

ROEBLING BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Thank you for being a part of The Covington-Cincinnati Suspension Bridge Committee (CCSBC)! We are a citizens group dedicated to the preservation & enhancement of the John A. Roebling Bridge.

A YEAR IN REVIEW...

- a summary of the work of the Committee in 2019.

The CCSBC's subcommittees have been busy this year! Please see below for the major achievements of our five biggest subcommittees.

Membership - The membership group headed up by David Wetzel has focused on new ways of keeping our members engaged. We have started the newsletter distribution, hosted an August cookout, and organized a boat outing. As of November, we are at 129 members. Please spread the word to help that number grow!

History and Publications - Don Tolzmann leads the charge in educating the area about all things historic in regards to the Roebling! He circulates articles, and appears at local speaking events (like the recent one at the Cincinnati Public Library, which was attended by over 50 people!). Thanks, Don!

Maintenance and Beautification - The focus of the many members of this subcommittee over the past year has been lighting and flags. They have tested and decided on new LED fixtures for the necklace lights, repaired several pier lights, and maintained the flags atop the two towers.

Technology - The technology group has worked hard this year to create even more ways to interact with the CCSBC. They have established a new Instagram page, maintained the website, Facebook, and email accounts, and explored the possibility of installing QR code plaques on the bridge to create a self-guided tour.

Public Awareness Events - All CCSBC board members and chairs work hard to get the

word out about all things Roebling! This year, we have hosted several well-attended tours, held another successful photo contest (with over 70 entries) and participated in many community outreach events (Second Sunday on Main, the Covington Pub Crawl, the historic safe opening, etc.). Stay tuned for even more upcoming events (like our new calendars!).

CALENDARS COMING SOON

The committee is pleased to announce that we created 2020 calendars from all of the great photos of the Roebling Bridge from the past year! Please follow our social media pages for updates on the purchase and distribution of this fun gift idea for the Roebling Bridge admirer in your life!

CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This edition, we are featuring Ralph Wolff! Ralph is a Dayton, KY native, a University of Kentucky graduate, and was in the army reserve for 28 years. While at UK, he studied civil engineering. Post-graduation, he began work with the Transportation Cabinet where he stayed for 46 years! In fact he began his involvement with the Committee while he was the district operations engineer, due to the Roebling Bridge being part of his maintenance responsibility. Ralph's 20+ years with the Committee include contributions such as serving as past president (and establishing Roeblingfest while president) and serving as a wealth of knowledge for all things Roebling historic. He has become very involved in researching the history of the bridge and the life of John Roebling; Ralph even wrote the article about the John A. Roebling Bridge for the "Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky." When he is not teaching the area fun facts about the bridge, Ralph can be found cheering on the Reds or the Wildcats Basketball, serving at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Covington, or spending time with his wife, Arline, and their 3 children/6 grandchildren/1 great-child (coming this February)! Thanks, Ralph, for everything you have done for the Committee!



MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Ascent Building in Covington, on the third Monday of every month, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Dec. 16* | Jan. 20 | Feb. 17

*see below for info. on December meeting

HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us for a casual evening of holiday fun! The December meeting will be the CCSBC's Holiday Party!

*Party is at 6:30 pm in the Ascent.

*Please RSVP to Sherry Roth at sherroth@mac.com.

*Feel free to bring a drink or dessert/side for all to share!

END OF YEAR GIVING

As the year draws to a close, please keep us in mind throughout the season of giving! We welcome donations to support the work of the Committee. Your donations truly keep the lights on!

*To donate, please visit: roebblingbridge.org/Donations.

*We are a 501-3c.

