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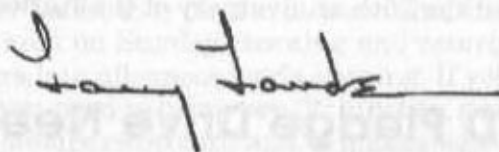
Well, the election results are in and we're off for another year in the Council. Elsewhere in this issue, I've listed the results of the elections, with the exception of the vice presidents. (Two vice presidents will be elected at the November 19 Board of Directors meeting.) There are a number of changes on the Board as well as in the Activities. Fred Hull has retired as Treasurer and will be missed. However, Roy Weil has agreed to keep the books and the Board straight where it comes to finances. Diana Porcelli, Lou Conley and Bill Eberle are new to the Board this year, although both Lou and Bill have been active on the Activities Committee for a number of years. And I welcome back Joe Hoechner, Jon Maiman and Jane Swanson to the Board.

There are still lots of volunteer and administrative opportunities available though, so don't feel that all the good "jobs" are gone. If you'd like to participate at any level, please give me or one of the Board members a call. I'd also like to thank all of you who have helped run your Council over the past year, not just Board members but all the volunteers and trip leaders who make Pittsburgh Council work.

On the social level, I'd like to invite all of you to come to the annual Christmas party on December 19th. As usual, we will meet at Headquarters to quickly label and bundle the January newsletter and then carol our way over to Barbara Hanusa's house. Hope to see you there!

Larry Laude 412-665-9554

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AYH Membership Renewal Rates Increasing

Renew now to beat the price increase. Yes, the AYH National Board of Directors has decided to increase the **renewal** rate for **adult** memberships from \$15 to \$20 effective January 1, 1992. If you renew before December 31st, we will extend your membership for an additional 12 months for \$15, even if your membership expires in 1992. Beginning January 1st, we will begin charging the \$20 renewal fee. However, if you do a lot of hostelling, you may want to wait until January; the 1992 renewals will include a number of coupons for discounts at hostels with a face value of over \$50.



Merry Christmas!

AYH Wins Preservation Award

The national organization has won the 1991 National Preservation Honor Award, presented annually by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

AYH was chosen from hundreds of contenders in local communities across the country. AYH is being cited for fostering a greater understanding of American history and culture through the rehabilitation and interpretation of historic buildings for use as international hostels.

"The men and women behind these creative efforts are being honored because they exemplify the best of America's booming preservation movement," says Jack Walter, National Trust president. "Historic preservation is a quality of life issue. These winners have acted from the belief that by preserving the tangible evidence of our nation's history, we gain a sense of belonging, identity and pride that is passed on to future generations."

The award was presented to AYH at the 45th National Preservation Conference in San Francisco on October 16th. The conference theme was "PastFuture — how our past will shape our future." The conference celebrated the 25th anniversary of the National Preservation Act.

WQED Pledge Drive Needs AYH Volunteers

On Tuesday, December 10th we will be helping to accept pledges for WQED. This involves one evening of work (total), spending a little time answering the phones during pledge breaks, with some free time to tour the studios of WQED TV and radio, or to just hang around.

We usually get a free dinner and plenty of snacks and refreshments. And we have lots of fun, too.

We can do this in two stages. The first group of volunteers will handle calls from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm, and the second group from 8:45 pm to at least 10:45 pm (later if you can). WQED's studios are located on Fifth Avenue next to Central Catholic High School before Morewood Avenue. Please call Linda Smithyman if you can volunteer part of your evening for this worthy cause. Call her at 531-1868 as soon as possible.

Winter Trippers Take Note!

When returning from any trip, insure that all cars start and no one is left spinning their wheels in the parking lot!

Cross Country Brochure Available

The Pittsburgh council of AYH has a free brochure available describing its cross country skiing program for this winter.

Pittsburgh Council Activity Chairs

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Chuck Ejzak 466-6196
Bill Eberle 833-9732

Canoeing

Royanne Mac 335-7326

Caving

Open

Climbing

Eric Bauer 887-0766

Family Activities

Barbara Hanusa 441-7205

Hiking & Backpacking

Jim Ritchie 828-0210
Pat Tieman 561-3286

Kayaking

Ray Yutzy 341-5682
John Gaylor 366-4062

Mid-Week Trips

Cliff Ham 697-4520

Rafting

Jon Maiman 441-2306
Linda Smithyman 531-1868

Sailing

Bob Zavos 241-0659

Sea Kayaking

Mark Mistrik 441-8293

Volleyball

Jeff Marsh 384-7827

Cross-Country Skiing

Fred Parker 856-4713
Steve Tubbs 279-4866

Activities

In addition to the activities you will find listed here, many other AYH activities occur each week. To find out about unscheduled activities, contact the Activity Chairpersons listed on page 4.

Impromptu activities are also announced at the Thursday night Open House held at AYH Headquarters, 300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WEEKEND HIKE AT IRONMASTER'S MANSION

Pittsburgh AYHers have been invited to a gala Christmas Party at the Mansion! If you haven't made plans yet for the weekend of December 6-8, keep it free. Bob and Joan Beard, houseparents at the Ironmaster's Mansion Youth Hostel in Pine Grove Furnace State Park are giving the party to "Thank everyone for the whole year." It will be their seventh and they're inviting "everyone" (AYH members and non-members alike) to help celebrate!

The mansion will be decorated with wreaths, olly, candles in the fireplace and a 6-foot Advent Wreath in the large dining room. Bob will be selecting and cutting a Christmas tree just for the occasion. There will be plenty of refreshments. Joan says there isn't a "sit down dinner" but no one will leave hungry because there will be plenty of punch, hot apple cider, dips, vegetables, crackers and other snacks available.

Joe and Cheryl Hoechner are leading the trip for the weekend. They plan to rendezvous at headquarters Friday, December 6 around 6 pm and drive to Ironmaster's. Saturday morning they'll be leading a hike in the state park. (The hostel is situated near beautiful

wooded trails where wildlife is frequently seen.) The Christmas Party will begin in the late afternoon. But for people who need "real food" for dinner, Joe and Cheryl will provide a casserole. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings will also be provided. If the weather holds, they plan to do some additional hiking in the area on Sunday morning and return to headquarters late afternoon/early evening. If you'd like to come, you need to bring two (2) lunches, a sleep sack, hostel membership card and "a homemade ornament for the Christmas Tree." That's a seven year tradition! Cost for the weekend will be about \$35.00 per person.

If you'd like to join Joe and Cheryl, you need to let them know as soon as possible. Fill out the reservation request below and mail it, along with \$10 per person deposit to 1310 Milton Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. If you have any questions, call Joe or Cheryl at (412) 242-0781.

Help Joan and Bob usher in the Christmas Season!

Plan to join us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I am reserving for _____ persons, ages: _____

Deposit enclosed is a check for \$ _____ (\$20.00 per person)

Questions? Call Joe or Cheryl at (412) 242-0781.

Mail to:

Ironmaster Mansion
Christmas Party & Hike
1310 Milton Ave.,
Swissvale, PA 15218
MEMBERS ONLY!



Hiking/Backpacking

- 6-8 Fri-Sun FUN Ironmaster Mansion Christmas Party/Hike 6:00 pm**
Joe & Cheryl Hoechner
 242-0781
 See the separate article about this trip on page 5. Reservations and a deposit are required!
- 7 Sat EASY Hartwood Acres**
Pat Rossi
 335-5067
 A 5 mile easy hike on the bridle trails and foot paths of the 629-acre Tanner estate of John and Mary Flinn Lawrence. This will be a cross-country ski trip if it snows.
- 13-15 Fri-Sun ADV Appalachian Trail 6:00 pm**
Clare Bunker
 244-9788
 Hiking on the Appalachian Trail from Harper's Ferry, West Virginia to Snicker's Gap, Virginia, 19 miles in two days. Staying in, or camping at, the Harper's Ferry AYH Youth Hostel. Meet at HQ at 6:00 pm on Friday. Leader, Bill Lindgren.
- 22 Sun INT Rachel Carson Trail Hike 8:00 am**
Jim Ritchie
 828-0210 h
 624-1220 w
 Meet at headquarters at 8:00 am. A hike on the Rachel Carson Trail, North Hills section (section D), from Dorseyville to North Park. The hike is about 8 miles, and is a pleasant early winter hike through the North Hills. Call for information and reservations.
- 29 Sun EASY Hike with (maybe) some skiing 10:00 am**
Linda Smithyman
 531-1868
 Meet at headquarters and head down to Ohiopyle State Park for an easy hike. Possibility of staying overnight at Ohiopyle Hostel to do some hiking or cross-country skiing on Monday, December 30th.

Coming up in January:

- 1 Wed EASY Third Annual New Year's Day Hike in Frick Park 10:00 am**
Linda Smithyman
 531-1868
 This will be about a three mile hike. Meet at headquarters about 10:00 am. We'll have brunch at Rhoda's in Squirrel Hill afterwards.
- 3-5 Fri-Sun ADV Appalachian Trail 6:00 pm**
Clare Bunker
 244-9788
 Hiking on the Appalachian Trail from Snicker's Gap, Virginia to Sky Meadows State Park, Virginia, 18 miles in two days. Staying in, or camping at, the Bear's Den AYH Youth Hostel. Meet at HQ at 6:00 pm on Friday. Leader, Bill Lindgren.

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Cross-Country Skiing

Cross country ski trips leave from AYH headquarters at 8:30 am unless otherwise noted. Contact trip leaders for information about rentals or trip details. Please note that all trips are no snow, no go.

14	Sat	INT	Cross-country ski trip	9:30 am
	<i>Steve & Jeram Tubbs</i>		Please call for trip details and requirements.	
	279-4866			
15	Sun	ALL	Cross-country ski trip	9:30 am
	<i>Rick & Shirly Ulaky</i>		Please call for trip details and requirements.	
	422-0849			
21	Sat	BEG	Cross-country ski trip	8:30 am
	<i>Joe & Cheryl Hoechner</i>		Please call for trip details and requirements.	
	242-0781			
22	Sun	INT	Cross-country ski trip	8:30 am
	<i>Joel Platt</i>		Please call for trip details and requirements.	
	521-5244			
28	Sat	ALL	Cross-country ski trip	8:30 am
	<i>Fred Parker</i>		Please call for trip details and requirements.	
	856-4713			

Coming up in January:

1	Wed	INT	Cross-country ski trip	8:30 am
	<i>Norm Snyder</i>		Please call for trip details and requirements.	
	351-4068			

Cross-Country Skiing Presentation

There will be a short slide presentation on cross-country skiing on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 to 8:15 pm. It will be followed by a discussion of cross-country ski topics, including weather, clothing, equipment, waxing, and where to ski. For location or other information, contact Fred Parker at 856-4713.

Check Your Equipment

Now is the time to check and clean your cross country skiing equipment. Check that the bindings are securely attached to the skis. Insure that the boots still fit and attach properly to their bindings. Check your poles' tips, straps, and baskets. If you have bamboo poles, tape any cracks. Clean your skis and smooth any rouses before basewaxing. Place your name and phone number on your equipment so it doesn't become lost when mixed with others'.





Mid-Week Rambles

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|----|-----|------|----------------------------------|--|
| 4 | Wed | EASY | Shadyside East Tour | This tour will be to see Christmas decorations around Shadyside. |
| | | | <i>Marilyn & Cliff Ham</i> | |
| | | | 687-4520 | |
| | | | | |
| 11 | Wed | EASY | Frick Home Tour | A tour of the Frick Home in Clayton. There will be a charge of about \$5 per person. Please call the Hams at 687-4520 to reserve a spot. |
| | | | <i>Marilyn & Cliff Ham</i> | |
| | | | 687-4520 | |
| | | | | |
| 18 | Wed | EASY | Walk the Squirrel Hill RR | Walk from headquarters to Oakland following the route of the now-defunct Squirrel Hill Railroad. Bring a picnic lunch; hot drinks will be provided at the Ham residence, 3729 Parkview Avenue. |
| | | | <i>Marilyn & Cliff Ham</i> | |
| | | | 687-4520 | |
| | | | | |
| 25 | Wed | NONE | Merry Christmas! | There will be no ramble today! |

Ramblin' Notes...

A contribution was made to the AYH Hostel Development Fund in memory of Gert Mauk, mother of Fred Mauk.

Welcome back to George Romonvacek and his wife, Mia, from their trip to Czechoslovakia.

Eighteen of the Ramblers participated in the tour of Troy Hill; we ended up in a bar room.

Hostel Tips

Need a quick hostel break during the day? You can dial the Better Business Bureau of Pittsburgh (412-456-2720) and request tape number T-22, "Hostelling."

This service is provided as part of the BBB "Tel-Tips" for consumers. The Hostelling tape is one of 22 that deal with travel. Check out the Blue Pages in the back of your phone book for the complete list.

Don't forget: 412-456-2720, ask for tape "T-22." Try it soon!

Hostel Ohiopyle

You can help keep down the high cost of travel this winter by planning a weekend getaway at the inexpensive Ohiopyle State Park AYH Hostel.

The hostel is located in scenic Ohiopyle State Park with its network of cross country ski trails. It is within a short drive of two major downhill ski areas and other state parks.

The Ohiopyle Youth Hostel sleeps 24 in dorm-style bunk rooms for only \$7 a night for American Youth Hostel members and \$10 for non-members.

For a free brochure describing the Ohiopyle hostel and giving AYH membership information write:

Hostel Information
Pittsburgh AYH
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

You can also call the AYH office at 412-362-8181. Please include a first-class stamp with requests.

New Rachel Carson Trail Guide Available

A revised, Summer 1991 edition of the Hiking Guide to the Rachel Carson Trail is now available. The new edition includes updated topographical maps, all current through August 1991, and shows all reroutings caused by the completion of the Allegheny Valley Expressway (PA Route 28) through Allegheny County. The new guide is available for \$4.24 including tax at the Headquarters store during the Thursday evening Open House, or may be ordered by mail. Address your mail order to AYH Publications, 6300 Fifth Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Please enclose an additional \$1.00 per guide for postage and handling.

There is also a Rachel Carson Trail cloth patch available for \$1.50. Please make arrangements in advance if you want to purchase the cloth patch at the Headquarters store by calling Chuck Ejzak at 466-6196.

Council News

The 1991 election results:

Larry Laude, President; Marianne Kasica, Secretary; Roy Weil, Treasurer.

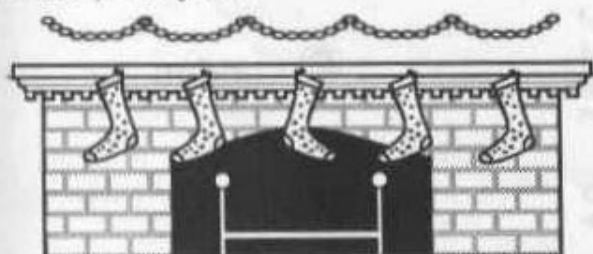
(Two vice presidents will be elected at the November Board of Directors' meeting.)

Board of Directors:

Jon Maiman, Joe Hoechner, Diana Porcelli, Jane Swanson, Lou Conley, Bill Eberle.

Activity chairs:

Fred Parker, Cross Country Skiing; Barbara Hanusa, Family Activities; John Gayler and Ray Yutzy, Kayaking; Mark Mistrick, Sea Kayaking; Jon Maiman and Linda Smityman, Rafting; Cliff Ham, Midweek Rambles; Janet Supowitz, Trips Coordinator; Royanne Mac, Canoeing; Eric Bauer, Climbing; Bill Eberle and Chuck Ejzak, Cycling; Jim Ritchie and Pat Tieman, Hiking/Backpacking; Bob Zavos, Sailing; Jeff Marsh, Volleyball.



Come to Pittsburgh!

The holidays always bring with them a wealth of entertainment. If you're coming to downtown Pittsburgh to take part, stay at the Pittsburgh VRC Hostel. Open to all members, the VRC charges \$10 per person per night and they provide free overnight parking in their private lot. The hostel is at Forbes and Stevenson across from the A J Palumbo Center. For information on the hostel call 412-471-2600. Here are some of this year's holiday events along with the number to call for more information.

The Nutcracker

456-6666

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Dec. 12-29

Perry Como Christmas Show

391-1111

A J Palumbo Center Dec. 4

Les Miserables

456-6666

Benedum Center Dec. 3-8

The Carnegie

622-3131

Christmas Trees Dec. 5 - Jan. 5

Portraits of Nature,

Robert Bateman Nov. 12 - Mar. 8

The Carnegie International Through Feb. 16

Heinz Hall

392-4900

Messiah

Pittsburgh Pops Symphony Christmas Concert

Cross-Country Skiing Trip

Joel Platt is leading a cross-country skiing trip to the Laurentian Mountains (just north of Montreal) leaving Thursday, December 26 and returning Friday, January 3rd.

Two spaces are still available (either women or men). Approximate cost of the trip is \$250, including lodging, food, and carpool expenses. For more information, contact Joel at 421-4446 (days) or 521-5244.



Volleyball

Tuesday Nights

Volleyball at Schenley High School

AYH plays volleyball every Tuesday evening at Schenley High School from 6:30 to 9:30. Call Jeff Marsh (384-7827) for more information.

Hostelling in the United Kingdom

Hostel Discounts in London

A new service introduced at Youth Hostels in London means extra discounts for visitors staying there. Entrance vouchers for major attractions and tours can now be bought at the Hostels' check-in area. These vouchers give discounts off standard prices. Attractions include the Tower of London, the Museum of Moving Image, Original London Walks, Catamaran Cruises on the Thames, and many more.

This service is just one of an increasing range now available in the London Youth Hostels: currency exchange (at bank rates), film developing at very competitive prices, an onward booking service to major youth hostels throughout Britain, not to mention 24-hour opening, amazing value meals and much improved comfort.

For membership information be sure to call Pittsburgh AYH at 412-362-8181.

A Traditional British Christmas

Choose from a medieval, regency or action-packed Christmas in England and Wales this year. British hostels offer a selection of budget-priced accommodations with good value, fun and variety.

Salisbury Youth Hostel, a listed Regency building, will host a leisurely Christmas featuring food and games from Regency times, plus a guided walk through the city.

Gallant knights and fair ladies can enjoy a unique medieval New Year break with authentic costumes, period activities and a magnificent New Year banquet at St. Briavel's Youth Hostel, a 10th-century castle, once King John's old hunting lodge.

The two hostel activity centers, Llangillen, set in beautiful Welsh countryside and Edale in the heart of the Peak district offer a wealth of activities from climbing and caving to hiking and horse riding. Fully qualified instructors will ensure an active and fun festive season.

The choices go on and on but the prices start from only \$120.00. For your international hostel membership call Pittsburgh AYH at 412-362-8181.



THERE'S SOMETHING
SPECIAL COOKIN'



Pittsburgh Council American Youth Hostels Board of Directors' Meeting September 4, 1991

Attendance - Larry Laude, Fred Hull, Marianne Kasica, Joe Hoechner, Jon Maiman, Fran Gayler, Bette McDevitt, Roy Weil, Linda Smithyman. Absent - Ray Yutzy, Jane Swanson, Kathy McGregor.

Meeting was called to order at 7:43 pm. Corrections to Minutes: Jon Maiman's name was misspelled on pg 1. On pg 1 the vote decision was missing and should read "motion carried, 5 in favor, 2 opposed". Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Kathy McGregor and Linda Smithyman sent in proxy votes via fax to Marianne Kasica. Linda arrived at the meeting late but before the vote that the proxy represented was taken.

Maiman moved and Peth seconded that these proxy votes not be accepted, and that proxy votes are not good Board policy and we will not accept them. Motion carried 8 in favor 1 abstention.

Larry introduced the proposal that was distributed in the call to the meeting, regarding a Council office and a part-time paid staff position. There was extensive Board discussion on this. Those opposed to the proposal cited the expense and financial obligations that the Council was incurring, the need for paid staff at all, the need for renting an office instead of having a paid staff member work out of their home, and the danger of having a paid staff person taking on tasks that had previously been done by volunteers and disenfranchising the council volunteers. The arguments in favor of the proposal included the fact that our membership delivery system was currently very fragmented and resulted in often poor service to our members. We are already paying two people as well as a secretarial service for much of the work that volunteers have quickly "burned out" from doing; and an office would provide a central location that staff or volunteers could work from without the need to get membership and other materials from someone who is unavailable. Larry acknowledged that the proposal will cost the Council money but will actually net about \$7500.00 over current expenditures for membership and publications.

Kasica moved and McGregor seconded that the Board of Directors authorize the President, the Personnel Committee, and the Member Services Committee to open a staffed Council office for fiscal year 1992 consistent with the Proposed Operating Guidelines at a cost not to exceed \$11,000. Motion carried with 6 in favor (Peth, McDevitt, Hoechner, Hull, Smithyman, Kasica) and 3 opposed (Maiman, Weil, Gayler).

Kasica talked briefly about two people who had already expressed interest in the staff position and mentioned that AYH will be applying for a national staffing grant.

Smithyman moved (Weil seconded) that the Annual Meeting be set for Fri. Oct. 18, 1992. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Marianne Kasica, Secretary

Evening Bike Rides

10 to 20 mile rides from South Park. These go many evenings. Call to get details for the day that interests you. Leader: Bill Eberle (833-9732)

Mid-Week Rambles on Wednesdays

We meet each Wednesday at 10:00 am in the upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues. Call Cliff or Marilyn Hamm at 687-4520 (home) for more information on current activities or to make arrangements to meet the group.

Mountain Bike Rides

Meet at South Park every Saturday. There are trips for beginners and for intermediate/advanced riders. Locations and times change, so call for more information. Leader: Tom Mantle, 343-6885

Office Equipment Needed at AYH HQ

The Council would greatly appreciate the donation of any or all of the following for our new office. All contributions are tax deductible.

- Computer printer
- IBM Compatible Computer
- Fax machine

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING WEEKENDS AT WILDERNESS LODGE

January 10 to 12, 1992

January 24 to 26, 1992

January 31 to February 2, 1992

February 7 to 9, 1992

The trip scheduled
for February 14-16
was cancelled.

If you like your lodging intimate and rustic, and your ski trails tracked and groomed, these weekends in the Erie snow belt near the New York border are for you. Nansi Janes' Wilderness Lodge has been a perennial favorite of AYH cross-country skiers who enjoy the miles of groomed trails. Peek 'n Peak is also nearby for the enjoyment of down-hill skiers. After skiing come warm up by the fire with a glass of your favorite beverage.

The cost of the weekend includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights, a delicious candlelight dinner on Saturday evening, and cross-country trail fees for two days. A vegetarian meal is available upon request. Ski rentals, breakfasts and lunches are available at the lodge at an additional cost. The rooms are mostly hostel style with three to six people in a room, but there are two double rooms available as well. Space is strictly limited to 34 persons each weekend. We will reserve entire rooms for you and your friends if you wish. This does not include transportation, but we will assist with car pooling as possible.

The Cost: \$70 for non-members and only \$60 for AYH members. Two private rooms with a double bed are available for \$80 for each non-member or only \$70 for each AYH member.

To reserve, call Susan at the AYH Office at 412-422-2282 for the weekend you want, then send a check made payable to Pittsburgh AYH for the full amount. But please reserve early. These trips fill up fast!

The fine print: Refunds (less a processing fee) will be made until 21 days before each trip, but only if we can find a replacement for you. Wilderness Lodge and AYH reserve the right to cancel any trip due to weather (either unsnowy or too snowy). In any case, however, we will keep a \$10 processing fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

AYH pass number for members: _____

☐ I will drive and can take _____ passengers.

☐ I need help finding a ride.

☐ I will drive and meet the group at Wilderness Lodge.

Amount enclosed is a check for \$ _____

(\$60 for shared room or \$80 for private room. Subtract \$10 for each member.)





BUY EURAIL PASSES AT PITTSBURGH AYH HQ

Pittsburgh Council has started selling Eurail passes. We will soon have the standard Eurail Passes and the Eurail Flexipasses available for over-the-counter sales at our office. Please note that all over-the-counter sales must be cash or certified check only until we start accepting credit cards.

Almost all other rail passes in Great Britain and Europe, including eastern Europe, are also available but require 3 days for delivery. Credit cards are accepted for these orders. Sample prices are:

Standard Eurail Pass

15 day unlimited first class	\$390
21 day unlimited first class	\$498
1 month unlimited first class	\$616

Eurail Flexipass

5 days travel in 15 days	\$230
9 days travel in 21 days	\$398
14 days travel in 1 month	\$498

Remember, all sales benefit Pittsburgh Council.

THE "PHANTOM HOSTELLER" or, A Trip Waiting to Happen

• Joe Hoechner

If you've read the Sunday *Pittsburgh Press* you've seen the ads for *Phantom of the Opera*. It is currently playing in Toronto, Canada, a six- to seven-hour drive from Pittsburgh.

Ticket prices are \$56, \$67, \$78, and \$91, depending on location. These are Canadian prices, and the exchange rate is usually 15% in favor of the US.

The theater is about a 5-minute walk from the Toronto International Hostel.

The hostel has 180 beds, is never closed and costs \$15 per night (Canadian).

What Pittsburgh AYH needs is a "Culture Vulture" to organize a trip to Toronto! Not only is the exchange rate in our favor but the theater provides group rates for twenty or more!

Plan to stay a while in Toronto. How about going for a 3-day Memorial Day weekend, or 4th of July???

If the response is large enough a bus can be rented (like we do for winter weekends).

Interested? Check out page 68 of your '91 AYH Handbook for details on the Toronto Hostel. Then call Joe Hoechner for theater info, seating guide, prices, etc. at (412) 242-0781.

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☐ [] \$250 Life (all ages)
☐ [] \$15 Student ID card (includes \$1 postage)

International hostel directories, misc. merchandise:

- ☐ [] \$11 Volume 1: Europe, Mediterranean
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☐ [] \$14 Cotton sleep sack (required at most hostels)
☐ [] \$6 Each for advance booking vouchers
☐ [] \$1 Set of 10 hostel reservation postcards
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See additional requirements below.

For hostellers:

I need my hostel pass by: _____

☐ [] Please send Eurailpass information.

Please send me information on volunteering for:

- ☐ [] Activities
☐ [] Office help
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RE: Student ID cards require a 1-1/8" x 1-3/8" photo and proof of student status, such as a copy of a grade transcript, student body card or receipt for tuition for the current academic year. Call for more information.

New memberships except life memberships are valid for 12 months from the month of issue. All renewals are valid for 12 months from the expiration date of the current membership.

Memberships include:

- A 12 month subscription to the Golden Triangle, Pittsburgh Council's monthly newsletter for hostel news and local activities
- The international hostel pass valid at over 5,000 hostels around the world
- The North American Hostel Directory, listing over 250 hostels in the US and Canada

Please allow two weeks for delivery. Call 412-362-8181 for information if you need a hostel pass right away.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER SHOWS

December 5

Nova Scotia Hiking Trails

David Horner

December 19

Christmas Party

(See details inside)

December 12

Opportunistic Feeding

Natural and tasty treats found along the trail
Ed Divers

December 26

Headquarters Closed

(No Show)

To volunteer to do a show call
Tom Rodgers at 621-6310

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