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The President's Message

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Mary and I want to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes to each of you for continued good health, happiness and prosperity as we embark on SURE's twenty-fourth year of service to our members and our communities. Your track record in doing both is truly unparalleled in this region, and perhaps in the entire nation.

The majority of you will be reading this Newsletter by Email for the first time. I hope you enjoy the colorful photos and other features that make it more appealing. I want to thank Earl Novendstern, Andy Jarabak, Bruce Cook and John Skooglund for teaming up to bring this idea to reality—**Well done guys!** For this issue only, everyone will be getting a print copy in addition to the Email version; we want to make sure we're getting our Email distribution right! Your comments and suggestions are most welcome, but please do your part and send us a note at <http://eepurl.com/rMg5T> advising of any Email changes you make in the future.

We've made several decisions to deal with the financial impact of SURE's move from the rent-free Churchill site last year. In addition to the cost savings in printing and postal expenses realized by the Email Newsletter, we will be eliminating the bi-monthly grants which Spotlight Awardees designate to the charities they serve, and we are reducing the Matching Gift Program to a one-for-one match (from two-for-one). But most important, I want to thank each of you who have sent a donation to help. I'm hopeful that your increased donations, in addition to the cost reductions listed above, will likely solve most of the problem and eliminate the need for a dues increase. I can't thank you enough for your generosity.

Our Volunteer efforts have continued to flourish during the past year under the careful direction of Nick Sowko. You will read about one of them in the Spotlight Award article on page 3. SURE member Ken Brown is serving as a Disaster Relief Volunteer with the American Red Cross. He brings much needed help to the out stretched hands of local people who have lost their homes and possessions in fires and other disasters. The Red Cross has also dispatched Ken to other parts of the country to help with massive relief efforts following tornadoes, floods and hurricanes, including feeding of the victims of the recent Hurricane Sandy which devastated so much of New Jersey and New York. Contact Nick Sowko if you're interested in getting involved in this important—really vital work. You'll be glad you did!

And finally...it's that time again. Some weeks ago you received an invoice for your 2013 SURE dues. Many thanks to all of you who already submitted them. If you mislaid the form, **you'll find another on page 11**. Please clip it and send it to the SURE office along with your check (yes - extra donations will be much appreciated). Since 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 as stated above, our expenses have increased 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.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God...Anon.

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

Spotlight Award for January 2013

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Ken Brown is the SURE Spotlight awardee for January. He volunteers at the Duquesne Food Pantry and he and his wife Sharon serve as volunteers at City Theatre. Ken also works as a disaster response volunteer for the American Red Cross.

After graduating from Bethel Park High School, Ken attended Rutgers University and received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1972. He met Sharon while working at a summer job working for a coal company in Pittsburgh. They were married a year after graduation. Ken and Sharon have two married daughters, both of whom live in the East End. They have two grandchildren, a girl and a boy. Their children and their families are the loves of their lives.

Following several years working at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company, Westinghouse Bettis hired Ken to work as a project engineer in the A4W Project. After five years at Bettis, he moved to the Pittsburgh Energy Testing Center at Bruceton to work on coal slurry combustion processes and then to the Westinghouse Synthetic Fuels Division at Waltz Mill. He returned to Bettis in 1984 and finished his career in Environmental Engineering supervising contractor work in asbestos removal, as well as soil and groundwater cleanups. Ken retired in 2007 to play golf, vacation in Florida for the winter, ride bikes, and perform volunteer work.

Ken first noticed the work that the Red Cross was performing during the response to Hurricane Katrina. He joined the American Red Cross of Western Pennsylvania's disaster action team in 2008 as an emergency response volunteer, responding to local disasters, mostly house fires, providing food, shelter, and clothing to those affected. His most recent deployment was at a fire in Braddock, PA. He said that the Red Cross usually arrives at the site of the fire before the fire department leaves the scene, assuring the client that they are not alone and that others will also be offering help.

Ken has also been involved in responses to National Disasters with the Red Cross. These are normally two week deployments with duties such as mobile distribution of living and cleanup supplies following the tornadoes in Alabama, providing client services

to flood-affected residents of Minot, North Dakota, and helped with sheltering for displaced clients in Florida after Hurricane Issac.

When Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast and created severe weather problems in West Virginia, Ken helped set up sheltering for the affected people. Since Sandy hit hard along the East Coast on



Maury Sharon Ken Nick

October 29, causing an unprecedented amount of damage in New Jersey and the New York City region, Ken was transferred to drive one of the Red Cross' mobile feeding trucks from Pittsburgh to the Long Island communities of Lindenhurst and Riverhead. He said he was glad that his fellow volunteer was an experienced truck driver because of some of the many difficult road situations they encountered.

Once they got to Long Island, Ken and his partner worked with volunteers from as far away as Florida and Arizona to distribute hot meals to victims. They worked with one of the large kitchens which were set up by members of the Southern Baptist Convention who came from several southern states to bring and cook food for people affected. The Red Cross had over 300 of these mobile food distribution vehicles responding to Hurricane Sandy. They loaded the vehicle with hot food from the kitchen several times during the day and proceeded to a fixed site where people came for food and supplies, or drove slowly through affected areas announcing that they had hot food available. About 45 volunteers representing the American Red Cross of Western Pennsylvania were in the region after the storm to help.

Ken said that the damage to the communities of Long Island was mostly due to flooding from the 13 foot storm surge. Those without electrical power were a bit frustrated by the delay in getting power restored, but people were generally upbeat and were truly grateful that the Red Cross volunteers had come to help.

After two weeks providing aid to victims of Hurricane Sandy, first in West Virginia, then in New York, Ken said of the experience “You get a great sense of satisfaction from helping people in such desperate need, and they are very thankful that you came. I’m able to do it, so why not?”

Please consider becoming a volunteer to bring help to anxious and often hungry disaster victims. To learn how you too can get involved, contact Ken at (412) 653-0233 or the American Red Cross at (412) 263-3100.

SURE salutes Ken and his wife Sharon who spend so much of their time making a positive difference to people who are truly in need.

Calling All Volunteers

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It’s January again and you will be receiving calls from your coordinator(s) seeking volunteer hours you have logged during the last 6 months of 2012. Please note that volunteer hours can be from spouses as well as Westinghouse retirees in that spouses are also 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 volunteer work 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 have political or religious implications, and you don’t have a coordinator asking for those hours, please call me and we will try to approve your project. Thank you for your help.

Daffodil Days

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The American Cancer Society will sponsor Daffodil Days again this year at Century III Mall on March 22 and 23. As you probably know, Westinghouse SURE volunteers have supported this project for

many years by selling daffodils and related merchandise to shoppers at the mall. This is a great opportunity to serve and feel good about supporting the fight against cancer. For more information, contact Don Kopelic.

Please Pass-Up-The Salt

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Everyone enjoys delicious food, and we choose our favorites based on how good they taste. As we age, the sense of taste diminishes somewhat and foods that once were flavorful may now become bland. Have you ever observed family members or people in a restaurant, before they even taste their food, pick up the salt and shake, and shake, and shake. I’ve often had the urge to ask them to allow me to take their blood pressure.

Salt is composed of 2 chemicals—Sodium (Na) and Chlorine (Cl). It is the sodium that seems to cause problems for many, because Americans consume far more sodium than is needed. Sodium works in combination with other minerals to regulate how much water is retained. It is needed to keep fluid in the body in the right amount, as well as for proper nerve and muscle function. The body requires no more than 500 mg per day and you can get that from ¼ tsp. of salt. (One tsp. contains about 2,000 mg of salt.) Yet the average American consumes 4-5,000 mg of salt daily. The Dietary Guidelines recommend no more than 2,000 mg daily.

Normally, excess sodium is excreted through the kidneys. In some people extra sodium is retained and is held in the tissue and holds water there, causing swelling. The more water in the body, the greater the volume of blood in circulation, and thus the greater the blood pressure. Some people are salt sensitive, which means that large amounts of sodium cause their pressure to rise. Over time, uncontrolled high blood pressure (hypertension) can contribute to stroke, heart disease, diabetes, and kidney and eye disease. This isn’t to say that a diet high in sodium is the sole cause of hypertension. There are other contributing factors such as smoking, being overweight and leading a sedentary life style. Contributing factors beyond our control are certain ethnic groups, family history and aging. Even healthy people who don’t have hypertension should watch their sodium intake.

We aren't born with a love for salt. A new baby has four primary tastes—sweet, sour, bitter and salty. A new born will embrace sweet foods and reject sour or bitter and can take or leave salty. If you are raised on salted foods, you will grow up thinking foods need to be salted. Sodium occurs naturally in all foods, so we need not add more.

As you decrease the sodium, your taste for salt diminishes. The less salt you consume, the less you will want. Most of the sodium consumed comes from canned, pickled, processed and restaurant foods, such as luncheon meats, bacon, sausage, ham, milk, cheese, soy sauce, celery and ketchup. That's the "why" of using less sodium; now let's tell you "how."

Adding salt is a habit that can be changed. Foods may seem less tasty at first but after a few weeks, taste buds adjust and you will be amazed to discover new flavors that salt may have hidden. Some salt substitutes contain less sodium and others are sodium free, but contain potassium, a mineral needed to maintain fluid balance, help muscles to function properly and help to control blood pressure. But too much potassium can be harmful, especially for those with heart disease, kidney disease and those taking meds such as certain diuretics and ACE-inhibitors. Onion and garlic powder, lemon juice, seasonings and spices, such as oregano, curry powder and parsley are good alternatives to salt. Learn to read labels identifying the amount of sodium: sodium free, reduced sodium, low sodium, and very low sodium, unsalted, no salt added, without added salt, etc.

Researchers through the years have studied the correlation between salt and hypertension. Current studies continue to be a hot topic of debate. Limiting the intake of salt is a good idea, whether you have hypertension or not. There has always been an association between salt and blood pressure and people with hypertension are six times more likely to have a heart attack and four times more likely to have a stroke than someone with normal blood pressure. But remember, salt intake is just one piece of the puzzle. There are other proven ways to lower blood pressure. Proven, time-honored ways include: losing weight, getting enough exercise, abstaining from smoking, limiting alcohol consumption, and controlling blood sugar if a diabetic. Some drugs, including antacids, headache remedies, laxatives and

sedatives contain sodium. Ask the pharmacist about the sodium content. There may be a low sodium alternative available or you may have to factor in the drug's sodium content with you died. So what's the bottom line? DON'T BE A SALT SHAKER. SHAKE OFF THE SALT.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE: What you need to know

High blood pressure means your heart is working harder than normal and your arteries are under extra strain. It can lead to heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure, damage to the eyes and other serious diseases. About 60 million Americans, aged six or older, have high blood pressure, but a third don't know that they do. That's because hypertension, the medical term for high blood pressure, has no symptoms. Hypertension doesn't mean be tense, nervous or hyperactive. The "tension" refers to pressure within the walls of the blood vessels, not the nervous system. You can be a calm, relaxed person and still have high blood pressure. The cause of hypertension in 90-95% of people isn't known—but it is easily detected and is usually controllable. Blood pressure should be checked periodically, especially as we age. Many people today have their own blood pressure apparatus equipment and take their pressure themselves or have it taken at a local K-Mart or pharmacy, free of charge. If it is determined that you have high blood pressure and the doctor prescribes medication, be sure to take it as directed for as long as it is prescribed.

Some people experience "white coat syndrome." Their pressure becomes abnormally high in the doctor's office or a medical setting. You may be advised to measure your pressure at home. About 10-15% of people are "salt sensitive," meaning salt drives the pressure up. If this is the case, salt should be limited. Use no salt in cooking and very little, if at all, at the table. Look for hidden sources such as snacks, processed and canned foods, fast foods, pancake mix, catsup and baking soda. Other lifestyle changes can help control blood pressure like losing weight, exercising and limiting alcohol if you drink. Loading up on fruits and veggies gives you fiber, potassium and magnesium that helps regulate pressure, as does calcium found in lo-fat dairy products.

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Make these Your 2013 Resolutions:

1. **Encourage:** friends who worked for, or retired from Westinghouse, or its successor Co's to take a look at www.westinghouseSURE.org and attend a monthly **SURE Roundtable** program, get valuable information and meet old work colleagues.

2. **Volunteer:** at least 24 hours during 2013 and report your hours. In 2013 **SURE** will be 24 years young and the recorded hours for SURE volunteers since 1996 will exceed 1 million and all done without federal or state help.

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

4. **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.

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

6. **Confirm:** that the beneficiaries of your IRAs, 401ks and Life Insurance policies are up to date with correct spellings, addresses, social security numbers, and birth dates.

7. **Give:** next of kin, list of the locations of all important papers; will, insurance, military discharge, last employer benefits, property deed, automobile titles, birth certificates, marriage certificate, checking and saving accounts, direct deposit and bank payment arrangements, social security and Medicare cards, brokers, powers of attorney, cemetery plots, the keys to bank lock box and cars, safe combinations.

8. **Check:** your credit reports by getting all 3, free, from Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax at www.annualcreditreport.com and correct any errors. Annually review your credit, by getting a different report every 4 months. Find out what's being reported about you and your spending habits. No computer? Call (877)322-8228. You will have to answer some questions and provide your social security number. Remember, credit reports are not

your credit score, which you only need if you're getting a mortgage or buying a car on time, etc.

9. **Explain:** to your children that they must have your IRA properly re-titled after you pass on, and they must do this before Sept 30 of the year following your death. This re-titling signifies to the IRS that this is an inherited IRA. If your children don't properly re-title the inherited IRA and just withdraw any assets from the inherited IRA and or try to transfer them to their IRA, the entire inherited IRA balance will be treated as taxable income and the federal tax bill could be huge. Explain to your children how to calculate the **Required Minimum Distribution** from inherited IRAs or 401ks, and also explain to them, if they take only required minimum distributions, their inherited IRA will be "stretched" over their lifetime and even their children's lifetimes ensuring a much greater total benefit.

10. **Remind yourself:** to check for the lowest gas and electricity supply rates at www.oca.state.pa.us and do this about every 3 months. Remember, you can only choose the supplier rates portion of your monthly gas and electric bill, not the delivery rate portion.

11. **Wrap:** your burned out CFL and fluorescent light bulbs in a plastic bag and take them to Home Depot or Lowes (return desk) and deposit in the box for free recycling.

12. **Look:** at the state Unclaimed Property lists for every state you, your children, and parents have ever lived in as well as Delaware (since many companies are chartered in that state), and recheck every year as sometimes it takes several years for unclaimed property to be acquired by a state.

The 10 Least Tax Friendly States for Retirees:

Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, California, New Jersey, New York, as reported by Kiplinger's.

Latest complete 2010 IRS filing statistics: The top 1% of all filers had an AGI of at least \$369,691 & paid 37.4% of all federal income taxes. The highest 5% each had AGI of at least \$161,579, paid 59.1% of total income tax. The top 10% with AGIs of \$116,623 or more bore 70.6% of the total tax burden. You're in the top 25% if your AGI was at least \$69,126 and your group bore 87.1 % of the total income tax burden. The bottom 50% of filers had AGI less than \$34,338 paid 2.36% of the total

federal income tax take, many with refundable tax credits for dependants resulting in a negative tax. One note about this IRS data: The average tax rates would be higher, if the IRS expressed them as a percentage of taxable income instead of a percentage of AGI.

Delay in getting your 2012 tax refunds? Since several items at the end of 2011 were not adjusted or continued for 2012, like the AMT, and direct IRA gifts to charities, the IRS will have to update their computer programs after Congress takes any action on those items and it may cause delay in properly processing tax returns and refunds for early filers.

2012 standard deduction: \$11,900 for married couples filing jointly, and \$5,950 for singles and married individuals filing separately. Married folks age 65 and older or blind (any age) get an extra \$1,150 each - bringing the write-off to \$14,200 if both spouses get the age bonus - and 65 and older singles get a \$1,450 boost, to \$7,400. If your 65th birthday is Jan 1, 2013 the IRS treats you as reaching age 65 on the last day of December and allows you to claim the standard deduction for age 65.

Filing Schedule C and qualify for Medicare? Self employed can deduct premiums paid for Medicare Part B and Part D and the cost of supplemental Medicare (med gap) policies on 1040 line 29. This deduction is available whether or not you itemize and is not subject the 7.5% of AGI test that applies to itemized medical expenses.

2012 Long-term Care premiums: deduction as medical expenses subject to the 7.5% Adjusted Gross Income floor; for taxpayers over 71 up to \$4,370, seniors 61-70 up to \$3,500, age 51-60 up to \$1,310.

2013 Increased Taxes: for most joint-filers with Adjusted Gross Income of \$250,000 or more and for singles \$200,000 or more. The **3.8% tax on net investment income** from the new Health Law starting Jan. 1, 2013 applies to that portion of dividends, interest (except from municipal bonds), net capital gains, rents, royalties and investment annuities that exceed the above AGI thresholds. Defined-benefit pension payments and individual retirement account payouts aren't themselves subject to the 3.8% tax, but they will be included in your A.G.I. This tax also applies to the net taxable gain

from the sale of a home after subtracting the home cost basis and the \$250,000 exclusion for singles and \$500,000 for couples. And there will be a **0.9% Medicare surtax on earned income**—wages and income from self-employment. Singles will owe the levy once total earnings exceed \$200,000. Couples over \$250,000. Marrieds filing separately over \$125,000. So for earnings over the thresholds, the effective Medicare tax rate will be 3.8%—the usual 2.9% rate plus an extra 0.9%. The surtax applies only to the employee's share of Medicare tax. Employers don't owe it.

2013 Auto mileage rates: Business travel 56.5¢ per mile, up 1 cent over 2012, Medical travel and moving will rise to 24¢ a mile, also up 1 cent. But the rate for charitable driving will stay at 14¢ a mile because the amount of that write-off is determined by Congress, not by the IRS. You also can claim the cost of parking and tolls.

2013 gift tax exclusion. You can give up to \$14,000, or jointly \$28,000, if your spouse agrees, to kids, grandkids or others without any gift tax consequences.

Jan 27, 2013 The price of a first-class stamp will inch up another penny to 46¢. But, the cost of each additional ounce of mail will remain unchanged at 20¢.

Coming: Adaptive Cruise Control: It does more than just lock in your car speed when engaged, but uses radar or lasers to track the vehicle ahead of you and then maintains a safe following distance. Some 2013 models already have it.

Home Alarm System? The monthly fee for the first year or two that home owners pay for security systems typically includes the installation and cost of the security equipment. Don't count on the Security Company to automatically reduce your monthly fee after the equipment is paid for. Call and ask for a reduction in rate, which may be as much as 60% of the fee for your initial monthly payments.

Understanding ETF's: The Investment Company Institute's new site, www.understandingetfs.org will help you understand more about exchange traded funds. The Investment Co. is a collaborative effort by 15 providers of exchange-traded funds to enhance public understanding of ETFs.

Need old stock prices for your tax return? Call Carnegie Business library for free look up service, (412)281-7141, (closed weekends) or www.carnegielibrary.org/research/business

Need paper tax forms? Pick up at local libraries, legislators offices, download from irs.gov, or after Jan 10, 2012 call (800) 829-3676.

Westinghouse Employee Stock Plan Price & Tax-Base Cost Data: From start of the plan in Nov 1949 to Nov 1999. Prices adjusted to reflect stock splits. Go to www.westinghousesure.org and click on the Roundtable Programs tab then click employee stock prices.

\$1 for H&R Block 2012 Tax Prep Expect to find them in Dollar Tree Stores starting late February through April 15. Does not include State preparation.

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Samples of SURE Trip Videos Available on the Internet

By Ralph Gurley

In recent years SURE has sponsored several trips abroad. In 2008 there was a trip through the Alps by train, in 2010 it was a visit to Ireland and in 2012, a cruise through the Baltic Sea with stops in ports in Finland, Russia, Latvia, Poland and Sweden. I went on all three of these trips.

Photography is my hobby. I am an active member in the Photographic Section of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh and also a member of the Photographic Society of America. These trips provided an opportunity to take pictures of places I probably would not have visited on my own. It is always more fun to travel with people you know.

When I got home from each of these trips, I put together shows about one hour in length with images, video and narration. These shows were copied to DVDs which can be played in DVD players and watched on TV sets at home. Copies of the DVDs were given to everyone who went on the trip. Using a digital projector and a screen, the Baltic Sea show was given at the November 14th SURE meeting.

We investigated if the shows could be put on the internet so they would be available to all SURE members. Unfortunately, this was not feasible for shows one hour in length. However, we did find a way to put 5 and 10 minute samples of the shows on the internet.

The shows were made using ProShow Gold which is a product of the Photodex Corp. Photodex provides a gallery on their website for users of the program to load short shows that they have made. These shows are available for viewing by anyone with the proper site address for the shows.

To see these short samples of the Alps by Train, Ireland and the Baltic Sea Cruise shows go to the following website:

<http://www.photodex.com/share/33rrg/ck4>

You will be asked to load a program called Presenter onto your computer. This is necessary to view the show. If you have Norton Security, you may have to turn it off temporarily to let the Presenter program load. Left click on the picture of the show you want to watch. The view will change to a red curtain with an image in the upper left of the curtain. Left click on that image to start the show. Right click on the show images as the show is running to bring up a menu from which you can select a full screen view.

I plan to go on future SURE trips and hope to see you as fellow travelers. You can be sure I will bring my camera.

Lancaster-Boiling Springs-Hershey Trip

By Bettyann Finney, Trips and Tours Committee

Twenty six of us left the Westinghouse Energy Center at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday December 5th on a very comfortable Elite motor coach arriving at Allenberry Playhouse for a delicious holiday luncheon and a very entertaining Christmas performance of "A Boogie Woogie Christmas."

Our next stop was the PA Police Academy at Hershey. Our tour guide was the retired head of the academy with a ton of information. The scheduled hour presentation extended to almost two hours. This was one of the highlights of our trip. After checking into our hotel, we walked across the parking lot to a very nice diner for a light meal.

Thursday morning we had breakfast at the hotel before departing at 8:15 a.m. Our first stop was the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum at Hershey. This was beautifully decorated for Christmas including many train displays. The oldest car in this collection was an 1895 Benton that used candles for lighting. After enjoying cookies and coffee at the museum we were on our way to the Hershey Story Museum. We did a self guided tour of the museum which depicted the life of Milton Hershey who was the founder of Hershey chocolate. After buying a box lunch to eat on the coach, we departed for Lancaster.

We arrived for the 1:00 p.m. performance of "Jonah" which was spectacular. The scenery which included front, both sides and live animals walking up the aisles and on stage was awesome. All of us enjoyed this Sight and Sound experience. We were now ready to depart for the Shady Maple Restaurant. This is Lancaster County's largest smorgasbord with food prepared in a traditional PA Dutch style. We also visited the gift shop which has over 40,000 square feet of unique collectibles, etc.

Another busy day ended and we were all ready to board our coach for home arriving at the Energy Center at 10:30 p.m. Everyone agreed it was a busy 2-day trip but very enjoyable.

The Westinghouse Cannon

Ed Reis, Westinghouse Historian
Senator John Heinz History Center

George Westinghouse was a very patriotic civil war veteran and he and his wife Marguerite are both buried in Arlington National Cemetery. At one time he even ended up owning four Civil War era cannons. In fact, two of these Civil War cannons can be seen today as they are prominently displayed on the front lawn of the Allegheny County Soldiers & Sailors Memorial building in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

As background, it is interesting to know that 80% of all the large cannon used by the Union Army and Union Navy during the Civil War were made in Pittsburgh. Now the story goes that 100 ten-inch Columbiad cannon from the Allegheny Arsenal in Lawrenceville were ordered to be sent to the Federal Arsenal in New Orleans. This action took place just before the start of the Civil War and it angered the

people of Pittsburgh as they feared a war was imminent. They did not want the cannon to fall into the hands of the South and later to be used against them. At the direction of Major John Symington, who many thought to be a southern sympathizer, the cannon were prepared for loading on the steamer Silver Wave here in Pittsburgh. Public and political pressure on the War Department was effective and the order was reversed.

In 1902, 37 years after the end of the Civil War a number of these Columbiad cannon were put up for sale by Allegheny Arsenal. George Westinghouse purchased four of the cannon and gave them to the city of Pittsburg. Two were to be erected at the entrance of Highland Park and the other two were erected at the Spanish American War Cannon Circle at the current site of the University of Pittsburgh's Frick Fine Arts Building. Later, these two cannon were moved to the Allegheny County Soldiers & Sailors Memorial site a short distance away. They were manufactured by the Fort Pitt Foundry in the year 1853. It is not clear what happened, but the other two cannon were never erected at Highland Park. A photograph exists of two Columbiad cannon being scrapped at the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company mill as part of a scrap drive to build war material during World War II. Although no documentation has been located it is conceivable that these two were the missing cannon originally meant to be located at the entrance to Highland Park.

If he were alive today, George Westinghouse would be pleased to know that two of his gifted Civil War era cannon continue to be prominently displayed here in Pittsburgh.



Death Notices

Almasi, Mary (86)
Belle Vernon
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/2/2012 **SURE Member**

Auld, James (80)
Lugoff SC
Retired from R&D Center
Died 11/24/2012

Barnyk, M Frances
Turtle Creek
Retired from Transportation
Died 11/12/2012

Bruderly, Robert Earl (89)
Pittsburgh
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 11/9/2012

Brussalis, William "Bill" (80)
Spotsylvania VA
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/26/2012 **SURE Member**

Cameron, Charles R (90)
Arnold
Retired from Cheswick
Died 12/6/2012

Charlson, Ben (83)
St Augustine FL
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 10/28/2012

Cherry, Regis A (64)
Wilmerding
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/9/2012

Coverston, Boyd Julian (83)
Charlotte NC
Retired from Youngwood
Died 10/27/2012

Davis, Harriet (102)
Irwin
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 12/4/2012

Delcoco, Sr, Robert (82)
Blairsville
Retired from Blairsville
Died 11/8/2012

DeLiso, Donald (81)
Bethel Park
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/9/2012

Eng, Gim (89)
Monroeville
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/25/2012

Fettters, Laten H (86)
South Park
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/16/2012

Fink, Jr, William H (85)
Manor
Retired from Manor Benelite
Died 11/23/2012

Hamilton, John H (91)
N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 12/15/2012

Hamilton, William W (84)
Greensburg
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/3/2012

Hixon, Paul H (83)
Springdale
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/8/2012

Holden, Vincent (96)
Monroeville
Retired from Churchill Patent
Died 10/28/2012

Jones, Linda M
Yuba City CA
Retired from Eaton/Cutler Hammer
Died 10/18/2012

Kearnton, William B (87)
Whitehall
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 12/3/2012

Kedzierski, Fern (89)
Plum
Retired from East Pgh/Round Rock
Died 12/4/2012

Lindsay, Malcolm (84)
O'Hara TWP
Retired from Cheswick
Died 12/3/2012 **SURE Member**

Maharam, Arthur L (89)
Churchill
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/3/2012 **SURE Member**

Mandak, Caroline (82)
Chalfant Boro
Retired from Monroeville Nuclear
Died 11/11/2012

McAchren, Robert (91)
Pleasant Hills
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 11/7/2012

McCart, Odra (77)
Sigel
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/3/2012

Metz, Ernest (87)
N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from R&D Center
Died 12/17/2012 **SURE Member**

Michaels, Charles E (87)
Mt Washington
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 11/5/2012 **SURE Member**

O'Neil, Paul Lawrence (81)
Downingtown PA
Died 11/13/2012
Retired from PGSD

Opel, Stewart "Stew" W (84)
White Oak
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 11/8/2012

Porter, John (83)
Harrison TWP
Retired from Cheswick
Died 10/30/2012

Price, Earl J (90)
Wilksburg
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 10/24/2012

Romeo, Julia G (90)
Delmont
Retired from Monroeville Nuclear
Died 12/5/2012

Snyder, Jr, William R (82)
Level Green
Retired from Energy Center
Died 12/17/2012

Trunzo, Anthony F
McMurray
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 10/22/2012

Ward, Thomas A (87)
N Huntingdon TWP
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 12/4/2012 **SURE Member**

Weis, Esther Allen (86)
Washington
Retired from Waltz Mill
Died 11/18/2012

Whale, Norman A (80)
Springdale
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 11/30/2012

Yannucci, Norman H (90)
Yukon
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 12/16/2012

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