
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

June 2022

President's Message

I'm writing this on Memorial Day, just before the Allegheny West block party. The block party will, I'm sure, be another success thanks to all the folks who work so hard on it every year. This will be Aaron Bryan's first block party as Membership Chair, and he will be ably assisted by Tim Zinn and a host of others. Thanks to everyone who participates. If you're looking for your lost Tupperware, please contact Aaron so that he can get out the word.

Our June membership meeting will once again be held via Zoom. You can find the draft agenda elsewhere in this issue of the Allegheny West Gazette. Although we had hoped to have it outdoors at Calvary, the raising of the CDC threat level for Allegheny County to "High" made that unworkable for many people. I promise to work to have some form of an in-person meeting for July. It will probably be in the Calvary parking lot. More on that later.

If you attended May's membership meeting you got to see Carole Malakoff, head of the Allegheny West Local Review Committee, award the LRC's 2022 historic preservation award to Birgo Realty. Birgo Realty, of course, is the company that purchased the Allegheny City Stables from the Allegheny West Development Corp. and turned it into the Stables Lofts. Johanna Knapic of Birgo accepted the award on the company's behalf and encouraged folks to spread the word about the remaining units that are available.

I haven't too much else to report, other than the following events:

Refucilo - The wine merchant on Western Avenue, will be hosting a jazz event by "ML Jazz" on Saturday, June 11. There will be two seatings: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Please call for reservations (724-396-3973 before business hours, and 412-251-0231 during business hours).

Mexican War Streets Yard Sale - The annual Great Mexican War Streets Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It's an excellent opportunity to pick up that painting of dogs playing poker, or perhaps something more in line with your tastes.

That's all for now. Enjoy the month of June. See you at the menhirs on June 21.

-Bob Griewahn, AWCC President

Farewell

*Farewell to thee! but not farewell
To all my fondest thoughts of thee:
Within my heart they still shall dwell;
And they shall cheer and comfort me.
O, beautiful, and full of grace!
If thou hadst never met mine eye,
I had not dreamed a living face
Could fancied charms so far outvie.*

*If I may ne'er behold again
That form and face so dear to me,
Nor hear thy voice, still would I fain
Preserve, for aye, their memory.*

*That voice, the magic of whose tone
Can wake an echo in my breast,
Creating feelings that, alone,
Can make my tranced spirit blest.*

*That laughing eye, whose sunny beam
My memory would not cherish less; -
And oh, that smile! whose joyous gleam
Nor mortal language can express.*

*Adieu, but let me cherish, still,
The hope with which I cannot part.
Contempt may wound, and coldness chill,
But still it lingers in my heart.*

*And who can tell but Heaven, at last,
May answer all my thousand prayers,
And bid the future pay the past
With joy for anguish, smiles for tears?*

- Anne Brontë (date unknown)

Cocktail Corner**Hop Toad**

- 1 oz. Amber Jamaican rum
- 1 oz. apricot liqueur or brandy (but see notes below)
- Juice of 1/2 lime

Shake with ice. Strain into a cocktail glass.

From Albert Steven Crockett's *Old Waldorf Bar Days* (1931)

NOTES:

- As always, drink responsibly.
- This cocktail comes from the glory days of the original Waldorf Astoria on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. The hotel was demolished in 1929 to make way for the Empire State Building. The new Waldorf Astoria was completed in 1931, so if you live in Allegheny West your house may well be older. The "new" hotel is currently closed for renovation, so don't expect to be able to order a Hop Toad there for 2 to 3 years.
- You needn't source your rum to Jamaica (although Jamaican rum makes it more authentic). Any golden rum will work.
- I think equal parts of rum and apricot liqueur results in a drink that is too sweet. Were I you, I would cut back the apricot liqueur to 1/2 oz. You can always add a bit more if you want it sweeter. Alternatively, add some tonic water for bitterness. I did this and enjoyed the result.
- Apricot liqueur or brandy: Marie Brizard's Apry is probably the most famous apricot brandy/liqueur, but it's a special order from the PLCB. If you can't wait, other apricot brandies are readily available at the state store. Real apricot brandy is better than apricot-flavored brandy, but the latter will still be fine for this drink.

Tour and Tasting - Right Around the Corner

Tour and Tasting aka "The Wine Tour" is just around the corner. The enthusiasm is HUGE based upon the quick sellout of tickets. Please see below about the houses and the events.

Friday, June 24th - 5pm to 9pm / Saturday June 25th 1pm to 5pm and 5pm - 9pm

Houses:

Holmes Hall - to start

*Sally Graubarth/Karl Huber - Western Ave

*Michael Ramsey - Western Ave

John and Trish Burton - Beech Ave

Bob and Carole Malakof - Brighton Road

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

*Sandy Allen and Aaron Bryan - Beech Ave (this is the dessert house)

**New to the tour this year / thank you all!!!*

Sponsors / Food and Wine to Date *(Please support our sponsors as they have been tremendous to work with in supporting the tour)*

Aladdin Eatery

Allora Wine Group

DiAnoia's Eatery

Dreadnought Wines

Penn Mac

Bob Maravelli

Refucilo Winery

Deb Kelly, Mary Callison, Sally Graubarth and Deb Lantz as our special bakers for the dessert house!

Raffle

I'm working on raffle items. I'd like to ask the neighborhood if you would consider donating a bottle of wine for wine basket raffles. We have 3 tours so I'm looking to put together baskets for each tour. ***If you're willing to donate a bottle for the raffle or have another idea for raffle items***, please reach out to ***CarolGomrick@gmail.com / 412.290.8471***---***I'm working from home so if you have a chance to drop off a bottle just text me at the number above and I'll grab it from my porch or schedule time to pick up at your house.***

*For businesses, if you would consider a gift certificate or other donation please contact me.

Volunteers

Thank you to all of the volunteers (docents and house sitters) who have signed up to help. In speaking with the homeowners, I believe they have the volunteers needed to cover event. Doug Sprague has confirmed we have all docents and a strong backup list. **THANK YOU!**

I will be reaching out to get some volunteers (Runners) to help during the tour (deliver food) and post tour (gather remaining wine/food)...Don't be surprised if I tap you on the shoulder! ***I will send out to the home/property owners*** the list I have for volunteers so you can confirm coverage. I'll also send out to the home/property owners further communications about food/wine delivery and updates around the event.

Businesses

Important note: There are no street closures for this tour. I'm working on off street parking for tour guests so there will be no impact with parking. Colleen Storm has worked hard at reaching out to the businesses for advertising in the program. If she hasn't had a chance to connect with you and if you have an interest in purchasing an ad in the program, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. The tour will have guests visiting properties Western this year, which is unique. I'll talk with the docents about pointing out the business district. Specs are below. Checks can be made out to AWCC with "2022 Wine Tour Program" in the memo.

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Volunteer After Party

Jim Wallace has graciously offered to host the after party. 845 N. Lincoln. The party officially starts at 9:00 pm on Saturday June 25. Thank you to Jim and Gloria Raymond for pulling this together. Really looking forward to a great celebration.

If you have any questions, issues or comments please reach out to me directly - I'll continue to reach out to volunteers / homeowners / business et al as we march towards the tour. Looking forward to a great event.

With immense appreciation,
Carol Gomrick
Tour and Tasting Chair

4th of July Block Party & Rib Cook Off!

Monday July 4th from 4-8 PM
900 Block of Beech Ave

The Allegheny West Civic Council will supply the entrees, drinks (soda, water, beer, and wine), and paper products/utensils.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share and don't forget your lawn chairs!
This is an event for the entire neighborhood - everyone is welcome.

We are also rekindling the Allegheny West Rib Cookoff! **LOOKING FOR COMPETITORS!!**
Please contact Aaron Bryan at membership@alleghenywest.org if you would like to sign up!

Submitted by Aaron Bryan

Reminder - Street Cleaning is back!

- Street Sweeping/Cleaning is Every 2nd Monday and Tuesday of the Month. This month will be June 13th and 14th.
- Please check the posted signs specific for your area, and be sure to keep your side clear on cleaning day!

Pictured below - Ridge Avenue, near Jones Hall (originally home of B.F. Jones), getting a wash by horse-drawn street cleaners in the summer of 1915. The picture looks toward Brighton Road, at the time Irwin Avenue.. Not all streets were so well maintained during this time period, but “millionaire’s row” received special treatment.

Also below - A street sweeper known as a ‘hokey man’ cleans up after horses and wagons, September 1916.



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Draft Agenda for June Membership Meeting

Allegheny West Civic Council Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 @ 7:30 P.M (via Zoom)

7:30- Gather, say hello, and meet new neighbors

7:35- City of Pittsburgh Zone 1 Police (Officer Burford)

7:40- City of Pittsburgh, Mayor's Office (Rebekkah Ranallo)

7:45- Councilman Wilson's Office (Sally Stadelman / Mohammed Burny / Faith Mudd)

7:50- Rep Abney's Office (Aerion Abney)

7:55- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)

8:00- Executive Committee Reports

- Treasurer (D. Adam)
- Membership (A. Bryan)
- Ways & Means (C. Gomrick)
- President (R. Griewahn) - Executive committee actions

8:30- Conclude

General Membership Meeting Zoom info (May 10th):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969724081?pwd=dGFWNTRaalpJZThHNjBWQmswenNYQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081

Passcode: 979088

Upcoming Meeting Reminder:

Housing and Planning - **Tuesday, June 21st @7:30 (via Zoom)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074045427?pwd=MUVvbUpEOXlMZDhBTEZOV0JaT1MxUT09>

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