#### \*\*\*MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED\*\*\*

Nominations for PCO Executive Board 2020 positions remain open until May 19, 2020 at 11:59PM. Any PCO Member in good standing is eligible for nomination, and any nominations should be sent to pconominations@gmail.com

# From the President Wyatt Ollestad

Greetings from the virtual office of the PCO President! Although we remain a bit physically isolated for the time being, rest assured that the PCO Executive Board is still hard at work keeping the Organization running, and that plans for the future, remain ongoing. Our Committees, Zone Directors, and Block Captains are still operating under normal procedures, albeit with safety guidelines now in play. It is our hope and expectation that all will continue to serve the community as we always have in the months ahead.

As was touched upon briefly in last month's article, now is a great time to take stock of what truly matters to us, both as individuals and as members of a community. The framework that was put in place prior to the pandemic still provides a guidepost for the future of Pullman, and I'd like to encourage everyone to really think about ways our neighborhood can continue to improve and what changes we'd like to see. Pullman has the unique advantage of being somewhere between typical urban life and having a small town's sense of connectedness, and as such has the ability to remain adaptable in a way other neighborhoods cannot. Take advantage of this, and start to think about what a post-pandemic Pullman might look like – we are a living, breathing community, and together have the power to shape what our neighborhood is to become.

I am a firm believer in that times of crisis often bring out the best in people — when a shared goal is held by many, there's practically no limit to what can be accomplished. That has been the motto of this organization, and indeed the entire neighborhood, for as long as I've been here, and will continue to guide us into weeks, months, and years ahead. So let that be your guide as well, and look for ways to make this neighborhood better than it ever has been — we're always open to suggestions and new opportunities.

During this crisis I have seen our neighbors step up and offer help in all sorts of ways, and I'm confident we'll see that same level of generosity as time progresses. And although this is the month we'd normally be recognizing in-person those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the betterment of our community, for the time being a virtual round of applause will have to suffice. So please join me in thanking the following neighbors for their efforts, and save some applause for that glorious day when we'll once again be able to get together as a community and as an organization to celebrate all that has been accomplished, and all that will be, in the community we call home.

Pat Shymanski and Jane Bushwaller, for making hundreds of cloth face coverings for donation to the community and local hospitals

Erica Roewade, for organizing a \$3000+ community donation to Roseland Community Hospital staff

Tom Shepherd, for going above and beyond the call of duty as Chair of this year's Black History Month Committee

Andy Bullen for collecting, archiving, and optimizing years' worth of PCO records (and the Beman Committee's Façade Legacy Project) for new website hosting

Ralph & Beverly Larson, for more than 45 years working on the Pullman Flyer

Mike Shymanski, for his time as President of the Historic Pullman Foundation (congratulations on the 'retirement', Mike!)

# Pullman's Memorial Day: Version Pandemic CJ Martello

Along with most annual events this year of the pandemic our entire Memorial Day Ceremony has been revised. As a committee of one, it is easier to coordinate any and all parts of the program. The problem comes in the situation of determining what the program will be.

Having posted a request for material for a potential online program commemorating those members of the Pullman, Kensington, Roseland communities who have passed in service in the military, I've had more than 100 people express their appreciation for the thought and the effort.

So, in honor of those deceased members of the military I will be posting a Powerpoint presentation to Facebook on Memorial Day. My technical skills aren't sufficiently advanced that I can create a video with a musical background and a photo montage. Being a Vietnam Veteran myself, however, there's no way I would let that day go by without some kind of acknowledgement of the thousands that have given their lives in service to this country.

Part of the United States' history includes wars and this day is to help us recall all veterans, not just those we're related to or former friends. Our wars go back WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Those are the legitimate wars to consider, but we've also lost members of our armed forces in unknown secret forays and due to accidents in training, malfunctioning equipment, violence, and automotive accidents. These members of the military were in situations—not of their own making.

They too need to be remembered. All of these service members have one thing in common besides their deaths—they left behind loved ones who deeply cared for them. This is the main thread requested in honoring them over Memorial Day Weekend. Some say we are honoring war but that is far from the truth.

We are honoring those who have died while in service to our country. Regardless of whether they passed during wartime or peacetime, we honor them. In so honoring them, we honor the loved ones they left behind who live each day with a remembrance of the sacrifice their loved ones made. They remember daily in their hearts, in how they live their lives, and in their respect for all members of the United States Military, and in that regard, we join them. God bless our military personnel and keep them safe and awash in our love and let us not forget those who we remember on this Memorial Day.

#### Rebirth of the Vision Committee Bob Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson

The response to last month's notice of the restart of the Vision Commission was very satisfying. Several persons accepted the call. We are extending the call because this seems like the time to ask community members to rally for their community and for each other. Beverly and I guarantee that participants will be challenged, satisfied, proud, and hungry. For those of you who are not familiar with the Committee, this notice and last month's article announce the rebirth of an effort to make one of the best neighborhoods in the United States even better. Meetings are filled with diverse ideas, thoughtful suggestions, creativity, and respectful conversation. President Eisenhower said, "...pla ns are of no particular value...but planning is indispensable..." Interested? Contact Beverly AshLarson at 773-568-5890 or bashlarson@gmail.com. Yes, please, join.



#### Historia Pullman Foundation

Marsha Adduci, Historic Pullman Foundation Board Member

Dear Historic Pullman Foundation supporter,

While we are practicing social distancing and stay-at-home directives, we want you to know the Historic Pullman Foundation is diligently working to keep our plans for the future moving ahead. The Board of Directors met via conference call on April 14th, 2020 and we would like to share some recent news.

Thanks to Historic Pullman Foundation President Joseph Szabo's efforts in reaching out to key members of the business community, the Foundation has unanimously confirmed the following extremely talented and experienced professionals to our newly expanded Board of Directors:

Fred Ash. Fred has 30 years of commercial banking experience for large museums, cultural institutions, and universities including the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Field Museum and Chicago State University. Fred has written over 40 articles on railroad history and is Co-Founder of the Illinois Central Historical Society.

Douglas Davidson. Doug is the Director of Arbitration for the National Division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen, and Chairman of the National Railroad Adjustment Board headquartered in Chicago. He has a profound interest in Chicago, railroad history, labor history and everything Pullman.

Maria P. Hibbs. Co-Founder and Founding Executive Director of the Chicago Learning Exchange, a leading non-profit promoting educational innovation and equity of opportunity for young people in Chicago. Ms. Hibbs brings a wealth of leadership experience, philanthropic connections, communications skills, and community building to the Board.

Craig Howard. Retired Program Director at the MacArthur Foundation, VP & Co-Director of the Low Wage Worker & Communities Unit of MDRC (Manpower Demonstration Research Corp.), Former Program Officer at the Ford Foundation, and other major leadership positions make Craig a valuable addition to the Board.

Kathleen Schneider. Over 37 years of federal service experience, including 16 years National Park Service, Kathy was named first Superintendent of the Pullman National Monument in 2016, and led the planning for the \$35 million rehabilitation project of Pullman's Administration Clock Tower for our Park visitor center.

Maurice Williams. VP of Economic Development of Chicago Community Loan Fund, Maurice has over 27 years of experience in community economic development. His expertise has led to construction of \$220 million and 1.9 million sq. feet of retail and industrial centers throughout Chicagoland including Pullman.

Newly confirmed Board officers include: President, Joseph Szabo; VP, Laura Ruiz-Stephan; Treasurer, Cynthia-Martin McMahon; and Secretary, Douglas Davidson. Our continuing Board of Directors includes: Marsha Adduci, James Badali, Robert Bushwaller, David Beer, David Doig, Michael Shymanski, Ted Stalnos, and Eric Thompson. A special thanks goes to retiring Board member Marie Robinson for her years of service to the Board. All of these dedicated volunteer Historic Pullman Foundation Board members share a passion for Pullman that will advance our future as a Friends Group for the Pullman National Monument.

We also welcomed new Pullman National Monument Superintendent Teri Gage who reported that work on the Monument site is moving forward and plans for the 2021 opening are on schedule.

It is only through your generous support that the Historic Pullman Foundation can provide the education and resources to preserve Pullman's history. With the necessary closure of our Visitor Center and cancellation of tours, your support is more vital than ever. Your donation in any amount will be greatly appreciated and can be made on-line at www.pullmanil.org. Your generosity is the spark that keeps Pullman alive!

## The Pullman Flyer

## Community Improvement Andreas Morgen

I met with Alderman Beale and have the following information to share:

- 1) The most exciting update is that the landscaping efforts for the Pullman National Park Visitors Center is scheduled to actually begin this summer! No date was provided but apparently it should be completed by fall. I found this surprising as I assumed that like most other projects, the landscaping is the last part of the development stages. Won't it be exciting to see that entire corner beautified! I did ask if there was any plan to install any fencing surrounding the grounds but sadly he said no, although he thought the ugly chain link fencing will be removed.
- 2) Another street or extension of a current street will be added to the Pullman Park Plaza property. This street is being built to help alleviate truck traffic throughout our residential streets. Again how exciting! Hopefully this will work.
- 3) The orange traffic cones that should reflect the 111th St are there for a reason. Apparently, they were placed there to get motorists used to using one lane of traffic instead of the current two. The curbside lane will be developed into another bike lane.

I plan to meet with Alderman Beale again when possible. If there are any other questions, please feel free to contact me on Facebook or call me at 773-413-9081 & feel free to leave me a voicemail. Currently my email is not working otherwise I would provide it to you all. Thank you all, stay safe, and please maintain your social distancing.

## **Pullman Welcoming Committee**

Lisa Burback

The Welcome Committee has suspended distributing welcome bags until the shelter in place/social distancing orders have been lifted. Just because we can't give our new residents an in-person greeting doesn't mean a virtual one can't take place! I'll be reaching out to all new residents via email to give them the best welcome possible until it's safe for our block captains to deliver bags again. If you know of a new neighbor or have a new tenant, please obtain their name, address and email address and send it to welcometopull-man@gmail.com. Stay safe and healthy, everyone!

## Ladies Luncheon Group

Carol Lagadinos

In 1991 Grace Sarniak and Norma Zarris formed the Ladies Lunch Group to support the restaurant in the Hotel Florence. Sixteen women attended that first lunch on Thursday September 26, 1991. Although the hotel closed in 2001, the group continued to meet monthly, selecting restaurants on the south side or south suburbs until attendance dwindled in 2009. Five years later, in 2014, it was reestablished by Beverly Ash-Larson and Norma Zarris. I began organizing the luncheons in early 2018. Ladies Lunch Group is a friendly group of women of various ages who enjoy good food and conversation. It's about getting together once a month to try out new restaurants and establishing friendships. The group still focuses on searching out unique spots on the southside and south suburbs. In the past we have discovered and dined at some interesting places in Hyde Park, Bronzeville, Beverly, Pilsen, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Frankfort, Homewood, and many more.

Due to the recent Illinois stay-at-home order, The Ladies Lunch Group has paused until restaurants are open again for dining-in. Looking forward to seeing the group again when that happens as well as new faces. Until then, please stay well everyone.

# Safety Committee/CAPS Carol Lagadinos

In February of this year 2020, after 4 years in the position, I resigned as Beat Facilitator with The Chicago Police Dept 5th District CAPS and as PCO Safety Committee Chairperson. After notifying the PCO Board, I had planned to announce my resignation at the next General PCO meeting which didn't occur due to the Illinois stay-at-home order. It's now May and when the next meeting can occur is still uncertain due to COVID-19, so I am taking this opportunity to make that announcement here in the Pullman Flyer. Serving as chairperson and as the liaison to the Chicago Police Dept has been a great experience and I am happy to have had the opportunity to work with and help so many wonderful people.



## The Pullman Flyer

## 2020 PCO Nomination List Larry Lagadinos

One-Year termPresidentRachel SmithVice-PresidentWyatt OllestadRecording SecretaryLorraine BrochuTreasurerDebbie Newman

Two-Year term Zone Directors

Zone 1 Tom McMahon
Zone 2 Katie McMahon
Zone 3 Angelo Carrivale
Zone 4 Megan Lydon

In second year of two-year term Zone Directors (No Action Required)

Zone 1 Ellen Kaulig
Zone 2 Lynne Collins
Zone 3 Patrick Brannon
Zone 4 Luanne Wethington

2020/2021 Elected members of Nominating Committee

Patrick Brannon Ellen Kaulig Felipe Granados

# From the Dining Car: What to Cook when You don't Feel Like Cooking during the Quarantine

Patty Lawson

Get it out of your head that you always have to make something new and exciting for every meal. Don't worry about doing fancy, do taste. If you find comfort in certain tastes, go for it. Get everyone involved with planning meals.

Have everyone in your household pick their favorite couple of meals, especially the picky eaters, and set up a two-week menu of these foods, like Taco Tuesday, Beanie-Weenie Wednesday, or Fish Fry Friday. I'll leave it up to you to christen the other days. This should also cut down on the complaining when everyone can look forward to "my favorite food day". And let the kids help, too. See it as a teachable moment, ala homeschooling home ec!

And don't forget – you can always have breakfast for dinner!

Now let's get ready for the 2020 Stay in Place Memorial Day Lockdown Backyard BBQ by making this serious, no-cook BBQ sauce. You should already have all the ingredients and, if not, wassamattau?

2 cups ketchup

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup yellow mustard

1/2 small onion, chopped

1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

2 tbsp. vinegar (your choice of vinegar)

1 tbsp. pepper (or to taste)

2 cloves minced garlic

1/2 tsp. liquid smoke

Add all ingredients and mix well. Sample as you go along and adjust the amounts, according to your taste. You may want to double or triple up on these ingredients so you don't run out. Cover and refrigerate – the longer the better, but, at least, overnight. (If you store your sauce in a plastic container, first spray the inside with a cooking spray so the container does not get stained.)

## QUARANTINE DIARY

Day 1: I have stocked up on enough non-perishable foods and supplies to last me for months, maybe years, so that I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to see out this pandemic.

Day 1 + 45 minutes: I am in the supermarket because I wanted a Twix. Notes from Sir Michael on boredpanda.com

Do you have a favorite recipe for the stove, oven, or microwave you would like to pass along? Got a useful kitchen or household tip? How about a quick fix for a cooking catastrophe? Simply email me at fromthediningcar@yahoo. com, or place it in my mailbox at 11122 South Champlain Avenue. Please include your name, phone number and/or email address.

## Pullman Calendar for May-June 2020

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

On hold until the "Stay at Home" order is lifted in Chicago

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Event (\$ if charge) Place/Contact

Pullman Picnic Bowling Fundraiser Postponed indefinitely

Wed 5/13 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) Teleconference

Day

Wed 5/20 PCO General Membership Meeting CANCELED

Membership Cookout has been postponed (social gathering restrictions)

Mon 5/25 Memorial Day Ceremony Virtual

A virtual presentation will be held to honor our fallen veterans

Contact CJ Maretto for online location: cjmartello@prodigy.net or 773.701.6756

May Ladies Luncheon Canceled

Wed 5/27 7:30pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Wed 6/3 Garden Club monthly meeting TBD

Wed 6/10 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) TBD (Teleconference likely)

Wed 6/17 PCO General Membership Meeting Tentatively @ Visitor Center

Membership Drive / Cookout to kick off the new fiscal year!

Wed 6/24 7:30pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Keeping positive thoughts that we can all gather together later this summer! Save the date: Saturday, August  $1^{st}$  - Annual Pullman Picnic in Arcade Park

Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com

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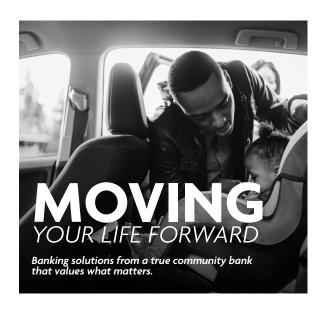
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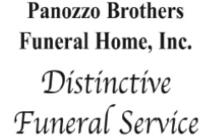
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