



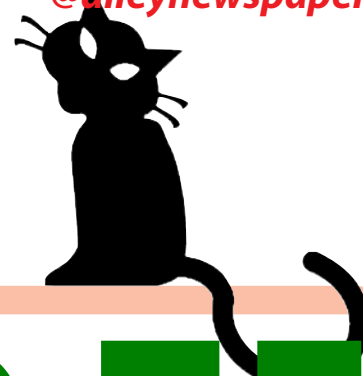
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Henry Payer, Big Face Indian (This is who we are), xxxx

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– John F. Kennedy, May 29, 1917 -  
November 22, 1963

***"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination."***

– Madiba Nelson Mandela, July 18, 1918 -  
December 5, 2013

## Poetry and Politics in our back yard **see pages 4 and 6**



Amged Yusef, Spoken Word artist at the Alley Media Social

### 38 years of The Alley Newspaper and counting!

Alley Communications, publisher of The Alley Newspaper, held its annual meeting on Friday, Nov. 16, at St. Paul's Assembly Hall in the Phillips Community. But, just like in years past, this was not what one would expect from an annual meeting of an organization. No bylaws were negotiated, no board seats were contended, no orga-

**38 years of the Alley** see page 5

### Still Time in 2013 to Support 2014

For those who missed the Alley Media Social in November, please know that it is not too late to donate! Help The Alley Newspaper move into its 39th year. If you enjoy this paper, it is up to YOU to help it to continue. \$5 pays for a year of monthly issues for YOU! \$10.00 covers you and a neighbor! Make your check to Alley Communications, and mail to: PO Box 7006, Mpls., MN 55407. THANKS!



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**Ann Greene Phillips (18\_\_-1885)**  
**Wendell Phillips (1811-1884)**

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columnists, and artists are neighbors  
and friends who contribute  
their time and work. This issue  
includes but is not limited to**

**the following:** Louis Alemayehu,  
All My Relations Gallery, Lucinda  
Anderson, Maya Angelou, Banyan  
Community, Patrick Cabello  
Hansel, Bao Phi Slam Champ,  
Collie Graddick, Clarasophia Gust,  
Susan Gust, Dee Henry Williams,  
Linnea Hadaway, Hennepin County  
Franklin Library, Howard McQuitter  
II, In the Heart of the Beast Theatre,  
Indian Health Board, Amirah  
Islaam, JFK, Carl Lobley, Madiba  
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Mohammed, Peter Molenaar,  
Dave Moore, Wille Murphy, Native  
American Clinic, Roma Patel,  
Phillips Neighborhood Clinic,  
PWNO, Dyani White Hawk Polk,  
Running Wolf Fitness Center, St.  
Paul's Luth. Church, Sandy Spieler,  
Erin Thomasson, Crystal Trautnau  
Winschitl, Denisse Velez, Elizabeth  
Young, Bishara Yusef.

**Door to Door Delivery:** Youth  
group from Calvary Church, Donna  
Neste, Bob, Brad, Brad, Carol,  
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Improvement Coalition, Jacy, Jana,  
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BY ERIN THOMASSON

*Children & Family Programs*

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Free in-person tutoring for K-12  
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**Wed, Dec 4-18, 10:30 am.** Age  
2 and up. Share books, stories,  
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with your children.

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preschoolers! Early Childhood  
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with your child to build literacy  
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**Teen Programs**

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**Tues, Dec 3-17, 5-7 pm.** Learn  
urban ecology, health & nutrition,  
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a community garden and visit  
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**Game Time!**

**Wed, Dec 4-18, 4:30-6 pm.** Each  
week we will hook up a new or  
retro gaming system. Compare  
with peers when you're playing  
8-bit style!

**Teen Tech Workshop**

**Wed, Dec 11, 4:30 pm.** Get  
creative and make music, videos,  
animation and other projects  
using both high- and low-tech  
tools, everything from iPads to  
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by the library's Teen Tech Squad.

**Young Achievers**

**Thursdays, Dec. 5-26,**

**4-5:30 p.m.** Want involvement  
in your community? Bring friends  
for poetry, arts, games and more!

**Teen Anime Club**

**Thurs, Dec 5 & 19, 6-7:15 pm.**

Watch anime, discuss manga  
and share artwork. Something  
different every time!

**ArtVentures**

**Thurs, Dec 12 & 26, 6-7:15 pm.**

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learning about the vibrant arts  
scene. Including projects at Teen  
Center with visits from local  
artists and trips to see working  
artists in action.

**Movies for Teens**

**Fri, Dec 6-27, 4-6 pm.** Movie

titles are chosen by teens to  
ensure your viewing pleasure! We  
have comfy couches and chairs.

**Adult Programs**

**55+ Nonfiction Book Club**

**Fri, Dec 13, 1-3 pm.** Join our  
discussion of new and interesting  
nonfiction titles. Bring along  
your recommendations for  
future meetings. For additional  
information, call the library, 612-  
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**Memoir Writing Group**

**Thurs, Dec 19, 1-3 pm.** Want to  
create a record of your personal  
history? Bring what you have  
written and are willing to read to  
the group for helpful comments  
and suggestions.

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**Microsoft Excel: Basics**

**Fri, Dec 13, 10-11:30 am.** Learn  
the basics of working with an  
Excel spreadsheet: navigation,  
entering data and using formulas.

**Microsoft Publisher: Basics**

**Fri, Dec 13, noon-1:30 pm.**

Learn to use the menus and  
toolbars to create and publish  
your own fliers, brochures and  
greeting cards.

**Microsoft Excel: Charts and  
Graphs**

**Sat, Dec 14, 10-11:30 am.**

Learn to create and integrate  
graphs and charts into your Excel  
spreadsheets.

**Computer Skills Workshop**

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## Play Reading Group

BY ELIZABETH YOUNG

Come join the neighborhood  
play reading group! It meets at  
11 a.m. on the second Friday of  
the month at the Franklin branch  
of the Hennepin County Library,  
1314 East Franklin Avenue to  
read plays aloud. Each person  
takes a part and is engrossed in  
assuming that characterization.

There are two one-act plays by  
Thornton Wilder on the sched-  
ule for December 13. They are  
"The Long Christmas Dinner"  
and "The Queens of France."  
As time permits, there will be  
discussion and comments fol-  
lowing the readings.

For further information con-  
tact the Play Reading Group co-  
chairs: James Hart hartx017@  
umn.edu (612-729-5704) or  
Elizabeth Young liz11238@  
gmail.com (612-545-5059)

## Running Wolf Fitness Center CLOSED Management by Clinics ends Dec 31st

To the Community,

Since 2010, the Running  
Wolf Fitness Center has oper-  
ated as a program of the Native  
American Community Clinic  
and the Indian Health Board.  
It was under their management  
that Running Wolf moved into  
the Phillips Community Center.  
Recently because of capital  
expenditures and financial restric-  
tions the two clinics will no longer  
manage Running Wolf. The last  
day of operations at the Phillips  
Community Center will be Friday,  
December 20, 2013.

The Minneapolis American  
Indian Center is working on  
assuming management of Running  
Wolf and is actively seeking fund-  
ing to cover the operating costs as  
one if its program at the Center.  
Running Wolf will be temporar-  
ily closed until this funding is  
secured.

Minneapolis American Indian  
Center and Al Olson, the Mille  
Lacs Urban Special projects  
coordinator along with other  
community members are work-



ing to keep this valuable asset  
local and affordable to all mem-  
bers of the Phillips Community  
Neighborhood.

We thank the community for  
their support and patience through  
this time of transition for Running  
Wolf Fitness Center.

Sincerely,  
Indian Health Board  
Native American Community  
Clinic

## Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events [www.phillipswest.info](http://www.phillipswest.info)

**December 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**  
**6:00 to 7:30 p.m. - Phillips West**  
**Holiday Community Meeting**  
**in Honor of Vice City Council**  
**Member Robert Lilligren!**

Please join us for a festive  
Holiday Community Meeting  
to Celebrate & Thank Robert  
Lilligren for the past 12 years  
of Public Service! All who live  
in Phillips West or support the  
Phillips West Neighborhood are  
welcome to attend! Celebration  
will take place at Lutheran Social  
Service Center for Changing Lives  
in the Centrum Room (2400 Park



Avenue). Free parking available  
in rear off Oakland Avenue! 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 pwno2005@yahoo.com

**\* Note there will be no janu-  
ary Phillips West Community  
meeting due to the Winter Social  
taking place January 23<sup>rd</sup> please  
save the date now! \***

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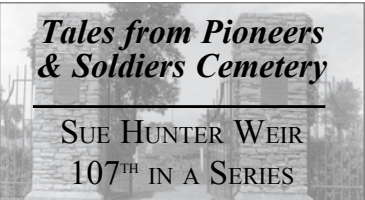
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“Who will remember that we were here after we are gone?”

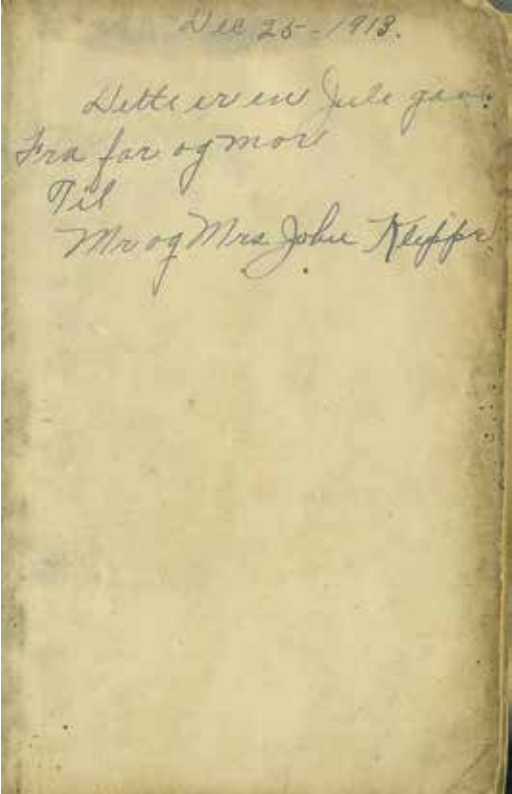
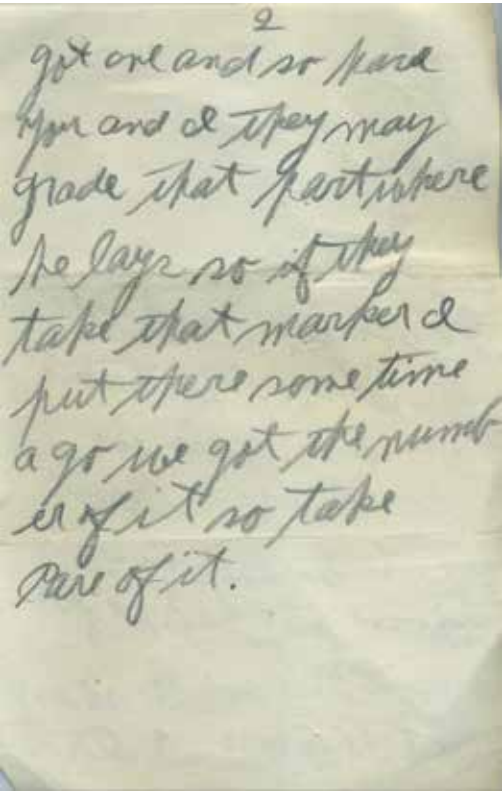
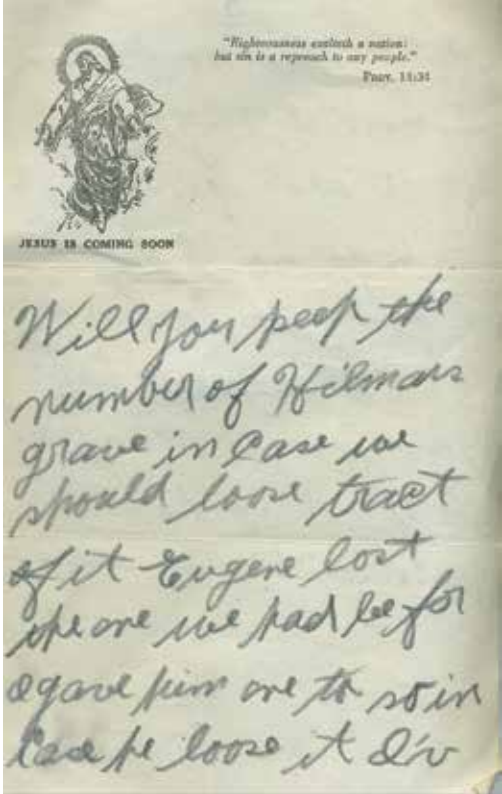
# Keepsakes and records entrusted between Bible’s pages



It was almost a year ago that Joe Schumann found an old Bible in the attic of a house that he was working on in North Minneapolis. The Bible was written in Norwegian and had several small items tucked inside. There are three bookmarks, two of them celebrating Easter. The third looks like a miniature Turkish rug. There is a gold foil sticker with the word “father” written in script that most likely came from a funeral wreath. There is also an undated Norwegian-language copy of the “Konstitution” from Mindekirke, the Norwegian Lutheran Church located at the intersection of 21st Street and 10th Avenue South.

A letter that was folded in among the pages connects the Bible to Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery and is how Joe tracked us down. Uncorrected, except for added punctuation, the letter reads: “Will you keep the number of Hilmar’s grave in case we should loose tract of it. Eugene lost the one we had befor. I gave him one to so in case he loose it I’ve got one and so have you and as they may grade that part where he lays so if they take that marker I put there sometime ago we got the number of it so take care of it.”

It’s not clear who wrote the letter and, even though it doesn’t say so, it was probably intended



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for Rachel Kleppe. The Bible was a wedding gift to Rachel and her husband John from her parents almost exactly 100 years ago. They were married on December 22, 1913.

Rachel was Hilmar’s younger sister. Their last name was Evanson. Their parents, Edwin and Caroline Evanson, had at least seven children. The three oldest, including Hilmar, were born in Norway. Rachel was the first to be born in Minnesota.

Hilmar Evanson died in the

Thomas Hospital on November 7, 1913. The Thomas Hospital was built to serve people suffering from tuberculosis in 1907 by an organization associated with the Lutheran church known as the United Church Hospital Association (UCHA). The hospital was located on the West Bank on the site of what later became known as Fairview Hospital. Hilmar Evanson spent two months in Thomas Hospital before he died at the age of 29 years, six months and 13 days old. Earlier, when he had been healthy

enough to work, he was employed as a machinist for the J. L. Onans Company.

Hilmar married Dorothy Hansen on March 2, 1905. It was a double wedding. Hilmar’s brother Eugene married Mary Hansen (possibly Dorothy’s sister) the same day. Dorothy was only 16 years old. She survived Hilmar although she, too, died young. She died in the Thomas Hospital on December 17, 1915, when she was 26 years, 4 months and 19 days old.

Whoever wrote the letter need

not have worried. We know where Hilmar is buried. He’s in Lot 40, Block E. We also know where Dorothy is buried. She is in an adjoining section of the cemetery in Lot 36, Block G.

Shortly after they were married, John and Rachel Kleppe moved to Iowa and farmed. They had one daughter, Mildred. John Kleppe died in 1931 and is buried in the graveyard of the First Lutheran Church in Ossian, Iowa. Rachel returned to Minneapolis after he died.

# Naomi goes from Welna Hardware to Banyan as a “key” person

BY NAOMI MOHAMMED, BANYAN, COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

“Naomi’s Corner” just got bigger. Many of you will recognize a familiar face but in a new location. My name is Naomi Mohammed. I grew up in Phillips and have raised my five kids here as well. In February of this year I moved from working at Welna Hardware to Banyan Community.

In my new position as Community Coordinator with Banyan, I’ve had the opportunity to contribute to the growing Lighthouse Network (LHN) program. LHN promotes community and safety throughout Phillips Neighborhood, teaching neighbors how to collaborate and take action with community building through block clubs. By acting as a resource for developing relationships between neighbors, I’ve been able to witness neighbors from all across the Phillips coming together to help each other out by addressing needs of housing, crime, and even natural disaster related issues.

When heavy storms hit earlier this summer, a tree fell across a neighbor’s yard, partially blocking the street. She discovered it, to her dismay, on the morning of her birthday. A few phone calls later and a team assembled in her front yard, composed entirely of neighbors and their family and friends. Within a few hours, the tree was reduced to a long pile of wood on



**Above: National Night Out on 17th Avenue  
Right: Naomi and Laura, a Lighthouse Network member**

her boulevard and the yard was cleared by people within a four block area in the Phillips neighborhood. This is just one example of the community benefits we reap through what LHN sows along with our efforts to cooperate and reach out to each other. The unity we experience that promotes our collective security is the harvest of our work together.

There are also health benefits to being part of community. It changes neighbors into friends; friends who look out for one another, who send a card if you’re not feeling well or share their garden crop with you. Having a block club allows you to make those connections. National Night Out is a great example of people coming together. Each block party has its own

feel but the idea is to start making those connections with your neighbors, to form a tradition amongst those on your block, something unique that you can all share and anticipate eagerly each summer.

If you are interested in more information about the Banyan or joining the Lighthouse Network, please contact me at [naomi@banyancommunity.com](mailto:naomi@banyancommunity.com) or 612 722 8512; stop by (2647 Bloomington Ave.) or look Banyan up on the web; [www.banyancommunity.org](http://www.banyancommunity.org) See you in the neighborhood!

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# Star Tribune says: Bloom-Lake “Blight” Community says: Bloom-Lake and elsewhere there is “LIGHT”



BY HARVEY WINJE

Kristin Tillotson, a Star Tribune writer, began an otherwise laudatory snippet Friday, November 1, 2013, about the “Juntos Crecernos”/“Together We Grow” mural at Bloomington Avenue and Lake Street with a biased cultural slam that exposed more about her than about that corner or this community.

The insult to scores of stores, a theatre, a museum, and residents and customers is overwhelming and merits an apology.

deehenry williams quick retort November 2 on KFAI “Great Blend of Watercolors” was “drop the “B.” Right On, deeh! Kristin,

## Right on Lake Street



DROP the “B” from clouding your vision and see the Light in the Community.

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# Who has been the Light For Us?

Tell your “Light” story, See “Lighted” 15th Avenue Bridge



BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

Winter has been the time for humans to reflect on darkness, and seek the light. Almost every culture and religion has winter celebrations that revolve around light, from Hanukkah to Santa Lucia to Kwanzaa to Solstice and Christmas. There is something

about lighting a candle or a bonfire on a cold winter night that gives joy. We are also lights that bring joy in the midst of darkness—whether that darkness be illness or racism or violence or loneliness. We are light, and we can be light to others.

As part of its work building the Phillips Avenue of the Arts, St. Paul’s Church on 15th Avenue is gathering stories of light, which will be shared throughout the season. We are asking our neighbors to reflect on these two questions:

- Who has been the light for you in your life?
- How have they been light?

It may be an ancestor, teacher or mentor. It may be a poet or artist or leader from the past or the present that has inspired you. It may be someone well known, or known only to you. Take a moment to write a reflection and send it to us. And look for literal light installations during the cele-

brations of Christmas at St. Paul’s, including La Posada on December 21, starting at 3 pm. We will be “relighting” the bridge on 15th Avenue to celebrate its opening up our beautiful avenue.

Send your reflections to stpaulscreate@gmail.com, or if you prefer to mail them, send them to: St. Paul’s Lutheran, 2742 15th Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55407. Deadline is December 19. For more information, call 612-724-3862 or e-mail: stpaulscreate@gmail.com.

## POET POETS

BY ROY MCBRIDE

Angry asinine poets poet!  
Brave bold poets poet!  
Crude careless poets poet!  
Delicate delightful poets poet!  
Elegant egotistical poets poet!  
Fragrant flowering poets poet!  
Greasy grimy poets poet!  
Happy happening poets poet!  
Intelligent indulgent poets poet!  
Judicious juvenile poets poet!  
Kind kin poets poet!  
Language loving poets poet!  
Moving mountains poets poet!  
Naturally nutty poets poet!  
O poets! O poets! O poets! Poet!  
Quiet quizzical poets poet!  
Roaring rowdy poets poet!  
Sullen sad poets poet!

Timid torrential poets poet!  
Usurious underground poets poet!  
Valiant visionary poets poet!  
Wicked wacky poets poet!  
Xtraneous xraying poets poet!  
Youthful yelling poets poet!  
Zealous zooming poets poet!  
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Roy McBride was the real thing: a real poet wide open. With soul, compassion, melancholy, laughter. A goggle-eyed witness with a breaking heart. Feeling it all. Telling it all, for all of us.

— Willie Murphy, musician, producer, songwriter

Roy McBride was a poetry slam champ and the Poet Laureate of Lake Street. The Powderhorn neighborhood soaked into his bones and his bones made up his poetry. When he passed, we lost a powerful, beautiful voice. This collection of lovers whose eyes meet above wedding cakes, of dudes doo-wopping down Nicollet, smart women, and poets who are not good with their hands allows those of us who knew Roy to relive his work, and provides an opportunity for those new to him to read an essential collection from a true Minnesota treasure.

— Bao Phi, Slam Champ and author of *Sóng 1 Sing*

Roy McBride is an original. Like any good jazzman worthy of the skin he lived in and the air he breathed, Roy had his own voice that could not be mistaken for anyone else’s. Nobody talked like him. Nobody walked like him. Nobody “poeted” like him. Noooooooo body! I think of him as a master of time and space even now as he straddles dimensions between life/death/life. Roy’s use of repetition and sometimes rhyme causes us to slip between the vales that separate worlds. The hidden is revealed. There is beauty here, terror and laughter here and much, much truth. His life and this book and film was/is a gift to us.

— Louis Alemayehu, writer and performer, Ancestor Energy

For many years I’ve known Roy’s words only in the rhythms he spoke. Here now are his words on a page. To savor, to ponder, again and again a surprisingly rich variety of the insides and outsides of Roy—vulnerable, sensual, stunningly honest, insightfully brutal, disarmingly silly.

— Sandy Spieler, Artistic Director, In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre

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Patrick Cabello Hansel at the Alley Media Social

In 2013, the Alley Newspaper’s expenses were approximately \$2000 per month. But, if this newspaper is to be sustainable, we need to build a reserve to be able to employ an editor and/or other staff at a living wage. For only a donation of \$5.00 per month or 50 cents per issue, you can make that happen! Hope we can count on YOU! Contribute \$5 today. If the 15,000 people in the Backyard area each contributed \$5, we would be able to improve our delivery strategies, hire an outreach coordinator and more. Help us to make this happen.

**38 years of the Alley** from page 1  
nizational policy tensions were permeating the air! Instead, over 75 people gathered from various political persuasions and cultural groups to celebrate 38 years of this community-governed media source, The Alley Newspaper! This year’s event involved a huge, used book sale with volumes of nonfiction and fiction



books donated for the event. Over \$1,300 was raised to continue the work of this vital and vibrant community organization.

Delicious food was provided by the Backyard Initiative’s Growing the Backyard CHAT and over a dozen performers offered their services to help us celebrate. These performers included:

- Dave Moore, Phillips’ resident cartoonist and Wendell Phillips enthusiast
- Carlos Zhingre, Ecuadorian

- folk singer and guitarist
- Amged Yusef, Nomadic Expressions- Somalian Spoken Word artist
- Patrick Cabello Hansel, co-pastor of St. Paul’s, poet and community activist
- Sue Hunter Weir, Friends of the Cemetery and writer of over 100 tales of Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery
- Siam, community resident and African and reggae musician and guitarist

The evening’s entertainment was moderated by Loren Niemi, E.D. of In the Heart of the Beast Theatre.

A terrific time was had by all. If you would like to be part of Alley Communications or would like to play an active role in The Alley Newspaper, call Harvey Winje, 612-990-4022 or email editor@alleynews.org. Hope to see you at next year’s event!

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**Collaborations with Organizations**

In 2013, Alley Communications began to more intentionally partner with community organizations to help those organizations to spread the word about their organizations or activities. This collaboration required both Alley Communications and the partnering organization to work through how to best represent their issues in their own words, resolve differences of opinions and to appreciate the value of mutual benefit. To date, those collaborations include:

- **Back Yard Initiative:** a contract that utilizes the Alley Newspaper Back Page to represent the work of the BYI
- **East Phillips Cultural Community Center and East Phillips Sports Council and Mpls. Park and Recreation Board:** Alley Communications is a member of the partnership and, thus, can utilize free space for meetings.
- **2013 May Day Parade and Festival:** The Alley Newspaper helped to promote the financial plea of In the Heart of the Beast Theatre to produce this spectacular annual pageant.
- **Phillips Aquatic Center:** The Alley Newspaper helped these organizations navigate a way to present their various design/program ideas: East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC), Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc. (MPNIAI), Phillips West Improvement Association (PWNO), Ventura Village Neighborhood (VV), Minneapolis Swims, Inc.
- **Phillips Green-Clean Sweep:** Comprised of many people and organizations where The Alley is listed in promotional materials including the T-shirts!: EPIC, MPNIAI, PWNO, VV and Little Earth of United Tribes
- **Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery:** Over 100 stories have by been written and published in The Alley about the oldest cemetery in Minneapolis thanks to the Friends of the Cemetery.

**Public Service Announcements**

Newspapers have always been able to offer free public service announcements enabled through their profit. Even though Alley Communications does not have that type of high revenue, it does, nonetheless, publish a large amount of announcements completely free. This helps us to fulfill The Alley’s mission to “inform and engage”. The additional hope is that organizations that benefit will help Alley Communications with other in-kind contributions or will contribute to our PAID ADVERTISING base as they become able to do so. Here is the list of organizations or activities who received “free” advertising space in 2013:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| All My Relations Gallery           | Midtown Greenway Coalition     | American Clinic                           |
| American Indian Day                | Minneapolis Bridging Festival  | Semilla Project, Taste of Phillips        |
| American Swedish Institute         | MN Literacy Council            | and Phillips Avenue of the Arts:          |
| events                             | Mississippi River Walk 2013    | St. Paul’s Church on 15 <sup>th</sup> Av. |
| Arbor Day Celebration              | Mount Olive Church Concert     | Southside Family Nurturing                |
| Green Tomato Cook Off              | National Night Out             | Center Entertainment Fundraiser           |
| Haitian Unity Night                | Open Eye Theatre               | Spokes                                    |
| Holy Rosary Festival               | Our Saviour’s Church Concert   | Taste of Phillips                         |
| Mad Dads                           | Phillips West Winter Social    | Waite House                               |
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|                                    | Indian Health Board and Native |   |

**Still time to make a Tax Deductible Gift to Alley Communications!**

Alley Communications, in spite of being a “free,” public media source, does not have the opportunity to do annual pledge drives nor can we afford to do huge mailings. The Annual Gathering time of year is our time to take stock in what we have accomplished, plan for the future and ask for the financial support to fulfill the activities coming from our mission. Every dollar helps in two ways: It provides needed income and it gives us a huge, moral boost. Please make a contribution of any size, TODAY! **Visit GiveMN or make your check to Alley Communications, and mail to: PO Box 7006, Mpls., MN 55407. We thank you.**

**THANK YOU SUPPORTERS, WRITERS, VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS FOR YOUR ANOTHER YEAR OF THE ALLEY.**

**We give a HUGE THANKS to the hundreds of people who have donated time and talent in writing, drawing, and volunteering. We could not put out this mighty community paper without YOU! 30 to 50 people are involved in the content of each issue plus 20 volunteers who help with delivery and many businesses that have news stand space.**

**We also wish to give a HUGE THANKS to our individual financial donors thus far in 2013:**

- Linda Berglin  
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Carl and Helen Peterson  
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Sandy Spieler  
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15 Anonymous Donations and cash contributions collected at the Alley Media Social Nov. 16, 2013.

If we missed your name, please accept our apologies and let us know. Or, if you would like to add your name by making a donation, visit **GiveMN or make your check to Alley Communications, and mail to: PO Box 7006, Mpls., MN 55407. We thank you.**

## Dallas Buyers Club



Dallas Buyers Club

**Dallas Buyers Club (2013)**

★★★★★

**Focus Features. Drama**

**Cast:** Matthew McConaughey (Ron Woodroof), Jared Leto (Rayon), Jennifer Garner (Dr. Eve Saks), Dallas Roberts (David Wayne), Steve Zahn (Tucker), Griffin Dunne (Dr. Vass). **Running time:** 117 minutes. **Director:** Jean-Marc Vallée.

Back in the early 1980s when the AIDS disease "first" struck, it is a death sentence for almost everyone contracting AIDS. Matthew McConaughey's Ron Woodroof is a Texas electrician/rodeo cowboy living a risky lifestyle of illicit sex, drugs and partying but in 1985 after what seems to be a brief illness he's told by his doctors he's HIV-positive at age 35. At first Woodroof rejects the news casting it as a disease of



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homosexuals. Woodroof is rabidly homophobic and makes it known to all concerned. He continues, for a while, to drink, snort cocaine, and have sex with women he picks up at the bars.

Woodroof has a transition:

he wants to live at all cost. As the movie goes along, the tough Texan becomes a campaigner for better and safer drugs rather than the toxic ATZ often making many of the users of the drug sicker after using ATZ. Woodroof meets a lively transvestite Rayon (Jared Leto) in the hospital who eventually work together to acquire drugs that are better to combat HIV/AIDS even if it means using drugs not approved by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Doctor Eve Saks (Jennifer Garner) is in Woodroof's corner far beyond the normal duties as a doctor. (McConaughey shed 50 pounds for the role.) (Jared Leto sheds 30 pounds to play Rayon.) Woodroof already has proven the doctors wrong by living longer than the 30 days they have predicted. Soon hundreds of people are seeking Woodroof and Rayon for the large quantities of drugs are available from Mexico.

Matthew McConaughey has been on a roll as of late: "The Lincoln Lawyer" (2011), "Bernie" (2011), "Killer Joe" (2011), "Mud" (2012), "Magic Mike" (2012) and now, "Dallas Buyers Club" (2013). At Oscar time, McConaughey should be nominated as actor in a leading role; Jared Leto should be nominated as actor in a supporting role. I note that McConaughey's character is based on a real man's struggle with AIDS.



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**On view:**

October 25 - January 18, 2014

**Opening reception and Gallery Talk:**  
Friday, October 25, 5 - 8pm

**Gallery talk with C. Maxx Stevens will begin at 6:30pm.**

C. Maxx Stevens is an Installation Artist and of the Seminole / Mvscogee Nation. Currently an Associate Professor of Art at the University of Colorado serving as the Foundation Arts Director in the Art and Art History Departments, Stevens is an award winning artist with an extensive exhibition history.



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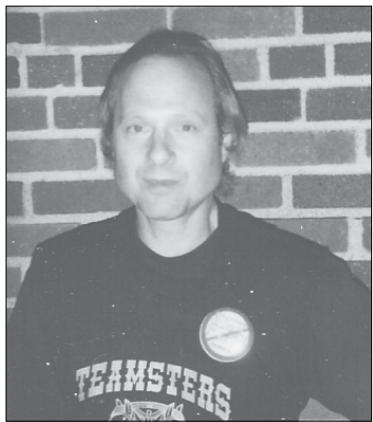
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## The Red Word



PETER MOLENAAR  
**Raise Your Voice**

The good news is: My left hip joint is, at long last, scheduled to be replaced. However, the day the Washington "Redskins" came to town, I was in some serious pain after laboring eight hours behind the grinding wheel. To make matters worse, it was a cold day and evidently the barometric pressure was low. But, neighbors, the indignant core of our community had issued a call to protest.

Happily, my resolve to participate prevailed over the forces of inertia. When I arrived a tad late, the crowd had already formed outside the Ancient Traders Market. The scent of burning sage united our spirits as the combined radiance of flesh dispersed the cold. There was no pain felt by being there.

Clyde's voice was amplified. "Warrior Woman" Betty McCollum

declared that hate speech has no place in this country. Six-Pro-Bowls (Joey Browner) invoked his indigenous aspect while commending the sentence of Native youth. Our new Mayor Betsy Hodges was warmly received, as seen especially in the smiles of young women.

Each marching step was to constitute a prayer. As the mass moved slowly at the start, I determined to keep up. In my case, certainly each step would count twice.

Do the people who descended over thousands of years upon this land want to be "honored" as mascots and logos? No they do not... and that should be the end of it.

My aching joints made it as far as Chicago Avenue. Then, while walking back east on Franklin Avenue, a second marching contingent approached from the American Indian Center. For one exhilarating moment, it seemed the march I'd just left had circled the globe!

To be sure, this neighborhood is a special place. We are then essentially obligated to stand with First Nations people. Next time around, will at least the able-bodied among us answer the call?

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

## Frank Reflections

# Star Tribune's Ethnic Distortion

BY FRANK ERICKSON

The Somali population Minnesota does not even come close to 1 % of the states' entire population, so how can so few people create so many negative front page stories in the Star Tribune?

Is the Star Tribune aware that they are handling our local Somali community in a racist manner, treating the whole the whole Somali community as if it is a terrorist organization? Sensationalizing one "terror" story after another, all this to sell newspapers to the 95% white majority in our state. And in doing this, our daily newspaper is endangering and destabilizing the Somali community, backing them into a corner.

Even if a Minnesotan was connected to the massacre in Kenya... that would be one individual connected to it, not the entire Somali community. A community cannot commit crimes, only individuals can. The way the tribune handles it, the whole Somali community is put on trial. To expect the entire Somali community to answer for an individual's behavior is profiling and being racist.

Yet local Somalis will bow down to racial profiling and as a community will come forward, hold a press conference to "denounce" the violence in Kenya,

even though they had nothing to do with it...their response is a response driven by racism.

I saw no sense of urgency from the local white community during the summer of 2012, to hold a press conference, to separate them from, and "denounce" the mass-killing of members of the Sikh community in Wisconsin by a white male. Yet every time there is a "terror" situation, local Somalis are expected to start their denouncing of it.

White terrorists are always acting alone. East African terrorists are always representing their family, town, community, religion, skin color, or country. They never get to represent just themselves as white terrorists do.

The September 29th, 2013 Sunday Star Tribune had another "exclusive" "terror" story about our Somali Community.

This front page story had a large photo of two young Somali men, who had no connection to the Kenya massacre, yet the Tribune put a photo of the Kenya mall massacre right below the photo of these two men. The Tribune figured out a way to connect them, they work hard at this at the Tribune, it's good for business.

"We" obsess and concern ourselves with a very small threat of a terrorist attack, because it may

have us in the crosshairs. Why does the Tribune even bother with stuff like "Al-Shabab is a Threat in Minnesota" after the U.S. government killed over 100,000 people in Iraq from a "war" of nothingness?



## South Hennepin County DFLSC

BY ELIZABETH YOUNG

The South Hennepin County DFL Senior Caucus will meet again at a new time, the third Thursday of the month from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday, December 19th, at our regular location, a private room at Maria's Café, 113 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis. All are welcome to join us. Lunch is on your own. Pick from the menu.

Our speaker this time is Jeanne Massey, who will discuss the results of ranked choice voting in the city elections. Also on the agenda is the formalization of our chapter as a member of the DFL Senior Caucus. Julianne Johnston and Earl Bower will handle that process.

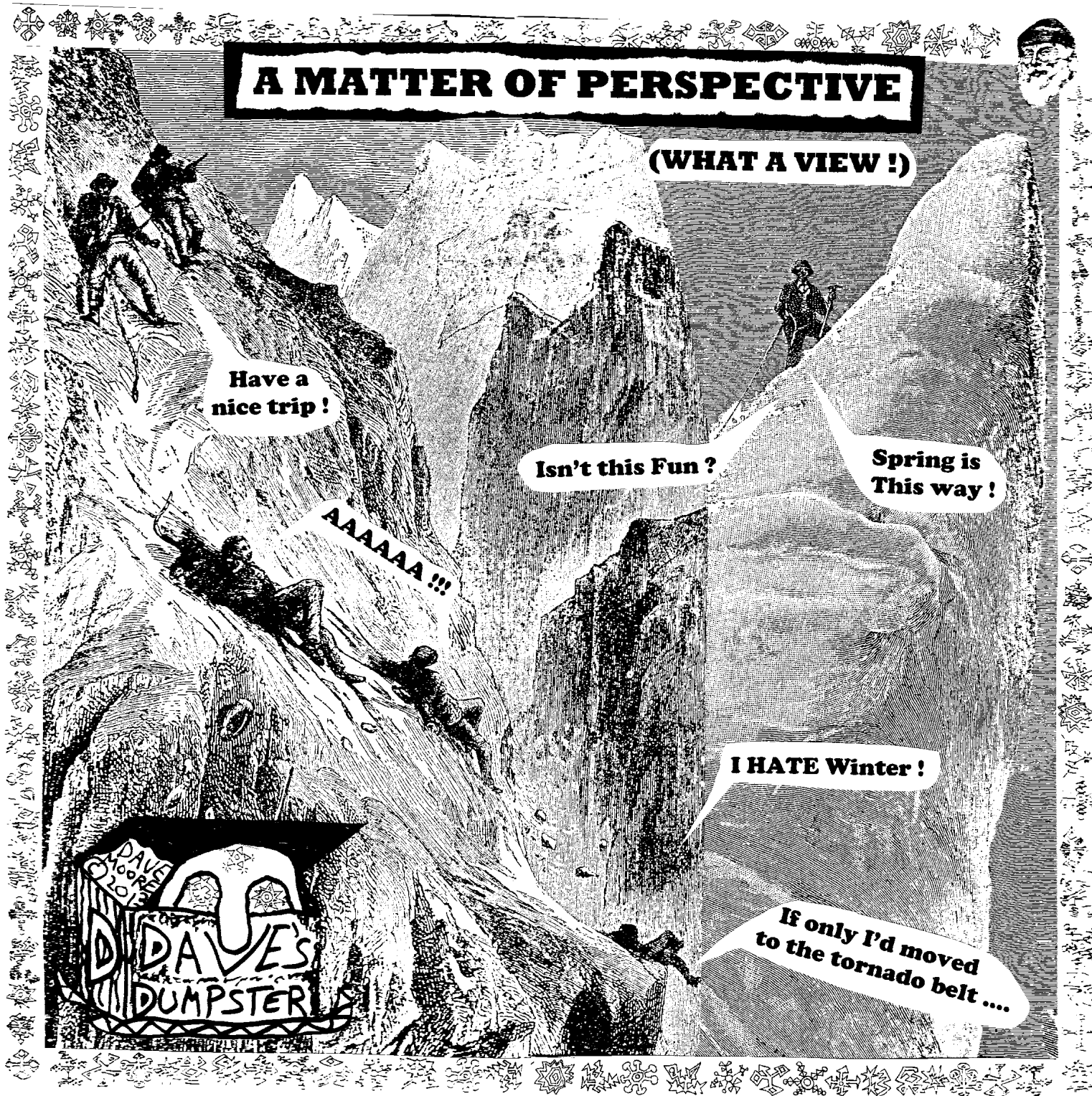
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# BACK YARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE



BYI AREA



## Backyard Initiative TEENS Project

CARL LOBLEY, MEMBER OF THE TEENS PROJECT

We are honored to have this opportunity to formally introduce ourselves to the general public on the BYI Back Page as the official youth organization known as the TEENS Project of the Allina Backyard Initiative. This is the first of many accomplishments we have achieved as we progress into the New Year.

Our mission is simply this: "The persistent pursuit of positive progression through the growth/development of youth leaders who can effectively represent the new demeanor and mindset affiliated with healthy living". We believe this swagger will promote a healthy state of physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being while also instilling a sense of financial independence, balance, harmony, and connectedness within and amongst many systems.

We are currently in the process of developing effective strategic partnerships and business models with the wisdom, guidance and support of our incubator organization, the Cultural Wellness Center. We are assisting the Cultural Wellness Center in the revitalization of one of its many traditions by attempting to create a safe and welcoming training system that would aid in developing a teamwork environment that we believe to be a good way to demonstrate dedication to the mission.

Another accomplishment we are extremely proud to announce is that we have begun conversations with two other BYI CHAT teams: Communications and Growing the Backyard. Both are working closely with the TEENS Project leadership to create replicable, recurring work opportunities so that teens can have some form of income while developing their

strong leadership skills. Then teens can implement their Rights of Passage (ROP) approved entrepreneur business models that will promote a self-reliant community that has unleashed the power to heal itself by supporting the local businesses and business owners who contribute in developing these models.

We here at the TEENS Project hope and believe that as we boldly brave our way into the 2014 year with the strategic support and collaboration of various social systems, business owners, and BYI chat teams, we can, and will, sculpt this new



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lifestyle image to be extremely desirable, obtainable, maintainable, and imitable throughout the community. Thank you.

For more info on TEENS Project, please call the Cultural Wellness Center, 612-721-5745, teensproject14@gmail.com or reach us on Facebook, TEENS PROJECT#LINK UP.

## Alley Media Social: Success Through Collaboration!



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Amged Yusef, Spoken Word artist and one of leaders of the BYI Project S.E.L.F. CHAT



Members from the BYI Teens Project work BYI Growing the Backyard CHAT to prep food for the Alley Media Social.

The Alley Media Social, the Annual Gathering of the Alley Communications, nonprofit, community-governed publisher of The Alley Newspaper, was held

Friday, Nov. 16. A great time was had by the 75 or so folks who attended the event. A huge part of the night's success was the result of the ongoing collaboration

of Alley Communications and the Backyard Initiative.

Several key collaborators from the Backyard Initiative took part in the evening's activities and helped the evening demonstrate the amazing talents and resources that exist within the community. The Backyard Initiative's (BYI) Growing the Backyard CHAT catered the wonderful food for the event. Members of the BYI's Teen Project were hired by Growing the Backyard CHAT to help with the food preparation. Amged Yusef, spoken word artist and leader of the BYI Project S.E.L.F. CHAT



were one of the very special performers for that night.

The contact people lead members of the BYI Communications CHAT, Harvey Winje and Susan Gust, are also volunteers with Alley Communications and assist in the production of The Alley Newspaper each month. This partnership between the

BYI Communications CHAT and Alley Communications has helped to deepen and broaden The Alley's mission to "inform and engage". The purpose of the BYI Communications CHAT is: "work to lessen or eliminate the divide between people who have information and those who don't so that everyone has the opportunity to be engaged in a healthy community".

In the words of Phillips neighbor and Alley supporter, Jana Metge: "thanks for all the spoken word, music, food. Fabulous nite! How blest we are to live here amongst all this talent, wit, art, intelligence and spirit of social justice!!"

If you would like to learn more about the BYI Communications CHAT or to get involved, please call Susan Gust, 612-724-5753 or email sgustsrc@aol.com.

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