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this month

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Tuesday, September 11, 7-8 PM

## Pale Horse, Pale Rider: The 1918 Influenza Epidemic in Waltham



Historic New England and the Waltham Historical Society present a special talk on the local impact of the global influenza pandemic of 1918. Learn how the lethal virus arrived in America via returning World War I sailors, and soon overwhelmed the military and civilian hospitals of the entire region. The flu pandemic eventually killed forty to fifty million people worldwide.

Come early to explore the grounds and the first floor of the mansion.

*\$10 adults, \$5 Historic New England members,  
Waltham Historical Society members, and Waltham residents.  
Advance tickets recommended.*

### Lyman Estate

185 Lyman Street  
Waltham, Massachusetts

For more information or to buy tickets, call  
617-994-5912 or visit [HistoricNewEngland.org](http://HistoricNewEngland.org)



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# *Workers of Waltham*

*Part of a series of cultural events around Waltham highlighting local workers in celebration of Labor Day*

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## **"A Walking Tour of Mill Workers' Housing, and Other Historic Houses, near the Boston Manufacturing Company's Textile Mill"**

Waltham Historical Society, with the assistance  
of Mort Isaacson, Chair of the Waltham  
Historical Commission

**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

**10:00 am — 11:00 am**

TOUR BEGINS IN LANDRY PARK NEAR  
CHARLES RIVER FALLS



Tour begins and ends in Landry Park between the  
Charles River and the Mill Building.

Join us for a one hour walking tour that will include early workers' housing near the Boston Manufacturing Company's original textile mill. This tour will describe the historical development of the living accommodations of both workers in the mill and their neighbors along River, Jackson, and Central Streets. We will view and discuss some houses from as early as the 1830s that are still on their original foundations, along with others that have been moved and renovated to accommodate changes in use. The latter include the earliest mill-girl boarding houses in the nation, from 1817, and the mansion of Patrick Tracy Jackson, a founder of the Boston Manufacturing Company and a giant of the American Industrial Revolution. This walking tour constitutes a small portion of Mort Isaacson's forthcoming book that will expand to include the area as far north as Main Street, and as far East as Newton Street, due for publication by the Waltham Historical Society in the fall.



## ***Other events in the celebration of local workers***

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Saturday, September 1, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

### **Workers' Walk at the Paine Estate**

Cost: FREE

Location: Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate, 100 Robert Treat Paine Drive

Presenting Organization: Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate, Healthy Waltham, Waltham Land Trust and Waltham Public Library

A special tour of the landscape honoring workers in celebration of Labor Day.

Tour the fields, farm & forest

- created by influential worker advocates at the height of the labor movement
- enjoyed by workers for health and refreshment since the 19th century
- covered with forgotten orchards, vegetable gardens and ruins tended by past farm workers.

Some areas on this mile-long walk are off the beaten path, so please wear sturdy shoes. Bring a water bottle and bug spray.

Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 PM

### **Migrant, Millworker, Servant, Survivor: Extraordinary Stories about Ordinary Women who worked for the Paine**

#### **Family of Waltham**

Cost: FREE

Location: Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate, 100 Robert Treat Paine Drive

Presenting Organization: Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate

Join us for an illustrated talk about the challenges and successes of two

of the dozens of young women who made Stonehurst tick, then visit the back of the house where they lived and worked. This program honors workers of Waltham and beyond in celebration of Labor Day.



Friday, September 7, 7:30 PM

### **What the Butler Knew: a Moonlight Tour of Gore Place**

Cost: \$10-\$17. Order online at [goreplace.org](http://goreplace.org)

Location: Gore Place, 52 Gore Street

Presenting Organization: Gore Place

In 1827, Robert Roberts, the African American butler to Christopher and Rebecca Gore, was 45 years old and had spent the last 25 years as a servant in some of the most prominent home in America and Europe. He put the combined knowledge of those 25 years into a book, *The House Servant's Directory, or A Monitor for Private Families*; comprising hints on the arrangement and performance of servants' work. More than a simple book of instructions, Roberts's book speaks eloquently of the respect due to employers, the rights due to employees, and of the pride and honor to be gained in a job well done. On this tour, you'll hear Roberts own words as you explore one of America's great historic homes.

***DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS TO:***

**Lou Nocera's  
90th Birthday Gala**

**September 22, 2018**

**6:00 - 9:30 P.M.**

**Dassault Systèmes, 175 Wyman St, Waltham, MA**

**EVENT TICKETS \$90**

Checks can be made out to "Lou's 90th" The Waltham Kiwanis Club is a 501c3 Charitable Organization. (04-2555284). Mail checks to: Lou's 90th C/O WCAC-TV 400 Main St. Waltham, MA 02452 or email Maria Sheehan, [maria@wcac.org](mailto:maria@wcac.org) for more details.

***Deadline for tickets is September 7th***



## ***Lou Nocera's 90th Birthday to Benefit the Waltham Historical Society and others***

Lou Nocera has always been there for any organization in Waltham needing support for fund-raising and other needs. All one needed to do was call Lou and the Chateau would respond with pizza, space for meetings, financial support and more.

Well, Lou's at it again! To celebrate his 90th Birthday, there's a party in Lou's name. The event will feature food, dancing, song, and the opportunity to pick up some interesting prizes in an auction!

Prizes include tickets to *Hamilton* and exotic vacation destinations.

The Waltham Historical Society has had sponsors step forward with prizes that will directly benefit the Society.

*To this point the Society's auction items include:*

- A W.E. Marshall Abraham Lincoln Engraving, with an estimated value of \$600 donated by Society Board Member Al Smith.
- \$500.00 worth of Documents and Estate Planning advice, courtesy of Attorney Gary Marchese.
- A one 1 hour Reiki Session worth \$80.00 donated by Board Member Janis Marchese.
- A framed Paul Shea water-color painting of Lewis Wharf by donated by Jean Husson.
- A Battle Road guided tour of Lexington and Concord, including a picnic lunch donated by Wayne McCarthy.
- Four tickets to the Red Sox—Baltimore Orioles game on Tuesday September 25, 2018 including admission to the Royal Rooters Club at Fenway Park, a nice venue with lots of memorabilia and the option to purchase food and drink before/during/after the game, donated by Carol & Joe DiFranco and Mark Marroni, Boston Partners Financial Group LLC.

Lou's generosity in sharing the proceeds of the evening with Waltham non-profits is another example of his love for this City. Thanks, Lou!

“Thank you” to the Waltham Historical Society for preserving the City's rich history.



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*The Society Bright School location, 260 Grove Street will be staffed on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM for the summer. This will afford the opportunity for the public to visit and view some of the artifacts and documents collected by the Society over the past 100 years. If you would like to join us as a guest or as a docent, please contact us at [waltham.historical.society@gmail.com](mailto:waltham.historical.society@gmail.com).*