to Becky, past president of the Society Hill Civic Association, Milton will be missed by all who knew him, and most certainly by our community, which both he and Becky have given so much of their expertise, energy and enthusiasm.

Neighbors are invited to celebrate the life of Milton Stoloff together with Becky, family and friends in a memorial service to be held on Sunday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Settlement Music School, 416 Queen Street, Join us for music and shared memories of Milton.

Gifts in Milton's memory may be sent to the Settlement Music School.

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NOTES from SHCA

The season of short days and holiday rush is rapidly arriving, and I extend good wishes to all as we look forward to a happy, busy time and the new year of 1993. And, speaking of 1993, it is time to remind everyone that SHCA membership expires for the midnight stroke of New Year's Eve! You'll be getting renewal notices and the SHCA '93 Calendar from the Membership Committee. Please renew early and often (as they say about bingo). One nutty perk for member's only will be a February 8th reception at Hurricane Alley, it's the "meet & greet" your neighbor's been occasion, hosted by the restaurant's owners, Bill Curry and Judy DeVicaris. SAVE THE DATE. Last year's Hurricane Alley Wing Ding was a great success. We actually got to meet many new neighbors, and we also renewed acquaintances with people we hadn't seen for a while. It was all-around fun. And the buffet that was served—free—was delicious, as well as plentiful. Another early 1993 event that deserves your attention will be a special Dinner & Entertainment Night at Palumbo's-sponsored by the South Street 7 Arts Festival, a project of the Redgling South Street Head House District. The event will inaugurate a "South Street Hall of Fame" to celebrate the heroes and heroines, not to mention the interesting "old-timers," of historic South Street. It's a neat idea. SAVE THE DATE: Monday, January 25th.

And, while we are joining down notes in our spiffy new 1993 calendars, please also mark the following SHCA General Membership Meeting dates: January 20th, although the location is not yet final, and March 16th at the Society Hill Sherraton. Erin Fenney, Community Relations Director for the Sherraton, has confirmed that the Sherraton will host this meeting.

The "Project Street Trees" census of all our neighborhood trees (each tree's condition, needs, etc.) is now complete. The computer model is well underway, and we anticipate year-end word on our grant application. It may seem like a long wait for spring at this point, but the planting season will happen upon us rather quickly—just about when we recover from the holiday season. We intend to be ready for it!

Look for your SHCA Membership Renewal letter soon. One of the options you will be offered is to have the East Philadelphia Sun/Society Hill Reporter mailed to you at an annual cost of $5. The application form is being modified to allow for this choice. This mailing option should be especially helpful for high-rise residents where distribution is not door-to-door, as well as for several streets that get sporadic delivery.

Finally, a special note concerning the December SHCA meeting, which the Board Voted TO CANCEL. Usually the third Wednesday of every month is reserved for a Board Meeting, while every four months the association has its General Membership Meeting for all members (also always on Wednesdays). Instead, for this December, the Board opted that there should be a special Executive Committee meeting on December 7th which will focus on developing a strategic plan for the civic association, with specific goals for the year 1993. Details will follow in the next issue of the Reporter and also at the January General Membership Meeting. Look for both!

—Dick Ostender

PHILA Museum of Art, special events, sports, and, of course, restaurants offer a variety of opportunities, each with its own unique character.

Use of the "Entertainment '93" book only once or twice will cover the cost of the book. Everything else is, as they say, gravy.

To purchase either the note cards or "Entertainment '93," please call the SHCA office, at 629-1288 and leave a message. Fluffy will see that you receive your holiday purchase without hassle or delay.
Meet New SCHA

The civic association has a few new Directors on board. It's a chance to meet four of them. (Those profiles would have been enhanced with accompanying photography, but we were a little short on space. Sorry about that.) Look for the next issue of the Society Hill Reporter to get to know other Board members.

BEVERLY SHEN SHERMAN
Bevery Sherman is the General Manager of the Society Hill Towers, a position she has held for seven years. She is employed by Canons, a management firm with contacts in the Tower and also is a Tower resident. She represents Towers' residents as a Board member to the civic association body and with those perspectives.

JUDY PFEIFER
Judy Pfeiferman, Board member representing the Northeast Quadrant of SCHA, has a broad work history—from English teacher to business owner to publishing representative, not-to-mention, full-time mom! Currently, she represents publishing house that has little name recognition (Western Publishing) but is actually the publisher of the ubiquitous children's series popularly known as "Golden Books." Prior to this, for almost seven years, she was the owner of a catalog gift service ("To A Basket And More") which targeted the business community.

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COMING UP: Memberships

Renewals

Behavioral Statement of the By-laws and any changes occurring therein should be reviewed here, since it is annual membership time.

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETYHILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Society Hill Civic Association adopts the principles of the original ordinances and upholds the redeveloping of the area, which called for a residential district in the human scale, urban in character yet intimate, dignified and compatible with the area's history.

Membership in the Society Hill Civic Association has many advantages, but it pays for a lot. Please don't take your civic association for granted. We do the best we can and we need your participation. The very least we ask of Society Hill residents is that you support the work we do by the simple act of renewing your membership or, if becoming a member if you haven't yet joined or your membership has lapsed in recent years. Having the Civic Association in our community is a way to express your individuality—most who participate with us, the more you can help us keep the streets of our "little town" the wonderful, urban place it has been for so many years. It's true, we are not perfect. It's true, that at any given time a challenge confronts us that is not so simple to handle. But our civic association does much more than provide a forum for addressing controversies. Over the years we have been involved in many initiatives, too numerous to list. Currently, we are working on improving our street trees. You've heard about this in the last few issues, and you'll be hearing (and seeing) more. Project Street Trees is a pro-active step we are taking to keep our neighborhood green. (As Kermit the Frog always says, "It's not easy being green") Project Street Trees has at least 30 active SHA members who have conducted a complete survey of all the trees in the neighborhood. The Project has applied for a $5,000 grant; which, if awarded, will be used to underwrite the purchase of many community trees.

Another important initiative has been the restoration of historic Head House, at 2nd and Pine Streets. The Head House Conservancy has its genesis as a function of this civic association. Although more work remains to be done to this structural jewel in our community, a great deal has been accomplished at Head House, and it is once again beginning to resemble a building worthy of the designation "National Historic Landmark."

Ongoing committees are always working to preserve our unique neighborhood—either silently or vociferously. Whether in the Zoning Committee, the Recycling Committee, or the Committee representing Society Hill to the Redevelopment Authority, committee members devote their time, energy, and expertise to see that Society Hill is maintained according to its redevelopment goals, as described in the civic association's Mission, stated above.

When you receive your Renewal letter for 1993, please respond promptly. Simply reply to the clip-out on the coupon in this issue, or you can wait until you receive the letter. Any way you prefer, don't forget to join. And please note that we are offering a complete design planning including installation of your living or work space. Complete design planning including installation color consultant and advice on best available resources. Complete design planning including installation color consultant and advice on best available resources. Complete design planning including installation color consultant and advice on best available resources.