



# NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, at 10 a.m.

At the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE

*NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.*

## DAN TANGHERLINI IS DECEMBER'S SPEAKER

Happy Holidays



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Dan Tangherlini, 40, is the city administrator/deputy mayor for the administration of Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, with responsibility for managing the day-to-day operations of the District. His appointment marks a return to the District government, where he served as the director of the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) from June 2000 to February 2006. Tangherlini brings management knowledge to his new position, and is noted for his attention to detail and customer satisfaction—a trait the Fenty Administration has made a priority.



Tangherlini is most recently known for his work as interim general manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which he led from February 2006. Before that, he was chief financial officer of the Metropolitan Police Department from November 1998 to May 2000. Before joining the D.C. government, Tangherlini was a senior program analyst in the Policy Office of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and a program examiner with the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from the University of Chicago, and a master's in business administration from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Tangherlini lives on Capitol Hill with his wife and two children.

## HCCA'S HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST



Greetings all, and happy holidays. HCCA is going to present awards to Hillcrest residents who have the best outdoor holiday decorations this season. One of my fondest childhood memories was bending the corner to our parents' house during Christmas and seeing the entire block lit up with lights. It was nothing organized. The neighbors just did it. Every house on the block, front porches, trees and bushes were all ablaze. We will like to recognize and encourage Hillcrest residents who display their holiday spirit to the delight of all, young and old.

The HCCA Holiday Decoration Committee will tour Hillcrest on **Dec. 22 and 23** to select the winners and present the awards. Winners will be acknowledged at the January meeting and in the February newsletter. Residents who want to nominate a neighbor's house to ensure we don't miss it, can email me at [marvinbowser@comcast.net](mailto:marvinbowser@comcast.net).

—Marvin Bowser, HCCA Strategic Communications Chair

### Comments

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com)

## Message from the President



*Dear Neighbors,*

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007 the Board of Directors, past and present, and several other members of HCCA attended a reception hosted by the German Embassy to acknowledge the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership. Also attending was the past and present board of the Palisades Civic Association, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, Council Chair Vincent Gray, Councilmember Mary Cheh and the German ambassador.

The partnership was born 1997 when Hillcrest and Palisades delegates met through the Federation of Citizens Associations. On Tuesday night, we celebrated a *decade of togetherness*, a decade in which friendships were formed and solidified. These two neighborhoods have become linked by joint rehearsals, meetings, museum visits, art shows and a culinary arts feast. The partnership events have always been free and open to the public. They have become part of the cultural life of the city.

More than anything, this partnership has served to bring together two diverse communities. It has highlighted our commonalities, provided an opportunity for two communities at the furthest geographic extremes of the city to get to know each other, work together and have fun together. Besides the obvious benefits mentioned above, this partnership has strong political implications for both neighborhoods. There is power in numbers.

The driving forces behind the Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership are Miles Steele from Hillcrest and Alice Stewart from Palisades. They have organized one event a year; these events included everything from an outdoor community service project in Kenilworth Park to a multi-media event at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education. One of the on-going projects is the Neighbors Through Art Program, which has inspired artists in both neighborhoods to produce original works of art.

During the reception, Miles and Alice confided in me that 10 years of spearheading the partnership has taken its toll. They are ready for some new blood to step forward and get involved. The relationships you will forge in both communities are well worth the effort. So if you are so inclined reach out to Miles and let him know you are interested in working with him to keep this **partnership alive**.

I have just in the past year become aware of the depth of this commitment. I am proud to be part of this union. Come join us!

***I wish you all a Happy Holiday!!! May this season bring you all peace, love and happiness!!!***

**Karen Lee Williams  
President, HCCA**

## Special Feature

### The Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration By Alice Stewart

Two spectacular events this fall have launched the year-long celebration of the Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership's decade of togetherness. The partnership was formalized 1997, bringing to fruition former Palisades Civic Association president Penny Pagano's vision of having the Palisades community collaborate with another community in D.C. That was the year that Alice Stewart and Miles Steele III, who met earlier through the Federation of Citizens Associations, decided they wanted to know each others' neighborhoods and to identify common interests.

Little did they know how long this partnership would last, or how it would evolve. But today, in the aftermath of this year's events, they are overjoyed about its success and longevity, and by the appreciation and recognition given by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, members of the Council and other community leaders. This fall, we published a colorful commemorative program that elaborates our history, lists past events, supporters and the schools whose children have been involved in Neighbors Through ART projects. It also contains many photos and some great recipes and quotes from residents in both neighborhoods. This program is on the Hillcrest Web site, [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com).



Partnership co-founders: Miles Steele and Alice Stewart with Council Chair Vince Gray.

Credit German Embassy

On Oct. 27, the partnership organized a Gourmet Potluck Feast and an Art Show focusing on the culinary arts and food. About 75 people attended, including many families and individuals from both neighborhoods. The Art Show featured about 35 original art works, including oil and watercolor paintings, fabric art, photographs, multi-media and ceramic sculptures and drawings by many professionals as well as amateurs. The Palisades Community Church's hall was transformed into an art gallery and an elegant dining hall with colorful decorations. Nearly all the guests were also hosts as they brought elaborate and exotic dishes to share. The atmosphere was informal, friendly and festive, and the dinner was remarkably fancy, varied and abundant. Although some skeptics thought "gourmet potluck" to be an oxymoron, we proved otherwise.

On Nov. 13, the German Embassy hosted a formal reception for the leaders of the two associations, of the partnership and Neighbors Through ART, for city leaders, and prominent members of city-wide arts and civic organizations to celebrate the partnership's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our very generous and charming host, Stefan Möbs, director of the German Information Center USA, welcomed us at the door of the Embassy at 1900 Foxhall Rd., and commented on the lively atmosphere and the friendliness of the guests.

Credit German Embassy



(L-R) German Ambassador Klaus Scharloth, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Stefan Möbs, director of the German Information Center USA and our host.

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**Proposed Amendments to By-Laws**—At the November HCCA meeting, the board presented the following proposed amendments to the bylaws regarding Article 11 on Members.

**Section 2. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

In the following sentence, add the word, calendar, to read: Pay annual membership dues for the current calendar year.

**Section 9. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

now reads: The membership of a member shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events.....

**Delete Paragraphs** (1) and (2) of Article 11, Section 9. Insert the new paragraphs (1) and (2) to read:

(1) A member shall decide to terminate his/her membership and deliver a written notice to the President or Secretary. Such termination shall be effective upon the date of delivery of the notice or deposit of the notice in the mail.

(2) The association shall act in January of each year to terminate members for failure to pay dues by Dec. 31 of the prior year. The Membership Committee shall present to the Board of Directors a list of all members who have failed to pay dues by Dec. 31. The board shall vote to recommend termination of all on that list. Such recommendation shall be presented to the membership for full action at the January meeting.

**Is something on your mind? Attended a community meeting recently? Send it in for the newsletter**—The HCCA board is soliciting short articles from HCCA membership for 2008. We need brief pieces—50 to 100 words—on any topic relevant to Hillcrest and Ward 7. To contribute, you must be a current HCCA member; send the piece by the 15th of the previous month; and you must stay in your topic parameters. The newsletter editor reserves the right to edit for clarity. The board reserves the right to reject any article that does not conform to HCCA's standards. We're not seeking pieces that complain but rather, those that present a solution to a problem. Photos are welcomed to accompany your article. E-mail the newsletter editor at hillcrestdc\_newsletter@yahoo.com.

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Attendees dig in at the Potluck Gourmet dinner.

We, in turn, commented on the lavish buffet, the German wines, and especially on being received with such genuine warmth that left us feeling special. The Embassy has done much to extend and strengthen its relationship with the Palisades, and through us with our Neighbors Through ART, the Hillcrest community, and we are enormously grateful for their generosity and hospitality. This event gives new meaning to the term good neighbors.

In addition to these events, the Hillcrest-Palisades partnership is planning to organize a museum visit and a community service event in the coming year. Please join us at our next planning meeting, tentatively set for Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at 2 p.m. at Alice Stewart's home, 5031 Eskridge Terrace, NW. Please check the Web sites, [www.palisadesdc.org](http://www.palisadesdc.org) or [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com) or call Alice (364-1505)

## HCCA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY POTLUCK



HCCA's annual Christmas holiday party will be held at the conclusion of the monthly civic association meeting. Please bring an item that corresponds with the first letter of your last name:

**Appetizers - A B C**

Cream cheese balls, smoked salmon, shrimp cocktail, hot bacon bean dip, chips and dip, black or green olives, veggie platter, cheese and crackers, chocolates

**Salads—D E F**

Cole slaw, potato salad, spinach salad, seafood pasta, deviled eggs, macaroni salad, fruit salad, lettuce and tomato salad

**Main Dishes—G H I**

Salmon, meat balls, ribs, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, brown rice, scalloped potatoes

**Vegetables—J K L**

Green beans, lima beans, cabbage, peas, carrots, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, eggplant

**Desserts—M N O**

German chocolate cake, lemon cake, coconut cake, fruit cake, pumpkin pie, sweet potato pie, lemon meringue

**Bread—P Q R**

Rolls, biscuits, croissants, raisin bread, white or wheat bread

**Beverages—S T U**

Tea, coffee, wine, sodas, bottled water, hot cider

**Miscellaneous—V W X**

Sugar/cream, cranberry sauce, salt/pepper, plates, napkins, cups, forks/knives/spoons, table cloths

**Decorations - Y Z**

Christmas and/or holiday decorations

**Note: Your favorite dish will be accepted. Call Yvonne Burke at 584-3018 for information.**

before Jan. 13 to confirm the date and time. Very special thanks are due to Ambassador Scharioth and to Stefan Möbs for inviting us to the German Embassy, the Rev. Brian Merrill, Maribeth Handisman and Polly Johnson of the Palisades Community Church for facilitating our use of their hall for the potluck.

In addition, these events were made possible by a cheerful and very energetic group of volunteers from both neighborhoods. Topping the list of volunteers are Peter Fitzgerald, Linda Jackson, Ginny and Sid Levy, Michelle Phipps-Evans, Miles Steele III, Alice Stewart and Jim Whittaker. They deserve a standing ovation and a loud chorus of thanks from all who participated!

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### Activities at the Hillcrest Recreation Center

- Little Genius Closing Ceremony: Dec. 6 @ 6 p.m.
- Soccer Luncheon: Dec. 1 @ 12 p.m.
- Parent and Toddler Play dates: Every Saturday,

from 12 - 2 p.m.

- December Extravaganza: Includes a Christmas Play, Toys for Tots and Santa Claus: Dec. 21, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*For more information, contact HCCA's recreation chair Boyle Stuckey at [bstuckey@hillcrestdc.com](mailto:bstuckey@hillcrestdc.com)*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
3	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
12	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
19	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
20	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

**PLEASE NOTE: The new mailing address for the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is:**  
**HCCA**

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Have you paid your dues for 2007? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2007, please send your payment now!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues are only \$10 . Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association  
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