Dear Neighbors!

On Sunday May 4, 2014, we will celebrate the 40th Mayday Festival—born from the Phillips Neighborhood! THANK YOU! You make Mayday happen!

Last year at this time I wrote you an in-depth letter about our yearly and critical need for volunteers and monetary support. This year I write with gratitude for the massive response from you all, as well as a heart filled with so many memories from the past 39 years. Thank you!

Here is an invitation for the upcoming Community Planning Meetings, a call for your much needed donations to assure Mayday’s continuance, and an invitation for you to submit your special stories/photos/video clips from the past 39 years.

HELP KEEP MAYDAY SOLVENT

Every year we raise funds to have Mayday pay its way. In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre is the creator and producer of Mayday. Contrary to popular assumption, the City of Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Park Board DO NOT finance this event. In fact we pay fees to both to enact Mayday. It is truly the generosity of many neighbors that makes Mayday happen. Mayday will cost the theatre nearly $140,000 this year. If each person or family or group who enjoys Mayday contributes, we reach that goal easily. This means 20,000 people contributing about $7.00 each! (or 2,000 people contributing $140 each or 1,000 people contributing $280. You get the idea!) WE CAN DO IT!!!

Please send or bring your contributions to “Mayday/In the Heart of the Beast Theatre” at 1500 E. Lake Street, 55407.

Oh sacred world now wounded, we pledge to make you free of war, of hate, of selfish cruelty. In this small corner we plant a tiny seed. May it grow in beauty to shame the face of greed.”  

—Pete Seeger

These words are painted above the front doors of In the Heart of the Beast Theatre’s small corner lobby; always beneath the Mayday “Story Boards” and always above those who enter and those passing into the world who have the “most important fight of all – you [who] live in the heart of the beast.”

Mayday in photos over the years

Courtesy HOBT Archives
Door to Door Delivery: Youth group from Calvary Church, Donna, Nestor, Bob, Brad, Brad, Carol, Patrick, Phillip, Phillips Improvement Coalition, Jacy, Jana, Heidi, Howard, Joyce, Marjorie, Morgan, Paul, Phillips West N.Dg, Simmons Family, Rayneman, Stephanie, Tara, Ventura Village, Will you deliver a block or two of your neighborhood? Call 612-990-4202

Full-Computer Class for Complete Beginners
Wed, Feb 12 & 26, 4:30–5:45 pm
Get creative and make music, videos, animation and objects using high- and low-tech tools, everything from iPads to LEGO® to wooden dowels. Taught by the library’s Teen Tech Squad.

Youth Achievers
Thurs, 4–5:30 pm
Do you want to be involved in your community? Then bring your friends and come for poetry, arts, games and more!

Franklin Teen Center: Teen Job Workshop
Thurs, Feb 6 & 20, 6:00 pm
Are you looking for a job? Drop in during these informal workshops to get help creating your résumé, searching and applying for jobs online, practicing interview skills and more.

ArtVentures
Thurs, Feb 13 & 27, 6-7:15 pm
Explore your creativity while learning about the vibrant arts scene right in our community! Sessions will include projects based out of the Franklin Teen Center along with visits from local artists and trips to see working artists in action.

Adult Programs
Winter Jackets
Through February 28
Age 17 and up: check out some new (book) jackets on cold winter days and nights! Read or listen to great stories. Share what you’re reading with other book lovers online at www.bookspace.org.

Seniors Play-Reading Group
Fri, Feb 14, 11 am–12:30 pm
Join us for a stimulating evening of reading and discussion of some of the great plays of our heritage.

Nonfiction Book Club
Fri, Feb 14, 1–3 pm
Join our

Franklin Community Library
1300 13th Ave SW
New: 612-543-6925
www.mplib.org
Tues & Thurs: 12–8 pm
Wed, Fri & Sat
10 am – 6 pm

Phillips Technology Center
Register online for these classes and more at www.hclc.org or call 612-289-2622

Computer Class for Complete Beginners
Feb 14, 10–11:30 am.
Learn the difference between hardware and software, practice using a mouse and keyboard. Find out more about computer training resources at the library. For students with little or no experience using a computer.

Computer Skills Workshop
Feb 14, 12–1:30 pm
Work on projects and practice skills from using the mouse and keyboarding to using email and Microsoft Office with our software instructors and volunteer assistants.

Franklin Learning Center
Feb, every 1st Monday of the month.
Free, one-on-one tutoring for adults who are learning English and math, preparing for the GED and citizenship exams, and gaining life skills. We are always looking for community volunteers! No experience necessary; please provide training and materials. Contact us at 952-847-2943.

by CARSTENS SMITH
Krumkake (KROOM-kaa) is a light, delicate Scandinavian cookie, fragrant with cardamom and rolled into a cone. The northern cousin of the Italian pizzelle, which is usually flavored with anise, is easy to make once you have a few tips from an experienced baker. Ingebretsen’s has such an expert, Emily Barker, who will teach us a class making traditional krumkake along with a number of variations on Saturday, February 8 from 10 till 11:30. “My Norwegian heritage is important to me and I like to share traditional recipes. But good food in general is important, so anyone who likes baking would enjoy learning to make krumkake,” says Emily. The name “bowed” or “arched” cookie and refers its graceful shape when it is rolled. For people who want to venture into shaping the cookies in less-than-traditional ways, they can try baking them with Norwegian “fortune cookies,” complete with Ole and Lena jokes to tuck into the folds. Emily also shares a gluten- free krumkake recipe and a variety of filling recipes. To register for the class, call Ingebretsen’s at 612-729-9333. The class fee is $5.

Welcome to Phillips West Neighborhood
Upcoming Events www.phillipswest.info

February 6th (Thursday) 6:10 to 7:00 pm
Phillips West Monthly Community Meeting! Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from City Council Member Abdi Warsame, Minneapolis Police, Business Partners, and Residents. This meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear of building off Oakland Avenue & 24th Street. Free Pizza & Beverages will be provided! If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwnc2005@yahoo.com

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Deadline: February 15

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TB Spawnd innovative forerunner to University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview- Riverside

Hilmar and Dorothy were only two of 101 people buried in the cemetery who died at Thomas Hospital between 1908 and 1917. Undoubtedly, many more who worked and volunteered at the hospital’s main goals was to protect the health of the community,” from competing with tuberculosis. Despite excellent nursing care and the most advanced treatment available, most of those admitted were already beyond hope. One of the hospital’s main goals was to prevent tuberculosis, this “menace to the health of the community,” from spreading. The people who died at the Thomas Hospital and who are buried in Layman’s were young and healthy. Another 11 were between the ages of 40 and 45. There were four teenagers, a few elderly and a handful whose ages were not known. Although Layman’s Cemetery closed to future burials in 1919, the work done at Thomas Hospital continued on until 1929 when the women and men who were between the ages of 20 and 40. Another 11 were between the ages of 40 and 45. There were four teenagers, a few elderly and a handful whose ages were not known. Although Layman’s Cemetery closed to future burials in 1919, the work done at Thomas Hospital continued on until 1929 when the building was converted to a residence hall for nurses and administrative staff at Fairview Hospital. Tuberculosis patients were treated at the newly opened Glen Lake Sanatorium. In 2013 tuberculosis was not listed as one of the leading causes of death in the United States.

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The Alley Newspaper’s last cemetery “Tale” [Vol. 38 #12 December, 2013, page 3] was a story about a Norwegian language Bible that belonged to Rachel Kleppe. Inside of the Bible there was a letter containing the location of Hilmar Evenson’s grave in Layman’s Cemetery. Hilmar was Rachel’s older brother. Hilmar died on November 7, 1913, at the age of 29. Two years later, his wife, Dorothy died; she was 26. Shortly after the story went to press [December 2013], Tim McCall, one of Friends of the Cemetery’s most amazing volunteers, found a photo of Hilmar, Dorothy and their daughter Lillian. Bit by bit Hilmar’s (and now Dorothy)’s story is coming together.

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Tales from Pioneers & Soldiers Cemetery
SUE HUNKELE WER 
108th in a Series

All ARE WELCOME! Heart of the Beast Letter from Sandy Spieler from page 1 including our budget so you can share in how this huge public event happens financially with thrill, with responsibility to City and Park fees, and with the donation of time, some secular, some representing other religious denominations, provided considerable financial support.

Individual and group donations were not enough to build a new hospital. George Christian, a milling magnate, contributed $50,000 of the $75,000 construction cost in honor of his friend, Bishop Elshba Smith. Christian and his wife, Leonora, knew that, although tuberculosis was particularly prevalent in working-class families, the wealthy were not immune. Their son, Henry, died from tuberculosis in 1905. Just before the hospital opened in October 1908, the board of Thomas Hospital and its Ladies Auxiliary held a carnival to raise funds to furnish the hospital. For five nights, they held open houses, complete with brass bands and, according to the Minneapolis Tribune, a “dazzling dainty girls, attired in Norwegian costume, [serving] Norwegian food to hungry folks.” Antiques and bric-a-brac were for sale. The price of admission was ten cents. The money was used to buy beds for the patients and furniture for the nurses’ residence.

Thomas Hospital was built to treat consumptives who were able to pay for their care but it became clear that there was a great, if not greater, need to treat those who were unable to bear the cost of their own treatments. Organizations as well as wealthy patrons sponsored “free” beds for the poor at a cost of $400 a year. In 1906 two beds were designated charity beds but in a matter of a few years that number increased to 20, roughly 25% of the hospital’s capacity.

Hospital officials were reluctant to disclose the number of people who died there. There can be little question that the number was high. Although it was not called a hospital, the building was converted to a residence hall for nurses and administrative staff at Fairview Hospital. Tuberculosis patients were treated at the newly opened Glen Lake Sanatorium. In 2013 tuberculosis was not listed as one of the leading causes of death in the United States.

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May 4. For a list of volunteer opportunities, contact Margery at 612-721-2535 x 8 or mottos@hobt.org.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE and great ideas are already coming our way! I will write with more exciting news next month including all the Public Workshop times. At this moment, the importance is to remind you of the upcoming community Meetings, and our gratitude for your essential donations!

With joy—Sandy Spieler, Artistic Director, In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, For more info: www.HOBT.org or call 612-721-2533

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You, your family, and friends can make masks, costumes, and other parade art by attending the FREE Public Workshops at In the Heart of the Beast Festival throughout the month of April on Saturdays from 9-11 am and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9pm.
Put it in The Alley & it is bound for the future

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When will we ever learn?
– Pete Seeger
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Being generous of spirit is a wonderful way to live
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Howard’s Top Ten of 2013

1) “12 Years a Slave” (R) Drama/Bio. 134 minutes
Director: Steve McQueen. Powerful, gritty, disturbing true story of a free Black, Solomon Northup, captured and sold to slavery for 12 years. Chiwetel Ejiofor plays Solomon Northup.

2) “Dallas Buyers Club” (R) Drama/Bio 117 minutes.
Director: Jean-Marc Valler. One man’s struggle with HIV and his campaign to get better drugs for him and others affected against great opposition from the government officials.

3) “Gravity” (PG13) Sci Fi 90 minutes
A space accident causes Sandra Bullock’s character Dr. Ryan Stone to literally hang in the balance.

4) “The Act of Killing” (R) Doc. Director: Anonymous, Christine Cynn. Frightening candid documentary about some of the men who staged a takeover of the Indonesian government in 1965 under the guise the country had been controlled by the Communists.

5) “Nebraska” (R) Drama. Drama. Director: Alexander Payne. In Black and White. Elderly gentleman Woody Grant (Bruce Dern) from Billings, Montana, is convinced he’s won a million dollars in a sweepstakes contest. Stubborn but determined to drive to Nebraska to “claim” his “prize” convinces his younger son to drive him there.

6) “Fruitvale Station” (R) Drama/Bio 90 minutes.
Director: Ryan Coogler. Mr. Coogler’s debut film based on a true story of Oscar Grant (Michael B. Jordan), a young African American, shot and killed by a Transit police officer.

7) “Wadjda” (PG) Drama/Foreign Director: Haifan Al-Mansour. Languages: Arabic in English subtitles. Country: Saudi Arabia/Germany. The first full-featured film by a Saudi Arabian woman. A young girl wants a bicycle discouraged by her society for a girl to have a bike.

8) “American Hustle” (R) Comedy/Drama 138 minutes. Director: David O. Russell. The best of cons try to con a New Jersey mayor.


10) “Philomena” (R) Drama 98 minutes Director: Stephen Frears. Philomena Lee (Judi Dench) has a son out-of-wedlock taken away from her and given over for adoption. She goes out of Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan) eventually going to America.
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Saturday 1:30-2:30 p.m. Yoga at Central Neighborhood Organization (3736 Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis)

Time Will Tell

It is now past a month since the good surgeon replaced my worn bone-on-bone left hip with a joint of cobalt and plastic. It was a three-day hospital stay, during which a royal treatment was rendered by people from all over the world. However, it is about time to re-enter…movements, meetings and protests, and yes, the job at Smith Foundry.

Of course, the recent down-time did induce some self-examination, which in turn led to some re-ordering of living space. Hence, an old scrap-book revealed the photo of a proud Boy Scout saluting. Nationalism was a simple thing back then.

But…

Then came the clouds of napalm and agent orange, tear gas and uncertainty. Indeed, our ruling class has stashed enough wealth in foreign accounts to pay off our nation’s debt, if only they would.

What is meant by the word “revolution”? A revolution constitutes the ascendency to power of a social class and its allies over and against the power of the old ruling class…in order to clean house and transform property relations.

Nevertheless, I am pleased with the last election to our city’s government. Alondra Cano is, I think, quite excellent. Moreover, Mayor Hodges’ emphasis on early childhood intervention is an important key to social advance. We are, after all, in the period of “preparation of forces.”

Note: “Social Democracy” is that political outlook which seeks to reform society within the framework of the capitalist system. Presently, we engage a “united front” with social-democratic forces in opposition to right-wing extremism.

Will I live to see the revolution? Well, I intend to live another thirty years but, for all concerned, time is running out.

Out in the Backyard CLASSES - Free and open to everyone!

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ONE BILLION RISING for Justice on Feb. 14

We are inviting women and those who love them to WALK OUT, DANCE, RISE UP, and DEMAND an end to violence against women and girls.

On Valentine’s Day, ONE BILLION RISING will move the earth, activating women and men in countries around the world. Take a stand and show the world our collective strength, our numbers, our solidarity across borders.

Please join us in Powderhorn Park for our second annual event! from 6pm to 8pm Feb. 14th, 2014 Music, dance, speakers, hot drinks & food!

Once a year or once a month—contribute to Alley Communications.

Peter Molenaar

Raise Your Voice

It is a very important thing to learn to talk to people you disagree with. – Pete Seeger

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The BACKYARD INITIATIVE: What It Is and Why It Exists

The Backyard Initiative (BYI) is a dynamic partnership between Allina Health and its neighbors to improve health and health care in the seven communities immediately surrounding Allina Commons, Abbott Northwestern Hospital and Phillips Eye Institute. The BYI was designed and managed by the Cultural Wellness Center (CWC). The BYI supports efforts to strengthen community health by empowering residents to draw upon their own knowledge, skills, and cultural values to care for themselves, their families and their neighbors.

A partnering of the expertise and resources of health care institutions with the wisdom, competence, and experiences of residents, the BYI added a new dimension to a health system that focuses on promoting health in addition to treating sickness. From the beginning of 2008 to now, the CWC facilitated, organized and coached Allina’s partnership with the community in successfully engaging community residents to improve health through self-study, surfaced and produced knowledge, cross-cultural knowledge exchange, and relationship building.

In 2009, early in the process of developing the BYI residents were engaged to develop a Definition of Health. This definition became the foundation for the BYI and continues to guide its work today.

In 2010, a BYI Assessment Team was convened to create a picture of the state of health and well-being of the 45,000 BYI residents. Walk-around surveys and listening circles dialogue sessions completed involving 630 people. Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) formed as health practice teams. Team members made contact with approximately 300 people through outreach and working sessions. Thirty-five people were identified/named as Community Commission members.

The CWC organized and coached residents and Allina staff in building an infrastructure that would maintain community engagement and grow the capacity of the residents to sustain the initiative over time.

The BYI TEENS Project is excited to inform the community there will be a new BYI Resource Center opening soon at the Midtown Global Market. The TEENS Project, will organize and staff the BYI Resource Center, a place that anybody can go to and learn about the Backyard Initiative’s resources and programs that may be available to them. The BYI TEENS Project goal is to develop the BYI Resource Center to be a self-sustaining business that will use the TEENS to advertise and promote BYI resources. The TEENS are in the process of developing a business that will be housed out of the BYI Resource Center location. We estimate the business will be fully functional by the end of February.

For more info on the BYI or the BYI Resource Center, call the Cultural Wellness Center, 612-721-5745

To learn more about the exciting ACHIEVEMENTS of each BYI Community Health Action Team or CHAT, see the Special Insert in the December 2013 issue of "The Alley" Newspaper!