

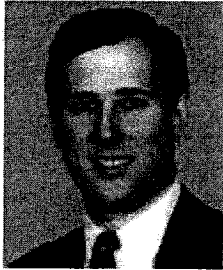
# Society Hill REPORTER

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Newsletter of The Society Hill Civic Association

## Senatorial Candidates Invited To Speak



Senator Santorum

**Wednesday  
September 20:  
General Membership  
Meeting at  
Old Pine Church  
7:00 PM**



Congressman Klink

Republican Senator Rick Santorum and Democratic Congressman Ron Klink have been invited to speak before the Society Hill Civic Association's (SHCA's) September 20th General Membership Meeting. Our civic association welcomes the Old City Civic Association as its co-sponsor for this important and timely meeting. At press time, Congressman Klink has accepted, while a final answer has not yet been received from Senator Santorum's office.

Congressman Klink will speak about the issues he faces in his contest for Santorum's Pennsylvania Senatorial seat, and he will take questions from the floor. The U.S. Senate presently consists of 46 Democrats and 54 Republicans. There is a strong possibility that three or more Supreme Court appointments will be made in the near future, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate. With one-third of the Senate seats to be filled, this is a significant election.

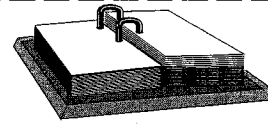
### About Congressman Klink

From Western Pennsylvania's 4th District and now in his fourth term in Congress, Ron Klink was once a Pittsburgh KDKA television anchorman. He and his wife Linda Hogan have been married for 22 years. They live in the Pittsburgh suburb of Murrysville with their two children: Matthew, 14 and Juliana, 12.

Congressman Klink serves on the House Commerce Committee. His primary concerns are job creation and keeping Pennsylvania competitive in the rapidly changing global economy. He has voted to protect Medicare, Social Security and education. Klink's preferred use of the nation's budget surplus is to preserve Social Security, include prescription medicines as part of Medicare and promote educational programs such as Head Start.

### About Senator Santorum

Senator Santorum joined the United States Senate in 1995. He was recently named Senate Co-Chair of the Senate Majority Leader's Task Force on Social Security and also became the Senate Chairman of the Renewal Alliance—a group of House members and Senators whose goal is to encourage citizens to become more involved in their local communities. Senator Santorum's committee assignments for the 106th Congress include the Senate Armed Services Committee, where he chairs the Subcommittee on AirLand Forces, the Banking Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee. He is also a member of the Rules Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Aging.



## Save These Dates

**Sunday, September 17, 2:30-4:30 p.m.**  
National Constitution Center Groundbreaking  
For more information call 215-923-0004

**Wednesday, September 20**  
Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m.  
401 Lombard Street

Meet and Greet Your Neighbors 6:30-7:00 p.m.  
General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Candidates Forum at 8:00 p.m.  
Old Pine Street Church  
412 Pine Street

**Tuesday, September 26, 7:30-9:00 p.m.**  
Stop The Violence Now Meeting  
Interfaith Community  
Against Gun Violence  
Old Pine Community Center  
401 Lombard Street

**Saturday, October 14, 11-3 p.m.**  
Fall Festival with a Petting Farm!  
Three Bears Park  
Delancey Street between 3rd and 4th Streets

**Saturday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.**  
Auxiliary of Pennsylvania Hospital  
16th Annual Fantasy Ball  
Sheraton Society Hill, One Dock Street  
See page 17 for information.

**Tuesday, November 7**  
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
National Election  
Local Polling Places

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### About Old Pine Street Church

The only colonial Presbyterian church in Philadelphia still standing and in continuous use, Old Pine was formally named "Third, Scots and Mariners Presbyterian Church."

Constructed in 1768 its first minister, Francis Alison, founded the University of Delaware and the nation's first insurance company, The Presbyterian Ministers' Fund. Pastor George Duffield, an ardent revolutionary, led his congregation to the cause of independence, earning Old Pine the name of "Church of the Patriots." Declaration of Independence signers John Adams and Dr. Benjamin Rush worshipped at Old Pine.

During the Revolutionary War, the British used the church as a hospital. The pews and pulpit were burned to provide heat for the sick and dying British soldiers. Hessian mercenaries were buried in a common trench outside the church wall. In the 1860s, the building was remodeled in the Greek Revival style. (Please see "Noteworthy Neighbors" on page 14 for more information about the church and its current pastor.)

Come early to the meeting to tour the churchyard and delight in the building's many wonderful interior details.

### Meeting Site & Highlights:

Old Pine Street Church, at 412 Pine Street, will host the SHCA General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20.



Preceding the meeting will be a half-hour "greet your neighbors" reception as well as the screening of a recently completed video called "A Walk Through Time." The new video is a beautifully presented, 12-minute introduction to the varied and inspiring sites within America's "most historic square mile."

More than 30 historic cultural institutions, museums, organizations, and houses of worship within the district are promoted, such as Carpenters' Hall, The Athenaeum, the Physick House, and of course, Independence Park.

Filmmaker Marianne Connor produced this video in cooperation with Philadelphia's Historic Neighborhood Consortium.

As members of this Consortium, we think you'll enjoy seeing the video, and perhaps owning a copy of it for yourself (at less than \$15) to show to your friends and visitors.

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## President's Message



Fall is approaching, but the term is a misnomer. The word denotes approaching an end, but in reality it is the beginning of a new season of activities. Over the summer, your SHCA Board and various committees have been very active. As neighbors, we are fortunate for the high level of commitment reflected in the committees that serve us. These committees make SHCA's officers look good, but more importantly, they play an important

role in the quality of life for all of Society Hill.

In this column I will update you on two current SHCA major initiatives, as well as inform you about other efforts we're involved in.

### Neighborhood Improvement District

Under the able leadership of Board Director Mark Keener, AIA, of the Southwest Quadrant, we have created a broad-based committee to study whether we wish to form a Neighborhood Improvement District for Society Hill.

A Neighborhood Improvement District is a local municipal authority, similar to the Center City District and the University City District. Recent state legislation provides for residential neighborhoods to create a Neighborhood Improvement District.

Our civic association will be holding community meetings to both report the work of our Neighborhood Improvement District Study Committee and to receive your input. I urge your participation at these important meetings. We'll keep you informed as to time and place.

### Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

SHCA is coordinating the efforts of a coalition of community organizations calling on Congress to enact legislation that would provide a permanent Honorary Military Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier at Washington Square. The only other site where this honor is bestowed is Arlington National Cemetery.

To date, there are over ten prominent regional organizations that have joined the coalition at our request—among them are the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the American Patriots Trust Fund, the Friends of Independence National Historical Park and Historic Philadelphia, Inc.

We are seeking broad-based, bipartisan Congressional support for this initiative, and will be inviting both the Gore/Lieberman and Bush/Cheney teams to visit Washington Square during the presidential campaign. Senator Arlen Specter (R, PA) and Representative William Brady (D, PA) are introducing legislation in their respective bodies of Congress to support this initiative.

While we expect no opposition to this bill, getting legislation through Congress requires skilled, professional guidance. Therefore, we are seeking funds that would allow our coalition to retain a public relations firm and a DC lobbyist to ensure that the legislation is passed.

### Update: Washington Square Improvements Project

A grant for \$482,000 was recently received from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for additional improvements to Washington Square. Restoration of the interior and exterior walkways, lighting, drainage, site furnishing and the Square's exterior wall has already been completed.

The EDA grant will be used to complete the following improvements, among others: landscape restoration; restoration of the monument; replacement of the eternal flame; and restoration of the fountain. In addition, the American Revolution Patriots Fund is providing funds for the installation of an irrigation system.

We have been working with several key people, such as Winn Carroll of the American Revolution Patriots and our neighbors Bill Hawkins and George Koch, to try to accelerate the Square's completion of capital improvements under the supervision of the Fairmount Park Commission and overseen by the National Park Service. Virtually all of the funding for those improvements is in place.

Finally, our thanks to Councilman Frank DiCicco, Executive Director Bill Mifflin of the Fairmount Park Commission and Police Captain Brian Korn for meeting with us on June 13th, at our request.

We met, together with community leaders and neighbors of Washington Square, to discuss concerns about the status of the Square's improvements and ongoing maintenance of grass cutting, landscaping, trash collection, and safety.

By virtue of the commitments and action of these public officials to our concerns, Washington Square is now cleaner, better maintained and safer. Since then, signs have been posted to inform people of the remaining upcoming improvements which are expected to be completed next year, prior to Washington Square becoming a part of Independence National Historical Park.

Should you have any suggestions or comments, please know that we welcome hearing from you.

— Malcolm Lazin, President

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## Fall Festival with a Petting Farm! Help Needed

The Friends of Three Bears Park, a nonprofit organization created to maintain and enhance Three Bears Park, will host its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Friends of Three Bears Park was incorporated in 1989 to address deteriorating conditions in the park, located on Delancey Street between 3rd and 4th Streets.

Completed and ongoing projects in the park include replacing a decrepit foundation with a flower garden, tree trimming, regular maintenance, safety structures and social events for kids, families and neighbors.

Projects are financed through proceeds from the Fall Festival and through private donations. The Friends work with the neighborhood, the Society Hill Civic Association and the City of Philadelphia to maintain an atmosphere that is inviting to all.

Hundreds of kids and their families participate in the Festival. A collaboration of community citizens and local businesses donate their time, talents and goods in an effort to ensure the upkeep and longevity of this coveted park.

This year, a portion of the proceeds raised during the Festival will be allocated to the children's section of the new Independence Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia, 18 South 7th Street.



We would love to have your help! Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Games and Entertainment: face painting, pumpkin painting, seed planting, etc.
- Bake Sale: bake or sell food
- Consignment Table: donate or sell used toys, books, clothes and other family-friendly items
- Outreach: distribute fliers
- Auction: donate valuable items or solicit auction items
- Donations: solicit financial donations or contribute what you can

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## Colonial Flags Welcome Visitors



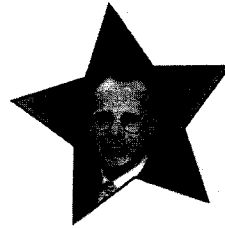
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The thirteen-star colonial flags that Republican delegates and other tourists see fluttering in the breeze in Society Hill and Washington West communities are courtesy of Andrea Lander, a member of the Prudential Fox & Roach real estate team. Andrea has been giving away flags to neighbors who respond to her call to help brighten up the community.

So far, nearly 150 flags have been given out and if the 400 block of Spruce Street is any example, colonial flags are a very popular item for homeowners. What's not to like?

"In one of the most historic parts of one of America's most historic cities, the flag is more than a symbol of our past—it is also a symbol of community pride and saying that we enjoy where we live," says Andrea.

"Tourists love the flags. A number have commented that they feel the flags add another touch of realism to the historical ambience here. I'm really excited about how the neighborhood has responded."



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## Laurels

**Laurel:** To **Adrianna von Pein** for doing the dirty work (like sweeping, picking up trash and removing graffiti) in the neighborhood, and doing it always perfectly manicured, coifed and attired (often in Chanel). If you have made a killing in the real estate market here, you might owe Adrianna part of the proceeds. Ask her about her favorite charities. She does the dirty work because she loves the neighborhood.

### Open House Laurels:

To **Linda Skale** and **Martha Levine** for pulling together the Open House for the Republican National Convention in one month and without the full marketing support they have for the Philadelphia Open House in May.

To **Patty Redenbaugh** for her charming floral arrangements.

And to **Frank Hoban** and his wonderful employer, **Rohm & Haas**, for printing the special brochures and posters.



**Special Laurels:** To **all the neighbors** who showed us their Red, White and Blue or opened their homes for the Open House or to guests of the RNC. That was a blast! Then, to hear that Philadelphia was cleaner and the police better at handling the demonstrators than in LA ... and to hear it on NATIONAL television. Wow!

— Mary Sturdivant

# Independence Charter School Gets Approval

On July 19, 2000, Pennsylvania's Charter Appeal Board unanimously approved a charter for the Independence Charter School (ICS). ICS, scheduled to open in September 2001, is a community-based elementary school that will emphasize world cultures and languages.

## Alternative public education options

This school is the brainchild of local parents, including several from Society Hill. Their intention is to provide alternative public education options for parents, particularly those in Center City who frequently move out of Philadelphia when their children reach school age.

ICS may serve to keep more families in Philadelphia and Society Hill, thereby stabilizing the community and even increasing property values. The school will be located near Society Hill or within easy access of the community.

Spanish will be taught to all ICS students beginning in kindergarten, with an optional immersion program in one kindergarten class for those desiring an intense language experience. In the future, additional languages will be added to the curriculum.

## Museums, historical buildings, cultural institutions tie into programs

ICS also plans to partner with some of Philadelphia's civic and historical organizations to develop curricula incorporating the

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City's unique resources. The goal is to tie Philadelphia's museums, historical buildings and cultural institutions into the school programs.

If you are interested in getting involved with the development of ICS, please contact Jay Borowsky at 215-574-5708 or e-mail [ics99@usa.net](mailto:ics99@usa.net). ICS will be conducting a capital campaign throughout 2000-01 for much needed funding.

If you have considered donating your homeowner's rebate check to the school district, as publicized in a recent newspaper campaign, think about directing it toward ICS to see first-hand how public schools can make a difference in Philadelphia. Phone or e-mail Jay for donation details.



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## Philips Court – New Homes Between 2nd and 3rd on Lombard

*The initial six homes range in size from 2,600 to 3,600 square feet. All initial homes were sold prior to construction.*

Philips Court is a 45-unit town home development being constructed on the largest remaining residential zoned parcel in the Society Hill area. The initial six homes range in size from 2,600 to 3,600 square feet. All initial homes were sold prior to construction.

The street facades of the homes are brick to compliment the Head House Square architecture. Interior features include hardwood floors, fireplaces and brick patios. Outdoor features include roof decks and one or two garages. (Garages, unfortunately, are at street level at the front of the homes, rather than underground.)

When completed, Philips Court will consist of 45 units priced from \$475,000 (3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, single-car garage) to \$675,000 (4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2-car garage). Buyers can also combine lots into a top-of-the-line unit for \$950,000.

Philips Court is scheduled to take approximately three years to complete. It is being developed by the MK Lombard Group I, LLC.

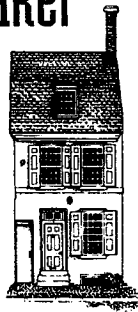


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A few of the 100-plus neighbors who assembled the hanging baskets at St. Peter's school yard on Saturday, May 20th:



(From left) Andrea Lander (The Flag Lady), Susan Dicktor, Helen Neidermayer, George Neidermayer



(From left) Jane Stevenson (Tree Tender), Danny Dunhoff, Kathy Dunhoff, Janet Hayes, Cynthia Keller, Ruth Valentine (First Lady of Clean-Up), Jim Hayes

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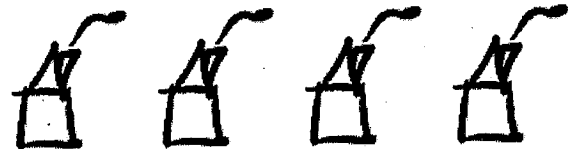
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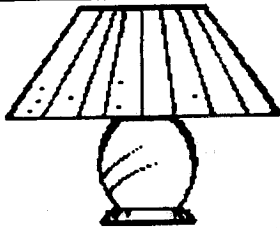


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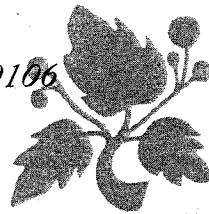
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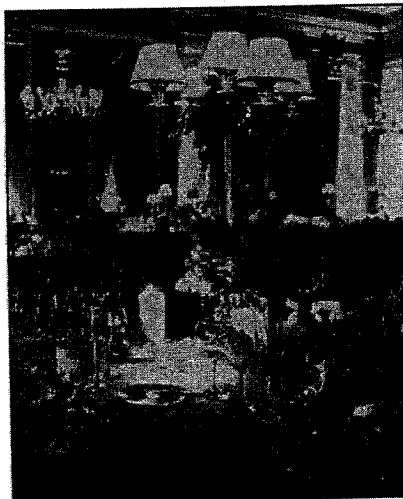


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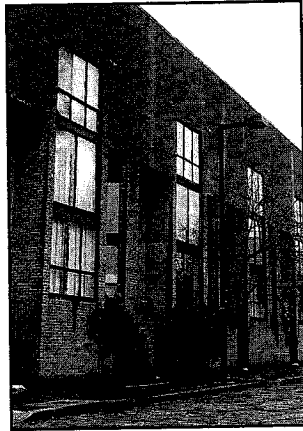
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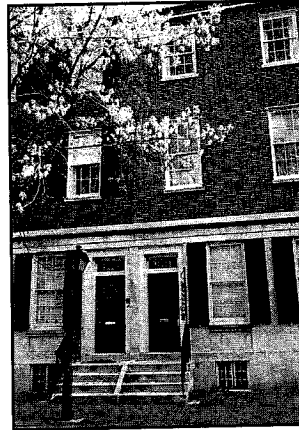
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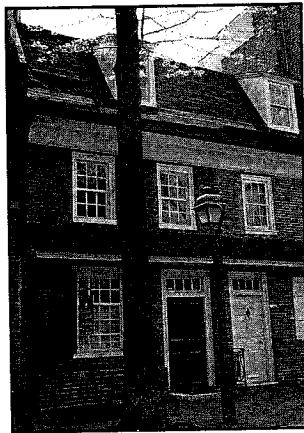
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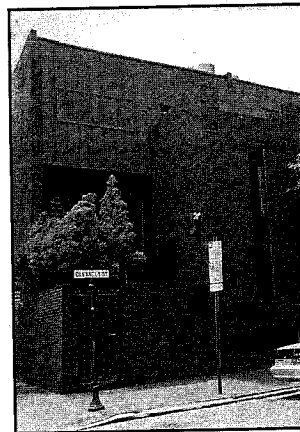
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## Deborah McKinley



Asked who or what persuaded her to become a Presbyterian minister 18 years ago, Deborah McKinley, pastor at Old Pine Street Church, answers without hesitation or elaboration in one word: "God."

At the University of California at San Diego, she felt, she says, "a strong sense of calling" and heeded it by enrolling in the seminary at Princeton. After nine years at her first ministry in Harrisburg, and a further four in

administration at the Presbyterian General Assembly office in Louisville, Kentucky, she came to Old Pine five years ago.

To the other predictable question — the one about what it's like to be a woman in a traditionally — and overwhelmingly — male occupation, Deborah is equally unequivocal: Whether a woman could or should be an ordained minister was never an issue for her, she says, and her present congregation of some 200 souls is very accepting.

A convert from Catholicism, she believes that Presbyterianism offers a "big tent" for both theological conservatives and liberals; moreover, she claims, it tends toward a collective rather than an ex cathedra leadership.

Even so, Old Pine Street Church has a pretty aristocratic and colorful heritage. Built in 1766-68, it numbered two signers of the Declaration of Independence among its congregants — John Adams and Dr. Benjamin Rush. In the mid 19th century the church was transformed from a Georgian structure to its present

elegant Greek Revival style. When British troops occupied Philadelphia, they confiscated the church for use as a war hospital building, and the surrounding graveyard contains the remains of many bygone military, ecclesiastical and political luminaries.

The Church fell on hard times when Society Hill found itself in the lowest socioeconomic stratum in Philadelphia, but recouped its former status when the area "regentrified" itself in the 1960s.

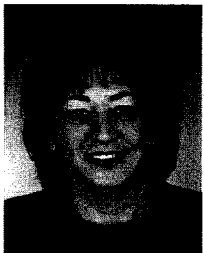
Together with her counterparts from other religious denominations, Deborah McKinley meets monthly as part of an ecumenical grouping called The Old Philadelphia Congregations. Nowhere else in Colonial America, she says, do you find such a diversity of religious houses — a tribute to William Penn's commitment to religious freedom. The group organizes walking tours to all these historic places of worship.

Deborah and her husband Dave Rich, a retired Presbyterian minister, are enthusiastic walkers in a less transcendental mode, having hiked many trails, including some in Switzerland last summer. And, they agree, just walking around Society Hill is endlessly rewarding and instructive.

Dave has two children in their 30s from a previous marriage, and spent eight years at the Presbyterian Church's board of pensions, as well as serving in a campus ministry and conducting lifework workshops. They live on the 400 block of Pine Street in the traditional Church "manse" that is owned by Old Pine.

Old Pine Street Church is an historic and architectural Philadelphia landmark; it is also distinctly in tune with the times in its embrace of ecumenicism and diversity.

— David Woods



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1. Household trash does not go into the corner receptacles  
**The city removes receptacles where this is a problem.**
2. Trash may not be put out until 4:00 p.m. on Mondays.
3. Newspapers should either be placed in paper bags, taped or tied with strings. They should not be put in the blue recycle containers.
4. Mixed paper: mail, cereal type boxes (without wax paper) catalogs, telephone books, office paper, magazines, etc. should be placed in paper bags, taped or tied. They should not be put in the blue recycle containers.
5. Blue recycle containers are available at 7th and Pattison.
6. All glass containers should be rinsed out and placed in the blue recycle container without their lids.
7. Metal food and beverage cans should be rinsed out and placed in the blue recycle container.
8. Aerosol cans should be placed in the blue recycle container without their lids.
9. Paint cans should be air-dried and put curbside with their lids removed.
10. **The city does not recycle plastic.**
11. Regular trash and recyclable trash should both be put out at the same time.

## Message From Your Editors: Register NOW

We are reminding all citizens of Society Hill who are not registered to vote to take the time to register NOW. We are all so fortunate to be living here, in this great country and in our historically unique city.

Almost three hundred years ago (in 1701) William Penn, in his Charter of Privileges, defied established practice by creating a community welcoming everyone, regardless of religious preference or national origin. Later, in 1787 and also in this city, the U.S. Constitution was drafted to guarantee all citizens the freedom to practice the religion of their choice.

Here in our own little corner of the world, which William Penn created, our Civic Association has been welcomed into most houses of worship for General Membership Meetings — exemplifying our community's as well as the country's tradition of diversity and religious freedom. On September 20th, we'll be conducting our General Membership Meeting at Old Pine Church, a colonial-era Presbyterian church, built in 1768.

Another major freedom, guaranteed under our Constitution, gives each citizen the right to vote. Don't waste this opportunity. Don't make yourself irrelevant in this important, upcoming presidential election. If you are not registered to vote, you will be unable to step inside the voting booth and will be unable to make your political opinions count. We urge you to:

1. *Register to vote* by picking up a voter registration form at the 9th and Market Post Office or at City Hall at least 30 days prior to November 7.
2. *Attend SHCA's General Membership meeting* to review and discuss the issues.
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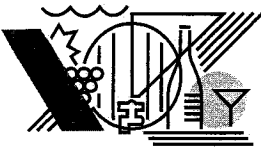
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## Pro and Con Restaurant Review: Authentic Asian Fish Grill, 507 South 6th Street

### Pro: Mary "Sunny" Sturdivant



The magical fish swimming through sea grasses barely submerges the original Levis Hot Dog sign. The exotically carved door opens into a black and white tent with an open kitchen in front for cooking the fastidious food.

Fanciful sconces alight the small room's carefully selected fabrics and furnishings. This attention to detail is reflected right down to the little ceremony for pouring tea.

On both visits the meals included wonderfully presented appetizers (Fujimon Chicken Roll and Pataya Chicken Salad). The Vegetarian Sesame Lo Mein and the grilled steak got the all important tastebud approval — my own and neighbors dining on each side. A take-out menu is available.

Like any new enterprise, the staff is smoothing out the kinks in service. For instance, suddenly I realized my dress was drenched from a leaking wine bucket, but when a zealous server whisked it away she muttered, "Aye, the trick bucket!" I realized that some things do need to be thrown out. But go for the food and the atmosphere and, when you go, ask for the trick bucket — it will identify you as a local, and something magical will happen.

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### Con: Old Curmudgeoness

Happy as we were to find a new restaurant within Society Hill's boundaries, I have to report that the rebirth of Levis Hot Dogs as an Asian fusion restaurant does not work. Sadly, it does not provide good food, good service or really good prices. What cuisines are fused is the question, as everything tastes pretty much the same. We visited the restaurant twice — on both visits the daily specials were the same. The soups are the best thing on the menu and the only good values.

Dumplings at \$6 seemed expensive and were tasteless, as were the shrimp and chicken rolls. The same sauces, allegedly from Thailand, Hong Kong and the rest of the Far East, were used on all foods. Desserts are unimaginative and Euro-American. Three appetizers, one vegetarian noodle main course, one indifferent piece of lemon cake and no beverages (we brought our own wine) cost \$37.45 including tax.

During our first meal one of our diners was drenched by a leaking wine bucket. No towels or apologies were offered. Instead the waitperson laughingly said, "Oh, it's the trick bucket!" On the second visit, our utensils from the first course were handed back to us by a different waitperson. He held the fork by its tines and the spoon by the bowl: neither appetizing nor sanitary. The owner is a very nice man, so I hope things improve quickly.

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It will help you recognize the variety of architectural treasures in our community and remind you of the responsibilities concerning thoughtful preservation of your home. Working together with the Philadelphia Historical Commission and the non-profit Preservation Alliance, SHCA's Preservation Committee members can help you to insure the proper maintenance of your home.

After all, we all want our unique district to retain its extraordinary historic significance into the next century and beyond (now, embarking on its fourth century!). Please keep this manual on your bookshelf and pass it on to future owners of your home.

And please remember to get in touch with SHCA's Preservation Committee if you are considering an alteration that would affect the facade of your home.

### National Preservation Conference: October 11-13, here in Philadelphia

A major conference, "Preserving The Recent Past," will be held at the historic PSFS Building, now the new, beautiful Loews Hotel here in Philadelphia, from October 11-13.

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- Bernice Hamel

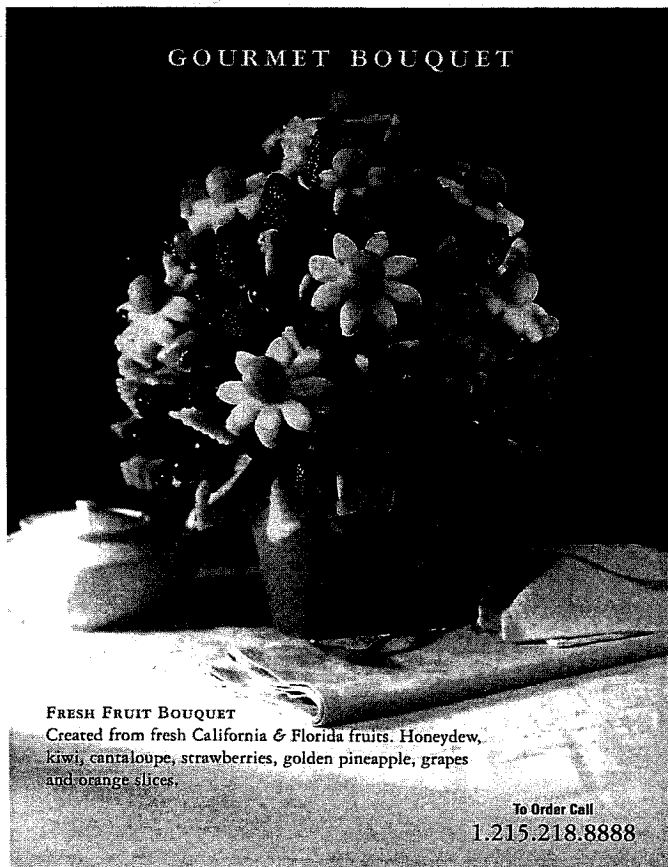
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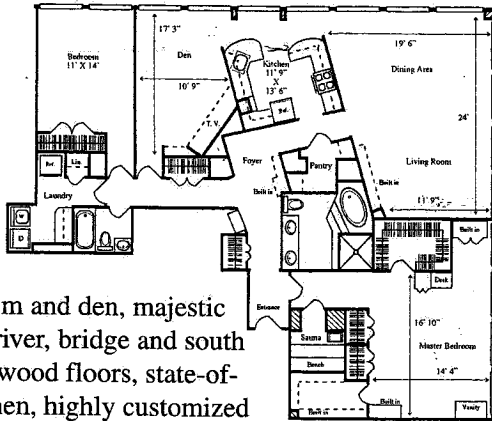
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