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Pullman Civic Organization

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PCO ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President
John Lydon

Happy holidays and season’s greetings to the Pullman community. For decades, the Pullman Flyer published a series of December articles by Mario Avignone, a founding member of the Pullman Civic Organization, where he reflected on historic holiday celebrations in our community. In Mario’s 1979 article, he recounted the very first holiday celebration sponsored by the PCO; this article is included below.

The first Christmas celebration by the PCO was on Sunday, December 17, 1960 with a Childrens’ Christmas party. Santa arrived in Pullman on a sleigh and went up and down every street inviting all the children to come to Market Hall for a Christmas Party. At Market Hall, Santa treated the children to candy and cracker jacks. Parents were given a free cup of coffee. About 150 children up to 11 years old attended the party.

The PCO also sponsored a Christmas outdoor “house decorations contest” and the judging took place on December 27th, 28th, and 29th by a committee headed by Jerry Tourville. Quite a number of residents decorated the outside of their homes giving the judges a difficult time in picking a winner. Winners, however, were finally chosen. They were: 1st place - Domenic Boesso (11344 Forrestville), 2nd place - Fred Minster and Lloyd West (11257 St. Lawrence), and 3rd place - Alphonse Sanchez (11400 St. Lawrence).

A group of PCO members went Christmas caroling around Pullman on Christmas Eve, December 24th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Jerry Tourville was in charge of carolers. It was a cold evening with snow on the ground making it difficult and uncomfortable for the carolers to sing. We stopped at various homes and sang in front of the house. The people came out to listen and in some cases, brought out some “spirits” to drink to keep us warm. The exhausted unprofessional group of men and women calling themselves carolers ended up at Market Hall where refreshments were served.

The general meeting of the PCO was held on Wednesday evening, December 21st at 8:00pm in the American Legion Hall. A good size crowd was in attendance. President Lisciotto congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sheahan on the birth of a daughter and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Esterhammer on a baby son. After the business portion of the meeting, we had community singing of Christmas Carols. Door prizes consisting of turkey, fruit cake, and tickets to the first PCO Pullman Homecoming Dance were given away. The evening ended with the serving of refreshments by the hostess committee.

Christmas 1960 is long gone. Many of the residents have long passed on or moved out of the community to all parts of the country. The children who received candy from Santa Claus at Market Hall have since grown up and many have children of their own. We who are still here are thankful for all the blessings Pullman have received the past 19 years and wonder what the future holds.

Merry Christmas to all.

Since 1960, the PCO gathers, supports, and informs our community. Thank you to all who continue to work toward making our collective better as we welcome the new year.

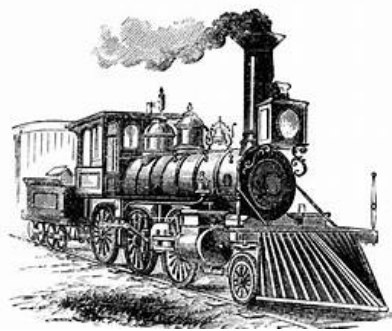
Together, we can!

Christmas Eve Car Caravan
Tom McMahon

We are going to have a Christmas Car Caravan through the streets of Pullman on Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM (weather permitting). We will gather at Exhibit Hall at 5:30 to decorate our cars. From there we will drive-up and down the streets of Pullman honking horns and yelling good cheer.

If you want to participate, please meet at Exhibit Hall at 5:30. To decorate your car with lights I suggest purchasing an “inverter” (this is different from a converter) for your car (Menards \$20.00). This plug-in-device will allow you to fully decorate your car with hundreds of lights (use LED lights).

At 6:00 PM residents can greet the caravan from their porches or curbs ringing bells. This Caravan was a great success in the past and we would hope to make this an annual Pullman event. And yes, there will be that special visitor riding in the last car bringing lots of holiday cheer.



Lionel Trains at Exhibit Hall
Tom amd Mike McMahon

This December 28th and 29th from 1:00PM/5:00 PM and December 30th from 11:00 AM/6:00 PM, also on January 4th, 5th, and 6th, from noon until 4:00PM the Historic Pullman Foundation and the Chicagoland Lionel Train Club will be hosting a model train exhibit featuring Lionel Trains at Exhibit Hall 11141 S. Cottage. There will be a number of Pullman Cars on exhibit as well as realistic engines and accessories from the 1950’s and 1960’s.

Additionally, there will be a new exhibit on the Polar Express. Pullman was the back drop for the North Pole as envisioned by the director, Robert Zemeckis, who grew up in Roseland. This one-of- a-kind exhibit will bring back memories of Lionel Trains running under your Christmas tree.



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7:30 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

PLEASE BRING A DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE AND
SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!



Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee
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The Beman Committee is back with some exciting programming for 2024! We will be partnering with local workforce development nonprofit, Revolution Workshop and the Pullman National Historical Park, to bring you some exciting hands-on educational opportunities for all the DIY homeowners, renters, and community stewards.

Join us as we welcome TMC Windows on Saturday, January 27th from 9am-12pm at Revolution Workshop (120 E. 111th Street) for a short lecture and hands-on window glazing demonstration. TMC Windows is a high-quality carpentry shop located in Skokie, Illinois. They began working with windows in the 1990s and have since grown to specialize in historic wood window restoration, working with developers, architects, and contractors on both residential and commercial historic projects throughout Illinois. This event is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$20 that will help pay for tools, materials, and instruction. Space is limited so please register on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/window-restoration-workshop-tickets-773751089337> (or use the search bar on Eventbrite) to reserve your spot. Stay tuned in the Pullman Flyer and on our Facebook page for more information on upcoming events.

A friendly reminder that 2024 Façade Reimbursement Applications and Guidelines are available online at pullmancivic.org on the Beman Committee page, at 11307 St. Lawrence, or can be requested by emailing pcobemancommittee@gmail.com. This year we’ve increased the amount to \$1250. Pick up your application today and start planning for Spring! Completed applications are due back December 31st.

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.

Green Spaces and Places:
Christmas Tree Origins
Lynn Smith

Regardless of your beliefs or religion, there is something fascinating about the longevity and popularity of the use of evergreens, and later, “The Christmas Tree”. As I have noted in other holiday columns, there has been a long history, going back to pre-Christian times – of evergreens being used to symbolize, variously, victory, fidelity, the existence of life over death, light in the midst of darkness, etc. The Romans used evergreens, as did the English, German, possibly Latvians and Estonians. In recent times, most scholars believe that the use of the Christmas tree as we know it originated in the Alsace region (now part of France – it was in the 16th century when this tradition seems to have begun- in Germany). Records indicate that a Christmas Tree was raised in the Strasbourg Cathedral in 1539.

More recently, (that term being relative) Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert (yes the same couple that gave their name to the museum in London) popularized the use of the Christmas tree in 1848 – when illustrations of their family around a Christmas tree was published in “The Illustrated London”.

Regardless of how this tradition originated, and your belief system, there is something invigorating and restorative in using lights and greenery in this time closest to the Winter Solstice, the day of the least daylight in the year. So, here’s wishing you the happiest holiday season, with friends and family, and traditions that bring people together, to bring comfort, good cheer and resilience for the coming year! And we’ll keep talking...

Pullman House Project
Pat Shymanski

On November 2, 2023, the Chicago Landmarks Commission presented an Award of Excellence to Michael and Patricia Shymanski for the restoration and rehabilitation on 605 East 111th Street. The house was originally built as One Florence Blvd. as the home for the Plant Manager (1881 to 1900), and then for a half century was occupied by the Pullman Club, followed by a series of restaurants including Sessions, The Retreat and Mercs.

One Florence Blvd. has been rededicated as the Welcome Center for the Pullman House Project, an interpretive tour program of the Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation, and also includes the Pullman Club Coffee Shop. The Coffee Shop (773-397-3022) is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed on Mondays). Local businesses involved in the construction and restoration at One Florence Blvd. were General Contractor Raffin Construction with finished trim and fine woodwork by local craftsman, Tim Peloquin.

The Pullman House Project conducts a year-round ticketed tour program which starts from this beautifully renovated building where visitors are welcomed to join the only regular tours of Pullman which include the recreated interiors of select original Pullman homes. Pullman House Project guides tell the stories of several Pullman families in the places they called home. Tour tickets are available at www.pullmanathome.org. Even if you’re not ready for a tour, you’re invited to stop for an exceptional beverage at the Pullman Club Coffee Shop located in what was once Pullman’s largest single-family home.

The Pullman House Project and the Pullman Club Coffee Shop are programs of the Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation, a 501 c3 not-for-profit organization, and an interpretive/programmatic partner organization to the National Park Service – Pullman National Historical Park.

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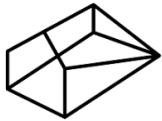
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