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Message from

THE PRESIDENT

Summer is here! Time for a picnic. Ours is on June 21, starting at 11am in the Home Economics Building at South Park. There will be snacks, food, beverages, fun and good fellowship.

For the rest of the summer our special events chair, Pam Long, (*Yes, the same person who shares her recipes with you in the newsletter.*) has come up with another fun-filled program. On July 26 at 1pm, she has arranged for a free tour of Wendell August Forge. Go early and shop at the outlets of Grove City. They are only a short distance away. Another alternative is to go shopping after the tour and have dinner on the way home. We leave that up to you.

In August we are planning a sightseeing tour on a double decker bus. It should last about 2½ hours and highlight around 20 points of interest.

We're not done yet. Although at the time of this writing the logistics still have to be suitably worked out, Pam is trying to make arrangements for a Pirate game in late August or early September. It will be a day game. Go Bucs!

Information on all special events will be on our web page. Postcards will be sent before each event. Please comply with the due dates for reservations. We want to make sure that the venues we visit are prepared for the number of attendees.

Just a few notes to whet your appetite for the Fall luncheon series. In September we will kick things off with a fun day with a nod to some popular game shows. In October we hope to have a speaker on the impact of the movie industry in Pittsburgh. In November the Annual Meeting will have updates on our pension plan, Medicare and the results of the election of officers. In December we will "party down" and raffle off some holiday gifts. All luncheons will be at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at the Green Tree Doubletree.

Join your former co-workers; bring a friend; enjoy yourself in retirement.

BE AN INFORMED CONSUMER

by Kathleen Burk

CONSUMER FRAUD PREVENTION

Scammers, swindlers and con artists! They find us when we least expect them, particularly when we are most vulnerable. Even though we are all susceptible at times, we can minimize the odds of it happening to us. Together we

can outsmart the perpetrators by being well-informed consumers and conscientious citizens.

To stay apprised of the latest scams in Pennsylvania, you can receive consumer alerts from the

Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. It is easy to sign up for either email or text messages. Just visit their website at: <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/consumer-alerts/> and select your county for regional alerts.

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THE EVER-SO-ENJOYABLE APRIL MEETING PRESENTATION

by Kathleen Burk

Authors Marylyne Pitz and Laura Malt Schneiderman teamed up as alternating presenters of a fascinating program. Together they offered highlights of their recently-published book entitled, "Kaufmanns: The Family that Built Pittsburgh's Famed Department Store"

The program featured an historical narrative and slide show of the Kaufmann family and the impact they had upon the history of our region. This is a story that begins with a German Jewish immigrant, Jacob Kaufmann, as he steps onto American soil in the latter part of the 19th century. He was soon joined by his brother Isaac to become peddlers of sewing supplies to the families of miners and steelworkers, many of whom were also recent immigrants. Together they grew their business until it became one of the most successful retail empires.

But there is so much more to the story. Like many other immigrant families, the Kaufmanns experienced catastrophes along with success. Both powerful and philanthropical, the Kaufmann family set about guiding the course of Western Pennsylvania history, leaving behind a rich history that endears itself to the hearts of many a Pittsburgher.

The program concluded with a book signing by both of the authors, and an audience piqued to learn more about the fascinating tale of the Kaufmann family.



Laura Malt Schneiderman and Marylyne Pitz stand by a replica of the locally-famed Kaufmann's Clock



A well-attended event



ACRA Members posing with a replica of "the clock."



NEW RETIREES LIST

February, 2023

Bagnato, Anthony
Bonner, Yvonne
Clark, Bonnie
Collins, Michelle
Dawkin, Steven
Divelbiss, Mark
Eberhardt, Karl
Freudenberg, Leslie
Fulton, Raymond
Guy, Mary Jo
Hasek, Shannon
Holman, James
Kavala, Terrence
Kratina, Donna
Mang, Ronald
Mayer, Daniel
Perrone, Patsy
Perry, Anthony
Scott III, Kenneth
Simon, Ernest
Straus, Robert
Varner, Richard
Woessner, Thomas
Wrigley, Christopher
Yuhasz, Barbara

Innoecenti, William
Kozikoski, Alan
Mahoney, Brian
McKain, William
McKeel, Laurie
Milligan, Laurie
Murphy, Antoinette
Passaro, Ronald
Rhodes, Harry
Stone, Valerie
Synan, Robert
Wisilosky, Jeffrey
Zeleps, Louie

April, 2023

Blaine, John
Dishong, Loretta
Emes, Julia
Faust, Melissa
Gibbs, Rebecka
Holt, William
Jefferson, Debra
Krah, Michael
Mayer, Michael
McGann, Keith
Nassar, Philip
Robes, Gregory
Rossman, Michael
Sams, Karen
Santoline, Jeffrey
Schumacher, Janice
Skala, Yolanda
Virgili, Robert
Wolsko, John
Young, James

March, 2023

Antonucci, Bonnie
Caprino, Joanne
Derosa, Joseph
Franklin, Kimberly
Gibbs Clinton, Lutisha
Gilmore, Caroline
Hunter, Kim

CALLING ALL POETS

Are you an aspiring lyricist, or perhaps just a silly rhymester who would like to share their whimsical musings?

If so, we would love to hear from you. Please send us some of your original creative work to be considered for publication in the next ACRA newsletter. And remember, there is no such thing as bad poetry!

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SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) offers low-income older adults an opportunity to receive some locally-grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at no cost.

SFMNP is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and distributed through Allegheny County-funded senior community centers.

Eligible seniors receive \$50 worth of vouchers that may be redeemed at local farmers markets and farm stands. Distribution of the vouchers begins on Thursday, June 22, 2023. Additional voucher distribution dates will be scheduled throughout the summer, based on voucher supply and demand.

To be eligible to receive the vouchers the following requirements must be met:

- Be an Allegheny County resident
- Be 60 years of age or older by December 31, 2023
- Meet the income guidelines
 - o One person household: at or below \$26,973
 - o Two person household: at or below \$36,482 (Married couples receive one set of vouchers for each individual)

Those living in residential facilities that provide meals are not eligible to receive vouchers.

To find out the location of Allegheny County Senior Centers please visit the county website at www.alleghenycounty.us/human-services and click on "Older Adults" or call the Area Agency on Aging SeniorLine 412-350-5460.

For those residing in a different county or outside of Pennsylvania, please visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture website for a list of participating agencies. Website: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfmnp/>



IN MEMORIAM*

Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death
Bluemling, Lois	12/19/2021	Harris, Richard J Jr	12/11/2022	Gardom, Clarence	1/27/2023
Grogan, Gregory	5/28/2022	Pintar, Mercedes	12/11/2022	Tyler, Tyrone	1/27/2023
Mykeloff, Marjorie	7/8/2022	Belich, John	12/12/2022	Partozoti, Leora	1/29/2023
Cumer, David	7/21/2022	Wilbert, Beverly	12/12/2022	Malloy, Francis X	2/1/2023
Hyde, Gayle	9/4/2022	Dixon, Linda	12/13/2022	Maloney, James K	2/1/2023
Thomas, Cora L	10/15/2022	D'Loss, Ethel	12/13/2022	Berman, Donald	2/3/2023
Wynn, Ruth	11/15/2022	Froehlich, Carol	12/15/2022	Luczak, Edward Jr	2/9/2023
Slimick, John Sr	11/16/2022	Blotzer, Michael	12/22/2022	Sacco, Rose	2/9/2023
Hayes, Larry W	11/19/2022	Lynch, David C	12/31/2022	Marchese, John	2/15/2023
Dedola, Sebastian	11/21/2022	Bucek, Victoria	1/1/2023	Chuchla, Walter	2/17/2023
Hout, Marita	11/21/2022	Jones, Minnie D	1/3/2023	Magnotti, Mary Lynn	2/23/2023
DeLuca, Guy Jr	11/26/2022	Stieglitz, Mary	1/3/2023	Coyne, Paul J	2/26/2023
Canson, Jay	11/26/2022	Matey, Jack C	1/7/2023	Roy, Sanford	2/26/2023
Lundy, Virginia	11/28/2022	Strope, Carol	1/8/2023	Ryan, William J	2/27/2023
Lawson, Katherine	11/28/2022	Zola, Rita	1/18/2023	Dembski, Mary	3/2/2023
Loesch, Ronald	11/30/2022	Cangelier, Margaret	1/19/2023	Radoycis, Nicholas, Jr	3/5/2023
Short, Nellie	12/3/2022	Hirsch, Marilyn	1/20/2023	Corso, Paul	3/6/2023
McDaniel, William	12/3/2022	Patterson, James	1/21/2023	Tokich, Stephen	3/13/2023
Baumiller, Lawrence	12/6/2022	Grib, Alice	1/22/2023	Zinsser, Earl	3/17/2023
Carlino, Amelia	12/6/2022	Sauerwein, Barbara Ann	1/23/2023	Glowczewski, Merle	3/19/2023
Williams, Helen	12/8/2022	Gionta, Romeo	1/24/2023	Rice-Kletke, Dorothy I	3/21/2023
Relihan, Thomas	12/11/2022	Thomas, Gail	1/26/2023		

*As provided by the Allegheny County Retirement Board

FREDERICK GUSTAVE SCHEIBLER, RENOWNED ARCHITECT OF PITTSBURGH'S GOLDEN ERA

by Kathleen Burk

Recollections of early twentieth century Pittsburgh evoke sullen images of billowing smog and pollution, causing it to be remembered as the "Smokey City." Although the designation may have been merited, there were many other components of industrial Pittsburgh that should be remembered as well. Not the least of these was the abundance of some of the most splendid architecture the world has ever known. Among the many striking specimens are the designs of Frederick Gustave Scheibler, Jr.

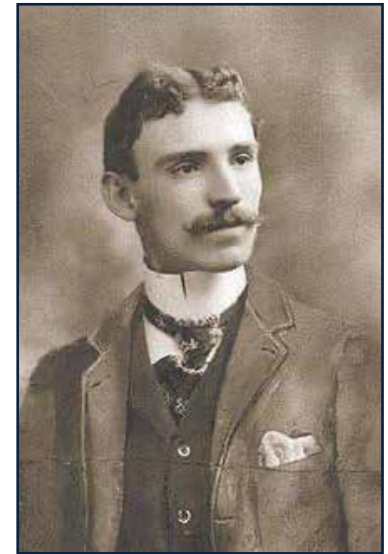
Born on May 12, 1872, Scheibler was the son of a wholesale grocer who lived much of his childhood on Bouquet Street near Dawson Street in South Oakland. He left high school before graduation to become an apprentice for a local architect, before developing his own unique style of design. Having created the design for nearly 150 buildings in and around Pittsburgh, Scheibler is recognized for his distinctive blend of English arts-and-crafts and modern design. He was a front-runner in Pittsburgh's turn of the century, modern architectural movement.

Among his many works is the splendidly-ornate apartment building known as Old Heidelberg. Built in 1905, the edifice stands majestically among private homes along South Braddock Avenue in the

Point Breeze neighborhood. The building presents a magnificent design featuring his signature faux thatched roofing, a stucco exterior, and wood-framed porches that are reminiscent of old world European style. Scheibler's penchant for mushrooms, incorporated into many of his designs, is prominently displayed on the reliefs that decorate the building's facade.

Another noteworthy Scheibler design, Parkstone Dwellings, is located just a short distance from Old Heidelberg at 6943 Penn Avenue in Point Breeze. Parkstone's stylistically-unique features include art glass panels with floral motifs and mosaics that resemble Persian rugs draped beneath the exterior balconies.

Those wanting to experience more of Scheibler's uniquely masterful architectural designs can view the



*Frederick G. Scheibler, Jr.
(photo from Carnegie Mellon University
Architecture Archives)*

exteriors of the Whitehall Apartments at 201 East End Avenue, and the Arden Apartments at 7710 Waverly Street in Point Breeze. As impressive as these buildings are, Scheibler's designs were not limited to apartment buildings. He is also recognized for the many single family homes that also incorporate many of his characteristic ornamentations. Some of his more exquisite designs are located at 7506, 7508 and 7510 Trevanion Avenue in Regent Square.



Old Heidelberg



Parkstone Dwellings



7510 Trevanion Avenue

Information for this article was obtained from the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks website.

In the Spotlight

RV Trip Puts Pandemic in the Rearview Mirror

by Guillermo Cole

The isolation and travel limitations that came with the pandemic left Marian Gremba longing for the open road and contact with her beloved family.

So, with the pandemic in the rearview mirror, her daughter Christina and son-in-law Roger who live in Zelienople came up with the idea for a month long, cross-country trip in their RV to see the great outdoors and meet up with more family in Colorado.

Marian departed March 22 and returned April 19, traveling 5,700 miles along the way and encountering all kinds of weather on a round trip journey that took her through more than a dozen states.

Among the notable places Marian visited were the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the Grand Canyon in Arizona, before reaching her final destination, Montrose, Colorado, on Easter weekend. She has a son and daughter-in-law living there and they along with Roger, Christina and Marian celebrated her birthday on April 10 and were joined by two of her older grandchildren who flew in for the occasion.

Marian said being on the road out west this time of year allows you to experience all four seasons. On any given day, it can be cold, warm, sunny, raining, snowing or hailing. And riding in the RV gives you a front row seat to these wonders of nature as well as the natural beauty of our country.

Another thing the RV provided was all the comforts of home -- a kitchen, a living room with TV, two bedrooms, two bathrooms,



Marian Gremba

even a washer and dryer for doing your laundry.

Nonetheless, a long RV trip does require a lot of planning and stamina, especially for the driver. Son-in-law Roger did it all and Marian is grateful to him and her daughter Christina for providing her with such a wonderful experience.

Marian lives in Pleasant Hills and retired in 2008 after working 15 years for Allegheny County, first for County Commissioner Larry Dunn and then the Department of Human Services. Earlier in her career, she taught in Catholic schools and the Pittsburgh public schools after graduating from Duquesne University.

She and her late husband Jack, who passed away three years before her retirement, have four children and six grandchildren.

Have you, or one of your ACRA friends taken an interesting vacation or daytrip? (And yes, those big fish at the Pymatuning spillway can be very interesting this time of year) Or, would you like to share one of your cool hobbies? Or, perhaps, you have found a soul-nourishing volunteer experience? Almost anything goes, for that matter. Just send us an email and we will be in touch.

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Grand Canyon Trip					
Destination Hours	Arrive	Depart	Nights	Miles	Travel
Indianapolis IN	3-22	3-23	1	368	6
St. Louis MO	3-23	3-25	2	287	4.5
Joplin MO	3-25	3-26	1	259	4
Oklahoma City OK	3-26	3-28	2	206	3
Amarillo TX	3-28	3-29	1	268	4
Albuquerque NM	3-29	3-31	2	268	4.5
Grand Canyon AZ	3-31	4-5	5	416	6.5
Moab UT	4-5	4-6	1	329	5.5
Montrose CO	4-6	4-11	5	169	3
9 Stops	3-22	4-11	20	2588	41
Head back to Zelic	4-11	4-19	6	1690	28
Total: 14 stops	3-24	4-16	26	4274	69

The Itinerary



RV Living for Marian Gremba and her family

BRAIN SHARPENING WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters below to form the names of some of Allegheny County's most loveable townships, boroughs and districts. After you have completed that task, unscramble all of the letters that are highlighted in red to find the name of an historic district. This one is a little bit tough, so consider yourself a "Word Scramble Genius" if you can solve this without referencing the answer key.

MODNORT _____
 LAKNODA _____
 GRAINCEE _____
 WOMHEDOO _____
 VAMLLELI _____
 SNOBIRNO _____
 LOTCIARN _____

XOF PLEACH _____
 SLASNCDCM _____
 LEBOKORNI _____
 CVEBIWHEE _____
 KECMEPTSTRO _____
 LILOOMRENVE _____
 PURSHGRABS _____

HISTORIC COMMUNITY HINT: Named after a European City, this historic district was created by an act of assembly in 1843. However, it is best known for its lovely 19th century Victorian style homes. And, if you need another clue, it shares its name with a Premier League football club.

Historic Community: _____



RECIPES BY PAM

by Pam Long

BEET SALAD

- 8-10 medium fresh beets
- 2 tbsp. cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 4 oz. blue cheese

1. Heat oven to 350°
2. Wrap each beet in aluminum foil and place them on a baking sheet.
3. Roast beets 1 1/2 hours, Cool beets.
4. Dice cooled beets into 1/2 inch cubes.
5. Mix first five ingredients together.
6. Lastly, add walnuts and blue cheese.

ENJOY!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Summer is almost here and it will soon be time for the festivities to begin. Mark Your Calendar and wait for the invitation to arrive in your mailbox.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ACRA Annual Picnic



Time: 11:00 am until 2:00 pm
Where: South Park Fairgrounds
 Home Economics Building,
 2050 Buffalo Drive,
 South Park
Cost: \$15
RSVP: Reservations are required to assure adequate space and food. Reservations and money must be received NO later than June 16, 2023.
Fun, food and friendship will prevail at the 2023 ACRA Annual Picnic.

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 Wendell August Forge



Time: 1:00 pm (Tour is approximately 45-60 minutes.)
Where: Wendell August Forge
 2074 Leesburg Grove City Rd,
 Mercer, PA 16137
Cost: Free
RSVP: If you are interested in attending please respond via email to acretireeassociation@gmail.com or leave a message on the ACRA phone at (412) 459-7674 no later than July 11, 2023.
This free guided tour will be about 45 minutes long and will end with each person receiving a piece of metal which they will hammer and take home.

COMING SOON - PIRATE DAY GAME - SEPTEMBER

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All you have to do is submit your name and email address and/or phone number. Your information will not be shared.

If you have been the victim of a scam, please don't be embarrassed. It can happen to any of us. You may find consolation in the fact that you can prevent others from suffering the same

fate by reporting your experience to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General by accessing the website listed above or by calling 800-441-2555.

If you no longer reside in Pennsylvania, check with your state attorney general's office to find out about scams in your region.

Answer to Word Scramble

DORMONT	FOX CHAPEL
OAKLAND	McCANDLESS
CARNEGIE	BROOKLINE
HOMEWOOD	BEECHVIEW
MILLVALE	McKEESPORT
ROBINSON	MONROEVILLE
CLAIRTON	SHARPSBURG

Secret Community:
MANCHESTER