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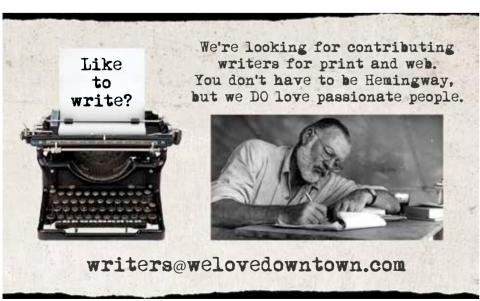


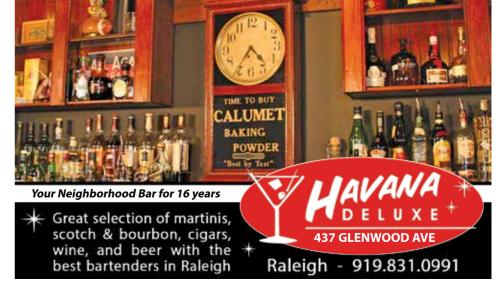




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Mayor Nancy McFarlane with the 2017 Raleigh Hall of Fame inductees and their award acceptors

2017 Raleigh Hall of Fame Inductees

From the Raleigh Hall of Fame and compiled by Alexa Gregory

Founded in 2005, the Raleigh Hall of Fame honors individuals and non-profits that have made significant contributions to Raleigh's proud history. Governed by a 20-member board, the Hall of Fame receives support from a board of advisors, a wide array of local volunteers, interested citizens, and private businesses. This year, WRAL's Bill Leslie and Mayor Nancy McFarlane presented the Thirteenth Annual Raleigh Hall of Fame induction ceremony celebrating a special group of people who have given a great deal to the City of Raleigh. Nine individuals, two non-profit organizations, and one centennial inductee were recognized. Each individual and organization was acknowledged for their achievements and good works.

INDIVIDUAL INDUCTEES



Cliff Cameron

Award accepted by Cliff's daughter, Sheryl Cameron Worth

Charles Clifford Cameron moved to Raleigh in 1949 as President and CEO of Cameron Mortgage Company, later

known as Cameron-Brown. At the time, NC was in need of capital to fund growth for residential and commercial mortgages. Cliff convinced many northeastern banks and financial institutions to invest in our state and to move their business here. Cameron-Brown merged with Scottish Bank and Cliff Cameron became the Chair and CEO of the new First Union Bank in 1966. First Union provided many new and expanding companies with the capital to grow

Raleigh, Research Triangle Park, and the NC economy. Cliff encouraged IBM to make its home here in Raleigh and served as Chairman of University Research Park, Inc.

Hall of Fame video by Todd Bradshaw: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwA4wwsInmc



Frank E. Evans

Award accepted by Frank's daughter, Ann Evans Kolh

When Frank Evans flew into Raleigh in 1969, he observed from his plane window the visage of a city surrounded

by green space. He became the first director of the Parks and Recreation Department and at the time, the city of Raleigh wanted a more active park system. Frank delivered. He pursued a master plan fittingly titled, "Raleigh - the park with a city in it." Under Frank's leadership, the city added 1,170 acres of land for public enjoyment and Raleigh launched the earliest comprehensive local greenway system in the country. By the time Frank retired, the city's greenway system had 900 acres of land and many miles of trails. Frank championed a parks and recreation program open to all citizens and supported specialized recreation services for those with mental and physical challenges. In 1983, the Sports Foundation awarded Raleigh the Gold Medal for therapeutic leisure programs that allowed people with disabilities to participate. Frank started the annual Fourth of July celebration that is now an indelible part of Raleigh's culture. Raleigh's citizens owe Frank a debt of gratitude, deep respect, and remembrance for helping to build our

city's diverse and unique park system. There's a reason the Parks and Recreation office building bears his name. Hall of Fame video by Ann Evans Kolb:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OY9yvzuL6Kc



Dr. Dudley E. Flood

Dr. Dudley Flood has been a lifelong educator and student. He is prominently noted for changing the character of North Carolina and Raleigh history, particularly for education, as a champion

of desegregation. It had been 15 years since the Brown v. Board of Education decision that struck down segregation in schools. The response of many communities included massive resistance and defiance. But in 1969, most public schools in the state were still segregated, so when Dudley Flood was called to desegregate every school in the state, he was overwhelmed but not deterred. Dr. Flood emerged as an expert in assisting school systems to faces the challenges which desegregation imposed. He was the most significant personality in the state and nation in coming to terms with desegregation. Dr. Flood has served distinctively as a Master Teacher, Professor, and is a walking talking encyclopedia of the transition from a segregated system to a dynamic integrated system of education, and thanks to his wisdom and bridge building skills. Dr. Flood's philosophy still remains that a good education is the greatest equalizer.

Hall of Fame video by Bill McNeil: www.youtube.com/ watch?v=9L1yGdy-P0



John Kane

John Kane is the founder and CEO of Kane Realty and a resident of Raleigh for over four decades. He is best known for his work on North Hills that began in 1999. The

billion-dollar redevelopment that now encompasses over 165 acres - known as Raleigh's Midtown - has received numerous awards for its pedestrian-friendly and sustainable traits. Outside of North Hills, he left his impact on helping to revitalize the Warehouse District with The Dillon and opened Stanhope Apartments beside NC State's Campus. He is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization, Chief Executives Organization, and World Presidents' Organization. John serves as a board member for the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority, Duke Heart Center, NC Chamber, Duke University Health System, and serves as the Chairman of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership and the Duke Raleigh Hospital Advisory Board. He is also a founding member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. He has received countless awards for his work in the area including the Sir Walter Raleigh Award by City of Raleigh and the Thad Eure, Jr. Memorial Award by the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Hall of Fame video by Mike Smith: www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqKCmTBrOuk



Dr. Tift Mann

Dr. J. Tift Mann, III is the founding partner of Wake Heart and Vascular. The practice has grown to be one of the state's largest cardiology groups. During his time with the practice, he conducted over 17,000 catheterization

procedures at WakeMed. In the 1980s, he developed the balloon angioplasty procedure, which has saved countless lives. Dr. Mann also became one of the first cardiologists in the U.S. to perform a cardiac catheterization using the radial artery in the wrist. He helped to pilot and develop the use of countless other cardiac surgical procedures. He is widely considered the "father" of this approach in America. Dr. Mann is a lifelong resident of Raleigh having attended Broughton High School before enrolling at NC State and UNC for his medical degree.

Hall of Fame video by Betsey McClaine: www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPttkXOQ6KQ



Lou Willett Mitchell

For decades, Lou Mitchell has devoted her time and resources to make Raleigh a better place. She has actively served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Mental Health Board, and Wake

County Human Services. All her good work speaks for itself. Her tenacity and passion helped bring forth the Food Runner's Collaborative that houses Meals on Wheels and the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Lou assisted with the

acquisition of land to start The Healing Place (now Healing Transitions) providing those with substance abuse issues hope for a better life. Lou is able to perceive civic needs and find innovative solutions. She supported Project INTERACT's mission to develop shelters for victims of domestic violence and she chaired the Raleigh Junior Woman's Club committee that planted 250,000 trees in Wake County's watershed. Lou worked on the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities advocating cuts in curbs and adding ramps to existing buildings. She is even licensed by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to care for injured and orphaned animals. Her advocacy at the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine resulted in doubling the Turtle Rescue Team's hospital space. Lou has made a great contribution to Raleigh through her constant and dedicated devotion to our local community.

Hall of Fame video by Thad Woodard: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nl68a5z-4mM

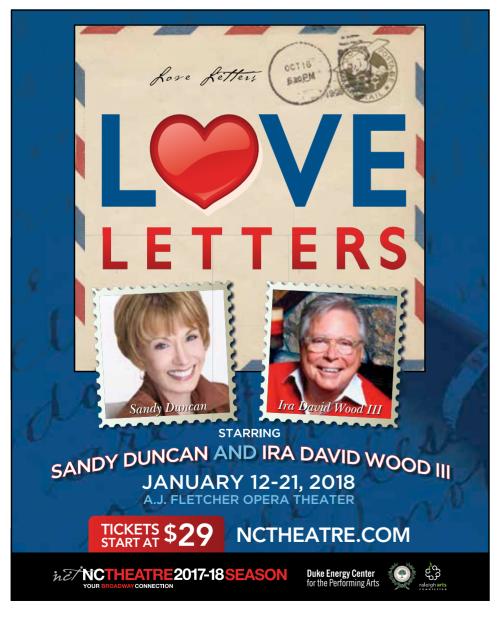


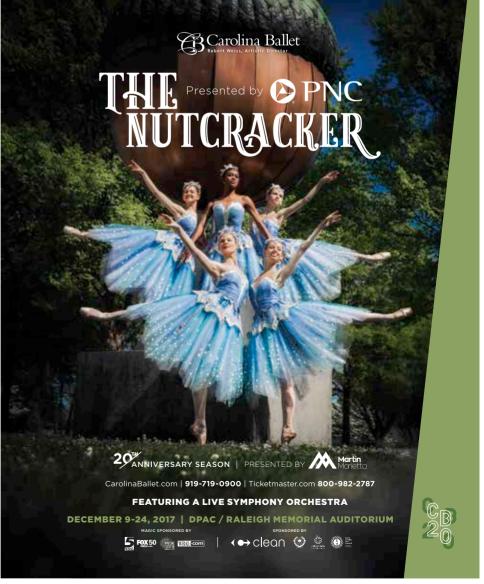
Elizabeth Reid Murray

Award accepted by Elizabeth's son, Jim Reid, Jr.

Elizabeth Reid Murray committed her lifelong work and service to chronicling Raleigh and Wake County's history.

Almost any aspect of Raleigh's past can be understood through her books on government leadership, educational development, and individuals from all walks of life. Her enduring passion was in ensuring Wake County and Raleigh's long and illustrious history was recorded >>>





for researchers and preserved for future generations. In 2006, Mrs. Murray donated her entire collection of manuscripts, slides, postcards, and photographs to the Olivia Rainey Local History Library. The collections are the largest archives owned by Wake County Public Libraries. She was fortunate to find her life's work early in life and with the dedication and discipline she brought to the pursuit of the history of Wake County and the state's capital, she has left a legacy of information and an example of rigorous scholarship to those who will continue her work.

Hall of Fame video by Todd K. Johnson: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjrJcYDabvs



Betty Lou Ward

Betty Lou Ward is one of North Carolina's longest-serving County Commissioners. She was first elected to the Wake County Commission in 1988 and served until 2016, with over 28 years in

public service. Ward was also elected to serve as the Chair and President of the NC Association of County Commissions (which elected her into their Hall of Fame in 2011) and President of the National Association of Counties. During her time as a County Commissioner, she was a champion for schools, our local park systems, and the arts. Betty Lou's years of service to the City of Raleigh and Wake County have set a remarkable benchmark.

Hall of Fame video by Smedes York: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgrpNr_FSjw



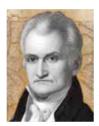
Lawrence Wheeler

Lawrence Jefferson Wheeler had the vision to develop a 165-acre site that had formally been a youth prison - into the world-class North Carolina Art Museum and Park. Yearly, it is host

to 350,000 museum visitors, 120,000 who use the park for recreation, and another 123,000 who participate in educational activities. Wheeler has secured the role of the NC Museum of Art with a \$50 million capital campaign focusing on endowment and program growth, developed a major contemporary photography collection, secured a gift of 30 Rodin sculptures, oversaw the building the \$70 million dollar West Building designed by Thomas Phifer, and continues to secure promised gifts of art for the museum. The NC Museum of Art has received national and international attention under Dr. Wheeler's leadership, ensuring the Museum remains a best-in-class facility.

Hall of Fame video by Frank Daniels, Jr.: www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaSSvFyQwx8

CENTENNIAL INDUCTEES



Colonel William Polk

Award accepted by City of Raleigh Museum Director Ernest Dollar Col. Polk was a Revolutionary War hero, twice wounded during his service

to the country. He fought alongside the Marquis de Lafayette at the Battle of Brandywine. He made the welcoming remarks in the State House when Lafayette visited Raleigh on his famous tour in 1825. He also hosted a breakfast for Lafayette at his home at the corner of North and Blount Streets.

In addition to his years in the North Carolina House of Commons, Polk was a founder of the Society of the Cincinnati in North Carolina and a trustee at UNC for 44 years.

During his years in Raleigh, he was the first president of the State Bank and was honored as Raleigh's most illustrious citizen. In 1826, he headed a company to develop navigation on the Neuse River. Throughout his life, he remained a powerful influence in state and federal politics.

Hall of Fame video by Ernest Dollar: www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9w3mZNiwsI

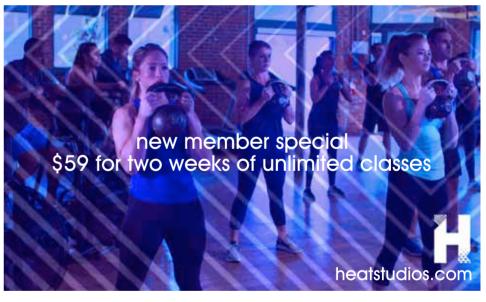
ORGANIZATIONAL INDUCTEES

The organizational inductees were the Capital Area Soccer League (CASL) and Methodist Home for Children

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The 1940s speakeasy-themed 5 Lounge & **Discotorium** is now open in the old Mosaic space across from Google Fiber at the intersection of W Jones and Glenwood Avenue. Already known for their artisanal craft cocktails, local NC brews, and fine wine and champagne menu, 5 Lounge caters to a more sophisticated crowd that appreciates great customer service, good drinks, and nice clientele. They feature dancing in the late evenings, a large outdoor heated patio, and upstairs VIP lounge area. 5 Lounge donates 5% of their profits each month to a different local charity so patrons can feel good about "Partying with a Purpose." Tickets are on sale now for their New Year's Eve Spectacular on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/5raleigh and website, www.5raleigh.com.



Remedy Diner has opened in their new, bigger location at 927 W. Morgan Street in the old PG Werth space, which closed earlier this year. Remedy was located previously on Hargett Street in downtown and is known for their vegetarian and vegan fare and almost every dish is offered with a meatless option. www.theremedydiner.com

The City of Raleigh has a new logo which has garnered a lot of news lately, with both fans and detracters of the logo as well as its cost of \$226,000, which included



several years of research and the logo design. There's a Youtube video with more about the logo and its creation at http://bit.ly/raleighlogo.

The nicely renovated and revamped Brookside Market & Pizza is back

open for business. They feature food (both hot serve and pre-cooked to-go gluten-free and dairy-free), a wine and bottle shop (with coffee too). Follow them on Facebook for updates:

www.facebook.com/brooksidemarketandpizza



The Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA) announced the return of former employee Kristopher Larson as it's new President and CEO, replacing former CEO



David Diaz, who returned to Virginia for another position. Kris was President and CEO of Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. and will start in January 2018. From Kris, "Downtown Raleigh has longed played a foundational role in my heart and in my career. Its urban fabric is where I dis-

covered, nearly three decades ago, that cities evoke a sense of aspiration, excitement, and freedom. My desire to make downtown Raleigh a more healthy, vibrant, and livable neighborhood sparked my interest in the urban place management industry. To return now to the city and organization that nurtured and launched my career is a truly special opportunity and privilege. I can't wait to get back to work helping my hometown."

In early spring, DECO and DECO Home will be moving around the corner from their current locations on Hargett Street to the old State Bar building on South

Salisbury, owned by MDO Holdings. This will free up two prime retail storefronts on Hargett St. The new DECO space will be twice as large, making it the largest



independent retailer downtown according Pam owner Blondin DECO

Home has moved into the DECO space until the move and online shop, Raleigh Vintage, has opened a holiday pop-up shop in its place. Watch their Facebook for more details and news. www.facebook.com/DecoRaleigh.



Saigon Grill & Bar has opened on the north corner of the 222 Glenwood building in Glenwood South. John Tang (of Sushi-O Bistro) and Richard Fong (previously the chef at An Restaurant in Cary) partnered upto open Saigon, which features a fusion of Asian and Vietnamese cuisines. Visit their website for more info, http://saigonraleigh.com.

Congrats to Matt Kenner on his latest venture,

Southern Charred, in the 510 Glenwood Avenue Matt's Bunch Hospitality also operates Anchor Bar, Milk Bar, and Mofu Shoppe. Southern Charred features pulled pork, sliders, and



specialty smoked fare. www.southerncharred.com



Durham's Matt Kelly has resurrected the old Fishmongers space in the Brightleaf Square area with St. James Restaurant and Raw Bar. This venture joins the James Beard semifinalist's other successful offerings in the Bull City: Mateo Bar De

Tapas, Mothers & Sons Trattoria, and Lucky's Delicatessen. www.saintjamesseafood.com



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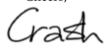


Tage hope all our readers are having a wonderful holiday season far and were able to $lac{1}{4}$ spend time with family and friends. As always, we like to suggest that in lieu of presents this year, readers make a donation to one of the many great charities across the Triangle that help others in our community who are in need of assistance. Neighbors helping neighbors is what the holidays should be about!

Speaking of helping local charities, I'm very proud to announce that our newly opened speakeasy, 5 Lounge & Discotorium, is donating 5% of our proceeds each month to a different local charity. It's important to us to assist the nonprofit organizations around us that do so much for others in our community. 5 is a comfortable 1940s speakeasy where you'll find artisan cocktails prepared by knowledgeable and friendly bartenders, local NC craft beer, a curated wine and champagne menu by the Raleigh Wine Shop, talented DJs from Island Sound, a great dance floor, and heated outdoor patio. 5 is located at the corner of West Jones Street and Glenwood Avenue and is open 5pm to 2am, Tuesday through Saturday. Pick up your membership, see photos, and read more about us at www.5raleigh.com.

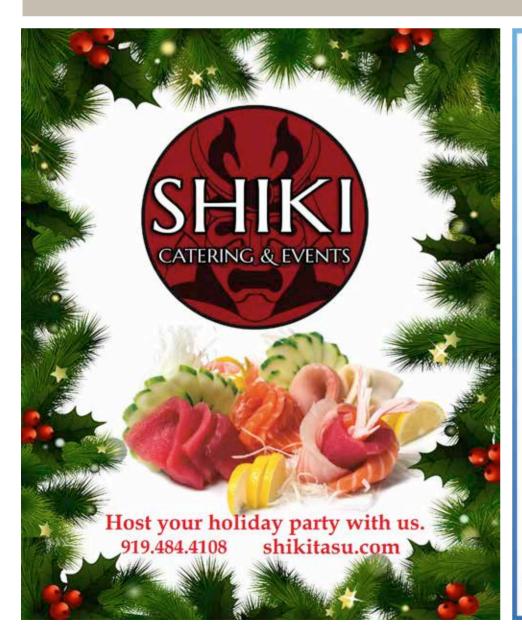
We'd love to host your business holiday party at 5 or bring the crew by after your holiday dinner to dance the night away. Also coming up, we're having our first New Year's Eve Party! Want to ring in the New Year and escape the madness of overcrowded college bars and boring hotel parties? Join us for an upscale night of fun and dancing at 5 Lounge. For event pricing and to buy NYE tickets, visit www.5raleigh.com. We hope to see you soon to help us Party with a Purpose!

Cheers,



Crash Gregg

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Our Local Farmers



By Daniel Taylor

If you haven't been to our Raleigh Farmers Market yet, then get off your rump and go. These people are growing some phenomenal stuff and

it's from our own back yard. Their produce is exceptional and it's better than anything you'll find at your local grocer for a quarter of the price. Plus patronizing these farmers helps put money back into our community. It's a win-win situation.

It's also a great way to get out in the open air and pick out going to make. And if you're a cook like me, this is very exciting. The farmers have something different every day so I never know what I'll find until I buy it. Everyone there is very nice and friendly and I strongly encourage you to start a relationship with them. They will give you their best stuff and let you sample most items.

The Raleigh Farmers Market is located at 1201 Agriculture St., just off of Lake Wheeler

Road in Raleigh. It's open Monday through Saturday 5am to 6pm and Sunday: 8am to 6pm. More info at http://www. ncagr.gov/markets/facilities/markets/raleigh.

Here's a great recipe using produce that can be found at the Raleigh Farmers Market.

Ratatouille (serves 4 as a side dish)

1 zucchini (1" dice)

1 red bell pepper (1" dice)

1 small eggplant peeled (1" dice)

1 yellow squash (1" dice)

1 large red onion (1" dice)

1 small jalapeño (minced)

2 ripe tomatoes (chopped)

4 cloves garlic (sliced)

½ cup white wine 1 tsp. chopped basil

1 tsp. chopped parsley 1 tsp. chopped chives olive oil

salt & pepper

Technique:

In a large heavy bottomed pot, heat the olive oil. Add onions, bell peppers, eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash & jalapeño. Cook until vegetables begin to soften. Then add tomatoes,

white wine and garlic and a hefty pinch of salt. Cook covered another 20 minutes or until the tomatoes liquify. Add the herbs and adjust seasoning to taste. Add a splash off extra virgin olive oil before serving. This Mediterranean vegetable stew can be used as a garnish for fish, pork, lamb or chicken. You could toss it with pasta or cut the vegetables smaller and serve it as a dip with flatbread or crackers.

Enjoy!





A STREETCAR NAMED RALEIGH

By Allison Snyder

n the late nineteenth century, Raleigh was quickly growing and new forms of transportation were needed to serve the city's population and to attract visitors to the maturing metropolis. Streetcars, dubbed by the citizens as Raleigh's Horse Railroad, were the businessman's answer to the budding public transportation market. Though the company experienced several pitfalls, trolleys became immensely popular modes of transportation among the Raleigh citizens and even inspired further development of the city of Raleigh.

The idea of introducing Raleigh to the streetcar was first suggested by General Philemon Hawkings. He proposed that a street railway would be helpful during the construction of the courthouse as it could haul stone and other building materials to the site. It wasn't until 1881, however, when the streetcar was officially considered by the General Assembly. Thomas Hogg, a street engineer, revamped the idea and, once approved, hired Texans J.F. Scoot and G.M. Snodgrass to develop his plans.

The system debuted December 25, 1886, and a grand processional of the new streetcars was led by Raleigh's

mayor who stood at the front of the first car. People flocked to the streets just to see the trolleys being pulled by mules up and down the four-mile route. With everyone so excited, it became clear on that Christmas afternoon that the Raleigh Streetcar Company would be a great success.

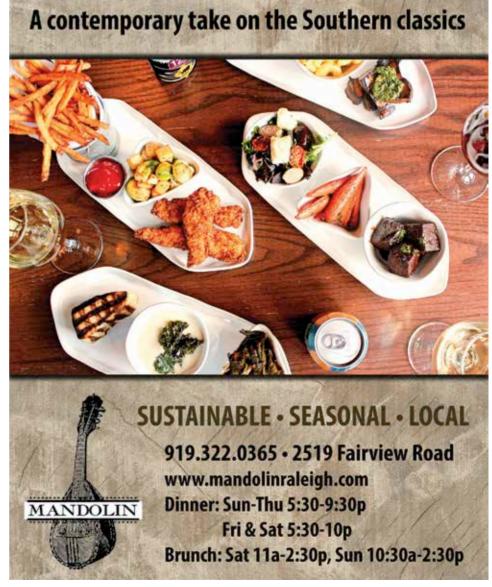
Though the mules were replaced by horses shortly after, the biggest change took place when electricity was introduced to the city. Raleigh's first electric lights were turned on in 1885 and by 1889 the streetcar company was given permission to use electricity to power their cars. Initially the company made a contract with the Edison General Electric Company of New Orleans to install overhead wires and poles on the roofs of the car; however, several problems were experienced and all the equipment was removed in March 1891.

Fortunately, investors from Baltimore helped Raleigh's local businessmen develop a new electric system, which opened September 1, 1891. It ran along Hillsborough and Favetteville Streets and ride fare was five cents. That wasn't the end of the company's troubles though, and between 1893 and 1898 the company changed hands several times. Many feared that horses would need to be used again, but The Raleigh Electric Company saved the trolleys and extended the lines to Hargett Street. By 1911 the tracks stretched all the way north to the Carolina Country Club on Glenwood Avenue.

The most special car that the company owned was xnamed the Electric Diamond. Its trolley poles, roof, and edges were decorated with bright, incandescent lights. It became a special treat for citizens to hire the car for a trolley party, which included a private trip to Pullen Park for a moonlight picnic. The trolley's route also visited Brookside Park, which opened in 1888 and later, Bloomsbury Park, the company's crowning jewel opening on the Fourth of July in 1912. This remarkable 100-acre park was located at the northern end of Glenwood Avenue and hosted a carousel, dance pavilion, boating pond, penny arcade, and a roller coaster that was three miles long!

Due to the efforts and inventive methods of the Raleigh Street Car Company, the streetcars remained







Passengers aboard the horse-drawn Raleigh Railway

Trolley on the corner of Fayetteville Street in 190

a beloved Raleigh icon for many years, providing a much-needed yet fun and exciting form of public transportation. To this day, there are still a few of the trolley electric poles inconspicuously jutting from buildings

scattered about downtown.

If you're yearning for a trolley ride, hour-long historic trolley tours are available at the Historic Mordecai Park each Saturday at 11am, noon, 1pm, and 2pm through

the end of December (picking back up in March). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$4 for youth (7 to 17) and free for 6 and under. Call 919-996-4364 for more info.



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Holiday-Friendly Wines

By Seth Rouch

he leaves have turned, the temperature has dropped, shops and storefronts are adorned with seasonal decor, and friends and family are preparing their autumnal gathering plans. It's the time of year where we fret and worry over what wine we will be providing for our holiday gatherings. With the possibility of travel, foul weather, and the potential for both, choosing the right wine should be a small concern or possibly a welcome reprieve from holiday obligations. With this in mind, here are some helpful reminders for your holiday wine checklist.

First, drink what you like. Whether you are most happy and satisfied ending a meal with a copita of sherry or Bailey's from a shoe, you are correct and should have said beverage at hand. What's more, consider breadth in lieu of depth when planning your holiday adult beverage offerings. While a library tasting from your favorite vigneron or a comparative tasting of California cult collectibles is a generous offering — and a Thanksgiving I want to attend — it may not offer enough variety for your family, friends and close ones.

Secondly, with the number of courses and dishes prepared for the average Thanksgiving numbering in the dozens, seeking out perfect pairings with each dish is impractical. Therefore, carpet bombing rather than precision should be your strategy this Holiday Season. One bottle per adult is a good rule of thumb as far as quantity. With that in mind, following are a few favorites that are sure to please your guests.

Bubbles! Whether you opt for Cava, Prosecco, Champagne, or New Mexican effervescence, bubbles are always the right choice. They are celebratory and pair with everything. They help set the mood and enliven any gathering. On a budget, Cava or Prosecco will do nicely and Roederer Estate also makes some terrific bubbly for around \$20 dollars. And of course, there's always Champagne!

Riesling, crisp and bright, produced in a variety of styles and sweetness levels is a terrific choice at all price points. Alsatian for the floral and aromatic minded, German for those who love minerality and tropical fruit notes. Try Austrian for the Goldilocks version of neither too lean nor too full but just right.

Beaujolais, made from the imminently coiffable Gamay grape, is also an excellent choice for holiday gatherings. It pairs easily with most dishes and is a cheap and cheerful wine to be drunk on for such festive occasions. While there is a lot of Beaujolais around this time of year and with Beaujolais Neuveau day upon us every third Thursday in November, I would encourage trying some of the Cru Beaujolais, made with more care and in a traditional method. It is superior in complexity and depth of flavor and for only a few dollars more, it's a worthwhile investment.

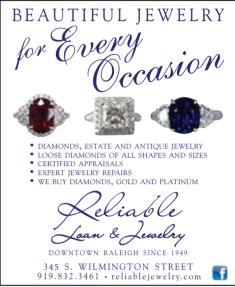
Rosé is also a great choice and a terrific "Cook's Wine" to be enjoyed during meal preparation. It's light in body and alcohol, but lively in fruit and acidity. Many Roses are discounted this time of year in cost and stature, but many are still drinking fabulously. I recommend some of the Roses coming out of Anderson Valley California, which are refined and delicate, but still vibrant with flavors and aromas of strawberries, pomegranate and cherry.

Pinot Noir, whether Burgundian, Oregonian, Californian or New Zealand, is a terrific choice for Thanksgiving with flavors of red fruits and cranberries, soft tannins and an infinite range of styles. They are a popular wine, and sure to please those you are sharing with. A range of different Pinot Noirs is sure to be an interesting and welcome diversion as you enjoy the distinctive nuances between Willamette Valley, Santa Lucia, Givry and Sta. Rita Hills.

If your guests or host requires something off the beaten path and removed from the canon of pairing, some of the more esoteric choices available would include Zweigelt and St. Laurent. They are dark skinned Austrian grapes varietals that enjoy a reputation as being sort of country cousins of Pinot Noir. Nerello Mascalese is another fine choice, a dark skinned grape full of aromatics and unbelievable acidity from a wine grown in Southern Italy, sure to be a conversation topic for your wine geeks in your company. Bonus points for bringing large format bottles, a sideboard just looks more festive with a magnum or Jeroboam of holiday wine.

Finally, the holidays are the best time to pull a bottle of your favorite wine or producer you have been saving and pour. Enjoy the company of your guests or hosts as it may be, and share what it is you like or the twisted path you took to find this wine. *Happy holidays!*







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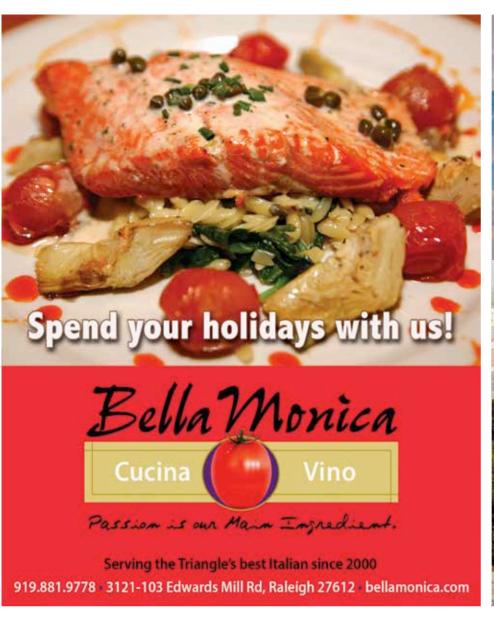
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- 16. Of two minds 17. Whatever you want
- 19. Truck 23. Horned zoo beast, informally
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- 33. Slap on 34. About
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- 37 Transplant skin 38. Big drinker
- 40. Safe from a skunk, say
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- 47. A million bucks 48. Black cuckoo
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- "McDonalds" 53. Ascend
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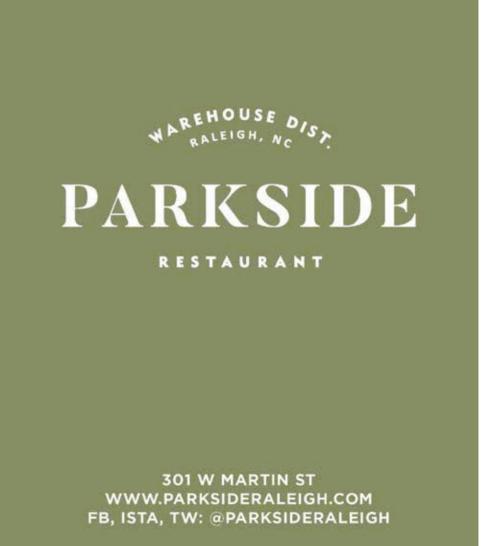
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