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The President's Message

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Shortly after the September issue of this Newsletter went to the printer, the total for our first half 2011 Volunteer efforts became available. Together, we provided a total of 28,528 hours of service, about 90% of which was dedicated to the needy in our communities. Rain or shine, you wouldn't think of disappointing those who depend on you—often when you don't really feel quite up to going. Congratulations, my fellow SURE members on this excellent achievement—I marvel at your dedication! Who said people slow down as they grow older!

I learned recently that a number of SURE members do not see any reason to report their volunteer hours. If we all refused to provide that feedback, we would have no indication of the success or failure of SURE's programs, and would next need to ask the question "Why should we continue as a volunteer organization?" I hope we can all agree that each member's reporting is critical to SURE's existence. An easy way to keep track—just jot the hours spent on a calendar, and don't forget to add your travel time. Let's all do our part!

This is a reminder to all our Financial Roundtable members. Please stop at the registration table at the entrance to the Auditorium and check off your name on the attendance sheet. It takes only a minute of your time and our coordinators need the attendance information to properly plan our program going forward.

I offer sincere congratulations to SURE member Mary Bach, author of the Newsletter's *The Consumer Corner* that contains such great information. I recently learned that Mary won a Jefferson Award in 1999 for her consumer advocacy work across the state. The Award was presented several years before she joined SURE. She becomes the sixth member of SURE's elite group of Jefferson winners. Congratulations Mary!

You will shortly be receiving an invoice for your 2012 SURE dues. We've held annual dues at the same level over the years though our expenses have escalated somewhat, particularly for such items as printing and mailing. Thanks to Treasurer Bob Plummer for keeping the lid on spending. Your generosity with an extra donation will help to keep our Matching Gift Program solvent, and it will be very much appreciated.

And finally, Mary and I wish to extend our warmest wishes to all of you and to your families for a most joyous and blessed holiday season. May these precious days be filled with the laughter of children, the glow of an old friend's smile, and the warmth of a loved one's touch. May 2012 be a year of good health, love and prosperity for each of us, and may our nation and our world find the peace we all so fervently long for. God bless us, one and all!

*Too often we under-estimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to change a life....*Anonymous

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Spotlight Award for November

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Stan and Joan Glickstein are our SURE Spotlight Awardees for November. They have been working together as volunteers at both the Heinz History Center and Southwestern PA Partnership for Aging.

As a young boy, in Brooklyn, New York, Stan had no idea what he wanted to do when he grew up. An uncle suggested Engineering. He earned a BSEE from The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and started his professional career as an electrical engineer. After a brief stay at General Electric Co., Stan received advanced degrees in nuclear physics at The Pennsylvania State University. He continued his academic career at Princeton University for several years then accepted a position at Westinghouse Bettis. While working at Bettis, Stan made significant contributions to the field of reactor physics, health physics, welding and neutron radiography. His passion for teaching was satisfied by serving as a part-time instructor at local CCAC campuses as well as at the Bettis Reactor Engineering School. What he and Joan thought would be a short stay in Pittsburgh before returning to academia, turned into a 35-year career at

Bettis and a love for Pittsburgh and all that it has to offer.

Stan retired from Bettis in February 1999 as an Advisory Scientist. Retirement enabled him to devote the time needed to pursue his long-time passion for family genealogy. He has been able to trace his lineage back to the early 1500's and has documented much of his personal and family history in his book, "A Road Well Traveled." A second publication, "Beyond the Road," provides additional family history documentation.



John

Stan

Joan

Maury

Soon after retirement from Bettis, Stan and Joan became volunteer docents at the Senator John Heinz

History Center. This opportunity opened the door to developing a new interest and love, quite distinct from his 35-year career as an experimental nuclear physicist. It is now almost 10-years that they have devoted their time and energy learning about Western Pennsylvania history and the remarkable events that have made Pittsburgh so unique. Involvement with History Center activities has been a wonderful experience and Stan strongly suggests people to visit and give it a try. Volunteers at the History Center are always welcome.

To keep his body in shape, Stan started bicycling soon after retirement. This new venture has led him to coordinate and act as the ad hoc leader of the Silver Cyclers, a bike group with close to 20-participants (mostly Bettis retirees.) They bike once a week along the many trails in the Pittsburgh area. Anyone interested in joining, just contact Stan (stanglick@aol.com).

Stan is also involved with his local synagogue Beth Israel Center, located in the Pleasant Hills area. He has served as a past President and has been chairman of their religious committee for over 30-years. In addition, he is an active participant in many of Pleasant Hills Library's activities, particularly their Conversation Salon.

After retirement, Joan convinced Stan to become a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging (SWPPA), an organization devoted to serving as a catalyst to promote policies, programs and system change which will improve the quality of life of older adults. When Joan became Treasurer of the organization, Stan soon became their volunteer bookkeeper. He very quickly established a computerized accounting system to replace their outmoded system to handle their finances. He established the Esther & Morris Glickstein Endowment Fund which provides support to SWPPA activities. SWPPA recently awarded Joan the prestigious Charles W. Pruitt Jr. 2010 Award of Excellence for her outstanding service and contributions in the field of aging.

Stan and Joan have four children and six grandchildren currently living in Ohio, Virginia, Maryland and Connecticut. SURE salutes this devoted couple who dedicate so much of their time working together to make Pittsburgh a better place. They are truly an inspiration for all of us.

Winter's Woes and Other Topics

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When the body becomes chilled, it constricts blood vessels in the hands, feet, ears, nose and cheeks, keeping warm blood flowing mainly to the brain and vital organs. But in harsh weather the loss of blood flow to the extremities leaves them open to frozen skin or frostbite. It takes several hours of cold exposure to bring on frostbite. However, extreme cold and high wind chill factor can bring frostbite on in a matter of minutes. Individuals with diabetes or neuropathy (nerve damage) are at high risk for frostbite. Neuropathy reduces the flow of blood to the hands and feet and decreases sensory perception, therefore, tingling, numbness and pain that signals frostbite may not be felt. A whitish, frosty or waxy looking skin indicates frostbite. Under no circumstances should you follow the myth of rubbing snow or ice on the frostbite for that could remove damaged skin and harm the tissue beneath. The area should be warmed quickly by wrapping in blankets, socks, mittens or placing the frozen part against another person's abdomen. Hot water should not be used to warm the part. Lukewarm water may be used.

The eyes also need protection in winter. Sunglasses may be more important in winter than in summer because snow reflects more of the sun's rays than sand or water. And though the sun is not as warm in winter, its ultra-violet rays are as strong in winter as in summer as they pass right through the clouds. It may take but 2-3 hours for the glare of the sun in the snow to begin harming unprotected eyes. The glare need not come all at once for it is thought that eye damage from UV rays mount over a lifetime.

Glare bounced off outcropping in mountains and on hills hits the eyes from many angles, making eye protection more important in winter, especially if skiing or climbing.

Interestingly, there is the problem of clean air. It is found in rural areas and mountains and though it is great for the lungs, clean air allows more radiation to reach us and our eyes than dirty air. For that reason, special sunglasses are designed for altitudes above 8,000 feet. Glasses that have a tag certifying they filter between 85-95% of the visible light are recommended for snow. To test for this, stand in a

well lit room 2 feet from a mirror. If you can still see your eyes behind the glasses, they are not filtering sufficient light. Darker lens are needed. Large lens prevent light from entering the sides and protects the delicate skin around the eyes. To assure getting a snug fit, put the glasses on, lean over and shake your head. If they do not stay put, you will be bothered with them slipping off.

Do not wear winter sunglasses when driving because they are too dark for safety. It is best to use the lighter summer glasses behind the wheel.

You don't have to be a kid to enjoy winter. One of the nicest parts of winter is that it brings people together to huddle and cuddle when we are cold. Getting together with cheery old friends in celebrating the brisk air, the stark landscapes and the snowy dazzle of winter can keep us warm both inside and out but it is not without its health risks.

PREBIOTICS

Everyone has heard of anti-biotic, some are familiar with probiotics that we discussed in an article a month ago. Prebiotics are good bacteria that live in the digestive, urinary and respiratory tracts. These beneficial bacteria such as Lactobacillus Acidophilus are found in yogurt and other cultured foods and play an important role in digestion, detoxification synthesis of several nutrients such as the B vitamins and a healthy immune system.

Prebiotics are non digestible components of food that are also vital to good health. They contain sugar chains that stimulate the growth activity of certain probiotics in the colon. An important group of prebiotics known as inulins are found in wheat, onions, bananas, garlic, artichokes and hickory root. Another group, called soy oligosaccharides are found in soy, peas and beans.

Prebiotics are helpful in treating constipation and inflammatory bowel disease. Some research suggests they also fight cancer (especially colon), lower cholesterol and triglycerides, improve calcium absorption, which helps in reducing bone loss and protects against digestive tract infections. Three ½ cup servings of prebiotic food every week is recommended.

The Consumer Corner

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Getting My 2 Cents Worth Mary Bach vs. Walmart, Sept. 2011

I'm certain that many of our SURE members in Pennsylvania are aware of my recent successful lawsuit against the Delmont, Walmart for their overcharging me 2 cents on a 98 cent priced item. My judgment in the amount of \$100 plus \$80.50 in court costs received national attention via TV, radio and print media, and always makes cyber-space blogs on the internet when the Associated Press picks up a cute public interest item. I trade on that happening because the message of all my civil actions isn't for money, but for the easy to understand lesson that I give to all retail customers...that the world's largest retailer, who pays for someone to greet you at their door to instill customer trust, thinks little of then scamming you electronically out of more than you thought you would pay. It's "Shopper-Lifting" or "Electronic Bait and Switch" at its essence. Those who ignore the lesson, or those wealthy enough to not to care about it, will get taken.

The substance of the case was that Walmart ignored my initial complaint on the admitted overcharge, didn't fix either the shelf tag or the scanner, and about a week later overcharged me again for 2 cents when I bought the same item. I sued the store for a fifth time for again essentially failing to correct an admitted pricing mistake and for continuing to overcharge me and others, until such time as I phoned the store manager directly.

A lot of tempest in a teapot over 2 cents you might say, and many people who don't know my passion for retail accuracy and fairness might agree with the sentiment. That's why I want to give you a little more insight into what transpired that didn't get on TV or into the newspapers. Here's the inside scoop on the absolute arrogance of this retailer and their disregard for their customers, or anyone else who holds them to be imperfect in conducting their public business. Apologizing for mistakes is something Walmart just doesn't do. In this case they tried to blame the manufacturer of the item for having confusing scanner codes on different lots. Let's

forget that all they had to do was place a correct tag on the shelf, or reprogram their scanner to fix the issue, on the day I first brought it to their attention. My experiences with the Walmart chain have had me always giving them multiple advance warnings on individual visits involving pricing errors before I sued.

Several times Walmart has settled these lawsuits before going to court, but for some reason they have brought in some high priced legal talent from Harrisburg in my last two cases, including this one. Their legal costs have to be a \$2000 or more and why they don't settle these cases is more related to their image than for the cost. Ironically, their image, after I win, isn't too good for their business. They also always look to find a loophole or term in the law that can technically get them off the hook. In this case they said I didn't lose any money. We all then agreed (including the judge), that 2 cents isn't a lot of money, but that I lost it. After I called the store manager a week after the first overcharge and told him of the repeated overcharge, he offered to refund the 2 cents. Walmart said that this was their honest attempt to settle with me. For the case to succeed in court under the Unfair Trade Practices Law, you must lose money. I learned that with my first Walmart lawsuit back in 1995, which I lost.

Attorneys really turn me off as their presence raises the stress level of a legal action enormously. I hired a lawyer only for my first 1995 lawsuit because it went to a higher court on Walmart appeal. Since then, I have been my own lawyer in all my subsequent lawsuits. In this case the lawyer and the judge discussed what Walmart could do to ban me from their store. Both the judge and I were taken aback by it. They were treating me like a "slip and fall" artist, who takes them to court for all the money they can get. They forget that the reason they don't want me shopping there is because I find them repetitively overcharging, or over-collecting sales tax. They do not want a savvy customer in their store. They like their customers to rapidly check out and not check their receipts.

From the Desk of Bob Miler

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Medicare 2012 - you can change your Medicare Plans between **Oct 15** and **Dec 7**. If you're in a plan and don't take action by the deadline, you'll be

automatically re-enrolled in your present plan starting Jan 1, 2012, however the rates and services may change. Coverage will shift to traditional Medicare if your plan folds in 2012. If you do switch to traditional Medicare, you will need a separate Part D plan to provide drug coverage and possibly a policy to help cover deductibles and co-payments. You can compare plans at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

SHIP: Every State Health Insurance Assistance Program is a resource to help seniors pick a Part D or Medicare Advantage plan over the phone or in person at numerous locations. In PA, this service is operated by APPRISE, call 1-800-783-7067 Monday thru Friday, 9-4.

Burned out CFL bulbs? Recycle them free at the return desk of all Home Depot stores. Just put them in a plastic bag and drop in the box labeled CFL bulbs.

Wash sale rule: Selling stocks with losses? Capital losses can be used to help reduce **federal taxes** by reducing capital gains from stock or mutual fund sales or by reducing income (up to \$3000) and the losses not used can be carried forward to use in following years. Be careful, if you buy substantially identical shares of an investment within 30 days after the sale with a loss. Wait at least 1 month to repurchase the same investment. The wash sale rule does not apply to shares sold at a gain. You can re-buy those right away.

Savings Bonds: Starting Jan 1, 2012, US Savings Bonds will be sold **only** electronically at www.TreasuryDirect.gov (the Treasury Direct web site) and are automatically redeemed when they reach final maturity and are no longer earning interest. You can of course redeem them earlier. If you still hold any paper bonds you can still redeem them at financial institutions whenever you choose to.

Recovering Lost Money? Financial institutions are required to send a final notice before turning property over to the state as "unclaimed property." Property sometimes is "lost" due to address mishandling by institutions. Check for lost property in all the states you may have lived. Check using maiden and married—even "nick" names. Especially check the state of Delaware as many institutions are

incorporated in that state and property with missing or a bad address is often turned over to that state.

Flood damage is not covered by home owner's insurance. Only itemizers may claim a deduction for damage to non business property. There are a couple of offsets that apply to unreimbursed losses. First, you must reduce the amount of the loss by \$100. Then, you must reduce the balance of the loss by 10% of your adjusted gross income. Any excess loss qualifies for an itemized deduction. So, if you have \$20,000 in unreimbursed casualty losses, and your AGI is \$100,000, you would first subtract \$100. Then you would subtract \$10,000 (10% of your AGI) from the \$19,900 balance. The remaining \$9,900 would be the amount you could deduct as an itemized deduction on your federal tax return.

Deductible expenses: A 2010 Tax Court decision allows children to claim itemized deduction of local real estate taxes and medical expenses that were paid by the parent, thanks to the annual federal gift tax exclusion (currently \$13,000). The parent's payment of expenses used later for itemized deductions had no federal gift tax consequences because it was less than the gift tax exclusion for the year in question. When you directly pay medical expenses for a person who is your dependent (meaning you pay over 50% of that person's total support), you can add the medical expenses you pay for the dependent to your own medical expenses and claim a deduction for the total to the extent it exceeds 7.5% of your adjusted gross income. In the Tax Court case, the child was evidently not the mother's dependent, so the deduction for the child's expenses belonged to the child rather than the parent.

Different personal information? The three credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion) each have separate databases. This means your basic contact information, including your name and address, may vary among the three. It's a good idea to make sure your information is correct and up to date at all three bureaus. Do all three bureaus have the same number of your accounts? Remember once a year at www.annualcreditreport.com, you can get a free copy of your credit report from each of the three credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian and TransUnion or by calling 1-877-322-8228. You will have to go through a verification process on the phone, including providing your social security number.

Disputing information in your credit report:

Send a letter disputing the error to the credit bureau which reports a mistake on your credit report. Send it by certified mail, marked "return receipt requested," so that you'll know when it's reached its destination. Be specific about which item you're disputing and enclose any documents that support your argument. Also include a copy of your credit report with the error you are disputing clearly marked. Keep copies of all documents you send. FTC.gov gives guidelines on how to formulate your dispute letter. If the error isn't resolved, you can request that a statement about the dispute be added to your file and included in future credit reports. From then on, those who pull your credit report, such as a credit lender or loan provider, will see your statement.

Insurance questions: Your tree falls and damages your neighbor's house or garage; the neighbor's homeowners policy will generally pay to fix the damage to the structure. If your tree damages your neighbor's car, the comprehensive-coverage portion of your neighbor's auto insurance usually pays to repair it. The same goes for your policies if the tree falls on your property.

Even when insurance covers tree damage, most policies pay only \$500 to \$1,000 for tree removal. It can cost a few thousand dollars to haul away a fallen tree.

In general, wind-driven rain and water that comes into your home through the roof, windows, doors or holes in the walls is covered by homeowners insurance. But water coming from the bottom up—such as the overflow of a body of water or damages caused by a storm surge or sewer backup—is not covered. You need separate flood insurance coverage or a sewer clause added to home owner's policy. But homeowners who aren't sure whether any damage to their home is covered under their policy should always contact their insurer immediately

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

A WONDERFUL MOTORCOACH TOUR PRESENTED BY WESTINGHOUSE SURE TO LANCASTER, HERSHEY & BOILING SPRINGS, PA, MAY 15 & 16 (Tue./Wed.)

Do we ever have a GREAT trip planned for you! Two PREMIER theaters, A+ seating at each, as well as an overnight stay at a lovely property in Hershey with a visit to attractions in Hershey you will so very much enjoy....read on!

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation in state-of-the-art 56 passenger motorcoach, VCR/restroom.
- One night’s lodging in Hershey at a lovely property.
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- Tour of the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum at Hershey–a fabulous museum containing 8 decades of antique cars and memorabilia presented in themed exhibits. Wonder how many of them we will recognize from our youth–An ABSOLUTE delightful visit!
- Tour of Hershey Museum–Featuring exhibits on Milton S. Hershey’s life–the town he created, his chocolate factory and his philanthropic legacy–VERY interesting!
- Taxes and gratuities on above noted inclusions–Gratuities for bus driver and housekeeping at lodging are not included.

COST OF TOUR: \$320 per person with a deposit of \$150 per person double occupancy by February 1, 2012 and final payment by March 1, 2012. Single occupancy per person is \$370. The tour is limited to 45 persons.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- There will not be a reminder sent for date of full payment due
- Because all payments for the trip are made in advance, trip cancellation insurance is strongly advised as it is the **ONLY** means of refund in the event that you must cancel your reservation. Please call “Insure My Trip” at 1-800-487-4722. The insurance agents will take your application and payment by phone.
- Seating on the motorcoach will be in the order of payment received.
- Departure from and return to GWRTP at time to be announced.
- This tour has been formulated for members/family/friends of Westinghouse SURE. Neither Westinghouse SURE nor RoseMarie’s Tours is responsible for **ANY** liability incurred in the offering or execution of the tour.

QUESTIONS? Call RoseMarie DeRiso at 412 821-0210 /Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM or CONTACT: Howard Finney at 724 834-3450 OR Bob Plummer at 412 751-9694
267 Lancewood Place, Greensburg PA 15601-5907 460 Niagara Dr., N Huntingdon PA 15642

Please send \$150 per person deposit by 2/1/2012 to RoseMarie’s Tours, 217 Lindenwood Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15209

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SPECIAL NEEDS AT HOTEL/RESTAURANT: _____

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RCI's Vision of the Seas**7-Night Scandinavia & Russia Cruise****July 21 – July 28, 2012 (Departs July 20th)**

A **Royal Caribbean European** getaway. Board the magnificent *Vision of the Seas* in **Stockholm, Sweden** where you'll set sail for exotic destinations on the **Baltic Sea** and enjoy countless onboard activities while you travel.

Package Includes: Deluxe Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation to Pittsburgh Int'l Airport, 7-Night Cruise aboard the *Vision of the Seas* departing **Stockholm, Sweden** Visiting the Ports of **Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland; St Petersburg, Russia; Riga, Latvia; Gdansk (Gdynia,) Poland** and **Visby, Sweden**, All Meals and Entertainment on Board Ship and Port Taxes. (*Receive a \$50.00 per Cabin Shipboard Credit.*)

Payments: \$500.00 deposit **per person** due upon booking and based upon category availability at time of booking. Make checks payable to "AAA" and mail to **Bob Plummer** (at address below) along with the registration form below. Write "**GCRCI07212**" on all checks. You may use a credit card—call for information. A **2nd Deposit** of \$500.00 **pp** is due **on February 8, 2012** with **Final Payment** due **on April 20, 2012**.

<u>Cost Per Person Based on Double Occupancy:*</u>	<u>Insurance:</u>	<i>Note: Airfare (not included) will be approximately \$1400 - \$1600 per person.</i>
Category N \$949.00 Inside Stateroom	\$236.00	
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Category D-1 \$1,619.00 Balcony Stateroom	\$317.00	<i>A Passport is required</i>

More detail is on www.westinghousesure.org under tab "Trips & Tours" or **For Further Information Contact:**
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(Legal First, Middle & Last Name as it Appears on Passport)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.(S): _____ ROOMMATE PHONE NO.(S): _____

DATE(S) OF BIRTH: * _____ / _____

FIRST NAME: _____ PASSPORT NO.:* _____ EX. DATE: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ PASSPORT NO.:* _____ EX. DATE: _____

CATEGORY REQUESTED: _____ AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT: _____ OR PAYMENT-IN-FULL: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT: * _____ PHONE NO.: * _____

RELATIONSHIP: * _____

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SURE "GCRCI07202"

Cancellation Insurance is available and is strongly recommended.

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___ YES, I would like to purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance @\$236.00 per person for Categories N & I
 \$317.00 per person for Category D-1

___ NO, I would not like to purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance and understand all penalties involved:

Signature: _____

Death Notices

Auld, Ronald Thomas (74)

N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from Trafford Printing
Died 10/2/2011

Baroni, Mary A (76)

Ruffsdale
Retired from Youngwood
Died 9/11/2011

Boal, Charles R (97)

Monroeville
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 8/30/2011

Bonta, David (87)

Behtel Park
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 9/1/2011

Boomgaard, Dirk Jan (79)

Monroeville
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/12/2011

Boyd, Daniel K (76)

Oakmont
Retired from Gateway
Died 9/26/11 **SURE Member**

Brown, Catherine (88)

Larimer
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/16/2011

Brunton, Ismay "Toots" (86)

Bloomfield IN
Retired from Bloomington
Died 9/29/2011

Campbell, Jr, William Joseph

Carnegie
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 8/26/2011

Chirigos, John Nicholas (84)

Monroeville
Retired from Energy Center
Died 9/25/2011

Croushore, Dora K (89)

Grapeville
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/14/11

Dagnall, Jr (86)

East Pittsburgh
Retired from R&D Center
Died 10/17/11

DeMuzzio, James L (95)

Turtle Creek
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/5/2011

Elliott, Paul R (84)

Bloomington IN
Retired from Bloomington
Died 8/28/2011

Gilbreath, Rodney "Rod" E (79)

Holiday Park
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/13/2011 **SURE Member**

Grekila, Richard Briggs (82)

Roanoke VA
Retired from R&D Center
Died 9/11/2011

Harrington, Robert Joseph (74)

Duquesne
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/9/2011

Howard, Ron

Odon IN
Retired from Bloomington
Died 8/31/2011

Hughes, John E (95)

N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 9/27/2011

Johnson, Robert G R (78)

Levelgreen
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 8/28/2011

Kelecava, George R (86)

Youngwood
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/7/2011

Klassen, Nicholas J (79)

Irwin
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/7/2011

Knight, Wilson R (93)

Idaho Falls ID
Retired from INL
Died 9/16/2011

Korich, Nick (91)

Springdale
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/8/2011

Kuznik, William (97)

Export
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 9/22/2011

Lee, Virginia "Jean" C

West Mifflin
Retired from Large
Died 9/16/2011

Lobaugh, Martha

Apollo
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/16/2011

Malcolm, James A (89)

Gibsonia
Retired from PAD Pgh
Died 8/23/2011

Markovich, Caroline M (81)

N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 8/27/2011

Masilunas, D.A. "Nell" (93)

Monroeville
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/6/2011

Matty, Jr, W. Paul (81)

Pittsburgh
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/25/2011

McCauley, Sr, Charles G (83)

N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from E Pgh/Trafford
Died 8/27/2011

Mient, Robert J (68)

Irwin
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 9/27/2011

Morrone, Anthony (79)

Mechanicsburg
Retired from Large
Died 9/20/2011 **SURE Member**

Morter, Herman C (90)

New Kensington
Retired from Cheswick
Died 9/27/2011

Myers, Cynthia F (69)

Mt Pleasant
Retired from Irwin Mica
Died 9/8/2011

Palinski, Bruno "Brownie" M (93)

Wendel
Retired from R&D Center
Died 10/10/11

Perovich, Steve M (81)

Trafford
Retired from R&D Center
Died 9/11/2011

Porta, Richard C (80)

Murrysville
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/2/2011

Potts, Daniel Ray (68)

New Riegel IN
Retired from Bloomington
Died 8/27/2011

Reifsnider, Franklin (96)

Murrysville
Retired from Trafford Printing
Died 10/11/11 **SURE Member**

Semo, Peter K (83)

Youngwood
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 9/1/2011

Spahr, Gary L (74)
Pittsburgh
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 5/1/2011 **SURE Member**

Starry, Charles R (85)
Latrobe
Retired from Derry
Died 9/30/2011

Stumpf, Dolores (92)
Whitaker
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 8/31/2011

Susang, Albert J (85)
Trafford
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 9/11/2011

Toth, Albert C (87)
Largo FL
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 8/28/2011

Triglia, Francis J
Glenshaw
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/13/11

Tucker, Merle E (82)
Spencer IN
Retired from Bloomington
Died 9/11/2011

Wallace, Russell S (88)
Dayton OH
Retired from Baltimore
Died 5/18/11

Werber, George (88)
Turtle Creek
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 10/6/2011

Wilkinson, Earl W (95)
Wilkinsburg
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 9/18/2011

Woolfolk, William (89)
Mt Pleasant
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 8/24/2011

Nimatron – The Westinghouse “Computing Robot”

Ed Reis, Westinghouse Historian
Senator John Heinz History Center

“Nimatron,” the Westinghouse “computing robot” that played the game “Nim” was exhibited in the second year at the 1939-40 New York World’s Fair. Each visitor who played the game “Nim” against the Westinghouse robot received a stick-on button with the words “I have seen the future.” Each visitor lucky enough to beat the technologically advanced machine received a Westinghouse “Nim Champ” coin. A total of 100,000 visitors played the game, although “Nimatron” won 90% of the time. Many of the losses came at the hands of the Westinghouse employees who felt they had to show the incredulous spectators that “Nimatron” could actually be beaten.

Westinghouse “Nim Champ” Coin

Note: The back of the coin has an image of the Westinghouse Building at the New York World’s Fair. In the center is the “Singing Cascades,” a 200 foot column of water that changed colors and danced in a synchronized fashion with changes in the rhythm of the music that accomplished this spectacular outdoor evening show.



Want to play a game of “Nim”?

One variation of the game of “Nim” goes like this:

- Twenty pennies are placed on a table
- Two people play the game
- Each player, in turn, takes away one, two, or three pennies
- The player who gets the last penny wins the game and is the “NIM Champ!”

Note: Want to win every game? Just let the other player go first. Then, after the other player takes their turn, take only enough pennies to add up to four for that turn. That is, if the first player takes one penny, then you take three pennies (making a total of four). If the first player takes two pennies, then you take two pennies (making a total of four). If the first player takes three pennies, then you take one penny (making a total of four). If you let the other player go first and you use the “trick method” as described above, then you will always be the winner—guaranteed!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **November thru December 2011**
Plus special events

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Coordinator(s)	Phone
November 9	10:00 AM Wednesday	Financial Roundtable	G(W) RTP Auditorium	Walt Dollard Bob Miller	(412) 824-4438 (412) 242-6256
November 9	12:45 PM Wednesday	SURE Board & Advisory Council	G(W) RTP 401-2C14	Maury Fey	(724) 327-5594
December 14	10:00 AM Wednesday	Financial Roundtable	G(W) RTP Auditorium	Walt Dollard Bob Miller	(412) 824-4438 (412) 242-6256
December 14	No meeting in December	SURE Board & Advisory Council	G(W) RTP 401-2C14	Maury Fey	(724) 327-5594
December 8	10:15 AM R&D Center (GWRTP)	One-Day Trip	Christkindl Christmas Wheeling	Howard Finney Bob Plummer	(724) 834-3450 (412) 751-9694
May 15-16	R&D Center (GWRTP)	Overnight Trip	Lancaster, Hershey	Howard Finney Bob Plummer	(724) 834-3450 (412) 751-9694
July 21-28	R&D Center (GWRTP)	7-night Cruise	Scandinavia & Russia	Howard Finney Bob Plummer	(724) 834-3450 (412) 751-9694

Financial Roundtable Presentations

November 9, 2011 **2012 Medicare Plans of UPMC & Highmark** **Annette Karnash**

December 14, 2011 **2012 Investment Markets** **Don Berdine PNC Sr. VP**

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CHRISTMAS TRIP “A CHRISTKINDL CHRISTMAS”

Wheeling, WV trip on Thurs. Dec. 8, 2011 is full but we will have a waiting list.

Our Myers Coach will pick us up at 10:15 a.m. December 8 in the lower parking lot of **GWRTP (1349 Beulah Road) in Churchill Boro.** (Our monthly Financial Roundtable meetings are in the auditorium there.) Go past the guard gate, bear left, down under the building and after the stop at the end of the driveway go across the roadway and slightly right to park.

We will attempt to call all those registered for the trip a day or two before December 8 to be sure that everyone knows the time and location where we will be picked up. If you do not get a call, please call one of us. Maybe we don't have your current phone number or we did not get an answer.

HERSHEY, LANCASTER, BOILING SPRINGS

Two days, one night May 15 & 16, 2012 to Boiling Springs, Hershey, and Lancaster for two shows, two museums, one breakfast, one luncheon and one dinner. See the flyer on page 8.

7-NIGHT SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA CRUISE

We are planning a 7-night cruise with 5 ports of call that will depart from Stockholm, Sweden July 21, 2012. This includes round trip motorcoach to the Pittsburgh airport leaving from GWRTP July 20, 2012. Please see the flyer on page 9.

See www.westinghousesure.org under tab “Trips & Tours” for complete information about these trips.