

# Mariemont TOWN CRIER

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*Happy Holidays  
from the Town Crier!*

THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

# Mariemont DAR Presents Historic Preservation Award

During the October meeting of the Mariemont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), member Jane McDonald was presented with the DAR Historic Preservation Award to recognize her work as an outstanding volunteer to save and restore Mary Emery's 1924 "Resthaven Barn" located in Mariemont, Ohio.

Jane was president of the Woman's Art Club Foundation and helped coordinate the efforts of the Woman's Art Club, the village of Mariemont, and many others to save the "Resthaven Barn."

The Barn was constructed in 1924 to serve the farmland and livestock of the growing community. Later, under ownership of the Lindner Family, it became Lindner Quality Milk. The Lindner dairy operation outgrew the farm, evolving into United Dairy Farmers. In time, the Barn was used to house maintenance vehicles and the tax office for the Village of Mariemont.

Today the Barn is known as "The Barn, Woman's Art Club Cultural Center" and is being used as a community art center and the new home



*Past Regent Pat Sammons, Jane McDonald, and Regent Jan Mauch.*

of the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati.

The barn has received three prestigious awards for its restoration: The Heritage Ohio

Award, the Griffin Yeatman and the Ohio Historical Preservation Awards in 2009.

## News You Can Use!

Address	Sales Price	BR	BA	*Sq.Ft.	\$ per Sq.Ft.
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### *Recent Home Sales in Mariemont...*

<b>6805 Hammerstone</b>	<b>\$ 552,500</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>250</b>
6710 Miami Bluff	\$ 437,400	3	1/1	1,928	227
3811 Miami	\$ 600,000	4	2/1	2,795	214
3599 Flintpoint	\$ 865,000	6	3/2	4,057	213
3707 East	\$ 320,000	4	2/1	1,624	197
3602 Mound	\$ 538,000	5	2/1	2,876	187
6816 Mt. Vernon	\$ 474,000	3	3/0	2,540	187
6990 Murray	\$ 266,000	4	2/0	1,542	172
6946 Nolen	\$ 358,000	4	2/1	2,292	156
3820 Homewood	\$ 230,000	3	2/0	1,546	149
3706 Homewood	\$ 240,000	3	3/0	1,625	148
6721 Hammerstone	\$ 360,000	5	3/1	2,584	139

### *Recent Home Sales in Williams Meadow...*

<b>4329 Ashley Meadow</b>	<b>\$ 435,000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>168</b>
8043 Ashley View	\$ 488,500	5	4/1	3,832	127
7991 Ashley View	\$ 413,000	4	3/1	3,652	113

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The deadline for the next  
*Town Crier* is

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# Bye, Bye, Barb!



BY KATHY CHAPMAN

The MariElders Executive Director, Barbara Anderson, has announced her retirement after thirty-two years of service to the Center. Barb moved to Mariemont in 1941, along with her parents, Arthur and Hazel Redway, and sister Suzanne. She went through the Mariemont school system and graduated in 1957. She then attended Hanover College and received a degree in Physical Education and Biological Science. Barb married Bob Anderson in 1960 and they returned to Mariemont to raise their three children: Tim, Tom and Becky.

Barb has a long list of accomplishments

in the Village. She was president of Preschool Mothers, a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Girl Scout Leader and President of AFS for Mariemont High School. She also became the first woman to join the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont. Barb began her career teaching Physical Education at Princeton High School but in 1979 she was "talked into" coming to work for the MariElders and in 1980 became their Executive Director.

other Centers. Who would have thought that a group of "old people" could go canoeing, or survive 59 rummage sales and 60 craft and bake sales? With Barb's leadership she has made the MariElders a fun and active place for members to enjoy their retirement. For her retirement, she hopes to spend a lot of time with her grandchildren: Ian, Josh, Sera, Kathleen and Steven. And, "anything else I feel like doing that day."

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As the Director, Barb was well ahead of her other co-horts in the field of Aging. She offered services and programs for seniors that still to this day are not being offered at

Barb has fond memories of all the wonderful people she has met and become friends with through the Center. She has learned, laughed and cried with many of them.

Barb said, "It has been a joy working here and I would like to thank the residents of the Village of Mariemont who have given support to the Center over the years. Mariemont was the first village to fund a small Senior Center with a tax levy. This is what makes us unique and shows that we are truly a village for all ages."

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*Mason, his mom Page, and canine companion "Crisp."*

## Landscaping Beautifies Municipal Building

The new plantings around the Mariemont Municipal Building look as if the Village hired a landscaper and spent a fortune to get such professional results. However, all the credit goes to Park Board President Louise Schomburg.

The mayor gave her a budget of \$1000 to replant the entrance to the building. Using her knowledge of plants, looking for end-of-the-season sales, and "borrowing" plants from other locations in the Village by trimming back some that were overgrown or too large for the area they were in, Louise got everything you see for less than \$300! The Fire Department and Service Department helped her plant everything, but she was right there with them, digging and planting. When all the plants were in, the Service Department mulched the area and H. Hafner and Sons Landfill donated the topsoil.

Mayor Policastro said, "We are very fortunate to have such a talented and wonderful group who work together as a team to keep our Village beautiful and save tax dollars."

August.

Mason and Crisp graduated together after completing an intense two week Team Training course at one of the Canine Companions' five regional centers. During Team Training, students are strategically matched with assistance dogs and learn how to work with them effectively. The dogs are trained for two years, learning 40 commands before they are ready to become someone's 24/7 partner. Thanks to Canine Companions' generous supporters, the dogs, their training and ongoing follow-up support are provided free of charge.

Page, Mason's mother, decided to apply for a Canine Companions assistance dog for her son after hearing about the organization

at a Cerebral Palsy conference. "Crisp will give Mason more independence and will be his best friend," shared Page.

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# Neighboring *with* Nina

By NINA IREDALE



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Things are a little slow as far as home sales go in Mariemont so I have a very short article this month.

I'm thinking that means more time for holiday shopping!

Bill and Amy Kapcar purchased 3916 Pocahontas and moved in mid-August. Amy teaches 1st grade at Mariemont Elementary. She began teaching in the district 24 years ago at Terrace Park Elementary. Bill is the business development manager for Gravity, a branding and package design firm. Gravity is a division of Phototype, founded in 1919, right here in Cincinnati. Amy and Bill have two daughters. Ellie is in 7th grade and Abbie is in 4th grade. They moved from Milford to Mariemont because of the great schools. They love being close to school and work.

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if anyone knows of a new addition to someone's family or a new neighbor that I may have missed, please let me know so they can be included in a future issue. My phone number is 272-1551 or email is [nina90@cinci.rr.com](mailto:nina90@cinci.rr.com).

## From the Editor: Clarification

The November issue of the Town Crier carried a political flyer for Jeff Andrews, who was running for Mayor. This was included in error, as the Town Crier policy states that we will not accept ads or inserts of a political nature. This copy is included in the fine print on page 3 of each issue.

The insert was suggested by a Town Crier volunteer and accepted without going through the Editor. However, as Editor, it is my responsibility to be sure that our volunteers are aware of our policies, something I failed to do in this case.

Inclusion of the flyer in no way suggested an endorsement of the candidate, and going forward, there will not be any more. I apologize for letting this happen. Please address any concerns or complaints to me.

Putting out each Town Crier issue is a large job for a group of volunteers, and mistakes will happen. I firmly believe that this was an honest mistake, and that neither the volunteer nor Mr. Andrews were aware that the Town Crier does not accept political inserts.

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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

Even a cursory glance tells you that someone special lives in this apartment. She lends a helping hand for those coming to the door with arms full of groceries. She wields a broom to tidy up the sidewalk. She greets one and all with warm hugs that are as genuine as her smile.

I first met Joyce Schmidt seven years ago. I parked my car as the trees were painting Plainville Road in a thick layer of gold. A warm hello led to a wonderful chat, as if I was meeting an old friend. As I got ready to leave, I extended my hand – but Joyce had a different plan – she gave me a big hug!

So what makes this hugging neighbor tick? Joyce was born in East Chicago and moved to Cincinnati as a child

– her parents were both deaf-mute and came here to live and work at St. Rita's School. In a family where spoken words were less plentiful, hugs were the language of love!

Joyce grew up fast, the second oldest of ten kids and the only girl. She helped mom deliver one of her brothers when she was only 8 years old! I bet she perfected her hugging technique with those babies. St. Rita's was also a farm then, so Joyce has never been a stranger to hard work. Married to Robert in 1960, Joyce has two kids – a son Jerry who served in the military, and a daughter Dottie who moved to California. She has two grandsons and three great grandsons. Joyce did a variety of jobs, living in Lockland and Sharonville – then found her calling as a Certified Nurse's Aide. This career led her to Mercy St. Theresa, where she worked sixteen years before retirement. Not surprisingly, she received many honors, including employee of the month. But her biggest memories are the people she served – often checking in on her friends on her days off.

***Do you know of other helpful Mariemont neighbors that we could profile?***

***If so, please send your suggestions to the Editor, Claire Kupferle, at [ckupferle@cinci.rr.com](mailto:ckupferle@cinci.rr.com).***



It made sense to move to Mariemont, and Joyce has been a tenant of the Osgood's Chestnut Street apartments since 1995. Her eyes sparkle as she reflects on how well Chad takes care of her. She loves the hardwood floors and charm of her home, her landlord, and her neighbors. As Joyce tells stories, two things pop. First, her genuine faith: her encounters with people always reflect her confidence in God's blessing. Second, her

thankful generosity: she has a giving attitude because she is so thankful for all that she has. These two themes run deep as she talks about her second battle with cancer. Despite chemo and radiation, she returned quickly to serving. She babysits cats and dogs, and as Chad Osgood remarked, Joyce was "right back at it with the broom". Oh and yes, with the hugs too.

Joyce finishes our time with a recent car story. She knew her battery was on its last legs. At the

dealer, the car failed to start when the service folks came to move it inside! "The Lord takes care of me" she says matter-of-factly. As she smiled, I knew instantly what she did next: yes, a hug for the dealer! Mayor Dan Policastro recently proclaimed October 23 as Joyce Schmidt "The Hug Lady" Day in the Village – which makes it official! Hugs to you Joyce – and thanks for making our Village special!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

# 'Tis the Season for Giving

By JOAN WELSH

As we approach the holiday season, we often think about how we can share our abundant blessings with others less fortunate. *The Town Crier* thought it would be interesting to discover some of the ways our own local businesses help in supporting Mariemont through various charitable fundraising efforts held throughout the year. Local businesses were surveyed in an effort to learn more about some of their favorite causes. While almost every Mariemont business readily supports school and Village organizations with donations, it is interesting to note some special "spirit of giving" efforts that you may not be aware of.

Lisa Hopkins of the National Exemplar states that they held two fundraisers this past year for The Wellness Community. The Wellness Community provides professional



Photo by Picture Perfect

Their hope is to try to help the community as much as possible by supporting those who have supported them. After all, how could you have a Breakfast with Santa without photos to remember the magic of the event?

Lori Tanzer, owner of the upscale clothing boutique Sara Benjamin's, reports that they, too, enjoy supporting our local schools and community organizations through donations, raffle items or gift certificates. Sara Benjamin's also supports charitable events by providing their fashion-forward clothing and accessories for fundraising fashion shows

such as those benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer for the Cure, Dress for Success, and Women on the Move for Muscular Dystrophy.

Have a sweet tooth? Many events come to a close with the delicious treats of the Sweeterie served up by owner Susan Knabb. Susan says she enjoys participating in these community functions.

If not for the cheerful support of our local businesses, many of the fundraising efforts for schools or charities would be lackluster. We certainly appreciate the efforts of our businesses to help so many community endeavors. Kindervelt #54, Mariemont Preschool Parents, Kiwanis, MHS After Prom, Taste of Mariemont, Warrior Run, Stomp Out Hunger Mariemont Run, Mariemont Police, our local PTOs, and the combined efforts of the Mariemont FAB school fundraiser are just a sampling of organizations who receive support from our local businesses. Where would we be without our business partners? While you're out completing some holiday shopping be sure to stop by and check out some of our own local businesses. Merry Christmas everyone!

programs of emotional support, education and hope for people affected by cancer at no charge so that no one faces cancer alone. One event was held in March in the restaurant and another with the Executive Director, Rick Bryan, as the guest bartender in Southerby's. Both were great successes and the National Exemplar restaurant donated over \$3500 between the two events.

At the Mariemont Inn, "Everyone who works here has a great appreciation for serving others" says General Manager Bill Spinnenweber. "We were so happy to connect with Mariemont resident Phyllis Hoffman years ago and to help her with providing hygiene kits to the children of Camp SWONEKY." Camp SWONEKY is a Salvation Army residential camp 35 miles east of Cincinnati that provides underprivileged children a summer camp experience. Every year, Phyllis and her family work together assembling these kits. "She is an inspiration to us and to the community," Bill went on. "We are honored to be part of this project."

At Picture Perfect, Michelle and Bill DeCamp also lend their support to many local causes and, as you may expect, their photography expertise often comes into play.

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Elizabeth Beiter, MD (Photo Left)  
Betsy Drake, MD (Photo Right)

# Stay Connected to the Arts this Winter at the WACC Barn!

Nourish your family's creativity, innovation and imagination. We are proud and excited to offer creative and educational winter activities for adults and children. With a grant from ArtsWave, the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati is able to present vibrant programs from Ensemble Theatre, the Cincinnati Art Museum, Playhouse in the Park and the Taft Museum of Art.

## ***Ensemble Theatre at "the Barn"***

January Workshops for Grades 3-8: Did you know that Ensemble Theatre has produced more world and regional premieres than any other theatre in the city? The Barn is offering 4 excellent workshops for students in grades 3-8. All workshops are \$5.00 per session, per student. Class size is limited to 30 attendees per session. To register, call the Barn at 272-3700 or go to [www.womansartclub.com](http://www.womansartclub.com) to print a registration form and view program updates.

January, 7, 10:00 -11:30 am: ETC presents, *The Science of Theater*, for Grades 3-6. Find out how "hard science" comes out to play at the theatre! Discussions on the states of matter, sound, and more scientific concepts help make this interactive and fun workshop a favorite.

January 7, 1:00-2:00 pm: ETC presents, *Theatre in Real Life*, for Grades 5-8. Through exciting and engaging theatre games, students explore all the ways we communicate and how acting skills can help one in everyday life.

January 14, 10:00-11:00 am: ETC presents, *Stage Fright*, for Grades 3-6. Learn some of the skills the pros use to help them cope with stage fright and how those skills can help students in real life. Students learn about historical figures, courage and themselves.

January 14, 11:30-12:30 pm: ETC presents, *It's not WHAT you say, it's HOW you say it!* for Grades 5-8. Students will explore the power of their voices and how to use that power wisely! Serious discussions about bullying, emotional expression, and self-awareness combine with games and humor to make this a fun and effective experience.

## ***Playhouse in the Park "Off the Hill" production of "War" from ArtsWave Presents***

Did you know that after select performances of *Playhouse in the Park*, audience members are invited to stay and



connect with the cast of the show? Saturday, January 14 at 7:00 pm, the WACC hosts "War" by Dennis Foon.

This powerful play examines how aggression and violence permeate youth culture as four young men struggle with the pressures of competitiveness, anger and vulnerability. Dennis Foon, one of Canada's leading young-adult playwrights, interviewed teens, social workers and violent offenders to write this drama about how boys use war as a metaphor for their lives-on the street, in school, in sports and in their relationships with the opposite sex. The playwright uses invented language to stand in for harsh slang, creating a poetic and highly theatrical experience. Performances will include a facilitated talkback to help students articulate and respond to the issues of the play.

The play meets Ohio, Kentucky and

Indiana academic standards in the humanities, social studies, diversity, language arts, psychology, conflict resolution, social/contemporary issues, and theatre.

Please call 272-3700 for reservations. Tickets are \$2.00 for adults and

free for students.

## ***"Look, See, Do" with the Cincinnati Art Museum!***

Did you know that the Cincinnati Art Museum is home to 60,000 objects from around the world, spanning 6,000 years? Experience the Cincinnati Art Museum at the Barn through its Look, See, Do program. Children's experiences will include discussions and creative activities based on the permanent collections of the Cincinnati Art Museum. These fun, one hour programs will be limited to 30 children per session, so register early by calling the Barn at 272-3700 or go to [www.womansartclub.com](http://www.womansartclub.com) to print a

registration form and view program updates. Registration is \$5.00 for each session.

January 21, at 10:00 am: *Native American Art*: Native American art spans centuries and generations, yet has continuous themes and characteristics. The program highlights the talent and diversity among these creative peoples. Participants will examine art from the fine Native American collection of the Cincinnati Art Museum and enjoy a related hands-on art experience. This program is recommended for grades 3-6.

January 28, 10:00 am: *Cultural Celebrations*: Get your passports ready! Cultural celebrations from around the world inspire comparisons, discussions and lots of fun. Diverse cultural images from the museum's collection will inspire students as they create their own art. This program is recommended for grades K-2.

## WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER

February 4, 10:00 am: Me, Myself and I: Self Portraits: Is a portrait just an image of a face? Students will learn about artist's personal self-expression and hidden meanings as they view self-portraits from the museum collection. Students will use personal symbols, objects, and words to depict their own special imagery and personality in their finished piece of artwork. This program is recommended for grades 3-6.

### *Cincinnati's Taft Museum of Art presents, "Dressed for Excess Costume in Art in the Taft Museum of Art"*

Did you know the Taft Museum was formerly the Baum-Longworth-Sinton-Taft house, built in 1820 for Martin Baum? It is the oldest domestic wooden structure in situ locally and is considered one the finest examples of Federal architecture in the Palladian Style in the country. Tuesday February 7, at 7:00 pm, join us in the Barn Gallery for a fabulous program presented by Nancy Huth, the Taft's curator of Education.

Ms. Huth will discuss the garments worn by people pictured in 17th -19th paintings from the Taft's fine painting collection. From the elegant black clothing worn by Rembrandt's and Hal's sitters, to the gossamer gowns of the 1700s, learn how dress evoked the sitter's status and provided a glimpse into the culture and society they inhabited. Call 272-3700 for registration. All tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

### *Early Winter Art Exhibits at "The Barn"*

"The Barn Painters" return with another winter exhibit at "The Barn" January 20-22: The public is welcome to attend the "meet the artists" reception Friday, January 20, from 6:00-9:00 pm. The group consists of about 24 emerging artists. They are oil painters exploring a variety of subjects and techniques. Viewing hours continue Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and January 22 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

P-s-s-t! Don't Tell! A long-time member of the Woman's Art Club will be honored by a surprise retrospective exhibit of her works, January 28-30. This Cincinnati artist's work spans decades and explores a lifetime depicting relationships using watercolors and

oils. Viewing hours are Friday, January 27 from 9:00-2:00, a "meet the artist" reception Saturday, January 28, 3:00-6:00 pm and Sunday, January 30 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

"For Arts' Sake", February 1- February 19: Don't miss this exciting show by Artists from the 5300 Group. The show is a mixture of painting, sculpture, fiber art, mobiles, and



photography. So beat the February blahs; this exhibit has something for everyone. Opening



reception is February 5 from 2:00 pm.-5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Gallery hours are 9:00 am.-2:00 pm., Tuesday-Friday and 1:00-4:00 pm on February 12.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for December 11, 2011 January 15, 2012, and February 12, 2012 as the Woman's Art Club presents Second Sundays at the Barn.

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# JS Gold & Coin Gives Gift to School Foundation

Jon Saylor, a resident of Mariemont and president of JS Gold & Coin, recently established the JS Foundation as a vehicle to give back to the local community. One of his first actions was to present a check for \$500 to the Mariemont School Foundation. Saylor explained his support for the schools by saying, "We are so fortunate to live in a country that provides funding for good public schools. But with the recent budget shortfalls [for state and federal funding of schools], it feels like now is the right time to support school initiatives. It's a way of investing in our community's children and helping the dedicated parents behind those initiatives."

The JS Foundation is completely funded by JS Gold & Coin and has an overall goal of improving lives. "Cincinnati has been really great to our business and this is our way to give back," stated Saylor. Last year, prior to setting up the JS Foundation, Saylor donated nearly 40% of his profits to community projects and charitable organizations. As the company's support for various charities grew, it made sense to start up a separate foundation to provide on-going funding for local non-profit groups. In addition to the Mariemont School Foundation, Saylor has supported breast cancer research through the Komen Foundation and the Dragonfly Foundation, which gives support to children with leukemia and blood cancer. Next year



*Mariemont School Foundation President Wendy McCracken and Jon Saylor, a resident of Mariemont and president of JS Gold & Coin.*

his goal is to donate 50% of his company's profits through the JS Foundation. Saylor explains his goal this way: "We all have a part to play in making our communities stronger. Through the JS Foundation we have an opportunity to do everything we can for the community that has been so great to us."

Mariemont School Foundation President Wendy McCracken appreciates Saylor's support for Mariemont schools. "As our schools face a budget crisis due to state and federal spending cuts, more and more parents, alumni and community members are recognizing that maintaining and enhancing the education opportunities for our children will require private financial support. The Mariemont School Foundation is the best way to channel that support directly to our community schools."

The Mariemont School Foundation is an independent non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds to help preserve, enhance and sustain educational excellence throughout the Mariemont School District and its communities. The Foundation helps fund the gap between what

the School District can afford vs. what it needs to sustain educational excellence. The organization supports a broad range of needs within the School District, including, but not limited to, academic programs, athletics, fine arts, language arts, extracurricular activities, facilities and technology initiatives.

## 2012 Calendar Available This Month

The third annual Mariemont Civic Association calendar is now available at the MariElders Center and select local businesses. This year's edition is larger in order to better showcase the stunning photographs provided by Joe Stoner.

The cost is \$12 and all proceeds go to the Mariemont Civic Association.



# Grand Opening of Emery Park Echoes Original Village Plan

Nearly a century ago, Mary Emery charted a blueprint for a planned community called Mariemont. While its distinct architecture extends out from the Village center with historical English Tudor revival style seen throughout many homes and buildings, her vision was interrupted with several post-World War II apartment buildings that strayed from the original plan.

And that's where Greiwe Development Group Principal, Rick Greiwe, decided to step in. With a four-phase condominium development project that began with now sold-out Jordan Park, Greiwe partnered with North American Properties and Sibcy Cline to complete Emery's original vision. Now, with her namesake development, Greiwe has completed the second phase of the project with the Grand Opening of Emery Park on October 27.

"Emery Park is a part of Mary Emery's vision for Mariemont coming to fruition. Though it's 90 years later, we're proud to be part of her well-designed plan for this unique community," said Greiwe. "Not only will residents of Emery Park enjoy modern luxury in our one-level condominium units, but they'll experience all the benefits of living in and enjoying a walkable community filled with great neighbors and family values of days gone by."

Emery Park – a 31-unit condominium development now open for occupancy – has all the amenities discerning homeowners demand. The one-level floor plans, on trend for empty nesters looking to downsize, offer expansive windows, spacious balconies and terraces, and include underground parking with elevator access. Energy-efficient features are available in all layouts.

Architect Sari Lehtinen of CR Architecture + design led the project. "The opportunity to design buildings of Emery Park's quality and character is one I immediately took hold of," said Lehtinen. "Our team worked closely with Village officials, the community and even the Mariemont Preservation Foundation to ensure we designed something that excited the community and upheld the distinct and historic architectural features found



*Pictured in the ribbon cutting (left to right): Sibcy Cline President & CEO Rob Sibcy, Architect Sari Lehtinen of CR Architecture + design and Greiwe Development Principal Rick Greiwe.*

throughout Mariemont."

With a history as pronounced as Mariemont's – it was one of the first planned communities in the country – it's no surprise that its background is well documented. Most recently, Mariemont residents Millard F. Rogers Jr. and Karen Monzel Hughes collaborated on a book entitled *Mariemont: A Pictorial History of a Model Town*. With archival photography and rare images of the area from the 1870s and on, the book's narrative tells the story of a distinct community. Valuable partners of this project received signed copies of the recently published book at the Grand Opening event.

Commenting on the culmination of the many milestones involved in the day's event, Mariemont Mayor Dan Policastro said, "With Emery Park's Grand Opening, Mariemont is able to take one more step toward fully realizing Mary Emery's vision for the community. It's especially noteworthy as we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of being incorporated as a Village."

The first phase of Greiwe Development

Group's project in Mariemont began with Jordan Park, which was dedicated in 2008 and has since sold all 26 of its residences. Emery Park has already sold 10 of its 31 units before even opening its doors for occupancy. The third phase of the project, Nolen Park, has sold four units and is set to break ground in 2013.

For more information about Emery Park, visit [WWW.MARIEMONTLIFESTYLE.COM](http://WWW.MARIEMONTLIFESTYLE.COM).

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# Cross Country Runs to Historic Season

The Mariemont Warrior Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country teams placed 1st at the Division III District Championships at Voice of America Park on October 22. It is the first time that the Warrior teams have both won District titles in the same year.

Freshman Juliana Overbey was the overall champion at the girls race with a personal best time of 20:03. Also scoring for the Warriors

Championships....

The 2011 Mariemont Warrior Boys Varsity Cross Country team started this year with a mission: Get back to the State Championship meet and be a contender. Mariemont competes in Division III, which includes 211 teams across Ohio. Only 16 eventually make the state meet.

With strong wins at key meets like Mason and St. Xavier, the running Warriors were

After a 23 year dry spell that started in 1986, the Warrior Boys won the Cincinnati Hills League championship in '09, '10 and again this year ('11) for the third year in a row. Out of a 49 runner field, Warrior boys placed 1-3-4-5-6-9-12 to score a league record low 19 points and a crushing victory over arch rival Wyoming (the #1 ranked team in Cincinnati for larger Division II schools.) Senior co-captain Ben Gorman

*Shown here at their district meet where both Mariemont Warrior Boys and Girls XC teams captured first place are team members: back row – Connor McManus, Coach Jeff Timmers, Ben Gorman, Nate Kuck, Bryan Routt, Luke Porst, Cooper Hayes; front – Taylor Giordullo, Juliana Overbey, Claire Gilmore, Mara Coyan, Kate Uehlin, Makayla Valentine, Jennifer Saxton and Coach Mindy Monterosso.*



were Jennifer Saxton, Claire Gilmore, Makayla Valentine and Kate Uehlin. All five scoring runners are freshman and all finished with All District Honors by placing in the top 16. Rounding out the team were Taylor Giordullo and Mara Coyan.

The boys were led by junior Emmett Saulnier with a 16:59 personal record. The 5 top Mariemont runners in the boys race finished in positions 3 -7. All 7 Warrior boys finished the race in the top 16, earning them All District Honors as well. In addition to Saulnier, they were Nathan Kuck, Ben Gorman, Bryan Routt, Cooper Hayes, Luke Porst and Connor McManus. Then it was on to the State

well on their way. At the Deer Park meet, the team achieved a perfect and very rare score of 15 – with their top five runners finishing first, second, third, fourth and fifth.

placed first, earning CHL Boys Runner of the Year honors, and Coach Jeff Timmers was named CHL Boys Coach of the Year.

The Ohio Cross Country tournament includes all 211 Division III schools split out across 17 District Meets. The goal at the District Meet is like any other tournament - "Don't get eliminated." Mariemont Boys and Girls competed at the Voice of America Park

***The Mariemont Boys Cross Country team took Third Place at the 2011 State Championship Meet – the highest finish of any CHL team in league history. They are Cooper Hayes, Emmett Saulnier, Luke Porst, Coach Jeff Timmers, Nate Kuck, Ben Gorman, Connor McManus and Bryan Routt.***



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District Meet on October 22nd. In a field of 14 teams the boys again dominated placing 3-4-5-6-7-12-16 to score 25 points. The second place team scored 83. Lady Warriors were also district champion this year, with freshman Juliana Overbey winning the girls DIII race. Both the Boy and Girl Warriors would advance to the Troy Regional Meet.

At the Regional Meet with a field of 16 teams, Mariemont boys dominated, taking first place for the first time in school history with a low score of 59 – less than half of the second place team. Individually, junior Nate

Kuck, junior Emmett Saulnier and Ben Gorman all were in the top 16, receiving All-Region individual honors as well. The young girls team surprised everyone with a strong 7th place overall finish. While they did not advance as a team, Overbey placed 14th, earning her way to the state meet as an individual runner.

Capping a historic season, the Warrior boys finished in third place at the State Division III Championship meet in Hebron, Ohio – the strongest finish for any CHL cross country team in league history.

The 2011 Warrior varsity squad was fast

and had depth. At the State meet, all seven runners finished under 18 minutes, with the top five averaging 17 minutes. Kuck finished first for the Warriors with a time of 16:43; followed by Saulnier-16:50; senior Bryan Routt-16:58; Gorman-17:14; freshman Cooper Hayes-17:14; senior Luke Porst-17:20 and senior Connor McManus-17:50. Six achieved personal bests.

With a strong group returning next year and solid runners coming up from the junior high team (girls-1st at CHLs, boys-2nd), the future looks bright - and fast - for Mariemont Warrior Cross Country.

# Mariemont's Hinebaugh Presented Player of Week Award

Members of the Ohio National Guard visited Mariemont High School on November 8 to present sophomore Hans Hinebaugh with a Cincinnati Player of the Week award. Throughout the 2011 Ohio fall sports season, this program recognizes outstanding high school football players for outstanding performances via a poll at Bengals.com.

Hinebaugh's exceptional kicking performance during the Mariemont Warriors' 50-12 victory over Deer Park on October 7 earned him that week's recognition. He connected on all six extra point attempts and scored two field goals on two attempts (29 yards and 33 yards). For the season, Hinebaugh was 33 for 33 on points after touchdowns and 3 for 3 on field goal attempts. His longest field goal was 37 yards. He also had eight touchbacks on kickoffs.

Hinebaugh will also be recognized at Paul Brown Stadium on December 24 when the Cincinnati Bengals take on the Arizona Cardinals. He is the son of Erika and Jeff Hinebaugh of Mariemont.



*Flanked by Mariemont Athletic Director Tom Nerl and Head Football Coach Tom Crosby, sophomore kicker Hans Hinebaugh receives his Cincinnati Player of the Week award from Sergeant Winkler of the Ohio National Guard.*

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# Council Meeting Highlights

BY AMY HOLLON

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## October 24 Council Meeting

### ***Preliminary Parking Study Finds Some Lots Full While Others Are Not Utilized***

A preliminary parking study determined that only 75 percent of downtown parking is occupied on a given Saturday night, but council members are expected to have further discussion about whether more data is needed before making any long-term parking decisions. Mariemont Council had commissioned the study by CDS Associates after a proposal to add more parking on West Street convinced several council members that the Village needed a long-term parking plan. According to John Bagano, of CDS Associates, the group divided the available parking in the area into 14 sub-areas and counted a total of 550 marked and unmarked parking spaces. On Aug. 27, three CDS Associates counted occupancy between 4 and 10:30 pm.

"We look for practical capacity," Bagano said. "Typically at 90 to 95 percent it becomes frustrating to find parking."

The results of the preliminary study indicate that downtown parking reached its highest occupancy at 8 pm, when 75 percent

of the spaces available were filled.

However, Bagano said the preliminary study did reveal some lots are used much more heavily than others. At 8 pm, for instance, the public square was at 100 percent capacity. Similarly, the lot behind the Strand, bounded by West Street, Wooster Pike and Madisonville Road was at 96 percent capacity. At the same time, however, parking south of Wooster Pike was utilized at a much lower rate.

Bagano said the lot south of Wooster Pike between Bank Place and Miami Road was empty. No one had parked in the spaces available on Miami Road and only 11 people had parked in the 53 spots available in the lot between Miami Road and Crystal Springs Drive. Still, Bagano said one police officer did report August 27 as a "light" night for parking, leading some council members to wonder if further studies would be beneficial.

"If the intent with this study is to make some decisions around parking that might impact the next 10 or 20 years it might be beneficial (to have more data)," Councilman Jeff Andrews said. Treasurer Andrew Kulesza also said fewer people might have been out since it was right after school started and the weekend before Labor Day. However, Councilman Courtney Scheeser cautioned against designing the study to get a pre-determined outcome. "We don't want to stack the deck," Scheeser said. "We don't want the best night ever. We want an average night. We really need to be careful not to monkey the results." Scheeser said more parking might not be necessary; instead the Village may need to drive awareness about existing parking.

Bagano agreed. He believed many people don't know that some of the lots are public parking in the evening and don't park there

because they aren't highly visible.

Further discussion is expected in the Economic Development and Zoning Committee.

### ***Council Approves New Police Cruiser, Rumpke Contract***

Mariemont Village Council unanimously approved the purchase of a new 2011 Dodge Charger. The car is expected to cost \$23,461 and the police equipment and exterior graphics cost an additional \$6,378, bringing the total cost to \$29,839.

In addition, the council unanimously agreed to extend the contract with Rumpke another year for trash collection. Rumpke agreed to a 2 percent price increase, bringing the price to approximately \$263,000.

## November 14 Council Meeting

### ***Earned Income Tax Could Make Up for Inheritance Tax, Budgeted Surplus***

Mariemont Clerk Tony Borgerding told Mariemont Village Council that if the earned income tax continues at the same pace, he expects it to bring \$1.9 million into the Village this year, about \$200,000 more than budgeted. That's good news, Borgerding said, since losing the inheritance tax will leave a \$100,000 void. It will also help make up for the fact that the Village budgeted for a surplus, Borgerding said.

### ***Police to Re-evaluate Parking Stickers***

Police and Fire Chief Richard Hines told Council that his office plans to re-evaluate all the parking stickers that allow residents to park on their street between 1 and 6 am. Hines said the stickers are meant for individuals that have more vehicles than they



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have places to park. For instance, if a family has a one-car garage and a driveway, but three vehicles, they are eligible for a sticker to park the third vehicle on the street. However, Hines said once a family has obtained a sticker, the police department has been letting residents renew it annually. Now, his department plans to re-evaluate whether each family really qualifies for the stickers in order to reduce parking on the streets at night.

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## **Hats Off!**

The National Exemplar and the Mariemont Inn recently were honored by the Cincinnati Horticultural Society (CHS) as part of their Gardener Recognition Award Program. The CHS began the program in 1996 and since that time has honored gardeners all over the city each year for improving the quality of life through horticulture. Last year, the Society began honoring businesses, organizations and communities in addition to individual gardeners. A goal of the CHS is to recognize those whose contributions to horticulture



*Tim Jauch of the National Exemplar with Hazel Parrish, Chair of the Gardener Recognition Award Program.*

are an inspiration to everyone. The Village of Mariemont received a Gardeners Recognition award last year.

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# Minutes from October 19 Planning Commission Meeting

The Mariemont Planning Commission considered a request from Randall L Lipps, Franchisee of LaRosa's Restaurant, 6950 Madisonville Road, Mariemont, OH 45227 for a Property Variance to waive additional parking requirements that would be required to permit future expansion of the restaurant into the adjacent rental space (previously occupied by the Mariemont Hearing Center). The expansion is to allow for approximately 32 additional tables and chair seating for indoor dining; and 10 additional patio tables for outdoor dining.

Building Commissioner Malone said this is an unusual situation. Current zoning regulations stipulate that 1 parking space be provided for every 3 seats. The proposed modification of occupancy would result in a net increase of approximately 39 persons, requiring an increase of 13 parking spaces. Additionally, the proposed patio seating would require realignment of the sidewalk to assure 5 feet in width for the public sidewalk to bypass the outdoor seating. A physical border (fence) is required to sequester areas where alcoholic beverages may be consumed.

Both Mr. Spinnenweber and Mr. Lipps wanted the request heard before the Planning Commission. The Hearing Center previously occupied the space next to LaRosa's and the space is now vacant. Mr. Lipps wants to expand with a sit-down area for customers. It will not be a restaurant with servers but more of the atmosphere of Graeter's. The

request does not fit neatly into the zoning requirements because of parking implications. The amount of seating and the number of parking spaces has been reduced since the notice was sent out. The proposed numbers are now 26 seats inside the sit-down area. Using the ratio of 3 seats per car it would equal an additional nine parking spaces. The Hearing Center was a business occupancy, which had a requirement of three parking spaces. The net increase is six parking spaces technically from this arrangement. The property variance is to waive six parking spaces to allow for the expansion for LaRosa's.

The second request is for three tables outside to advertise the presence of a restaurant inside. The tables would be placed in the public right-of-way. As with the Quarter and National Exemplar there would need to be a 5' clearance surrounding the seating so the public can navigate the sidewalk. The proposed area would provide the 5' needed by-pass. The exterior dining will require the owner to name the Village as an additional insured on their insurance policy. There will also be an annual permit issued to allow for the continuation of the outdoor dining. Because this request does not fit neatly with the zoning code he felt it was important to have the variance on record.

Mr. Lipps said he moved into the location eight years ago and almost everyday someone comes in and promptly turns around and leaves because there is no place to sit down

to eat. A lot of people are hotel visitors, people coming to and from the movie theatre or during lunchtime. He has always felt there was an opportunity to gain sales by offering an area to sit. He believes it will really drive the lunch business, as people will be served quickly. He feels it will target the local business people and those living in the condos, therefore it should not have a large impact the parking.

Mrs. Bonnie Malone said those who work at the Executive Building want something quick that they can walk to because a lot of people do not want to give up their parking spaces in the lot. She feels a lot of people would take advantage of what Mr. Lipps is offering.

Mr. Miller asked if there would be room for a planter or some sort of outside separation. Mr. Lipps said he would like to eventually apply for a liquor license, which then he would have to have some sort of physical barrier.

Mayor Policastro moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the property variance according to Section 151.025(3)(b)(1): When there is reasonable doubt as to any provision of this Code or Building Zone Map as applied to such property. In addition, the applicant must name the Village of Mariemont as an additional aggregate named insured on their policy in the amount of two million dollars. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.



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### Elementary Art Work to Be Returned to the Artists

Framed student artwork formerly on display at Mariemont Elementary will be returned to the artists as a result of construction. Pieces that have not been picked up are listed by the artist's name below. If you know how to get in touch with the former students, please call the Elementary School office at 272-7400.

*Unknown – Kimono in a large shadow box*

*Audrey Bruner*

*Adam Schuster*

*Reid Clasen*

*Elizabeth Schroer*

*Robell Sahle*

*Aaron Sur*

*Sydney Reising*

*Lisa Reyman*

*Christina Ryall*

*Jace Corbett*

*Jacklyn Steins*

*Unknown – City Scape with school bus*

*Stuart Taylor*

*Sarah Evans*

*Ned Kloos*

*Madeline Daly*

*Chelsea Koglmeier*

*Madison Bishop*

*Jacob Hutchinson*

*Emma Holt*

*Allison Kloos*

*Katherine Kleindienst*

*Jackie Koustmer*

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*Bryan Maxwell*

*Cherette Geiger*

*Michael Dever*

*Sarah Cowan*

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Burger and a Beer: \$9

Seeing Classmates: priceless!

## Celebrate Christ this Christmas!

Senior Pastor Todd Keyes

**December 18th at 10 A.M.**

*The Nativity Story*

performed by our children

Families welcome!

**December 25th at 10 A.M.**

*"Reflections on Christmas"*

Christmas Carols and a

Christmas Devotional

**December 24th at 5 P.M.**

*Christmas Eve Service*

in the Dale Park Jr. High Auditorium

Join us for The Story and Carols of Christmas including  
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# What's Happening at the Library

## December and January

### All Ages

#### A Christmas Carol movie marathon.

Come for three different versions of the classic Christmas movie on the first three Saturdays in December at 1:00 pm. (One movie will be shown each Saturday, you don't have to come for all three.)

### Families and Kids

**Kid Flicks.** Join us for our family friendly movies. A Bug's Life will be shown on Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 pm.

## Children

### Teddy Bear and Friends Sleepover:

Bring your Teddy or other best-loved stuffed animal for a sleepy time story hour. Leave your Teddy overnight to spend a magical night in the library and when you pick him up the next day, you will get a surprise! Monday, January 23 at 6:30 pm. Ages 3 to 6.

**Crafty Kids:** Fun crafts to make with your friends. Thursdays at 3:30 pm. Ages 5 to 10. Please note, no programs December 22 and 29.

### Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC):

Each month, Ms. Kathryn's CBBC features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. December is Button Blow Out! Read any book and choose buttons you may have missed. Ages 5-10.

**Library Babies:** The first Friday of the month at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration suggested.

**Movers and Shakers:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

**Pre-school Story Time:** Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join Miss Kathryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Please note there will be no programs Wednesday, December 21 or 28.

**Tales to Tails:** Read to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills. Thursday, December 1 and Thursday, January 5 at 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Registration suggested.

## Teens

**DJ Hero:** Thursday, December 1 at 4:00 pm.

**Pins and Magnets:** Create neat pins and magnets to decorate bookbags, lockers, jackets... Thursday, January 5 at 4:00 pm.

## Adults

**Using Coupons to Eat Healthy:** Save money and lose weight with tips from the Stockpiling Moms. Monday, January 9 at 6:00 pm.

**Intro to Ebooks:** Got a new Nook for Christmas? Want to learn how to download library books? We will guide you through the basics. If you can bring a laptop computer with your ereader, even better! Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 pm.

**Technology Classes:** Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? Call the branch and schedule a session.

**Book Club:** No meeting in December. The January title is *The Brothers Karamozov* by Dostoyevsky. Copies are available at the branch. Thursday, January 26 at 6:45 pm.

**Happy Holidays from the Mariemont Library.** The branch is closed Saturday, December 24 for Christmas Eve. The branch is open Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467

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# MariElders News

*Happy Holidays neighbors... Things have been busy at the Center, with Thanksgiving and now all the Christmas decorations going up – what fun it is to bat those glass ornaments all around. My humans have been talking about the true meaning of Christmas. They show this by adopting families from the Inter Parish Ministries Christmas Program. I know my humans do a good job because they adopted me too! I hope everyone has a Meowy Christmas and a Purrfect New Year.*

*ME (the MariElders cat)*

## ASK A NURSE

On the second Thursday of every month a nurse from Collier Nursing Services is at the MariElders from 1-3 pm to offer blood pressure screening. This service is free and open to the public. Just stop in and see how your heart is ticking.

## HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HEAP is a federally funded program designed to assist eligible Ohioans with their winter heating bills. You are eligible for the program if you are renting or own your own home. Either way, the energy bill must be in your name. This program makes a one-time payment directly to your gas & electric company. Eligibility requirements are based on your total gross household income, which includes any wages, interest annuities, Social Security, retirements, pensions, SSI and others. If you would like an application or more information please call Kathy at the MARIELDERS. (271-5588)

## MARIELDERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's time for our annual MariElders

Christmas party - and you are invited! There will be fun, food, entertainment, and laughter for all. The party will be held at the Fairfax Recreation Center on Wednesday, December 21 at 5:00 pm. Cost for the dinner party is \$1.00 plus you are asked to bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange. A paid reservation must be made by Friday, December 16.

## Great volunteer opportunity to help seniors in our community!

Deliver Deupree Meals on Wheels to older adults in need in our community - **flexible** routes and times are available to fit your schedule for as little as **1 HOUR PER WEEK.**

*To help, call 513.561.8150.*

## The Untold Story of Christmas

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Join us every Sunday at 10am in the Parish Center

## Is there a King in your family line?

The Untold Story of Christmas will walk us through an incredible account of an amazing woman who lived 3,200 years ago and became the great grandmother of a King. Invite your friends and come experience The Christmas before Christmas.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight

Candlelight Carols service at the Chapel. Your entire family is welcome. Join us on December 24th at 4:30pm, 5:30pm, or 6:30pm. No services on Christmas Day. Enjoy your families!

## New Year's Day

We will hold a family service at the Chapel at 10am on January 1, 2012.

## The Well

Weekly prayer services are held at the Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Come and be refreshed!



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## Kindervelt #54 Plans New Cookbook and More

I am so excited to be the President of Mariemont's Kindervelt #54 this year. Kindervelt is a wonderful, diverse group of talented women of all ages and professions that get together each month (excluding a month in the summer), and work toward different projects to raise money for Children's Hospital of Cincinnati. Kindervelt's philosophy is to "Have fun while raising funds". Kindervelt has been an organization in the Tri-State area for forty years and it is now in the fourth year of fundraising for The Division of Asthma Research. This will be Kindervelt's last year of fundraising for Asthma Research. We will then choose a new area for fundraising for another four-year period. 2011 marked an accumulated donation by Kindervelt of over \$15 million over the course of its years in existence. Kindervelt has earned a reputation of having enthusiastic, capable and reliable volunteers and is recognized as one of Greater Cincinnati's outstanding volunteer organizations.

This year in Kindervelt #54 we are excited to start compiling all sorts of recipes from friends, family and neighbors to create a cookbook. This project is just getting started and we are very eager to explore all the ways we can make this truly a unique end product. Look for further details regarding this project in upcoming *Town Criers*. We will also have our annual Christmas party, which is full of fun and laughter for all to ring in the Holidays. We also offer Santa Connections - which provides families with the opportunity

to have a one on one home visit with Santa himself. We will also adopt a family in need at Children's Hospital this Christmas. Looking forward to 2012, we will plan a Valentine Progressive Party, A Spring Time Bikes, Trikes and Hard Mikes fundraiser, and a summer evening of wine tasting at The Dilly Deli. A Ladies' Day at the pool is always a fun back-to-school break for moms too! By the end of all these activities, we will then be selling our

Mariemont Kindervelt #54 Cook Book!!!

If anyone is interested in joining Kindervelt #54 or if you have any questions, please call Jill Baumgartner-President @271-8184 or Wendy Long-Membership @ 272-2577. I can personally say that it is an honor and a lot of fun to work with all of the women involved in this group in Mariemont and around the Tri-State!

*Jill Baumgartner, President*

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