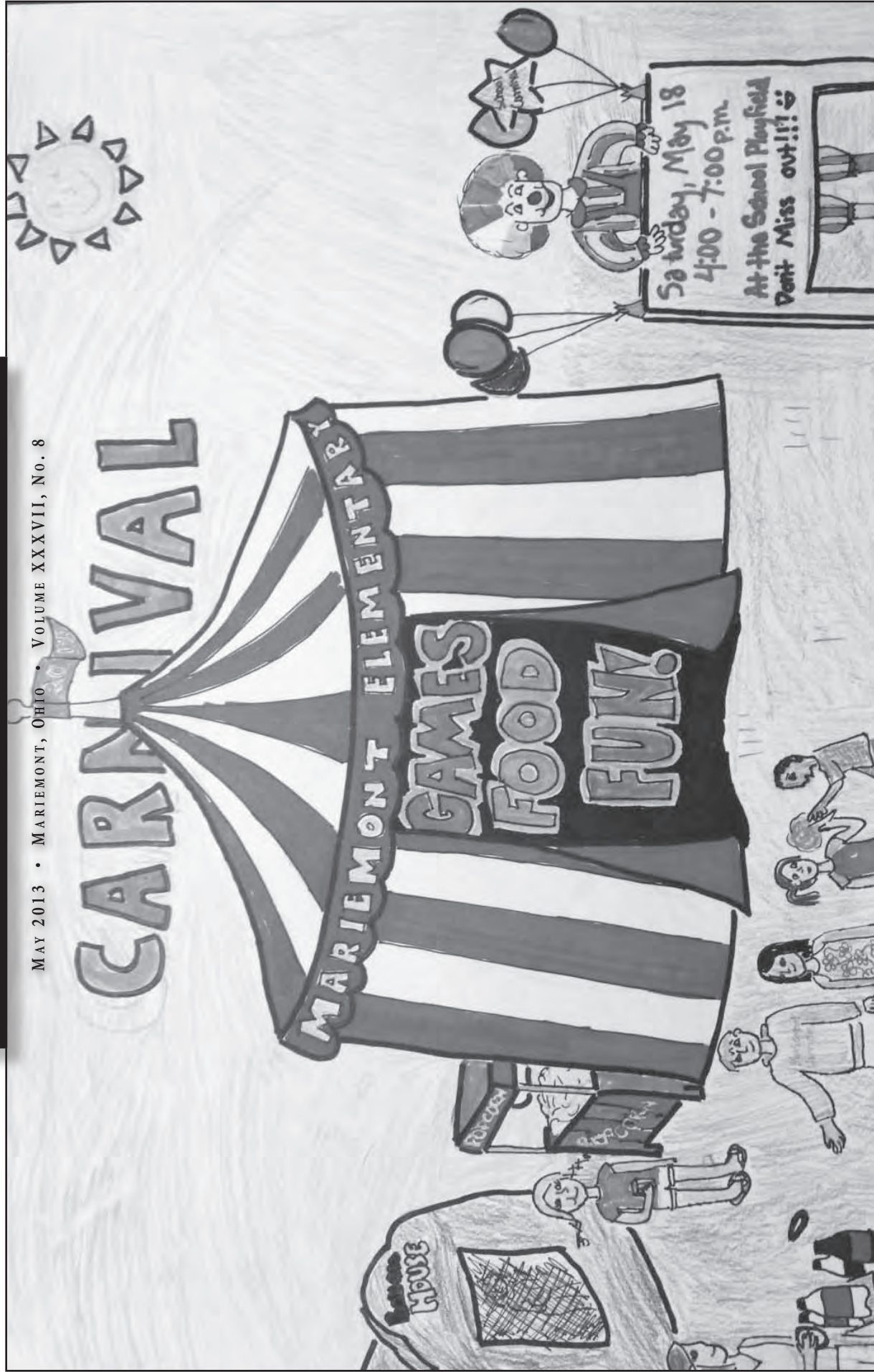


# Mariemont TOWNCRIER



Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students in Shelley Komrska's art classes submitted entries for the poster contest. The winning poster was designed by Katie Copetas and Lizzie Jones. (See page 4)

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## From the Editor:

You hold in your hands the last *Town Crier* issue of our publishing year. Since our staff is made up of volunteers, we take the summer off, and will return with another jam-packed issue in September. As always, we welcome your ideas for stories.

I hope you have enjoyed reading each issue. We try to include a variety of stories and features so that there is something interesting for everyone. If you have enjoyed reading this publication, please consider a contribution. The copy you are reading costs over \$1.75 to produce. That means the eight issues we produce each year cost about \$14 for each individual home and business. Advertisers only cover part of the cost. For your contribution, you will be listed as a member of the Crier Club in each issue. If you contribute \$25 or more, we will print your name in bold type.

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*Claire Kupferle, Editor*

## VILLAGE

### Annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble Set for May 11

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold its 13th annual golf scramble on Saturday, May 11 at Reeves Golf Course at Lunken Airport.

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont, this annual event is the club's spring fundraiser for local scholarships. Each year, Kiwanis Club of Mariemont raises nearly \$15,000 for students in Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont.

Cost is \$80 per golfer and includes all fees, golf cart and lunch. Participants can form their own foursome or ask to be organized with others. Prizes will be awarded. Contact Jed O'Connell at 513-561-1082 to sign up or visit [www.mariemontkiwanis.org](http://www.mariemontkiwanis.org) for more information. Deadline is May 6. Interested supporters can also become a hole sponsor.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 8 am in the Mariemont Elementary cafeteria. Breakfast is served at 7:30 am followed by a local speaker.

Meetings end promptly at 9 am. We invite you to be our guest at an upcoming meeting.

### Run the Tradition!

The annual Memorial weekend 5K is fast approaching. The race will be on May 26 at 9 am beginning at the Mariemont High School. Please join your friends, neighbors and family in running or walking in this family-oriented Mariemont tradition. It is a great way to kick off the summer! An insert is included in this month's edition of the *Town Crier*.

Please contact Shannon Gilmore at [skgilmore1@me.com](mailto:skgilmore1@me.com) if you are interested in taking over the organization of this event for 2014 and beyond. Leah Osgood and I are retiring! It is an easy event to organize, and we will provide you with all of the necessary information.

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# Mariemont Elementary School Carnival Raises its Tent!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18 and plan to attend the Mariemont Elementary School PTO Carnival, held at the elementary school field from 4-7 pm! It promises fun for children of all ages, with carnival games and great prizes, four giant inflatables, dunk tanks, and a variety of exciting raffle prizes.

The inflatables will feature a 24-foot tall dual-lane slide as well as an inflatable obstacle course, giant bounce house with a slide, and a bounce house dedicated to children preschool through Kindergarten. And who knows which teachers or community members you might find in one of the two dunk tanks!

A team of parents has been hard at work constructing new games for carnival this year. Come check out their handiwork at the shuffleboard and slapshot booth, just to name a couple! And you won't want to miss your chance to win one or more of



*Katie Copetas and Lizzie Jones show off their winning entry in the Carnival Poster Contest. Their poster will be used as advertising around the Village and framed and hung in the school.*



the great raffle prizes being offered. Raffle tickets go on sale May 8, and will be sold by Mariemont Elementary students. Some raffle tickets will also be available the day of carnival. With so many great items, it may be hard to choose – remember all proceeds benefit the Mariemont Elementary PTO! Food offerings beginning at 5 pm will include hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza, generously donated by Marco's Pizza. Make it an evening of fun for the whole family!

“Like” Mariemont Elementary Carnival on Facebook to get a sneak peek at the raffle baskets and stay up to date on all things CARNIVAL!

# IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

I love how our Village is enriched by our individual stories, and how these stories combine in unique ways to make life interesting, fun, and rewarding. Take Mark Glassmeyer for instance. His grandfather had a dairy farm in Felicity, Ohio, and Mark grew up with the boyhood joy of driving grandpa's 1959 Ford 861 Powermaster tractor on weekends and summers. Mark's experiences would become a life-long hobby of buying and restoring these amazing machines (while raising a family and building a successful sewn goods import business).

The story unfolds like this: Mark marries Tracy and they move to Mariemont where they settle down on Indianview and have four wonderful kids. Andrew is in grade 4, Wil in grade 3, Ryan in grade 1 and Lucy in kindergarten. Chris and Carole Fahnestock live on Miami Road and have two boys, Will in grade 4 and Ben in grade 1. Chris meets Mark by together coaching their boys' recreation baseball team. Chris meets Tracy's cousin and ends up working for his business, ZDG design. You can see Chris' pickup truck with the company logo working on many projects throughout the Village.

The tractor hobby turns into a wonderful community activity as Mark and Chris volunteer to use the tractor to plow up and rake the rain-

hardened baseball infields. This makes things easier for them and the other recreational baseball coaches, and saves the Village the cost and effort of the extra maintenance. Mark has several implements hidden around the perimeter of the Bell Tower Park to help deal with the different ground conditions. Mark and



*Pictured from left to right: Ryan Glassmeyer, Mark Glassmeyer, Andrew Glassmeyer, Chris Fahnestock and Lucy Glassmeyer..*

Chris trade-off duties depending on who is most available to maintain the fields when the work is needed, which brings the story up to date.

The tractors are a curiosity for most of us who did not grow up on a farm. The 65 horse power engine and the nifty exhaust pipe signal the sights and sounds of a long-lost era. Immediately, the tractor draws a crowd, as kids and parents alike rush to see this curious machine. Mark explains the vertical muffler is an important innovation so the hot exhaust pipe does not set the hay on fire during harvest. He explains the oversized back tires cost around \$800 to replace recently – they are filled with air and liquid calcium to give the extra weight needed to plow through muddy fields. Who would know?

Mark waxes on about the tractor. These red and beige Ford Powermasters were only made between 1958 and 1963. Ford changed the colors to blue after that so these are unique. I notice the little horn bolted to the steering wheel to make one-handed steering easier. These vehicles cost about \$6000 for a fully refurbished model.

*Do you know of other helpful Mariemont neighbors that we could profile? If so, please send your suggestions to Denis Beausejour at [beausejourdf@aol.com](mailto:beausejourdf@aol.com).*

Mark has a few other tractors which he keeps at a friend's farm in Lebanon. Who knows what other tricks he will have up his sleeve?

The whole family loves the tractor. Mark's kids take turns sitting in the driver's seat and the older ones talk like tractor veterans. Lucy beams she's almost ready to drive alone! The tractor is a "kid magnet" that has been used frequently to add greatly to our Village life. The tractor appears during the reading of the book "Otis" at Mariemont's kindergarten classes. It "stars" in the Preschool Parents' Fall Festival, and in the annual Homecoming Parade. It has been used to groom the "South 80" trails and to cut the grass around the gardens. Imagine all this good stuff coming from a boyhood love and hobby.

Chris and Mark love coaching and the discussion turns to how these fathers extend themselves to encourage and give an extra boost to the kids on their teams who may need extra help or support. That is a priceless gift and a part of our Recreation Sports culture that makes our community so special. So in ways that are natural expressions of their lives growing up, two guys who love baseball, kids, coaching, and tractors are making a big difference in our community.

The Glassmeyer and Fahnestock families have been drawn together in many unexpected ways by Chris and Mark's friendship, and the whole community has benefitted enormously. I love how these unique stories intertwine to make Mariemont special!

# Losantiville Country Club Looking for Caddies

Losantiville Country Club is one of the most established and premier golf courses in southwest Ohio. The club is currently looking for teenagers interested in learning to be a caddy for their prestigious club. This is a rewarding way for kids to spend a summer; working as an independent contractor and enjoying the outdoors. Losantiville has maintained a thriving caddy program for many years. Our Caddy master, Jack Bouldin, works diligently with each new caddy to understand the position and what it takes to be successful. No experience is necessary, but knowledge of golf or playing

experience is very helpful to those that apply.

The benefits of the work are numerous. You get to be outside, make new friends, and meet many interesting and influential members of the community. Caddies are even allowed to play on Monday afternoons on one of the most challenging layouts in the city.

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# Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



The trees are in bloom, the weather warmer and the birds are chirping! What a wonderful time of year to enjoy the beauty of Mariemont. At anytime, if you are new to Mariemont and I haven't contacted

you, please feel free to contact me and I will gather your information. It's never too late to be welcomed!

6758 Fieldhouse Way was purchased in March by longtime Mariemonters, Paul and Brenda Allen. Now that their daughters Lisa, Marcia and Stephanie have left the nest, Paul and Brenda decided to downsize from their large tudor on Center Street.

Robert Van Stone and his wife, Patricia Curran Van Stone, purchased 4050 Lytle Woods Place in April. They are moving from West Chester to be closer to their five grandchildren who are the lights of their lives. Three of the grandkids live in Anderson Township, one in Hyde Park and one in Ann Arbor, MI. Robert has retired from General Electric in Evendale

after 34 years and Patricia is a retired English professor at NKU. Patricia is now a published author having written a short novel titled "Golden Chances." In their spare time, Robert and Patricia love to read, participate in the arts and garden.

4310 Joan Place was purchased by Adam and Karrie Helm in March. They relocated here from Indianapolis and have one son, Liam, 16 months. Karrie is the Regional Director for Hot Mama, a lifestyle boutique for moms. Adam is a US Army Veteran who is now an amazing full-time daddy! Also making the move were their two lab mixes, Simone and Amira. Adam and Karrie chose Mariemont for its walkability, the people and the charm of the village.

Tony Ross and Nancy Ludwig purchased 3801 Indianview in April, because Tony and

Nancy are engaged to be married and needed a larger home for their four children. Tony has two boys, Zachary (10) who attends Lakota Schools, and Andrew (3) who attends pre-school. Nancy has two girls that attend Mariemont Elementary, Braylin - third grade and Kalista - second grade. Tony owns Stedfast Transport and Nancy is a self-employed defense attorney. They love the walkability of Mariemont, the close-knit community feel and the many activities for the kids.

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 (home), 484-2647 (cell) or email is niredale@sibcycline.com.

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# What's Happening at the Library

## May

### All Ages

**Kentucky Derby Family Day:** Fun times with crafts and games for the entire family. Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 pm.

### Children

**Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC):** Each month, Ms. Katheryn'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. Ages 5 to 10.

**Library Babies:** Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration requested.

**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 Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

**Tales to Tails:** Thursday, May 2 at 5 to 6 pm. Kids read to a certified therapy dog to

practice their reading skills. Ages 5 to 10.

**Crafty Kids:** Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 pm.

### Teens

**InBeTween Club:** Gaming, movies, crafts & fun for tweens and teens. There is something different each month. Thursday, May 16 at 4:00 pm.

### Adults

**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, May 4 and May 18 at 10:30 am.

**Book Club:** Thursday, May 30 at 6:45 pm. Join us for a discussion of *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Copies will be available at the desk.

**Technology Classes:** Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? We offer one on one sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

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## Football Fever!

Yes, football! Registration is OPEN for Flag & Tackle Youth Football for Elementary School students in Mariemont, Terrace Park, and Fairfax for the fall 2013 season.

Sign up today at: [www.mariemontyouthfootball.com](http://www.mariemontyouthfootball.com)

- Flag Football for Grades K – 2nd
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- EHYFL is a League of "Like-Minded and Like-Sized Schools"
- Mariemont, Madeira, Miami Valley Christian Academy (MVCA), Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA)

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- Practices start August 5.
- We only practice two nights per week during the season.
- The season starts on September 7 and ends October 26.

## Hip Hip Hooray

Registration for Youth Cheerleading is now underway for the fall program. Students in grades K-6 at Mariemont and Terrace Park Elementary Schools are invited to participate in this great cheerleading program. This year's fun will include the opportunity to participate in the annual homecoming parade, instruction from Varsity Cheerleaders, an on-field appearance at a Varsity Football Game under the lights, camps, and a fabulous end-of-year party.

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## Mariemont's Own Opening Day

The first ever Mariemont / Terrace Park Baseball Opening Day took place at Kusel Stadium on Sunday, April 7. Under beautiful blue skies, nearly 250 Mariemont and Terrace Park kids were dressed to the nines in their baseball uniforms. Thom Brennaman introduced each player in front of family and friends, much to the delight of all. The high school baseball team was on the field and as each kid was introduced, they ran in front of the high school team and got high fives the entire way. The Mariemont and Terrace Park Rec programs worked together to have booklets made for each of the kids with pictures and information about all the high school players, and after the ceremony, the kids went up to the players and got their autographs. The older kids had a blast signing autographs and encouraging all the younger kids to aspire to be like them.

We capped the day off with a Mariemont vs. Terrace Park T-ball game on the turf, which miraculously ended in a tie. It truly was a special day which helped forge a stronger relationship between our two communities, as well as between our youth Rec programs and the high school baseball team. We plan on doing it again next year, and perhaps another tradition has been born for Mariemont and Terrace Park. Thanks to everyone for the support to make this happen for our kids.



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# DAR Hosts “Aching for Answers”

Mariemont Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members and guests received answers to many questions regarding Arthritis, thanks to Amy Barron, Arthritis Advocate and chapter member. Finding there are over 100 types of arthritis was surprising to many of the 23 members and guests at the March 16th meeting held in the Mariemont Parish Center. Almost every person present has either experienced a form of arthritis or has family members who have. In addition, due to the DAR focus on supporting veterans and current military, the information presented was helpful as the chapter determines ways in which to direct support of military members.

Amy Barron was an active nurse and young mother when she was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis and made the decision to take control of her arthritis and not let the arthritis control her life. As an Arthritis Advocate, Amy has joined the Walk Committee and served on the National Arthritis Walk Committee since 2011. She was the local Arthritis Walk Honoree in



*Amy Barron, an Arthritis Advocate, was an active nurse and young mother when she was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis and made the decision to take control of her arthritis and not let the arthritis control her life.*

2007 and 2008 and was selected as the National Arthritis Walk Honoree. She has been to Capitol Hill six times lobbying for people with arthritis and has testified

before a Congressional Medical Technology Caucus and, at the local level, participates in answering the calls for the Ohio River Valley Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Amy focused on the two major types of arthritis: Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis. Osteoarthritis is a degenerative disorder occurring with age while rheumatoid arthritis is an inflammatory arthritis in which the body attacks itself in joints and can impact any tissue in the body including lungs, kidneys and eyes. Lung transplants may even be necessary. Causes include genetics, fall or injury, emotional trauma and 70% related to hormones in women. People in the military have a higher prevalence than the civilian population due to the weight of carrying heavy backpacks and the higher risk of knee injury.

Amy stressed that a sedentary life style contributes to arthritis and arthritis may be treated through exercise, weight control and specific medications. Amy strongly advocated walking as a means to strengthen muscles around affected joints. Amy provided a wide range of pamphlets and written information for members to take and also was available for questions. For more information contact Amy or [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) or the Ohio River Valley Arthritis Foundation at 7124 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati 513-271-4545. For information about the Mariemont Chapter of DAR, contact Jan Mauch at [jan.mauch@me.com](mailto:jan.mauch@me.com).



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# Mariemont Rocks!

By SETH ROSEN

The Village of Mariemont added a plaque and boulder in front of the re-dedicated Municipal Building in March, honoring former Mayor and Police Chief, Donald L. Shanks. Shanks gave over 40 years of public service to the Village of Mariemont, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and devotion to our Village. The memorial was made possible through donations received from the Shanks family, Evans Landscaping, and other Village residents. In addition to the memorial stone and plaque, a display case containing artifacts relating to the life and career of Chief Shanks now resides in the building, reminding visitors of our former Mayor and Police Chief's dedicated commitment to Mariemont.

The new memorial marker outside the Col. Donald L. Shanks Municipal Building joins a number of markers mounted on boulders that can be found by strolling through Mariemont. Next time you take a walk, a bike ride, or are driving throughout the Village, look for the new Municipal Building marker, as well as many of the other memorial plaques and historical markers listed below.

Two plaques contributed by the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group mark the playgrounds located at both Dogwood Park as well as the playground situated behind the Old Town Center. Here you will find one of Mary Emery's most famous quotes as it pertains to Mariemont. "Good morning! Is the sun a little brighter, there in Mariemont? Is the air a little fresher? Is your home a little sweeter? And the children? Do you feel safer about them? Are their faces a bit ruddier, are their legs a little sturdier? Do they laugh and play a lot louder in Mariemont?"

Several plaques have been added to the Village's Historic District, courtesy of The Mariemont Preservation Foundation. These plaques enlighten residents as to who was responsible for the design of each particular



housing group. Illuminating each architect selected to implement John Nolen's town plan of Mariemont, these plaques can be found in numerous locations throughout the village, including Denny Place, Sheldon Close, The Old Town Center, and Albert Place.

Markers and plaques established by the Village of Mariemont are plentiful throughout the Village as well. The memorial marker just added for Col. Donald Shanks, joins another Mariemont marker honoring former Mayor Clarence M. Erickson, who was also the first president of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. Mayor Erickson's plaque stands outside the Erickson Shelter, located in Dogwood Park. Another significant Village marker can be found at the Trolley Turn-Around Park located at the

intersection of Rowan Hill and Miami Road. Here, you can discover how early Mariemont residents were transported from the Village to downtown Cincinnati or out to Milford, prior to the popularity of the automobile in America.

The plaques and historical markers outlined above are only a fraction of the many that can be found throughout the Village. We encourage you to take it upon yourself to see what else is out there and what exciting information you can glean about Mariemont's rich history. So next time you are out and about in the Village, turn your typical stroll into an informative tour, using Mariemont's many plaques and historical markers as your guide.

# Hank Kleinfeldt Reflects on His Years as Mariemont's Town Crier

BY BOB KEYES (FUTURE TOWN CRIER)

One cannot be a resident of Mariemont for long without coming across the name of Hank Kleinfeldt. Many remember Hank for his years on Village Council, his terms as a Mariemont School Board member, or as the booming voice of the Mariemont High School football team on Friday nights, besides numerous other roles in our community. My earliest recollection of Hank comes from when I was a junior high student at Mariemont Middle School. My mother had organized a talent show for the school, and Hank and friends performed the *Little Nemo* Skit. If you know Hank, then you know that he tends to leave his mark wherever he goes. In this case, he left a banana peel on the floor of the stage. The next performance involved a family where Dad and two kids sat around the breakfast table while Mom ran around the table in a form of multitasking. As she proceeded around the table in her tennis outfit carrying a box of cereal on her tennis racket platter, her shoe hit the banana peel sending her across the stage as if on a single water ski. After a brief yelp, she gracefully regained her balance, ankle intact, and finished the play. This near-miss caused my mind to wander back to Hank's skit, which I'm sure was his plan all along.

Hank took over the position of Town Crier for the Village of Mariemont from the great Ralph Smith in 1996. I know that Ralph was great both from history and from Hank's speech during the Town Meeting election. There were a number of candidates who had put their names into the hat to be considered for Town Crier. Each gave a speech as to his reasons for pursuing the position. Hank simply praised Ralph and stated that he would never be able to fill such big shoes. And, of course, Hank won the election.

As we sat chatting about his career as Town Crier, in a momentary flash, Hank envisioned the myriad events he had



experienced. What a privilege to listen to his fond memories. It was during one of his performances a few years ago that he first encouraged me to consider running for Town Crier after he retired. Now, as he advised me on the details of the uniform (not an outfit or costume mind you!), he specifically focused on the importance of gloves with good grip. This emphasis was the result of a mishap during one of his many Memorial

Day Parades. As usual, the parade had started in front of the Parish Center and progressed south toward Wooster Pike. Everything was going well until he made the left turn onto Wooster. He was swinging the handbell with his usual gusto when he started his downstroke and the handbell slipped from his gloved hand launching the bell like a missile, which then proceeded to thump an unsuspecting member of the Color Guard on the back of the leg. The handbell survived the incident with barely a scratch. The condition of the young man is unknown.

At one point in his bell-ringing career, he attended an international Town Crier competition. He found the setting interesting and inspiring. However, the fact that he never attended another one is a good indication of how Hank felt about plying his trade in

contest rather than simply for the enjoyment of others.

The image of Hank as Mariemont's Town Crier fills the minds of many of us as we think back upon joyful memories in our village. I am quite certain that the new Town Crier will never be able to fill such big shoes.

# Burger-Palooza!

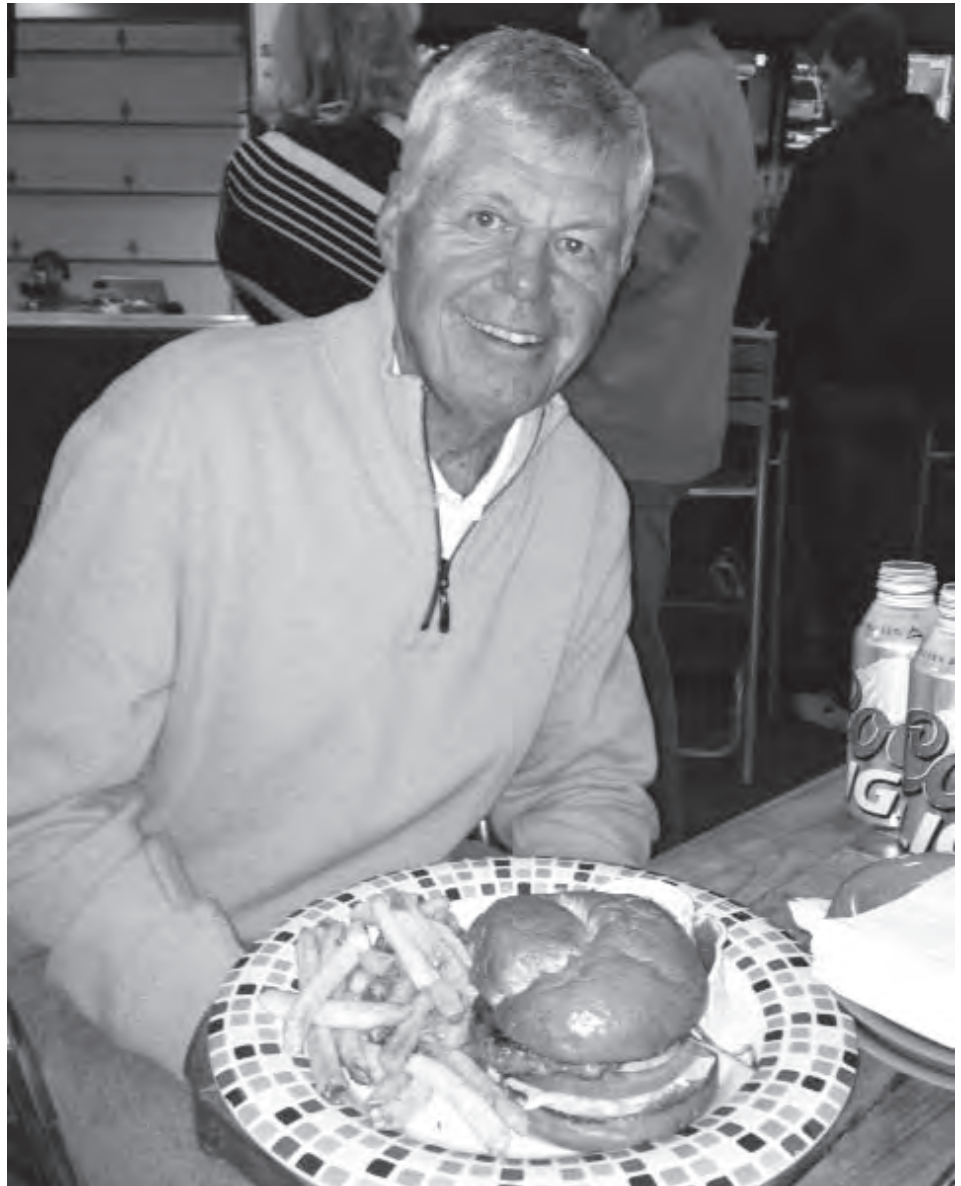
## May is National Burger Month

BY KIM BEACH

To celebrate National Burger Month, the Town Crier has explored our local restaurants to discover the savory and interesting options available to diners. Make sure and stop by one (or all) of these local establishments during the month of May to enjoy these delightful burger creations!

The Dilly Deli's most popular burger is the Dilly Burger, a generous half pound of Angus beef topped with lettuce, onion, tomato, pickles, and cheese and served on an egg bun. Their most unusual burger is the Bourbon Burger which is topped with a flavorful combination of bacon onion jam, beer cheese, lettuce and tomato. When asked what is the best thing to drink with their burgers, Jim Botti suggests a beer from their great selection of draft and bottled beers. "Local brewery Rivertown's Helles lager is an excellent choice as is Great Lakes Dortmunder Gold", Jim says. The Dilly Deli also provides a vegetarian option with their Black Bean Burger, a cumin-stewed black bean patty with chimichurri aioli and fixings. Another vegetarian option is the Salmon Burger which is served open-faced on toasted white bread with lemon dill aioli and pineapple pico de gallo. All of their burgers come with hand cut seasoned fries. Mariemont resident Dave Sanders is known to be a huge fan of Dilly Deli burgers! The Dilly Deli has also started a "Drink Locals" Happy Hour which runs Monday-Friday from 4-6 pm and all 16 oz. draft beers from local Cincinnati Breweries are \$3 and local bottles are \$2. To celebrate Burger Month, the Dilly Deli is offering half-price burgers during this happy hour if you mention the Town Crier!

Over at the National Exemplar, the fan favorite of their burgers is the Exemplar Burger. The Kentucky Bison Burger on their menu is the most unusual served. It is fresh ground Kentucky bison, spicy slaw, pepper



*Bengals great Kenny Anderson enjoys the Hahana Burger.*

jack cheese, crispy tobacco onions, and field greens served on a grilled brioche bun. The Veggie Burger, a seasoned all-natural patty of brown rice, sweet peppers, onions, carrots and mushrooms provides a fantastic vegetarian option. Lisa Hopkins recommends any of their great craft beers to go along with their

burgers. Start your week out right by checking out the Exemplar's "Burger & Beer" special for \$10 on Mondays!

Down the road at Flipdaddy's, burgers are made from their own proprietary blend of Short Rib, Brisket, and ground chuck and buns are baked daily from Giminetti Bakery.

The most popular burger is the Build Your Own Burger because it comes with almost limitless options. As far as unusual burgers go, Ed Biery, one of the owners of Flipdaddy's, notes that they have many unusual burgers but his favorite is the Chuck Norris Burger (ground chuck with a kick). The Chuck Norris consists of their own signature spicy sauce, fire roasted green chile and jalapeno compote, lettuce and Pepperjack cheese. Leon Hall of the Bengals has been spotted frequently enjoying a burger at Flipdaddy's. Vegetarian-wise, their Bean Me Up Scotty burger is a classic black bean burger and they also offer a portabella mushroom burger called the Monster Mushroom. You are also able to substitute a chicken breast or turkey burger with any of their Signature burgers.

Hahana Beach also offers several yummy burger options. If you are in the mood for mini-burgers, check out the Beach sliders. You get three smaller burgers with cheddar cheese, barbecue sauce, lettuce and tomato. Colin Knight of Hahana says that hands down, "the Hahana Burger is the most popular and the most unusual on our menu". It is topped with fresh grilled pineapple, fresh jalapeno slices, Pepperjack cheese, lettuce, tomato and red onion. Add a Kona Long Board draft and you have the perfect beach burger combination! Celebrities like Bengal great Kenny Anderson are especially fond of the Hahana Burger. Their fresh Southwest black bean burger is a perfect vegan option served with hummus on a whole grain ciabatta roll. Join them for Happy hour Monday thru Friday 4-7 pm when they have half off appetizers, \$1 off drafts and .75¢ off well drinks.

On the square, the Quarter Bistro also serves up a signature selection, the Bistro Burger. Enjoy a half pound of grilled Angus beef served on a fresh-daily baked roll by Servati's. Made to order toppings and a side order of house made fries complete your meal. Manager Adam Ralston suggests you enjoy this delectable offering with a beautifully mixed cocktail from their extensive bar. Beautiful music can also accompany your meal each Thursday night when the Quarter Bistro proudly presents the soulful sounds of local musician, Nick Tuttle from 7:30-10:00 pm.

## Special Thank You from the Family of Donald L. Shanks



Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Mariemont and friends and family who made it possible to dedicate the Municipal Building to Col. Donald L. Shanks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Chief Rick Hines for his effort and dedication to Col Shanks. Thank you to Mayor Dan Policastro for the proclamation and the time put into this project.

We send a special thank you to Doug Evans of Evans Landscaping for contributing the beautiful boulder and mounting the plaque. Col. Shanks would be so very honored. He loved the Village of Mariemont, its residents and his men.

God bless the Village, its residents, and those who protect them, past, present and future.

Our Thanks to all,  
Col. Donald L. Shanks Family

## Woman's Art Club Awarded Grant from Mariemont Preservation Foundation

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation is pleased to announce they have been awarded a \$1500 grant from the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF). This very generous grant will underwrite the popular family-oriented programs, "Family First Sundays", held at The Barn. This once-a-month Sunday event offers a lineup of family-friendly performances and hands-on experiences. Past participants in these events include Cincinnati Art Museum, Playhouse in the Park, Cincinnati Opera, Cincinnati Ballet, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Taft Museum, and MadCap Puppets. This year's lineup is not yet confirmed, but will begin on Sunday, October 6.

Without the financial support of the MPF, the upcoming season of Family First Sundays would not have been possible. The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation is appreciative of the support and generosity of the MPF in making these programs available to so many Mariemont residents.

### **THE BARN LAUNCHES 2013 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation has launched its 2013 Annual Campaign, with a twofold mission – to raise funds for continued operations of The Barn and to provide funding for the proposed development of the 2nd floor hayloft.

In preparing for the campaign, co-chairs Diana Kilfoil and Carol Rentschler referred to Mary Emery's original plan for the Barn to "serve the community at large." Over the

years, the cultural center has expanded to offer numerous opportunities for artistic creativity and cultural experiences. The Barn has brought in programs and performances including Playhouse in the Park, "Talks of the Taft", Cincinnati Ballet, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and MapCap Puppets. Art classes for all ages and abilities and children's summer art camps are expanding.



*Co-chairs Diana Kilfoil and Carol Rentschler head the Annual Campaign.*

Former barn milking areas, the tack room and horse stalls have all been transformed to provide state of the art gallery space, classroom, meeting and reception space and

studio space for working artists. The Barn, a true jewel of restoration, has been used by children, teens and adults to learn, create,

*(Continued on next page)*

## W O M A N ' S   A R T   C L U B   C U L T U R A L   C E N T E R



*This photo is an entry in the Mariemont Junior High School Digital Art Show.*

meet and celebrate.

The second floor of The Barn, the hayloft, is a vast, open space, ready for renovation. Mary Emery's vision will be respected once again as completion of this space will add to the expansion of The Barn's educational programs, cultural experiences and community gatherings. Won't it be wonderful to "climb into the hayloft?"

Please consider lending your financial support this year, knowing that you have directly benefited the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation programs and the continued restoration of The Barn. Donations may be made online at [www.artatthebarn.org](http://www.artatthebarn.org).

### **GREATER CINCINNATI WATERCOLOR SOCIETY SHOW OPENING JUNE 1**

Come and enjoy this wonderful exhibit put on by the Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society. The show runs from June 1-30 and is open the first three Saturdays of June

and every Sunday from 1-4 pm. For more information and additional viewing times, please contact The Barn during office hours of Tuesday-Friday from 9 am-2 pm. Admission is free.

### **DO NOT MISS "THE VISUAL EXPERIENCE: A CELEBRATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS AT MARIEMONT JR. HIGH SCHOOL"**

The Barn is pleased to host Mariemont Junior High's 2013 Digital Art Show. This exhibit of work by these incredibly talented students is being held on Thursday, May 16 from 7-9 pm. The exhibit will explore many of the amazing possibilities available with the digital process, including 2D and 3D artwork, Flash Animation and Dreamweaver sites. Students are excited to demonstrate Adobe applications at hands-on workstations throughout the exhibit for parent and community participation.

### **USE OUR BARN FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING OR EVENT**

Many people have enjoyed The Barn's

stylish rooms for festive events such as wedding receptions, graduation parties, bar and bat mitzvahs and other celebrations. Don't forget space is also available for community meetings, book clubs, volunteer organizational meetings, etc. at the very reasonable price of \$25 for up to three hours. Our Mariemont homes are lovely, but sometimes a little more space is required. Call Lynn Long at 272-3700 for more information and to book your space.

### **CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES...**

There is no excuse not to explore and develop your artistic skills at The Barn this spring and summer. We are offering classes in oil, watercolor, and colored pencil. Learn jewelry-making, mosaic work, and sculpture. You can try your hand at oriental ink painting with Young Hi Lee. There is even a class to help you sell your creations on the Internet! Call us or check out the website for class times, costs, and instructors. And don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the exciting happenings at The Barn!

# Contain Yourself!

By CAROLYN TUTTLE

Gardening in containers can be a rewarding and delightful gardening experience. Container gardening can add new life to a corner in your back yard, bring interest to your house entrance, or liven up a porch or deck. Having a window box overflowing with impatiens or enhancing an area with a hanging basket adds extra "sparkle" to your apartment or home.

There are three words that can be associated with planting containers: a "thriller" to be the star of the show, some "fillers" to add mass and complement the thriller and a "spiller" to soften the edges. Designing a blend of thrillers, fillers and spillers creates a dynamic balance of contrast

and harmony. Pots can look great with all three elements, but some of the three elements can go alone to make a strong showing.

These are suggestions for the three elements that can be purchased locally for our zone 6 climate:

**Thrillers:** Green, variegated or Red Star Spikes, Yucca, Dwarf Papyrus, Coleus, Dragon Wing Begonia.

**Fillers:** Geraniums, Ageratum, Begonias, Impatiens, Marigolds, Cosmos, Verbenas, Wave Petunias or varieties of Supertunias, Million Bells.

**Spillers:** English ivy, Sweet potato vine, Creeping jenny, Licorice plant w/ petite leaves, Vinca vine.

One can use herbs such as, parsley,



thymes and chives to create a fun floral/kitchen container. Enjoy the flowers and snip the herbs for dinner! Select your plants that need the same amount of sun or shade so your container will flourish. Enjoy thinking about the colors you desire, go shopping and do your planting around Mother's Day to avoid frost. Most important is to enjoy your

gardening experience. I know that I enjoy seeing the creative containers in the Village.

## Garden Club Plant Sale

Come and visit the Garden Club Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Deli Cafe Patio. Remember any age girl or woman who has brought meaning to your life. Flowers are always fun to give and to receive. Plant a memory for someone with a hanging basket, plants, or crafts from the sale. See you at the plant sale!

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## Reds Game

On May 8 the MariElders will attend the Reds game against the Atlanta Braves. We will leave the Center at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Our seats are out in Center/Left field area under cover and not in the sun. We are next to the elevator and near concessions and restrooms. Please make a paid reservation at the Center's front desk.

## "Junque Sale"

We have set our date for our summer sale: Saturday, June 15. We are now accepting donations. Please remember to donate your unwanted treasures to us. The only items

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# National Exemplar Donates \$3,150 to Cancer Support Community Following Benefit Dinner



*Lisa Hopkins, Manager, Sean Daly, Executive Chef and General Manager, Rick Bryan, Executive Director of Cancer Support Community, and Chef Brandon Fortener.*

For the 20th year in a row, The National Exemplar hosted "Great Food for a Great Cause" to support Cancer Support Community Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky (CSC, formerly The Wellness Community). After approximately 220 friends and supporters of CSC dined at the Mariemont restaurant on Monday, March 11, Manager Lisa Hopkins, Executive Chef and Operating Partner Sean

Daly, and Chef Brandon Fortener presented a \$3,150 donation to CSC Executive Director, Rick Bryan, to help fund the nearly 250 programs a month that CSC offers completely free of charge to people with cancer, their families and friends, and cancer survivors as they fight the disease. Dating back to the restaurant's first CSC benefit dinner in 1994, The National Exemplar has donated more than \$53,000 to help underwrite the organization's free programs of support, education, and hope.

"We are so fortunate to have the long-term support of a partner like The National Exemplar," explained Rick Bryan, CSC's

Executive Director. "The only things better than their dedication and generosity are their delicious food and wonderful atmosphere. This is one fundraiser our supporters truly look forward to every year."

## ***About Cancer Support Community***

Cancer Support Community of Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky (CSC, formerly The Wellness Community) is dedicated to the mission of ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. Since 1990, CSC has provided people with cancer, their families and friends, and cancer survivors with professionally-led support groups, educational workshops and presentations, healthy lifestyle programs including Cooking for Wellness, yoga, Tai Chi, creative expression and other stress reduction classes, as well as social opportunities – all designed to complement conventional medical care, enhance quality of life and improve the recovery process. All programs are available at no charge, with each individual participant choosing which activities to attend. Approximately 250 programs are offered each month at CSC's Lynn Stern Center in Blue Ash and a Northern Kentucky facility in Ft. Wright, as well as partner locations in Anderson, Avondale, Clifton, downtown, Montgomery, West Chester and Western Hills. For more information, call 513-791-4060 or 859-331-5568, or visit [www.CancerSupportCincinnati.org](http://www.CancerSupportCincinnati.org) for a full schedule of programs and a "virtual visit" video.

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*The group gets ready to set off for Washington, D.C.*

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The group traveled to the capitol in April for the concert, which showcased the amazing talent of our district's kids. Tine Smith,

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# A Tribute to Superintendent Paul Imhoff

By REX BEVIS

In just a few short weeks the communities which are served by the Mariemont School system will be saying farewell to Paul Imhoff.

Mr. Imhoff has served as Superintendent for the past six years, and now he and his family are moving 'up the road' a bit to Upper Arlington, Ohio where Paul begins his new tenure as Superintendent of the Upper Arlington School District. Paul has certainly left his impression on the Mariemont School system, its faculty and staff, students, and the communities served. His most visible contribution is the work that Paul spearheaded in building a new Junior High School in Fairfax, and the dramatic remodeling of the Mariemont and Terrace Park Elementary Schools. Garnering community support for these building projects, in the throes of the



community leaders and community members. He formulated a vision for a Facilities Master Plan which included an outstanding community engagement process that articulated the financial necessity while building consensus around an acceptable solution. The results are beautiful, new, and remodeled buildings that will be enjoyed for generations while enhancing the desirability of our community. Paul has impacted professional development for our valued staff with the creation of the Mariemont Academy, an internal institution that cultivates collaboration, innovation and motivation. Most of all, Paul's decisions have always been sincerely based on what is best for the children of our district. He fully embraced our motto, "Scholars of

recent recession, illustrates the leadership skills that embody Paul Imhoff. Even more significant are the day-to-day positive efforts that he has contributed in leading the Schools and its students to high levels of achievement.

I sought comments and reflections from school administration personnel, staff members, community leaders, Board members, and residents. Here is what they have to say:

"Paul has provided tremendous leadership to Mariemont Schools over his six year tenure. His success has been driven by his natural ability to build strong relationships with all stakeholders: staff, students, parents,

Today; Leaders of Tomorrow" and has taken us to a new level of educational excellence. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with Paul. He is a special person, and we have been so fortunate for his time at Mariemont. I wish him and his wonderful family all the best in Upper Arlington and beyond!"

*Peggy Braun, President, Mariemont Board of Education*

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on the Mariemont Educational Community in the six years that he has led the school district. Although his important contributions to the community include three beautiful new buildings, progressive use of technology in the classrooms, and a relevant professional development plan for staff, his most significant contribution, in my estimation, is the emphasis he has placed on improving the educational opportunities available to boys and girls so that each of them has the opportunity to attain a world class education to meet the mission of the Mariemont School District: To Provide Quality Education for Our Scholars of Today to Inspire Our Leaders of Tomorrow."

*Dr. James Renner, Principal, Mariemont High School*

"If you consider the audience which a school Superintendent must respond to, it is rather broad. The groups included are: administrators, faculty, parents, Board of Education and finally the students themselves. Paul was not only able to work with each of these particular groups, but he was able to garner their respect and admiration. He enabled people such that they felt empowered to carry out his thoughts, even if they considered those thoughts to be their own. When the Board of Education was interviewing Paul for his position and he asked if it would be alright with us if he moved his family into the district, I knew he was the right person for the Mariemont School district. Congratulations Paul, we will miss you."

*Rick Koehler, Mariemont Board of Education 1995-2007*

"Paul Imhoff has been a breath of fresh air in our community. He is a principled leader and demonstrated a win-win attitude in his work style. He encouraged great collaboration with the school district on many projects.

Paul will be missed but he leaves the schools in great shape and with a fabulous team to continue to serve our community so well."

*Denis Beausejour, Pastor  
Mariemont Community Church*

"Paul was the right person at the right

time. The Mariemont School District has always been a special place and Paul understood that. One of his gifts was understanding and respecting our traditions while at the same time leading us to a better place. I am truly grateful for all that Paul achieved and only wish him and his family the best in all that is ahead for them."

*Ken White, Mariemont Board of Education*

"Paul's outstanding leadership has taken the Mariemont Schools' tradition of excellence to a new level. We appreciate and thank him for all that he has been able to accomplish in the last five years. We wish Paul great success in Upper Arlington and in the future. We will miss Paul and his family."

*Marie Huenefeld, Mariemont Board of Education*

"What a gem - Paul Imhoff! I found Paul to be an extraordinary leader as well as communicator. He used these characteristics to build great teams while overseeing the successful completion of our new schools. Paul will be greatly missed by our communities."

*Peggy Landes, Former Member, Mariemont Board of Education*

"Paul had time for everyone. He returned every phone call, email, or note. Paul was at sporting events, concerts, and plays. I

can't remember a time he missed a PTO or Foundation meeting. I am certain that was true for other organization meetings as well. The net effect was that everyone felt heard by him...everyone felt that they mattered."

*Chris Lewis, Mariemont PTO President  
2008-09, Mariemont School Foundation Trustee*

"Paul was a member of the Class of Leadership Cincinnati and sponsored an excellent conference on Education for the Leadership Program under the auspices of the Regional Chamber of Commerce the following year. He was also on the Steering Committee of Leadership. He is an excellent speaker with real presence when he is in charge. I have great respect for his past accomplishments and think that his experience, energy and wisdom will make his past just a foundation for a great future."

*Richard Wendel MD, MBA  
Leadership Cincinnati Class of XXXI*

"Often a community is blessed with leaders who positively impact others in their areas of expertise; other times leaders can become involved in the community to the point that they increase the well-being of that locale by their very presence, and on other occasions there are leaders who become so personally involved that their character and integrity begin to define that community.

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## 'Tribute,' continued:

Paul Imhoff was able to influence our district communities in all of these ways. He has left a long-lasting mark on our school district through the widespread participation of our residents and students in the planning and execution of our renovated school buildings. He supported and improved the well-being of our district communities by serving as President of Kiwanis (who provides scholarships for our MHS graduates) and participating in numerous events like Memorial Day Parades and annual prayer breakfasts. Paul is a leader who I admire as a man of integrity as I hear him share about his love for his family and when I have heard him sing about his faith in his Lord. I will greatly miss him as a leader and as a friend."

*Todd Keyes, Pastor  
Village Church of Mariemont*

"Paul fostered an outstanding working relationship with our Village and the entire Mariemont City School District. It will not be easy to replace him. He will be missed!"

*Dan Policastro, Mayor  
Village of Mariemont*

"Mr. Imhoff will be greatly missed by all. When I think of Paul, one word comes to mind - GENUINE. Through Paul's leadership, he has inspired staff, students, and community members to make this the best place in which to educate our future leaders of tomorrow. He is 'The Real Thing'."

*Ronnie Petru, Title I Reading Specialist  
Mariemont Elementary School*

"Paul had an innate ability to relate and communicate with the faculty. Monthly Chat and Chews with Paul was a perfect example of his vision that fostered an environment that kept the lines of communication open and offered a sounding board, but more importantly, encouragement for his faculty.

*Ann Bullar, Second Grade Teacher  
Mariemont Elementary School*

"As a newer teacher in the field of education, I was pleased to find Mr. Imhoff cared not only about the district as a whole but about each and every student, teacher, parent and community member. He takes the time to listen to ideas, opinions, and stories, making you feel that he cares honestly about you. What a refreshing light in the field of education, and a great leader for a wonderful district. He will be greatly missed by the students he leads and the teachers he inspires."

*Courtney Miller, Kindergarten Teacher  
Mariemont Elementary School*

"The Mariemont School District is going to miss their strong superintendent, Paul Imhoff. Paul did an excellent job of coordinating the effort in helping the District successfully pass their last school levy. This passage gave the district the financial ability to update ,

renovate, and merge its existing schools into a cohesive unit. Paul initiated and supported the tremendous expansion of technology updating that occurred in all Mariemont Schools. He guided the changes needed both in facilities and curriculum. Mr. Imhoff's efforts have set The Mariemont School district on a solid path to maintain a leadership position among all Ohio Schools."

*Marge Smith, First Grade Teacher (retired)  
Mariemont Elementary School*

"Paul Imhoff worked hard to build strong relationships with the Mariemont Elementary staff and the Mariemont community. This was especially evident when he established "Chat and Chew" a monthly time for him to meet with the staff, keeping them informed while being a good listener and welcoming feedback."

*Ingrid Wuest, Third Grade Teacher (retired)  
Mariemont Elementary School*

"Paul, you have most definitely left your footprint on the history of the Mariemont School District. Your unwavering determination to make our schools a better place both for today and the future as well as your ability to work with teachers, parents and residents to achieve new goals and a brighter future for our children will always be remembered. Our family is truly thankful to you for your continued devotion to our schools and students, and your willingness to always answer (or seek out the answer) to any question – big or small. We will miss you and your leadership, but know that Upper Arlington schools will be extremely fortunate to have your talents and passion for people and a strong educational system. We wish you all the best!"

*The Weinland Family*

On behalf of the Mariemont Town Crier Staff, best wishes to Superintendent Imhoff and his family as they enter a new chapter in their lives. The residents and students in the Upper Arlington School District will benefit greatly from Paul's leadership.

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# A Caribbean Spring Break Getaway—to Haiti

By STEVE HASSEY

As we started our final descent into our spring break destination, my sister Kate, Mom, and I look out at the vast ocean and tropical atmosphere. We were all excited to see our friends and settle into a community we have gotten to know well over the past 5 years.

The first steps outside of the Port au Prince airport, as men and women crowd around, asking you for money and help, seems similar to scenes on the news and what is expected from reading of Haiti's status as the poorest country in the southern hemisphere. However, once leaving the airport and traveling into the city, we feel something completely different, as a spirit of desperation and defeat is replaced with the energy of hope.

Eventually, we arrive at our home for the week, a house where the minister of Jesus in Haiti Ministries lives with his 18 adopted Haitian sons. Yes, you read that right. 18! Over our last four visits, Tom Osbeck, the minister of Jesus in Haiti Ministries, and his sons have become more than our hosts. They are our friends. Over trips to the school and orphanage, we've gotten to know each other. But we've also done this over impromptu soccer and basketball games, riding in the back of an open pickup truck and arguing over the best NBA basketball team. (I'm sorry to say they're all LA Lakers fans.)

On our second day, we did something we hadn't done before. We took our first steps inside of Camp Obama, the largest tent city that emerged following the fatal 2010 earthquake, and quickly realized just how far this country had come since those images of destruction and desperation we saw three years ago.

We walked through the village, sharing cheerful greetings of bonswa (Creole for good afternoon), to arrive at a weathered canvas tent for a young adult leadership group meeting. And we saw and experienced for the first time how committed they, along with the entire village, are to the resurgence of their community—and to Haiti. This group of young men and women is thoroughly invested in the process of rebuilding, not just shelter but also a sense of community, and leading the younger children and adolescents back into the flow of everyday life, slowly beating



(L to R): Steve and Kate Hassey and their Haitian friend, Kimberly.

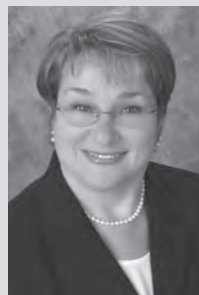
the remaining effects of the earthquake into submission.

Through just three years, these people have turned a tent city into a functioning town, with streets, soccer fields, and cement houses. But this is not to say that all of the work is done, and the Haitian people know this. Everyday, they continually work to improve the state of their environment whether it is through providing more free schooling for the children,

infrastructure for the cars transporting goods across the country, or their selling goods in the local markets.

The resiliency of the Haitians is what makes the return visits so enticing. The knowledge that I am not just trying to help people because they can't do it themselves, but instead am just a very small part—with the Haitian people themselves performing the vast majority—is truly inspiring.

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# There's An App for That!

## The *Town Crier* Asks What's Your Favorite App?

BY JOAN WELSH

Mariemonters love their mobile phones! In contrast to cell phones that mainly place calls and send texts, smart phones receive email, access the Internet, shoot videos, manage documents, and more. Well known smart phone names include Apple's iPhone and DROID.

You may be wondering what's the deal with all these apps? A mobile application ("app") is a program designed for smart phones and other mobile devices. Thousands of apps offer games, podcasts, music, news, TV and social networking and much more. Some charge a nominal fee to download; others are free. Apps allow you to customize a phone to your specific set of wants and needs. They are generally easy

to find and install, and once you start using them, will become a necessary part of your mobile life.

So, how do I get an app? Apps are marketed through the manufacturers of the platforms that run them. Owners of iPhone, iPod touch or iPad go to Apple's iTunes Store. Droid owners go to Google's Android Market. Using an iPhone as an example:

- Touch the App Store icon to access the store
- Enter search terms or click through the menu of categories
- Click on an app's icon
- Click "download" or other prompt. The process takes only one or two minutes

After the app downloads, its icon will appear on the iPhone.

After that, you need only touch the icon on the phone's screen to open and run the app.



As a way to organize some of our Mariemont favorites we've constructed these lists on the following pages:

### ***Type of App: News/Readers***

**Acoustik**

### ***What it does:***

Audio book. Enjoy your favorite books read by captivating storytellers.

### ***Neighbor recommending:***

Monika Osborn

### ***Type of App: Reference***

**Bible by LifeChurch.tv**

### ***What it does:***

#1 rated Bible App—completely free. Hundreds of Bible versions, hundreds of reading plans, dozens of languages. Add your own highlights, bookmarks, and public or private notes.

### ***Neighbor recommending:***

Nan Dill

**The Bible You Version**

Read, Study, Subscribe and Take the Bible with you.

Doug Welsh

**Hi Def Radar**

Meteorologist grade weather all over the globe.

Matt Crabtree

**Scout**

Personalized GPS voice navigation and traffic.

Monika Osborn

### ***Type of App: Productivity & Organization***

**Car Care**

### ***What it does:***

Helps you keep track of car maintenance.

### ***Neighbor recommending:***

Matt Crabtree

## V I L L A G E

**Genius Scan** Genius Scan turns your iPhone into a pocket scanner. It enables you to quickly scan documents on the go and email the scans as JPEG or PDF. It can be used to archive receipts, to make a copy when you have no copier available, to archive handwritten notes, share or save the perfect recipe after cooking.

Chris Savaiano

**Lend Buddy** Keep track of IOU and You Owe Me's.

Kim Beach

**Wunderlist** Whether you're organizing your business, sharing a shopping list with a loved one or simply keeping track of your daily life, here is a to-do list for you, your team or your family.

Monika Osborn

**Type of App: Communication** **What it does:** **Neighbor recommending:**  
**Bump** It allows two smartphone users to physically bump their phones together to transfer contact information, photos, and files to each other over the Internet. Bump also allows users to bump photos from a phone to a computer.

Nan Dill

**Find My Phone** An app that's great for families, especially parents that like to keep track of their kids. You can attach friends and family to it to track phone movement at all times. But maybe most importantly, you can track a lost or stolen phone from another phone if they are on your list of friends.

Meredith Sheaffer

**Type of App: Music & Video** **What it does:** **Neighbor recommending:**  
**Slacker Radio** Slacker puts millions of songs and hundreds of expert programmed stations at your fingertips on nearly any mobile device.

Doug Welsh

**Soundhound** Ever heard a song and wished you knew what it was called or who recorded it? Whenever a song comes on that you don't know, flip on the app and hit the big orange button. Soundhound will record and analyze the incoming audio, and compare it against a database of millions of songs to find a match.

Doug Welsh

**Type of App: Music & Video** **What it does:** **Neighbor recommending:**  
**Spotify** A music streaming service. Music can be browsed by artist, album, record label, genre or playlist as well as by direct searches.

Gretchen Thomas

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## V I L L A G E

### *Type of App: Games*

**Brady Bunch Tidbit Trivia**

### *What it does:*

Remember this popular TV show?

### *Neighbor recommending:*

Leslie Butcher

**Euchre! Lite**

Increase your Euchre card playing skills.

Leslie Butcher

**Words With Friends**

The #1 mobile word game...like Scrabble.

Gretchen Thomas

### *Type of App:*

*Lifestyle, Travel, Shopping*

### *What it does:*

How many times have you found yourself in need of finding the closest Gas Station? Allows you to quickly find out information about your surroundings. AroundMe shows you a complete list of all the businesses in the category you have tapped on along with the distance from where you are. Great when you are traveling.

### *Neighbor recommending:*

Monika Osborn

**Around Me**

**Beat the Traffic!**

Avoid those nasty traffic jams and road repair holdups in real time.

Bill Ebelhar

**Flashlight**

Turns your phone into a real flashlight. Great for power outages.

Bob Blum

**Flixster**

The #1 app for movie reviews, trailers and local show times.

Monika Osborn

**Hop Stop**

Users can get step-by-step public transit, walking, taxi, biking, and hourly car rental directions based on the travel options selected (departure time, transportation mode, more walking vs. more transfers, etc.). Other major functions include Nearby Stations, which allows users to find subway or bus stops near an address, as well as providing transit maps and schedules.

Lisa Jones

**Meet Mobile**

Swimmers, parents and fans can view swim meet information in real time.

Michelle DeCamp

**Open Table**

For restaurant reservations.

Monika Osborn

**Realtor**

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Kim Beach

**World Power Plug**

Tells you what kind of power plug you'll need when traveling outside the US.

Matt Crabtree

## VILLAGE

### *Type of App:* *Health, Fitness & Cooking*

**All Recipes Dinner Spinner  
w/Grocery Scanner**

### *What it does:*

A fun and easy way to find awesome recipes by ingredient or spin for inspiration. Makes your shopping list.

### *Neighbor recommending:*

Monika Osborn

**Buy Me a Pie**

Let's you create, share and manage your grocery list with friends and family.

Monika Osborn

**Fitbit**

This site gives you the ability to record your personal data to keep track of your fitness goals.

Leslie Butcher

**Map My Hike, Map My Ride**

Providing you with the resources you need to map your trail, including a GPS for hiking, a pedometer, hiking maps and a count of the hiking miles. Search bike maps in your area, track bicycling workouts in the online training log and track your favorite routes.

Doug Welsh

**Map My Run**

Find running maps and map your running route. Whether you are jogging or marathon training, this is very helpful.

Sarah Zawaly

**Nike Training Club**

Get more out of your training with the ultimate gear, a personal training plan and motivation to train like an athlete.

Sarah Zawaly

We've only listed apps that were recommended by readers who responded for this article. There are 1000's of fantastic apps out there to make your life easier or fun. You may now be thinking it's time to look into investing in a new smart phone. Don't be overwhelmed. There are plenty of "best of the best" lists on the Internet to help you get started and maximize your phone's potential. No one would have them all on their phone, but you'll find so many fabulous apps you'll wonder

how you got by without some of them once you start using them. Some apps are quirky, some are just focused on one minor aspect of life, and others are huge and considered practically essential (Dropbox, Google Maps, Instagram, Pandora, Skype, and Yelp to mention a few) for all users. You'll find that you'll tailor your app selections just as you do your reading or music preferences. Word of mouth, sharing with friends and just using different apps is the best way to discover more about them. Don't forget

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The following was excerpted from minutes of Mariemont Council and Committee meetings. For full minutes, go to [www.mariemont.com](http://www.mariemont.com) and click on Village of Mariemont, then Village Government

## Council Meeting March 25

### New Equipment Approved

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Stelzer, to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee regarding the purchase of a new police car, tasers and fire equipment. After much discussion, the Committee recommended that we purchase and equip a new 2013 Ford Utility Police Interceptor for \$33,354.18. The existing 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe will be transferred to the Fire Department in the hopes to put off their requirement for a new SUV for at least the next five years.

The committee also recommended replacing five tasers which are eight years old, for a cost of \$8,068.62, and to purchase equipment for the fire department totaling

\$51,400 per the following list:

Two complete sets of turnout gear, 23 helmets and one pair of boots.....	\$12,000.00
Hose and equipment.....	\$12,400.00
Extrication equipment.....	\$27,000.00

Mr. Wolter said it is pretty straight forward. The request from the Fire Department is for the final requirements for the turn out gear which should bring us into compliance. The hose is for the new fire truck and in the past we have relied on mutual aid to supply the extrication equipment (jaws of life) but we will now be able to carry it on the truck

## Council Meeting April 8

### New Tax Administrator to be Introduced

Mayor Policastro said Darlene Judd and her future replacement as Tax Administrator, Patty Busam, will be at the next Council meeting. Mr. Andrews asked about Mrs. Busam's background. Mayor Policastro said she worked for the Village several years ago as Mrs. Judd's assistant and left to be the Tax Administrator in Norwood. She is excited to be back working for the Village

of Mariemont. Mr. Stelzer said it appears the tax receipts are holding to 2012 at many levels which is a good thing. Mr. Andrews questioned if the report states that the year-to-date figure for 2013 is a fraction over 2012. Mr. Stelzer said yes but reminded Council that 2012 was much higher than 2011. If we are still holding the numbers at this point we should be in pretty good shape. The real metric will be the month of April when everyone files their tax returns and thereafter as the extensions come in.

### Letter of Resignation

A Letter of Resignation was received from Council Member Denise McCarthy. Mayor Policastro said Ms. McCarthy will be with us until we find a replacement and he thanked her for all her work.

### Insurance Settlement Favorable

The Village has received a Settlement in Full of \$23,583.92 for damage at Wooster Pike and Indianview caused by an auto accident. Mayor Policastro said we were paid for everything we asked for. He and Superintendent Scherpenberg met with the light contractor. Superintendent Scherpenberg showed the new LED lights that will be mounted at the intersection to replace those damaged in the accident. They are more cost efficient, and we are able to control the brightness of the light and the continual blink.

### Tennis Court Maintenance Questioned

Mr. Rex Bevis, 4011 Miami Road, was granted permission to address Council. It has been his experience in the past that the tennis courts have been repaired, maintained and resurfaced in the amount of



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approximately \$20,000 for each expense. These expenses are paid for with taxpayer's funds. The Tennis Association is proposing non-residents pay a higher membership. He also said in past years fees that are paid by members of the tennis courts have been on an honor system, and suggested that if fees go up, it may actually cause a decrease in the amount collected. As far as pool parties are concerned he does not think it is a good idea that our 16 and 17 year old lifeguards should be required to guard adults who are drinking alcohol at the swim pool. That is his main reservation about alcohol at the swim pool.

### ***Tennis and Pool Parties, Rates Discussed***

Mr. Don Slavik, 3717 Homewood Road, was granted permission to address Council. He is a member of the Pool Board. They are planning an end of the year party for families, movie night, and kid's parties. They are planning one adult party. Mr. Beck picks the older guards that he feels are more mature to handle an adult party. It is the party where they raise the most money. He thanked Council for their support. Ms. McCarthy said the Pool Board is made up of a great bunch of people. After discussion the Committee recommended that the pool membership rate not be increased for the 2013 year. The Pool Board requested to hold the Pool's adult-only party on June 22, from 7:00-11:00 pm with a rain date of June 29. The Committee recommends Council approve these dates and pass the Ordinance to allow alcohol at the event. Mr. Scheeser

said he gets a lot of positive feedback on this event and still likes the idea but Mr. Bevis's comments are interesting and the idea of having 16/17 year old lifeguards is a fair argument. He would like to see Council brainstorm to see how they could man those chairs differently. Mayor Policastro said Mr. Beck and Ms. Jordan are there for the entire party. Mr. Slavik said older college kids are usually picked and are encouraged to talk with their parents prior to the party.

After much discussion, the committee recommends the Tennis Membership Rates increase as follows:

Type	Prior to 5/26	After 5/26
Family	\$85.00	\$100.00
Adults	\$40.00	\$47.00
JR (<18)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Senior (65+)	\$35.00	\$40.00

Included in the above memberships will be free member guest passes 2 /individual and 4 /family. Mayor Policastro referred the matter of fees for online swim and tennis registration to the Finance Committee. Mr. Stelzer said they will discuss whether to surcharge residents who are using the online registration. In addition, he will recommend to both the swim and tennis boards that they utilize more social media when communicating upcoming events.

### ***Web Site Help***

Mr. Scheeser asked if Mayor Policastro was supportive of Mr. Andrews's retooling the website so it would be easier to

transition for the Administration Staff to maintain going forward. Mayor Policastro said he is going to have Premier Internet come in and redo the website. Mr. Andrews asked what the expense will be. Mayor Policastro said he does not know yet but he will look into it and refer the matter to the Finance Committee if needed. He does not want to put anyone down but he has had nothing but complaints in the last six months regarding the website saying that it is hard to navigate. We continue to have problems in the Tax Department and the Administration Office with the computers day in and day out. We need to get the new computers up and running. He has found Premier Internet to be reasonable and very responsive to our needs. Mr. Scheeser said after they set us up he suggests appointing a group of technological savvy residents that makes interventions and helps beautify the Village in a virtual way. Mr. Stelzer said he would make contact with Mr. Steve Barker who has extensive background with websites.

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