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The President's Message

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As you read this, the Holiday trimmings will be put away, and the joys of Christmas with family and friends will be lovingly filed away in the scrapbook of our minds. Mary joins me in extending our very best wishes to each of you for continued good health, happiness and prosperity as we go forward in 2011. I also want to thank you for all that hard work you put forward to benefit your fellow Westinghouse Retirees, the Community organizations you serve - and most of all, the less fortunate who depend on your help.

2010 was a very good year for the SURE organization. We've maintained our membership, closing out the year with 878 supporting members, about the same as last year. Likewise, we've continued the number of organizations you so selflessly serve in our communities. But 2010 wasn't all work and no play. The SURE Tour Group took a wonderful trip to Ireland in June, and "decked the halls" during their Hollywood Christmas trip in December. Of note was a very special day in October at the John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh where we toured the wonderful and inspiring Vatican Splendors Display, and Historian Ed Reis guided us through the expanded Westinghouse exhibits. We owe a debt of gratitude to Gerry and Don Angel for continuing to arrange these excellent trips year after year. From all of us - Thanks a million!

I had the great privilege to accept an invitation to represent our organization at Duquesne University's Annual Awards Luncheon on November 7 where SURE member Ed Rock was presented Duquesne's Lifetime Achievement Award for his seven decades of service to his Country, his Community and his University. Here at SURE, Ed is the coordinator of the Community Service by Veterans Program, one of our largest. Congratulations Ed! You are certainly an inspiration to us all.

In our previous issue, I announced SURE's new Matching Gift Program, under which we will match your donations to organizations we serve in this, their time of such severe need. A number of requests and checks have already been received at the SURE office, and Treasurer Bob Plummer is now processing them. I wish to thank those of you who have made generous donations to support that important program.

And finally...it's that time again. Some weeks ago you received an invoice for your 2011 SURE dues along with a request for that extra donation. Many thanks to those of you who have already submitted it. If you've mislaid the slip, you'll find another on the last page of this Newsletter. Why not send in your dues while you're thinking about it? Just clip the slip and send it to the SURE office along with you check (the extra donations will be much appreciated). As you know, SURE is a member supported organization with no other source of income. The good we do can only be continued with your help. Fortunately, we have no paid staff. But our expenses increase continually, and it's up to all of us to provide the means to pay them. I know I can count on you to do your part.

Don't Forget ... A volunteer is someone who believes that people can make a difference ... and is willing to prove it! - Author Unknown

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SURE will match donations to any organization served by a SURE project.

To be eligible, SURE 2011 dues must be paid. This is indicated on your mailing label as: DUES CURRENT, Paid to 12/31/2011

SURE will match donations between \$100 and \$250. Individual matching gifts from SURE will not exceed \$250.

Members (including spouses) may make only one donation to be matched per quarter.

Matching gifts will be disbursed on a first come-first served basis. Donations not matched due to insufficient funds will be served in the following quarter.

Matching funds will be available at the rate of \$1,250 per quarter.

Spotlight Award For November

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Our SURE Spotlight Award Volunteer for January is **Jeanne Pavlik**. She has been logging hours in our SURE database with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust program since 1997, now totaling more than 5000 hours. Her selection for this award was strongly supported by her coordinator, Barbara Mohan, as well as our board of directors. Jeanne is the spouse of Ron Pavlik, who worked at the Westinghouse East Pittsburgh works for 38 years before retiring as a Manager of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

Jeanne and Ron are both North Braddock natives that started dating in high school and then married after Ron served two years in the Army during the Korean War. They have raised two sons, R.J. and Gregg, have a grandson, Stephen, and have been happily married for 53 years.

Jeanne entered the work force before marriage and worked seven years for US Steel in the Industrial Relations Department at the Edgar Thomson Works in Braddock. Much later, she worked as a temporary employee at the Westinghouse Madison site for Dr. Murray, the chief scientist. This experience led her to start her own company, Temp Services, in 1978 which she ran until 1993.

Volunteering is something that comes natural for Jeanne. She grew up in a family where that was a virtue. While raising her sons, she volunteered at the school including assisting some teachers. In retirement, she has been very active volunteering for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. She serves as an usher at the Benedum Theater, the Byham Theater and the Cabaret. Over the last 17 years, she has accumulated over 5950 hours serving Pittsburgh's theater-goers in this way.

Jeanne is a very energetic lady and she and Ron love to travel. They have visited all 50 of our states and all of the continents except Antarctica. Visits to the pyramids of Egypt, the Great Wall of China and a Safari in Africa are just a few of the highlights of their travel experiences.

Jeanne finds her volunteering to be very rewarding. She really enjoys being in the theater and helping, in a small way, to promote a comfortable, pleasant

atmosphere for those that come to enjoy an evening of entertainment in one of Pittsburgh's beautiful theaters.



Maury Barb Ron Jeanne Marv

Many thanks to Jeanne for her commitment to making our theater district visits a pleasant experience. If you are thinking you might like to join Jeanne in a volunteering effort, please call me send me an email.

Daffodil Days

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The American Cancer Society will sponsor Daffodil Days at Century III Mall again next March. As in past years, Westinghouse SURE will support this endeavor. Volunteers make sales at two locations in the Mall for 3 or 4-hour shifts. Don Kopelic will be in touch with last year's volunteers once the dates have been finalized, but new volunteers are welcome. If you would like more information in helping with Daffodil Days and supporting a worthy cause, contact Don at (412) 487-2610 or dkopelic@verizon.net.

Calling All Volunteers!

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In January you will be receiving calls from your coordinator(s) seeking volunteer hours you have logged during the last 6 months of 2010. Please note that volunteer hours can be from spouses as well as (W) retirees in that spouses are SURE members. Also please note that time spent driving to and from the

site of the volunteering should be included. So, please be thinking about the volunteering you are doing so you will be ready when that call comes from your coordinator. If you are volunteering in a program that does not serve a political party or a church, and you don't have a coordinator asking for those hours, please call me and we will try to approve your project.

Ed Rock – A Lifetime of Service

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Westinghouse SURE Congratulates SURE member Ed Rock, recipient of Duquesne University's 2010 Mind, Heart and Spirit Lifetime Achievement Award. The presentation was made to Ed at Duquesne's Award Celebration on November 7, 2010.

The honor recognizes the totality of Ed's efforts and his unwavering commitment to Duquesne and its mission, with an emphasis on World Concerns, given his global experiences in Indo China during World War II. "Few living Alumni" the citation states "can trace their roots on our bluff back to the years before that war. Even before choosing Duquesne (over Notre Dame), he gave his time at Sarah Heinz House, serving less fortunate youth." Once at Duquesne, Ed co-founded the Beta Pi Sigma fraternity, and after returning from the war, he devoted countless hours to reviving it. Throughout his Westinghouse career and into retirement, he remained a stalwart volunteer for his parish and for numerous veterans' and civic organizations in addition to his outstanding service to Duquesne. "As a member of "the Greatest Generation", Ed has set a sterling example for today's students to emulate," the citation concludes.



Ed called me a number of years ago and suggested that we initiate a SURE project to recognize the volunteer contributions of military veterans for the benefit of their communities. He stepped up and agreed to be the new SURE project's coordinator. Once initiated, Ed made contact with numerous

SURE member veterans and regularly contacts them regarding their volunteer activities. As a result, Ed Rock's Community Service by Veterans activity has logged 43,653 hours since we began collecting data, the fourth best performing of SURE's nearly 50 volunteer projects.

Congratulations Ed. Your determination, selfless efforts and boundless enthusiasm are a shining inspiration to all of us!

The Consumer Corner

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The 2010 Leftover Turkey Awards

Since my children and grandchildren enjoy having turkey for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays at my house, that is what I bought, two big ones. Afterwards, there is always a problem as to what to do with the leftovers. Taking a cue from the late Senator William Proxmire's "Golden Fleece" Awards and "Esquire" magazine's "Dubious Achievement" Awards I am sending this years "Leftover Turkey" awards to...

- The animal rights activists who propose that we adopt a turkey rather than eating one, suggesting that we "stuff a squash" instead, and offering a snapshot, suitable for framing, of the adoptee, for only \$15.
- The consumer who called the consumer reporter at a local TV station to inquire if the reason the tuna can net weight decreased was because the manufacturer had taken the dolphin out. Seriously!!
- Stores claiming that they have the lowest prices when they really don't, and to the customers who believe their claims.
- The customer service representative who answered my 1-800 phone call question on why Green Giant canned green beans went from a net weight of 16 oz. to 14 ½ ounces. She stated I was actually getting more because the old can had 2 servings vs. 3 ½ servings in the new can. Of course she didn't note that the old can offered two 1-cup servings while the new can has 3 ½ half-cup servings. Do the math and let her and Green Giant choke on turkey.

- Manufacturers who print “Not to be doubled” on their coupons, to permit an in-store promotion of their product without profit detriment to coupon-doubling grocery owners. Cutting the wholesale price to the grocer in the amount of the coupon would do the same thing and save a whole bunch of headaches for both parties. It would also improve the sales to those who don’t pay attention to in-store coupons.
- The anti-consumer bureaucrats in Pennsylvania’s Dept. of Agriculture who have, this year, committed to extensive outsourcing of what used to be the exclusive inspection oversight responsibility of the Division of Weights and Measures on things like gas pumps and grocery scales. They think that the owners of the pumps and/or scales or other selected non-government inspectors will do a better job. This year they get the entrails and the carcass of my turkeys.

Well, next year I’ll just have to buy even bigger turkeys. There simply aren’t enough leftovers to go around.

In the spirit of the season, my husband Len and I want to wish you and yours a most happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Modernizing Your Memories

FIFTH in a Series: Converting Your Vinyl

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Do you have a stash of vinyl LP albums with your old favorites: Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Mills Brothers, Rosemary Clooney, and all the golden oldies from yesteryear? You probably don’t bother to get out your turntable to play them anymore. Oh, you can shop around and find some updated versions of these oldies on CDs, but somehow they aren’t the same as your own old collection!

I have a carton of about 75 records that are my favorites from years past, and I decided to convert them to digital files and then transfer them to CDs. I can also play them directly from my computer.

The first thing I did was to replace my out-dated record player. Imagine this—I still have a 50-year old Westinghouse changer—a product of the Small Electronics Division in Edison, NJ! It has served its purpose, but it isn’t very good anymore.

There are many turntables available today for playing these old records. I shopped around and found an ION PROFILE LP, which comes with a connector to the computer USB plus software that helps manage the transfer and even helps you document the sound tracks from your records. I bought it from zzounds.com for \$80 (free S&H). For \$30 more, you can purchase model LP DECK, which allows you to also copy the records directly to an iPod, if you have one. Or—you can shop for something else. Just Google “USB turntable.”

That takes care of the hardware/software part of the procedure. But a key to success is to make sure your old LPs are clean and free of oil, dust, fingerprints, and grunge. And this may depend on where you have been storing them all these years. If they have been carefully stored in their dust covers and cases, you will be ahead of the game.

I followed a procedure for washing vinyl records that I found on the Internet. You use everyday dish soap, warm water, and a wet record brush. The detailed steps are described at this website: instructables.com/id/cleaning-vinyl-records/. This is the procedure I used and it worked quite well. Finding a record brush was a little tricky, but at sleevetown.com/record-brushes.shtml I discovered one for \$17 plus \$5 S&H. You can spend more—or less. But be sure to buy one that can be used as a wet brush.

Tip: To dry the records, instead of laying them on a flat surface, per instructions, I balanced them on Manhattan glasses lined up on my dining room table so both sides could dry at the same time.]

Following the cleaning, I used my new turntable and the (supplied) MixMeister *EZ Vinyl/Tape Converter* software to convert the records. The software works in conjunction with Apple *iTunes*, which you can download free from apple.com if you don’t already have it on your computer. (The instructions cover this.)

Converting the records is a one-at-a-time process that must be done in real time, so it takes a while. But you’ll have the enjoyment of listening to all your old music! You can take advantage of the capability for documenting the titles, artists, and soundtracks—or not.

I was well pleased with the final results. The recordings are captured as MP3 files that I play from the playlist in Apple *iTunes* or with Microsoft *Windows Media Player*. I burned CDs as well so I can play them on my CD player or in my car. To make a CD, you simply create a playlist in *iTunes* and burn the CD. You want to create an “Audio CD” (CDA) —not an MP3 or Data CD. Check the results to make sure the disk plays on your machine.

Note: You can usually squeeze two albums onto an 80-minute, 700-megabyte CD.]

Now bear in mind I am not an audiophile, and my hearing is not like it used to be, so I would have to say these copies are “good enough.” My records are now digitized and I can listen whenever I want, wherever I want, and I know that my collection is safeguarded. You can do it, too!

[**Newsflash:** FotoBridge has extended its SURE discount offer through March 2011. Take advantage of it while you can!]

Next: Software Tips & Other Stuff

Giving Up Old Flames

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Smoking cigarettes tops the list of major risk factors of the number one killer – heart and blood vessel disease. Smoking can take your breath away because 1/5 of deaths from heart disease are from smoking. In addition, it harms thousands of non-smokers exposed to the smoke. It is associated with the risk of developing cancer of the lung pharynx, larynx, esophagus, or oral cavity; or an increased risk of peptic ulcer; a high death rate from bronchitis and emphysema and twice the risk of delivering a stillborn baby. It can affect your feet by diminishing circulation, especially for those who have diabetes.

There is no single reason why people smoke, but a complex mixture of much rationalization. The nicotine in tobacco is a stimulus, so they say smoking is a quick pick me up in the AM and keeps one alert throughout the day. Others smoke for the sedative effect it offers during stress, shame, disgust and other negative feelings. Some smoke because others around them smoke, while others do it out of habit without realizing or enjoying it.

Nicotine is *physically* addictive, providing an instant high but the pleasurable effects are short-lived, lasting only as long as the lit cigarette. Catecholamines are hormones that key up the body during immediate danger, are released by nicotine and they decrease the perception of pain and increase the pulse, blood pressure and blood sugar. A person who smokes a pack a day smokes nearly 7,500 cigarettes and inhales 75,000 puffs a year, making smoking a reinforcing behavior and one that is difficult to ignore.

There are many reasons why some people never decide to quit. Others around them smoke and social situations that include casual drinking and alcohol associated with smoking make it difficult. There needs to be a cessation plan, possibly different for each individual. Some can quit “cold turkey” while others have more luck tapering off. Some can quit on their own while others are more successful in an organized group. *Physical* withdrawal from nicotine takes no longer than one week, time enough for the kidneys to clear nicotine from the blood stream. One may experience muscle aches with cramps, irritability, headache, anxiety and sleep disturbances during the first 3-4 days, if at all. *Psychological* withdrawal symptoms can last longer – from weeks to years. There are several approaches and the more directions that are used to attack this, the more successful one is likely to become.

The stimuli that encourages smoking should be avoided. Let others know of the intention to abstain from smoking and actively help and encourage others to stop. When others know, it is a lot harder to start up again. It also helps to find a healthy substitute, activity of habit for smoking like some form of aerobic exercise. Drinking plenty of fluids is encouraged to flush nicotine from the body; however alcohol should not be one of the fluids because alcohol will decrease the will power to turn down a cigarette. Foods or liquids containing caffeine, such as coffee, tea and chocolate often associated with cigarette craving should be avoided. Warm baths and showers for relaxation, stress management techniques and adequate rest are recommended.

A qualified *hypnotist* (physician, osteopath or dentist) allows the subconscious mind to become more receptive to spoken suggestions. The technique concentrates on the triggers of smoking, and the

hypnotic suggestions are attempts to lead away from those triggers.

Acupuncture, painlessly inserting needles into various parts of the body, is another technique, taking 4-5 treatments over a 2-3 week period. Manipulating the needle is thought to dull the urge to smoke but is not effective for everyone.

There are a number of products on the market that help with smoking cessation, such as graduated filters, nicotine chewing gum, and transdermal patches. One out of 5 attempts to quit is successful but about 50% of all US smokers succeed in stopping through repeated attempts.

What occurs after a person stops smoking? The sense of smell and taste return, breathing is easier, smoker's cough is gone, stairs are easier to climb, the mess of smell and burns in clothing have disappeared, no longer a "need for a cigarette," energy increases, less chance of cancer and heart and lung disease and the ability to live longer. Regardless of how much and how long a person has smoked, the risk of heart disease decreases when one quits and in three years the risk is the same as if one never smokes. All strategies are aimed at controlling factors that consciously or unconsciously reinforce smoking behavior.

If you realize how important it is to stop, make it happen. Let's face it; it is not easy to do. It takes self control. And if at first you don't succeed – *TRY, TRY, TRY, TRY, AGAIN!*

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2011 Resolutions:

1. Update: passwords and PIN numbers. Record them in a notebook, keep in a safe place, and tell your spouse or child where you keep them.

2. Place: all the credit and other cards in your wallet on a copier. Copy both sides, in the same order. Make several copies. If you lose a card or it's stolen, this list will be your life saver. There are telephone numbers on the backs of cards to report lost, stolen or problems with your accounts.

3. Encourage: friends who worked for or retired from Westinghouse or one of its successor Companies to join SURE.

4. Volunteer: at least 22 hours during 2011. SURE will be 22 years "young" in 2011.

5. Confirm: that the beneficiaries of your IRA, 401k and Life Insurance policies are up to date with correct spellings, addresses and social security numbers.

6. List: your medications (dosage, time to be taken) and keep a copy in your purse or wallet.

7. Give: next of kin a list of the locations of all your important papers; will, insurance, military discharge, property deed, automobile titles, birth certificates, marriage certificate, broker(s), powers of attorney, cemetery plot, and the key to your bank lock box.

8. Check: your credit reports by getting all 3, free, from Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax at www.annualcreditreport.com and correct any errors. Or call (877) 322-8228. You will have to answer some questions and provide your social security number. Note: These are credit reports, not your credit score, which you only need if you're getting a mortgage or buying a car on time, etc. Annually review your credit reports. See what's there about you and your spending habits.

9. Explain: to your spouse and children how to calculate the **Required Minimum Distribution** from your IRA or 401k, and explain how they must handle their inherited IRAs so they will be "stretched" over their lifetimes to insure a greater total value.

(After making your resolutions, include a date by which you plan to complete that resolution.)

File 2010 tax returns by April 18, 2011:

Washington, D.C. will observe "Emancipation Day" as a holiday on Friday, April 15. This 3 day extension also affects the first 2011 estimated tax due date and the last day for 2010 IRA contributions

ID Theft: LifeLock, Inc., agreed to pay \$11 million to the FTC and \$1 million to 35 state attorneys general to settle charges that the company used false claims to promote its identity theft protection services, which it advertised by displaying the company's CEO's Social Security number on the side of a truck. It told consumers it could provide absolute protection from identity theft if they signed up for its identity protection service. The FTC mailed refund checks of \$10.87 to 957,928 people who were victims of allegedly false claims made.

Suspect or have evidence of credit card fraud?

Place a **Fraud Alert** on your three credit reports, by

calling any of the three credit bureaus and they will notify the other two. The **initial fraud alert** stays in your file for at least 90 days. An **extended fraud alert** stays in your file for seven years. To place either of these alerts, the credit reporting company will require you to provide appropriate proof of your identity, which may include your Social Security number. If you ask for an extended alert, you may have to provide an identity theft report. An identity theft *report* includes a copy of a report you have filed with a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency. **Equifax:** (800) 525-6285 **Experian:** (888) 397-3742 **Trans Union:** (800) 680-7289

Peace Corps is 50 years old: In 1961 Pres John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps. Peace Corps volunteers must be U.S. Citizens and age 18 or over. Seniors today are welcomed. Volunteers serve for 27 months. Peace Corps pays travel and medical care. For more information www.peacecorps.gov or call 1-800-424-8580 (Select Option 1) for an application form.

FTC testified before Congress saying it should consider a browser option that lets consumers choose to "opt out" of cookies or to choose certain types of advertising or data they are willing to have collected about them.

Need old stock prices? Call Carnegie Business library, 412-281-7141, (closed weekends) or www.carnegielibrary.org/research/business.

2010 Roth IRA Conversion Taxes - pay in 2010? 2011 & 2012? You have until you file your return, April 18, 2011 or with extension, form 4868, to Oct 18 to decide if you want to pay the tax on the full amount converted with the 2010 tax return or wait and pay the tax on half of the amount converted with your 2011 tax return and pay the tax on the other half converted with your 2012 tax return.

RFID blocking sleeve? Many credit card companies, transit companies, universities and banks are issuing smart-cards with RFID chips that allow you to simply wave your card at gas station pumps and some ATMs to receive the services. The RFID chip transmits the information stored in the card to the machine. Researchers have demonstrated that data stored on these devices can be stolen without your knowledge from a distance using commercially available scanners. Even the new US passport, also called an e-passport, can be scanned from a distance. You may

need to acquire RFID blocking sleeves to prevent ID thieves from "skimming" information from your credit cards as they stroll past you in the mall or supermarket.

IRS rules for charitable deductions, less than \$250-canceled check OK; \$250 or more, a written acknowledgment from the charity is needed.

Mileage rates for business travel deduct \$0.50/mile in 2010 and \$0.51 in 2011; medical travel and moving deduct \$0.165 in 2010 and \$0.19 in 2011; charitable driving \$0.14 for 2010 and 2011.

2011 Medicare Part B & D Rates for higher income folks: Buried in the in the new health care law is an income-related adjustment for Medicare regular Part D premiums ranging from \$12.00 to \$69.10. This is on top of the income-based premiums for Medicare Part B ranging from \$161.50 to \$369.10. These 2011 charges will be based on your modified adjusted gross income on your 2009 tax return.

2011 Gift-tax exclusion: You may give up to \$13,000 to as many individuals as you choose. Neither giver nor receiver has to file gift-tax returns.

2011 Long Term Care Insurance premium deductions: Age 50 to 60 - \$1,270. Age 69 to 70 - \$3,390. 70 and older - \$4,240. Deduct these premiums as part of medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income.

2010 Alternative Minimum Tax, AMT: As we go to press it looks like if you didn't pay the AMT in 2009, and your financial situation has remained essentially the same, you won't have to pay the AMT tax with your 2010 return. Congress finally approved a tax deal with an adjustment for the 2010 AMT. The AMT is a parallel tax system created in 1969 to make sure that the very wealthy paid at least some tax. But it was never indexed for inflation so Congress has dealt with it by passing temporary patches to raise the exemption level one year at a time, shielding more than 20 million middle-class Americans from this parallel tax system, which disallows many popular tax breaks. The compromise tax package raises the AMT exemption amounts for 2010 to \$47,450 for single filers and \$72,450 for married couples filing jointly. Without congressional action, those exemption amounts would have dropped back to \$33,750 and \$45,000, respectively, for 2010. The top AMT rate is 28%, well below the 35% at which the

regular tax maxes out. But because more income can be taxed by the AMT, you could wind up with a bigger tax bill. And the law says you have to pay whichever bill is higher.

From the desk of Bob Miller provides general information only and does not constitute legal or financial guidance or advice.

TRIPS & TOURS FOR 2011

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

SPRING: Tuesday, May 17, 10 a.m. We will tour and have lunch at the **Westinghouse Nuclear Center in Cranberry**. The tour will consist of the offices, the big Nuclear Plant Control Simulator, the Nuclear Plant Model, the Wellness Center, and Cafeteria. It will also include a description of the building design including all the “green” features, and an update on the nuclear business. Lunch in the 3,000 person cafeteria and transportation will be “on your own.” Please contact Gerry or Don Angel by phone or e-mail to register your interest. Let us know if you would like to go, but would prefer not to drive. We can possibly team you up with someone from your area.

FALL: Plans are in the works for the fall, probably the **first week in October**, to take a tour of the **Berkshires in Massachusetts**. This tour came at the invitation of **George Westinghouse IV**, who offered to take a group of SURE members to the area where their founder’s family settled in the mid 18th Century. A featured Berkshire town is Lee, Massachusetts, a picturesque and idyllic New England town at the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains. It is the Berkshire Gateway and a portal to the entire region’s cherished cultural venues and beloved landscapes.

The original Westinghouse home property, called Erskine Park (no longer standing), is now called Foxhollow. The white marble, native to the area, was used by George Westinghouse to build his private a.c. power plant on the 600-acre Laurel Lake, which was in the back yard of the home, Erskine Park. The home had 1500 Westinghouse incandescent lamps.

The Westinghouse family could play tennis at night, on the world’s first illuminated tennis court. In nearby Great Barrington, Massachusetts, the town was illuminated using Westinghouse a.c. power, the first demonstration of a.c. for lighting a town.

The area is rich with stories of George Westinghouse and who better to tell them than a direct descendant, George Westinghouse IV!

The trip will also include parts of New York, including Schenectady and the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge. Hopefully, we will catch some of the fall foliage.

If you are interested in this tour, let us know by calling or e-mail, so we can continue planning. Let us know if you would prefer to motorcoach all the way (approximately 7 hours) or drive yourself and join the tour in Massachusetts.

Details regarding specific dates, pricing, and accommodations will be announced later.

CHRISTMAS: Thursday, December 8 We will experience a Christkindl Christmas by motorcoaching for the day to Wheeling, West Virginia. We will visit two market houses which in the 1800’s were the oldest market houses in the country. They now house many unique international shops. Inside you will find restaurants, a coffee house, and Oliver’s Pie, where you will receive a slice of pie. You will also tour beautiful St. Alphonsus German Catholic Church which is home to the only weekly Sunday German Mass.

We will continue to Oglebay Resort where you will enjoy: the beautifully decorated Mansion House, the Zoo with Laser Light Show and Model Train Exhibit, the Glass Museum, the Holiday Feast and Christmas Show. We will finish with a guided tour of the Winter Festival of Lights. The nation’s largest light display is created by a world-renowned landscape expert from the Netherlands. Every year nearly 50 new light displays are added.

The price of this tour is \$99 pp. Make your check out to Westinghouse SURE & send to: Gerry Angel, 111 Abington Drive, Pgh, PA. 15216. As always, seating on the motorcoach is in order of payment received.

Details regarding departure locations and times will be announced later.

Death Notices

Adams, Raymond R (84)
Forest Hills
Retired from R&D Center
Died 11/23/2010

Anderson, Carl (76)
New Stanton
Retired from Waltz Mill
Died 11/16/2010

Anderson III, Walter C (87)
Pineville NC
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/21/2010

Bates, Robert L (82)
Ligonier
Retired from Derry
Died 11/29/2010

Belle, Jack (89)
Squirrel Hill
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 11/16/2010

Biesuz, John (90)
Export
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/1/2010

Brozek, Frank J (90)
Forest Hills
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 10/26/2010

Carr, Jr, W. James (92)
Pittsburgh
Retired from R&D Center
Died 11/16/2010

Clugston, Charles "Gibby" (92)
Monroeville
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/18/2010

Crimbly, Matthew (70)
Greensburg
Retired from Waltz Mills
Died 12/1/2010

Criner, Margaret M (89)
Greenville SC
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/26/2010

Cutchall, Mary (92)
Irwin
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/28/2010

DeStefano, Salvatore "SAM" (88)
Turtle Creek
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 11/13/2010

Furniss, William E (84)
Greensburg
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/7/2010

Hanley, Edward F (92)
Mt. Lebanon
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/20/2010

Holt, Sr, Kenneth M (92)
N Braddock
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 11/21/2010

Johnson, Anna M (90)
Greensburg
Retired from Youngwood
Died 10/23/2010

Kelly, Bob (82)
Columbia MO
Retired from Nuclear
Died 11/30/2010

Lani, Paul J (86)
Level Green
Retired from Trafford PCB
Died 10/23/2010

Mackanic, Jr, Raymond P (59)
Dravosburg
Retired from West Mifflin
Died 11/12/2010

Maher, William F (85)
Front Royal VA
Retired from Gateway
Died 12/1/2010

Martinelli, Jordan B (98)
Level Green
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 12/11/2010

Matura, John M (91)
Level Green
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/12/2010

McClure, John (88)
Penn Hills
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/30/2010

McCracken, Loretta M (87)
Rochester Mills
Retired from R&D Center
Died 12/16/2010

Mendez, Jr, William E (79)
Mt Pleasant SC
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/15/2010

Nagel, George W (95)
Forest Hills
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/29/2010

Salopek, Mary D
N Versailles
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 11/4/2010

Sano, Tony E (81)
N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from R&D Center
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Saupe, Eugene J (87)
Chalfant
Retired from Nuclear
Died 11/5/2010

Schnure, Frederick Oscar (90)
Friendship Village
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/13/2010

Sova, Edward J (90)
Hermine
Retired from R&D Center
Died 11/27/2010

Strathern, George B (90)
Monroeville
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 11/9/2010

Totin, Michael J (87)
West Mifflin
Retired from Cheswick
Died 12/13/2010

Wells, Alberta B (94)
Richland MI
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/18/2010

Wilson, Clyde "Bud" (82)
Plum Boro
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/6/2010

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