



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 – Our 149th Year!*

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President's Message...

Were you an extra, onlooker or movie-goer?

Were you in the crowd on the Ellipse when Klatu's spaceship arrived and Gort the robot emerged in Robert Wise's 1951 film "The Day the Earth Stood Still?" At least you remember the film, right? Recall Cary Grant and Sophia Loren in the row boat at the Watergate concert barge in "House Boat?" Could you at least picture yourself on the grand staircase enjoying a concert and imagining that scene occurring under your gaze?

How many of us whispered to a fellow movie-goer, "There is no Metro station in Georgetown!" as Kevin Costner leapt from the Whitehurst Freeway onto adjoining roof tops and fled into the "Georgetown Station" during the pursuit scene in "No Way Out." I recall a day in 1961 or so when film crews occupied most of a block of Q Street near the Dumbarton Bridge as scenes were shot for Otto Preminger's "Advise and Consent" at 2500 Q Street.

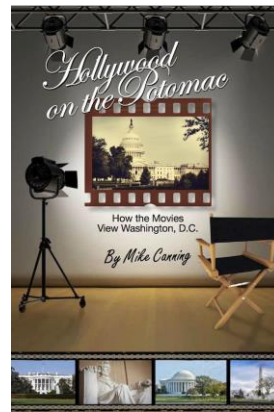
Our June speaker, Mike Canning, will present excerpts of some of the films made here in Washington during the past 70 or so years and challenge us to recall those film locations, how D.C. appeared in the 'final cut' of the theatrical presentation and, perhaps, how those scenes were altered to fit the directors' vision.

Bill Brown

June's Luncheon Event:

"Hollywood on the Potomac"

With Mike Canning



Please join us...

Friday, **June 20th**, at the **Capitol Skyline Hotel** (free Parking) 10 I ('Eye') Street, SW. (Metro Rail to Navy Yard Station), Social Time (cash bar) 11:45 a.m., Luncheon served at 12:30 p.m.

(\$30 per person - please make your check payable to "AOI" and have it completed prior to arrival or bring exact payment).

Reservations are a must! Otherwise your food preference may be unavailable. RSVP to our voice mail **202-342-1865**, not later than noon Tues., June 17, 2014 – EARLIER RSVP TIME!!

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, will 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 (***Sun Dried Tomato Pesto Crusted Flounder, Grilled Skyline Chicken Breast, Grilled Black Angus Flank Steak, or Braised Ratatouille of Vegetables***) and a telephone number where you may be contacted should we have a question or a last-minute event cancellation.

Future Meetings...



The AOI's 149th Year -- Meeting dates and tentative speakers:

Sept. 19, 2014 – Patricia Daly-Lipe: “William A. Hemmick: From Patriot Priest (WWI) to the Vatican”

Oct. 17, 2014 – Garrett Peck, “The Washington Brewery at the Navy Yard”

Nov. 21, 2014 – Annual Elections and topic to be announced

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 call AOI at 202-342-1865 for last minute information.

If You Were Not At Our Last Meeting...

[Draft minutes of our last meeting for approval at the June 20, 2014 luncheon.]

AOI held the fourth meeting of its 149th year at the Capitol Skyline Hotel with 94 AOI members and guests present.

Before the event could get underway, Director **Cindy Janke** spoke from her chair and publicly ‘thanked’ President **Bill Brown** and Treasurer **Hulit Taylor** for ‘finding’ the Capitol Skyline Hotel on such short notice and how successful and welcoming our new venue is. In thanking Cindy, Bill noted that it was member **Ed Kaminski** who put us in touch with the hotel.

The draft minutes of the April 2014 meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter with **Helen Tsintolas** moving for their approval seconded by **George Hutchinson** and approved unanimously.

Membership Report: We now have 324 members. Nine, who are new, were moved by **Sherwood Smith**, seconded by **Patricia Clark**, unanimously approved by voice vote and welcomed into the organization:

Skip & Vicky Crawford (nominated by Laurana Reed); **Alison Fortier*** (James Goode, Associate Membership); **Sara Hutchinson*** (George Hutchinson); **Steele Lipe*** (Patricia Daly-Lipe); **Loretta Neumann*** (C100, Bill Brown); **Veronica Pace** (Council Hearing attendee); **Andrew Parker*** (Woodies descendant); and **Earl Williams*** (Pat Clark). Those indicated by ‘*’ were present.

Treasurer’s Report:

Non-Routine Expense since April Luncheon:

- \$71.80 for a two-year renewal of AOP’s website (www.aoidc.org)
- \$11,000 of the proceeds from the Arnold Map was invested in a mutual fund.
- \$750 was presented to this year’s Philip W. Ogilvie Award recipient Maria Charlene Arrillaga, valedictorian in this year’s Masters of Tourism Administration at George Washington University.
- AOI’s portion of the April luncheon (recall AOI is underwriting \$4 of each lunch through the end of

this year plus the bartender’s fee) was \$372.46 and the Treasurer reminded everyone that failure to cancel 24-hours prior to the luncheon will result in a charge of \$30.

Announcements:

- New members, ‘first timers’ and guests were introduced
- The passing of member **Joseph Weisgerber**, age 89, was announced. Joe had been a friend of past Fire Department Liaison Chief **John Breen** and for years was kind enough to drive John, wife **Jane**, **Joe Smith**, **Ann Nairn** and **Dot Zeis** to our luncheons.
- Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton has co-sponsored legislation with Congressman Emanuel Cleaver to rededicate the Pershing Memorial and Park as a National World War I Memorial here in the District. This is what the AOI and our late member **Joe Grano** has been championing since 2011...
- Alexander Gardner’s Civil War Era photos are (were) on exhibit at the Clara Barton Office of Missing Soldiers through Sun., May 18th. AOI will keep the membership apprised of future events at the C.B. O.M.S.; however, the museum has not opened officially.
- **Jim Embrey** wanted everyone to know of an exhibit in the main lobby of the MLK, Jr. Memorial Library commemorating the 150th anniversary of the DC (Paid) Fire Department running from June 1st through July 15th

Nelson’s Monthly Trivia Question: Nelson and Lisa were attending **Joe Grano’s** funeral in Force, PA and were not present. Nelson will continue his ‘stump the members’ trivia question(s) at June’s meeting.

After prefacing his talk with noted marches on the nation’s capital from 1814 to 1963 et al., **Frank Cooling** launched into Confederate General Jubal Early’s invasion of the District of Columbia in July 1864. Using the theme of “What Ifs”, Cooling listed the events that might have been affected had Early succeeded in his goals of reaching

Washington City and the prisoner-of-war camp at Point Lookout, Maryland, including the election of 1864 (when Lincoln was reelected instead of defeated) and the potential release of thousands of Confederate soldiers.

Early's plan was delayed by several factors, the most important being the July 9th engagement with Union troops at the Battle of Monocacy, known as 'The Battle that Saved Washington'. General Lew Wallace's defense, although unsuccessful, delayed the confederates for a critical day.

By the time Early reached the area now known as Silver Spring, his troops were exhausted. Early sized up the situation by observing the forts and batteries erected beginning in 1861 for the defense of the capital and changed his plan. By then reinforcements with crack Union troops had also arrived. After a battle, mostly skirmishes, centered on Fort Stevens, the site now in upper Northwest, Early withdrew his troops and headed back out through Maryland and south over the Potomac. The Union failure to pursue them then was yet another lost opportunity.

Cooling also described the memorials left from the historic invasion of the District including the Battleground National Cemetery, the Confederate monument on the grounds of Grace Episcopal Church not far from Holy Cross Hospital and the plaque installed on a boulder at Fort Stevens. He enlightened everyone with the plight of the Blairs: Montgomery whose home, Falklands, was torched and his father Francis Preston whose home was occupied but spared. He recounted the sad situation of Elizabeth Thomas, the free black woman whose land was seized for Fort Stevens. To the end of her days, she believed Lincoln had promised a great reward for her sacrifice, but this never materialized. He concluded his talk with a reminder of how American history would have been changed if Early had succeeded: possibly no United States and no capital at Washington. He also noted the history of the Military Road School, now also celebrating a 150th anniversary. Its origins began with soldiers at Fort Stevens.

Questions from the audience included a statement of how large the field of battle actually was and exact locations of relevant sites.

Our next meeting is Friday, June 20th when Michael Canning will challenge everyone's celluloid recall when he presents, "Hollywood on the Potomac."

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Brown, Maggie Hobbs and Cindy Janke on behalf of John P. Richardson, Secretary

Annual Fourth of July Parade...

If you want to experience an 'old time' Fourth of July, come and join fellow AOI members and accompany our 1905 American La France Steam Pumper for the 1.5 mile stroll up MacArthur Boulevard in the Annual Palisades' Fourth of July Parade on Friday, July 4th. This year, the on-duty DC FEMS firefighters, medics and commanders of Eng. 29 will host an open house at 10 am to showcase their recently restored and expanded quarters. Engine 29 is located at 4811 MacArthur Blvd., just east of Whitehaven Parkway. The parade gets

underway at 11am and concludes at the Palisades Playground/Recreation Center with free hot dogs, drinks, watermelon and entertainment.

Bill Brown



John Richardson sits atop the pumper with Jim and Stephanie Embrey, Hulit Taylor and Ann Haas in 2012.

2014 Philip W. Ogilvie Award... Each May, the AOI presents its annual Phil Ogilvie Award for Highest Academic Achievement to a graduate student in George Washington University's School of Business' Masters of Tourism Administration program. This year's recipient was Charlene Arrillaga. Her name was added to the plaque of past recipients, presented a certificate and a check for \$750 at the MTA reception on May 16th. AOI Secretary John Richardson, a GWU alumnus, presented Maria her award.



Charlene Arrillaga accepts the 2014 Ogilvie Award from AOI Secretary John Richardson and is pictured with Prof. Sheryl Elliott.

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Visit the 150th Anniversary of the DC (Paid) Fire
Department exhibit at the MLK, Jr. Memorial
Library (910 G Street, NW), June 1 thru July 15th.

150th Anniversary of the Arsenal Explosion will be
commemorated at 11am on Tuesday, June 17th at Ft.
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The Heurich House Museum is the former home of the
Historical Society of Washington and served as AOI's
headquarters from 1956 until 2003.