

Honor Weinstein's Memory

by Constance Weinstein (Mrs. Arnold)

During the many Henry George School Conferences which I attended, Arnold would never allow me to speak. Tonight it is my turn.

What most of you do not know is that I took the course when the School was on 29th Street, before I knew Arnold. It was because of this that I understand the time, energy and dedication that Arnold gave to the School. Sometimes, though I wondered which came first, the School or me.

I want to thank you very much for the honor you are extending on Arnold's memory by naming the auditorium for him and placing the plaque, with its very warm inscription, in such a prominent place where everybody who enters the auditorium can see it.

Arnold devoted 45 years of his life in serving the Henry George School--as a teacher, trustee, member and president. There were two facets to Arnold's program for spreading Henry George's philosophy. The first, and most important, was through education. He believed no one was too young to be exposed to Georgist philosophy. It was during his tenure that courses were started for high school students. Stan Rubenstein, Harry Pollard and Bob Tideman did excellent work in this field, and I am sure Bob Scrofani

is continuing in this tradition. It was also during Arnold's tenure that many colleges in New York State allowed college course credit for their students who attended Henry George School courses.

The second part of Arnold's program was to obtain proof that Henry George's philosophy of land value taxation would work. To do this, the Center for Local Tax Research was initiated, with Phil Finkelstein brought in to do the job. Now that Phil is also director of the School, he is responsible for carrying forward the progress of the School and the cultivation of Georgist ideas.

The new building is located in the center of the city. New York University and City University of New York both have busy midtown centers, only two blocks from here, where classes are held during lunch and right after businesses close. There is a whole new group of people looking for economic answers. Let's compete with NYU and CUNY to educate this new group. We have the works of Henry George, and through the Center, we have proof that George's ideas work.

As people pass this plaque on their way into the Arnold A. Weinstein Auditorium, they will be reminded of Arnold's devotion to Henry George and to the School. He will be remembered for his credo: "Fairness to all, Justice for all."

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