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## The President's Message

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The birds are starting to sing in the morning, and the snow is almost all gone – finally! If you're a gardener or a golfer, you can hardly wait. You've planned that garden and selected the varieties of tomatoes and beans to plant. Golfers will be cleaning those clubs and getting out to the driving range to shake some of the rust out of those creaky joints.

The winter has been one of transition for SURE's home, the George Westinghouse Research and Technology Center in Churchill. The long term CBS lease on the property expired at year-end, and the new owners, Winthrop Management assumed overall responsibility for the property. While there have been some changes, and Winthrop has not made a final determination on the site, we've been told by the new Managers that SURE will be permitted to continue our current use of the Churchill property.

SURE Roundtable members will now be receiving monthly meeting announcements by Email. The change will provide a significant saving in our expenses, in addition to being more convenient for everyone. I wish to thank John Skooglund and Earl Novendstern for spearheading the change. Members are reminded of the importance of notifying John ([jwskoog@aol.com](mailto:jwskoog@aol.com)) of changes in email addresses in order to continue receiving the announcements.

Following the Spotlight Award luncheon for Barbara Sorbie (see page 3), Projects Director Marv Chidester and I were treated to an excellent tour of the Monroeville Senior Center. That facility has been substantially upgraded recently, and has a new addition that contains a wellness/exercise facility, and a large studio for aerobic dancing and the Silver Sneakers program. Other rooms are for meetings, billiards, cards, and computer instruction. Over the past decade, I've visited and toured Senior Centers in many Communities – but very few can compare to Monroeville's. Membership is free to Monroeville Seniors, and only \$5 per year to non-residents.

We have received a number of SURE Matching Gift Program checks, and have sent them along with an equal gift to your designated non-profits. If you are considering a contribution but haven't yet done so, please know that your gift will be a great help to a struggling non-profit. Remember, your gift must be between \$100 and \$250, and it must be served by a SURE project. See the form on the next page.

It's been a long winter, especially for those who can't easily get out. Why not call a shut-in friend and take them out to lunch or just to the store to get their groceries. It's the best way you can spend an afternoon.

And finally, please remember to send in your 2011 dues if you haven't yet done so. You'll find the form on Page 11. Please consider making an extra donation; in doing so, you will be helping us to keep the SURE Matching Gift Program solvent. Also - be sure to include your current email address. Not sure if your dues are up to date? Look on the address label – your dues status is conveniently listed on the first line.

*It is one of the beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself... - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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## Thank You!

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I am taking this opportunity to thank ALL volunteers for your cooperation in reporting your hours. Your efforts and unselfishness are greatly appreciated. At this time I especially express my thanks to the following volunteers from the Forbes Regional Hospital who so diligently donate their time:

Sally Bevan, Judy Buchanan, Betty Buchin, John Campbell, Paul Herald, Walt Janczewski, Rose Madonna, Elaine O'Brien, Mary Pasko, Frank Petty, Tom Satryan and Lynn Staab.

If I missed anyone please let me know. Just remember, "Volunteers are priceless and not worthless." Watch the next newsletter for more volunteers to be recognized.

## Spotlight Award for March

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**Barbara Sorbie** is our SURE Spotlight Award Volunteer for March. She has recorded hours in our SURE database with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, the Monroeville Senior Center and the Meals On Wheels programs since 2002, now totaling more than 7700 hours. She has included another 250 hours since 2004 volunteering at the former Forbes Nursing Center in East Liberty. Her selection for this award was strongly supported by her coordinators, Barbara Mohan, Ed Smith, Jane Pogue and Agnes Sink as well as our board of directors.

Barbara is the spouse of Andy Sorbie, who, after serving 23 years in the NAVY, was hired by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation to work at the Plant Apparatus Division (PAD). He later transferred to the Electro-Mechanical Division (EMD) from which he retired with 15 years of service. Barbara and Andy grew up in New York City and began dating as teenagers. They married after Barbara graduated from nursing school. While Andy served in the NAVY, Barbara worked in hospitals both large and small across the country, while raising three children. After coming to Pittsburgh, she worked in skilled nursing homes until she retired.

Barbara and Andy do most of their volunteering together and their first endeavor was Home

Delivered Meals at the Plum Senior Center. Then Barbara Mohan asked if they would like to volunteer for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Now, they also usher at the Benedum, the Byham and the Cabaret theaters which has become a 15-year love affair. Barbara feels they have been given the opportunity to make sure Pittsburgh theater goers have the best experience possible during their visit. And best of all, they get to see the shows free. Who, would not like to see "Mary Poppins", "Lion King" or "The Radio City Rockettes" more than once and not have to pay for it?



**Maury Andy Barbara Marv Ed Smith**

Barbara and Andy also volunteer as Apprise counselors. These counselors inform senior citizens about Medicare and insurances that are complimentary to Medicare. They also teach the AARP Driver Safety course and are certified to teach both the 4-hour and the 8-hour class.

Barbara and Andy love to travel and that has become their main hobby in retirement. They have traveled coast to coast and border to border across America and have even driven to the Arctic Circle. They fondly refer to these as "Sunday" drives because they always start on a Sunday. Barbara notes that their children made them buy their first cell phones so they could stay in touch.

Barbara finds their retirement has not been very difficult because the volunteering has been so rewarding. It brings new adventures every day. Many thanks, Barbara for your ongoing commitment to all of these projects.

## The Consumer Corner

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### Is It Really Worth Its Weight in Gold?

Everyone has seen those ads on TV and in newspapers offering “*Top cash prices for your broken or unwanted gold.*” In Pennsylvania there are strict laws intended to protect the Sellers of gold, but there are a lot of scams and even reputable retailers are not adhering to our laws and are not paying you the true worth of your gold.

The Pennsylvania Association of Weights and Measures has offered some excellent guidance to follow for those selling gold or other precious metals, assuring they get true value for their items.

- PA gold dealers must be licensed by the county sheriff where they trade. Ask them if they are so licensed and if they say “no” or “don’t know” walk away. Be wary of weekend hotel gold buying events as many dealers are from other counties or states.
- The law requires gold dealers to visibly post their precious metal buying prices in troy ounces. Walk away if they are absent.
- Dealers are required to weigh your gold in your presence and on an approved type scale that displays an official PA Weights and Measures currently dated seal. Walk away from dealers who don’t do this.
- Gold prices vary by purity (karat designation, e.g. 10k, 14k, etc.) and are traded in troy ounces. If the scale does not measure in troy ounces then conversion charts must be available to show Sellers how the weight of their gold in grams converts to troy ounces. Avoid Buyers who don’t explain conversions or who do not display conversion tables.
- Should you find a dealer that meets these requirements, and you conclude a transaction,

you must be given a complete and comprehensive receipt that details: (1) Sellers name, age and address. (2) An accurate description of the items bought and their troy ounce weights. (3) These records are to be maintained by the Dealer for one year and must be made available for inspection. (4) A copy of the receipt must be submitted by the Dealer to the applicable District Attorney within 24 hours. (5) The Seller should assure that the receipt given has the Dealer’s full address and contact information on it. (Note: These receipt requirements are intended to mitigate instances of the criminal resale of stolen precious metals.)

- All precious metals purchased by a Dealer shall be kept in “unaltered condition” for a minimum of 5 days and shall be available for inspection upon request. (Note: This is to prevent criminal evidence destruction.)
- In all cases, and especially in the planned selling of a large lot of precious metals, try to have your items assessed for its approximate value by a responsible third party. A small fee for this service may be well worth your effort as it validates the fairness of your deal with an honest merchant.
- Should you have a problem or need to lodge a complaint, contact your local District Attorney, the sheriff or the local police. You can also lodge a complaint with the PA Attorney General’s office at (717) 787-3391 or with the PA Division of Weights and Measures office at (877) 837-8007.

If you follow these suggestions you should derive the true worth of the precious metal you sell, but you also must recognize the tremendous volatility of prices on these types of commodities. From one day to the next you could see a wide disparity in price from any honest Dealer. Please share these tips with anyone you know who is considering selling their precious metals. There are too many PA laws intended to protect consumers that are ignored or unenforced.

## Modernizing Your Memories

### SIXTH in a Series: Software and Other Stuff

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In previous articles, I've identified a number of software programs for managing photos and converting VHS tapes and LP vinyl records to digital formats. Here are a couple more situations that I have encountered and want to share.

**Video files:** I discovered that when using *Windows Slide Show* to view the photos I have stored with *Photo Gallery*, I can mix in the videos—also produced by my digital camera. (Most new digital cameras have this capability.) When viewing the folder of photos and videos, *Windows Media Player* kicks in every time a video file is encountered, and that livens up the show.

This works fine as long as the videos are AVI or WMV type files—i.e., they are *filename.AVI* or *filename.WMV*. But *Media Player* will not open or play other video file types. I discovered this when I bought a new camera (same brand) and the videos wouldn't play; they had changed to another protocol, and the new files were MOV type—i.e., *filename.MOV*. This is a type supported by Apple and requires *Quick Time* to open them.

I downloaded *Quick Time* software (free) from [apple.com](http://apple.com) and was able to open the files, but they would not play automatically when I ran *Slide Show*!

To solve this problem, I purchased Xilisoft *MOV Converter* software at [xilisoft.com](http://xilisoft.com) for \$40 (optional backup CD \$9 extra). This package handles a long list of file types and conversions each way. Check their website to see full capabilities.

Now when I download files from my camera to my computer, I also have to run the conversion—an extra step, but it completes my slide shows.

**Text Files:** In cleaning up old files and trying to convert to modern standards, I found several folders of old *Multi-Mate* documents that I would like to preserve. Today's versions of Microsoft *Word* will no longer support these old word processing programs, as they once did.

Searching the Internet, I found *DataViz Conversions Plus*, which can convert many types of files, from

and to, including *Multi-Mate*, *Word*, *WordPerfect*, and *Text* files. And more. For further information, look at [dataviz.com](http://dataviz.com). You can try a free download, or purchase it for \$70.

**Print Screen:** Here's something that has nothing to do with modernizing memories, but it's pretty handy. Ever wish you could hit the "PrtScr" button and capture what you want from your screen? It gets pasted onto your clipboard, and then you have to paste it into some other application.

A very useful screen capture utility is an app called *SnagIt* from TechSmith. With *SnagIt* you can choose whether to capture the entire screen, a window, or a portion of a window. You can select whatever you want, including unseen areas of a scroll-down (or scroll-across) window or the details of a drop-down list. And you can edit the results. I'm still learning about its capabilities! You can download a free trial or purchase it for \$50 plus (optional) \$7 for a backup CD.

**BTW:** I learned about this app from David Radin's column in the "TechBusiness Section" of the Sunday *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. I enjoy reading this section and often get tips and ideas about computing, audio-visual, telecommunications, and other technical subjects. David is trying to start an online *TipLetter* with secrets and tricks, product updates and software tweaks, and other useful tips.

He will start the *TipLetter* when he gets enough charter subscribers (special rate of \$15/year) to cover his start-up. If you're interested, you can learn more or sign up at [megabyteminute.com](http://megabyteminute.com).

**Aside:** The word "app" was recently chosen by the American Dialect Society as Word of the Year for 2010. It means "an application program for a phone or computer or other electronic device."

**Reminder:** SURE members can take advantage of the discounts at FotoBridge until the end of March. Place your order by then and it won't matter when you send your photos in for processing.

**Next: Disc and Storage Issues**

## BACK, BELLY & LEGS

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### BACK PAIN RELIEF

Back pain can have many causes. Pain can be triggered by anything from muscle strain to spinal fracture. Back pain can subside or disappear, by applying pressure to a particular point on the body, or acupressure. Acupressure places pressure on certain body parts that unblock the flow of vital energy or qi (pronounced chee). The blockage may create an imbalance of qi, which can make one more susceptible to pain and illness. Some scientists believe that like acupuncture, acupressure may work by increasing the production of endorphins, hormone-like pain relievers, in response to injury. [Note: acupressure does not involve a puncture of the skin.] Here are three of the pressure points that may give you relief by pressing these points with either the fingernail of the index finger or with the tip of a mechanical pencil with the lead retracted:

- Apply deep pressure with the nail or the pencil tip for several seconds between the upper lip and the nose, and release. Repeat 5-10 times.
- Apply deep pressure for several seconds with the nail or with the pencil tip between the inner ankle bone and the Achilles tendon (the tendon that runs from the heel bone to the calf muscle) and release. Repeat 5-10 times.
- Make a fist. On the outside of the hand next to the pinky, locate the spot where the skin folds and bulges. Apply deep pressure with the nail or with the pencil tip for several seconds, and release. Repeat 5-10 times.

Stretching also gives pain relief. Watch and learn from a cat. Upon arising from sleep, a cat stretches in every direction. Do the same. Stretch arms up and out and then legs up and out. This can directly relieve the back pain that emanates from strained or sore muscles.

[Editor's note: See [www.acupressure.com](http://www.acupressure.com) for more information about acupressure.]

## FAT BELLY – WEAK HEART

Call it a spare tire - a beer belly- or love handles. But whatever you call it, a fat abdomen is more dangerous to your health than fat hips or thighs.

Abdominal obesity is linked to an increased risk of stroke in men and heart failure in both sexes. Abdominal obesity was the strong predictor of who will develop cardiovascular disease or die, not weight alone. Heart failure was the number one complication associated with abdominal obesity, found in the well known Framingham study. Congestive Heart Failure occurs when the heart muscle is weakened to the point that it is no longer able to deliver sufficient oxygen-carrying blood to the body. The study showed that for each 2.5 inches of added abdominal fat, an additional 10-12 people per 1,000 developed heart failure.

Why? Some researchers feel that the fat cells in the stomach may be regulated in a different way than those in the buttocks and thighs. Others think that since the blood flows through this fatty tissue directly to the liver, the fat causes the problem. The liver is the organ that helps remove cholesterol from the blood.

### LEG CRAMPS

Are you sometimes peacefully asleep and then suddenly, like a bolt of lightning, awaken to excruciating leg pain in which the muscle is strongly contracted and hard as a rock? Massaging doesn't help. Before you get relief, you have to flex the calf by forcing your foot into a normal position by pushing the toes against the floor and then the heel.

Doctors don't know for certain why this occurs, but it is thought to be caused by dehydration which, can lead to mineral imbalances that produce muscle spasms. Years ago quinine water or a tonic was used, but it can cause ringing in the ears, rashes and liver damage. Some old-fashioned home remedies are known to work well. A cheap, strange and easy treatment is to place an unwrapped bar of soap (not Dove or Dial) under the bottom sheet of your bed near your legs, replacing it every 4-6 weeks. Results usually are seen in a few days. It gets rid of the cramps, has no side effects and allows a good night's sleep. This may even be good for arthritis.

Magnesium supplements (found in Calcium with magnesium and sometimes zinc as well or separate Calcium tablets) are also known to be a successful remedy. Magnesium deficiency has been discovered in many older people.

Others have found that swallowing a teaspoon of cheap yellow mustard, washed down with a glass of warm water, does the trick quickly. How? The turmeric for coloring and flavoring may play a role. The active ingredient in turmeric is curcumin which has anti-inflammatory properties. A friend found the individual packets of mustard obtained in fast food restaurants gives the right amount. Other remedies are pickle juice and baking soda. An unusual approach, but one that is not always successful, is to pinch the upper lip beneath the nose until the cramp subsides. Leg muscles could be stretched for several minutes prior to bedtime. Increasing the amount of potassium rich vegetables, especially 10-sodium V8 juice seems to work as does Pedialyte, given to children to replenish minerals and B complex vitamins with dosages under 100 milligrams to prevent nerve damage.

## From the desk of Bob Miler

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**PA Tax Forgiveness:** No matter how large your IRA, social security and pension income, PA does not include that type of income as taxable on your PA-40. So, after you determine your PA-40 line 9 taxable income, stop and complete PA schedule SP to determine your eligibility income and then find your tax forgiveness on page 36 of PA -40 Instructions. With MFJ and eligibility income of \$13,000 or less, 100% of your PA taxable income is forgiven. Filing single with \$6500 or less eligibility income and is 100% tax forgiveness.

**Free File** www.IRS.gov has a link to a large number Free File programs that are open to taxpayers with a 2010 Adjusted Gross Income of \$58,000 or less and several other restrictions. Each participating company sets its own eligibility requirements. You can't download Free File software. Your return is prepared on the Free File company website and your return can be e-filed from there, and some allow you to print and file by mail. Free File company sites state they are equipped with the latest encryption programs to protect your privacy.

**\$1 H&R Block Tax CD:** This is the "At Home" standard program formerly marketed as H&R Tax Cut. The program runs on your pc and downloads federal updates, but does not include state tax, which can be purchased on-line and downloaded. You can print completed tax forms for mailing or purchase e-file with this CD. This offer good at Dollar Tree stores across the U.S. since early February. Thanks to SURE member Judith Friedel for alerting us about this.

**2011 Energy tax credits for homeowners:** This last minute December tax change extended the credit for energy-efficient improvements, but the credit has shrunk to a maximum of \$500 per taxpayer per lifetime. So, those who took last year's \$1,500 credit under this provision don't qualify.

**Last Minute Tax changes:** \$250 deduction for teacher classroom expenses; deduction for state sales taxes in lieu of the state income tax deduction; and tax-free donation of IRA proceeds to charity. These expire at the end of 2011. The American Opportunity Tax Credit for education expenses up to \$2,500 was renewed for 2011 and 2012. Senior readers, if you took any college courses in 2010, even just for information, you are eligible for this credit.

**Self-employed good news:** OK to deduct Medicare Part B premiums: above-the-line deduction for health insurance. That's a change from 2009.

**2010 standard deductions:** Single filers - \$5,700. Married filing joint - \$11,400. Head of household - \$8,400. Married filing joint & 65 or older, each add \$1,100. Singles 65 and older can add an extra \$1,400. No property tax addition to the standard deduction for 2010.

**Be SURE:** All your 1099's are reported on your return. IRS receives copies of all 1099's and their computers will match their 1099's against your return.

**2010 Long-term Care premiums:** Deduction as medical expenses subject to the 7.5% adjusted gross income floor; for taxpayers over 71 up to \$4,110, seniors 61-70 up to \$3,290, age 51-60 up to \$1,230.

**IRS NEVER sends e-mail or contacts you via an unsolicited phone call:** Fake "IRS" e-mail senders may even say you are being "audited" and direct you

to links that give senders access to your computers and your personal data. When you receive one of these notices, no matter how perfect the web site, forward the solicitation to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov) and then delete the message. Remember too, that phone scammers are hard at work, saying that they need your bank account information to directly deposit your upcoming tax rebate. Don't be fooled.

**Extend dates to file Federal taxes:** File form 4868 and get an automatic filing date extension to Oct 17, 2011, but you must estimate your 2010 tax with form 4868. When you do file your 1040, be sure to show tax paid with form 4868 on line 68 of 1040. Interest will be charged on tax not paid with form 4868.

**Extend date to file PA taxes:** File PA Form REV – 276 to request an automatic extension up to 6 month to file your state return. The extension to file does not include an extension to pay the tax.

**Roth Conversion in 2010:** Pay tax on half with 2011 and 2012 returns? If you expect 2011 or 2012 income to push you into higher tax brackets or want to do more conversions in 2011 & 2012, may be less costly to pay the full tax with your 2010 return.

**Received the \$250 doughnut hole check?** If you are deducting medical expenses, IRS says you must reduce your total medical expenses by \$250. The \$250 payment is treated as a reimbursement of medical expenses, so it is subtracted from total medicals before application of the 7½%-of-AGI offset.

**Carnegie business library:** Need to find the cost of stock purchased years ago? Call (412) 281-7141 for help finding historical stock prices. No charge for help.

**www.donotcall.gov** or (888) 382-1222 you can simultaneously register any 3 of your phones, including cell phones, and you will get confirmation for each phone from the federal trade commission that manages the “do not call” site. If you think you’ve registered before and can’t remember; register again. Registry is good indefinitely or till you unregister. File “do not call” complaints at this same number.

**Computer map & directions:** Log on to [www.Maps.Google.com/streetview](http://www.Maps.Google.com/streetview) to get a look at the place you are going before you get there.

**S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats:** A “prestigious” list of dividend paying stocks that have consistently increased dividends every year for at least 25 consecutive years. This index is a member of the S&P Dividend Aristocrats index series.

**Cheaper Air fares?** Buy on-line Monday evening or Tuesday, at least 21 days before flight and schedule your flights Tues, Wed or Sat.

**Starting January, 2011,** Verizon will no longer deliver a paper copy of the residential white page listings to every customer. Free copies can be obtained by calling 1-800-888-8448. There will be no shipping and handling charges applied either. Customers can also receive the residential white pages on CD-ROM by calling the same number. All white page listings will also be available at [www.verizon.com/whitepages](http://www.verizon.com/whitepages)

**“A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.”**

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## **TRIPS UPDATE 2011**

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All of the scheduled trips for 2011 are “a-go!” because of your interest and response. Reminders are as follows:

### **SPRING: Tuesday, May 17, 10 am-Westinghouse Nuclear Center in Cranberry**

Tour and Lunch/Transportation (on own). If you haven’t responded yet, or need a ride, let us know. We can possibly team you up with someone from your area.

We will let you know specific directions and the exact location to meet at the site by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

### **FALL: Berkshires in Massachusetts led by George Westinghouse IV.**

**Monday, October 3-Saturday, October 8.** Hopefully the leaves will be in full color. Highlights will be Schenectady NY; Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge MA where George Westinghouse

conceived early inventions. We will also visit the Norman Rockwell Museum and Chesterwood, the country home, studio, and gardens of Lincoln Memorial Sculptor, Daniel Chester French. About 50 people have expressed interest in this trip. It looks like we will have to have a lottery! We are still working on modes of transportation, accommodations, and pricing. The majority prefer to go by motorcoach, but possibly those that want to drive can still be accommodated. We will let you know as soon as the details are worked out. This one should be a winner! Contact us to express interest.

**CHRISTMAS: Thursday, December 8 one-day motorcoach trip to Wheeling, WV and Ogelby Resort.** Original market houses in downtown Wheeling, plus all the attractions the resort has to offer including a holiday feast and show. Price of this tour is \$99 per person. Reservations are already coming in. Make your check out to: Westinghouse SURE and send to: Gerry Angel, 111 Abington Drive, Pgh, PA. 15216. As always, seating on the motorcoach is in order of payment received. Depart at 10:15 am from the Westinghouse Energy Center in Monroeville; Depart at approximately 9:45 pm from Wheeling for home.

## New Westinghouse Additions at the Heinz History Center

by Ed Reis

*Westinghouse Historian*

*Senator John Heinz History Center*

The Senator John Heinz History Center recently added several new Westinghouse historical artifacts to its collection.

Two new items were added to the History Center's *Special Collections* gallery on the fourth floor, including an 1870s Westinghouse Traction Brake device and an 1890s Street Railway controller. Both of these artifacts came from the George Westinghouse Museum and are on loan from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Also on display at the History Center is a Westinghouse "Mazda" light display. In the 1920s, a person could find an early Westinghouse incandescent lamp (i.e. light bulb) display in many local hardware stores. Back in those days, a person could simply flip the toggle switch one at a time for

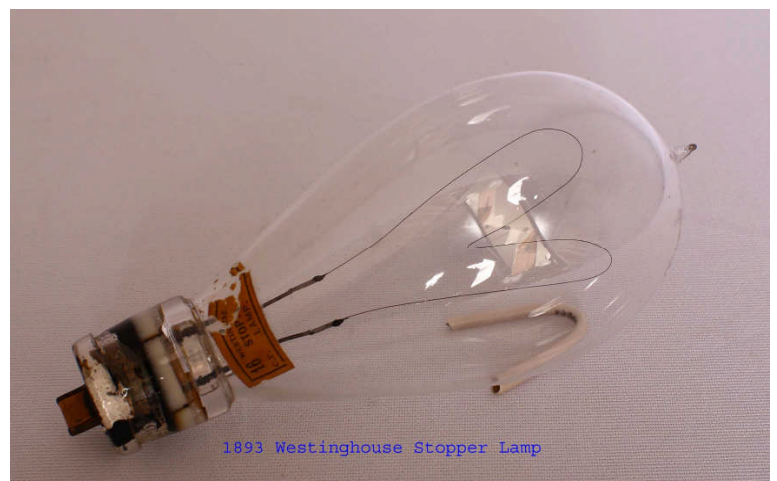
each light bulb and then purchase the bulb that they liked. These old store displays typically included the word "Mazda" in the center of the display. "Mazda," the Persian god of light, was a quality trademark shared by a number of light bulb manufacturing companies at the time.

In addition to these items, George Westinghouse's 1881 "Telephone Switch Patent Model" is now more prominently displayed in the *Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation* exhibition on the second floor.

Finally, a rare original Westinghouse Stopper Lamp was recently purchased by the History Center. This newly acquired two-piece, all-glass Westinghouse Stopper Lamp was the incandescent lamp that George Westinghouse used to successfully illuminate the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Thanks to Westinghouse, visitors were thrilled to be able to attend the World's Fair at night for the first time. These Westinghouse Electric Company incandescent lamps were manufactured in Allegheny City (today's North Side) at the old Westinghouse Air Brake Company factory.

This unique Westinghouse lamp is currently on display in the *Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation* exhibition near the George Westinghouse "synthetic interview," which allows visitors to ask a virtual George Westinghouse dozens of questions about his life and innovations.

The History Center is located at 1212 Smallman Street in the Strip District and is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



1893 Westinghouse Stopper Lamp

## Death Notices

**Beny, Catherine M (84)**  
Mt Pleasant  
Retired from Youngwood  
Died 1/17/2011

**Camp, Jr, William (80)**  
Monroeville  
Retired from R&D Center  
Died 1/22/2011

**Doran, Robert C (77)**  
Baldwin  
Retired from Bettis Lab  
Died 1/8/2011

**Edelman, Jr, Delbert A (85)**  
Bethel Park  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 2/4/2011

**Fischer, Edward George (94)**  
Penn Hills  
Retired from R&D Center  
Died 1/28/2011 **SURE Member**

**Foust, Herbert C (82)**  
Murrysville  
Retired from R&D Center  
Died 1/12/2011

**Frohlich, Frank A (84)**  
Turtle Creek  
Retired from R&D Center  
Died 1/21/2011

**Gigliotti, John F (80)**  
Penn Hills  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 1/19/2011

**Greulich, Louis P (84)**  
Longwood at Oakmont  
Retired from (W) International  
Died 1/2/2011

**Janosik, George J (78)**  
Bethel Park  
Retired from Forest Hills RESD  
Died 12/21/2010 **SURE Member**

**Judd, Jane (Harter)**  
Whitehall  
Retired from Bettis Lab  
Died 12/27/2010

**Keller, Herbert W (76)**  
Summerfield FL  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 12/31/2010 **SURE Member**

**Locke, Leroy "Lee" H (98)**  
Swisshelm Park  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 2/2/2011

**Mauro, Frank (89)**  
Monroeville  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 1/22/2011

**Newell, Letitia Jane "Tish" (82)**  
Allegheny TWP  
Retired from East Pittsburgh  
Died 1/6/2011

**Nider, Joseph Stanley (95)**  
Export  
Retired from East Pittsburgh  
Died 2/1/2011

**Oblak, Emerson F (84)**  
Collinsburg  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 1/19/2011

**Pass, Louis W (98)**  
Export  
Retired from East Pittsburgh  
Died 12/24/2010

**Pekarek, William R (72)**  
Plum  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 1/12/2011

**Roach, Robert Allen (75)**  
McMurray  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 2/4/2011

**Rodgers, Daniel C (93)**  
Paintertown  
Retired from East Pittsburgh  
Died 1/29/2011

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

**Scribe, Raymond E (74)**  
Blairsville  
Retired from Blairsville  
Died 1/28/2011

**Secrist, Phillip W (92)**  
Whitehall  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 1/28/2011

**Slye, Milo W (92)**  
N Huntingdon TWP  
Retired from Waltz Mills  
Died 2/7/2011

**Sorbo, A Harry (84)**  
Apple Valley MN  
Retired from East Pittsburgh  
Died 1/13/2011

**Straub, Edward K (73)**  
Murrysville  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 1/17/2011

**Swiecicki, Z Alexander (82)**  
Mt Lebanon  
Retired from Westinghouse  
Died 1/14/2011 **SURE Member**

**Tristani, Teresia (94)**  
Warren MI  
Retired from East Pittsburgh  
Died 1/24/2011

**Wilkinson, Charles "Bob" R (88)**  
Turtle Creek  
Retired from East Pittsburgh  
Died 1/25/2011

**Yochum, Leo W (83)**  
Upper St Clair  
Retired from Gateway  
Died 12/22/2010

## Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Washington PA Volunteer Open House Saturday, April 2, 2011, 9:30 to Noon

On April 2, 2011 the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum is hosting a volunteer open house at the museum. If you are interested in helping with programs, maintenance, events, running trolley cars or other activities, please contact David Vago, Education and Volunteer Coordinator, (724) 228-9256

<http://www.pa-trolley.org> for more details,

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Cranberry  
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Monday, October 3 to 8  
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Wheeling WV  
Thursday, December 8, 2011  
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