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**Fort Pitt Society Announces New President
Owners and Operators of the Fort Pitt Block House**

Point State Park, Pittsburgh, PA – August 14, 2013 – Elizabeth Wheatley of North Fayette Township has been named President of the Fort Pitt Society, a supporting organization of the [Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution \(NSDAR\)](#), which has owned and operated the Fort Pitt Block House as a historical site and museum for the last 120 years. Wheatley served as the organization's Director of Publicity since 2010 and had been active in the Pittsburgh Chapter NSDAR since 2009. Liz was born into a family active in the [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) for generations. Seventeen of her ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War, and she is eligible to belong to the [Colonial Dames](#) (descendants resided in an American Colony before 1750).

Liz graduated cum laude (with honors) from Point Park University with a degree in Journalism and Communication and a minor in Foreign Language. After graduation, love of travel, foreign culture and history led her to a job as a Flight Attendant at Delta Airlines. She continues to work for Delta while also serving as Director of Marketing for [WebSAP.net](#), a Pittsburgh-based web design and development company founded in 1998 by her husband Michael Wheatley. Liz and Michael reside in North Fayette Township with their three children, Catherine (14), Amelia (9) and Andrew (5).

"This is a very exciting time to be involved with the Fort Pitt Society as we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Fort Pitt Block House in 2014," explained Wheatley. "Plans are underway to create a city-wide and year-long celebration to recognize this significant milestone. We look forward to partnering with the community to ensure that the Block House continues to serve as a visual reminder of the critical role our region played in early American history."

About The Fort Pitt Block House

The Block House was originally constructed in 1764 as a defensive redoubt for Fort Pitt, a key British fortification during the French and Indian War. As the Block House is the only surviving structure left of Fort Pitt, it holds much significance to Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. The oldest authenticated structure in Western Pennsylvania, it is part of the National Historic Landmark of the Forks of the Ohio. Located in Point State Park, the Fort Pitt Block House is free and open to the public. For updated hours of operation, visit www.fortpittblockhouse.com.

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