



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...

Each year since 2002 the AOI has presented a \$500 award for highest academic achievement in George Washington University's Accelerated Masters of Tourism Administration. After his untimely death in 2002, the award was named in honor of AOI's past-President and professor of tourism studies, Dr. Philip W. Ogilvie.

This year there were three graduates who achieved GPAs of 4.0. Faced with dividing the \$500 3-ways, an anonymous donor contributed an additional \$250 so that each of the graduates would receive a \$250 award.

This year we also unveiled a plaque commemorating the award in Phil's memory which includes the names of all past awardees and space for future ones. The plaque will be featured in GW's AMTA offices in Fungler Hall (2201 G. Street, NW, Suite 301) to honor the recipients, inspire new degree candidates to excellence and pay tribute to Dr. Phil Ogilvie.

Bill Brown



Stephanie Drew, Kathryn Hansen and Rob Canton are shown with AOI President Bill Brown and the new Dr. Philip W. Ogilvie Award plaque at the May 15, 2008 AMTA reception at the Arts Club of Washington.

June=s Luncheon Event:

David Maloney, State Historic Preservation Officer for the District of Columbia,

Will discuss the challenges of preservation, designation of historic structures, sites and districts and the city's historic preservation process

Please join us...

for our Luncheon Meeting on Friday, June 20, at the Channel Inn (free Parking) 650 Water Street, SW. (Maine Avenue via Metro Rail Green to Waterfront Station/SEU, Metro Bus 70 or Downtown Circulator Bus), Social Time (cash bar) 11:45 a.m., Luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. (\$20 per person - please have checks completed and payable to AAOI@), concurrent with our Business Meeting and followed by our Feature Presentation.

Reservations are a must! Otherwise your food preference may be unavailable. RSVP to the Historical Society of Washington, D.C. **202-383-1813, no later than noon Wed., June 18, 2008.**

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., 6/19, may result in you being charged.

Please be prepared to leave your name, the number in your party, your guest=s names, your meal preferences (Fish, Seafood Newburg, Chicken, Beef, Veggie Plate or Fruit Plate) and a telephone number where you may be contacted should we have a question or last-minute cancellation.

Future Meetings...

The AOI=s 143rd Year B Meeting dates and tentative speakers:

Sept. 19, 2008 – AOI Members Reminisce PLUS Historical Society of Washington, DC’s Executive Director Sandy Bellamy will give a report to AOI on the progress and resurgence the HSW has experienced during its period of renewal

Oct. 17, 2008 – National Park Service Historian Emeritus Edwin C. Bearss will share his more than 40-years of Park Service experiences including those as DC’s preeminent tour guide.

Nov. 21, 2008 – Noted Historian Dr. C.R. Gibbs will speak; Annual Election of Officers & Directors

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 HSW at 202-383-1813 for last minute information.

If You Were Not At Our May 2008 Meeting...

President Bill Brown opened, noting that this was the 4th meeting of our 143rd year. Guests, their hosts, and current members returning after having missed a number of meetings were introduced and welcomed back. There were 68 members and guests present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were printed in the May newsletter. **Lee Rogers** moved, seconded by **Al Wheeler**, that the minutes be accepted as printed. The motion was approved.

John Daly presented a report on membership and told us that there were four new applicants since the last meeting. They are **Nancy Menhennick** (Guest of Gerald Schwinn); **Paula Smith-Vanderslice** (Bill Brown); **Dr. James M. Goode**, (Nelson Rimensnyder); and, **Hermine Levy Dreyfus** (Guest of Damon Cordon). A motion to accept their applications was quickly made, seconded and readily approved.

Hulit Taylor gave a brief Treasurer’s report. Prior to today there were 283 members. Expenses since the last meeting were routine, associated with newsletter printing and mailing.

Bill Brown reported that last night (5/15/2008) the presentation of the AOI Dr. Phil Ogilvie Award for academic achievement in the GWU Masters of Tourism Administration program was celebrated. The award has been presented since 2002 to an honoree selected by GWU. This year there were 3 candidates who had achieved perfect 4.0 records in the program. To avoid a last minute tie-breaking process and distribute the \$500 honorarium in a sensible manner, an anonymous benefactor donated \$250 to the Ogilvie Award

fund, thus enabling the presentation to each of the nominees, and each will receive a \$250 stipend. A handsome plaque (with provisions for the names of the honorees) commemorating Phil was presented to the school. [see accompanying story and photos]

Nelson Rimensnyder reported that the design of the DC quarter was to feature one of three DC people, to be selected from among Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Banneker, and Duke Ellington. Nelson conducted a straw vote to sample the sense of the members present, and by show of hands Duke Ellington was the favorite. [this was communicated in a letter to Mayor Fenty]

There were numerous announcements of events of interest to members: **Lee Rogers** commented on the traffic tie-up yesterday, in conjunction with the new Wilson Bridge dedication. Lee pointed out that this tie-up paled when compared to that of 1922 and the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, when traffic was tied up for hours and even President Harding could not get to the ceremony in which he was to be a key participant. Lee noted that the Chief of Police was subsequently fired.

Our featured speaker was **Laura Apfelbaum**, Executive Director of the Jewish Historical Society. Laura gave us an excellent presentation of events in DC which have been documented by the JHS, including community life, important personalities, DC synagogue histories and architecture, and related matters. Much of this is an outgrowth from an outstanding exhibit several years ago at the National Building Museum, highlighting Jewish life in Washington. That exhibit has traveled to White Flint and will be at other locations in the Washington area in the future. There is now a book, “Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community” edited by Laura and Wendy

Truman, which is impressive. It has captured both the exuberant spirit and the detail of that exhibit. (Laura mentioned that she had brought copies with her for AOI members at a special \$20 price, noting that it sells for \$36 and that it's available from Amazon for \$28.80). Laura paid tribute to our late AOI Vice-President **Sidney Hais**, who was also active in the JHS of Washington. The exhibit had a snapshot of Sidney in his Army uniform posing with his mother in front of the family grocery store at 7th and C Street, NE in 1942. It's also in the book. Many members also recalled with happy memories Laura's mention of sportswriter Shirley Povich in her presentation

It was another pleasant, worthwhile program.

Respectfully submitted,
Seymour Selig

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The 2008 Dr. Philip W. Ogilvie Award for Academic Achievement

This year, the Philip W. Ogilvie Award was shared among three winners. Each of these outstanding Master Degree recipients achieved a GPA of 4.0 and each received a \$250 cash award. Their names were added to the new Philip W.

Ogilvie Award Plaque which was unveiled at this year's dinner reception for the awardees, other AMTA graduates, their families and friends. The awardees are:



Rob Canton, Tampa, FL



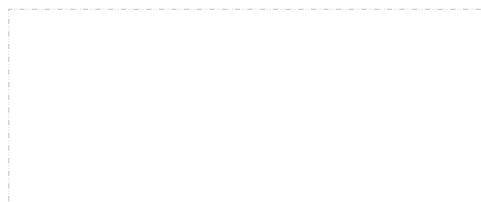
Stephanie Drew, Concord, NC



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-- Help keep AOI alive and growing: invite a friend to join!
-- October 15, 2008 set for the District Building's centennial celebrations – mark your calendar!
-- The exhibits, book shop and café at the HSW are now open Tuesday thru Sunday!



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