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Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

PCO GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President:
Remembering Bill Kirchner
John Lydon



William A. Kirchner
August 1948—University of Chicago



Benton Harbor Class Photo
1954

At a recent PCO Board Meeting, a question arose about the origin and allocation of the Kirchner fund. Several members were able to speak about the benefactor, Bill Kirchner, who was deeply committed to our community and organization. To learn more, I recently sat down with Kris Thomsen to discuss Bill’s life and legacy.

Bill Kirchner was an artist, teacher, and advocate. A native of Blue Island, he earned both his Bachelor and Master of Arts from the University of Chicago in 1950 succeeded by further graduate work at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the American Academy of Art. Bill taught for thirty years in the Blue Island, Naperville, and Hammond school systems in addition to classes at the Monterey Art Studio in Morgan Park.

“Bill loved teaching,” reflected Kris Thomsen during the interview. When asked to describe Bill in a few words, “kind, thoughtful, generous” was the response. “He was the kindest person you ever knew; Bill would give you the shirt off his back.”

After his long career in education, Bill moved to Pullman and became a community advocate with the Pullman Civic Organization as well as a volunteer for the Historic Pullman Foundation. Most weekdays, Bill served as a docent at the Hotel Florence. During the holiday seasons, Bill curated the decorations at the hotel. “The third floor of Bill’s house was filled with decorations,” Kris noted. “He adorned the Hotel Florence as only an artist could.” Kris also volunteered at the hotel and recounted memories of coffee on Bill’s front porch. Aligned with his acts of service, Bill opened his home—11107 South Saint Lawrence Avenue—for the first annual Candlelight Christmas Walk hosted by the HPF on Saturday, December 14, 1996.

Bill was perhaps best known as a master portraitist, painting many public figures and Pullman residents. Using family photographs and the personal insights of Florence Lowden Miller, daughter of the former Illinois Governor Frank O. Lowden and granddaughter of George Pullman, Bill produced an impressive collection of Pullman family portraits displayed on the second floor of the Hotel Florence.



Kirchner’s portrait of George Pullman



Kirchner’s portrait of Pullman resident Ruth MacCullom

After three decades of contributions to our community, Bill Kirchner’s time came to rest on September 28, 2000. Bill bequeathed funds to the PCO for major projects that would benefit and celebrate the stories of Pullman. The Kirchner fund was used to create and install the first public signage in the neighborhood that named and explained historic buildings; these signs are still utilized today.

Since 1960, the PCO gathers, supports, and informs our community; we recognize those who have served and continue to work toward making our collective better.

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Kirchner at the Hotel Florence
1997

Pullmans’ Kids Corner

In remembrance of Bill Kirchner’s love of the arts and teaching, the Pullman Flyer is adding a new section based on the ideas of the young members in our community called the Pullman Kids’ Corner! Submissions can range from drawings and comics to poetry and short stories. For artwork, note The Flyer is printed in black and white; heavily shaded/dark images should be avoided.

The deadline for the upcoming Flyer is the 1st of the month. Please note, all material submitted becomes property of the PCO for the limited, explicit purpose of publishing in The Pullman Flyer.

Questions? Email the PCO President at pcopres@gmail.com.

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Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee
Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

The Façade Reimbursement Program is back! Now entering its 20th year, the PCO Beman Committee’s Façade Reimbursement Program is gearing up for the 2024 cycle. Applications and Guidelines are now available online at pullmancivic.org (on the Beman Committee’s page), on the front door of 11307 St. Lawrence, and can be requested by emailing pcobemancommittee@gmail.com. Paper copies will also be made available at forthcoming PCO General Membership meetings. As a reminder, Applications will be due back December 31, with selections of projects to be made at the January PCO General Membership meeting.

This year, we’ve increased the maximum reimbursement amount to \$1250, as we know that the cost for proper historic restoration just keeps going up year after year. We’ve also got some other ideas in the works to make the 20th anniversary of the Program a special one, so be sure to watch this space and attend PCO meetings for all the latest and greatest!

Since its inception in 2004, the Façade Reimbursement Program has yielded over half a million dollars in private investment from property owners, from funds received each year from the annual House Tour. Special thanks to everyone who participated in this year’s House Tour, making it such a successful event! And remember: the available funds of the Program are fully contingent upon the success of each year’s House Tour, so be sure to volunteer and help out any way you can to make sure both the Program and the Tour continue to grow in the years to come!

Interested in historic preservation, whether professionally or as a hobby? Curious to know more about your specific home? Need help navigating the ins and outs of a renovation? Then drop by one of our monthly Committee meetings, typically held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th St.). The Beman Committee is looking for members who are passionate and dedicated to architectural preservation like we are! No experience necessary, just a willingness to help grow and strengthen our Committee. The sky’s the limit, and we’d love to hear your ideas – feel free to get in touch with us any time, or attend our meetings!



Pullmans’ Kids Corner
Submitted by Weston Peloquin



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Green Spaces and Places:
Winter Window Boxes and Displays
Lynn Smith

A casual walk around our neighborhood continues to reveal multiple creative landscaping options. Many people are opting to forego grass in their front yards, instead using ground covers and perennials for interest. In the same vein people are using evergreen accents (boxwood, yews, and pine accents) to extend the celebration of nature, which, at its heart, is what gardening is about.

Many European countries (Switzerland comes to mind but others as well) excel in using window boxes year round to celebrate nature. Their window boxes might include pine cones, evergreen boughs, small boxwood, possibly even Rosemary, to improve the view. Of course, in Switzerland the scenery is grand. But we can also improve both our interior and exterior view by including nature-related displays.

A welcoming and seasonally appealing decorative yard and front porch is a boon to the homeowner and the neighborhood...And we’ll keep talking...

HPF Events
Emily Maynard

Pullman Exhibit Hall featuring its 50th anniversary exhibit - Learn what it takes to preserve a neighborhood’s history at Historic Pullman Foundation’s new exhibition From Wrecking Ball to National Park. As HPF celebrates its 50th anniversary, the exhibit explores the successes and set-backs on the road to preservation through HPF’s own collection and archives. From Wrecking Ball to National Park follows Pullman’s journey through the generations of people who have dedicated their time and talents to the common goal of preserving the community they love.

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Thursday through Sunday, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. CT

Cold Weather Wear Drive for Asylum Seekers
Lorraine Brochu

Of the thousands of asylum seekers coming to Chicago, those at our local police station regularly number a hundred. They come here with little else than the clothes on their back as they seek a better life, fleeing persecution, crime and poverty. While we have a small cadre of stalwart volunteers who hustle to provide meals, clothes, bedding, and rides to medical and legal appointments, we need your help until they are processed and get shelter.

The brutal Chicago is soon upon us. In partnership with the HPF, the PCO is sponsoring a cold weather wear drive of new or gently used adult coats, hats, gloves and socks. Donations can be left in the boxes at the HPF’s Exhibit Hall Thur - Sun 11 am - 3 pm or at the PCO meeting on Nov. 15. Call Lorraine at 312-731-2430 with questions.

If you would like to help with financial donations, please visit the PCO’s Go-FundMe site <https://gofund.me/15197489>. If you’d like to make a breakfast, or help make one, you can contact Nancy at 312-330-3395.



Beat 531 Meeting

Tuesday November 21st

6pm
In-Person
Greenstone United
Methodist Church



From the Dining Car
Astrid Fingerhut

Anyone who has tried Carol Lagadinos’s food understands why I’ve been hinting to her that a recipe or two (or six) would be very welcome since, well, pretty much since I took over writing this column. I do think I mentioned early on that I am both not a great cook and not as funny as I think I am. As “good cook” was pretty much the “you had one job” for writing this column, I’ve had to resort to begging the actual good cooks in our neighborhood for help. This month, Carol came through in a big way!

Chicken Marbella
(Serves 10)

10 chicken thighs

- For marinade:
- 5 clove garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup dried oregano
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 cup pitted prunes
- 1/2 cup pitted Spanish green olives
- 1/2 cup capers, with a bit of juice
- 4 bay leaves
- Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

For baking:
1 cup dry white wine and 1/2 cup brown sugar

For serving:
1/4 cup finely chopped flat-leaf parsley

1 day ahead:
In a large bowl, combine the olive oil, vinegar, prunes, olives, capers and juice, bay leaves, garlic, oregano, and salt and pepper. Add the chicken pieces and turn to coat. Refrigerate overnight.

Next day:
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Arrange the chicken in a single layer in a shallow roasting pan; spoon the marinade over it evenly. Pour in the white wine, then sprinkle the chicken with the brown sugar.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes, basting two or three times with the pan juices once the chicken begins to brown. (When basting, do not brush off the sugar. If the chicken browns too quickly, cover lightly with foil.)

Transfer the chicken thighs to a warm serving platter. Top with the prunes, olives and capers and keep warm.

Place the roasting pan over medium heat. Bring the pan juices to a boil. Reduce to about 1/2 cup. Strain juices into a heatproof bowl and pour over the chicken. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Carol’s Notes:

- This has been a favorite at many of the House Tour Homeowners Dinners that we have hosted and always gets compliments! This my version of a party dish that was popular in the 1980’s, inspired by Spanish & North African Cuisine.
- It’s a great party dish and can be doubled or tripled.
- Overnight marination is essential to the moistness of the final product
- Can be made ahead and reheated
- The chicken keeps and improves over days of refrigeration.
- It travels well
- Thyme can be substituted for oregano, dates for prunes
- Wings can be substituted for thighs to be served as an hors d’oeuvre or picnic dish
- Can be served hot or at room temperature

Side Dishes suggested: Couscous, Zaatar Roasted Cauliflower, Moroccan Seasoned Carrots (Mmmm, now doesn’t that sound delicious? Wouldn’t these side dishes make a great next column?!)

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
PNHP Clocktower Visitor Information Center - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm		
The Block House Gallery Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / Sat 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley		
Thu-Sun 12pm-4pm From Wrecking Ball to National Park Exhibit Hall 11141 S Cottage Grove		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
When	Event (\$ if charge)	Where/How
Saturday 11/11 11:00am PCO Annual Salute to Our Veterans at Pullman Elementary School Begins in the Auditorium / Concludes at War Monument / Fellowship at FLM Center (614 E 113th)		
Wed 11/15 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St	Everyone is welcome!
Thu 11/16 5:30pm-8pm	Historic Pullman Foundation Member Appreciation Reception	Exhibit Hall
Fri 11/17 10am-12pm Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri) 209 E 103rd St (Pkg Lot)		
Sat 11/18 7pm	Underground Railroad History w/ Prof. Larry McClellan	Givins Beverly Castle (103rd & Longwood)
Tues 11/21 6pm	Beat 531 Community Meeting in-person	@ Greenstone Church
Wed 11/22 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th		
Thursday 11/23 Thanksgiving Day		
Mon 11/27 6:00pm	CCPSA District Council Monthly meeting	TBD * see FB for current location
Wed 12/6 7pm Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St		
Sat 12/9 *tbd	PNHP Holiday Traditions program	NPS Visitor Center 610 E 111th A family friendly Holiday event: make ornaments, decorate an outdoor tree, take pictures with Santa
Wed 12/13 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th		
Wed 12/20 7:30pm	PCO ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY	Location TBD
Sun 12/31 11:59pm DEADLINE for 2024 PCO Façade Reimbursement Program Applications		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

Condolences

Condolences to the family of Charles “Charlie” Lira, a long-time Pullman resident. Charles served as a member of the Chicago Fire Department for an impressive 30 years, retiring as a Fire Lieutenant and exemplifying the values of courage, commitment and selflessness.



Charles and his daughter Katie

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