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Retirees Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all you Allegheny County retirees! We have been sequestering for over a year now. Hopefully, we see some light at the end of the tunnel. With the increased availability of vaccines and venues for distribution I hope all of you who can have gotten your shots.

For the past year and a half your association has had to cancel previously scheduled luncheons and speakers. Other activities that were contemplated withered on the vine. Now is time for a reawakening. This June we would like to open the doors again, let the sunshine in, and greet each other in person with a picnic. This year, after two years at North Park, we are going to try South Park.



ANNUAL PICNIC
Wednesday, June 16
South Park -
Spreading Oak Facility
11 AM to 3 PM

Food and drink will be provided. There will be games available and a trivia contest. There is a \$5 per person fee to help defer the costs. Reservations are a must. Unfortunately, this year we will have to limit attendance to ACRA members and their spouse or companion.

Spreading Oak is not difficult to find. It is a two-story building near the BMX track with the north end of the golf course across the road. It has outdoor and indoor accommodations and a separate rest room facility. Check our website, www.acretirees.org for more directions.

**JOIN US AS WE START OUR WAY
BACK TO "NORMALCY".**

2021 LUNCHEON DATES

June 16, 2021
ACRA Annual Picnic

September 15, 2021
History of Sarris Candies, Inc.*

October 20, 2021
Battle of Homestead*

November 17, 2021
Retirement and Medicare
Updates*

December 15, 2021
ACRA Annual Holiday Party*

***All luncheons are tentative
pending on COVID-19 restrictions.**

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED
AT ALL EVENTS.**

**Please check the ACRA website
for more details. Visit our website
at <http://acretirees.org/>**



**ACRA is in need of volunteers
to serve on the ACRA Board.**

If interested, please email ACRA at
ACRetireeAssociation@gmail.com

DUQUESNE BREWERY CLOCK

by Connie Przybyla

The following article is the fourth in a series of articles where we will be detailing some fascinating and interesting history of our great County. We hope you enjoy.



The Pittsburgh landmark Duquesne Brewery clock is not only the largest single-clock face in the United States but the third-largest clock face in the world!

It measures 60 by 60 feet, with a laminated aluminum 35-foot minute hand and a 25-foot hour hand. You would expect the gears and innards of the clock would be huge to operate the clock, when in fact the entire motor and housing case of the clock's mechanism is only approximately 4 feet by 4 feet. It only requires 1 1/4 horsepower to run.

The clock is nearly twice the size of London's Big Ben and was built in Georgia by Audichron for \$12,500 and shipped to Pittsburgh.

Originally the clock was located on a Mount Washington hillside, the clock's face was used as advertising for a string of beverages, including Coca-Cola, Fort Pitt, Ballantine, Carling, and Schlitz beers. In 1961, the Duquesne Brewing Company bought the clock and moved it to the top of its plant at the corner of South 21st and Mary Streets as a publicity stunt and had its slogan "Have a Duke" painted on the face. After the brewery closed in 1972, the clock was leased to Stroh's

Beer, then WTAE-TV. John Cigna once even hung on it for a KDKA radio commercial. In 1983 the clock was prominently displayed in the popular movie, **Flashdance**. After WTAE's lease ended in 1993, the clock was in need of repairs for several years, when in 1999 the Pittsburgh Brewing Company paid \$44,000 to repair the clock and paid \$5,000 a month to show its logo on the face. In 2002, Equitable Gas paid to have their name placed on the clock. In October 2009, AT&T took over the rights to advertise on the clock. As of 2017 there has been no advertising displayed on its face.

Sources: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Archives, Brookline Connection, Odd, Mysterious & Fascinating History of Pittsburgh, Wikipedia,

CARRIER ALERT

A Free Program



Carrier Alert is a lifeline for those living alone provided by the US Postal Service. It was developed especially for older adults, the homebound and the disabled to help them reach vital services in case of an accident or sudden illness. In Allegheny County, the Area Agency on Aging notifies the local post office of customers who wish to participate in the program. In performing daily rounds, the customer's letter carrier will alert the agency to an accumulation of mail that might signify reason for concern. DHS/AA then follows up.

Contact Information:

Allegheny County Department of Human Services
Area Agency on Aging (DHS/AA)
412-350-5460 or 800-344-4319.



FOR ACRA ANNUAL DUES

If you have not renewed your 2021 ACRA membership, and want to remain a member, please send your \$15 to ACRA, RENEWAL DUES, PO Box 15285, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Additionally, if you have not given us your email address, please consider giving it to us, so you are kept up to date on all ACRA events. We do NOT share information. Thank you.

**Being twenty in the
seventies was much more
fun than being seventy
in the twenties.**

IN MEMORIAM**

DECEMBER 2020 TO MARCH 2021

Name	Date of Death
BArterberry, Juanita H	2/23/2021
Bancroft, Wilder	3/25/2021
Bednaza, Victor	12/6/2020
Bell, Kenneth G	3/23/2021
Bohonek, Theresa D	3/1/2021
Borelli, Guy R	2/25/2021
Brosek, Irene M	12/17/2020
Bruckner, Eleanor G	3/31/2021
Bruni, Ronald	2/9/2021
Bruno, Anthony J	1/29/2021
Burrows, Michael L	12/5/2020
Cain, Lawrence	1/8/2021
Chandler, Willa	1/15/2021
Chobot, Emma P	12/26/2020
Colbert, John W	12/5/2020
Conner, Carol D	3/30/2021

Name	Date of Death
Cronin, Joseph R	1/3/2021
Cuteri, Domenick	12/5/2020
Donaldson, Kathy Lee	1/30/2021
Drenning, Russell D	12/4/2020
Fantoni, Joanne M	12/7/2020
Fiore, Catherine	1/1/2021
Fiske, Virginia B	1/7/2021
Garbin, Thomas	12/7/2020
Gill, Leo P	2/12/2021
Janes, Annette D	12/13/2020
Kinder, George A	1/11/2021
Kuhn, John N	3/12/2021
Lawrence, Penelope C	2/20/2021
Markovich, John E	1/8/2021
Milcic, Rudy J	1/28/2021
Padgelek, Nellie	1/11/2021

Name	Date of Death
Parris, Florence	3/24/2021
Quinn, Patrick W	3/20/2021
Ramsey, William	12/4/2020
Riegner, Michael E	2/18/2021
Sardello, Rhea M	1/5/2021
Schlag, Walter H	12/21/2020
Schmerbeck, Joseph	3/24/2021
Schmitt, Carmen	12/4/2020
Schuchert, David R	2/11/2021
Sciulli, Joseph P	12/8/2020
Seapker, Carol Jo	2/4/2021
Stanczak, Richard G	1/11/2021
Tancibok, Thomas E	1/19/2021
Thomas, Beverly A	2/25/2021
Tielsch, James W	12/10/2020
Zack, Barbara F	3/8/2021

As provided by the Allegheny County Retirement Board

In the Spotlight: **NANCY FENTON**

by Connie Przybyla



Nancy Fenton

After 26 years of service with the Allegheny County Health Department Nancy retired as the Clerical Supervisor of Infectious Diseases in 2014.

Once Nancy retired, she took up her lifelong passion of painting. She watched tutorial YouTube videos and took classes at the North Hills Art Center to improve and sharpen her skills. She is so dedicated to her painting that she often retreats to her studio after dinner and paints for about two hours. She has gifted many of her paintings to her family and friends and even sold a few paintings. Nancy started an Instagram page with her paintings. (You can view on Instagram at “nsf_art”). Her favorite subjects are her grandchildren, animals, and places she has visited.

Nancy is also involved in a Pickleball league that plays in Schenley Park when they get together and does Zoom Silver Sneaker classes. Nancy

is active in her church community at Our Lady of Angels. She is a CDC/Faith Formation teacher for kindergarten and first graders. She has been in her church choir for many years. One of Nancy’s favorite things to do is sing karaoke with her daughter and granddaughter, Olivia, who is age 15. Their favorite song to sing together is “Tonight you belong to me”.

Nancy has recently traveled to Italy, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and Lake Powell in Arizona. She also has taken many family vacations to Sandbridge, Virginia throughout the years.

Nancy will be married to her husband, Fran, for 53 years in July. They have two children, Matthew, and Renee and five grandchildren.

We wish Nancy many years of painting beautiful pictures and singing many more karaoke songs. Way to live your life to the fullest.

RECIPES BY PAM

by Pam Long



STRAWBERRY SPINACH/BIBB LETTUCE SALAD

1 medium head Bibb lettuce
1 bag baby spinach
1/2 red onion slice thinly
3-4 oz. slivered almonds
1-pint strawberries sliced

Dressing: Mix together

1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper

Prepare the almonds:

1/8 cup sugar
1/4 cup melted butter

Add the almonds and sauté lightly until lightly brown and sugar begins to caramelize

Lay on a paper towel to separate and cool

Combine the salad, almonds, and dressing to serve.

Enjoy!

CDC GUIDELINES ON WHAT YOU CAN DO ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED FOR COVID-19*

PEOPLE ARE CONSIDERED FULLY VACCINATED:

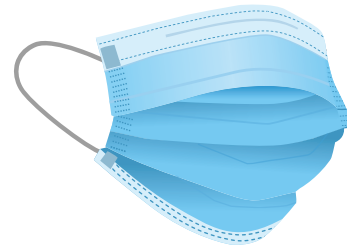
- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

YOU CAN:

- Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with other fully vaccinated people of any age.
- Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness.
- Travel domestically without a pre-or post-travel test.
- Travel domestically without quarantining after travel.
- Travel internationally without a pre-travel test depending on destination.
- Travel internationally without quarantining after travel.

YOU SHOULDN'T:

- Visit indoors without a mask, with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Attend medium or large gatherings.



*FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION VISIT, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

NEW RETIREES LIST

NOVEMBER

FEBRUARY

John Balkovec
John Brunick
Thomas Carroll
Victor Chaneyfield
Michael Cibula
Gary Farrell
Thomas Flaherty
Michael Gillespie
Raymond Glaze
Patricia Jiansante
Ronald Kohan
Charles Kuntz
Wonda Lamb
David Lisiecki
Paul Little
Allan Lombardo
Warner Mariani
Paul McGlumphy
Cathy Milton
Frank Moone

Greg Musser
Richard Narvin
Susan Novack
Daniel Nussbaum
Daniel Onorato
William Orfeo
William Palaoro
Jeffrey Pesanski
John Schwab
Abdulrezak Shakir
Mary Sowa

Michael Spatara
Mark Waldron
Stephen Wells

MARCH

Michael Craine
Richard Krchnavy
Robert Powell
Kenneth Ross
Anthony Sadar
Barb Sparrow

APRIL

Scott Balint
Susan Bendor
Rena Bulls-Range
Thomas Carter
Marc Cherna
Mike Dietz
Rebecca Duval
Dolores Dygan
Billie Eubanks
Shane Evans
Janelle Garoff
Timothy Holmes
Stacey Kavalis
John Lackatos
Timothy Langan
Alison Mullinary
Angelo Napolitano
John Nusser
Genevieve Taylor
James Welsh
Andrew Winter



It's Time to Party

Annual ACRA Picnic

This is our first time getting together since March 2020.
There will be food, music, games and plenty of fellowship.



When: June 16, 2021 from 11 to 3 pm

Where: South Park – Spreading Oak Grove

Cost: \$5 (Make Checks payable to ACRA and mail to the following address:

ACRA Picnic, PO Box 15285, Pgh., PA 15237)

RSVP no later than June 11, 2021

(Masks are required)