



The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia

Welcoming Young & Old Alike to Join in Remembering the Past and Working for an Even Better Future

*The District's Oldest Civic Organization –
Founded December 7, 1865*

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President's Message...

AOI's Celebrates Our Centenarian Member

In the early 1990's, the AOI was struggling to survive. "Our late esteemed president, Bill Waters' long siege of illness and injury resulted in protracted inactivity," recalls Past President A.L. Wheeler in 1994. "During this period, many of our members passed along, others lost interest."

In 1993, Palisades's resident and retired highway lobbyist Harold Gray stepped in and together with retired Pepco official Joseph Smith and retired D.C. Fire Department Deputy Chief Joseph Zeis, "rescued us from this abyss," Al concluded.

We celebrated Harold Gray's 100th birthday at our September luncheon in 2007 and Harold passed away just shy of his 101st birthday. Today, we are graced with our sole centenarian – part of the trio who saved the organization – Joseph Smith. Joe celebrates the centennial of his birth on November 13, 2012.

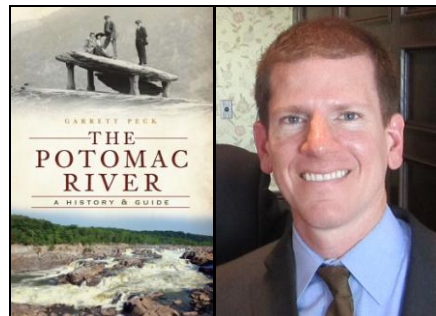
In 1993, Joe along with Harold and Joe Zeis re-wrote the AOI's by-laws to bring them up-to-date and make them more inclusive. They also researched the organization's Articles of Incorporation and ensured that AOI's IRS status was current. When I joined the AOI in 1995, Joe Smith signed my 'welcome letter' as Membership Chairman.

Since those days in 1993 when these three men worked to reorganize, promote the organization and recruit new members – Sherwood Smith and Seymour Selig clearly recall Harold attending virtually every organization's luncheons, meetings, and events to recruit new members – others such as Jack Henry, Al Wheeler, Jack Hassett, Jan Evans, Joyce Waters (Lindenblad) and Phil Ogilvie continued this tradition to ensure that the AOI remains the viable, relevant and active organization that we enjoy today.

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November's Luncheon Event:

"The Potomac River: A History and Guide" With Garrett Peck



Please join us...

Friday, **Nov. 16**, at the Channel Inn (free Parking) 650 Water Street, SW. (Maine Avenue via Metro Rail Green to Waterfront Station/SEU or Metro Bus 74 [Circulator Bus discontinued]), Social Time (cash bar) 11:45 a.m., Luncheon served at 12:30 p.m.

(\$23 per person - please make your check payable to "AOI" and have it completed prior to arrival or bring exact change).

Reservations are a must! Otherwise your food preference may be unavailable. RSVP to our voice mail **202-342-1865**, no later than noon Wed., Nov. 14, 2012.

This voice mail box number is the only means to make a reservation. Late reservations make planning very difficult for us and **failure by you to cancel prior to Noon on Thurs., 11/15, may result in you being charged.**

Please be prepared to leave your name, the number in your party, your guest's names for name tags, your meal preferences (Filet of Sole w/Scallops, Seafood Newburg, Chicken, Beef, Veggie Plate or Fruit Plate) and a telephone number where you may be contacted should we have a question or a last-minute cancellation.

Future Meetings...



The AOI's 147th Year – Meeting dates and tentative speakers:

Jan. 1, 2013 – AOI's Annual New Year's Day Reception, 11:30am-2:30, Pier 7/Channel Inn

Feb. 15, 2013 -- Mark Ozer discusses his latest book, "Northwest Washington, D.C."

Mar. 15, 2013 – James Goode discusses his newest book, "Capital Views"

NOTE: All meeting subjects and speakers have been invited to appear, but nevertheless are tentative. If our published RSVP line (202-342-1865) is not answering or appears out-of-order, please call 202-342-1638.

Remember: No luncheon meetings July/August nor December/January

Note: The Board of Directors meets at the Heurich House Museum at 10 a.m. on the Monday immediately prior to a scheduled luncheon meeting.

Be Advised: In case of inclement weather, the AOI follows the closing schedule of the Arlington County Public Schools or call AOI at 202-342-1865 for last minute information.

If You Were Not At Our Oct. Meeting...

[Draft minutes of our last meeting for approval at the November 16th luncheon.]

AOI held its October 2012 meeting at the Pier 7 restaurant of the Channel Inn on October 19. There were 84 members and guests in attendance, President Bill Brown presiding.

The draft of the minutes of the September meeting as printed in the newsletter was approved by the membership.

There were two new applications to become members. They are from **Joan V. Smith** (nominated by Sally-Beth Bumbrey), and **Ed Kaminski** (nominated by Seymour Selig). **Alan Beach** moved, seconded by **George Hutchinson**, that the applicants be accepted, which was quickly approved.

Treasurer **Hulit Taylor** presented a brief report. There are 351 members. There were no non-routine expenses since the last meeting. Our investment account value as of September 30 reached \$202K, for the first time since 2008.

Bill introduced members and guests.

Our speaker for today is Davis Buckley. He was introduced by AOI member Joe Akers, a long-time friend. Davis Buckley is an architect, and his firm Davis Buckley Architects and Planners is from Washington, with offices on K Street. They have been central to much DC

memorial planning, such as selecting the site for the World War II Memorial on behalf of the American Battle Monuments Commission, which then presented recommendations on potential sites to the Fine Arts Commission, the NCPD, the Preservation Review Board, and the also made presentations to the National Park Service and Congress. They designed the National Law Enforcement Memorial, for which Davis was the architect.

They also designed the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II, which remembers the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during the war. They also did the addition to the FDR Memorial of President Roosevelt seated in a wheelchair.

The speaker also discussed other aspects of museums and memorials, such as some of the history of Clara Barton's Office of Missing Soldiers, whose site was discovered downtown on 7th Street (below E Street) relatively recently within the past few years. He discussed some of the plans for it. His firm did animations for the GSA on Clara Barton and the missing soldiers, showing some of this history and artifacts from Barton's office. She eventually retired to Glen Echo and lived until age 91. She is buried in Oxford Massachusetts, not far from her birthplace.

There was a good Q&A session at the end of the talk. A fascinating question

concerned the sculpted lions of the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Buckley explained how they were done by Raymond Kaskey, who studied at Yale University with Davis. He then disclosed that Ray had entered Yale to study architecture, while Davis had enrolled for sculpture and fine arts. Ironically Davis eventually became known for his architecture while Ray became known for his sculpture.

Respectfully submitted
Seymour Selig, Secretary



2012 Nominating Committee Report

October 15, 2012

Dear President Brown:

The Nominating Committee has proposed Officers for the coming year and the Directors for 2013-2014. The nominees have agreed to serve if elected:

Officers:	
President	William N. Brown (incumbent)
Vice-president	John P. Richardson (incumbent)
Treasurer	Hulit Taylor (incumbent)
Secretary	Seymour Selig (incumbent)
Historian	Nelson Rimensnyder (incumbent)

Directors:	
Carl Cole	2013-2014 (incumbent)
Damon Cordon	2013-2014 (incumbent)
Lucinda (Cindy) Janke	2013-2014
Gary Scott	2013 (filling Leslie White's unexpired term)

The following Directors do not require re-election as they have not yet completed their two-year terms:

Sherwood Smith	2012-2013 (Incumbent)
Jan A.K. Evans (Houser)	2012-2013 (Incumbent)

The members of Nominating Committee hope this slate of nominees will meet with the approval of the membership.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Drechsler, M. Jean Lockard & Richard Drechsler

President's Message Continued...



Joe Smith Celebrates His 100th Birthday



(Clockwise from upper left) Harold Gray, Joe Zeis, Al Wheeler, Jan Evans, Jo Waters and Phil Ogilvie.

Let's celebrate and honor AOI's Centenarian Joe Smith and those AOI leaders who served with him.

Bill Brown, President

Please visit us at our web site at <http://www.aoidc.org> or simply "Google" Governor Shepherd and we'll pop-up!

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The Kiplinger Research Library of the Historical Society is scheduled to re-open Nov. 5th under the direction of new Library Director, Jennifer Krafchik. Check HSW's web site: www.historydc.org for Library News.

View our re-designed web site at:
www.aoidc.org or email us at: aioifdc@gmail.com



The Heurich House Museum is the former home of the Historical Society of Washington and served as AOI's headquarters from 1956 until 2003.