

Newsletter

FITLER SQUARE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC



It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of our good friend, neighbor and former FSIA Board president Helene Morlok. She was a funny, generous person, who always helped at the White Elephant Booth at the Annual Fair. The Fair and the tree lighting were Helene's favorite events at the park.

Helene, along with her husband Bill and their son Billy, lived at 2410 Pine Street, the former Horn (of Horn and Hardart's) mansion, which she and Bill bought in 1982, and by 1983 had lovingly and painstakingly renovated from a fluorescent-lit office to its former beauty, including a loggia and koi pond. She always offered her home to the Board for end-of-year parties, meetings, even a night of pricing items for the White Elephant Booth. When the Fitler Square House Tour was still being held, the tour always began or ended at Helene's.

She served as president of FSIA from 1998-2001, but had started to help out with gardening and such at Fitler Square as early as 1978. At that time, she and Bill lived at 23rd and Delancey, and through renovations there, met early Board members George "Scotty" Scott as well as Bill and Jean Rapp who encouraged them to volunteer at



the White Elephant Booth at the Fair.

Helene also volunteered at The Philadelphia School during the years her son attended, and also worked in the after-school program overseeing children for over 20 years. Many of us will remember her in the school yard every afternoon with her whistle around her neck and a big smile on her face.

We will all remember her fondly. A fund in Helene's name has been set up by her friends and family in her memory, and we have plans to use the funds to improve the shed in some way, since Helene was very instrumental in having the wrought iron planter installed. If you wish to contribute, please send a so-designated check to the FSIA address.



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Message from our President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

What a wonderful night of jubilation on Saturday, October 6, when the Fitler Square Improvement Association celebrated 50 years of its existence. Not only was it a night of "fun" raising, it was also a night of phenomenal fund-raising, with a surprise announcement from our Councilman Kenyatta Johnson that he is providing a \$25,000 grant to help us replace our well-worn wooden benches. We also plan to scrape and paint the surrounding wrought iron fence, a much needed improvement. Thank you to everyone who joined us that night, especially Senator Larry Farnese, who took time from his busy schedule to congratulate us at the Jubilee.

Our holiday tree lighting event was extra special this year, as we combined it with our menorah lighting ceremony. The wet weather cleared up just long enough for The Philadelphia School singers Measure For Measure to sing in the holiday season, for us to light the trees and menorah, drink some delicious hot cider and cocoa made by our Board members Marlene Blume and Maria Obropta, and welcome Santa Clause and Mrs. Claus, who arrived in style on their bicycle-drawn carriage, courtesy of Chariots of Philly. It really was a magical night.

Look for the improvements to Fitler Square that your membership donation allows us to accomplish. We at Fitler Square Improvement Association wish you and your family a wonderful 2013

Warmest Regards, Judy



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What's Going On - check our website, trinityat22nd.org, for updates

October			January		
15-20	10:00-2:00	Tibetan Mandala Creation	6	10:30am	Epiphany, Christmas Story Pageant
19	7:00 pm	Tibetan Festival & Concert	10	7:00pm	Grid Alive
20	8:00 pm	Al-Bustan Concert	20	12:00pm	Cookoff-Prepare Meals for the Hungry
21	12:00pm C	ookoff-Prepare Meals for the Hungry	20	3:00pm	Astral Artists Concert
21	3:00pm	Dolce Suono Concert	26	8:00pm	Philadelphia Voices of Pride Choir
22	5:30pm	Central District Plan public meeting			
					February
			13	Noon, 7:0	3
	Novem ber		17		Cookoff-Prepare Meals for the Hungry
1		Bowerbird Music of Changes Concert	17	3:00pm	Dolce Suono Concert
4	10:30am	All Saints' Observance	22	8:00pm	Piffaro Renaissance & Orchestra 2001
7	7:00pm	Grid Alive	23	1:30pm	Astral Artists Kids' Concert
11	11:45am	WinterShelter Blessing and Opening	23	8:00pm	Al-Bustan Concert
11	3:00pm	Astral Artists Concert			
16	7:00pm	Al-Bustan Concert			March
18		ookoff-Prepare Meals for the Hungry	2	2:00pm	Pages to Pirouettes: Kid's Cinderella
22	6:00pm (CORP & Wintershelter Thanksgiving	7	7:00pm	Grid Alive
			16	1:30pm	Astral Artists Kids' Concert
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2	3:00pm	Astral Artists Concert	24	10:15am	Palm Sunday begins at
8	10-3 Holiday Bazaar, Wreath Sale, Café Noel			Rittenhouse Square, continues at TMC	
9	4:00pm	Al-Bustan Concert	28	6:00pm	Holy Thursday Supper & Eucharist
15		Pages to Pirouettes: Kid's Nutcracker	29	Noon, 7:0	
16	-	ookoff-Prepare Meals for the Hungry	31	10:30am	Easter, Festive Eucharist
16	12:30-3:30	CCRA Sacred Spaces Open House			
	1:00-2:00 Carol Sing		1.0	April	
16		sfreud Wintershelter Benefit Concert	13	7:30pm	Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society
22	8:00pm	Piffaro Renaissance Band	14	3:30pm	Astral Artists Concert
24	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Concert	21	-	Cookoff-Prepare Meals for the Hungry
	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship	20	1:30pm	Astral Artists Kids' Concert
	7:00pm Festive Reception		21	4:00pm Rittenhouse Sq Flower Mkt Fund Raiser	
			28	3:00pm	Dolce Suono Concert

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Annual membership dues and other individual donations fund major improvements to and the maintenance of Fitler Square.

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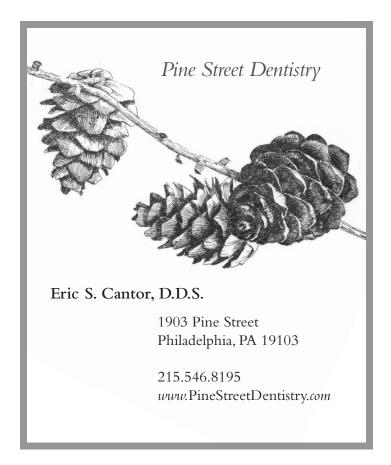
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