



The Franklin Inn Club

Newsletter

September 2009

Club Calendar

FRANKLIN INN CLUB OPENS AFTER SUMMER

Call Steward Shefget at 215-732-0334 to reserve for all meals and events. For reduced fee parking at Central Garage at 12th and Sansom, ask your waiter or Shefget for a coupon (for three or twelve hours) to present with your parking chit.

Note that regular evening parking rates Sunday to Wednesday may be the same as, or lower than, the reduced day rate given to the Club.

The Club is now open 10:00 to 5:00 daily for members' convenience. The computer is available in the first-floor bar area.

Quarterback Luncheon, Tues. Sept. 8, 12:30-1:30 pm. First-string quarterback Gresham Riley will select from the freshest and most urgent news of the week.

Board Meeting and Dinner, Tues. Sept. 8, Meeting at 6:00 pm followed by Dinner at 7:15 pm. All Innmates are invited. President Deborah Goldstein will make an important announcement. Come sample the culinary talents of the new Chef, Grenville Blackett. *Two blue tickets.*

Roundtable Luncheon, Thurs. Sept. 10, 12:30-1:30 pm. Joseph Symick, Executive Director of the Schuylkill River Development Project, will discuss the future of the Schuylkill's waterfront.

Quarterback Luncheon, Mon. Sept. 14, 12:30-1:30 pm. Delaware County political observer David Freeman will assess the Specter-Sestak Senate race, then move on to more fruitful topics.

Roundtable Luncheon, Thurs. Sept. 17, 12:30-1:30 pm. To be announced.

Club Dinner, Fri. Sept. 18, 5:30 pm Cocktails; 6:30 pm Program to be followed by Dinner. Speaker and topic to be announced. *Two blue tickets. (Cont. p.3)*

"Late Season" Madeira Party

In firm defense of the Madeira-quaffing capacity of the members of the Franklin Inn Club of Philadelphia, be it known that the 51 members present at the "Late-Season" Madeira Party on 19 June consumed six bottles of a white Portugese wine wiih the first two courses, four bottles of Sercial Madeira and four of Rainwater Madeira with the meat, five bottles of Malmsey with both desserts, both of which contained Madeira. The fruits had been soaking in two bottles of Malmsey for some weeks; the Sabayon was made with Rainwater Madeira; the cake was bereft of alcohol.



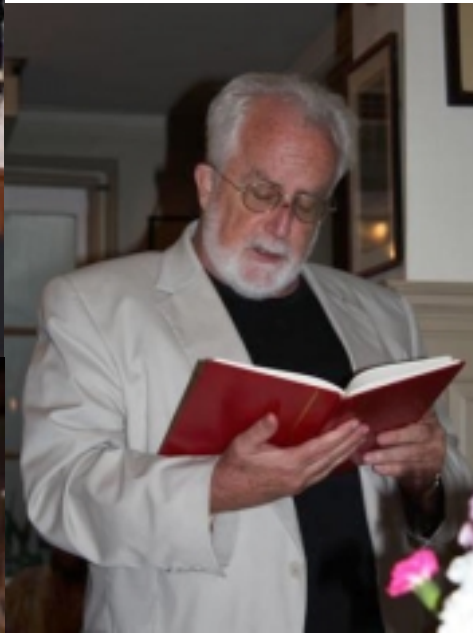
President Deborah Goldstein and Wine Steward Nathan Sivin (President Ex Officio) open the first bottle of celebratory Madeira.

This information is not in any way meant to impugn the obviously superior capacity of the First Troop of Philadelphia and the delegates to the First Constitutional Convention to imbibe a variety of spirits. (See Gresham Riley's quotation from Richard Beeman's Plain, Honest Men, below, on the capacity of those gentlemen.) The above information is intended only to demonstrate the carefully planned and executed progression of Madeiras offered to the educated palates of the Innmates and forthwith consumed.

Inn founder Silas Weir Mitchell provided the inspiration for the June Madeira Party. In his honor FIC members took turns reading aloud from his essay "A Madeira Party." Festivities were concluded with a rousing chorus of "Have Some Madeira." See page two for more pictures

. "At the end of the day on September 14 [1787] the delegates [to the Constitutional Convention] were in a celebratory mood . . . The First Troop of the City Light Horse . . . staged a party in honor of the general [Washington]. . . The fifty-five gentlemen present at the dinner consumed fifty-four bottles of Madeira, sixty bottles of claret, fifty bottles of 'old stock,' copious quantities of porter, beer, and cider, and some large bowls of rum punch. Apparently, the food, drink, and merriment enjoyed by the gentlemen got out of control, for along with the bill for the food and drink, the management of City Tavern took the unusual step of presenting the First Troop with an additional bill for 'breakage'."

Madeira Party in Full Swing!



Top: Mary Stewart opens reading S. W. Mitchell's "Madeira Party." Bill Madeira takes his turn, and then Doug Schaller gets into the spirit of the evening.

Left: Madeira and Debby's dessert.

Bottom: Festivities end with Innmates singing (amidst much laughter) "Have Some Madeira."



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE INN

New Chef: Over the summer the Board hired **Grenville Blackette** as Chef. Grenville was born in Barbados and started his hospitality career at 16. He has worked at the Trump Hotel and Casino, was Assistant Restaurant Manager at the Four Season's Hotel and worked 11 years as the Food and Beverage Director at ClubCorp. He has studied Hotel Management at Drexel University and is something of an authority on wine.

And the Ceiling Fell in: Sometime between August 12 and August 15 the ceiling of the Ladies' Room collapsed. On August 15, Treasurer Mickey Herr discovered that a patch of plaster had dropped, leaving a hole approximately four feet in diameter. She and her husband cleaned up the mess. Charlie Hancock and the Board will look into what is to be done.

Membership: During the summer two new candidates were approved for membership.

Jerome Kaplan: Apt. 15B, 1530 Locust Street, Phila. PA 19102. Tel.: 215-564-5544; e-mail: KAPJER@aol.com

Jerome Kaplan is a Philadelphia attorney and CPA who has served as a Democratic Party committeeman for 15 years. His law degree is from the University of Michigan. He was proposed by Lenora Berson and seconded by Will Jordan and Gregory Harvey; his nomination was approved by the Membership Committee and the Board.

Marc S. Lapayowker, MD: River's Edge 16E, 2301 Cherry Street, Phila. PA 19103. Tel.: 215-569-4182; e-mail: ML16E.

Reminder, the cost of a meal:

1) Blue Tickets: \$192.60 per book; one ticket good for a regular lunch; two blue tickets good for dinner.

2) Yellow Tickets: \$128.40 per book; one ticket good for a light lunch.

The Wine Fund: Contributions, though voluntary, are necessary. The Club estimates that one drink of hard liquor costs the Club \$6.00 and one glass of wine \$4.00. Members are on the honor system to take this into account when making contributions. At the moment, one-third of the membership has been supporting the cost of alcohol consumed by two-thirds of the Club.

Club Calendar (Cont.)

Quarterback Luncheon, Mon. Sept. 21, 12:30-1:30pm. Physician and astute investor George Fisher will assess the health of American financial institutions.

Film Night and Buffet Supper, Tues. Sept. 22 starting at 6:00 pm. Innmate and film impressario Lou Bluver will show several of his excellent films. Details to follow.

Panel Discussion and Dinner, Wed. Sept. 23, 5:30 pm Cocktails; 6:30 pm Program, followed by Dinner. Innmate Dan Rottenberg and Tom Rosenstiel, Director of the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism, will lead a panel discussion on "The Future of News." Douglas Schaller is the organizer.

Roundtable Luncheon, Thurs. Sept. 24, 12:30-1:30 pm. Joseph Forkin, Vice-President for Operations of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, will discuss plans for developing the waterfront. Avi Eden, a member of the DRWC Board of Directors, will introduce him.

Club Dinner, Fri. Sept. 25, 5:30 pm Cocktails; 6:30 pm Dinner. Two Blue Tickets.

Quarterback Luncheon, Mon. Sept. 28, 12:30 -1:30 pm. Clergyman and corporate adviser Palmer Hartl will lead the discussion. N.B. First day of Yom Kippur.

Roundtable Luncheon, Thurs. Oct. 1, 12:30-1:30 pm. To be announced.

Quarterback Luncheon, Mon. Oct. 5, 12:30-1:30 pm. City Hall observer Lenora Berson will lead the discussion.

Board Meeting and Buffet Supper, Tues. Oct. 6. 6:00 pm Board Meeting; 7:15 pm Supper. All Innmates welcome. Come sample Grenville Blackett's cooking.

Aboard the Good Ship Gasela: Inn's traditional Summer Outing--July 11



All photos in this issue taken by Mickey Herr

**Wesley Parrott's BUTTERSCOTCH SAUCE
Served on Shipboard
with Deborah Goldstein's Homemade Ice Cream**

**1/2 cup brown sugar
6 tablespoons light corn syrup
6 tablespoons butter**

**Mix in a pan and boil 1 minute
Add 2 tablespoons cream
and 1 teaspoon (or more) real scotch**