



Box 3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105

May, 1983

## New Parking Authority Powers Disturb Neighborhood Civic Groups

City Council is considering a bill to transfer to the Parking Authority broad powers over on-street parking now vested in many city agencies, including the Police, Streets and Licenses and Inspections Departments and the Traffic Courts. The Authority would handle resident permits, meters, signage, ticketing, booting and collection functions.

Representatives of the Authority, including Kenneth Garber, its Executive Director, met with members of the Association's Board in mid-March to discuss the Authority's new role and specifically its proposals for meter installations and expanding resident and permit parking (RPP). The Authority has preliminarily advocated placing meters on several blocks in Society Hill having no commercial usages and also plans to exclude those metered blocks from RPP coverage, thereby effectively eliminating them from use by residents.

Association Parking Chairman Tony Schneider is working with the new Authority planners for the area to identify new blocks for RPP, but the Board remains totally against any meters in Society Hill. What the Authority's final position will be

on meters is uncertain but Mr. Garber's statement at the meeting, that "changes will not go into effect, if the community doesn't want them," presumably can be taken at face value.

At the hearing on the bill on March 25, 1983, Association President Steve Miller testified as to the Association's concerns that the Authority may not adequately accommodate the residential parking needs of the community, particularly in view of its attitude on meters. Additionally, several Center City civic groups, including SHCA testified in favor of amending the proposed Bill to require the Authority to solicit community group input before changing parking regulations, installing meters or designating blocks for RPP. The bill was amended in Committee to contain such a provision.

The Authority also intends to establish a Parking Policy Committee to consider broad parking plans and policies. As contemplated, city agencies, city council and community groups would be represented on the Committee, although the latter would curiously have no vote.

## Civic Association May Election

The Civic Association will elect its 1983-84 officers and board members on Wednesday, May 18th at 8 p.m. at the Old Pine Community Center, in conjunction with that evening's regularly scheduled general membership meeting.

Candidates for quadrant directors and for officers of the Association will be asked to be present beginning at 7:30 p.m., so that you may meet with them personally before the voting begins.

The nominating committee includes Board members Steve Miller, Rosalie Thompson, Aaron Beyer, Diane Shecter and Ron Abrams. Its purpose is to select qualified neighbors for service on the Board and present its slate of candidates for election. Board members who have seen three consecutive years on the Board are not eligible for reelection. Mike Willmann, Aaron Beyer, Tony Schneider, Jim Straw, Fred Edelstein and Bob Holtz are in the above mentioned category and will be replaced by new members to the Board.

Individuals who are residents of Society Hill and members of the SHCA (a membership form is in this issue) can be placed directly on the ballot, as a matter of right, by submitting a nominating petition containing the signatures and addresses of 10 Association members prior to Tuesday, May 10th at 5 p.m. Petitions and resumes should be submitted to Nominating Committee Chairman Aaron Beyer, 632 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19106, on or before that date.

The points of view expressed by the officers and directors can, accordingly, only reflect the feelings of the residents of the neighborhood generally if the residents make it a point to actively concern themselves with the issues which confront the neighborhood and, further, make a direct and pointed effort not only to let

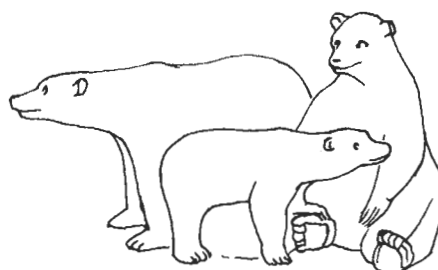
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## The Battle for A-4 Goes On

The Society Hill Sheraton, the hotel slated to be built on the land bordered by Dock, Walnut and Front Streets, has hit a snag. A three-judge panel of the Commonwealth Court has found in favor of Bookbinder's owner John Taxin, and has ruled that Common Pleas Court Judge Lawrence Prattis should have made Taxin a party in a suit brought in 1979 by Ramon Posel, owner of the Ritz Three and Ritz Plaza complex. In his suit Posel challenged the right of the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) to sell a portion of the land in the parcel known as A-4, to Taxin for continued use as a valet parking lot. Posel cited an agreement he had with the city stipulating that A-4's zoning would not be changed without his approval.

Parcel A-4 was designated as a hotel site

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is May 10th at 5 p.m., Aaron Beyer 632 Spruce Street.

Election 1983-84 Officers and Board members Wednesday, May 18th, 8 p.m., at Old Pine Community Center.

## GENERAL GEORGE A. McCALL SCHOOL UPDATE

At the Society Hill Civic Association meeting of March 16th, there was a discussion of persistent issues concerning McCall School, 6th and Delancy. Issues included trash collection, cleaning of trash on the premises, and removal of graffiti.

The membership voted that trash continue to be placed on the 6th Street sidewalk daily for pick-up.

Leonard Rovner, Principal of McCall School, acknowledges accountability for the appearance of the school premises, including the sidewalks. There is a janitor at the school whose responsibilities include keeping the premises clean. There has been a pattern of cooperation from the school for a short period of time after complaints are voiced, then reversion to a dirty school yard. If you believe the appearance of the school grounds are not satisfactory, telephone Leonard Rovner at 351-7350 and voice your complaint.

Graffiti on the school walls is a matter of persistent annoyance to the immediate neighbors. The graffiti ink has seeped into the brick and must be removed professionally. The person accountable for contracting to remove the graffiti is Dr. Edward Kaplan, director of School Facilities. Dr. Kaplan claims that funds for the purpose of removing graffiti are not available. If you strongly believe that the tax payers deserve better and that the children deserve a graffiti-free learning environment voice your complaints to: Dr. Edward Kaplan, Director of School Facilities, School District of Philadelphia, J.F.K. Center, 734 Schuylkill Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19146 with a copy to Constance E. Clayton, Superintendent of Schools, 21st and the Parkway, Philadelphia, PA.

Those residents interested in serving on the SHCA McCall School Committee, contact Ronald B. Abrams, S.H.C.A., Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

## SATURDAY FOR SENIORS CELEBRATES

Saturday, April 30, marks the fifth anniversary of Saturday for Seniors, a food and fellowship program sponsored by Old Pine Church at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard.

The program began to supplement the weekday nutrition programs at such publicly funded centers as The Coffee Cup and The Philadelphia Center for Older People. Hundreds of older people depend on such centers for both food and companionship and, in many cases, must go without both while the centers are closed for the weekends.

In 1978, just 17 people were in the group that was scheduled for 20 meetings during this year. In '83, two groups with a total enrollment of nearly one hundred and fifty will meet for a total of 43 Saturdays. And there is a waiting list. A third group now meets at Christ's Church in the Italian

Market (10th and Kimball) and The Center for Older People has begun its own Saturday lunch program.

The only requirement for membership is that the applicant be at least 60 years old. The program is non-denominational and there is no charge for the meal.

Saturday for Seniors is staffed by volunteers who shop, cook, serve, and clean up. Whatever the menu, including an occasional stroganoff or lasagna dish, the volunteer cooks are proud of their work and the old folks love it.

Financial support for the program has come from foundations, corporations, and churches and synagogues in the city and in the suburbs.

If you would like to volunteer for Saturday for Seniors or want more information, call Liz Ostrander at 922-6179.

## Come on Board

The Society Hill Civic Association is in the process of instituting a "Block Captain" system. By establishing a broader grass roots organization, it is hoped that neighbors will have an efficient means of informing Board members of their issues and concerns. It will also serve the purpose of assisting residents in meeting their neighbors, welcoming new residents to the neighborhood, disseminating information to residents, and improving the Association's effectiveness in zoning, trash, security, and parking problems.

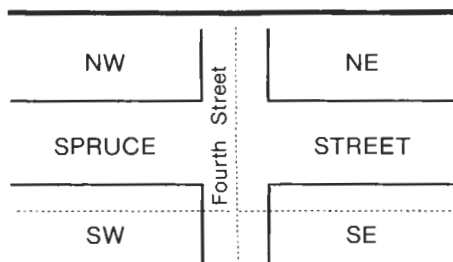
This will provide an opportunity for many who have wanted to get involved in the community, but have only limited time to give; and also for those who suffer from civic burn-out from past activities, but would still like to make some contribution.

If you desire to serve your neighborhood and yourself and want more information, contact Ronald Abrams in the S.W. Quadrant (0-735-2714), David Stevens in the S.E. Quadrant (H-WA 3-1349), Rosalie Thompson in the N.E. Quadrant (0-448-5126), and Aaron Beyer in the N.W. Quadrant (0-665-5500), or write to the Society Hill Civic Association, Box 3, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

## ELECTIONS

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board members know how they feel about issues of concern but also to work with those board members to see that their points of view are actively considered and acted upon.



Here is a diagram showing how the neighborhood is divided into quadrants. If you aren't sure which quadrant you reside in, ask any SHCA board member.

NOTE: Residences on the south side of Spruce St. are in the NE and NW Quadrants, respectively.

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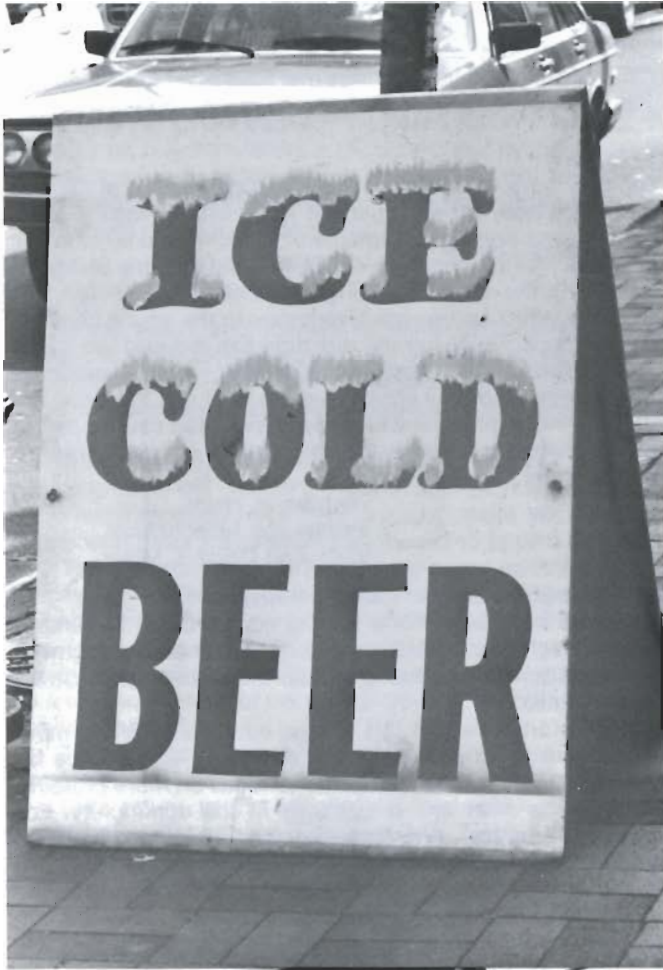
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The Civic Association is only able to reflect the concerns of its members and to deal effectively with those concerns to the extent that the residents of the neighborhood are willing to participate in the work of the Association.

Send in your petition and resume by May 10, 1983.

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## LETTERS . . .

*(The Resident Newsletter invites its readers to respond to material it has published, or to events it has missed. If you'd like to make a suggestion, vent your wrath or even recall an interesting incident about the neighborhood, put it on paper—50 to 500 words—and mail it to us at Box #3, Philadelphia, PA 19105. We can only publish letters that have been signed; names will be withheld on request.)*

Dear Editor:

You may have wondered why the traffic direction in the 300 block of Delancey St. was changed to go east-to-west. A local survey showed that a great volume of traffic—up to 90 cars per hour—was shortcutting from 4th St. to avoid the Pine St. lights. A majority of the neighbors living near Delancey Park felt that such heavy vehicular use was dangerous to the young children who play there. Reversing the direction has reduced the traffic on both Delancey and Cypress considerably—a result endorsed by the parents and play school groups who use the park. We regret any inconvenience which may have been caused by the direction change, but believe that the safety of our children is the most important consideration.

Andrew H. Helm,  
Berthe von Moschzisker,  
Ellen and David T. Miller

Dear Editor of the SHCA Resident Newsletter:

We are in receipt of the special edition dated November 1982, in which you outline various issues involving highway ramps, parking spaces, traffic divider lines, and South Street vehicular traffic.

It is unfortunate that this special edition is nothing more than a forum for complaining and criticizing. It would be far more appropriate for the Newsletter to focus on more pressing "people needs" that are in evidence in the community. For example, individuals who have no gainful employment, or individuals who suffer from lack of nourishment, or individuals who are unable to care for themselves this winter should be the real issues addressed by SHCA. If the residents of Society Hill expended as much energy addressing the people needs of the community as they do on the trivial issues raised in the November Newsletter, we would be a long way toward having a happier, healthier, and more harmonious community.

In short, why not suggest that the members of the Society Hill Civic Association get involved in people issues, not parking, ramp, and traffic issues which have done more to alienate our neighborhood lifestyle than to bring it together. Society Hill is a great place to live, but your Newsletter's idea of the very important issues is out of perspective with the real needs of the people with whom we live and work every day. We are satisfied with all of the traffic, parking, and other vehicular nuisances; we suggest that you address more meaningful issues that have greater benefit to the community.

Chas. Kurz, II

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have recently been made very aware of the changes occurring in the Society Hill neighborhood. While I am not a total purist on maintaining the character of the neighborhood as it was contemplated several years ago, I do think it important that the neighborhood retain its residential character that favors up-scale living.

Any city of Philadelphia's size requires one or two intown districts of this sort. In Philadelphia, Society Hill had been one of those districts and should remain so. The tendency to encourage successive commercialization will inevitably lead to the deterioration of the neighborhood. Some of that is already evident in the number of homes that are for sale and in the increasing encroachment of commercial establishments in what had been residential blocks.

# LETTERS . . .

It is certainly not in the City's interest to have Society Hill return gradually to its status before the restoration of the district occurred. The City cannot afford that nor can its reputation.

I urge you to do whatever needs to be done to preserve the residential character of Society Hill. While I have not been active in these causes in the past, I certainly intend to become so, along with many of my neighbors, if the deterioration continues. We are, after all, major investors in the district and by that I mean the residents as well as the City, and can ill-afford to allow the degeneration to continue without some very strong protest.

I count on your cooperation.

Andrew M. Rouse

Dear Mr. Miller:

Great vision and leadership were demonstrated in the sixties in revitalizing Society Hill. It took persistence and patience to build up the residential character of the neighborhood and to establish discreet shopping for the convenience of residents.

With Philadelphia's new emphasis on tourism, there has been a gradual but distinct change in approach. More bars and more restaurants do not a neighborhood make. We have tacky shops with tacky merchandise supposed to appeal to tourists.

The residents of Society Hill have a real investment in our homes—yet without our being consulted, the tenor of the neighborhood is changing from residential to commercial.

I beg of you to consider what is happening. Slowly but surely as the character of the neighborhood changes, there will be a shift in the type of occupants from single home owners to apartment dwellers.

This will not improve your tax base. Houses not owner-occupied tend to deteriorate.

Let's return to the enlightened leadership of the sixties. Instead of commercializing the area let's preserve its residential character and quiet charm. This is what appeals to tourists—not exposure to a plethora of shops.

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# DOGS, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs.

It's a subject that Heloise, Mary Ellen and all of the other helpful hinters just won't touch.

What is it? Well, it's a simple four-letter word that has *not* been immortalized in sculpture by Robert Indiana.

It is, in fact, a word that comes readily to mind (or to mouth) as one picks one's way along the sidewalks of Society Hill. The neighborhood has gone to the dogs.

Generally disregarded and virtually unenforceable, Philadelphia's dog clean-up law has had little effect on the quality of life down by the Delaware. Man's best friend does not necessarily endear himself to the rest of the neighborhood when his owner walks away from an obligation left under the tree, in the pansies or on the walkway.

Your friendly newsletter won't go into the many reasons why people don't or won't pick up after their pooches. But in the interest of neighborhood improvement,

it will suggest an easy way to cope with the situation.

First of all, forget the long-handled pooper scoopers that are awkward and embarrassing to lug around. Chances are you'll never have it with you when you need it. Or rather, when your dog decides you'll need it.

Buy, instead, a batch of plastic bags—preferably "scrap bags" in a discreetly opaque shade of beige. (One dog owner aptly describes them as "get 'em while they're hot" bags.)

The pick-up technique is easy to master—even for old dog owners who have trouble learning new tricks. First, turn the bag inside out and put it on your hand as you would a mitten. Second, use your bagged hand to pick up the litter. Third, turn the bag right-side out and tie the top to secure. It's a cinch.

Try it. Your neighbors will like it. And they'll like you and Toto better, too.

## HELP CLEAN UP SOCIETY HILL— IT'S YOURS!

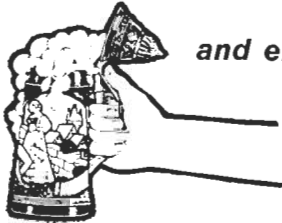
This year the Society Hill Civic Association Spring Clean Up has been expanded to a week-long effort to rebeautify our sidewalks, streets and homes. Beginning on Friday, April 29th there will be trash pickup until noon. Bulk trash can be put out on your regularly scheduled trash day, however, we suggest that you notify in advance Mr. Len Qualitieri 686-5449 between 4 and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Our vernal cleanup will culminate on Saturday, May 7th at 9 a.m. with colorful clowns prancing through the neighborhood to the sounds of Dixieland Music courtesy of the Tootsie Pops on a Fairmount Park trolley car. City officials and sanitation vehicles will be out in force on May 7th to cheer on our efforts. Appropriate awards will be given to the cleanest and dirtiest blocks in our historic neighborhood. Central Penn Bank at Head House will again offer awards for the school poster contest and balloon race.

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## Town Watch to Celebrate

For its first birthday in June, Town Watch is planning a walk through Society Hill to alert the residents to its activities and invite new members to join with its participants. The walk will end at Head House Square with a featured speaker. Please call—629-1323—with ideas and for more information.

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# A-4 Battle

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in the earliest renewal plans for Society Hill. In 1978 Taxin and developer Alexander Wolfington proposed that the still undeveloped land be rezoned to allow construction of a 40-unit housing complex as well as a parking lot for Bookbinder's. This plan had the backing of the Society Hill Civic Association and an agreement of sale was approved in a 1978 resolution by City Council. Then came the Posel suit, and Judge Prattis' decision that the zoning should remain commercial.

Anticipating that Judge Prattis' ruling would stand, the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) undertook in 1980 to market the parcel, and in January of this year Rouse & Associates and Sheraton were chosen as developers. PIDC had offered its help in obtaining an Urban Development Action Grant for the developer. PIDC reports that paperwork on the grant application is going forward, despite the Commonwealth Court ruling. Back in Common Pleas Court, Judge Prattis has asked the various litigating parties to get together and work out a compromise.

# News from the Town Watchers

In March, Town Watch received reports of two car burglaries in the area. In one case, the car keys were pick-pocketed from the owner. The police have been informed of these incidents and residents reported that the police were responsive and helpful. Please report crimes to the Society Hill Town Watch, 629-1323.

Cathy Lipkin and her friends were instrumental in aiding a crime victim recently when they helped a woman who was being assaulted while other residents passed her by, ignoring her pleas. Cathy gave this account of the situation: "I felt angry that with all the people who witnessed this assault, no one came to the aid of the woman or even called the police." The police were finally called and the situation resolved.

After her sixth appearance in court, Dorothy Baker finally had a hearing and saw her attacker convicted. Ms. Baker, a senior citizen, was mugged twice in a three-month period on her way home from work in the early evening. In the first instance, the mugger was caught in the act and was apprehended. While Ms. Baker awaited his hearing, she was mugged

again, suffering a broken bone from this more serious attack.

During the March Pledge Drive at WHY volunteers from the Society Hill Town Watch took over the phone banks for one session. At break times, the busy pledge takers were supplied with refreshments by Tia's, Tavern on the Square, Taub's, John Paul & Sons, H.T. McDougall's, Once Upon a Porch, Dicken's Inn, La Scala's Copper Penny, Super's Fresh, and Starr Recording Studios.

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## Summer Camp at Old Pine

From July 11 through August 19, Summercity Day Camp, an Old Pine Community Center program directed by Ilene Silk, will provide fun and learning experiences for children from age three to those entering fifth grade in the fall.

The Camp this year will be divided into the regular Day Camp (9-3) and a Play Camp. The Play Camp will offer a less-structured, half-day program for three and four year olds. Children may be enrolled in Play Camp for either three or six weeks. Children entering kindergarten in September may enroll in either the Day Camp or the Play Camp.

For children enrolled in the Day Camp, coverage is provided for working parents through an extended day (8-5:30) and both pre- and post-camp weeks.

The Old Pine Community Center is located at 401 Lombard St. More information and registration forms may be obtained by either coming to the Center or calling 627-2493 between the hours of 9 and 4:30. Some financial aid is available.

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## Studying the Traffic as the Cars Whiz By

Isn't it time to hear the results of all those traffic studies the experts have been making on our behalf? There has so far been no reaction to SHCA's somewhat unflattering assessment of the preliminary recommendations of the Society Hill/Queen Village Transportation Management Study (TMS). A spokesperson for the TMS tells us they are collecting all the comments and information so that TMS can finalize their recommendations.

The Delta Group, which has been studying I-95 access, is in the process of producing a summary report of its findings which will be used in preparing an Environmental Impact Study, required by law before any construction can be undertaken. Jack Smythe, who heads the Delta Group, expects to be able to present its findings in a series of community meetings before the first of May. They are also preparing a newsletter to be sent to all residents of affected neighborhoods. A public hearing will be scheduled before the Environmental Impact Study is adopted.



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## THE REBECCA GRATZ CLUB

Where have all the young girls gone? The Rebecca Gratz Club which has been located at the corner of 6th and Spruce Sts. since the 1920's and devoted its philanthropic concern to alleviating the emotional problems of young women has moved its main activities to Conshohocken Ave. in Wynnefield. The Spruce St. property is still used for meetings.

Rebecca Gratz, for whom the Club is named, was the daughter of a Philadelphia merchant. Rebecca was born in 1781, the seventh of 12 children. Educated at home, she early on developed a strong sense of responsibility and in 1801 was one of a group of "prominent ladies (who) banded together into the Female Association for the Relief of Women and Children in Reduced Circumstances."

She became the model for a group of philanthropic Jewish women in Philadelphia in the early 1900s who gave her name to a home first for immigrant girls who needed a place to live and later for working girls living away from home too poorly paid to afford the rent of a rooming house. That home was established first on North 6th St. in 1904 and moved to 532 Spruce St., in 1920. It was formally named The Rebecca Gratz Club in 1915.



REBECCA GRATZ painted by Thomas Sully (1783-1872)  
Photo courtesy of Jewish Archives.

According to Kathryn Kelly, acting executive director, the '40s brought many young women into Philadelphia looking for work in defense plants. In the 1950s, the Club began to concern itself with the emotional problems of some of these young women and hired professional people (social workers and psychologists) to work with the residents.



(Photo by Nancy Frenze)

The Jewish Archives, at 625 Walnut St. stores the old minute books of the Club's board meetings beginning in 1909. In one hand-written account I learned about "one girl having been taken in as a resident for the sum of \$2 per week—as she is only earning \$3 per week." I also learned that the Club became an agency of the Jewish Federation of Charities in 1919 with an annual allowance of \$4000.

A recent *Guidebook to Jewish Philadelphia* contains this description of the house at 532 Spruce St.: "The Rebecca Gratz Club which had been formed in 1904 in another part of the city, rededicated the

building in 1928 (the property had once been the private residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snellenburg and later was used as a lying-in hospital) to accommodate a residence for immigrant working girls. In 1940 the concept was expanded to include young women living on small salaries or working away from home. In 1958, the Club adopted the present program of 'half-way house.'" It is both non-sectarian and interracial.

Contemporary biographers would look down their noses at Rollin G. Osterweis' book *Rebecca Gratz—a Study in Charm*, published in 1935. His account of her—and Sir Walter Scott's depiction of her as the Rebecca in *Ivanhoe*—represent her as the epitome of goodness, graciousness, beauty and philanthropy.

It was easy to dig out information about Rebecca Gratz (her biography can be found at the Library Company) and the history of the Club. It was not easy to learn what will become of the property on Spruce St. now that most of its activities have moved away. Dr. Ernest Kahn, associate executive director of the Federation of Jewish Agencies, after confirming the fact that some of the buildings on Spruce St. belong to the Club and that there has been no decision on the disposition of the property, referred me to Dr. Abraham Wolf, vice president of the board of the Club. Dr. Wolf would only say that "there is no change in the status of the ownership or the disposing of the Club."

—Fran Israel

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## DARTS & LAURELS

**Laurel**—to the Farm journal for responding to neighbors' request to secure their Manning Street gate and re-organize their daily trash pickup.

**Laurel**—to the Super Fresh folks for their generous donation of six pounds of freshly ground coffee for the Annual Boy Scout dinner.

**Dart**—to the well-bred people who use the lawn surrounding Carpenter's Hall as an outdoor potty for their dogs. Remember—in the city you should CURB your dog.

**Laurel**—to City Hall's Street Department for re-implanting the street lamps at 7th and Delancey and Pine near 3rd.

**Dart**—to City Hall's Streets Department for continuing to ignore the mountains and valleys in the intersection of the streets at 6th and Pine. These cause many a near miss between the rushing cars as well as shaking in the nearby houses—old and new.

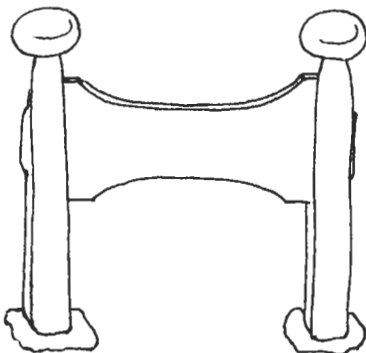
**Laurel**—to the neighbors who graciously deliver the Civic Association flyers.

**Laurel**—to Lauralou Bates of Lawrence Court for her barbingers of spring flowers around her tree and front door.



(Photo by Nancy Frenze)

**SOUTH TOWER, INDEPENDENCE PLACE**—Retail stores, such as Bagel Works and Nautilus still use south side emergency exits and alley for purposes disallowed by the neighborhood agreement with the developer. Other violations of the agreement persist.



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