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PUMPKIN SURPRISE!

This spring, a rogue pumpkin vine volunteered in Jan Ring's yard on Miami Bluff. Perhaps a squirrel who had dined on pumpkin last fall left a "present." The vine grew and grew and started to take over the yard, but the family liked it and left it alone to see what would happen. Sure enough, they were able to harvest a few gourds this fall. Jan Ring's grandson, Kyle Nienaber, checks out one of the pumpkins.



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SCHOOLS

Four Mariemont Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

The faculty and staff of Mariemont High School are pleased to announce the National Merit Scholarship Corporation named four students National Merit Semifinalists. Seniors Evan Doran, Holly Huber, Olivia Erhardt and Aaron Routt scored in the top 1% of the nearly 1.6 million students who took the test last fall.



Pictured left to right: Evan Doran, Holly Huber, Olivia Erhardt and Aaron Routt.

"These young scholars, their families and their teachers are to be congratulated for this exemplary achievement," said James Renner, Ph.D., Mariemont High School principal. "All of us

in the Mariemont City Schools community are very proud of their outstanding accomplishment and wish them the best of luck as they progress through their senior year."

It's Not Too Late to Join Mariemont Preschool Parents Group

Mariemont Preschool Parents Group is always welcoming new members. We hosted our kick-off meeting at the beginning of September but it's not too late to join. MPPG welcomes all families in Mariemont and surrounding communities with children ages 5 years and under.

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3845 Indianview	2	1	\$190,000	\$199,900	95%	33
3840 Belmont	3	2	\$190,000	\$199,900	95%	15 *
7024 Hiawatha	3	2	\$195,000	\$229,000	85%	348
3865 Settle	3	2/1	\$258,000	\$289,900	89%	84
3727 Homewood	3	2	\$279,000	\$305,000	91%	83
3816 Indianview	3	2/1	\$280,100	\$289,000	97%	27
2 Linden	3	1/1	\$285,000	\$315,000	90%	106
3851 Homewood	4	2/1	\$304,000	\$309,000	98%	6
7030 Hiawatha	3	2/1	\$305,000	\$345,000	88%	66
1 Linden	4	2	\$336,000	\$339,000	99%	10
3811 Pocahontas	4	2/1	\$395,000	\$399,900	99%	47 *
6808 Hammerstone	4	1/2	\$445,000	\$459,000	97%	11 *
6520 Park	4	2/1	\$517,000	\$585,000	88%	45
6966 Miami Bluff	4	3/1	\$650,000	\$715,000	91%	148
6926 Mt. Vernon	4	4/1	\$679,900	\$679,900	100%	4 *
6820 Miami Bluff	4	2/2	\$705,000	\$710,000	99%	1
6504 Miami Bluff	4	4/1	\$770,000	\$799,900	96%	20 *

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V I L L A G E

New Village Council Candidates Ready to Serve

BY REX BEVIS

There will be several new Council Members after this year's November elections. Joining incumbent Joe Miller on the ballot are three first-time candidates: Eric Marsland, Maggie Palazzolo, and James (Jim) Tinkham. All four candidates are Town Meeting Nominees from spring of 2013. Joe is the District 2 nominee. Eric represents District 3, Maggie represents District 4, and Jim was chosen to represent District 6. I posed the following questions to the new candidates and received their feedback.

- What information would you like to share with the community regarding yourself: family information, education, work, or outside interests?
- Why did you decide to run for Mariemont Council?
- What are your Council priorities?

Eric Marsland

Dr. Eric J. Marsland and his wife Amy, also a doctor, moved to Mariemont in 2007. Eric is a stay-at-home Dad for the couple's three sons, Mac (7), Thomas (5), and George (3). Eric is a Member of the Mariemont Parks Advisory Board, the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, and the Mariemont Community Planning Council. He and his family are members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Dr. Marsland received his Ph.D. in Medical / Veterinary Entomology from the University of Kentucky.

Since moving to Mariemont, the Marsland family has grown to love the neighborhood. Eric "truly believes there is no better place



to raise their children than right here in Mariemont." Regarding his decision to run for Council and his Council priorities, he states, "The future of Mariemont and the character of our neighborhood depend on preserving Mary Emery's vision while dealing with inevitable changes. Issues such as the SR32 extension threaten the very core of the community our citizens have worked so hard to create and preserve. This is why I have chosen to run for council."

Maggie Palazzolo

Maggie Palazzolo responded, "My ties to



Mariemont go back to 1996 when I was in college and working at Starbucks at the Strand. I immediately recognized Mariemont is a special community.

After grad school, I moved here and have been a resident for 7 years as a renter and now a homeowner. I have one son and another on the way. We plan to make Mariemont our home for a long time to come." Maggie is a Member of the Mariemont Community Planning Council, the Mariemont Swim Pool Board, the Ad Hoc Mariemont Farmer's Market Board, and the Mariemont Civic Association. Maggie has an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati.

Regarding her decision to run for Council and her Council priorities, she says, "I am invested in keeping our community the treasure it is by protecting Mariemont's safety, peace and family-friendly atmosphere while promoting the type of economic development that ensures our long-term stability. Our new

Farmer's Market is one project I support. ODOT's plan to build the Eastern Corridor through our Lower 80 Acres is not an example of the type of development that will maintain our community's character. I am working to ensure this project will not move forward."

James (Jim) Tinkham

James (Jim) Tinkham and his wife,

Cindy, are recent empty nesters with all four of their children having gone through the Mariemont schools. Kevin lives in Washington, DC; Larin lives in



Nashville; Kyle is back in Cincinnati after living on the Big Island of Hawaii; and Drew is a junior at Ohio State University. Wife Cindy is a 1st grade teacher and Jim is a Custom homebuilder. Jim and Cindy enjoy traveling and dining, and Jim is a "struggling golfer."

Regarding Jim's Council priorities, he comments, "I am proud to give back to the community. My priorities would be to keep our fiscal house in order, and keeping Mariemont the special place it is while attracting new business to our area."

Since there are four candidates for the four available Council positions, all will be taking their seats in January, 2014. The composition of the 2014 Village Council will include incumbents Dennis Wolter and Joe Miller, as well as recently-appointed representative Mary Ann Schwartz. They will be joined by new members Eric, Maggie, and Jim. Thanks to all of the Council candidates for their willingness to serve.

Minutes from this month's Council and ARB meetings are available in their entirety at: Mariemont .com and Mariemont.org.



V I L L A G E

Waldorf School Settles into Dale Park Building

By RENEE TECCO

By mid-morning the laughter of children playing on the hillside behind Dale Park School creates a bucolic scene reminiscent of an old

exposed to the arts. In the 4th grade every child learns to play an instrument. "The curriculum is for their whole body and their whole being, not just academically feeding their head," Masur said.

Walking past the 8th grade lounge area, Masur

been gently changed to become a community room referred to as the Magic Meadow school store. It not only houses books but also has a gift shop and a lounge area for parents. Students can sell their arts and crafts there; one student has made napkins and the 6th grade class has a year-long project of selling coffee and snacks to pay for their 8th grade field trip.

Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in the school and enrollment can begin early. The youngest students are 16 months and come to the parent and child program with their parents where they listen to stories and get involved with nature. Masur has two children that attend the school (her oldest is a former student, now at Walnut Hills). The creation of community is paramount to the Waldorf education experience.

There are no computers throughout the school and aside from the library, the children have no textbooks. Instead, the children learn the lessons orally from their teachers and create their own books from the lessons they've learned. The focal point of learning at the Waldorf School is person to person. "The Waldorf curriculum is very different than the curriculum you find in traditional parochial schools and most public schools," said Karen Crick, Enrollment Director. "Each subject is very multidimensional." Crick has also had two children who attended Waldorf. "Children who think outside the box would benefit here," she said.

The Dale Park School originally opened to students in 1925. In 1983, grade school classes were moved to the old original high school on Wooster and Dale Park became a community center. In 1997 it was remodeled into a junior high school. Last year, Cincinnati Waldorf School purchased the building. Although the Waldorf School has been in the Cincinnati area for 40 years, they have never owned their own school building. In the past they have been located in various areas and their last residence was the former Little Flower School building in Mt. Airy. "The last place we were in was very nice but there is nothing like owning your own home," Masur said. "Everything we do is for us and will last a long time."

On Saturday November 9 the Cincinnati Waldorf School will be hosting an open house from 10 am to 1 pm. They invite everyone in the community to come visit.



The classrooms in the former Dale Park School look a bit different than when it was a junior high. Photo by Ron Schroeder

European painting. It's an image that fits well with the Cincinnati Waldorf School and their approach to education.

"Waldorf education is very nature-infused," said Christine Masur, Administrative Team Leader. "We spend as much time outside as we can. The nursery children and kindergarten children are outside a lot. Grades 1 thru 8 have two scheduled outdoor times a day but they also come out for gym class or sometimes they come out and do nature studies."

The Waldorf philosophy is not just applied to a student's playtime/downtime, but throughout the school day. The youngest children practice their fine-motor skills by learning to knit and do woodworking. Every craft is learned with a purpose. Young students work on their motor skills by making knitting needles in wood-working class and then learning to knit with them in fiber arts. The older children put into practice what they have learned by having the option to draw pictures or create a dance or movement, instead of just writing an essay.

There are no elective classes; all children are

apologizes for the state of the disarrayed pillows. Proud of her new academic home, she says what most people say as they are getting settled into their new surroundings, and apologized for the mess, saying they are still figuring out some things, like where to hang a painting or two and how to best use their new facility.

In the 1920s, the site of Crawfish Meadow was chosen as the location of Dale Park School because of its easy access from all parts of Mariemont. It was envisioned that children could traverse to school safely by foot or on bicycle from anywhere in the Village. Now the building has children that travel from all around Cincinnati as well as Indiana and Northern Kentucky. They come from as far away as Rabbit Hash and Mason and as close as Columbia Tusculum. Forty-five children ride in on a yellow bus while 20 more disembark from a second. Some children arrive by cars as others park their bicycles.

Parents who have brought their children to school are welcomed to come into what used to be the former school library. The library now has

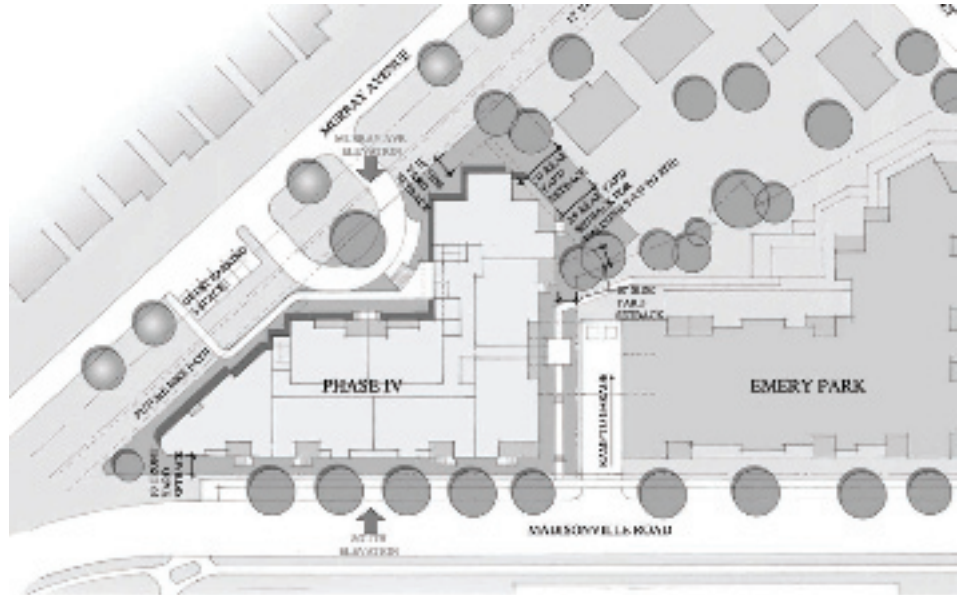
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Greiwe Development Announces New Condos

Greiwe Development, with partners North American Properties and Sibcy Cline, as well as architect CR Architecture + Design, announced plans for a new, yet-to-be-named luxury condominium development project in the heart of the Village of Mariemont. Known currently as Phase IV, it will extend Mariemont's Village Square to Plainville and Murray—standing as a gateway to the Village.

The 23-unit, three-level residential building joins Greiwe's previous condominium projects: Jordan Park (completed November 2008), Emery Park (completed October 2011) and Nolen Park (completion set for December 2013). All feature Tudor Revival architecture and follow John Nolen's 1921 village plan, which established Mariemont as a National Historic Landmark in 2006.

"Community and potential buyer responses to our condominium product has been overwhelmingly positive," said Rick Greiwe, principal for Greiwe Development. "The continued sales success makes it clear that people want to be part of our communities, and more importantly, they want to be part of Mariemont. Phase IV gives future residents the opportunity to own a beautiful, single-level residence in a lifelong, walkable



community with easy access to restaurants, shops and entertainment."

Creating a continuous streetscape beginning at the Village Square, Nolen Park and Emery Park, along with Phase IV, are designed to maintain the level of character and luxury that Mariemont has come to expect from Greiwe Development. CR Architecture + Design's Sari Lehtinen, architect of the three previous phases, will continue as lead architect for Phase IV.

Highlights to expect in the Phase IV development include:

- Unit prices ranging from \$350,000-\$600,000
- Layouts with two-bedroom units and two-bedroom units with a study
- An L-shaped, Tudor Revival-style design with courtyards, streetscapes and green space
- Preservation of existing Sycamore trees with addition of new trees and formal landscaping
- Below-ground parking garage for residents
- Village-owned easement along Murray Avenue will be maintained for future bike path/sidewalk

Project work is expected to begin by early 2014.

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V I L L A G E

Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



Happy Fall! I'm so happy for cooler weather and look forward to the leaves changing on all our beautiful trees here in Mariemont. I hope you enjoy reading about a few of our new

neighbors. Please remember, it's never too late to contact me so I can include you and/or your family in the next edition of the *Town Crier*!

6511 Mariemont Avenue was purchased in July by Jeff and Lori Miller. Originally from Michigan, they relocated here from Florida and are looking forward to enjoying all 4 seasons again, especially fall and spring. Jeff is a Cardiac Anesthesiologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Lori is a CPA currently looking for part-time work. They have 2 sons, Reed, who is a freshman at Notre Dame and wants to major in International Business, and Neal, who is in his second year of Medical School at Wake Forest. Jeff and Lori also have a 1 year old Golden Retriever, Addie, who loves meeting all the friendly dogs around town. They also love walking to the Square, eating at the local restaurants and exploring the Village.

Bill and Dorrie McCarthy purchased 6806 Miami Bluff in April. Bill is from Mt. Lookout and Dorrie from Hyde Park, where they had been living. They moved for the walkability of Mariemont, the schools, and the overall neighborhood feel of Mariemont. Bill is a partner with Fitzgerald, Torbeck and Bult within UBS Financial Services and Dorrie is a freelance Graphic Designer. They have 3 children and are expecting another boy in December. Big brother Michael is 4 and they have twin girls, Finn and Rian, who

are 15 months old. Along with dog, Lily, the McCarthys love walking to the parks and hiking the trails in Mariemont.

Doug and Ann MacRae purchased 6820 Miami Bluff in late July, moving here from Rocky River (outside Cleveland) for Doug's new job. Doug and Ann spent many long weekends looking all over Cincinnati trying to find the "right" place to live. They loved Rocky River and when they drove through Mariemont, knew immediately that this was the place for them. Their new home on the Bluff offers great views of the valley and they are looking forward to the beautiful fall colors. Mariemont offers the same cozy, family-friendly atmosphere that they were used to and loved. Daughter Peyton, (6) was nervous about moving but when asked a few days ago if she was glad they moved she immediately said "YES!" She loves her new school, teacher and the many new friends she has made. Peyton thinks the next thing her family should do is get a dog because everyone in Mariemont has one!

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if you know of someone new to Mariemont, please have them contact me: niredale@sibcycline.com or 272-1551 (home); 484-2647 (cell).

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Bring in your unopened Halloween candy and receive \$1 per pound, up to 5 pounds. You will also receive a goodie bag and a chance to win awesome door prizes. All candy received will be shipped to our troops to show ongoing support of their bravery. This event is being held in conjunction with Bell Dental Group located at 2767 Erie Avenue in Hyde Park. If this location is more convenient, you may take your candy there; same date, same time. Dr. Wnek thanks you in advance for participating.



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What's Happening at the Library

October

All Ages

Dulcimer Society: Join us for a fun-filled evening of interactive music and performance. Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm.

Children

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Thursday, October 3, 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC): Each month, the 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.

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4. 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 us for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Crafty Kids: Thursday, October 24 at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

InBeTween Club-- Madeira v. Mariemont Reading Challenge: Read as many pages as you can in 30 minutes. Thursday, October 17, 4:00 pm. Ages 10-18.

Anime Club: Saturday, October 26, 1:00 pm.

Adults

Beekeeping 101: Learn the latest buzz on beekeeping! Monday, October 7 at 6:30 pm.

Introduction to Genealogy: Monday, October 21 at 6:00 pm.

Downloads Class: If you are struggling with downloading library books to your Kindle or other device, we now offer an introductory class. Monday, October 7 and October 21 at 6:30. Please call to register as this is an individual, one-on-one session.

Which Craft Needlecraft Club: Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework-- whatever you like to do. Saturday October 5 and October 19 at 10:30 am.

Book Club: Thursday, October 31 at 6:45 pm. Copies of *The Jazz Bird* by Craig Holden will be available at the desk.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one-on-one instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

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Mariemont Branch is one of forty branches in The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County system. People flock to our libraries for books, movies, music, magazines, and audio books. Thousands of children come to our libraries for homework help and reading programs every year. Our libraries provide public computers and online services to help people find jobs, access data and do schoolwork.

Libraries play an important role in the community. There are over 500,000 library cards issued in Hamilton County, so that almost 90% of Hamilton County households have at least one library user. Our library is one of the busiest systems in the country—this past July was our most active month ever, with over 1,600,000 items circulated, 2200 programs held and almost 700,000 visitors system-wide.

The library funding is dependent on state money and the local tax levy passed in 2009. The levy funding provides one third of the money needed to keep our libraries running. Without continued local support, the library would have to cut \$17M per year by closing branches, laying-off staff and reducing hours, programs, and library materials. We need your help! Please keep our library strong by voting for the levy renewal in November. It won't raise your taxes and it keeps the doors open for many.

*Submitted by Mary Sanker,
Branch Manager, Mariemont Library*



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V I L L A G E

Mari-Gardening

By CAROLYN TUTTLE

Fall brings a refreshing air to our southwest corner of Ohio. It feels great to be outdoors – walking, observing or participating in sports and making plans to plant. In these next few months, it's a good time to put spring flowering bulbs in the ground, grow a fall salad garden, purchase fall flowering plants such as mums and pansies, and pile lots of autumn leaves on the compost heap.

To add outdoor fall coloring try selecting your favorite colored pansies to plant. Use some color-coordinating tips to get the most value from your choice.

1. STAGE SIMPLE – Display small petaled, two tone pansies (called violas) at their best in small decorative pots arranged on a tray or basket.

2. ECHO SOFTLY – Pastel pansies can get lost among strong hues, but adding purple-tinged kale echoes violet petals instead of overpowering them.

3. ADD CONTRAST – Make a big splash by pairing purple pansies with light green or chartreuse plants, such as lettuce, which likes the same cool conditions.

Bulbs, shrubs and trees are best planted in the fall. Here's why:

1. Cooler temperatures reduce plant stress.
2. Plants need less water to adjust to their new environment.
3. Roots can get established for fuller plants in the spring.

***Come to The Garden Club of
Mariemont meeting at The Barn –
October 2 at 1:00 pm***

“Pumpkins, Gourds, Flowers and More”

Ed Wildey of Wildey Flower Farm will introduce the attendees to his flower production for cut flower sales. Ed and his family grow and sell seasonal cut flowers at Findlay Market. He will bring and show seasonal arrangements using pumpkins, gourds and fresh flowers appropriate for autumn.

***October 16 Evening Meeting
7:00 pm at The Barn***

“Teacup Gardens” by Mary Alice Maze

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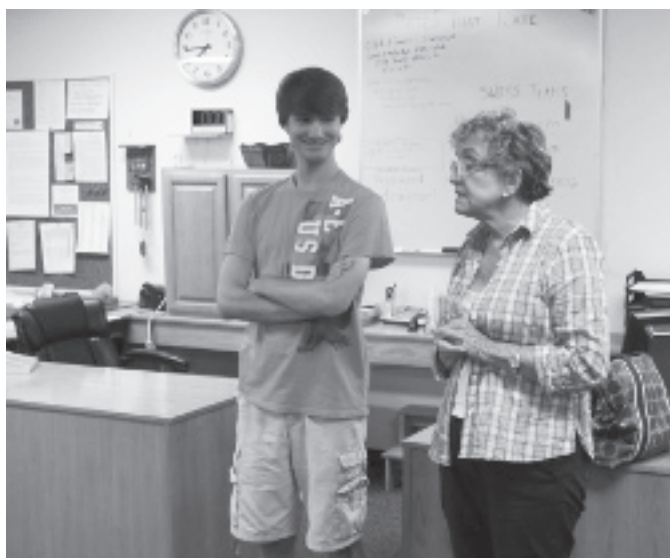
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A New King Has Been Crowned

His name is John Altman, he is 18 years old, and he is the 2013 King of Bridge. The King (or Queen) of Bridge accolade recognizes a graduating high school senior's overall participation in the local bridge community, as well as prowess in the game. Selected annually by the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation from High School senior applicants, the King/Queen of Bridge crown is accompanied by a \$1,000 scholarship.

John, a former long-time resident of Mariemont (now from Evendale), is a graduate of Walnut Hills High School. He began playing bridge when he was 12 years old, but notes that he has been playing cards since before he could count. "I learned my numbers from playing cards with my



John Altman and Nancy Sachs

Nancy Sachs, and his first mentor, Bill Higgins of Indian Hill, were also instrumental in growing his love for the game.

What sets John apart, however, is his wise-beyond-his-years focus on recruitment and teaching. "Of all the things I have done in the bridge community, teaching has been one of my absolute favorites," he says. Altman created the Walnut Hills Bridge Club, an after-school club at his high school.

grandma," he says. "My grandma knew I had a knack for cards, so as a gift, she paid for me and my Dad to take lessons at the Cincinnati Bridge Center on Cooper Rd. After a few lessons, I was hooked." His bridge teacher,

The club meets weekly, and welcomes all with a desire to learn this noble game.


A number of schools in the area have recognized the benefits of bridge playing, because it hones math skills along with requiring mental strategy and planning. There are after-school clubs at Indian Hill Middle School and High School, St. X High School, and Lakota High School.

So, what are the next steps for this King of the Bridge World? What else but establishing a Bridge Club at The Ohio State University in Columbus, where he is a Chemical Engineering major. To learn more about playing bridge in Cincinnati go to the Cincinnati Bridge Association website at www.cincybridge.com or send an email to cincybridge124@gmail.com. Any middle or high schools interested in forming a bridge club should contact Mike Purcell at cincybridge124@gmail.com.

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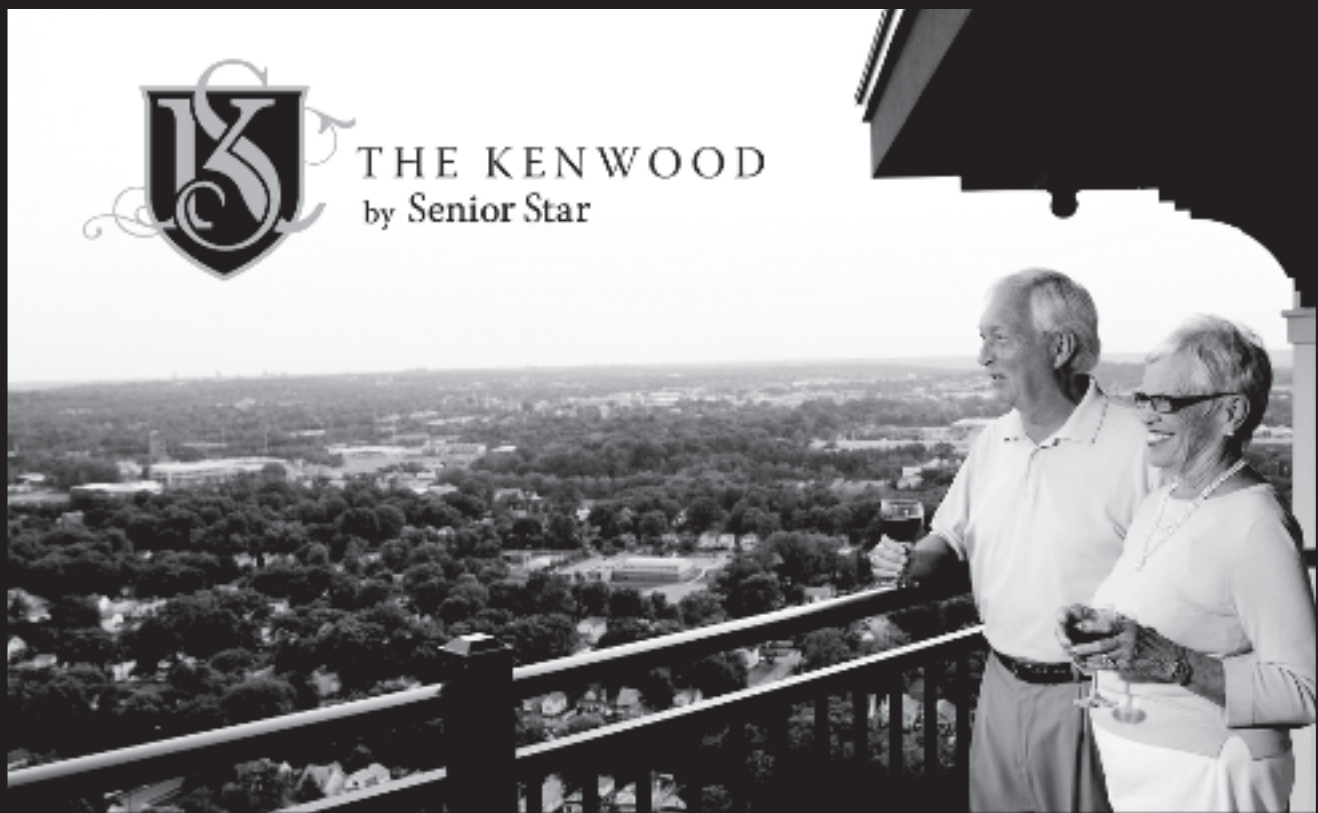
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That Aha Moment: The Entrepreneurial Women of Mariemont

By HEATHER MCGUIRE

Mark Twain once said, "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive, but it is lightning that does the work." Thunder warns us that lightning is near. Most of us run for cover... we don't want to get wet and we certainly don't want to get struck by lightning. There are some among us, however, that see the beauty and the power in the lightning. They know that when lightning strikes, that is precisely when the magic happens. These few, brave souls don't run from the thunder. They open the door wide and step out into the storm. They brave the wind; they let the rain fall on their faces, the thunder a song to their soul. They wait for the lightning to strike, they harness the energy, and they watch the brightness that follows.

For each woman that will be profiled in this column, there was a moment. A moment when, amidst the storm, the lightning struck. The "aha moment" when they knew their talent, their passion, their skill was more than that. It was a business. "That Aha Moment" is a column that will feature women entrepreneurs who own businesses in and live in Mariemont. Each woman is different, each story is unique... but there is a thread that runs through each and every one. They had the courage to brave the storm for the beauty of the lightning.

Michelle DeCamp and Jennifer Degerberg know that lightning doesn't strike without hard work and experience, patience and dedication. They were willing to work and persevere, and when it came, they were ready for the flash.

Michelle is owner of Picture Perfect in Mariemont's Old Town Square, where she has been a photographer specializing in family, baby, and senior pictures for seven years. Her start in taking pictures began long before that, however. In the rooms of her grandfather's house, Michelle was surrounded with camera and video equipment he used in his video production company. "Cameras were always around the house," she said, and she was hooked from an early age. Her



*Michelle DeCamp, owner of Picture Perfect (pictureperfect-photos.com).
Photos by Ron Schroeder*

first job with a camera came when she was 21. She worked at a robotics company in the quality assurance department, taking pictures on the manufacturing floor, of things like robotic arms that would be used in instruction manuals. Not only did she learn a lot about film and the technical side of picture taking, but she also met her husband, Bill, who worked at the same company.

It was Bill who bought Michelle her first digital camera, and it was then her experience and her passion for photography collided...and there were sparks. Bill and Michelle started a family, but instead of slowing down, Michelle was just getting started.

"I was not a typical college student. I commuted back and forth to UC, either pregnant or I'd just had a kid. So that was my college experience," she said.

In addition to her son from a previous marriage, she had four daughters in four years. So while she went to night school for her

Liberal Arts degree, she had five children, five-years-old and under. "I always had a model," she said with a laugh.

The evidence of the strength this must have taken is evident just beneath her blue eyes, but she brushes it off quickly, "You just do what you have to do. You get through it." While she was earning her degree, she was always taking pictures. And those times when she would hire a professional to take her family pictures, she always liked what she did better. Then a mom's group with which she was involved hired a studio to take pictures of everyone's children. "We got the pictures back and kids were blurry--it wasn't good," she remembered. That's when she said to herself, "I'm just going to do it."

I'd like to think she said, "Aha!!" just before she uttered those words...and while she probably didn't, it was her "aha moment," nonetheless. The lightning had struck.

When Michelle knew she was ready to

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shine a light on her vision and open her own photography studio, she knew she needed to get the name just right. It was during a long ride home after a football game at the University of Tennessee, that Michelle said, "I'm going to do this and I need a name for the business." With the help of her friends, she landed on Picture Perfect. Which was just, well...perfect. She started working out of her home and her business was born. After having so many babies...what was one more?! That was nine years ago and she has never looked

be wrapped. When she graduated from college, she took a position as a buyer of women's sportswear with Pogue's, the former Cincinnati department store. Eventually, she would spread her wings in retail when she went to work for Talbots.

"I joined Talbots, which was just expanding from New England," she said. "I was a part of their new store opening team." For ten years she was the district sales manager. She opened all fifteen stores in the seven states she managed, overseeing every aspect. "It was a lot of fun!"

location that had so often occupied space in her dreams as she filled her shop with imaginary goods. Jennifer could see the flash of lighting and was ready to make her move. "Now is my time to take that energy and put it into what has been a lifelong dream," she said of that moment. "Sometimes the stars align and you just have to act on it!"

It was also time to come up with a name. Jennifer had long known she wanted to use the word "pomegranate." "Pomegranate, in Greek heritage, is something that you give someone when you go to their home," she said. It's a classic word that blended well with Jennifer's vision for her gift shop. And while she was very serious when approaching the opening of her store, she also wanted to have some fun and wanted to bring energy to the name. "Lime, then, brought the twist. Kind of like classic with a twist," she said. With a name she loved, a space that was meant to be, and a vision well shaped by years of experience and dreaming, Jennifer was ready to bring her bright idea to life.

Both Michelle and Jennifer take their businesses very seriously. They are successful because their unwavering commitments to their careers are fueled by passion--but also hard work. "You need to know what your numbers are on a daily basis, you need to know what the cost of business is," Michelle said. "If you don't get the marketing pieces out on time, then you get a slow start and then you'll be behind the eight ball." She gets customers from all over Cincinnati and has been doing so consistently for seven years, so people clearly like what they see and are telling their friends. And with this relentless hard work comes tremendous reward. "When a mom starts crying and says, 'you just captured my child, you get them--you got the look, you got my child'...that still gets me," Michelle said, tearing up. Listening to her speak of those moments, the ones that keep her heart full and her energy high, it's easy to be pulled into her world and see how much she loves what she does. And while it's just her behind the camera, she doesn't do this alone. Her husband, Bill, is so clearly her other half. He helps with the finances, pushes her to get the mailings out on time, and takes on "Mr. Mom", as she said, whenever it's needed... which is possibly a lot with so many kids going in so many directions. They work side by side. Literally, they sit right next to each other. And although they have the

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Jennifer Degerberg, owner of pomegranate and lime, which can be found on Facebook.

back. Michelle spent two years working out of her house until she found a space that was simply too good to be true. At the time, both she and Bill were working from home, and they were ready to have a little separation between household and business. So when a space opened up in Mariemont's Old Town Square, Michelle, who has never shied away from an opportunity, immediately moved Picture Perfect into the office space it occupies today.

Jennifer Degerberg found her passion at an early age as well. In high school Jennifer, a Cincinnati native and owner of pomegranate and lime, started working at Herschede Jewelers. She began her retail career in the gift wrapping department of Herschede's, where they had very high standards for how each gift should

she said. "And I learned a lot about opening a store."

During this time, she married and had a baby. She continued to work, which proved a little difficult since she was traveling constantly. "So, I took an 18-year vacation," she said with a smile. During this "vacation" from retail, Jennifer was involved with the Mariemont school and community where she and her husband, Scott, have lived for twenty-four years. She was also dreaming, planning, and waiting. Before pomegranate and lime became what it is today, it was many other shops in her imagination.

When her daughter was finishing college and her son a senior in high school, a space became available right in the center of Mariemont's Strand. Ironically, it was the exact

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'The Entrepreneurial Women of Mariemont,' Continued:

She has created an atmosphere in pomegranate and lime where we can come and shop in peace...and yet someone is always around if we need help. She remembers being a busy mom and wanting a beautiful place to relax and look around. "If I ever opened my own shop I wanted to have the same type of environment where people felt comfortable," she remembered thinking.

When Jennifer has free time or when she's on vacation, she's doing research. She is constantly looking at trends and what's selling... and it's not necessarily because it's part of her job, she loves this stuff! "I just so enjoy the hunt. I'm a big reader of magazines and now I'm a big blog reader," she said of finding the perfect things to fill her store. "I love to go into other shops and see what they're offering."

"I always wanted my shop to be a place

where people wanted to come back," she said. Now that she has done just that, she welcomes her customers into her warm and inviting space, and they feel less like shoppers and more like friends. People come from all over Cincinnati, they come back repeatedly to see what's new, and they bring their friends and family.

"When someone receives a gift from pomegranate and lime, I want them to be excited," she said. She places a great deal of importance on the gift wrap, "Before the gift is even opened, the presentation says a lot," she continued. One cannot help but notice the full-circle moment, the gifts being wrapped in just the right way, something she learned during her very first job that sent her on this path.

However, it's more than a lovely bow or the right amount of tissue; it goes deeper than selecting the right camera lens or capturing

the perfect smile. Both of these women looked within themselves and saw something special. They got started and they never stopped. Even when they had to wait for their moment to happen, they were dreaming, reading, working. Their own advice to other budding entrepreneurs could be windows into their souls. "Follow your heart, follow your passion... don't follow the paycheck," said Michelle. "If you have a passion for anything, don't be afraid!" said Jennifer. "You don't even fail if you don't try." Wise words from women who seized their "aha moment" and found it to be the opportunity of a lifetime; a beautiful rainbow after the thunder and lightning have rolled through.

If you know of any woman entrepreneurs who own businesses and reside in Mariemont, please contact Heather McGuire at heatherdmcguire@gmail.com.

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How to Support a Friend Diagnosed with Breast Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BY KIM BEACH

Breast Cancer. These two words have dramatically changed many women's lives. It is a difficult and frightening experience for those who are diagnosed and also for their family and friends. What can you really do to help? I asked three Village residents who are Survivors to share their insights on what mattered most to them when breast cancer became a part of their lives.

Thank you to Lisa Jones, Cherri Govert and Ellen Georgilis for their honest and helpful suggestions.

Each woman also speaks to the specialness of our village during their time of need. As Lisa points out, we are "blessed to live in a community so generous with their time and support."

How did you feel when you were first diagnosed?

Lisa: Stunned, shocked, this can't be me. I was 45 years old when diagnosed, three active kids and a full-time job. I lived a healthy lifestyle and statistically felt "this can't be me they are talking about." Until I knew all the facts as to how I was going to treat my cancer, we didn't tell the kids which was hard, but I didn't want them to worry about me, since I wasn't sure what I was facing.

Cherri: Shocked of course, but my first thought was concern for Reed and Rachel and what this would do to them. I immediately felt strong and confident in finding the best medical team for me. I went and visited a friend right after being diagnosed who had gone through breast cancer two years prior to me. She helped me a lot in some of my questions.

Ellen: Shocked, scared, mad...and depressed. Breast cancer happened to other people not me.

Did your friends react in a particular way that you remember?

Lisa: Sympathetic, supportive, what can I



Reed, Cherri, Rachel and Brad Govert at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (2008).

do to help

Cherri: I was the first one ever to be diagnosed in our circle of friends. They were as shocked as I was. I think several of them went and got their mammograms shortly thereafter. When something hits close to home, you realize how it can happen to any of us! They were all so very supportive!

Ellen: There was overwhelming emotion, care, concern and outpouring of offers to help in any way.

How would you have wanted them to react?

Cherri: No differently!

Ellen: Just as they did...supportive, loving, helpful...all in their own way.

Are there certain things you would have liked people to say to you?

Lisa: No

Cherri: Anything positive!

Ellen: I am sorry, how can I help, I am angry along with you, If anyone can beat this

you can.

Things you didn't want to hear?

Lisa: I really didn't tell many people until I clearly knew what I was going to do with my cancer (how I was going to treat my cancer). The BEST book I read was *Take Charge of Your Breast Cancer* (by John Link) and that was my mantra. I took charge by seeing eight different doctors!! Yes, eight - I wanted to know how different professionals would treat my cancer. I had one chance to "take charge of my cancer" and I wanted as many professional facts as I could have. Then after all the doctor visits and various options, I "took charge" and decided to go the route of a bilateral mastectomy as my chance for re-occurrence was 50% and I couldn't imagine dealing with this again.

Cherri: I hated when someone would tell me of someone they knew who died of breast cancer.

Ellen: Anecdotes of a particular course of action that I should take based on someone else's story.

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Did you want visitors?

Lisa: Yep!

Cherri: Yes! I loved it when my family and friends came over! I kept my quiet time for during the day when the kids were at school and Brad was at work.

Ellen: Some days yes others no...I had one friend "manage" the visits, and I kept a blog to get information out to everyone and also asked that people email instead of call...that gave me more control of good and bad days.

What were the favorite things people did for you?

Lisa: Well, my younger sister was my angel on earth. Every doctor appointment we had a list of questions for the doctor - she was my note taker. Then immediately after the appointment we would review the pros and cons of what they told me. Post surgery: people were awesome. Nighttime meals were delivered frequently. One friend took my two youngest kids for an entire day. Starbucks coffee was delivered to me in the morning. One friend packed a huge bucket full of lunch snacks for the kids. I felt blessed to live in a community so generous with their time and support.

Cherri: I was very fortunate Brad was able to come to all of my appointments and treatments! He was my rock! Cook, cook and

cook!!! I don't think we cooked a meal for nine months!!!! Brad would always tell me he was gaining weight and I was losing it!!! Friends would bring wine, dinner and dessert! When you are exhausted from chemo, the last thing you want to do is cook. I also loved all of the cards everyone sent me!

Ellen: One friend just dropped off a martini in a ball jar, another friend emailed every time she was going to Kroger or Walmart to see if I needed anything. One friend who was a survivor, and had 2 kids the same age as mine, came over to talk with my kids, a

What kind of help would have been important?

Lisa: I was blessed - I felt I had all the help I needed. I really "took charge" and made well-thought out decisions prior to surgery. Post surgery: everyone was so helpful.

Cherri: I honestly can't think of anything. Our family and friends were amazing!

Ellen: I was so blessed with so much help... the regular meals, and errands, and drivers to chemo...all was so very helpful

What is your favorite BC fundraiser?

Lisa: Race for Cure. I have been a participant in this fundraiser ever since it came to Cincinnati. And now....I am a survivor of this event!!

Cherri: We support the Susan G. Komen Foundation

Ellen: Susan Komen Race for the Cure

Any other words of wisdom?

Lisa: Personally, gosh.... get as many facts as you can before you decide how to treat your cancer. I felt I had one chance to make a very mindful decision and I wanted the decision to be the right one for me. Also, it was extremely helpful to have another set of ears at my doctor appointments as it's overwhelming... very overwhelming (to say the least) and to have another set of ears and a note taker helped me keep the facts straight and kept me more organized which helped with my decision making.

Cherri: As a breast cancer survivor, I love helping women all over the country who are newly diagnosed with the disease. I spend countless hours on the phone chatting with them about any question they may have. I am very honest with them as to what they can expect. I am also very encouraging, telling them this is only a bump in the road, even though it feels monumental at the time. I love chatting with their children to let them know their Mom will be fine. It's so hard especially for younger children, to see their Mom without hair and very fatigued. Seeing someone who is past the disease and healthy looking, gives them so much hope!

Ellen: Always ask what is needed and how to best communicate!

If you'd like more information, please visit komen.org or komencincinnati.org for local information and assistance.



Above, Andrew, Ellen and Karyn Georgilis at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (2013). Left, Lisa Jones at the 2012 Race for the Cure.



group of friends hired my housekeepers to keep on during my illness, one friend took over as the "boy scout mom" to manage Bryan's final steps to getting his Eagle Scout, and one friend became the Mom of the Week for Karyn. When I had one of my surgeries on Easter, some friends brought church to me with some great Christian CDs, and one neighbor fixed us an Easter Dinner. Many friends kept me laughing with funny books, movies, photos, and cards.

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Uniting the Villages of Mariemont and Kanaan, Haiti: *How Your Used Soccer Equipment Can Enrich Lives*

January 12, 2010 was just an ordinary day for many of Mariemont's citizens and many citizens of the greater Cincinnati area, and even the United States. But in Haiti, that day will go down in history as an infamous horror story of a world torn down from the base. It was a day when hundreds of thousands of people were displaced from their homes, when more than 100,000 Haitian citizens died, and a day when many essential resources, such as food and water, would be cut off.

But the Haitian people do not want your pity. After volunteering on five separate visits, I know they are a resilient people, and bounced back from the natural disaster faster than anyone could have imagined. Just days after the earthquake, many people migrated a few kilometers to their new homes in a tent city called Camp Obama, later renamed to Kanaan. Over the next few years, the Haitians built the temporary refuge into a perpetual town, with many turning tents into small huts and shacks.

But the people of Kanaan still live in relative poverty, certainly by the standards of the United States. One thing unites them all as a community: soccer. It isn't the soccer that you might imagine, the kind we have



John Charles Stry (left) and Karl Eric (right) are two of the talented Grace Emmanuel students who are in dire need of equipment.

in the United States. While Americans play on turf or plush grass with a fully pumped ball, with shin guards and cleats a virtual guarantee, the Haitians play in their sneakers, with a nearly full ball on a good day, and

certainly no hope of shin guards.

"They are just exceptional kids that really need equipment, so if we could get the necessary equipment it would be a huge plus to give them an opportunity to actually play," said Nathan Bucher, an employee of Jesus in Haiti Ministries. A soccer league has united Kanaan, a now established town that includes fewer tents by the day, but the league, although it includes many skilled players, is



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underequipped.

That is where I plan to step in. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project with Jesus in Haiti Ministries, an organization that has worked in the Caribbean nation for more than a decade and a half, to set up a drive for soccer equipment. There is a great need among the Haitian boys for equipment that could help some of them improve their game while also having fun. Jesus in Haiti is also planning on setting up a new league at their school and is in desperate need of supplies.

"We are starting a soccer program at Grace Emmanuel School and equipment would be a huge help to get that going," said Bucher. The drive will be held from October 14-17 in the school district, and there will be a drop-off day on October 19 from 12-3 in the Elementary school parking lot. Cleats, shin guards, socks, balls, jerseys, and shorts will all be accepted. If you do not have any soccer equipment to donate, feel free to help support the drive as we try to collect \$300 to offset shipping costs. Make all checks payable to Steve Hassey – JiHM. Any additional funds will be used to purchase materials. If you are interested in that option, my address is 3717 Center Street. More information will be coming shortly, both through the school district and Nextdoor Mariemont. My goal is to get 500 pieces of soccer equipment. Please help me get there!

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Troop 149's High Adventure to Shenandoah

In late June, Troop 149 members set out on an exciting journey to Shenandoah National Park. The group traveled by car from Cincinnati to Virginia. While we had planned our trip for several months, there were still some unexpected events. It rained heavily, delaying some of the scouts getting to their destination for the night to set up camp.

The group broke into three different crews. The first day when we reached Virginia, we stayed at a campsite. Everyone was exhausted, especially the adults, after that long ride.

After the next day passed, it was time to pack up and stay a week in the wilderness. I was part of the veteran scout group made up of Logan Urbanski, Andrew Moeller, Fletcher Wells, Bret Gilbertson, Jack Barnes, and Colton Urbanski. The adult leaders were Rob Urbanski, Josh Beeman, and Greg Wells.

I was nervous. The first three days were hard since we had to climb humongous hills. The highest one was about 900 feet with a slow incline up and down. Some of us were tired and wanted to rest, but we couldn't since some were delayed so we kept pushing. We got behind schedule because a thunderstorm



struck and we had to wait for the storm to pass. We also were hungry!

We hiked for five days and set up camp every night so we could rest. On the last day, there was a special campsite with a nice cabin next to it where scouts could play cards, look out to the sunset and take in the beauty. On the

last day we looked forward to going to a hotel to relax, eat pizza and swim.

In the end, instead of being boys we felt more like men as we stepped out of the wilderness. This adventure made me mature, more responsible, and have higher expectations from both myself and other people. Overall, everyone had an amazing time. My favorite part was knowing we pushed ourselves and that we could hike an expert route but survive the treacherous and intense path.

Our High Adventure trips are made possible through the generous support of customers at our annual Christmas tree sale. This is our only fundraiser so thank you to those who have supported us. The Saturday after Thanksgiving we launch our 2013 sale so please come see us!

Troop 149 is open to any boy in the area. Please contact Scoutmaster John Fakes (scoutmaster@mcc149.com) for more information.

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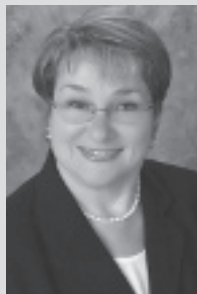
Posing at Navy Pier, back row - Emily Sargent, Lindsay Kaminer, Sarah Feeney, Celia Caesar, Jaxie Brokamp, Kaleigh Hollyday, Whitney Weiss, Anileah Buswell, and Bailey Murphy. Front row - Anna Herlinger, Lindsay Stricker, Chloe Reavill, Shannon Mathews, and Sophie Borgerding.

The 8th grade Girl Scout troop recently returned from a trip to Chicago. The girls worked all year to save for the trip and planned the itinerary themselves. They enjoyed the

sights of Chicago and also provided a free spaghetti dinner for other travelers at the hostel in Chicago. They served Skyline Chili dip as an appetizer to folks from Korea, Spain,

Japan, Norway, and the UK. Everyone loved the Cincinnati dish and really appreciated the girls' hospitality. The girls were great ambassadors from Mariemont!

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WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER

Woman's Art Club's "All Member Show" Opens October 13

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati continues its annual tradition of hosting an exhibit of all members' work. Don't miss this "feast for the eyes" featuring traditional and contemporary artwork in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, and even stained glass and fiber art. The subjects and styles are as varied as the artists, with pieces ranging from still lifes and portraits to abstracts and landscapes. Each member of the Woman's Art Club contributes her best work from this year, so visitors will view a high level of artistry in the Gallery at The Barn. This free exhibit opens Sunday, October 13 with a reception for the public from 1 pm to 4 pm. The show is open Tuesdays—Fridays, 10 am to 2 pm, and on weekends from 1 to 4 pm through the final day of Sunday, October 27.



First Sunday Family Funday Sunday November 3, 2 pm

The next event in the Family Funday series is entitled "Meditative Art: Mandalas & Kalam Pen." Join Radma Lakshmi as she leads a class in an ancient Indian art form using a handmade bamboo Kalam pen to create "Mandalas" (which means circle in Sanskrit). Mandalas are beautiful spiritual drawings which represent an individual's universe and are drawn using an array of symbols, shapes and forms. Come and create your own personal Mandala and make a special piece that will reflect your uniqueness. More information about the artist is available at radartist.com. To



register for this class and learn more about the First Sunday Family Funday series, go to www.artatthebarn.org (Photo of a Mandala)

Mark your calendar for the next show in the series, "A Christmas Carol", on Dec. 1, performed by the Children's Theater of Cincinnati.

Oil Painting Workshop October 25-27

Join acclaimed artist, Gail Morrison, in an oil painting workshop, "The Still Life." This workshop will have two setups arranged for painting, one to change daily and one for longer, larger work. Artists working in another medium are welcome. The three-day workshop runs October

25-27, from 9 am-4 pm and costs \$300.

A two-day workshop on the Saturday and Sunday is \$250. A deposit of \$50 is required and a check may be made out and sent to Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati, c/o Janet Vennemeyer, 9238 Tag Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio. 45231. For more information, contact Gail Morrison at gala25@mac.com.

Canvas and Cupcakes Saturday, October 12, 1-2:30 pm

Local artist Keli Oelerich will be conducting a one-day session at The Barn for boys and girls to paint an original work of art and enjoy a cupcake! The class is \$15 per child and includes all supplies. Parents

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are welcome to stay and paint as well. Call Keli to register at (859) 866-8777 or email at eatdrinkpaint@insightbb.com.

More Classes at The Barn

Don't forget to sign up for classes starting in October. These classes are offered at The Barn through the Art Academy of Cincinnati. For more information and to register go to www.artatthebarn.org.

- October 8 – Art for Homeschoolers (Grades 4 through 12)

- October 12- Oriental Ink Painting (ages 11 and up)
- October 23- Mosaics (adults, ages 16 and up)
- October 24 – After School Art for Kids. (ages 5-12)

New at The Barn – The Basics of Ballroom Dance

Admit it – you've always wanted to learn to ballroom dance. Now is your chance! This beginner course concentrates on the basics of ballroom. Move gracefully around the floor as you learn to

lead and follow in the waltz, swing, tango, salsa, foxtrot and the rumba. No partner necessary! Just bring comfortable shoes – but no flip-flops or sport shoes. This class is held Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm at The Barn. The 8-week series started October 2, but call the teacher, Jozsef Parragh at (773) 332-5377 or email him at jozsefr32@yahoo.com. At press time, the class was not full. It is \$80 for the 8 weeks.

Jewelry Making Class at the Barn "Artful Resin"

Thursday, October 10, 5:30-8:30 pm

In this one-day workshop taught by Karen Trimble-Shell, participants will design and create two colorful silver pendants! Select from a wide variety of artisan papers, text and vintage images to cut and collage a masterpiece. The artworks are encased in silver settings using two-part epoxy resin requiring 48 hours to properly harden. Fee is \$50. All materials are included. To register, contact Karen Trimble-Shell at kstshell@gmail.com.

Time to Plan Holiday Parties!

It is never too early to plan your Thanksgiving or Holiday Party! The Barn's Gallery is available at very friendly prices. A full kitchen is available as well. Make use of our creative and inspiring space. Visit our website www.artatthebarn.org for complete rental information.



MARIEMONT TOWN CRIER



SCHOOLS

Superintendent Steve Estepp Hits the Ground Running

By CLARE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

It has been a busy few months for the new Superintendent of Mariemont Schools. Steve Estepp not only had to get his family settled in, but also get a handle on a number of new initiatives in the District. He said, "The start of the school year has been terrific! We had a very smooth and successful opening. The support of parents and community has been wonderful."

Mariemont is an active school district, and there are several major changes in place this school year. One is a new grading system, designed to align Mariemont with other districts and allow our students to be more competitive in the college admissions process. Mr. Estepp explained, "The district has



Center. Mr. Estepp is very excited about the possibilities. "This incredible center is designed with the student in mind – regardless of age or grade level; it's for the student who is ready to explore interests, strengths, careers and college opportunities. The center is poised to offer district students important resources, programs and support to give them an edge in career and college exploration."

Our new Superintendent has found a home for his family in Terrace Park. He and his wife and three children, Cameryn, Audrey and Talon, are settling in nicely. He said, "We love being a part of the school community. Everyone has been so welcoming." He encourages those who live in the district to keep in touch with the school by visiting the Facebook page and Twitter feed, and by downloading the school app. You

switched from an 8 point grading scale to a 10 point grading scale. This change is the result of recommendations from a superintendent's community task force comprised of staff and community members who met throughout last school year."

In September, Mariemont City Schools unveiled the College and Career Planning

center. Mr. Estepp is very excited about the possibilities. "This incredible center is designed with the student in mind – regardless of age or grade level; it's for the student who is ready to explore interests, strengths, careers and college opportunities. The center is poised to offer district students important resources, programs and support to give them an edge in career and college exploration."

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In Memoriam:

Hank Kleinfeldt

Mariemont lost a special citizen with the passing of Henry ("Hank") Kleinfeldt on September 17. Best remembered as our Town Crier, Hank also announced games at Mariemont



High School for 35 years and served on Council. He was born in 1944 and graduated from Anderson High School in 1963. He attended the Ohio University, and was the sole proprietor of R.F. Kleinfeldt Company. Henry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Pamela C. Kleinfeldt; daughters, Leslie (Jack) Butcher of Mariemont; Lisabeth (Kurt) Kaeser of Terrace Park; son, Bryant (Amy) Kleinfeldt of Saint Bernard; and daughter Faith (Travis) Hall nee Cole of Washington, DC, as well as seven grandchildren; Katherine Butcher, Bradley (Kelsey) Kaeser, Mitchell Kaeser, Nicholas Butcher, and Gus, Mac, and Ian Kleinfeldt. Henry is also survived by brother Rick Kleinfeldt and beloved nephews Rik and John Kleinfeldt. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Craig Kleinfeldt. Donations can be made in his memory to

St. Rita's School for the Deaf, 1720 Glendale Milford Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45215 or the Mariemont School Foundation, 2 Warrior Way Cincinnati, OH 45227. Please share your memories and expressions of sympathy at craver-riggs.com.

Geneva (Georgev) Jokich

Geneva, 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Mercy St. Theresa in Mariemont on Sunday, September 8, 2013. Geneva was raised in Madison Place and attended Withrow and Mariemont high schools. She worked as a book keeper for Fisher Body in Norwood. She married Alex Jokich in London on October 28, 1950, after a long romantic correspondence. She bought Milpoint Dairy in Milford, Ohio in 1966 and kept it thriving for 20 years. She always loved Mariemont, music of all kinds, dancing, bingo, bowling, colorful fashions, and laughter. She could and would talk with anyone and make their day a little brighter, making many friends throughout her life. A memorial celebration service will be held at Mercy St. Theresa on Saturday, October 12 from 2 to 5 PM. She is survived by her son Michael Jokich, daughter Mitzie Felch, her son-in-law John Felch and grandson Alex Felch. Donations in her memory can be made to The Bridge Studio, an art studio that teaches life skills through the arts for young autistic adults, 1016 Tallyho Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Please share your memories and expressions of sympathy at www.craver-riggs.com.

Support MariElders

MariElders was founded in 1977 by residents of the Village of Mariemont. For 36 years, the senior center has provided programs and services to help keep our older adults healthy and independent. Once again we are asking for your support on November 5. Please vote "Yes" on our renewal levy, Issue 11. "Aging is Everybody's Business" - please make it yours. This renewal levy will not increase your taxes. For more information call the MARIELDERS at 271-5588.

Submitted by Kathy Chapman-Dick, Director-MariElders

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Happy Birthday Nextdoor Mariemont!

BY JOAN WELSH

Our popular free/community/private social network, Nextdoor Mariemont, celebrated its first birthday in August. We now have almost 840 Mariemont residents as members. Nextdoor Mariemont is a wonderful way to share news of local happenings in the village, alert neighbors about crime or safety, buy and sell household items, or get recommendations for excellent referrals for about any need you may have. If you haven't yet joined Nextdoor Mariemont you'll surely want to sign up using <https://mariemontoh.nextdoor.com/join>

Because so many neighbors do enjoy our network we thought a few suggestions about usage would be helpful. We want everyone's experience to be as pleasant as possible as the site continues to grow. Excess chatter on the site contributes to "noise" that makes the process cumbersome for many users.

- Manage your post. If you create a post that merits a reply (i.e. selling a used bike or looking for a trustworthy babysitter), cut down on the number of notifications sent to the entire neighborhood each time someone replies by encouraging interested neighbors to send you a private message instead of replying to the post publicly.

- Example: Hi neighbors, I'm selling a bike. If interested, please send me a private message or call my cell at 555-555-5555.

- Once you find a new owner for your bike or identify the perfect babysitter, either 1) remove your post so neighbors stop replying or 2) inform neighbors your request has been handled.

- Take into consideration who needs to receive your post. Sometimes it makes sense to only post to Mariemont about something. Bear in mind whenever you do post to a Nearby Neighborhood ALL replies to your post will be seen by everyone...even those members who have turned the Nearby Neighborhood feature OFF.

- Understand the Nearby Neighborhoods feature. The Nearby Neighborhoods feature is designed to connect your neighborhood with other communities close by. Current Nearby Neighborhoods are Madisonville, Fairfax and Linwood. You have the ability to personalize Nearby Neighborhoods and can choose which



(if any) Nearby Neighborhoods you wish to share with on the Nearby Neighborhoods Personalization Page. You will only see new posts in your newsfeed and receive new posts via email from Nearby Neighborhoods which you have switched "ON" in your settings (unless someone from Mariemont chooses to post to All Neighborhoods, then you will see ALL corresponding responses)

- Change your Nextdoor email settings. You can customize your email settings to receive only the information you want from Nextdoor Mariemont. To do this, go to your name at the top right corner of the Nextdoor site. Click on the pull down arrow and go to Settings. Then click on the email tab. Here you will see many options for personalizing your notifications. Alternatively, you can choose to receive a Daily Digest, a single summary email that is sent each day new content is posted to Nextdoor Mariemont, and contains new updates since the last digest was sent.

- Send a Private Message. If you'd like to send a message directly to another neighbor, you can send them a private message. To send a private message: Locate your neighbor in the directory and click the green MESSAGE button next to their name. Enter a Subject and Message. Click Submit. Or if you'd like to simply reply privately to a post all you need to do is click on the poster's name which is highlighted in blue to begin a private message.

- Use self-promotional posts sparingly. Nextdoor guidelines suggest making only one

post in the relevant Recommendation categories letting folks know about your business (including links to website or Facebook page).

- Sign up for and use Urgent Alerts. An urgent alert is a special type of post that reaches Nextdoor members immediately via SMS text message and email. Urgent alerts are intended for rare cases where information is very important and time-sensitive. i.e. tree down across a street, missing child, etc.

- Use the green SEARCH box. Can't remember the seamstress that was recommended sometime last winter? You can look up past posts through SEARCH at the top of your screen.

- Invite your Mariemont neighbors to join! Welcome those who have recently moved into our village to join Nextdoor.

Nextdoor Mariemont is now available for your iPhone. Android Smartphone applications will be available in September. One of the advantages of having Nextdoor on your mobile device is the ability to stay updated on new posts, news, and urgent alerts on the go, even if far from home. You can find downloading details on the site.

As you can see, Nextdoor Mariemont is an extremely valuable resource for all of us in the community. Let's work together to make it even better! Claire Kupferle is the Lead Contact for our Nextdoor Mariemont. Just send her an email at indy3844@aol.com, or send her a private message through Nextdoor Mariemont!

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MariElders News

Medicare Information Talk

Tuesday, October 1 at 11 am on the MariElders first floor. FREE

Turning 65? Retiring soon? Looking to make a change during the annual enrollment period? We are hosting an education seminar. Learn more about all the Medicare Programs available and which one is more appropriate for your medical needs. At this time you may also sign up to have a one-on-one consultation with a professional who will provide you with specific information about which program is best for you.

Book and Art Sale

Thursday and Friday, October 10 & 11 from 10 am to 3 pm at MariElders.

MariElders will be having a used book sale, due to all the books left after our June Junque Sale. We will set up outside, weather permitting. Come on in and shop and remember to tell your family, friends, and neighbors.

Amish Trip

Wednesday, October 16. Meet at 9 am in the Mariemont Elementary School Parking lot. The cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members (Lunch on own). We will explore the Amish of our area by visiting Adams, Brown, and Clermont Counties. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by September 16. Transportation will be on a deluxe motor coach.

Casino Trip

Wednesday, October 23 at 10 am. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Please meet at MariElders. Come and see what all the hype is about as we visit Cincinnati's new Horseshow Casino. We went in June and had a lot of fun and everyone would like to go again, so here we go. The casino will give you a free buffet lunch just for coming down and checking it out. We will be going on a Wednesday which is senior day, and you will be entered in a drawing to win \$55 every hour. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by October 11.

Mystery Trip & Lunch

Wednesday, October 30 at 10:45 am. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members (lunch on own). Meet at MariElders. This month we are taking a mystery day trip to a local town where we will first be able to select more mysteries, then have a wonderful Italian lunch, and browse at various shops that offer even more mysterious items. Are you in the mood for a mystery? Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by October 23.

Veterans Day Lunch

Monday, November 11 at 12 pm in the MariElders' Basement. Cost is \$3.50 for members and \$5.00 for non-members, Veterans are FREE. Calling all Veterans, come and enjoy a wonderful home cooked lunch at MariElders.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate our veterans - young and old. If you know someone please invite them to come with you. Sign up at the Center front desk with a paid reservation by November 6.

Amy Grant & Vince Gill Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 17 at 6 pm. Cost is \$75 for members, \$80 for non-members. We will meet at MariElders. The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra has added a "dream team" singing duo to its elite holiday offerings, welcoming back cross-genre superstar Amy Grant along with Country Music Hall of Famer Vince Gill for a one-night-only concert event at Music Hall on Tuesday, December 17. The pair will be performing traditional holiday favorites as well as new classics from their multi-platinum Christmas albums. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by November 20.

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