



GETAWAY CAFE

Growing up, **Lou Manolios** never thought he'd own a restaurant. Watching his father's career at the William Penn Hotel and working there himself, he witnessed the intensive labor necessary for a first-rate dining facility.

But in the 1990s, in the midst of a successful career in the amusement game industry, he was ready for another challenge. He knew he could run a business, but could he and his wife, **Nancy Manolios**, open a restaurant in the Brookline area that would thrive and grow?

Twenty years and thousands of customers later, the answer at the **Getaway Café** has been a resounding "yes."

In 1993, when Lou and Nancy bought a building previously occupied by another restaurant, they completely renovated it and made the establishment truly their own. The result is a restaurant and bar with a cozy feel that can entertain 210 guests among three separate indoor dining areas. An outside patio area—cooled in the summer and heated in the colder months—accommodates another 40 guests.

The rooms are decorated with whimsical art, sports memorabilia, and Pittsburgh photos from yesteryear.

With two decades under their belt, the staff has learned what customers like. While keeping old favorites on the menu, they feature different appetizers, sandwiches and entrees to keep the menu fresh.

For instance, potato pancakes, once just Oktoberfest fare, are now served year-round. They're particularly popular during weekend breakfasts, along with pumpkin pancakes and banana pancakes. A **Getaway** signature offering is the potato-pancake Reuben, which Lou says "will knock your socks off." Customers must agree, because the restaurant goes through an estimated 200 pounds of corned beef weekly. All dishes are homemade. The soups, sauces and dressings are made using herbs grown on the premises each summer. The **Getaway** also grows its own peppers and zucchini.

One of the **Getaway's** slogans is "finest family food at neighborhood prices." During the summer, kids 10-and-under can eat free from the kids' menu. Currently, kids' meals cost just 99 cents. On December 14, the restaurant will host "Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus" from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is expected to sell-out, so reservations are required.

And there's plenty for adults. Every third Saturday night of the month, the place fills for a "Name that Tune" contest. Other events include a musical "Almost Irish Night" each Thursday, Greek Week every third week of the month, Pound of Ribs on Wednesdays, Fajita Thursdays, and 2-for-\$20 signature specials Sunday through Tuesday. A New Year's Eve party is on tap. The Getaway has a 100-inch screen for televised sporting events and about 20 flat-screen TVs.

Customers registered for the "Getaways" program earn a \$10 certificate for every \$200 spent. About 3,200 people have joined and Lou estimates about 100 certificates are redeemed each week.

He's struck by how much a part of the neighborhood the **Getaway Café** has become. Eight employees have worked there 20 years--including general manager **Chris Manolios** and **Linda Schoedel**, a server/manager heavily involved in the **Getaway's** thriving catering business--and another eight have at least 12 years' tenure.

"I never would have thought 20 years could go by so fast," he says. The walls hold photos of numerous area youth teams the **Getaway** has sponsored over the years. Today, says Lou, adult customers come in and say "I can't believe you still have my picture up there."

-Dan Kaczmariski
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Letter from the Editor

Another year is fading fast. While we are disappointed that the Boulevard is not done, we are ecstatic about the part that is completed. **Facchiano Construction** did their due diligence, but no one could have predicted the number of unaccounted vaults they found along the business side of the Boulevard or the buried gas tank no one knew about when they were working at **M J Automotive**. Only in a perfect world are there no construction surprises.

We would like to think that it doesn't have to be a perfect world for people to take responsibility for their trash. The litter cans are coming back with cigarette butt containers attached. Please use them and encourage your smoking friends to use the containers. The number of carelessly thrown cigarette butts on the Boulevard is discouraging, especially when they are showing up in the landscaping. If the merchants would sweep in front of their shops just once a day and pick up the litter rather than sweeping it to the curb, we could significantly improve the appearance of the Boulevard.

The Boulevard lost some businesses this year, but new businesses moved in and some merchants have reinvented themselves. We have enjoyed browsing in **Necessities I** and **Kelly's Kollection Boutique**. **Piatto** has become another dinner option for us. We can't say enough about **Pitaland's** new café, especially the falafel salad. **Moonlite Café** closed their dining room, but Louie did not hang up his apron! Check out Facebook for their daily specials. One of the requests made during the Boulevard Branding Meetings was a smoke-free bar with entertainment. **Moonlite Café** is filling that request. We will have an article next month, but in the meantime, stop by **Moonlite Café** on Friday or Saturday for great food and music.

We've said it before. The Boulevard is changing. It is not your grandparents' Boulevard. It may not even be your parents' Boulevard anymore. The Boulevard has to change if it is going to be successful. There's a new generation moving into Brookline. Their lifestyle isn't like their grandparents or their parents. They are changing Brookline, and that's not a bad thing. Change is inevitable. We can all sit back and rail about what is missing and what we had that we don't have now. Or, we can look around at what we have now and give it a chance. "If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies." We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!

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DEADLINES:

December 12 for January's Issue
January 12 for February's Issue

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SUSTAINING FRIENDS

We welcome **Party Cake Shop** to our list of friends this month. *Larger issues are draining the bank balance.* Your donations keep us in print. Please continue to support us. We can provide a donation box and make monthly collections. Become a sustaining friend of **The Brookline**. We will thank you in the newsletter.

Donations through October 2013:

- Cannon Coffee - \$192.52
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OCTOBER

<u>CRIMES ZONE 6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
Aggravated Assault	5	0
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Robbery	6	2
Burglary	21	6
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Meals-on-Wheels	412-343-8144
Senator Wayne Fontana	412-344-2551
Representative Erin Molchany	412-343-2094

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- **Landscaping:** The construction company warrants the greenery/trees for one year. It is not the responsibility of the contractor to maintain them. The tree tenders and City are to maintain the landscaping.
- **The Cannon Memorial Park:** In speaking with the **City Forestry Department**, they will work with us to try to replace the old benches in the park and help landscape the inside portion of the park.
- **Pets:** The Dogi-Pots have been installed from **CVS** to **Cannon Memorial Park**. Be responsible! Please clean up after your pets!
- **Caution:** The curbs are high in some sections of the Boulevard. When parking, be aware that your vehicle may be too low to go over the curb. The standard height for curbs is 7".
- **Construction** will not be finished until late Spring 2014. Why? Well, the vaults (large rooms, steps and shoots under the sidewalks) held up a lot of the project. If you have been on the Boulevard, you would have noticed the largest vault located at the Ritz Building. The material was not preorder because Facchiano didn't know about the vault until construction started. In addition to the vaults, there were also a few rain days that delayed construction.
- **Christmas Wreaths:** **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** will try to have a few Christmas wreaths up for the holidays.
- **Pay Stations:** The City handles all signage and time limits for the meters. The meters in the Brookline area are designated with the 2 hour "maximum" time limit and the meters are programmed. So, because the City codes were written to promote turnover of spaces in metered parking areas, "officially" patrons can only park in their spaces for 2 hours at a time. This is the reason the meters will not allow a person to pay for more time until the first 2 hours has expired.
- **Traffic light poles and street light poles:** These poles should not be used for posting notices. The tape will cause the finish to come off.
- **Sidewalks in winter:** Because the sidewalks are freshly poured, salt should not be used this winter or next winter. Salt will damage the sidewalks. It is recommended that you use a non-chloride based product to prolong the life of the sidewalk while maintaining safe walking conditions for your customers this winter.



-Lois McCafferty



CROSSING WITH FRANCINE

It was the first frigid morning in November when I walked to the corner of Merrick Avenue and Brookline Boulevard to meet crossing guard **Francine Fontana**. She was training **Wendy Heisler** as I approached.

“Hi! I was just telling Wendy I didn’t think you would make it in this cold weather.”

How could I have stayed home when Francine braves the weather hot or cold five days a week, twice a day to ensure the safety of children and adults crossing this busy intersection? If a guard’s popularity can be gauged by the number of honks she receives from passing motorists, then Francine is one very popular guard. The honking was continuous as we talked. Of course, balancing the drivers who salute Francine with a honk, there are the drivers who give her the one finger salute, shout obscenities or pound on their steering wheels when she stops traffic for a loading or unloading school bus. For those drivers who ignore her directions or illegally pass a stopped school bus, Francine had this warning. “Guards may not stop you, but we take license plate numbers, and we can issue citations.”

Francine has been performing her duties for 26 years in either Beechview, at Dunster Avenue and Pioneer Avenue or on the Boulevard. Her current location is closer to home, which she likes. Crossing guard was a job that worked well for her when she was raising her children. Now that her children are grown and her husband travels frequently to Harrisburg she thinks she might retire in a couple of years.

“I’d miss the kids and all the people who stop to talk. The kids come back to see me with their kids now. I had a young man who joined the Navy come back. They’re always surprised when I remember their names.” Knowing names is a definite advantage in her job. As she turns to greet a mentally-challenged pedestrian by name, she cautions her to wait for the light to change. Francine then explains to Wendy that sometimes people will say yes, but continue to cross against the light. The fact that she greeted the pedestrian by name made Francine’s words more caring than command, and the pedestrian waited for the green light.

Schools guards do more than cross the children. They keep watch for strangers who may be lurking around bus stops. In addition, they look out for other needs. Francine explained that many guards will have extra hats, gloves and protein bars. She says the guards try to help out so the recipient isn’t made to feel like a charity case.

You might see Francine walking the track at Keystone Oaks or taking water aerobics at the Oliver Bath House. Most people don’t recognize her out of her uniform she tells us. Children will tell her they recognize her voice, but they don’t know why they know her.

While everyone is entitled to retire, I speak for many other residents who selfishly hope Francine will change her mind. The intersection at Merrick and the Boulevard just wouldn’t be the same without Francine’s smiling face.

-Pamela Grabowski



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DECEMBER BOOK DISCUSSIONS AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE

Wednesday, December 11 at 1:00PM *I Am Half-Sick Of Shadows* by Alan Bradley

Monday, December 16 at 6:00PM *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman

Carnegie Library Book Buzz At Cannon Coffee

Holiday Break until January 2014

BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER

Weight Room and Fitness Center

Our FREE state-of-the-art weight room and fitness center includes an assortment of weight-lifting and cardio workout equipment. Patrons ages 16-17 must be oriented and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00am-9:00pm; Tue, Thu 1:00pm-9:00pm; Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Membership card is required. Weight Room and Fitness Center for city residents only.



Pittsburgh Boxing Club

Workouts on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. All participants must supply their own hand wraps and work-out clothing. Co-ed program is affiliated with the Pittsburgh Boxing Club. If you wish to join the club for further training, the cost is \$50/year. Fee is paid to the club. Ages 8-over are welcome.



Yoga

Relax on Tuesday evenings from 6:15pm -7:30pm with our certified instructor. Program runs in six-week sessions. Cost per session: \$50. Cost is pro-rated for late enrollees. Bring your own mat!



Beginner's Walk Class

Mondays 1:15pm - come join the fun! Bring water and a towel. Be sure to wear your tennis shoes! Free!

Guitar Lessons

Join our music instructor **Jason Born** for electric and acoustic guitars lessons on Mondays 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Ages 10 and up are welcome. Cost is \$15 paid to the instructor.

Call the center for more information 412-571-3222.

Lunch with Santa on Saturday, December 21



Come and have lunch with Santa Claus from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Brookline Recreation Center. Food and drinks will be provided. A \$2.00 per person donation is requested. Pre-registration is needed.

Please stop by and sign-up.

Please remember to bring a \$5.00 wrapped present for Santa to give, with your child's name clearly marked on it. All ages are welcomed!



Christmas shopping done? Reward yourself with a sundae from **Scoops**. Pick up a gift certificate to stuff a stocking or two while you're there.

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 412-304-3086
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** call 412-343-8144
- **BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** call Pat Erny 412-344-8451
- **CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY** call **Brookline United Presbyterian Church** at 412-531-0590
- **ANGELS' PLACE** Volunteers needed at **Angels' Place, Inc.** Help us work with children, arts and crafts, organizing and more. If interested please call Andrea at 412-531-6667. www.angelsplaceph.org
- **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR** Volunteers needed to assist senior citizens. Call Family Services at 412-661-1670.

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.**

BIRTH OF A TRADITION

As the Holidays approach, seems like daily we receive catalogs and advertising to provide us with monstrous piles of cheaply produced Chinese junk at the expense of American labor.

This year you can make it different by shopping Brookline and surrounding areas, giving gifts of genuine concern for our neighborhoods. There is no longer an excuse that nothing can be found produced by American hands. Who says a gift must have a "Made in China" stamp on it? How about a gift certificate for a beauty shop, barber shop or nail salon on the Boulevard? Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car washed or detailed along with an oil change at a location in the area? Meals on Wheels recipients would love a week, month or year of free meals. How about lawn mowing or snow shoveling? Talk about something that would be appreciated! There are many owner-run restaurants in the Brookline area along with coffee shops and breakfast places that offer gift certificates.

Remember folks, this isn't about big national chains – this is about supporting Brookline shop owners with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

Maybe a cleaning lady for a day for Mom. Perhaps a computer tune-up. Or, a certificate for children's or senior's day-care to relieve some financial burden. Tickets to a play at Seton Center or one of the area churches. All are up for consideration.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city putting us out of work. Christmas is now about caring about US (We the People), encouraging our small businesses to keep plugging away. And, when we care about Brookline the benefits come back to us in ways we could not imagine.

Try it this year; you will probably want to continue it in the future. This could be the new Brookline tradition.

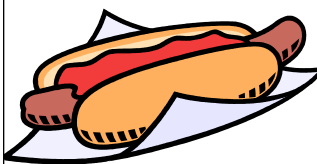
-Lee Herbermann

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THIS MONTH'S FINANCIAL TOPIC



What are three reasons that cause people to not successfully handle their money?

1. Failure (delaying) to plan. Most people spend far more time planning for a wedding that lasts one day than they do for a retirement that could last 15 to 30 years!
2. Being uninformed. Where in our education system are we ever taught how money works and the power of compound interest?
3. Being misinformed. We need to get the facts and truth on how money works! Be careful where you get your information from because you just might end up broke.

-Daryl Wood

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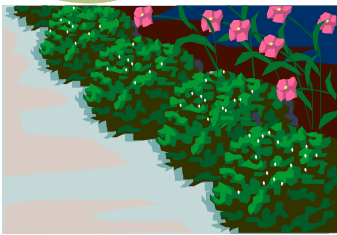
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SCARECROW CONTEST WINNERS

First Prize - "The Pirate" at Cannon Coffee - Dina Jamison, Jasmine & Tristan Casteneda
Second Prize - "The Digger Man" at A-Boss Opticians - Nicki, Daryl and Evan Wood
Third Prize - "VooDoo Child" at Senator Fontana's Office - Rita Rose Mead
Fourth Prize - "Sammy Jo" at Medicine Shoppe - Angel's Place Preschool 3-4



CALLING BROOKLINE GARDENERS

If you read "Construction Update" on page 3, you know that we are responsible for the landscaping on the Boulevard starting NOW. This means we need to begin growing our gardening group ASAP. Nancy Gibson is onboard. She is the 2006 runner-up in the Post-Gazette Great Gardens Contest, Small Gardens Category and a Brookline resident. As we told you last month, Eileen Papale, Keith Knecht, and Sarah McCalla are tree tenders.

We have since learned that Jennifer Grab and Stephanie Miller are tree tenders, too.

The Sunday Trash Walkers will clean litter from the landscaping, but the Trash Walkers could use some help as well. Now that winter is here, maintenance should be limited to keeping the area clean of litter. Come spring we will need more volunteers.

Nancy, Eileen, Lois McCafferty and Pamela Grabowski cleaned and planted tulips, daffodils and crocus in the triangular patch in front of the Cannon Park Memorial sign and the planter behind the Memorial Wall. In the spring those areas should be a blaze of color. The City will do some additional landscaping in the park so we can do additional planting in the spring. Thank you to the gentleman from Olde-Fashion Bakery who presented the workers with a tray of cookies.

If you would like to help with this project, contact us at 412-343-2859 or email us at mdp.grabowski@verizon.net with Brookline Gardeners in the subject line. We will collect your contact information. We have to assume some responsibility for maintaining our community. We no longer live in a society where we can pay people to perform every task that has to be done. We need community volunteers; we need you.

-Pamela Grabowski



What's Going on at Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5?

It is difficult to believe the month of December has crept upon us already. The hustle and bustle of holiday preparations and the opportunity to create special memories with our loved ones is fast approaching. Not only is the hustle and bustle occurring at the stores, but it is also at our school. The staff and children are working diligently to have another successful year at West Liberty.

In October, our Special Education Teacher, **Mrs. Milanak**, raised awareness at our school for breast cancer. We had a pink-out day with the students and staff raising \$191.00 to be donated to the American Heart Association.

We also started a new tradition at our school. Each morning the entire school meets in the gymnasium for a morning meeting. Our Principal speaks to the children concerning her expectations for their learning experiences for the day. In addition, the word of the week is taught at the meeting to help enrich their vocabulary. Several grade levels perform skits to demonstrate the word's meaning. Also, the students look forward to Monday mornings where they learn the winner of the week for the First in Math computer program. Our school is continuing to do well and have success with this program. We've been in second place in the District so far. All other important announcements are made at this time concluding with the children being dismissed to their classrooms to begin their day.

On Friday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m., we will be having our winter celebration concert. The children always look forward to showing off their vocal talents and demonstrating what their wonderful teacher, **Mrs. Daller**, has taught them. **Mrs. Daller** does a great job at creating an organized production that all children and families enjoy. Our instrumental teacher, **Aubrey Ploesch**, is helping the students with their instruments in preparation for another successful and enjoyable production. Please come, join the fun, and don't forget your cameras.

Along with this production, our Math Teacher Liaison **Denise Deltondo**, is at it again. She has selected fifth grade students who are preparing a play of Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol*. They will be performing for the students and staff. We are looking forward to another great production.

Our wonderful PTO President and our PTO are working hard as well. The children are excited to attend our annual Sparkle Shop December 16 through the 19. There the children are able to purchase gifts for their loved ones at reasonable prices.

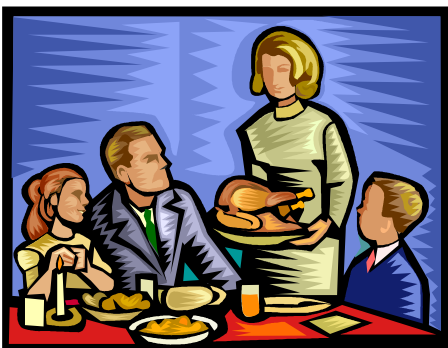
Now it is time to acknowledge our hard working students. The following students have made Honor Roll and High Honor Roll for the first report of the academic year. Congratulations to the students and their hard work.

First Grade – Alexandra Howerter, Shawn Keating, Maria McDill, Anna Varner, Lauren Bateman, Miracole Beck, Serenity Blair, Te'Mar Carlisle, Brayden Carter, Alexandra Chappell, Collin Clegg, Camryn Czegan, Lailinya Day, Brady Dugan, Marcus Fields, Zhyen Greeman, Malakai Gallant, Erin Gorman, Ariana Gorny, Dai-zah Green, Laniaya Green, Julia Hartzell, Karma Jackson, Mackenzie Joyce, Chelsea Kohr, Austin Landosky, Levi Linkenheimer, Daniel Mack, Kaelyn Manna, Mary Martinez, Melanie McDill, Curtis Moore, Michael Morascyzk Jr, Hannah Protch, Ionna Reid, Amber Ringler, Ryley Pail, Karrigan Stevens, Breanna Stowe, Jaz'zir Tyler, Nathan Viga, Haley Willy, and Jaedyn Zilch.

Second Grade – Leah Black, Isaiah Dugan, Kyrsten Feeney, Joshua Garcia-Gomez, Onya Goodwin, Kylee Grippo, Riley Joyce, Connor Jozwiak, Annaliese Keefer, Michael Lippold, Laila Panella, Alexis Stowe, Nathaniel Akam, Landon Bauer, Hannah Black, Justin Carder, Gage Derrick, Jayonna Johnson-Dunwell, Isabelle Junaidi, Aidan Karma, Logan Keady, Danielle Kohr, Mason Maxwell, Braianna O'Neil, Aubrey Panella, Alexa Philles-

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CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER



Again this year **Church of the Advent** will host a Christmas Day Dinner sponsored by the Brookline churches and local merchants. It has been a tradition for many years and each year grows in the number of participants. Last year we served approximately 400 dinners both in the church and delivered to homes. I marvel each year as I enter the church to hear laughter and singing coming from volunteers who are cutting meat, packing meals to be delivered, fixing the tables for people coming to the church, answering the phone, and anything else that may come up. These people give up a piece of their Christmas day to bring the true meaning of the holiday to our neighbors and friends. If you want to join us, please call 412-561-4520 or come for dinner on December 25, 2013, at 3010 Pioneer Avenue between 11:00AM – 2:00PM. We have been given so much and

enjoy giving back. Thanks are what Christmas is all about. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

-Deacon Dee Scott

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MONTH

December 9 Monday

Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party Potluck 5:15PM at Cannon Coffee 802 Brookline Blvd.

December 10 Tuesday

Brookline Block Watch Christmas Party Potluck 6:30PM at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd.

December 16 Monday

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



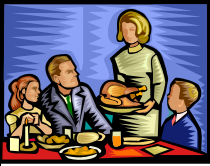
IT'S HERE!

It's that time of the year again. Please keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice. Think of your postal worker who delivers your mail regardless of the weather. If that's not impetus enough to shovel, then do it to avoid the fine for not shoveling. You have 24 hours to clean the sidewalk after an event.

Brookline is a walkable community. Clean walks are essential to keeping Brookline a safe walkable community. If you can help elderly or handicapped neighbors by shoveling, please do. If you find a walk that is not being maintained, report it to the 311 call center.

Remember, if your property is on the Boulevard, **DO NOT USE SALT ON THE NEW SIDEWALKS.** *It is recommended that you use a non-chloride based product to prolong the life of the sidewalk while maintaining safe walking conditions for your customers. (See "Construction Update" on page 3). Damaged sidewalks will be the responsibility of the property owners.*

-Pamela Grabowski



Free Christmas Day Dinner at Church of the Advent, 3010 Pioneer Ave. If you are a shut in or aren't able to make it to the church, please call (412) 561-4520. We can deliver your meal to you.



CVS accepts food donations for Brookline Christian Food Pantry. With the cut backs to food stamps there are more people in need of assistance.



OPEN MIC SERIES Cannon Coffee 802 Brookline Blvd. Wednesdays 7:00PM to 10:00PM

THE BROOKLINE HOLIDAY CONTEST WIN A TRAY OF BROOKLINE GOODIES

A Studio Nova 14" round platter will be filled with goodies from **Party Cake, Kribel's, Pitaland and LeCupcake Shoppe.** We will pull the winner's name on December 20 and deliver the tray in time for Christmas. Enter by dropping your name and telephone number in the contest box at **Cannon Coffee**, emailing us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net with your name and telephone number and putting "Contest Entry" in the subject line, or snail mailing at **The Brookline**, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. This month's entry must be in our hands by December 20. We will announce the December winner in the January newsletter. **NOVEMBER CONTEST WINNER WAS MARY FRANCISCUS**

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ONE ENTRY PER PERSON. IF YOU ENTERED THE 2013 RECONSTRUCTION BUCKS CONTEST, WE ALREADY HAVE YOUR ENTRY.



The Heritage Players are pleased to announce their mainstage productions for the 2014 season:

- *March Hay Fever*, Noel Coward's comedy directed by Carol Shafer
- *June The Crucible*, Arthur Miller's drama directed by Nicole Zalak
- *October Little Women (the musical)* by Allan Knee, Jason Howland, and Mindi Dickstein directed by Tyson Sears

The Heritage Players will present "A Tuna Christmas," the comedy by Ed Howard, Joe Sears, and Jaston Williams on December 15 and 21 at 2:00 PM at the Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline. The box office opens one half hour before curtain. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. For more information phone 412-254-4633.



SUNDAY TRASH WALK/TRASH TALK

Join us on Sunday to clean the Boulevard. We usually arrive at Cannon Coffee around 2:00PM, but don't wait for us. Bring your own bags, gloves and pickers. If no one shows, pick up on your own.

- 10/13 19 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 26 cents
- 10/20 11 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 25 cents

ADOPT-A-BLOCK



- Remember safety first!
- Make sure you wear gloves.
 - Don't lose sight of your hand. That means don't reach into bushes. You don't know what's there. Keep in touch with us. Give us your weekly bag count. We will be waiting to hear which block you are adopting, so email us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net and put Adopt-A-Block in the subject line, call us at 412-343-2859 or write to us at **The Brookline**, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

ADOPTED BLOCKS

- Bellaire Ave. bet. Whited & Edgebrook - *Jennifer Grab*
- Gallion Ave. - *Lisa Wilson*
- Brookline Blvd. bet. Merrick & Starkamp - *Patty & Dan Kaczmariski*
- Rossmore Ave. bet. Flatbush & Wedgemere - *Mary Jo O'Toole*
- Norwich Ave. - *Michael & Pamela Grabowski*
- 900 Woodbourne Ave. - *Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller*
- 10/1 *Diane*: 900 Woodbourne and LaJoie Way - Full blue bag and full grocery bag
- 10/7 *Mary Anne*: 900 block of Woodbourne and portion of Harex Way - 1/4 kitchen bag of trash.
- 10/14 *Diane*: Picked up 1 full bag of trash mostly cigarette packs and a half bag of recyclables
- 10/22 *Mary Anne*: 900 block of Woodbourne and portion of Harex Way - 1/4 kitchen bag of trash.
- 10/29 *Diane*: Very little trash this week. Found a quarter.
- 600 Mayville - *Peg Sherwood & Mac*
- 500 Berkshire - *Sarah McCalla*
- 900 to 1100 Berkshire - *Fred & Linda Smith Family*
- Area bordered by Berwin, Birtley, Pioneer & Beaufort - *Neal & Stewart Families*
- Plainview Ave. from Jillson to Capital - *Jim Sheppard*
- Merrick Ave. bet Eben St. & Brookline Blvd. - *Eileen Papale*
- 800 Fordham Ave. - *Erika Hough*
- Eathan Ave. - *Jody Krieger*
- Lynnbrook bet. Marloff & dead end - *Matt & Joey Pilewski*
- Brookline Blvd. from the 1500 block to Breining - *The Baldinger Family*
- 700 Woodbourne - *Mary Zottoli*
- Corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm - *Parishoners of St. Mark*
- Whited - *Betty Lauda*
- Waddington, Kenilworth & Pioneer bet. - *Kim Sabol*
- Bellaire Ave. bet Pioneer Ave. & Whited - *Denise Robinson*
- Rossmore at Flatbush & Glenarm & Oletha Alley bet. Flatbush & Glenarm - *Zachary & Sarah Zelazny*
- Eben St. - *Kutschbach Family, Smooches to Pooches*



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COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

When I first came on to **Pittsburgh City Council** in January of 2010, the nation was experiencing its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Though Pittsburgh has fared better than other parts of the country, we still have been faced with problems. I came into the office and was able to jumpstart some great projects--but traditional federal and state revenue channels have dried up, and finding funding for projects suddenly became more difficult than ever before. Because of the recession, we have received less money to spend on things like maintaining our roads, funding youth employment programs, and offering grant opportunities for neighborhood revitalization.

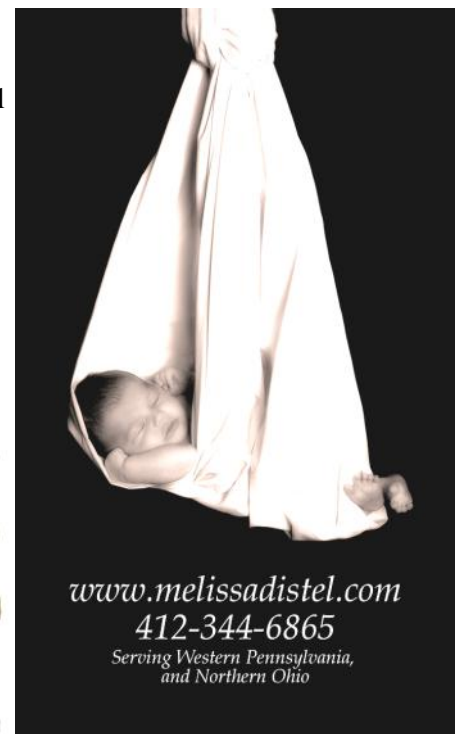
But despite these setbacks, Brookline has kept its head above water. Thanks in large part to President Obama's federal stimulus, **Mazza Pavilion** saw a fabulous renovation, allowing its residents to stay on the Boulevard in an impressive new facility. After a robust community process, we were able to finally initiate a multi-million dollar reconstruction project on the Boulevard. And from the grassroots, a revitalized business district has sprouted all around us. A new cafe became not just a place to satisfy a craving for caffeine and pastries but also a community anchor. New shops offering cupcakes, tattoos, and boutique clothing proved that our younger generation is just as entrepreneurial as our predecessors. Egyptian, Ghanaian, and Latino restaurants and markets sprouted up alongside legacy Brookline eateries. The successful **Taste of Brookline** festival was launched by everyday residents coming together to plan something fun and new. An identity visioning process brought Brookliners out to meet their neighbors and brainstorm ways to get the message of this fantastic Pittsburgh neighborhood out to a wider audience. And all the while, people took note. There's been a slew of positive press about Brookline recently, and our prospects are better than ever.

On November 5, thanks to the residents of the neighborhoods of District 4, I was honored to be reelected to a second term. Along with me, Theresa Kail-Smith and Daniel Lavelle were reelected, and Daniel Gilman and Deb Gross were elected to serve on Council for the first time. And, of course, Councilman Bill Peduto was elected Mayor.

I supported Bill from the very beginning because, in working closely with him on Council, I saw what the voters would later see: he's a man of incredible integrity with respect for all of the City's neighborhoods and a vision for our future. While working to grow new businesses and attract new residents in his own District 8, he has made sure that the communities themselves are involved in decision-making every step of the way. Using the same models that Councilman Peduto and community groups used to bring life back to neighborhoods like East Liberty, Bloomfield, and Friendship, we look forward to strengthening and growing our South Pittsburgh neighborhoods.

Bill brings with him professionalism, competence, and transparency. In fact, as he and his team prepare to move to the Mayor's Office, he has invited Pittsburghers to apply to serve on transition committees focused on issues from public works to finance to education and neighborhood reinvestment--learn more and apply at www.ournewpittsburgh.com. And showing his commitment to the concept of the most qualified person getting the job, he and local foundations have worked together to open up hiring to anyone who's interested. To apply for a job with the new administration, visit www.talent-city.com.

When you partner active, enthusiastic residents with a City government that empowers communities, something amazing happens. Neighborhoods reemerge like flowers poking up in the beginning of spring. And the truth is that Brookline is well on its way to success. Though we're always battling against big problem trends--suburban big box stores sapping life away from our City neighborhoods, or income inequality weakening our middle class--we won't stop fighting to ensure Brookline is a walkable, family-friendly, economically vibrant community that is the envy of Pittsburgh.



LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN BROOKLINE



Piatto is located next door to **Brookline Pub**. The Italian food here is a little different. For instance, instead of the ubiquitous Wedding Soup, **Piatto** features Tortellini Straciatella. Straciatella in Italian means torn apart. A beaten raw egg is poured into the hot broth so it looks like it has been torn apart. It's a nice change. The house salad features a spicy dressing. **Piatto** is worth a try.



Necessities I opened at 818 Brookline Boulevard. They carry a variety of gently used furniture and household items. There are also books, cds, and dvds. It's a good place to browse. You just might find something you wanted, but didn't want to buy at brand new prices. We spotted a butcher block hostess stand and several pieces from This End Up.



Listen up! **Moonlite Café** still serves Louie's fantastic food. Now **Moonlite Café** is an entertainment venue as well. On the weekends there's a DJ and often a live band. They are working on a new daily menu. In the meantime, check out their Facebook page for daily specials. If you are looking for music and food in a smoke free environment, **Moonlite Café** is your place to stop starting at 9:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Look for more information in our January issue.



What's Going on at Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5?

(Continued from page 8)

tine, Alex Rowser, Kyie Schanck, Brayden Smith, Danielle Swearingen, McKayla Vietmeier, and Aric White.

Third Grade – Allison Berlin, Dorian Bilkerdijk, Kameron Cheatom, Brenna Clegg, Jacob Grosse, Jayson High, Samarra Laur, Ashley Lippold, Gabriella Stanizzo, Israel Sylcott, Carly Ayers, Rylee Blake, Cheyenne Burgos, Bella Crapis, Michele Defide, Delaney Devault, Isaiah Dixon, Sara Dugan, Benjamin Fishman, Mikalah Freeman, Lindsey Greb, Christopher Grosse, Katelynn Joyce, Ireland Kennedy, Shi'Quon Lane, Shane McCalla, and Destiny Stone.

Fourth Grade - Aaron Anthony, Adrianna Artzberger, Evan Carter, Carter Czegan, Emerson Davis-Martin, Keegan Derrick, Lenia Felix, Shylynn Hancock, Christian Hutchison, Maura Lenkner, Bayleigh Meade, Cole Morrison, Cody Wadlow, Kailee Waite, Kevin Ayers, Mohammed Baled, Timothy Bateman, Ashlyn Bushmen, Mitchell Collinworth, Thomas Conley, Elizabeth Dugan, Allison Krapp, Hanna Kuchnicki, Madison Lohner, Haylee Manna, Leslie Manson, Day-Jour Pack, Giselle Pennix, Casey Price, Jenna Proie, Sela Rectenwald, Damar Williams and Milena Yochus.

Fifth Grade – Mac Anderson, Alexander Collinworth, Samuel Conley, Madison Heid, Nicholas Mohan, Ariyana Moore, Visawn Pennix, Emily Pham, Jessica Schmidt, Daniel Stangrecki, Jaden Vincent, Elijah Williams, Tyler Andrews, Nicholas Ault, Kaylin Bradley, Cameron Colwell, Zoe Deline, Madison Kyle, Lynasia Lane, Jennifer Lippold, Tyler Palmer, Emily Synowiec, and Savannah White.

That's all for now. Keep up the great work. Wishing you and your families many wonderful holiday memories. Remember Pittsburgh West Liberty is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

-Deonne Arrington, Principal
-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First grade teacher

Banksville Staff Committed to Increasing Safety



This past summer the **Pittsburgh Public School District** took measures to increase security across all school buildings through improving signage visibility, streamlining the visitor check-in policy, and by installing emergency safety locks on all classroom doors. In order to further ensure the safest school environment possible, the entire **Banksville School Staff**, including teachers, paraprofessionals, secretarial/clerical, and custodial members collaboratively engaged in training on emergency Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use, and Emergency Choking procedures. This school-wide training was a direct result of the overall staff's desire to increase individual and concerted knowledge in an effort to better serve our students and families. This idea was initially brought forth by staff members during October's Instructional Cabinet and Discipline/Safety meeting. Community resources were sought out by the Principal, **Mr. May**, to bring this concept and training to fruition. Special thanks goes out to **Pittsburgh Emergency Medical Service's Community Outreach Program** and Chief **Michael Robinson**. This free community outreach program, offered through **Pittsburgh EMS**, provided three dedicated **Pittsburgh Paramedics** who came to the school and provided over three hours of training, resulting in CPR certification for all **Banksville** staff members. We here at **Banksville** are committed to nurturing the whole child, through academics, physical well-being, and promoting increased safety. We are excited that we were able to take this additional measure to further support our mission.



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*-David P May, Principal
Banksville Elementary School*



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HALLOWEEN IN BROOKLINE



Halloween Parade Award Winners

Scariest Category:

- First Place – Jordan Jackson, Age 12
- Second Place – Kenzie, Age 12
- Third Place – Noah Hifri, Age 9
- Fourth Place – Joey Bruno – Age 5

Original Category:

- First Place – Madison Falvo, Age 5
- Second Place – Ava Margerum, Age 3
- Third Place – Charleigh Recker, Age 4 months
- Fourth Place – Julia Githin, Age 7

Group Category:

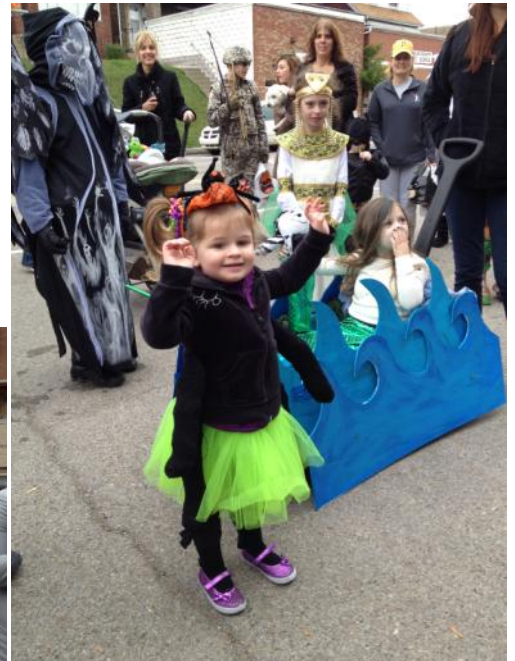
- First Place – Amy and Mikayla Pennell
- Second Place – Brad, Cathy, Abby and Sammie
- Third Place – Malana and Anthony Kuhn
- Fourth Place – Jim and Wendy Evans

Funniest Category:

- First Place – Grady, Age 11 months
- Second Place – Ian Potts, Age 5
- Third Place – Nico, Age 6
- Fourth Place – Jasmine Castanedce, Age 8

Pet Category:

- First Place – Melissa Hifri
- Second Place – Jennelle
- Third Place – Holly Wolff





REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

My first twelve months in this office have been incredibly busy. I have held events and activities all across the district, and have met with thousands of residents of this district. Beginning with our first public policy hearing in February attracting nearly 200 Pittsburghers to talk about the importance of finding a sustainable funding source for mass transit and extending to our recent activities surrounding the Affordable Care Act, I have remained committed to focusing on the issues that matter to you and directing my office to work hard to become your effective community resource for state and government matters.

Hundreds of you have visited my office on Brookline Boulevard or come to our open houses, and I've met many more at community meetings across the district. I'm proud of the work that we've been able to accomplish together, and I'm looking forward to the next year and beyond.

I have been hosting events in local libraries to help people enroll in the new health insurance Marketplace. As many of us know by now, there have been technical issues affecting the new website, www.healthcare.gov. These are expected to be resolved very soon, and consumers have until March 31 to enroll for this year. If you have been having difficulty using the site or would like to know more about your health insurance options under the new law, please call my office to receive assistance.

This is the last call for 2013 Senior Property Tax and Rental Rebates. Depending on your income, you may be eligible for up to \$650 in the form of a rebate, funded through the Pennsylvania Lottery. My office can help you with the form, which must be submitted by December 31st. We are also available to assist you with the application for the LIHEAP program for low income households who are looking for assistance with their heating bills.

As always, if there is anything I can do to assist you, please reach out to me and my office at 412-343-2094.

What's Happening at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

November seemed to be colder than usual, but it didn't stop the students and staff at **Pittsburgh Brookline** from having a productive month! We had conferences so that parents and family members could find out how their students did during the first nine-week grading period. During conferences, we had a raffle for a large AFLAC duck. The **Reeves** family won the duck, and \$82 was raised to purchase paper for classroom teachers. The PTA also held a bake sale to raise money for Fun Day.

Middle school students who met the criteria for Promise-Ready behavior went on a field trip to a University of Pittsburgh women's basketball game. The Lady Panthers played Bucknell, and they won! First through fifth grade students attended the play **A Midsummer Night's Dream** at Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts High School as their reward for appropriate behavior.

We are happy to announce our high honor roll students for the first nine weeks of school. Congratulations and keep studying!

Destiney Abbott, Gabriel Adcock, Piper Algas, Angela Alibrahimi, Joseph Alibrahimi, Leyla Alibrahimi, Miray Alkassis, Bana Almoussa, Leondo Alston, Bella Alvarado, Jessie Assaf, Madigan Balfe, Hema Baniya, Navante Banks-Germany, Tarah Barrett, Madelynn Bergstein, Jonathan Bernotas, Abigail Berumen, Reyna Berumen, Kathryn Bodnar, John Bogden, Emma Bottorff, Anabelle Bouchard, Tristan Bouchard, Logan Brown, Isabella Buono, Julianna Buono, Isabella Burkhard, Austyn Byrd, Brianna Carpenter, Jasmine Castaneda, Jocee Cernick, Zachary Cicco, Cambrie Clark, Darren Constance, Xavier Corrie, Casey Cunningham, Daniel Cunningham, Aliena Damas, Alex Dayoub, Bryan Delandro, Nicholas Delmastro, Aaron Dembosky, Andrew Dembosky, Olivia Diaz, Ayden Dickman, Gabriella Dietz, Clarice Dissell, Denico Dougherty, Justina Duffy, Sean Dugan, Olivia Dyer, Griffin Englehardt, Kurt Englehardt, Casey Evans, and Deanna Evans.

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Mya Marzan, Yanna Mavrogeorgis, Mya Maxwell, Kaitlin McCarthy, Nicholas McCleary, Zoey McCullough,

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FALL REDD-UP



We had a great time on October 26 cleaning up Brookline with a bus full of undergrads from University of Pittsburgh thanks to their Make a Difference Day. We split into several teams to tackle most of the neighborhood problem spots, and really snagged a lot of trash. Special thanks to Pitt, **Keith E Knecht, Nathan Mallory, Pamela Grabowski, Michael Grabowski, Travis Sefzik, Megan Zirkel, Eileen Pa-pale, Alex Pazuchanics, and Ryan Askey.** Cannon Coffee was kind enough to host our base of operations and **Antonio's Pizza** had a ton of pizza for us.

Some vital stats:
36 undergraduate students plus their sponsors helped out

- 18 tires were retrieved
- 35 bags of trash were filled
- 2 big televisions, 2 oxygen tanks, and a giant propane tank were found
- 1 mouse was rescued and adopted
- Well over 40 packs of Newports were found, making it the #1 cigarette choice among Brookline litterers
- 10 pizzas from Antonio's were consumed in record time
- 1 dozen delicious mini-cupcakes from **Le Cupcake Shoppe** were rushed out to a truckful of grimy trash collectors
- Over 13,000 Brookliners' lives were made better by the efforts of everyone.



Thanks to everyone that stopped and said thank you, including the incredible person that cut flowers for the trash collectors! Remember, you can do your part every day to help this problem out. Teach people, especially children, about the harm that littering does. Pick up trash around your neighborhood.

Keep Brookline beautiful!



-Ryan Askey
Photos by *Ryan Askey*



Photo above: This is a bag of butts. Please use the cigarette butt containers attached to the trash cans on the Boulevard.

Photo by **Pamela Grabowski**



Board members **Keith E Knecht** and **Travis Sefzik** after hauling everything down to the **Rec Center**.

NINETY

There was a mayoral election last month in Pittsburgh, but if you were at **Cannon Coffee** on October 28, you would have had the chance to run in a different kind of election! My friend and former colleague **Adam Shuck** and I designed a board game we called **NINETY: The Campaign for Mayor of Pittsburgh**, and debuted it at **Cannon** with three games going simultaneously. In **NINETY**, players take on the roles of candidates such as the Transit Advocate, Student Body President, and Barista and spend the final two weeks of the campaign attending events throughout the city, door-knocking for votes, and slinging mud at their opponents. We were very pleased by the turnout and look forward to getting more people to play the game in the future!

-Alex Pazuchanics
Photos by *Amy Fisher*



Alex Pazuchanics, left and Adam Shuck, right




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Brookline Chamber of Commerce CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce Annual Memory Tree will once again be lit in memory or honor of our loved ones. The tree will be displayed in Cannon Coffee's window starting Saturday, November 30 during the Brookline Celebrate Christmas social. All names will hang on the tree for all to remember throughout the Holiday Season. Your donation will reflect the memory of a friend or loved one.

For more info contact: Nathan at the Cannon Coffee or Linda at A-Boss Opticians.

Happy Holiday to you and your Family,
Your support to Brookline Chamber of Commerce is appreciated.

Christmas Lighting Committee

Please use this portion to mail your donation.

Make check payable to: Brookline Chamber of Commerce and mail or drop off to:
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Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

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Gabriella Snyder, Roland Snyder, Virginia Snyder, Samantha Sommer, Gabriel Spinello, Lena Stalker, Nena Stein, Carson Stokes, Travis Strang, Edith Sullivan, Alleyah Sunder, Michael Swazuk, Nathan Swazuk, Ashley Sweeney, Haley Sweeney, Lauren Sweeney, Sophia Swiderski, Tyler Szoszorek, Christian Tarrant, Natalie Tarrant, Adin Teres, Devin Thompson, Allyson Tomasko, Pamela Tomassi, Lam Tran Huynh, Thao Tran, Mackenzie Trosky, Chau Truong, Chuong Truong, Alexia Tsoukalas, Anthony Veltri, Kaitlyn Veltri, Sarah Voelker, Jaiden Wadlow, Sean Walker, Colby Watt, Brendan Weis, Liam Weyand, Anthony Winters, Marisa Wolff, Joseph Wolkiewicz, Joshua Wolkiewicz, Lillian Worcester, Alithini Xenakis, Aristocles Xenakis, Philip Xenakis, Madison Young, and David Zulka.

-Amy Cornelius



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