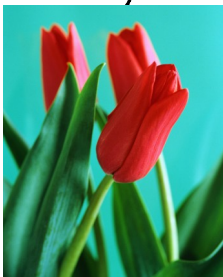


Letter from the Editor



We were meeting friends for dinner at **Fox's Pizza** and we were greeted by the closed sign. So, we walked down a block and enjoyed a meal at **Tong Garden**. As the saying goes, when one door closes another one opens.

Speaking of openings you really need to check out **Pittsburgh Thrift** next to **Mazza Pavilion**. It's roomy, clean, and the merchandise ranges from inexpensive to some designer outfits. For those who are still mourning the loss of **Take Two**, check this out. Household goods are in the back of the store. Considering the state of the economy whether federal, state, local or your family checkbook, **Christine DiDiano** opened a thrift store at an opportune time.

Gas prices are going up and the frequency of bus service is going down. Supporting businesses on the Boulevard is more important now than ever. At times like this it can be hard to see the power we have. "Shop Local" and "Buy American" sound good, but "Made in China" and big box stores are cheaper. Second hand fits the budget, but shiny brand-new is more appealing. This economy is the perfect time to examine our spending habits as well as our lives. Are we enabling the very practices we oppose? If we want jobs to stay here, we have to be willing to pay a little more for what we buy. The trade-off may be buying less. Or, perhaps, being more thoughtful about our spending.

Does this sound too Zen for you? Well if now is not the time for reflection, when is the right time? As we write this, an earthquake, a resulting tsunami and reactor meltdowns have devastated Japan. What better time to appreciate the fragility of our lives, as well as, the importance of community and neighbors you can count on to be there when you need them? Spring, an awakening for us as well as the seeds we planted.

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If Linda isn't available, **Ellen Svitko**, who has been with **A-Boss** for 24 years, can assist customers. That's important because Linda volunteers for mission trips to Haiti and Guatemala with Vision for the Poor. Look for a story about Linda's mission trips in a future issue. In the meantime, stop by **A-Boss** and check out the selection. You can also donate used glasses, hats with visors and good sunglasses for Linda to take on her next trip.

-Pamela Grabowski with photos by Catia Fath



Linda Boss would like to meet you.



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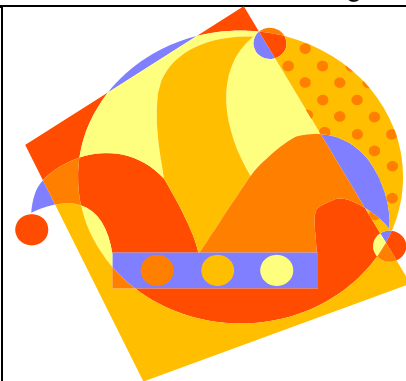
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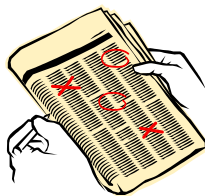
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LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

One of Brookline's most recognizable attractions is the **Cannon**, situated on Brookline Boulevard near Queensboro Avenue in the small island known as **Veteran's Memorial Park**. In addition to the cannon, the park contains a memorial to veterans who have served in the various conflicts from World War I to the present War on Terror.

Each year, the Memorial Day Parade begins at the Veteran's Memorial. Last year, [the brooklineconnection.com](http://thebrooklineconnection.com) guestbook received a request that a posting be made on the War Memorial page listing all Brookline military veterans who gave their lives in service during these conflicts. We started looking for someone who might know. After several dead ends, we decided that this list, if it does exist, can't be found. So, we decided to create our own. It hasn't been easy, but we do have a growing list. We are looking for your help. If anyone has any information on Brookline natives who perished in service during the wars our nation has been involved in from World War I to the present day, please notify us at memorial@brooklineconnection.com.

One of our problems is addresses. Narrowing casualty lists down to the state, county and city level has been easy. Getting it down to a neighborhood requires an address. The only consistent source with addresses has been the local newspapers.

Several weeks of research, mostly going through daily casualty lists from the online archives of the Pittsburgh Press and Post-Gazette, have yielded some results. However, the number of missing editions, and the fact that all names were listed with the address of next-of-kin, leaves questions as to who we might have missed. Those names that we have located were all verified through the National Archives, and the next-of-kin from Brookline, in most cases a mother or father.

We need a person's name, branch of service and their Brookline address. Any other information would be appreciated. Email to memorial@brooklineconnection.com.

With your help, we can work towards making an accurate and complete listing of Brookline's servicemen who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve freedom here at home and contain aggression overseas. These sacrifices are a part of Brookline's history that must be preserved.

Presently, we have found two World War I, 37 World War II, four Korean War and four Vietnam War casualties.

WWI - Cronin Raymond P., Luppe Charles

WWII - Alm William H., Arensberg Roy T., Brickley Edward G., Bruni, Lawrence A., Capogreca James J., Copeland Clarence R., Dempsey Howard F., Dempsey Walter F., Diegelman Edward R., Jr., Dornetto Frank P., Fagan Gerald B., Falk Harold E., Fehring Robert M., Hynes Richard E., Jackson Robert E., Kestler Paul C., Kettlers Robert, Mahoney Michael J., Majestic Arthur B., Mayberry Alexander G., McCann Robert F., McFarland Hugh R., Miller William J., Napier Edward J., Nicholson John D., O'Day John R., Orient Andrew D., Pisiecki Raymond A., Reeves Alfred M., Reitmeyer John P., Shannon Harry C., Simpson James D., Spack Harry, Vierling Howard F., Wagner Ralph G., Wentz Walter L. Jr., Zeiler Harold V.

KOREA - Gallagher Patrick J., Gormley James W., Hilliard Gerald G., McKenna James E.

VIETNAM - Bodish James R., Collins James G., Lacey Richard J., Wonn James C.

Note: The four soldiers on the Vietnam casualty list have Brookline roots that we can verify by word-of-mouth only. We have not been able to locate and confirm their home addresses. If you know this information, please forward it to memorial@brooklineconnection.com.

-Thank You, *Clint Burton* and *Doug Brendel*, Brookline Historians



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JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part 25

In last month's corner I had asked for some input from readers concerning facts and stories about Brookline from years past. I received this info about the **Capuano Family** which I am sure everybody will find interesting. Please continue to share your memories of Brookline with us.

Did you know that Port Authority is going back to calling our bus route 39 Brookline!

My father, **Jim DeBasi**, used to take us to the **BYM** on Mother's Day for lobster tails.

-Joanne Fantoni

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READERS REMEMBER

956 Brookline Blvd. (currently **Tong's Restaurant**) holds a lot of history for the Capuano family. Built by **Vincent and Maria Capuano**, "956" was one of the first buildings to be built on "The Blvd." and was home for five generations of the Capuano family from 1915 until 1994. The building held three separate apartments, with the family at various times occupying at least one or all of the apartments. Vincent ran a shoe repair business until his death in 1941. After WWII, one of the sons, Red, ran his own shoe repair business, "**Red's Shoe Repair**", until 1970 when he relocated to Gibsonsia. Another son, Angie, operated **Angie's Barber Shop** from 1938 until 1965 when he opened the **BYM Club** at 968 Brookline Blvd. Angie owned the **BYM** from 1965 to 1977 when it was a "Cheers" kind of place where friends, including many of the 1970s Steelers, gathered for good food, camaraderie, and, on the weekends, dancing to *live* music. Yes, those were the days when live bands, not DJ's, were the entertainment.

-Micki Capuano

Questions of the Month: Can you name a barber who started cutting hair at **Angie's Barber Shop** who then opened his own shop on the Boulevard?

Can you name the first trio or the female jazz vocalist (who still performs in the Pittsburgh area) who played at the **BYM**?

Last Month's Question: We have a new fruit market on the Boulevard. Tell me the name and where the other was?

Answer to Last Month's Question: **Datillos** at the corner of the Boulevard and Flatbush (LaChina Bldg.).

Welcome to Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5, "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts!"

We are having an **Open House on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM and from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.** Parents who are attending may choose a convenient time to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be served; visitors will have a tour of our school and the opportunity to meet with our Kindergarten teachers. Registration is currently available for Kindergarten.

Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5 excels academically! Our scores have been above the district average in reading and math, and we are currently preparing for our PSSA testing. In addition to academic excellence, we enjoy social events. Upcoming events include our Dancing Classroom Program. Our students will be performing at **Seton Center** for the senior citizens at 10:00 AM on April 5. **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** placed 3rd out of 9 competing schools in the Colors of the Rainbow Semifinal Dance Competition. In May, we'll be competing in the finals at Soldiers and Sailors. Our current basketball season just finished with our team in first place, 8 wins and 2 losses in the K-5 south region. Also, the environment is important to us with clean-up soon to begin on our outdoor classroom. In this activity, children explore agriculture by planting a variety of flowers and vegetables in garden boxes.

Another upcoming event is our spring concert on June 8, 2011 conducted by **Adam Warble** and **William McCafferty**. Performance will include our instrumental orchestra and all children will sing for their parents at the 10:00 AM show. We are planning a Fun Day for June 10. On this special day, our students play games, participate in raffles, have a cookout, dance and enjoy face painting. Our PTO, headed by **Heather Fulton**, does a wonderful job with the preparations to make sure a great time is had by all.

You are invited to attend our Open House to see why **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** children excel and how your children can excel with us. After all, **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts!"

-Kathy Moran, Principal

-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher



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Shredding is not only environmentally friendly, but also protects your personal information. I invite you to bring up to five boxes or bags of confidential items to the truck for shredding at no charge.

Acceptable items for shredding include:

- Bank information and cancelled checks
- Outdated bills
- Mortgage and loan information
- Medical information
- Obsolete invoices
- Letters, envelopes and ledgers
- Any other clean paper

For more information, please contact my Constituent Service Office at (412) 343-2094. I look forward to seeing you there!

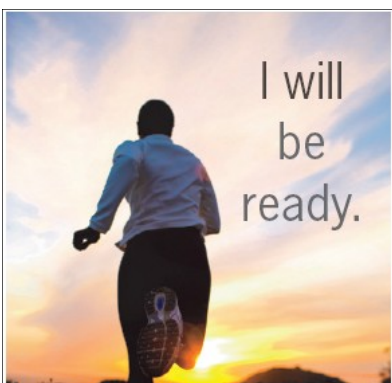


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Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9, Ressi will once again set up shop for its annual Fish Fry. This event goes on every Friday during Lent (through April 15). You can purchase fish dinners for adults and children, combos, and tons of sides such as pierogies, pizza, French fries, macaroni and cheese and many desserts. This event is brought to you by Ressi, but it's through the help of hard working volunteers that the Fish Fry has been such a success over the years. All food is made on site and is fresh. Desserts are baked not processed. And the food will always be served with a smile! The Ressi volunteers don't know how to do it any other way.

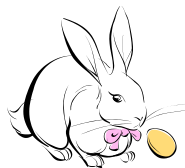


-Bethany Hensel Pittsburgh Thrift is open for business. Photo by *Catia Fath*



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Salvation Army On The Move



The **Brookline Salvation Army** location will move soon. In June, the **Salvation Army** expects to dedicate their new Community Center next to the Devonshire on McNeilly Road. This site will feature a fitness center. The Pittsburgh Steelers are sponsoring a fitness center for kids since the children are not permitted to use the adult equipment. There will be a large gym as well as a computer lab and a social service office.

The social service office will assist people needing help getting food vouchers or other services. Just to be clear and to counter the many rumors that have been circulating, this is a community center. It is not a homeless shelter. That facility operates in the North

Artist's rendering of completed Community Center provided by **Laurette Underwood**.

Side. It is not a drug and alcohol clinic. That facility operates in the South Side. It is not the garage for emergency and disaster vehicles. That facility operates in Greentree.

The Community Center programs will be for all ages and available to the residents of the area. The **Salvation Army** programs while faith-based do not proselytize. They will continue to have after school homework help and add Boy Scouts, Girl Guards (similar to Girl Scouts) and Sunbeams (similar to Brownies) to their children's programs. Teen programs usually involve field trips to baseball games, hockey games or bowling. These field trips are chaperoned and the chaperones are carefully screened. There is no smoking or drinking and appropriate dress is also required. Parents can be assured that their teenagers will be safe.

There will also be a women's group. The current women's group meeting at the Boulevard location alternates weekly programs centering on education, fellowship, service and worship. They may have a speaker or recently they held a baby shower where the gifts were sent to the needy in Africa.

Vehicular access to the center will be on McNeilly Road using the same driveway as the Devonshire. Walkers can access the center by walking up Castlegate Avenue and using the road behind the Priory and the former Bradley Center site.

Laurette Underwood, administrative assistant at the Brookline Boulevard office, assures those currently using the Boulevard location that they won't be abandoned due to transportation issues. Vans and mini buses are available, and pickup and drop off locations will be established on the Boulevard to accommodate those who want to attend events at the center.

While the **Salvation Army Community Center** will not be in Brookline, under the direction of **Major Tim and Major Jan Duperrée**, the center will increase the educational, social, spiritual and fitness opportunities for Brookline residents.

-Pamela Grabowski

Call for Volunteers

- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or BeagleHQ@msn.com Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, blankets and bath towels.
- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call Lisa at 412-343-1319
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- **CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY** call **Brookline United Presbyterian Church** at 412-531-0590

Are you unable to volunteer your time right now? You can still help many of these organizations. **Meals on Wheels** accepts cash and donations of cookies, desserts and bread. Add a grocery store gift card to your shopping cart and send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry, c/o Pat Erny, 2918 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2038**

"We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity."
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

THIS MONTH

April 11 Monday

Chamber of Commerce 5:45PM at **Carnegie Library** 708 Brookline Blvd.

April 12, 2011 Tuesday

Open House 2:00PM - 3:30PM and 4:30PM - 6:00PM at **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5 Elementary School** 785 Dunster Street

April 12 Tuesday

Brookline Block Watch 7:00PM at **Magistrate Jim Motznik's office** 736 Brookline Blvd.

April 16 Saturday

Earth Day Clean-Up 9:00AM at **Cannon Coffee**

April 18 Monday

South Pittsburgh Development Corp. 7:00PM at **Brookline Blvd. United Presbyterian Church** 1036 Brookline Blvd.

April 25 Monday

Brookline Area Community Council 7:30PM at **St. Mark's Church** corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave.



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BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER

- **Boxing** is back in Brookline Wednesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM for ages 8 to adult.
- **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** for families with children ages 7 and under. April 16 11:00AM. We request registration if able.
- **Art class** - Saturdays 11:00AM to 1:00PM for ages 12 through adult. Cost is \$3 plus materials.
- **Kick ball** for ages 4 through 9 - games to be played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30PM to 6:00PM. Cost will be \$10, and each child will receive a T-shirt.
- **Spring Clean Up** - Saturday April 16 in conjunction with SPDC Brookline cleanup. We are looking for parents and kids to come to Brookline Park at 8:30AM to help us clean the park, ballfields and surrounding area. Cleanup begins at 9:00AM and runs through noon. Refreshments will be served after. Dress appropriately. Work boots and jeans. Part of PA Cleanways "Pick it up, PA" campaign.
- **Adult Craft Classes**- Monday 1:00PM to 2:30PM and in the evening 7:00PM to 8:30PM.
- **Yoga Class** - Tuesday 6:15PM to 7:30PM - cost is \$50 for 6 weeks
- **Body Sculpting Class** Monday & Thursday 6:15PM to 7:30PM. Cost is \$30 for 5 weeks.
- **Fitness Challenge** - Thursdays 7:00PM to 8:00PM - We'll help you get ready to join us in the Brookline Breeze. This is a free program.
- **Martial Arts** - Mondays 6:00PM to 8:45PM for ages 10 to adult. Learn Tae Kwon Do fundamentals with a trained instructor. Cost is \$15 a year.
- **Summer Basketball** signups begin April 1 for boys and girls ages 9 through 14. 11-Under Instructional and 14-Under. Leagues begin in mid-June and run through the end of July. Games are played on weekdays in the morning and afternoon. Cost is \$25/player. Deadline for registration is May 15, 2011. Roster positions limited. Sign Up Now!!!
- **Instructional Basketball Clinic** for boys and girls ages 6 to 8 will be held on Saturdays beginning in mid-April. Call for more information.

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At right: The **Salvation Army Community Center** is on schedule for a June dedication. Photo provided by **Laurette Underwood**.

7th Annual Brookline Earth Day Clean Up

Did you know that during the past seven years **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation** has sponsored almost twenty Brookline clean-up events and collected over one thousand large bags of street garbage? At ten pounds per bag, that's five tons of litter that selfish dirt bags have thrown and we've collected!

South Pittsburgh Development Corporation will be holding its 7th Annual Brookline Earth Day Clean up on Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 am at **Cannon Coffee**. Volunteers will receive free delicious Cannon coffee to get started and a lunch after the clean-up. Each year we collect huge amounts of trash and recyclables from Brookline streets and greenways.

This year we have expanded our Earth Day efforts by including some hands on activities after the clean-up. Interested in becoming a Pittsburgh Tree Tender? City of Pittsburgh's urban forester **Lisa Ceoffe** will be present to talk about the opportunity for new street trees and the Tree Tender program. If you have young children interested in gardening, we have a plant a seed demonstration at 2:30. Kids will be given a peat pot and a seed and shown how to plant and care for a vegetable that they can plant in the earth and harvest. For adults, Phipps Conservatory master gardener **Lorrie Easudes** will be doing a how-to presentation on container gardening at 3:30 pm. All activities will take place on the back deck of **Cannon Coffee**.

Please join us in volunteering to help keep Brookline litter free and learn something new about gardening and the wonder of the natural world. Contact **Keith Knecht** at kek33@verizon.net or 412-561-4482 if you are interested in helping or need additional information



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