
The Allegheny City Society **REPORTER DISPATCH** ---EXTRA---

The Journal of Old Allegheny History and Lore

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Annexation Commemoration a Great Success

On Thursday, December 6th, Pa Pitt and Miss Allegheny were the featured guests at a banquet marking the anniversary of the annexation of Allegheny City by the City of Pittsburgh. Held at the Grand Hall at the Priory in Deutschtown (aka East Allegheny), the three-course dinner was followed by an entertaining program featuring Barbara Russell and pianist Tom Roberts. Tom Wilson prepared and projected an extremely interesting and well-received DVD presentation about Allegheny City.

Over 170 people attended the event including City Councilwomen Darlene Harris and Toyna Payne and County Councilwoman Brenda Frazier. Councilwoman Harris won the raffle of historic items, publications, and a piece of Fame – a chunk of the Soldiers Monument in the Commons that was hit by lightning last year.

The Society has received a great deal of good publicity from this event include many new members. All agreed that a good time was had by all.



Allegheny City residents Dennis Bergevin & Doug Schrek enjoyed the event



Pa Pitt (Mark Fatla) and Miss Allegheny (Allison Fatla) graced us with their presence



Some costumed Guests



Mary Wohleber has purchased our book

ACS Book Still Available

Allegheny City 1840-1907 was published on schedule, and is still available for \$21 (which includes state sales tax) plus \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Books can be ordered through our web site or send orders (with check) to our mailing address.

This book, published by Arcadia Publishing Co., includes over 200 images that serve to document the short history of this remarkable city.

Upcoming Informal History Talks

Allegheny City Society will sponsor a series of informal history discussions that will be held at various coffee shops and other venues on the Northside. Our local historians will facilitate discussions of interesting Allegheny City history and lore:

- March 27 – Woods Run Library (2 PM)
- April 9 – Armani (7 PM to 9 PM)
- April 10 – Vault (7 PM to 9 PM)
- May 15 – Riverview U.P. Church (7 PM to 9 PM)

Items Available for Sale at the ACS “Store”

	Members	Non-Members
Book - <i>The Story of Old Allegheny City</i> (reprint)		
Hardbound	\$20.00	\$25.00
Softbound	\$12.00	\$15.00
"Legacy of Pittsburgh" prints	\$40.00	\$40.00
The Official 1899 Map of the City of Allegheny (reprint)	\$12.00	\$15.00
The Allegheny City Society Coffee Mug	\$5.00	\$6.00
Tour Booklets	\$5.00	\$7.00
Davisville to Brighton Heights		
Troy Hill		
Duquesne Boro		
Fredrick Osterling in Allegheny, PA		
The Czech Community of Allegheny City		

All prices include sales tax. A one-time shipping/handling fee of \$2.75 must accompany any mail order. For multiple “ship to” addresses add \$2.75 for each address.

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Lisa Miles New Book a Great Success

Lisa Miles, member of the ACS, has published *Resurrecting Allegheny City: The Land, Structures & People of Pittsburgh's North Side*. The first edition has been sold out and the second edition is available for \$16 on her web Site at www.lisamilesviolin.com or at Borders and other booksellers.

FYI

The Society's web site is www.alleghenycity.org.
Our email is history@alleghenycity.org

Grant For Veteran's Memorial Documentation Being Prepared

The North Side of Pittsburgh has sent many of its citizens to fight our nation's wars. Monuments and memorial plaques listing the names of area veterans have been constructed to commemorate their efforts and sacrifices. These tributes can be found in public green spaces, veterans and social halls, and religious buildings. Many remain, but some have been lost to us or have fallen into disrepair with the names having been lost.

The Allegheny City Society is preparing a grant request that will enable the Society to map, digitally document and electronically disseminate all veteran memorials and the names of the men and women who have kept our nation free. Veteran memorials will have to be located and photographically documented. The fate of the missing will be obtained by interviewing seniors and local research.

Consultation will be held with professionals to determine the best way to present this information in an organized and logical way for both web site and CC/DVD media. Long term preservation issues of digital objects and the best way to store them for the future will be discussed.

ACS volunteer members will ascertain what descriptive data will be needed such as title, date, location, description, subject, etc. to be included in the veteran name documentation. This will be incorporated into the program. As the digital name information for each memorial is collected it will be processed and put on the Society's web site. Each location will be documented and a short history of the location will be included.

This fieldwork will require the largest block of time, this being affected by the weather and volunteers available time. Once fieldwork is completed and reviewed, the web site will be updated and production of high quality CD and DVD completed. Presentation of the completed project will be made to local libraries and genealogical groups and a permanent record will be given to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in a public program.

2008 Annual Meeting

The ACS annual meeting will be held in the last week of April at the newly renovated Watson Chapel in Riverview Park. Check the spring edition of the *Reporter Dispatch* (due at the end of March) for final date, time, and details.

Allegheny County Council Honors the ACS

On January 15, 2008, Branda Frazier, on behalf of the Allegheny County Council, presented a proclamation to the Society recognizing the annexation of the City of Allegheny by the City of Pittsburgh in December, 1907. Mike Coleman, President of the ACS and Board member Michael Shealey accepted the award.



ACS Board Members Tiffani Emig and Emilia Boehm

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