



# At the Inn

News from the Franklin Inn Club

January 2010

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## COCKTAIL PARTY A SUCCESS Six Prospective New Members

The November 13 Cocktail party to introduce the Franklin Inn Club to prospective Membership candidates was a success. Six guests have since been nominated, one of which, Patricia O'Halloran, has already become a member. She participated at the Christmas Luncheon by reading a reminiscence about the return of a beloved family servant to her family at Christmas during the South African/Rhodesian troubles.

Lou Bluver and his Membership Committee have submitted the following candidates to the Board and to the members for approval.

### Proposed for Membership:

- 1) **Riyehee Hong** is presently the Diocesan Choir Director for the Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia, and in 2008 was a visiting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania. She has a Master of Divinity and a Bachelor of Theology from universities in South Korea. In 2008 she received a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance from the University of Houston. Proposed by Wesley Parrott; seconded by Janice Gordon.
- 2) **Brearily B. Karsch** has retired as a nutritionist and currently volunteers in maintaining the archival records of the Carpenters' Company and serving as a docent at Carpenters' Hall. She has just completed work on the publication of her late husband's book on the Carpenters' Company. She has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's from Drexel University. Proposed by Wesley Parrott; seconded by Charles Hancock.
- 3) **Ellin Effinger Kassow** practiced ophthalmology for many years, and taught at Jefferson Medical School and Wills Eye Hospital. He continues teaching part-time. He was an undergraduate at Case Western Reserve and graduated from the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo. Proposed by Louis Bluver; seconded by Marc Lapayowker.
- 4) **Brett Mapp** has just become Director of Operations for the Old City District after ten years as Marketing Specialist/Community Liaison for the Whole Foods Market. He serves on a number of boards devoted to the arts, such as Dance/USA Philadelphia, the Flashpoint Theatre Company, the Mural Arts Advocate, and the Theater Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. Proposed by Mickey Herr; seconded by Norma Van Dyke.
- 5) **Wayne Thomas** is an Attorney and Certified Public Accountant. His speciality is antitrust litigation. He has a BA from Pennsylvania State University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Temple University. Proposed by Charlotte Phelps; seconded by Audrey Walters.

### Elected to Membership:

**Patricia O'Halloran:** 12 Booth Lane, Haverford, PA 19041; Tel. 610-649-1534; email [tricia@highermedia.com](mailto:tricia@highermedia.com)

Tricia is an accomplished artist who has exhibited in a number of local venues including the Woodmere Gallery and the DaVinci Art Alliance. She was a founding member of the Lantern Theatre Company and founding Chairman of its board for ten years. She has a BA from Rosemont College, a Masters in Science from Villanova University, and has studied at Queens University in Belfast and at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.



*Gresham Riley talks with candidate Brett Mapp at Inn party.*

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**ANNUAL DINNER MEETING: January 15**

The Annual Meeting will be held two days before Benjamin Franklin's birthday on January 15. At **5:30 pm** the Election of Officers will take place and the membership will be asked to vote on the revised By-Laws. The William White Dinner, featuring toasts to our namesake and the Club's founders, will follow at **6:30 pm**.

In a separate email you will have received a copy of these revised By-Laws to be approved by the membership at the annual meeting. A print-out is already posted on the bulletin board at the Inn. These revisions were prepared by Palmer Hartl and his committee.

The slate of nominees for next year's Club Officers, which is being prepared by Nathan Sivin and the Nominating Committee, will be circulated by email to the membership as soon as it is completed.

**ANNUAL DUES**

Invoices for Annual Dues have been issued electronically to the majority of Club members this year, to save time, effort and stamps. Annual dues for Resident Members are \$800. Half-year or quarterly payments are available to those paying for a full residential membership. Please indicate your intention when submitting your initial payment.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund, the Capital Fund (for house repairs), and the Wine Fund are always welcome. If your status has changed or you need a replacement invoice, contact Treasurer Mickey Herr at 267-761-8155 or [mcherr@mindspring.com](mailto:mcherr@mindspring.com).

**GUEST PRIVILEGES**

Innmates can extend the hospitality of the Inn to others. Spouses are always welcome, with or without the Innmate, and may bring guests. If a member has a guest who is visiting Philadelphia for a while and who might be an addition to lunches, the member can get from the Club Steward Shefqet Osmanollaj a guest card good for a couple of weeks. In that case, the guest would pay cash for any meals.