

— Wednesday Evening (August 29th) —

Registration and reception: Meet new people and reminisce with old friends.

— Thursday: Georgist Organizing —

How We Lost Pittsburgh A terrible reassessment, election-year grandstanding, a media blitz and our failure to have an organized constituency in place cost us the flagship city for land value tax in the US, at least for this year. Smaller cities kept LVT, and Clairton expanded it. Josh Vincent and various city officials.

Introduction to Organizing, Part 1 It's a very different activity from advocacy or education. Dan Sullivan and other experienced Pittsburgh organizers, on picking issues, power lobbying, political research vs. economic research, and more.

Luncheon: Toastmasters' Table Topics We'll hold forth for two minutes on topics pulled from a hat.

Organizing, Part 2 Working with Organizations: churches, labor, business associations, the media, etc. Integrating our message with various agendas to create coalitions and get things done — led by Walt Rybeck.

Georgist Education: Making the Timeless Timely Panel on meeting the urgent need for movement-building via education. Lindy Davies, Mike Curtis and Chuck Metalitz on *today's* strategies and techniques.

Evening Pool & Pizza Party (Dinner on your own)

— Friday: Land Valuation and Planning —

First Panel: Assessing Land

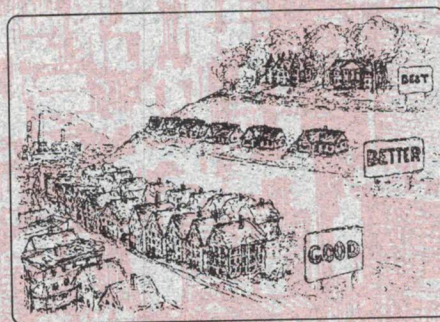
1. Sabre-tage: Sabre Systems' misassessment of land values. Kevin Forsythe, city controller's office.

2. Sabre's conceptual mistakes Misinterpretation of zoning variances, presumptions about buildable lots, etc. Dan Sullivan

3. Assessing Urban Land Uniformly Ted Gwartney, chief assessor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and former chief assessor of British Columbia, Canada

Second Panel: Is Zoning Necessary? Joseph Sabino Mistick, head of Pittsburgh's zoning board under Mayor Caliguri and executive secretary to Mayor Masloff, shows how nuisance laws and other measures have made zoning unnecessary, and argues that zoning often does more harm than good.

Luncheon Keynote Address Congressman William Coyne. (invited) Special invitations to all council members who ever voted for LVT in Western PA.



CGO Member Reports Find out what your Georgist organizations have been up to all year.

Evening Reception & Sing-along This land really is your land. (Dinner on your own.)

— Saturday: Land and Labor —

The Libertarian Blind Spot What libertarians must accept to be acceptable to working people and consistent with their own principles. Harold Kyriazi, author of *Libertarian Party at Sea on Land*.

Land and Poverty in Africa Kidane Hiwot, director of the Henry George Foundation of Ethiopia, Heather Remoff and Lindy Davies.

Land on the Air Chuck Metalitz on the scramble to monopolize cell-phone airwaves, and a representative from the lawsuit to stop the illegal sale of public television station WQEX to private concerns for big bucks.

Luncheon: The Birth of American Labor Al Katzenberger, Treasurer of the St. Louis Teacher's Union, on Labor's Georgist roots, the rivalry with socialism, and how George lost labor's support over the tariff issue.

Raising Wages Point/Counterpoint on the issue of mandating a "living wage" — and the root cause of low wages.

The Economics of Dumping and Plant Shutdowns The impact of real estate taxes, both on foreign trade policy and on the incentive to keep local factories running, featuring former Mayor Spossi of Washington, PA.

Evening: Reception and Annual Gala Banquet
(Speakers to be announced)

— Sunday —

Open Mike The meek shall inherit the podium: Don Hurford moderates.

Annual Friendship Brunch with Conviviality and Jocularly

CGO Annual Business Meeting for Members and Affiliates of the Council of Georgist Organizations

Optional Bus Tour Pittsburgh and the Heinz History Museum: This excellent museum is dedicated exclusively to the history of Pittsburgh, from frontier town to industrial giant to modern high-tech city. Advance registration guarantees a seat. Of course, Pittsburgh's land tax legacy will be woven into the tour. Includes a majestic view of the city from Mount Washington.

Evening Reception and Parade Briefing
Those who are not going to the Labor Day Parade on Monday can offer encouragement to those who are.

— Monday —

Labor Day Parade Pittsburgh has one of the biggest Labor Day Parades in the country. We will put the Georgist message into the hands of tens of thousands of labor leaders, members, and sympathizers. Those who are not inclined to leaflet can sit back and enjoy the parade.

Lunch & Goodbyes Bus returns to the hotel and the airport.

Schedule is subject to change without notice.